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Special Report

Station: Cape Gloucester

District: New Britain

Subject: ANGAU Detachment operations
with US Task Force - Cape
Gloucester area - January 44.

Officer: - Lieut Mark Pitt.

Date: - 27 January 44.

Liaison Officer,
Alamo Force,
A.P.O. 512.

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U.S. Forces,
A.P.O. 320.
Jan. 27th 1944.

Diary of ANGAU Detachment since operations began.

Jan. 1st Lts. Gray & Reid & Sgt. Clarke - advance party for the Detachment, arrived in this area. Disembarked from L.S.T. with 5 motor lorries containing ANGAU equipment.
Jan. 2nd To 4th - No record.

Jan. 5th Lts. Pitt, Bowman, W.O. Stämpfer, Sgt. Palpraman & Eisman arrived in area per L.S.T. with 13 members of R.P.C. and 52 native labourers. Lt. Gray, with 2 lorries & set party and directed it to bivouac area allotted to Angau Detachment. Lt. Pitt reported to Div. H.Q.

Jan. 6th Clearing & erecting shelters on bivouac area. Lt. Pitt to Div. H.Q. At midnight, 2 natives of the area contacted by marines brought to the camp by Mjr. Mather. Later, under protesting consented to allow Cdr. Bowman to accompany marine patrol arranged for the following day with the object of contacting and bringing in more local natives. Whereabouts of these natives known to the two natives already contacted. W.O. Dunsy + 4 R.P.C. rejoined detachment.

Jan. 7th Lt. Bowman left on marine patrol - O.C. Mjr. Mather. One local native accompanied the patrol and the other one remained in camp.

Jan. 8th Clearing & building on bivouac area. Lt. Pitt to Div. H.Q.

Jan. 9th Clearing & building continues. Rec'd word from Mjr. Mather's patrol to expect 100 natives in, later amended to 200. Sgt. Clarke + 30 labourers to D4 for constructional work.

Jan. 10th Building continues. Available natives on jobs allotted by D4. Cdr. Bowman returned from patrol - 570 local natives contacted and brought in to camp site - men, women & children all from villages on the coast in vicinity of Cape Gloucester.

Jan. 11th Native Labour to D4. Census check of villages contacted begun. Lt. Pitt at Div. H.Q.

Jan. 12th Available natives at work. Telephone installed.

Jan. 13th Lt. Bowman to Yellow Beach to meet L.S.T.'s & endeavour to check up on H.N.G.A.U. rations. Available labourers at work. Lt. Pitt to H.Q. to make arrangements to move native women & children to another camp site. Made arrangements for 1 truck to be attached to detachment. W.O. Stamper detailed to select camp site, on beach, inside defence perimeter and as near as possible to former village sites. Returned at 1600 hrs. and discussed camp site selected.

Jan. 14th Available labourers at work. Arrangements made to move women & children incapacitated make to camp site selected. Building on & clearing of this camp site continues.

Jan. 15th All local natives to selected camp site. Able bodied men to assist in erecting shelters there & to return here on evening of the following day. W.O. Stamper in charge. Buildings now completed here - 5 labour houses, 1 police barracks, 1 store and 1 hospital.

Jan. 16th Fit men returned from native encampment to PAKO PAKU. Request for 20 native carriers for patrol with 1st marines tomorrow.

Jan. 17th Local natives on jobs allocated by D4. Lt. Gray and 24 carriers on patrol with 1st marines. Lt. Pitt with Col. Buckley, Capt. Goben. Sgt. Abraham to PAKO PAKU camp for medical treatment of natives.

Jan. 18th Labour lines on jobs - 3. Lt. Gray with 1st on patrol.

Jan. 19th Lt. Pitt to Div. Plus Beach re rations - P.M. to Div. C.P. Lt. Gray & carriers ret'd from patrol. Labour lines on jobs.

Jan. 20th Labour lines on jobs. Lt. Bowman to PAKO PAKU to investigate reports of natives being outside perimeter - D2 inquiring. Request for officers & carriers for patrol tomorrow. R3, 1st marines, later informs patrol postponed until 22nd. Lt. Bowman, detailed for patrol, sick. Lt. Gray substituted.

Jan. 21st. Labour lines on jobs.

Notice of 2 patrols for following day and Angau parties needed viz
1 Officer, 4 R.P.C. and 45 carriers, 2 Officers, 2 R.P.C. + 30 carriers
Lt. Bowman sent to PAKO PAKU to relieve W.O. Stamper - latter
ret'd here at 1700 hrs. Mjr. Mathers & Lt. Wiederman here
re patrols following day.

Jan. 22nd 2 patrol teams left. Lt. Gray, W.O. Emery with one, and
W.O. Stamper with the other.
Labour lines on jobs.

Jan. 23rd (Sunday). Labourers wishing to go, with police escort,
to PAKO PAKU. Mass said by Padre Nathan - U.S.G. Forces.
Lt. Pitt & Sgt. Clarke to meet L.S.T.'s at Yellow Beach - Mjr. Mullen
did not arrive.
In P.M. Lt. Pitt & Reid to PAKO PAKU return.

Jan. 24th. Labour lines to jobs as allotted. Sgt. Sissman in
truck for rations.

Jan. 25th. Lt. Pitt to Yellow Beach. Met Mjr. Mullen, Capt. Chambers
and W.O. Sowerby. Mjr. Carthy & Capt. Mowry also aboard
L.S.T. Major Mullen reports to H.Q.

W.O. Emery and 12 natives returned from patrol with marine,
at 1840 hrs.

Jan. 26th. Mjr. Mullen, Capt. Chambers & Lt. Pitt to Div. H.Q.

Supplementary rations for W.O. Stamper's patrol party sent
via Blue Beach.

Lt. Gray, with 2 members of R.P.C. and 18 native carriers returned
from patrol with 1st marine.

Mark Pitt Lt.

G.O.O.

C/o U. S. Forces,
A. P. O. 320.
Jan 27th 1944

Angau Liaison Officer,
Alamo Force,
A. P. O. 512.

Angau Relations with Task Force.

Since this Angau detachment on Nov. 3rd 1943, first became attached to U.S.A. Forces i.e. 7th Regt. of 1st Marine Division at Cape Sudest, our relations with the U.S.A. Forces have been cordial but our exact status in the organisation has been most vague. Why should this detachment be placed with the 7th Marines when we were really part of Task Force H. Qrs.?

The 7th Marines were helpful to us when their assistance was sought but were not at all interested in the detachment which they seemed to regard more as an encumbrance than anything else. That position continued from Nov. 3rd until ~~D Day~~ some few days before D day (Dec. 26th) when Task Force H. Qrs. came to Cape Sudest from Goodenough Is. where it had been stationed. Then for the first time, an opportunity was afforded us of meeting those officers of Task Force H. Qrs. under whom, in future operations, we would be directly working. They were intensely occupied with their pending operations just a few days off and could devote little time to the ANGAU detachment about which they knew so little and about which they gave every indication of wanting to know less.

A Major Mather, a former British Solomonian man, who had been since Guadalcanal attached to and paid by U.S.A. Forces was with the 7th Marines at Cape Sudest while the ANGAU detachment was there. He explained that he was Liaison Officer between ANGAU detachment and 7th Marines but I was never officially notified of this. Several arguments or rather brushes occurred when he attempted to issue abrupt orders to us in connection with matters directly affecting the detachment.

On arrival on New Britain the ANGAU detachment really for the first time became directly associated with the Task Force Jb. Qrs. of which it formed part. However it was looked upon as far as could be gathered as a supplier of native labour and there its functions in the U.S.A. Forces eyes ceased. There was no interest taken in its potential value for Intelligence purposes etc. etc. It was placed directly under D 4, the Colonel representing Supply & Transport, on Div. Jb. Qrs. and Major Mather with his knowledge of the British Solomons and Sub Lt. Weiderman an Anglican missionary formerly stationed in this area and now attached to U.S.A. Forces, were apparently advisers to Jb. Qrs. on all matters pertaining to natives and to this area. Members of the ANGAU detachment were not consulted.

A day after the ANGAU detachment arrived in this area two natives were contacted by marines - these were the first natives contacted. These two gave information of the whereabouts of some hundreds of natives in the vicinity and Major Mather was to be in charge of a patrol going out to bring in these hundreds of natives. I was refused permission to accompany this patrol but after some discussion Major Mather consented to Lieut. Bowman accompanying it. Amongst remarks Major Mather passed at this discussion was "the marines cannot be expected to mother hangers-on during these patrols when clashes with the Japs might be expected". These natives were contacted and brought in but Lieut. Bowman reported to me later that he was left well in the rear while the initial contact was made by Major Mather. It can be mentioned here that these natives know me well and that it was with their assistance that the No. 1 strip was put in - they had many dealings with me then. However Major Mather contacted the natives successfully with the assistance of one of the two natives contacted previously. This native had been brought to me before he set off on patrol with Lieut. Bowman + the marines with Major Mather in charge.

It is thought that members of the ANGAU detachment are quite capable of looking after themselves and do not need or expect any mothering. If the ANGAU detachment could get an opportunity of assisting some marines from a particularly tight corner — Angan has had opportunities of doing this with other troops previously — then, perhaps, the whole attitude of the marines towards ANGAU would change, and the possibilities of the detachment be brought home to them. Until then, perhaps, ANGAU will be looked on by the marines merely as suppliers of native labour for house building, carrying etc. It has been pointed out, too, that the supply of native labour could be increased greatly and quickly if ANGAU were permitted to employ its own methods of getting in touch with the natives and recruiting the eligible males. However, the marines are apparently quite satisfied that they are capable of doing this job quickly and efficiently with the assistance of their own officers, in for matter Sub. Lt. Wiederman.

Now, a team of native carriers, with an Angan officer, accompanies each marine patrol. At first they wanted the carriers but were averse to an Angan officer accompanying them — however, there is now agreement on this point and Angan officers accompany native carriers. These natives, with the patrols, could and should be used for a lot of jobs apart from merely carrying.

Until the marines are willing to talk over and discuss the capabilities and the possibilities in the use of the ANGAU detachment with them, this particular detachment will not be employed as it could and should be and is more or less wasted.

Mark Hill Lt.
A.W.O.

O. P. Force,
A.P.O. 320.

Jan. 27th 1944.

Liaison Officer,
Alamo Force,
A.P.O. 512.

Native Position.

Natives Contacted. To date, 628 natives have been contacted locally and are now being cared for by the ANGAU detachment. These are all, with very few exceptions, from the villages of WAREMO, SAUMOI, ONGAIA, UHIMAINGI, BOLA-BOLA, POTNI and TAUAHI villages.

The women, children, and males unfit for work, numbering 505 in all, have been settled in a native encampment, north east of their former village site.

Those males, fit for work, 123, plus the 52 labourers who accompanied the detachment here, are encamped with ANGAU detachment, on site allotted to us.

The selection of a site was governed by the following factors:

1. It had to be inside the perimeter - This limited the choice greatly.
 2. Proximity to former village sites for various reasons e.g. any native foods etc. planted how would still be available to the natives if, in the near future, natives returned to their former villages.
 3. It had to be as far away as possible from troop concentration.
- Health. The health of the natives contacted is reasonably good. Malaria and ulcers are prevalent but cases of extreme malnutrition are not obvious, nor are other medical cases.

Native Attitude. The natives are definitely glad to see amongst them again Australians whom they know. They did a certain amount of work for the Jap but it is thought this was definitely under compulsion - they were threatened with dire penalties for refusal. They deny having received any payment from the Jap and say that food supplied was a meagre quantity of rice only. On return they say, the Japs robbed their food gardens and killed their pigs. There is no evidence of Japs interfering with native women.

In the Kilingi native subdivision, i.e. roughly the ~~area~~

portion of ~~the~~ Britain lying west of the line joining NATAMO on Borogon Bay on the north coast with the mouth of the ITNI river of the south coast there was a native population of approximately 3,500 so there are many natives yet to be contacted. It is considered these would willingly come inside the perimeter and join the natives already here provided that (1) they were acquainted with our whereabouts, and (2) their passage through gap defences could be facilitated in any way. The most obvious and simplest method that should be tried first to encourage these natives to come in to us is considered to be the sending out of native agents, singly or in pairs, to gain contact and acquaint the natives of the position here. The agents would be picked intelligent volunteers. It is thought that these natives, even if they fall into enemy hands or went to him voluntarily, would not be in a position to divulge any useful information to the enemy.

Native Labour.

The native labour available is directly dependent of course on the number of natives contacted and so, until we get into touch with more natives the native labour figure remains stationary. At present there are 123 local natives employed under contracts and used mainly as carriers accompanying patrols carried out by U.S.A. forces and on building jobs. One ANBAU officer, at least, accompanies native carriers when on patrol.

Rock and adjacent islands offers a good field for recruitment; this has been pointed out to U.S.A. officials on several occasions and, perhaps, at the opportune time this field will be tapped. However, fight here at our front door is a fairly fruitful field which, if correct methods were adapted, would quickly boost our native labour figures considerably.

Mark Dill Lt.
A.S.O.

C/o Commanding General,
U.S. Forces,
A.P.O. 320.
Jan. 15th 1944.

A.N.G.A.U. Liaison Officer,
H.Q. Alamo Force,
A.P.O. 712.

Local Natives. Lieut. Bowman accompanied an American Patrol and, with the aid of the two initial contacts mentioned in my memo. of the 6th inst. contacted approximately 600 natives. They were not far from our present perimeter. These were brought in and now are being settled on a site selected as close as practicable to their former village sites. The suitable males have been seized on and will start work on the 17th inst. It is expected that many more will be contacted shortly.

Native Rations. There have been innumerable difficulties with regard to rations. Arrangements were made that 3,600 rations of ~~meat~~ also tobacco were to be landed on D day and the same amount on D+1 day. The remainder of the bulk supply of rations, i.e. the rations for 1800 natives for 30 days, was to be shipped here as soon as possible after D+6 day. It was arranged that all ANGRAU cargo should be conspicuously branded with a red "A". Please take note that this applies to any goods, e.g. trade cargo despatched by ANGRAU to this detachment. None of the cargo despatched as arranged has been definitely located. A case (6 caddys) of tobacco was fortunately brought with us, and it has been possible to obtain here sufficient meat and rice for the detachment plus the natives contacted. It has been emphasised that getting the rations here is not our problem.

or responsibility and it is thought that, at last, this fact is appreciated by D.4, Colonel Fellers - vide paras. 4 and 6 of your memo. of Nov. 7th 1943. He is now doing his utmost to expedite delivery of rations and lays all blame on the Army.

A.N.G.A.U. Administration. It is considered that some little time must elapse before it is possible to set up A.N.G.A.U. Adminisⁿ as required by H.Q. Anga - vide para. 3 your memo of 7/11/43. Actual operations are absorbing everyone's attention at present.

Officer Equipment. Please expedite the despatch of shortages as listed in my memo. of 6th inst. also a supply of Native Labour and other necessary forms.

Native Constabulary. It is intended to absorb, as they are contacted, former members of the Native Constabulary. Could the necessary clothing etc. for say 20, be supplied. Rifles bayonets need not be included in this equipment - they could be procured later.

Mark D. H. G.
A.W.O.

Personal
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C/o Commanding General,
I.S. Forces.

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A.P.O. 320

Jan. 8th 1944

Dear Mac

Official memo. goes with this. Writing under difficulties - raining like hell & tent leaks. From the very first day, it has been obvious there has been something radically wrong with this detachment. Reid has been more or less impossible from the beginning but I thought his irritability and behaviour, as though under extreme nervous tension all the time, was caused by his worries with his staff, Pearson & Wilkinson. However, they eventually went and Reid, as the operation became closer, got worse. He flouts instructions and, what is unforgivable, misrepresents the position to European natives of the party and is apparently doing his best to undermine and whitewash all useful activities of our ANGAU team - in other words, he wants the show to be a flop. - Reasons for this I know not but might venture these suggestions - 1. His ambition & jealousy of other officers, holding the same rank, but senior to him in this detachment. 2) His highly nervous disposition and dislike for any job that entails any element of danger. 3). His inherent dislike of anything pertaining to the Administration or Administration officials.

The memo. re Reid & this letter were prompted by his actions yesterday. I had explained to him that housing for the natives & stores was of the utmost priority. I found him later in the day with a team of natives erecting a barbed wire fence around area allotted to us. I questioned him & reminded him what I had said about housing and instructed him to get the natives on to that job. I do not yet know what the fence was for - to keep out the enemy or our allies. It was certainly effective in hindering the activities of the army men and signallers endeavouring to lay wires etc. He then excitedly told me he was fed up and had applied for a transfer so I told him I would facilitate his obtaining his transfer by reporting to you on his unsuitability. I have previously prided myself on getting along splendidly with a staff - even precocious cadets - but Mac, this team has almost driven me completely daffy. Best regards, Mark.

A.N.G.A.U.

C/o Commanding General,

U.S. Forces,

A.P.O. 320.

Jan. 5th 1943

Angau L.O.
H.Q. Alamo Force,
A.P.O. 712.

N.X. 139715 Lieut. J. Dunbar Reid.

1. The above mentioned officer is most unsuited for his present assignment. Moreover he is obviously doing his utmost to cause friction and in every way to prevent the efficient working of the detachment.
2. Instructions from me are flagrantly disobeyed.
3. It was through representations made to me by this officer, and duly conveyed to you that W.O.'s Pearson & Wilkinson were relieved from duty with this detachment. It is true that undue importances may have been attached to the complaints of this officer, but, when it was considered that Lieut. Reid would be in charge of those W.O.'s for perhaps many difficult months it was considered that he should set off on his task with a contented team — consequently he was backed by me to the full, and those two W.O.'s were eliminated from the detachment.
4. Lieut. Gray is now with the detachment and could take over duties from Lieut. Reid if the latter were transferred to a post more settled and, consequently, more suitable for him.

Mark Hill Li.

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Jan 6th 1943

H.N.G.A.U. Liaison Officer,
66. ^{St.} Alamo Force,
A.P.O. 712.

The Angau detachment was to be in the same convoy leaving BIHO. However, alterations were made at the last moment and Capt. Reid, Gray, and Sgt. Clarke, who were on the L.S.T. with five trucks which had been allotted to the detachment for the conveyance of equipment left first and arrived at their destination on the first inst. The remainder of the detachment did not arrive until the fifth inst.

W.O. Emery, his four members of the native constabulary who had been detached for some time from our main party, and who landed with U.S.A. forces on D day has just now rejoined his detachment.

Difficulty has been experienced in gaining initial native contacts - two only having been contacted and, through them, efforts are now being made to get in touch with the native population.

Office Equipment

When you visited the detachment at BIHO, it was arranged that you should be furnished with a list of shortages of office equipment as soon as possible after the arrival of the detachment at its destination. Stores and equipment have now been checked with the list attached to D.S. 1382/43-2463 of Oct. 31st 1943, and the following shortages are revealed: -

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|------------------------|---|-----------------|-----|
| Box Cash | 1 | Diary 1944 | 1 |
| Chairs, wooden, office | 3 | Envelopes 9"x4" | 100 |
| Blocks Alarm | 3 | Stolders Pen | 2 |
| Typewriter 16" | 1 | | |
| Wells Ink | 2 | | |
| Flye, Tent, 16' x 18' | 3 | | |

at an early date? Could the above be replaced

man

Mark Vitt Lt.

[Faint handwritten notes]

DS 31/1/3

Special Report

Station:-

District:- New Britain.

Subject:- Activities on Sassi Is - Jan 44

Officer:- W.D. F.L. Burke

Date:- 31 Jan 44.

DS 29/1

GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF

PO F. L. BURKE

FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1944

31 January, 1944.

40/3/3

DS 29/1

A.N.G.A.U., L.O.,
H.Q. Alamo Force,
A.P.O. 712.

N 409356 W.O. 11 F.L. Burke.

1. Reference your instructions, dated 29 December, 1944.
2. Submitted herewith is report for the month of January, 1944.
3. C.O. of U.S. Forces advises that native labour is no longer required in this area.

F.L. Burke
.....W.O.11
(F.L. Burke) Patrol Officer.

of January, 1944.

GENERAL

1. Assistance given to the C.O. of U.S. Forces in this area was mostly in the form of native labour. No difficulty was experienced in fulfilling all requirements in that sphere. Bulk of the work was done by the MAIALA natives. Location of U.S. camp was the reason for this. The natives were contented and worked well. It was not necessary to use natives from BOK, however, they were used in order to make a fairer distribution of the trade goods which I had brought to the island. Lava Lava was the most popular item of trade.
2. Building material is not plentiful on the island. The only roofing material available is coconut palm. This palm comes from native trees, supply is limited and is only available on the Eastern shores of the island.
3. Some native foods are plentiful on the island (although not of very good quality) and supply of yams, paw paws, bananas, limes etc. was more than equal to the demand. Individual trading was discouraged, most of the native foods were purchased for the unit kitchen.
4. My advice was sought in many matters pertaining to natives and local conditions and at all times I advised to the best of my ability. Amongst other things, I was able to provide unit Mess Sgt. with recipe for making coconut yeast; also, an antidote (leaf of local vine) to ease the irritation caused by stinging nettle was shown to the unit medics.
5. No general patrols were carried out during the month, but in the course of my other duties it was noted that:-
 - (a) The health of the natives on this island is surprisingly good.
 - (b) All natives are now living in their tribal villages. Villages are reasonably clean and well ordered.
 - (c) Government officials still have their insignia of office and are carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner.
 - (d) Gardens have received very little attention during the past few months, nevertheless, food is plentiful.
 - (e) Number of natives eligible for recruiting for work outside the island is small. Census figures for the island are shown on appendix "A" herewith.
 - (f) Morale of the natives in this area is good. They are now living in a normal manner and appear to be no longer worried by the thought of the enemy. They are friendly and co-operative.

JOURNAL.

1.1.44. Reported to C.O. of U.S. Forces at 0200 hrs and handed over safe hand mail to that officer.

Was advised by C.O. that varying numbers of natives had given assistance to his force for the past three days, doing such work as carrying, clearing etc. C.O. then stated that only further work he required to be done by the natives was roofing of huts and that the framework of these huts would be erected by his troops.

Fifty three natives, including old men, women and children, reported at camp ~~during the day~~ throughout the day.

During the day, labour was organised for further work and payment was made, in trade, for work already done.

Luluai's and Tul Tul's (from both MALALA and BOK) were present, and it was decided that:-

- (a) BOK natives return to their village that night and work on platting coconut palm during the following week.
- (b) At least twenty (20) male natives from MALALA to report at camp for work every morning during following week. Natives to provide their own food and to sleep in their village at night.
- (c) Platted palm from BOK to be payed for and picked up as opportunity presented. Transport for this arranged with C.O. of U.S. Forces.

2.1.44. Work proceeded as arranged and was satisfactorily performed. Number of women and children accompanied work boys and assisted in preparing food and platting coconut palm. This supply of palm was some ten minutes walk from camp area.

3.1.44. Accompanied Lt. Black (U.S. Forces) on recce trip to rim of old crater (Lake Wisdom). Allied planes, unidentified as such by the natives passed overhead during my absence, and caused slight hold-up in work. The natives went into the bush, remained there until all sounds of arial activity had ceased. Natives later returned and completed a satisfactory day's work.

4.1.44. Picked quantity of thatched coconut palm from KOWUT. Work proceeding satisfactorily.

5.1.44. Heavy and consistant rain all day - no work.

6.1.44. Work proceeded satisfactorily.

7.1.44. Work proceeded satisfactorily.

8.1.44. Picked up quantity of thatched coconut palm from BOK. Instructed BOK Luluai to report at camp with twenty five (25) natives from his village for work on 9.1.44. MALALA natives paid off and returned to their village. thirty four (34) huts completed to date.

9.1.44. Heavy rain. twenty seven (27) BOK natives reported for wok this day.

JOURNAL (continued).

10.1.44. Ten huts roofed. U.S. Forces work's programme completed. Fourty four huts all told. Size of huts varied, but were mostly approximately 15 x 18'.

11.1.44. Request from C.O. of Australian Unit to construct a number of huts in his area.
Combined Mess-Recreation hut, Store shed and Kitchen buildings erected. Picked up quantity of platted coconut palm from KOWUT. This was sufficient to roof Mess hut and store shed. BOK natives paid off and returned to their village.

12.1.44. Rain - no work.

13.1.44. Rain - no work.

14.1.44. MALALA natives completed kitchen and erected and roofed two other buildings for the Australian Unit.

15.1.44)
to) No demand on native labour during this period.
28.1.44.)

29.1.44. C.O. of Australian Unit asked for one more hut to be built. MALALA natives reported and completed this hut to-day.

30.1.44.)
to) No demand on native labour during this period.
31.1.44.)

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10-1-44

LONG ISLAND 1941 CENSUS FIGURES.

MALALA group:-

LULUAI	MARI
TUL TUL	SILI
MED TUL TUL	MANI

Population:-

	Male	Female
Adults	22	21
Children	20	15
	<u>42</u>	<u>36</u>

78

BOK group:-

LULUAI	SUAKA
TUL TUL	GOREKA
MED TUL TUL	PASA
(BOK)	
MED TUL TUL	SUAKA (No.2.)
(KOWUT)	

Population:-

	Male	Female
Adults	49	43
Children	14	44
	<u>63</u>	<u>87</u>

180

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Special Report.

New Britain

Report on Angau detachments
with Alamo Task forces by
Major Mc Mullen.

January 1944.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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A.P.O. 712
17 Feb 44

HQ ANGAU
NGF

ANGAU DETACHMENTS WITH ALAMO
TASK FORCES

REPORT FOR JANUARY 1944.

Director Task Force

PERSONNEL

O.C.	NX 50044	Capt J.S. McLeod	ADO
	VX 92870	Lieut C.W. Slattery	PO
	N 17261	WO 11 Saville W.A.J.	PO
	NGX 278	WO 11 Amooore R.H.	PO
	NG 3019	Lieut H.W. Lane	NLO
	NGX 347	WO 11 Blake C.W.	NLO
	NGX 201	WO 11 Marlay M.	NLO
	NX 154774	WO 11 Ryall K.W.	NLO
	NX 23617	Sgt Clark R.	NLO
	NX 151347	Sgt Roach F.A.	NLO
	NGX 192	Sgt Babbington W.B.	NLO
	NX 91298	Sgt Robins G.T.	NLO
	QX 34276	S/Sgt Knowles A.L.G.	S&S
	N 437084	Sgt Crank B.A.	Med Asst.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL

NX 151347	Sgt Rcach evacuated to 2/1 AGH on 2 Jan 44 (approx)
NGX 347	WO 11 Blake C.W. Wounded on 26 Jan 44 and evacuated to 2/1 AGH.
NGX 201	WO 11 Marlay M.
NGX 192	Sgt Babbington. Joined detachment, 12 Jan 44
NX 23617	Sgt Clark

R.P.C. 2 NCO's 15 Constables
FEIO Natives 2

ACTIVITIES - A report from Capt McLeod covering period up to 9 Jan 44 was fwded to HQ on 17 Jan 44. No further report has been received from Capt McLeod, but the detachment has been very active and has continued to operate on the same lines as shown in previous reports.

EXTRACTS FROM PERIODIC REPORTS SUBMITTED BY S.1 US FORCES A.P.O. 323.

REPORT DATED 12 JAN 44

USE OF NATIVE LABOUR - Natives are clearing brush on MLR. Natives also used for clearing bivouac area.

REPORT DATED 19 JAN 44.

NATIVE POPULATION

- (a) General Comments. There are at present 1500 natives who have come over for our protection. Out of the 1500 natives 240 boys are available for work. The balance are old men, women and children who are working gardens in surrounding islands.
- (b) Unusual incidents. There have been several natives wounded in this operation. The wounded ones are receiving medical care daily. Hospital huts have been set aside for sick and wounded.
- (c) Use of native labour. Native labour is being used in clearing of brush and trees for fields of fire for Infantry and cavalry units.

RATIONS - There has been some difficulty in maintaining supplies to this detachment. This is due to fact that no provision was made for adequate stocks to be held in FINCHHAFEN area - position is steadily improving.

NATIVE LABOUR - 50 labourers were taken in by Task Force. 240 able bodied natives have been recruited and are working for Task Force.

TRADE GOODS - There has been confusion over supply of trade goods for Director. Original trade was lost - arrangements were made for re-supply of trade goods and issues and these goods were despatched by HQ ANGAU to FINCHHAFEN on 5 Jan 44 - owing to some misunderstanding re marking these goods were despatched from shaggy to Michaelmas. Efforts are now being made to supply Director with trade goods, which are considered essential.

NATIVE POSITION - Satisfactory. Some trouble experienced with natives in vicinity of ITNI River is indicated from reports received at Alamo HQ. No definite information is yet available.

GENERAL

Detachment has continued to do an excellent job and reports indicate that CG of Task Force is more than pleased with work performed by Detachment.

MAIL FOR PERSONNEL Address unchanged.

BACKHANDER TASK FORCE

O.C.	NGX 251	Capt D.N.C.Chambers	ADO
	P 190	Lieut C.G.Bowman	PO
	NGX 113	W.O.11 Stamper L.	POO
	N 409356	W.O.11 Burke F.L.	PO
	NX 139715	Lieut J.Dunbar Reid	NLO
	NGX 6	Lieut G.L.Groy	NLO
	NG 2001	W.O.11 Emery R.E.	NLO
	NGX 121	Sgt Clarke G.	NLO
	NX 201884	W.O.11 Sowerby R.	NLO
	NX 43809	Sgt Palframan T.	Med.Asst.
	P 113	Sgt Eiseman	S&S

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL

NGX 251 Capt D.N.G.Chambers relieved V148300 Lt M.J.P.A. Pitt on 29 Jan 44.

NX 201884 W.O.11 Sowerby R. joined Detachment on 25 Jan 44.

2 N.C.O.'s - 15 constables.

R.P.C.ACTIVITIES

A report on detachment by Lt Pitt is attached and is covered in separate memorandum.

SANATOGEN FORCE

A report by W.O. Burke is attached - as there appears to be no further work in this area to warrant a PO being attached to the Force, Alamo Force has been requested to communicate with O.C. Sanatogen Force to ascertain if W.O. Burkes' presence is essential to the Force - if released from Sanatogen it is intended to post W.O. Burke to Backhander, probably for duty on Rooke Is to relieve Capt Boxham for duty elsewhere.

RATIONS

Remarks on Director apply to this Task Force also.

MAIL FOR PERSONNEL - Address unchanged.

MICHAELMAS TASK FORCE

<u>PERSONNEL</u>					
	O1C.	VX	80561	Lieut G. Greathead	ADO
		PX	157	W.O.11 Burnett J.W.	PO
		NGX	358	W.O.11 Barnett F.R.	PO
		NGX	196	W.O.11 Graham H.W.	NLO
		NGX	188	W.O.11 Shields E.L.	NLO
		NG	2168	Sgt MacGregor R.	NLO
		N	464155	Sgt Forrester H.W.	NLO
				W.O.11 Joycey	Med Asst.
				Sgt Wilkins	S&S

MOVEMENTS OF PERSONNEL

W.O.11 Joycey }
Sgt Wilkins } Joined Detachments
on 8 Jan 44 approx.

R.P.C. - 1 NCO - 10 Constables.

ACTIVITIES No report yet from Detachment. The Detachment landed with Task Force.

Signal rec'd on 16 Jan 44 reads :-

"Excellent native contact established coastal and hinterland areas extending AWARAI to YAGOMI; labour coming fwd in daily increasing numbers now approx 200 and all villages co-operating our patrols. Evacuees now numbering over 300 now being supported".

Extracts from period Report submitted G-1, Forces, APO 321.

Report dated 19 Jan 44 :

"10. NATIVE POPULATION :

- a. To date 174 RAI Coast Natives have been recruited as labourers. Some of this Group are with patrols carrying rations and the others are contacting additional recruits in the hinterland. The native population is pro-English.
- b. 446 evacuees are in this immediate area. This group consists of men, women, and children who are scarcely able to do work. They are from the coastal villages within our lines. Some are able to do small jobs such as carrying kunai to build huts for their own settlement.
- c. 200 native labourers were brought in from SMAGSY. They are building huts and doing general labour.

- d. The ANGAU representatives are doing a splendid job. Their work is very efficient and "the goal of 300 recruits from this area" is expected to be reached soon".

Reports dated 26 Jan 44 :

"10. NATIVE POPULATION:

Two native evacuee camps established to date. approximately 700 evacuees are now located in the two settlements. No change in the activity"

Extracts from G-1 Periodic Report of U.S. Forces, APO 321.

Report dated 2 Feb 44:

"10. NATIVE POPULATION : See annex 1 for strength. ANGAU representatives are using natives to maintain an L of C to all Forces for the purpose of rationing and supplying of ammunition in addition to using them as carriers and guides for patrols. (G-2 reports that the natives' use as guides is invaluable). Natives are being employed on construction works in the SAIDOR area. During the month of January, the ANGAU Medical Services established a Native Hospital under the expert supervision of W.O. Joycey. This Officer has had fourteen years experience in Tropical Medicine, and is an added reason why contacts with outlying native groups are more easily maintained, as the native quickly realizes he can obtain the treatment he was used to during Civil Administration. W.O. Joycey has supplied the following information to indicate the medical work now being carried out by him:

Daily average of in-patients	80
N.A.B. injections for Framboesia	437
Surgical Cases	9

Annex 1

NATIVES: The following figures indicate the progress made in the recruiting of local natives as labourers, also the numbers of free natives now being cared for as village evacuees:

Labourers Ex LAE	200
Locals recruited BIDDING River compound.....	178
New locals recruited week ending 2 Feb 44.....	81
Local evacuees Native reserve BIDDING River.....	495
Total strength of ANGAU Compound BIDDING River.....	<u>954</u>

Figures at No.2 ANGAU Compound situated at GALEM approx three quarters of a mile up the YANGO River from the mouth :

Local recruits GALEK Compound	147
" Evacuees " "	470
Total Strength ANGAU Compound at GALEK	617
	<u>6</u>
Grand Total Local Labourers	406
" " " village evacuees	965
Labour ex LAE	200
	<u>200</u>
Grand Total ANGAU Native Personnel	1571
	<u>1571</u>

RATIONS - Supply has been satisfactory.

MAIL FOR PERSONNEL - Address unchanged.

GENERAL REMARKS - Detachment doing an excellent job.

K.C. McMullen
K.C. McMullen Maj.
ANGAU Liaison Officer.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE.

ANGAU Liaison Officer,
Hq. ALAMO Force,
APO #12.
22 Feb 44.

HQ ANGAU,
New Guinea Force.

Report on ANGAU Detachment with BACKHANDER
Task Force.

Attached are reports from Lieut. Pitt dated:

- (a) 6 Jan 44.
- (b) 15 Jan 44.
- (c) 27 Jan 44 - Diary of Detachment.
- (d) " " " - Native Position.
- (e) " " " - Angau Relations with Task Force.

(a).

- (i). WO Emery was the only member of ANGAU to arrive on date of landing, 26 Dec 43.
- (ii). The fact that the detachment became divided was unavoidable.
- (iii). It is my opinion that the OC ANGAU detachment attached to a Task Force, and at least one Officer of Field Staff with knowledge of area, and 4 RPC, should proceed with the original Landing Force - the first native contacts are the most important and valuable for intelligence purposes, and for the Intelligence Officer of the Task Force to be denied the use of this intelligence is unwarranted.
- (iv). The late arrival of this detachment at BACKHANDER is due to lack of initiative and experience in the OC.

(b).

- (i) Local Natives - No Comment.
- (ii) Native Rations - Fault lies with QM of Marine Division, who was definitely instructed re native rations by QM Alamo Force.
- (iii) Angau Administration - No Comment.
- (iv) Of fice Equipment - Separate memo.
- (v) Native police contacted will, as soon as possible, be dispatched to nearest training depot - it is not intended to hold these constables in the area for any time - one was contacted up to 31 Jan 44.

(c).

Diary - No Comment.

(d).

Native Position.
Natives contacted - the matter of sites for ANGAU HQ, Labour Compound, Native Hospital, and S&S, and Evacuse Camps, were discussed with Marine Division and Capt Chambers while I was at Gloucester.

*Specimen
H.O. has on
ALAMO H.Q. yes*

A. Moresby

Native Attitude.

The fact that the majority of natives were contacted by Major Mather and Lieut. Wiederman, is due to the position held by Major Mather in the Marine Division, and his wish to hold as much authority as possible - if necessary, over ANGAU. Lieut. Pitt's lack of initiative and drive caused the Marine Division to consider him as useless, and when the Marine Division were approached with a request that the ANGAU detachment should endeavour to contact natives, no obstacles were placed in our way. The Marines are terribly scared of native spies - they claim they had many experiences of them on Guadalcanal, and that is their reason for not wishing any native to go out of the perimeter once contacted.

Native Labour.

Position is satisfactory. Rooke Island is being recruited and it is expected 1000 labourers will be employed by 1 Mar 44.

ANGAU Relationship with Task Force.Status of Detachment.

This Detachment was on the same footing as DIRECTOR and MICHAELMAS Detachments. The organisation and functions of the Detachment were explained to the Marine Division and to Lieut. Pitt, and, whilst I gained the impression that the Marines were not particularly interested with the ANGAU Detachment, the causes of the Detachment not functioning as efficiently as anticipated were:

- (i) The apparent lack of interest in the ANGAU Detachment by First Marine Division.
- (ii) The presence of Major Mather and Lieut. Wiederman.
- (iii) Lieut. Pitt's lack of initiative and drive.
- (iv) Lieut. Pitt's lack of knowledge of this type of work, and his failure to handle the men under him, and to co-operate with the Task Force.

The presence of Officers like Major Mather and Lieut. Wiederman or AIB Officers with a Task Force will always lead to friction with ANGAU Detachments - the cause of the friction is clear; all parties depend on native contacts and the handling of natives and local knowledge to be of assistance to the Task Force - the position is confusing to everyone concerned, including the natives - ANGAU as the Administrative Body has the authority and exercises the powers of the previous civil Administration, and yet the poor unfortunate native finds three or more bodies all endeavouring to gain information from him and control him and to employ him in all kinds of tasks.

For future operations, I consider some attempt should be made to clarify the position of AIB and other stray authorities and experts - it may be considered that ANGAU personnel have the control in their hands, but with AIB a GHQ Unit given all manner of privileges, it is not always possible to out-manceuvre them.

The whole position of the ANGAU Detachment, and the assistance it could render the Task Force, was fully explained by me to Marine HQ, and I think a better understanding resulted.

I am confident that the position at Gloucester has vastly improved and that under the leadership of Capt. Chambers, the high standard expected of these detachments will be maintained.

Kenneth Miller
(K.C. McMillen) MAJOR.
ANGAU LIAISON OFFICER.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE.

c/o Commanding General,
US Forces,
A.P.O. 320.
6 Jan 44.

ANGAU Liaison Office er,
HQ ALAMO FORCE,
APO 712.

The ANGAU detachment was to be in the same convoy leaving BIHO. However, alterations were made at the last moment, and Lieuts. Reid and Gray and Sgt. Clarke, who were on the LST with five trucks which had been allotted to the detachment for the conveyance of equipment, left first and arrived at their destination on the First Inst. The remainder of the Detachment did not arrive until the Fifth Inst.

WO Emery and his four members of the native constabulary, who had been detached for some time from our main party, and who landed with USA Forces on D Day, has just now rejoined his detachment.

Difficulty has been experienced in gaining initial native contact - two only having been contacted and, through them, efforts are now being made to get in touch with the native population.

Office Equipment.

When you visited the detachment at BIHO, it was arranged that you should be furnished with a list of shortages of office equipment as soon as possible after the arrival of the detachment at its destination.

Stores and equipment have now been checked with the list attached to DS 1982/43 - 2463 of 31 Oct 43, and the following shortages are revealed:

BOX CASH	1
CHAIRS WOODEN OFFICE	3
CLOCKS ALARM	3
TYPEWRITER 16"	1
WELLS INK	2
FLYS TENT 16'x18'	3
DIARY 1944	1
ENVELOPES 9"x4"	100
HOLDERS PEN	2

Could the above be replaced at an early date?

(SGD.) MARK PITT LIEUT.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE.

c/o Commanding General,
U.S. Forces,
A.P.O. 320.
15 Jan 44.

ANGAU Liaison Officer,
HQ ALAMO FORCE,
APO 712.

Local Natives.

Lieut. Bowman accompanied an American Patrol and, with the aid of the two initial contacts mentioned in my memo of the 6th. inst. contacted approximately 600 natives. They were not far from our present perimeter. These were brought in and are now being settled on a site selected as close as practicable to their former village site. The suitable males have been signed on and will start work on the 17th. inst. It is expected that many more will be contacted shortly.

NATIVE Rations.

There have been innumerable difficulties with regard to rations. Arrangements were made that 3600 rations of meat rice and tobacco were to be landed on D day, and the same amount on D plus 1 Day. The remainder of the bulk supply of rations, i.e. the rations for 1800 natives for 30 days, was to be shipped here as soon as possible after D plus 6 day. It was arranged that all ANG AU cargo should be conspicuously marked with a red "A". Please take note that this applies to any goods, e.g. trade, despatched by ANGAU to this detachment. None of this cargo, despatched as arranged, has been definitely located. A case (6 caddies) of tobacco was, fortunately, brought with us, and it has been possible to obtain here sufficient rice and meat for the detachment plus the natives located. It has been emphasized that getting the rations here is not our problem or responsibility, and it is thought that, at last, this fact is appreciated by D 4. Colonel Fellers - vide paras 6 and 4 of your memo of 7 Nov/43. He is now doing his utmost to expedite delivery of rations and lays all the blame on the Army.

ANGAU Administration.

It is considered that some little time must elapse before it is possible to set up ANGAU Administration as required by HQ ANGAU - vide para 3 your memo of 7 Nov 43. Actual operations are absorbing everyone's attention at present.

Office Equipment.

Please expedite the despatch of shortages as listed in my memo of 6th. inst., also a supply of Native Labour and other necessary forms.

Native Constabulary.

It is intended to absorb, as they are contacted, former members of the native constabulary. Could the necessary clothing etc. for say 20, be supplied. Rifles and bayonets need not be included in this equipment - they could be procured later.

(SGD.) MARK PITT. Lieut.
A.D.O.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE.

c/o U.S. Forces,
A.P.O. 320.
27 Jan 44.

Liaison Officer,
ALAMO FORCE,
APO 712.

Diary of ANGAU Detachment since Operations Began.

- Jan 1st. Lieuts. Gray and Reid and Sgt. Clarke - advance party for the Detachment - arrived in the area. Disembarked from 1ST with five motor lorries containing ANGAU equipment.
- Jan 2nd) No record.
4th.)
- Jan 5th. Lieuts. Pitt, Bowman, WO Stamper, Sgts. Palframan & Eiseman arrived in area per 1ST with 13 members of RPC and 52 native labourers. Lieut. Gray with 2 lorries met party and directed it to bivouac area allotted to ANGAU Detachment. Lieut. Pitt reported to Div HQ.
- Jan 6th. Clearing and erecting shelters on bivouac area. Lieut. Pitt to Div Hq. At midnight, 2 natives of the area contacted by Marines, brought to the Camp by Major Mather. Latter, protesting, consented to allow Lieut. Bowman to accompany Marine Patrol arranged for the following day with the object of contacting and bringing in more local natives. Whereabouts of three natives known to the two natives already contacted. WO Emery and 4 RPC rejoined detachment.
- Jan 7th. Lieut. Bowman left on Marine Patrol - OC Major Mather. One local native accompanied the patrol and the other one remained in camp.
- Jan 8th. Clearing and building on bivouac area. Lieut. Pitt to Div HQ.
- Jan 9th. Clearing and building continues. Received word from Major Mather's patrol to expect 100 natives in, later amended to 200. Sgt. Clarke and 30 labourers to BEV-HQ D 4 for constructional work.
- Jan 10th. Building continues. Available natives on jobs allotted by D4. Lieut. Bowman returned from patrol - 570 local natives contacted and brought in to camp site - men, women, and children all from villages on the coast in vicinity of Cape Gloucester.
- Jan 11th. Native Labour to D4. Census check of villages contacted begun. Lieut. Pitt to Div Hq.
- Jan 12th. Available natives at work. Telephone installed.
- Jan 13th. Lieut. Bowman to Yellow Beach to meet 1STs and endeavour to check up on ANGAU rations. Available labourers at work. Lieut. Pitt to Hq to make arrangements to have native women and children moved to an other campsite. Made arrangements for one truck to be attached to detachment. WO Stamper detailed to select camp site, on beach, inside defence perimeter and as near as possible to former village sites. Returned at 1600 hours and discussed campsite selected.

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- Jan 14th. Available Labourers at work. Arrangements made to move women and children and incapacitated males to campsite selected. Building and clearing of this campsite continues.
- Jan 15th. All local natives to selected campsite. - Able bodied men to assist in erecting shelters there and to return here in the evening, of the following day. WO Stamper in charge. 8 Buildings now completed here - 5 Labour Houses, Police Barracks, 1 Store and 1 Hospital.
- Jan 16th. Fit men returned from native encampment to PAKO PAKU. Request for 20 native carriers for patrol with 1st. Marines tomorrow.
- Jan 17th. Local natives on jobs allotted by D4. Lieut. Gray and 24 carriers on patrol with 1st. Marines. Lieut. Pitt with Col. Buckley and Major Gober. Sgt. Palframan to PAKO PAKU camp for medical treatment of natives.
- Jan 18th. Labour Lines on jobs - 3. Lieut. Gray with line on patrol.
- Jan 19th. Lieut. Pitt to D4 Blue Beach, re rations. PM to DIV HQ. Lieut. Gray and carriers returned from Patrol. Labour Lines on jobs.
- Jan 20th. Labour lines on jobs. Lieut. Bowman to PAKO PAKU to investigate reports of natives being outside perimeter - D2 enquiring. Request for Officer and carriers for patrol for tomorrow. 1st. Marines, later informs patrol postponed until 22nd. Lieut. Bowman, detailed for patrol, sick. Lieut. Gray substituted.
- Jan 21st. Labour Lines on jobs. Notice of 2 patrols for following day, and ANG. ANGAU parties needed, viz. 1 Officer, 4 RPC. and 45 carriers, 2 Officers, 2 RPC. and 30 carriers. Lieut. Bowman sent to PAKO PAKU to relieve WO Stamper - latter returned here at 1700 hours. Major Mather and Lieut. Wiederman here re patrols following day.
- Jan 22nd. 2 Patrol teams left. Lieut. Gray & WO Emery with one, and WO Stamper with the other. Labour lines on jobs.
- Jan. 23rd. (Sunday). Labourers wishing to go with police escort to PAKO PAKU. Mass said by Padre Meehan, USA Forces. Lieut. Pitt and Sgt. Clarke to meet ISTs. at Yellow Beach - Major McMullen did not arrive. In PM Lieuts. Pitt and Reid to PAKO PAKU and return.
- Jan 24th. Labour Lines on jobs allotted. Sgt. Eiseman in truck for rations.
- Jan 25th. Lieut. Pitt to Yellow Beach. Met Major McMullen, Capt. Chambers and WO Sowerby. Major McCarthy, Capt. Money also aboard IST. Major McMullen reports to Hq. WO Emery and 12 natives returned from patrol with Marines at 1840 hrs.
- Jan 26th. Major McMullen, Capt. Chambers and Lieut. Pitt to Div Hq. Supplementary rations for WO Stamper's patrol sent via Blue Beach. Lieut. Gray, with 2 members of RPC and 18 natives carriers returned from patrol with 1st. Marines.

(SGD.) MARK PITT Lieut.
A.D.O.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE.

US FORCES,
A.P.O. 320,
27 Jan 44.

Liaison Officer,
ALAMO FORCE,
A.P.O. 712.

NATIVE POSITION.

Natives Contacted.

To date, 628 natives have been contacted locally and are now being cared for by the ANGAU detachment. These are all, with very few exceptions, from the villages of WAREMO, SAUMOI, ONGAI-A, ULIMAINGI, BOLA-BOLA, POTNI and TAU-ALI villages. The women, children, and males unfit for work, numbering 505 in all, have been settled in a native encampment, north east of their former village sites. Those males, fit for work, 123, plus the 52 labourers who accompanied the detachment here, are encamped with ANGAU detachment, on site allotted to us. The selection of a site was governed by the following factors:

1. It had to be inside the perimeter - this limited the choice greatly.
2. Proximity to former village sites for various reasons, e.g. any native foods etc. planted now would still be available to the natives if, in the near future, natives returned to their former villages.
3. It had to be as far away as possible from troop concentrations.

Health.

The health of the natives contacted is reasonably good. Framboesia and ulcers are prevalent, but cases of extreme malnutrition are not obvious, nor are other medical cases.

Native Attitude.

The natives are definitely glad to see amongst them again Australians whom they know. They did a certain amount of work for the Jap, but it is thought that this was definitely under compulsion - they were threatened with dire penalties for refusal. They deny having received any payment from the Jap, and say that food supplied was a meagre quantity of rice only. In return, they say, the Japs robbed their gardens and killed their pigs. There is no evidence of Japs interfering with native women.

In the KILINGI native sub-division, i.e. roughly the portion of NEW BRITAIN lying West of the line joining NATAMO on Borgen Bay on the North Coast with the mouth of the Itni River on the South Coast, there was a native population of approximately 3,500, so there are many natives yet to be contacted. It is considered these would willingly come inside the perimeter and join the natives already here, provided that (i) They were acquainted with our whereabouts, and (ii) Their passage through Jap defences could be facilitated in any way. The most obvious and simplest method that should be tried first to encourage these natives to come into us is considered to be the sending out of native agents, singly or in pairs, to gain contact and acquaint the natives of the position here. The agents would be picked, intelligent volunteers. It is thought that these natives, even if they fell into enemy hands or went to him voluntarily, would not be in a position to divulge any useful information to the enemy.

NATIVE LABOUR.

The Native Labour available is dependent directly, of course, on the number of natives contacted and so, until we get into touch with more natives, the native labour figure remains stationary. At present, there are 123 local natives employed under contracts, and used mainly as carriers accompanying patrols carried out by the USA Forces, and on building jobs. One ANGAU Officer, at least, accompanies native carriers when on patrol.

Rooke, and adjacent islands, offer a good field for recruiting; this has been pointed out to USA officials on several occasions and, perhaps, at the opportune time, this field will be tapped. However, right here at our own front door is a fairly fruitful field, which, if correct methods were adopted, would quickly boost our native labour figures considerably.

(SGE.) MARK PITT. Lieut.
A.D.C.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NEW GUINEA FORCE.

c/o U.S. FORCES,
A.P.O. 320,
27 Jan 44.

ANGAU Liaison Officer,
ALAMO FORCE,
A.P.O. 712.

ANGAU RELATIONS WITH TASK FORCE.

Since this ANGAU Detachment on Nov. 3rd. 1943, first became attached to USA Forces, i.e. 7th. Regt. of 1st. Marine Division, at Cape Sudest, our relations with the USA Forces have been cordial, but our exact status in this organization has been most vague. Why should this Detachment be placed with the 7th. Marines when we were really part of Task Force Hq?

The 7th. Marines were helpful to us when their assistance was sought, but were not at all interested in the Detachment which they seemed to regard more as an encumbrance than anything else. That position continued from Nov. 3rd. until some few days before D Day (Dec 26th) when Task Force Hq came to Cape Sudest from Goodenough Island, where it had been stationed. Then, for the first time, an opportunity was afforded us of meeting those Officers of Task Force Hq under whom, in future operations, we would be directly working. They were intensely occupied with their pending operations just a few days off, and could devote little time to the ANGAU Detachment about which they knew so little and about which they gave every indication of wanting to know less.

A Major Mather, a former British Solomon man, who had been, since Guadalcanal, attached to and paid by USA Forces, was with the 7th. Marines at Cape Sudest while the ANGAU Detachment was there. He explained that he was Liaison Officer between ANGAU Detachment and 7th. Marines, but I was never officially notified of this. Several arguments, or rather brushes, occurred when he attempted to issue abrupt orders to me in connection with matters directly affecting this detachment.

On arrival on New Britain, the ANGAU Detachment, really for the first time, became directly associated with the Task Force Hq. of which it formed a part. However, it was looked upon, as far as could be gathered, as a supplier of native labour and there its functions, in the USA Forces eyes, ceased. There was no interest taken in its potential value for Intelligence purposes etc. It was placed directly under D4, the Colonel representing Supply and Transport, on Div Hq., and Major Mather with his knowledge of the British Solomons, and Sub-Lieut. Wiedeman, Anglican Missionary formerly stationed in this area, and now attached to the USA Forces, were apparently advisers to Hq on all matters pertaining to natives and to this area. Members of the ANGAU Detachment were not consulted.

A day after the ANGAU Detachment arrived in this area, two natives were contacted by the Marines - these were the first natives contacted. These two gave information of the whereabouts of some hundreds of natives in the vicinity, and Major Mather was to be in charge of a patrol going out to bring in these hundreds of natives. I was refused permission to accompany this patrol, but, after some discussion, Major Mather consented to Lieut. Bowman accompanying it. Amongst remarks Major Mather passed at this discussion was "the marines cannot be expected to moth hangars on during these patrols when clashes with the Jap might be expected". These natives were contacted and brought in, but Lieut. Bowman reported to me later that he was left well in the rear while this initial contact was made by Major Mather.

It can be mentioned here that these natives know me well, and it was their assistance which made it possible to put in the NOI Strip - they had many dealings with me then. However, Major Mather contacted the natives successfully with the assistance of one of the two natives contacted previously. This native had been brought to me before he set off on patrol with Lieut. Bow Bowman and the Marines with Major Mather in charge.

It is thought that members of the ANGAU Detachment are quite capable of looking after themselves, and do not expect any mothering. If the ANGAU detachment could get an opportunity of assisting some marines from a particularly tight corner - ANGAU has had opportunities of doing this with other troops previously - then, perhaps, the whole attitude of the Marines towards ANGAU would change; and the possibilities of the Detachment brought home to them. Until then, perhaps, ANGAU will be looked on by the Marines merely as suppliers of native labour for house building, carrying etc. It has been pointed out, too, that the supply of native labour could be increased greatly and quickly if ANGAU were permitted to employ its own methods of getting in touch with the natives and recruiting the eligible males. However, the Marines are apparently quite satisfied that they are capable of doing this job quickly and efficiently with the assistance of their own Officers, Major Mather and Sub-Lieut. Wiederman.

Now, a team of native carriers with an ANGAU Officer accompanies each Marine Patrol. At first they wanted the carriers, but were averse to an ANGAU Officer accompanying them. However, there is now agreement on this point, and ANGAU Officers accompany native carriers. These natives, with the patrols, could and should be used for a lot of jobs apart from merely carrying.

Until the Marines are willing to talk over and discuss the capabilities and the possibilities in the use of the ANGAU Detachment with them, this particular Detachment will not be employed as it could and should be, and is more or less wasted.

(SGD.) MARK PITT Lieut.
A.D.O.

Report on activities of Patrol Officer Burke for the month.

Of January, 1944

GENERAL

1. Assistance given to the C.O. of U.S. Forces in this area was mostly in the form of native labour. No difficulty was experienced in fulfilling all requirements in that sphere. Bulk of the work was done by the MALALA natives. Location of the U.S. camp was the reason for this. The natives from BOK, however, they were used in order to make a fairer distribution of the trade goods which I had brought to the island. Lava lava was the most popular item of trade.
2. Building material is not plentiful on the island. The only roofing material available is coconut palm. This palm comes from native trees, supply is limited and is only available on the eastern shores of the island.
3. Some native foods are plentiful on the island (although not of very good quality, and supply of yams, paw paws, bananas, limes etc. was more than equal to the demand. Individual trading was discouraged, most of the native foods were purchased for the kitchen.
4. My advise was sought on many matters pertaining to natives and local conditions and at all times I advised to the best of my ability. Amongst other things, I was able to provide Unit Mess Sgt with recipe for making coconut yeast; also an antidote (leaf of local vine) to ease the irritation caused by stinging nettle was shown to the unit medics.
5. No general patrols were carried out during the month, but in the course of my other duties it was noticed that :-
 - (a) The health of the natives on this island is surprisingly good.
 - (b) All natives are now living in their tribal villages. Villages are reasonably clean and well ordered.
 - (c) Government Officials still have their insignia of Office and are carrying out their duties in a satisfactory manner.
 - (d) Gardens have received very little attention during the last few months, nevertheless food is plentiful.
 - (e) Number of natives eligible for recruiting for work outside the island is small. census figures for the island are shown on appendix "A" herewith.
 - (f) Morale of the natives in this area is good. They are now living in a normal manner and appear to be no longer worried by the thought of the enemy. They are friendly and co-operative.

JOURNAL

1.1.44

Reported to C.O. of U.S. Forces at 0200 hrs and handed over safe hand mail to that officer.

Was advised by C.O. that varying numbers of natives had given assistance to his force for the past three days, doing such work as carrying, clearing etc. C.O. stated that only further work he required to be done by the natives was roofing of huts and that the framework of these huts would be erected by his troops.

Fifty three natives, including old men, women and children, reported at camp throughout the day.

During the day, labour was organized for further work and payment was made, in trade, for work already done.

Luluai's and Tul Tul's (from both MALALA and BOK) were present, and it was decided that :-

- (a) BOK natives return to their village that night and work on plaiting coconut palm during the following week.
- (b) At least twenty male natives from MALALA to report at camp for work every morning during following week. Natives to supply their own food and to sleep in their village at night.
- (c) Plaited palm from BOK to be payed for and picked up as opportunity presented. Transport for this arranged with C.O. of U.S. Forces.

2.1.44

Work proceeded as arranged and was satisfactorily performed. Number of women and children accompanied work boys and assisted in preparing food and plaiting coconut palm. This supply of palm was some ten minutes walk from camp area.

3.1.44

Accompanied Lieut Black (U.S Forces) on recce trip to rim of old crater (Lake Wisdom). Allied planes, unidentified as such by the natives passed overhead during my absence, and caused slight holdup in work. The natives went into the bush, remained there until all sounds of aerial activity had ceased. Natives later returned and completed a satisfactory days work.

4.1.44

Picked quantity of thatched coconut palm from KOWUT. Work proceeding satisfactorily.

5.1.44

Heavy and consistent rain all day - no work.

6.1.44

Work proceeding satisfactorily.

7.1.44

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8.1.44

Picked up quantity of thatched coconut palm from BOK. Instructed BOK Luluai to report at camp with 25 natives from his village for work on 9.1.44. MALALA natives paid off and returned to their village. Thirty four huts completed to date.

9.1.44

Heavy rain. 27 BOK natives reported for work this day.

JOURNAL (Continued)

- 10.1.44 Ten huts roofed. U.S. Forces work's programme completed. Fourty four huts all told. Size of huts varied, but were mostly approx. 15 X 18'.
- 11.1.44 Request from C.O. of an Australian Unit to construct a number of huts in his area.
Combined Mess-Recreation hut, store shed and kitchen buildings erected. Picked up quantity of platted coconut palm from KOWUT. This was sufficient to roof Mess hut and store shed. BOK natives paid off and returned to their village.
- 12.1.44 Rain - no work.
- 13.1.44 " " "
- 14.1.44 MALALA natives completed kitchen and erected and roofed two other buildings for the Australian Unit.
- 15.1.44 No demand on native labour during this period.
to
- 28.1.44
- 29.1.44 C.O. of Australian Unit asked for one more hut to be built. MALALA natives reported and completed this hut today.
- 30.1.44 No demand on native labour during this period.
to
- 31.1.44

(sgd) F. Burke W.O.11
P.O.

LONG ISLAND 1941 CENCUS FIGURES

MALALA Group :-

LULUAI
TUL TUL
MED TUL TUL

MARI
SILI
MANI

24 Jan 44

Population :-

Adults
Children

	Male	Female
Adults	22	21
Children	20	15
	<u>42</u>	<u>36</u>

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Report by Capt. J.S. McLeod on
AMKED Detachment with Director
17 Jan 44

BOK Group :-

LULUAI
TUL TUL
MED TUL TUL
(BOK)
MED TUL TUL
(KOWUT)

SUAKA
GOREKA
PASA

SUAKA (No.2)

Population :-

Adults
Children

	Male	Female
Adults	49	43
Children	44	44
	<u>93</u>	<u>87</u>

180

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This question will be discussed with you on the occasion of your next visit to this IS.

The matter of the promotion of Lieut. Slattery to Captain is being considered. It is agreed that as circumstances permit Lieut. Slattery will be promoted to the detachment and Capt. McLeod proceed to the P.O.

(Sgd) F. Burke W.O.11
P.O.

Reports regarding personnel are noted and will be forwarded to the notice of the Branch or Service concerned.

AQ.12.

HQ
ANGAU


24 Jan 44

S E C R E T .

Maj. K.C. McMullen,
ANGAU Liaison Officer,
HQ, ALAMO Force.

Report by Capt. J.S. McLeod on
ANGAU detachment with Director
Task Force from 14.12.43 to
9.1.44.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your memo of 17 Jan 44 and of the accompanying reports.
2. The excellent work performed by the ANGAU Special Duty detachment under the command of Capt. J.S. McLeod is greatly appreciated by this HQ. Please arrange for the members of the Team to be advised accordingly.
3. Your para 5 - General - noted and concurred in.
4. Native Situation.- Extract from report has been forwarded to FELO.
5. Native Labour. - This question will be discussed with you on the occasion of your next visit to this HQ.
6. The matter of the promotion of Lieut. Slattery to T/Captain is being considered. It is agreed that as soon as circumstances permit Lieut. Slattery assume command of the detachment and Capt. McLeod proceed to his HQ for leave.
7. Reports regarding personnel are noted and will be brought to the notice of the Branch or Service concerned.


for Lt. Col.
DA & G.M.G.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS ALAMO FORCE
APO 712

DS 79.

20 JAN 1944

17 January 1944.

Adm HQ
A.N.G.A.U.
N.G.F.

Report by Capt. J.S. McLeod on
ANGAU detachment with Director
Task Force from 14.12.43 to
9.1.44.

Copy
forward
24 Jan 44
EAC

1. It is apparent that this detachment has done an excellent job and much credit is due to Capt. J.S. McLeod for his handling of the detachment and his ability to cooperate fully with the Task Force Commander.
2. The work this detachment has done clearly proves the wisdom of selecting officers to command detachments who are young, keen and have had the necessary experience in the field with an Operational Force -- local knowledge is a secondary qualification in the officer commanding a detachment operating with a Task Force.
3. The detachment's work in this area has been of an unusual nature mainly owing to the disposition of enemy forces and the action taken in denying the enemy the use of the natives by concentrating them in our lines though hazardous is sound.
4. Diary - speaks for itself - evident that the native reports have been of considerable value to Intelligence Section. ANGAU personnel have greatly assisted patrol activities.
5. General - The operation does not permit of any administrative work for some time. The detachment has no choice and must continue on its present policy. Decision in this regard can be left to Capt. McLeod.
6. Native Situation - Position is satisfactory. The report on FELO leaflets is interesting.
7. Native Labour - Native labour to assist Task Force has been supplied under most difficult conditions. The remarks regarding the SO 1/LS that accompanied the detachment must be borne in mind in all future operations and the numbers increased if possible.
8. Native Police - Again a most satisfactory report on Native Police is received. They are invaluable.

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9. General comments on report - The loss of gear at MESILIA is unfortunate but not as serious as thought from preliminary reports. The relationship between Task Force and ANGAU Detachment is excellent and full credit is due to Capt. McLeod.

10. Personal Report - VX 92870 Lt. C. W. Slattery - recommend that this officer be promoted to rank of Captain. That as soon as circumstances permit he take over command of the detachment in order that Capt. McLeod proceed on leave. X *Per. file*

N.L. NG 2019 Lt. A.W. Lane - a most capable and trustworthy officer - capable of performing any duty in Native Labour Section.

N.L. NGX 347 W.O. Blake, C.W. - I made enquiries regarding this man's promotion in December 43 and was informed that his promotion to commissioned rank would be effected as soon as possible - has been an outstanding man wherever he has served. *e*

N.L. NX 151347 A/Sgt Roach - in 2/1 AGH, return to detachment is not required - his gear is being forwarded to HQ.

N 437084 Sgt Cronk B.A. - original signal from Director re loss of medical supplies was never received - supplies dispatched on 12th Jan from HQ. //

11. Reports on other personnel are most satisfactory.

K. C. McMullen
K. C. MCMULLEN, Major,
A.N.G.A.U. L.O.
Alamo Force.

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ARAWA

8 January 1944

REPORT

TO: Major MCMULLEN, Liaison Officer, Aiano Force.

DIARY:

14 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD, WO BLAKE, 2 native police and 5 natives departed Finschafen with assault force.

15 December 1943, successful landing by U.S. Troops. Party's barge dive bombed and strafed, but there were no casualties. Temporary site for camp selected. Lt. Slattery, 10 Police and 4 Natives departed Finschafen.

16 December 1943, MCLEOD party moved to camp site, discussion with CG, Slattery party landed at PILELO ISLAND. Unable to unload gear on account of enemy bombing and strafing.

17 December 1943, MCLEOD, BLAKE AND ARCHER, accompanied patrol along Beach to get around Japs to UMTINGALU. Patrol successful and Japs retreated after firing two shots at patrol. Party returned to base leaving troops as defense of UMTINGALU. SLATTERY interviewed CG, contacted natives at KUMBUN and other villages and camped on western side of Peninsula.

18 December 1943, MCLEOD party contacted SLATTERY party for the first time. MCLEOD and BLAKE on General's request proceeded with a small party of soldiers on barges to Cape Penic. No good camouflage for barges at island selected so party moved to a bay on the east side of Cape Penic intended to move on the next night to RUNGLO and proceed overland to the ITNI RIVER.

19 December 1943, 10 fully manned enemy barges with superior armament cut off patrol in the bay. Mangroves behind, one of our barges on reef and impossible to rush enemy barges owing to the reef, having been stuck 3 times getting in. Fight joined, enemy using snaphel - 20 minutes followed of fusitry firing on both sides, one barge holed, 5 casualties on our side. Into Mangrove and Sago Swamp. Camped. Remainder of party, Lt LANE, WO RYALL, Sgt ROBINS, SGT CRONK, S/Sgt KNOWLES arrived with 50 natives and gear at AMALUT Plantation. Lt. SLATTERY and Native Police proceeded to KUMBUN ISLAND to prospect for station site. Natives of KUMBUN VILLAGE already there. Sent for KAPTIMATI, MARKLO and PILELO and others who are hiding in caves on island and in the bush on the mainland. WO RYALL, 2 Police and 6 natives depart to contact natives at UMTINGALU and to proceed to PULIE RIVER if native information insures the safety of the venture. He assembled most of MESELIA and LUPIN natives.

DIARY (Continued)

20 December 1943, MCLEOD party proceeded East by compass through swamp - camped. Crossed ARI-I RIVER after making port. Food very light. SLATTERY'S party surprised at dawn by 6 Japs landing in canoe 50 yards from camp site. They were all killed and maps and documents sent to CG. Lt LANE and remainder of party at KUMBUN ISLAND, and provisional camp site. WO RYALL contacted the majority of UMTINGALU and MESELIA natives. Returned to KUMBUN ISLAND with 80% of the adult male natives.

21 December 1943, MCLEOD'S party proceeded East by compass to ADI RIVER. Populated area and native foods obtained. Extensive information of ITNI RIVER area to GLOUCESTER obtained. Reconnaissance to the mouth of IDA RIVER. Two enemy barges sited at SAUREN proceeded East. Native patrols from KUMBUN to MILELEK and OMOI returned with useful information. Arrangements made for standing patrol of the group of ARAWE ISLANDS by natives in canoes. Police guards posted around KUMBUN ISLAND. Sgt ROBINS with local native guides accompanies two LCM's of troops to be landed near MILELEK. Surprised and attacked by superior force of Jap barges and forced to withdraw. No casualties. 50 Natives sent to Task Force Hqs to work.

22 December 1943, MCLEOD'S party - soldiers in bad shape, so rested a day. WO RYALL to SIGUL RIVER to contact natives - arrangement with CG to cooperate with wireless spotters at WANU. He camped with WAKA natives at SIGUL RIVER mouth. Natives from every village in the Islands and UMTINGALU and MESELIA villages now at KUMBUN. Sickness and sores incidence high. Sgt CRONK has established a native hospital and doing excellent work amongst the sick. Lt. SLATTERY with local natives as guides through reefs accompanies LCM's of troops to deal with the Jap barges mentioned in above paragraph, - no casualties.

23 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD with 3 soldiers left BLAKE with remainder and wounded at ADI to proceed later on account of urgent information. Arrived PALAMANG RIVER - obtained canoes - proceeded at night to ARAWE by canoe, passing Jap barge on route. Canoes sent for BLAKE'S party. Information to CG. NC NABURA wounded during fight in two places and who left scene of fight to return to ARAWE the night before reported total destruction of patrol. 50 Natives sent to TF Hqs to work. Further Voluntary native patrols of Islands. Some canoes sent to OMOI to pick up U.S. Soldiers of MCLEOD'S party.

24 December 1943, BLAKE and other members of MCLEOD'S party having reconnoitered OMOI Area, arrived by canoe. Capt. MCLEOD to FINSCHAFEN by PT boat with information for GLOUCESTER forces, for PT Commander and Air Force. WO RYALL contacts natives from MURIEN and heard report of Japs at WAKA and MURIEN. Request sent to Hqs by him for a patrol to deal with same. He proceeded to AIRUNG following favorable reports. Re-manner of detachment proceeded from KUMBUN to MESELIA to establish more central Hqs there. Natives of UMTINGALU and MESELIA returned there with the party. WO BLAKE to Hospital with boils.

25 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD returned by PT boat to ARAWE. Party forced to withdraw from MESELIA having been attacked by the enemy. Forced to abandon much gear - two Japs killed. Returned to KUMBUN. WO RYALL and natives killed 3 Japs at AIRUNG and he returned to camp at SIGUL RIVER Mouth.

DIARY (CONTINUED)

25 December 1943 (Continued) He decided to return to base as U. S. wireless party had been evacuated and the patrol he sent for had not arrived. In darkness he went to AINTO. Native patrol contacts Japs at MILELEK and returns with useful information. WO BLAKE to Task Force Hqs as L.O.

26 December 1943, WO RYALL picked up by PT boat, returned to AMALUT and reported to Hq. At KUMBUN further organization of natives patrols. Lt LANE and local natives guide troops to AWANG ISLAND for patrol work from there. Boundaries of reefs marked showing passage to KUMBUN.

27 December 1943, at KUMBUN patrol of villages on island. Lt. LANE returned to KUMBUN, his LCM was attacked by dive bombers. Lt. Lane the only member of the patrol unhurt. Did excellent work assisting wounded ashore and operating the wireless under direction. His work was highly commended by Chaplain and Medical Officer.

28 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD and WO BLAKE to MESELIA by two barges. Got off 300 Natives, police, I/L's ect. from the coast between two Jap parties; also money and gear; the rice and meat were lost. WO'S AMOORE and SAVILLE reported. Natives report Jap boats at MILELEK.

29 December 1943, Intelligence Officers visited base for information on Jap movements. 100 Laborers sent to work at AMALUT. MCLEOD and SLATTERY patrolled the Island and line and census WINGARU, PALIGMATE and WABETE villages. Sgt ROACH to Hospital.

30 December 1943, 100 laborers to AMALUT for work clearing sites for gun positions. Telephone communication with KUMBUN installed. WO RYALL interviewing CG, planning patrol with natives to MESELIA area through medium of PT boat to establish Jap positions.

31 December 1943, Wireless communications with mainland established. 100 laborers sent for clearing work. Jap infiltration and gun fire near the natives prevented the work for long periods. Natives handled well by WO'S AMOORE and SAVILLE and Sgt ROBINS. Sgt CRONK has obtained more medical equipment, more hospital accommodation has been built and he continues to do good work among the sick. Sgt ROACH evacuated to 54th Evacuation Hospital at FINSCHAFEN.

1 January 1944, above plan of RYALL'S is to lapse owing to unavailability of PT boat. Many natives asked to return to MESELIA in canoes at night and contact the natives marooned there in Jap territory. Lt SLATTERY with native guides accompanies U.S. troops to MILELEK to recover small Jap boats and make cursory reconnaissance of the area. Patrol without incident.

DIARY (Continued)

2 January, 1944, in early morning ADI RIVER natives arrived at KUMBUN, having found and rescued the badly wounded American soldier who was unable to accompany MCLEOD'S party after snooting up of the 19th Unit. Excellent work by the natives - they have been suitably rewarded. These natives will now visit this station weekly and report any Jap movements in their area. 100 Natives to AMALUT for further clearing work. Local natives proceeded to MESELIA area per canoe this evening. Scheme for the natives to make their way through the Jap lines overland and be picked up by us at the NERIU RIVER. Rations issued to natives on KUMBUN.

3 January 1944, 150 natives to AMALUT. Local natives on clearing and camp site at KUMBUN. Issue of rations, blankets, lava lavas, etc. to local natives. WO BLAKE visits Island. Arrangements completed for supply of fish for labor lines and U.S. Hospital. Native patrols to OMOI and MIELELEK areas.

4 January 1944, KAPTIMATI and MARKLO people instructed to return to their islands - to visit KUMBUN weekly and to provide laborers and draw rations. Natives that made the trip to MESELIA report about 70 natives have made their way from the Jap areas to NERIU RIVER. 120 laborers to AMALUT. S/SGT KNOWLES makes almost daily trips to the mainland to obtain stores, clothing etc. Air activity lessening, - notable improvements in morale of natives.

5 January 1944, Lt. SLATTERY to NARIU RIVER to pick up natives mentioned in above paragraph. River not negotiable in LCM. PM returned and took them off at a point near the River mouth, they have good information of Jap movements and report that many natives who tried to accompany them were prevented by the Japs - information transmitted to CG. Other natives volunteer to contact those remaining in Jap area. They leave per canoe tonight. 120 laborers to AMALUT. Discussion with natives, having intentions to disperse some from KUMBUN to nearby islands. Work on the new temporary site for camp on the position of the former Mission House. Native patrol reports Japs in the area of NARIU RIVER mouth. Canoe containing natives reaches PILELO ISLAND from Easterly direction. WO RYALL leaves with local natives, police, carrier pigeon etc. to contact OMOI and other natives in the bush at the head of the OMOI RIVER.

6 January 1944, WO BLAKE and natives with U.S. patrol to NERIU RIVER to deal with Japs reported above by natives, one Jap killed two taken prisoner. BLAKE commended by CG for excellent work on this occasion. U.S. Medical Officers visit the island to work with SGT. CRONK for the day. Natives that reached PILELO in canoe last night brought to KUMBUN for an interrogation. They had been prisoners of Japs and their information, especially of that of POWE, an AITAPE native, is particularly valuable. MARKLO and KAPTIMATI natives returned to their villages today.

7 January 1944, shifted camp to new site on top of hill. WAKA and ALEPUN natives report that more natives of those villages have escaped from the Jap area and are waiting at the NARIU RIVER. Lt SLATTERY to NARIU and 130 natives taken off. They have good knowledge of Jap installations which is given to CG. Later in the day further 60 natives

DIARY (Continued)

7 January 1944, (Continued) were taken off at the same point by WO BLAKE. Messages arrived from WO RYALL - has contacted OMOI, MILELEK, URIN and GOGOR natives and has excellent information re the enemy situation in the DIDMOP - PULIE area.

8 January 1944, WO SAVILLE leaves today per canoe to contact WO RYALL. He takes rations, trade, wireless set and U.S. Operator. Natives of WAGMEPE, PALIGMATE and WINGARU, excepting the able bodied men, evacuated to AWANG ISLAND this day, MESELIA and UMEINGALU natives on BONGOMOL. It is also intended to settle WAKA, LEPUN and WANULO villages on AWANG ISLAND. They will have easier access to their gardens on the mainland. T/5 Perry Hölderby, (U.S. Forces) to Island to do typing work for the detachment.

9 January 1944, Arrangement made for LT SLATTERY and WO AMOORE to depart on Wednesday for patrol to contact natives as far as SIPUL and RUNGLO Villages and secure information of enemy activities on ITNE RIVER. Natives from ADI RIVER report to the base. WO SAVILLE returns with message from WO RYALL who reports very satisfactory progress.

C. W. Slattery
C. W. SLATTERY, Lieutenant,
pro., Capt MCLEOD.

REPORT

GENERAL:

After 2 ineffectual attempts to establish focal points for the natives, the party is now stationed somewhat precariously at KUMBUN ISLAND. Considering the nature of the Task Force's mission, the ANGAU detachment has achieved very satisfactory results in the short time of its operation here. As will be seen from the diary, members have accompanied U.S. Forces as guides and interpreters on many occasions, and on other patrols, ANGAU and/or native personnel have been able to secure much information and intelligence of value. Primarily the detachment has been concerned with the recruiting and disposition of local natives, and incidentally this work has provided useful knowledge for the Task Force Hqs.

From a certain amount of unavoidable confusion in the initial stages of the landing, and through a series of vicissitudes and losses of gear caused by enemy action, the detachment has emerged with its personnel intact in point of number, fit, and fairly ready to function in the matter of native administration. This purpose though is frustrated by the very nature of the main forces mission, to such an extent that, apart from provision of a limited number of native laborers, it is not yet possible for the unit to fulfill the customary ANGAU functions. The Hqs of Task Force, and the only area it intends to hold for the present, is a portion of AMALUT peninsula. As this area is subject to intense enemy aerial and ground activity, and there are no natives there, it is obvious that people who have to work amongst natives must remain outside it. It will also be seen that territory outside this peninsula is enemy territory, and that unless the personnel of this unit remain within the front lines, their work must consist rather of dodging the attentions of the enemy than of establishing a permanent station and setting up a system of native administration. This is the position at present and will be, so long as there is no further occupation of this area by our troops.

NATIVE SITUATION:

On arrival here the disposition of the natives was found to be surprisingly good; at least ostensibly so. About half of the people in the ARAWE ISLAND group were found to be still on the islands, and all of the remainder have been brought in. Of the mainland villages in the vicinity, only OMOI and MILELEK are still in hiding in the bush, and many of these have already been contacted. All of the villages on the eastern side of AMALUT as far as the PULIE RIVER have been contacted and all of their population is now with us at KUMBUN ISLAND. In all about 1200 natives have been assembled on KUMBUN and we have been able to distribute food and clothing to them and render medical attention.

The attitude of the natives is very satisfactory; they really appear to have disliked the Japs who stole their food and used them for work, although they were not generally ill-treated. There is reason to believe that they were a few dissentient spirits and possibly some who betrayed two Europeans at AMALUT plantation in the early stages of the Jap occupation. There are also rumors of a runagate native assisting the Japs East of PULIE RIVER.

GENERAL REPORT (Continued)

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REPORT

TO: Major MCMULLEN, Liaison Officer, Alamo Force.

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15 December 1943, successful landing by U.S. Troops. Party's barge dive bombed and strafed, but there were no casualties. Temporary site for camp selected. Lt. Slattery, 16 Police and 4 natives departed Finschafen.

16 December 1943, MCLEOD party moved to camp site, discussion with CG, Slattery party landed at PILELO ISLAND. Unable to unload gear on account of enemy bombing and strafing.

17 December 1943, MCLEOD, BLAKE AND ARCHER, accompanied patrol along Beach to get around Japs to UNTINGALU. Patrol successful and Japs retreated after firing two shots at patrol. Party returned to base leaving troops as defense of UNTINGALU. SLATTERY interviewed CG, contacted natives at KUMBUN and other villages and camped on western side of Peninsula.

18 December 1943, MCLEOD party contacted SLATTERY party for the first time. MCLEOD and BLAKE on General's request proceeded with a small party of soldiers on barges to Cape Penio. No good camouflage for barges at island selected so party moved to a bay on the east side of Cape Penio intended to move on the next night to RUNGLO and proceed overland to the ITNI RIVER.

19 December 1943, 10 fully manned enemy barges with superior armament cut off patrol in the bay. Mangroves behind, one of our barges on reef and impossible to rush enemy barges owing to the reef, having been stuck 3 times getting in. Fight joined, enemy using shrapnel - 20 minutes followed of artillery firing on both sides, one barge holed, 5 casualties on our side. Into mangrove and Sago Swamp. Camped. Remainder of party, Lt LANE, WO RYALL, Sgt ROBINS, SGT CRONK, S/Sgt KNOWLES arrived with 50 natives and gear at AMALOT plantation. Lt. SLATTERY and Native police proceeded to KUMBUN ISLAND to prospect for station site. Natives of KUMBUN VILLAGE already there. Sent for KAPTIMATI, MARKLO and PILELO and others who are hiding in caves on island and in the bush on the mainland. WO RYALL, 2 police and 6 natives depart to contact natives at UNTINGALU and to proceed to PULIE RIVER if native information insures the safety of the venture. He assembled most of MESERIA and LUPIN natives.

DIARY (Continued)

20 December 1943, MCLEOD party proceeded East by compass through swamp - camped. Crossed ARI-I RIVER after making port. Food very light. SLATTERY'S party surprised at dawn by 6 Japs landing in canoe 50 yards from camp site. They were all killed and maps and documents sent to CG. Lt LANE and remainder of party at KUMBUN ISLAND, and provisional camp site. WO RYALL contacted the majority of UTINGALU and MESELIA natives. Returned to KUMBUN ISLAND with 80% of the adult male natives.

21 December 1943, MCLEOD'S party proceeded East by compass to ABI RIVER. Populated area and native foods obtained. Extensive information of ITNI RIVER area to GLOUCESTER obtained. Reconnaissance to the mouth of IDA RIVER. Two enemy barges sited at SAUREN proceeded East. Native patrols from KUMBUN to MILELEK and OMOI returned with useful information. Arrangements made for standing patrol of the group of ARAWA ISLANDS by natives in canoes. Police guards posted around KUMBUN ISLAND. Sgt ROBINS with local native guides accompanies two LCM's of troops to be landed near MILELEK. Surprised and attacked by superior force of Jap barges and forced to withdraw. No casualties. 50 natives sent to Task Force Hqs to work.

22 December 1943, MCLEOD'S party - soldiers in bad shape, so rested a day. WO RYALL to SIGUL RIVER to contact natives - arrangement with CG to cooperate with wireless spotters at WANU. He camped with WAKA natives at SIGUL RIVER mouth. Natives from every village in the Islands and UTINGALU and MESELIA villages now at KUMBUN. Sickness and sores incidence high. Sgt CRONE has established a native hospital and doing excellent work amongst the sick. Lt. SLATTERY with local natives as guides through reefs accompanies LCM's of troops to deal with the Jap barges mentioned in above paragraph, - no casualties.

23 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD with 3 soldiers left BLAKE with remainder and wounded at ADI to proceed later on account of urgent information. Arrived PALAMANG RIVER - obtained canoes - proceeded at night to ARAWA by canoe, passing Jap barge on route. Canoes sent for BLAKE'S party. Information to CG. WO WABURA wounded during fight in two places and who left scene of fight to return to ARAWA the night before reported total destruction of patrol. 50 natives sent to TF Hqs to work. Further Voluntary native patrols of Islands. Some canoes sent to OMOI to pick up U.S. Soldiers of MCLEOD'S party.

24 December 1943, BLAKE and other members. MCLEOD'S party having reconnoitered OMOI Area, arrived by canoe. Capt. MCLEOD to PINS WAPEN by PT boat with information for GLOUCESTER forces, for PT Commander and Air Force. WO RYALL contacts natives from MURIEN and heard report of Japs at WAKA and MURIEN. Request sent to Hqs by him for a patrol to deal with same. He proceeded to AIRUNG following favorable reports. Remainder of detachment proceeded from KUMBUN to MESELIA to establish more central Hqs there. Natives of UTINGALU and MESELIA returned there with the party. WO BLAKE to Hospital with boils.

25 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD returned by PT boat to ARAWA. Party forced to withdraw from MESELIA having been attacked by the enemy. Forced to abandon much gear - two Japs killed. Returned to KUMBUN. WO RYALL and natives killed 3 Japs at AIRUNG and he returned to camp at SIGUL RIVER Mouth.

DIARY (CONTINUED)

25 December 1943 (Continued) He decided to return to base as U. S. wireless party had been evacuated and the patrol he sent for had not arrived. In darkness he went to AINTO. Native patrol contacts Japs at MILELEK and returns with useful information. WO BLAKE to Task Force Hqs as L.O.

26 December 1943, WO RYALL picked up by PT boat, returned to ANALUT and reported to Hq. At KUMBUN further organization of natives patrols. Lt LANE and local natives guide troops to AWANG ISLAND for patrol work from there. Boundaries of reefs marked showing passage to KUMBUN.

27 December 1943, at KUMBUN patrol of villages on island. Lt. LANE returned to KUMBUN, his LCM was attacked by dive bombers. Lt. Lane the only member of the patrol unharmed. Did excellent work assisting wounded ashore and operating the wireless under direction. His work was highly commended by Chaplain and Medical Officer.

28 December 1943, Capt MCLEOD and WO BLAKE to MESELIA by two barges. Got off 300 Natives, police, I/L's ect. from the coast between two Jap parties; also money and gear; the rice and meat were lost. WO'S AMOORE and SAVILLE reported. Natives report Jap boats at MILELEK.

29 December 1943, Intelligence Officers visited base for information on Jap movements. 100 Laborers sent to work at ANALUT. MCLEOD and SLATTERY patrolled the Island and line and census WINGARU, PALIMATE and WABETE villages. Sgt ROACH to Hospital.

30 December 1943, 100 laborers to ANALUT for work clearing sites for gun positions. Telephone communication with KUMBUN installed. WO RYALL interviewing CG, planning patrol with natives to MESELIA area through medium of PT boat to establish Jap positions.

31 December 1943, Wireless communications with mainland established. 100 laborers sent for clearing work. Jap infiltration and gun fire near the natives prevented the work for long periods. Natives handled well by WO'S AMOORE and SAVILLE and Sgt ROBINS. Sgt CRONE has obtained more medical equipment, more hospital accommodation has been built and he continues to do good work among the sick. Sgt ROACH evacuated to 54th Evacuation Hospital at PINSCHAFEN.

1 January 1944, above plan of RYALL'S is to lapse owing to unavailability of PT boat. Many natives asked to return to MESELIA in canoes at night and contact the natives marooned therein Jap territory. Lt SLATTERY with native guides accompanies U.S. troops to MILELEK to recover small Jap boats and make cursory reconnaissance of the area. Patrol without incident.

DIARY (Continued)

2 January, 1944, in early morning ADE RIVER natives arrived at KUMBUN, having found and rescued the badly wounded American soldier who was unable to accompany MCHOD'S party after shooting up of the 1st Lt. Excellent work by the natives - they have been suitably rewarded. These natives will now visit this station weekly and report any Jap movements in their area. 100 Natives to AMALUT for further clearing work. Local natives proceeded to MESLIA area per canoe this evening. Scheme for the natives to make their way through the Jap lines overland and be picked up by us at the NERIU RIVER. Rations issued to natives on KUMBUN.

3 January 1944, 130 natives to AMALUT. Local natives on clearing and camp site at KUMBUN. Issue of rations, blankets, lava lavas, etc. to local natives. WO BLAKE visits Island. Arrangements completed for supply of fish for Labor lines and U.S. Hospital. Native patrols to OMOI and NIELELEK areas.

4 January 1944, KAPTI ATI and MARKLO people instructed to return to their islands - to visit KUMBUN weekly and to provide laborers and draw rations. Natives that made the trip to MESLIA report about 70 natives have made their way from the Jap areas to NERIU RIVER. 120 laborers to AMALUT. S/Sgt KNOWLES makes almost daily trips to the mainland to obtain stores, clothing etc. Air activity lessening, - notable improvements in morale of natives.

5 January 1944, Lt. SLATTERY to NARIU RIVER to pick up natives mentioned in above paragraph. River not negotiable in LCM. PM returned and took them off at a point near the River mouth, they have good information of Jap movements and report that many natives who tried to accompany them were prevented by the Japs - information transmitted to CG. Other natives volunteer to contact those remaining in Jap area. They leave per canoe tonight. 120 laborers to AMALUT. Discussion with natives, having intentions to disperse some from KUMBUN to nearby islands. Work on the new temporary site for camp on the position of the former mission house. Native patrol reports Japs in the area of NARIU RIVER mouth. Canoe containing natives reaches PILELO ISLAND from Easterly direction. RYALL leaves with local natives, police, carrier pigeons etc. to contact OMOI and other natives in the bush at the head of the OMOI RIVER.

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Lt. A. LANE, NG-2019, has now taken over full control of the Laborers. On the occasion on which his barge was strafed and a dive bomber hurtled into it he was the only one uninjured out of 5 killed and 7 severely wounded. His work was highly commended by several Officers on account of digging in wounded safe from strafing and sitting up wireless under instructions from a wounded Officer in order to bring help.

W.O. CHARLES W. BLAKE, NGX-347, why this Officer has not received his commission as previously promised is inconceivable to me. His work in the past two years has been outstanding and he has received numerous commendations from various C.O.'s. He would make an outstanding leader and his courage is undaunted. I will have further verbal remarks to make to you on the first possible occasion.

W.O. W. SAVILLE, N-17261, Satisfactory. He appears to be a trifle too temperamental and impatient to do the job required of District Services in peace time.

A/Sgt A. ROACH, he showed definite signs of malingering and was spoken at to some purpose for endeavoring to spread discontent in the party. After this he reported sick to the American Hospital and was evacuated to the 54th Evacuation Hospital on 31/12/43.

W.O. R. U. AMOORE, NGX-278, doing an excellent job with native labor. A good nappy type and if we get a few more overseers he will be invaluable on D.S. work of which there will be plenty in the near future.

Sgt. B.A. CRONK, N437084, hard and efficient worker. He lost a lot of gear due to enemy action but has obtained enough from U.S. Hospital to carry on. A fine type of lad. I radioed for replacement of Medical gear, but in the course of two weeks nothing has happened. Please request Medical Section of ANGAU for the utmost dispatch of Medical Gear for the use of this Sergeant. I generally intend to send some

Sgt. G. T. ROBINS, NX-91298, a willing worker. Has the right temperament for working natives. He was guiding a barge patrol which ran into two enemy barges but unlike others of the crew escaped injury. I am very pleased with his work.

PERSONAL REPORT (Continued)

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S/Sgt. A.L.G. KNOWLES, QX54276 a great enthusiast and has had more than the normal amount of work. He has had a few narrow escapes in common with the rest of the party and has proved himself under difficult circumstances.

W.O. E. RYALL, IS4774 NX has done and is doing an excellent job of native work. His work on KONODA and in the RAMU, I have reason to believe has been commended. If he keeps up the good work you may expect a recommendation for a decoration. He has been really invaluable and the C.O. is highly delighted with his efforts.

John S. McLeod
John S. McLeod

Captain
C. C. A. E. G. A. U.
Detachment

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HQ
ANGAU

24 Jan 44

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Maj. K.C. McMullen,
ANGAU Liaison Officer,
HQ, ALAMO Force.

DS 29/3/11

Report by Capt. J.S. McLeod on
ANGAU detachment with Director
Task Force from 14.12.43 to
9.1.44.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your memo of 17 Jan 44 and of the accompanying reports.
2. The excellent work performed by the ANGAU Special Duty detachment under the command of Capt. J.S. McLeod is greatly appreciated by this HQ. Please arrange for the members of the Team to be advised accordingly.
3. Your para 5 - General - noted and concurred in.
4. Native Situation. - Extract from report has been forwarded to FELO.
5. Native Labour. - This question will be discussed with you on the occasion of your next visit to this HQ.
6. The matter of the promotion of Lieut. Slattery to T/Captain is being considered. It is agreed that as soon as circumstances permit Lieut. Slattery assume command of the detachment and Capt. McLeod proceed to this HQ for leave.
7. Reports regarding personnel are noted and will be brought to the notice of the Branch or Service concerned.

McMullen

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
For DA & QMG.

DS 31/13/4.

Special Report

Station :- Gloucester

District :- New Britain

Subject :- Operations with 3 Bn (US Army)
from 26 Jan 44 - 15 Feb 44.

Officer :- Sgt. S. R. Clarke

Date :- 15 Feb 44.

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					Summary Report on Patrol 26.1.44 - 15.2.44.	
					NGX 121 Sgt. Clarke G.R.	
					Jan. 26: Left N.L.C. Gloucester 0730 for rendezvous at 3 Battalion. Total strength 26 carriers 1 personal pack and 2 Police Boys.	
					Drew 5 days rations and carriers loads approx weight of each 25-30 lbs. + escort in by Lt. Repe + 7 OR's followed S th trail at night of volcano. Reached crest at approx. 1645 hrs. + camped. Though water could not be found, sufficient water to cook rice water obtained by emptying of one water bottle of each native - each boy being equipped with 2.	

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Jan 27: Broke camp 0630 and followed downward trail until Capt Parist's C.P. was reached 1005 hrs. Acting on Capt. Parist's instructions proceeded with line to AIPATI and reported to Major Mathers who informed me that he was in charge of native affairs. Camped boys at 1400 and retired with fever.

Jan. 28: Being too ill to accompany party myself, sent forward N/C BURI in charge of line of 10 KINGI boys to act as stretcher bearers - Report on BURI's work is being forwarded by Col. Puller - and organized the remainder of the line into carrying karts for transporting stores from AIPATI - Cross Road

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Jan: 29: Store from AIPATI - Cross Roads

Jan 30: Went forward to Cross Roads with line then to new SP approx. 1 1/2 miles on Meapeana Rd. Returned line to AIPATI

and went forward with Major Piper as interpreter. Setpt right at position of Capt. Hunt's withdrawal from jct. attack

Jan: 31: Approx 1230 line of carriers arrived from AIPATI, and though I pointed out to Major Piper that boys had not eaten was ordered by him to take the line forward to Meapeana. Having been led to believe that order emanated from Maj. Mathers and being sure of the extent of an ANGAN representatives' conference of native movement, led the line out at 1330 hrs

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Lieut. Wiedermann caught up with the line at approx 1500 hrs. but could not give any helpful suggestion beyond advising me to send back for food to be brought to Neapeana - an impossibility.

Arrived at Neapeana 1815 hrs. No food for natives. Wiedermann's suggestion that I march the line back to AIPATI at night I held as being impractical and foolish. Sent boys at Ranaka for about 6 bars to line of 30.

Feb 1: Took line back to Cross Roads leaving 0630 arriving 1145. After things had cooled down found that Major Mathies had not ordered the line forward the previous day, & as he had a double issue

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of rice ready cooked.

Moved back Meapeana Rd. Shows with cargo and camped.

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Sent back party of SIKAL natives to Cross Roads to pick up remainder of cargo and brought remainder of line forward to Meapeana. Left Meapeana and advanced approx. 30 mins. to old Jap. Hoop. area where I camped natives.

Feb. 3. Natives resting.

Feb. 4. With approx 70 natives cordoned road from AGRUPKOR - ARAGILPOR.

Feb. 5. W.O. Stamer established dump on bank of first Shui R. crossing approx 45. mins from ARAGILPOR. Line carried to this

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dump.

Feb 6. Left Jap. hospital area and advanced to Gurati leaving W.O. Stamps at Jap. busman area. with half my line and two P/B's.

Feb. 7. carrying from W.O. stamps to Gurati

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Feb. 9: advanced with column to Mingol on the Star river, remaining to establish dump whilst column moved on 45 mins to GILNIT.

Feb. 10: Carrying Gurati to Mingol, relaying to Gilnet

Feb. 11: Same as 10th.

Feb. 12: Moved out for homeward trip reached point half way from Gurati

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Return when orders were received from Col. Puler to return to Turate arrived Turate 1830.

Feb. 13: Light line carrying emergency rations from Turate to Giluet.

Feb. 14: Native's resting: Proceeded with Lieut Gray to Giluet.

Feb. 15: Left Giluet 0900 hrs on L.B.M. arrived Link's Pier 1745 hrs.

General: Col. Puler has promised to forward trail map showing all details of trail, distances etc.

Natives: On the whole ^{condition} very good.

Deer now about 6 in total.

Gardens: Fair to good. Few ruined by sap.

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Request that a clearer position of A.G.M. representatives duties and responsibilities be given to unit commanders. This to save possible friction

C. R. Clark
Sgt. NG 121

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Special Report

M/R No. 8. / 43 - 44

DISTRICT *New Britain*

STATIONS *Cape Gloucester*
General Report of Activities.

MONTH *March* 1944 .

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MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 44

Feb 26 Visited D4 and D2. 480 natives on allotted tasks. Village officials from TAMORLAI locality conducted around area inspecting defences etc. Proceeded to new ANGAU Hqrs site at Borgen Bay and inspected work in progress.

Feb 27 Conducted D4 officer on inspection of buildings erected by ANGAU natives during past month. Major Robinson now established as ANGAU LO at D4 office. Signal from Alamo Force requiring 40 natives to be sent to F'haven.

Feb 28 WO Stamper, 81 carriers and 2 native constables despatched on patrol to IBOKI to join Lt Reid now there attached to 5 Marines. Flt Lt Marsland AIB visited camp. Made two Talasea natives available to him for operational purposes. WO Emery reported in from AGURUPELLIA with map and information on native situation. Recommends assistance of these people with food. Visited Maj Robinson, /D4.

Feb 29 Despatched carriers with supplies for Lt Bowman at MARIGA. WO Emery despatched to AGURUPELLIA with instructions to take census etc. Village officials from Aipati area arrived with labourers brought to work here. Conducted natives around areas and spoke to them about their future rehabilitation and conduct. WO Burke arrived from F'haven with instructions to proceed to Siassi Isl. to relieve Capt Bloxham who is to return to F'haven. Lt Gray proceeded on night operation on PT Boat with Flt Lt Marsland - as requested by D2.

Mar 1 Lt Gray returned from PT Boat excursion and reports unsuccessful attempt at task owing to heavy seas, and bad weather. Cpl Swanson despatched to SagSag-Aipati areas on patrol with 7th Marines. Visited Division Hqrs now being built by Angau natives. D4 requests weekly native situation report each Wednesday. 500 natives allotted tasks.

Mar 2 Col Harris, D2, visited camp and discussed operations ANGAU personnel available etc. Lt Reid reported in from IBOKI operation. Reports success with local native contacts which greatly assisted 5th Marines with intelligence matters.

Mar 3 Lt Reid and self visited D2 and discussed pending operations. Obtained permission for self to proceed to F'haven and discuss future plans with ANGAU L/O. Lt Gray returned from night PT boat operation. Self proceeded per "Piper Cub" aircraft to drop instructions and supplies for Capt Bloxham and Capt Money. Unable reach Siassi Island owing bad weather and visibility. Lt Gray proceeded on PT boat night operation.

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March 4th. Capt. Chambers proceeded by air to Finschhafen. Lieut. Gray returned from P/T boat trip to Talasea -- mission at Talasea with Flt.-Lt. Marsland AIB now completed. Lieut. Reid proceeded on Talasea operation with 5th. Marines accompanied by WO Emery.

March 5th. Capt. Chambers at Finschhafen. WO Worden proceeded to Finschhafen in charge of draft of 40 natives required by Alamo Force. Capt. Money returned from SIASSI ISLAND with 17 labour recruits per P/T boat.

March 6th. Capt. Chambers returned from Finschhafen. Lieut. Bowman instructed by runner to proceed from ILOKI to TALASEA and take over from Lieut. Reid who is to return here. WO Burke standing by awaiting transport to SIASSI ISLAND. WO Sowerby ready to proceed ILOKI first transport.

March 7th. Sgt. Gee arrived from Finschhafen for duty here. Village official arrived from KOKOPO, ALAIDO and MARIGA area to visit natives working here.

March 8th. WO Worden returned from Finschhafen. 40 natives in charge of village officials arrived from ILOKI per LCM, despatched here by WO Stamper. Dropped rations to Capt. Bloxham at SIASSI from Piper Cub. Native ANABUGA brought back as casualty from TALASEA operation and admitted to US 30th. Evacuation Hospital for operation on wounded foot.

March 9th. Despatched 2 tons native rations to Lieut. Reid at TALASEA. WO Worden attended native ANABUGA during operation on his foot at US Hospital. Visited ANGAU site at Borgen Bay.

March 10th. Visited ANGAU site at Borgen Bay. 13 labourers house frames completed. Arranging to procure Outboard Motor to rig to two canoes and assist Air Technical Intelligence group with salvage of an undamaged enemy aircraft. Cpl. Swanson returned from 7th. Marines patrol. Division Headquarter buildings nearing completion. Capt. Money AIB at camp awaiting assignment from D-2 and meantime investigating deaths of AI personnel in this area. Supplied bill with natives for this purpose. Capt. Ashton AIB also at camp.

March 11th. Visited new ANGAU site at BORGAN BAY and selected site for Native Hospital. Cpl. Bain in charge of construction. Proceeded to FOINI village and purchased native canoe for use with Outboard Motor. Succeeded in obtaining Outboard Motor with assistance from Air Technical Intelligence group.

March 12th. Sunday. Labourers resting.

March 13th. Visited Borgen Bay site and decided on sites for ANGAU Sections - Labour, S and S, and Native Hospital.

March 14th. Assisting Air Technical Intelligence group with native canoes. Succeeded in getting load and supplies per canoes and outboard motor as far as FOINI-ALLI village. Construction

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successful, but canoes old and leaky.

March 15th. Instructed by Chief of Staff to parade before Commanding General 1st. Marine Division. Waited on General Rupertus 10-30am, and conferred with him on native matters. Am advised that the Marine Division's native labour requirements will be limited to 500 here at CAPE GLOUCESTER with stations of 100 at IBOKI and 200 at TALASEA. The C.G. will not permit TALASEA natives to be shipped here and worked away from their own localities. Arranged for stores and mail drop per Piper Cub to Capt. Blorham. Lieut. Reid arrived from TALASEA. Advises that Lieut. Bowman has arrived at TALASEA and is setting up an ANGAU camp there.

March 16th. Handed over completed ANGAU camp functioning smoothly to Lieut. Reid who will be prepared to take up duty as ADNL as soon as required to do so. Propose to move myself to Borgen Bay site and set up a District Headquarters and devote more time to native matters. Proceeded to TAUALI and POTNI villages and arranged for natives to assist the Air Technical Intelligence Group with their job. Rubber boats now being utilised.

March 17th. Major Baldwin DNL arrived from Finschhafen to inspect setup.

March 18th. Conducted Major Baldwin over labour camps. He expresses himself as satisfied with the setup here. Three N.L.O.'s arrived for duty, Sgt. Kennedy, Cpl. Langdon and Cpl. Morgan.

March 19th. Major Baldwin left for NADZAB by air. Complete roll call of labourers this morning. Twenty officers from Division Headquarters entertained at Dinner and Picture Night arranged for Native Propaganda purposes. 600 native labourers present at Newsreel etc. Shown by arrangement with US Amenities Section.

March 20th. Flt.-Lt. Brown RAAF visited camp and discussed RAAF labour requirements. Lieut. Reid now handling labour camp and personnel.

March 21st. Shifted native police and gear to ANGAU Borgen Bay site. Lieut. Andy Smith AIB arrived. At his request paid off and handed over three ex AIB natives to him for repatriation.

March 22nd. Visited Division Headquarters and conferred with Chief of Staff, Col. Seldon, and D-4, Col. Fellers. Am advised that the C.G. will not require more than 500 natives to work in this area, and that this figure may be shortly reduced to 400. Major Penglase and Major Farlow arrived from Finschhafen by plane. Discussed problems with them and both visited new ANGAU headquarters site at Borgen Bay.

March 23rd. Spent morning discussing various matters with Major Penglase and Major Farlow. Visited Division Headquarters with them and introduced them to the Chief of Staff - Col. Seldon. Arranged for their passage to mainland tomorrow and self proceeded to MILLINGI Catholic Mission which now consists of cement floors only.

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Fathe Cadogan priest here, was taken by Japs to Rabaul by ship. Two Majors spent night with Lieut. Reid at ANGAU labour camp.

March 24th. Major Penlase and Major Farlow proceeded back to mainland by plane. Self at Borgen Bay site supervising clearing and laying out of establishment.

March 25th. Received advice of G.O.C.'s intention to visit this area and present Loyal Service Awards on 31st. March. Despatched radio recommending further Award to Native Constable BURK for bravery under fire in action with Marines -- citation to follow by mail. This endeavour to have the G.O.C. to make the award together with the two earlier recommendations made.

GENERAL REMARKS.

I. STAFF Staff have been working smoothly throughout the month and there has been no friction. Native Labour Staff is now adequate but Field Staff is required as soon as it can be spared please. At the moment the District Service Field Staff here consists of Lieut. Bowman, WO Stamper and myself, and with the conclusion of successful operations at IBOKI and TALASEA during the month, three members of the Field Staff are quite inadequate, particularly as I find it increasingly difficult for myself to leave the area. WO Burke has been despatched to SIASSI ISLAND to relieve Capt. Ploxham but it is difficult to arrange shipping from here as this Division does not have any interests there at all, and shipping is very scarce.

(a) LIEUT. BOWMAN C.G. Is now stationed at TALASEA and is establishing an ANGAU Camp and relations with TALASEA natives. He reports successful contacts and no difficulty with the native situation. His approach to the situation suggests that he is quite capable of handling it satisfactorily.

(b) LIEUT. DUMBAR-REID J. Has again performed the most outstanding work for the detachment this month as he did last. He is keen and conscientious and did an excellent job with the initial landing of the task force at TALASEA. He has now returned from TALASEA and taken over the ANGAU labour camp from myself and is now well in position to function as DADNL as soon as required to do so.

(c) LIEUT. GRAY G. His work has been satisfactory during the month but I am finding it difficult to fit him in to the right niche. He has been useful and willing in various ways through the month but he has no permanent and set place here while Reid is in charge of native labour. He has submitted an application for transfer to District Services and is at present waiting for the result. In the meantime I have sent him out on patrol to extract a census and try his hand.

(d) WO STAMPER D. At present established at IBOKI as Patrol Officer where he reports satisfactory contact and native situation well in hand. The 1st. Marine Division has written their appreciation

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of Stamper's work during operations here and recommended that he be promoted. This recommendation is forwarded subject to separate correspondence please.

(e) NX 44811 WO Jordan A.B. Has been performing clerical and general A.S.M. duties cheerfully and well. His clerical experience has been very useful here.

(f) NG 2001 WO Emery A. At present at TALASEA and doing an excellent job. Emery took part in the initial Marine operation and assisted Dunbar-Reid.

(g) NX 201884 WO Sowerby R. At present at IBOKI with Patrol Officer Stamper.

(h) NX 63406 WO Waldby H. Has been performing N.L.O. duties satisfactorily.

(i) NX 43809 Sgt. Palframan T. A thoroughly conscientious Medical Assistant, very keen on his job.

(j) NGX 121 Sgt. Clarke G.R.K. Has been the most ^{Outstanding} of the N.L.O.'s here and done a good job on patrol and an equally good job at the ANGAU labour camp. He has been cheerful and conscientious and the Marine Division has written and expressed its appreciation of his services. He is respectfully recommended for promotion to Warrant Rank and this is subject to separate correspondence please.

(k) N 409356 WO Burke F.L. Has proceeded to ROOKE ISLAND as Patrol Officer. I am quite out of touch with him.

(l) P 113 Sgt. Eiseman R.H. In charge of the S and S Section and working satisfactorily under difficulty.

(m) NX 96742 Cpl. Pain R.C. A good N.L.O. but has been receiving medical treatment for nerves and I am informed that American Doctors may have him evacuated from the area.

(n) NG 2422 Cpl. Swanson W.C. A cheerful N.L.O. and has been working his labour satisfactorily.

(o) NG 2088 Sgt. Gee C.M. Keen to do a job but he is not well and suffers from severe headaches. Has been off duty quite a lot and I have suggested sending him back to Finschhafen. He has asked to remain on here on light duties till he can get well again.

(p) NX 94768 Cpl. Mills C.D. Active and keen on his N.L.O. jobs.

(q) NGX 360 Sgt. Keenan T. Quietly satisfactory.

(r) VX 85089 Sgt. Kennedy L.S.)
VX 33109 Cpl. Langdon J.D.) New N.L.O.'s and keen to
VX 26215 " Morgan J.E.) learn their jobs.

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II. RELATIONS WITH TASK FORCE

Relations with the 1st. Marine Division have been smooth and cordial throughout the month. Most of our dealings now are ^{with} D-4 since operations have been completed and Major Robinson of this office has been very co-operative as Liason Officer attending to ANGAU matters.

III. RECRUITING

Recruiting of labourers has ceased since the TALASEA operation was completed as I am instructed by the Commanding General that the 1st. Marine Division will not require ~~XXXXXX~~ additional native labour above the 500 now employed in this CAPE GLOUCESTER area and that shipping may not be employed to recruit an ship Talasea natives to work here at Gloucester. It is quite impossible to arrange shipping to transport Rooke Island recruits to this area. Native Labour Strength now stands at 800 with 100 at LEOKI and 175 at TALASEA.

IV. NATIVE LABOUR

Labourers have been employed on tasks as allotted by L-4 throughout the month. There has been little difficulty and fuss. I have handed over the ANGAU Labour Compound to Lieut. Dunbar-Reid who is in position to commence functioning as LADNL and is in fact, already doing so. Attached please find weekly summary of labour allocations to 22/3/44 for your information.

V. RATIONS AND SUPPLY

Worries in this regard have eased as a shipment of supplies have arrived. But -- with this shipment there was no tobacco can some arrangements be made please to send eight cases of tobacco here as soon as possible. In the meantime I am making arrangements to issue American fine cut tobacco supplied by Division Quartermaster. Roughly 40,000 native rations arrived here unmarked - midst untold confusion.

VI. NATIVE SITUATION

Both Lieut. Bowman at TALASEA and WO Stamper at LEOKI report satisfactory native situations in these areas. Village officials have all reported in and are assisting the forces in these areas with labour and carrying. Operations have been completely successful and both Bowman and Stamper are busily engaged with a rehabilitation programme and census. All village books were removed from the TALASEA area by the Japanese and this will necessitate complete new compilations when village books are available. TALASEA natives have been most loyal during the operations and apparently were distinctly apathetic towards the enemy even during their occupation of the area. The KOMBI area has had a deal of trouble and native "movements" during enemy occupation and has not as yet been recruited owing to lack of shipping and staff facilities. Action will be necessary with various belligerent types of KOMBI natives who have caused considerable trouble when we are in a position to

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deal with them. At the moment we are not, and, as these KOMBI delinquents are not in any position to assist the enemy I have purposely left them alone. Some KOMBI natives have been reported in to IBOKI and been sent on in here to Cape Gloucester.

There is no indication as yet that the enemy made any attempts in any of these areas to organise, equip and use natives as a partisan force against us. On the contrary, indications are that, very early in these operations, the enemy was quickly deprived of native assistance in any form, when word spread of the conquest of Cape Gloucester by Allied Forces.

Lieut. Gray is at present on census and general patrol of the GILNIT - AIMAGA - AGURUFELLA areas where the situation is completely quiet and rehabilitation programme in progress. Village officials from all these near localities are regularly reporting in here to visit labourers pay respects. All natives remaining in their villages are busily engaged with their gardens and re-settlement in their old composite groups.

VII. GENERAL

The ANGAU labour compound has been handed over as a going concern to Lieut. Dunbar-Reid and I will be able to devote more time to native matters and construction of Native Hospital and Headquarters at the Borgen Bay site. I hope to have a smooth organisation to hand over to the District Officer by the end of April.

A typewriter is most essential if one can be spared please. Also stationery is very short here, particularly Manila Folders to file papers which are becoming out of hand. Could the box of stationery etc. prepared by Major Niall when I was at Finschhafen be despatched please.

Further stress is laid on the necessity of a ship at our disposal here. Shipping is the big problem here and with our own sea transport available at call, ROOKE ISLAND, IBOKI and LALASEA stations can be smoothly maintained. At present it is quite impossible to maintain and keep in touch with ROOKE ISLAND particularly.

S and S Section will be established at Borgen Bay and will need thorough re-organisation as soon as it is possible.

DAL. CHAMBERS Capt.

O.C. ANGAU DETACHMENT.

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Special Report

District

New Britain

Station

Arawe

Subject

General Report and
Activities - Arawe

Officer

Lt. C. W. Slattery

Date

5 - 17 March 44

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ANGAU DETACHMENT
DIRECTOR TASK FORCE
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Major K. C. McMULLEN
Regional Cmdr.
Hqs Northern Region
AFO 712.

Report to cover period 5.3.44 to 17.3.44 (Enc)

5.3.44 Capt McLeod handed over control of Detach. to Lt Slattery and after reconnaissance patrol in PT Boat this night is to proceed to Finschhafen. WO Amoore departs on patrol for Moewe Hrbr and points East with US gunboat. Sgt Knowles with supplies for Sgt Clarke per LCV to Didmop. Sgt Cronk accompanied him and treated 180 natives there. WO Saville supervises natives laying telephone line Akrik to Didmop.

6.3.44 WO Marlay returns from Itne R. Lt O'Loughlen from Finschhafen hands over six hundred pounds in TNG coinage. WO Ryall reported to have reached Rein Bay. Sgt Babbington with other US troops is one day behind him. WO Amoore sends in 40 labor recruits to Didmop.

7.3.44 Sgt Cronk to Kauptimati and neighbouring islands. WO Amoore despatches important intelligence to Task Force HQ. His gunboat returns 1800 hrs for refuelling. Sgt Babbington and natives set out from Ibogi to return here by sea.

8.3.44 Lt Slattery and WO Amoore to Amulet for conference with CG. WO Marlay returns to Itne River to recruit. Arrangements made for allocation of LCM for Angau's exclusive use. Sgt Cronk to Pulie R again for medical work.

9.3.44 WO Amoore interrogating natives he contacted from Gasmata area. Conference with all local village officials re restoration of gardens and returns of some natives to evacuated villages. Provided canoes for use of recently arrived RAN detachment here.

10.3.44 S/Sgt Knowles to Pilelo Is for purchase of native foods and fruits. Sgt Robins resumes duties here after recent illness. Reduced native patrols of islands, also Police watches. Naval officers of RAN Port Directorate visit Kumbun.

11.3.44 WO Ryall returns from Rein Bay Patrol, having come overland. Gunboats with Amoore patrol attacked by friendly planes. Amoore unhurt.

12.3.44 Lt Slattery to Itne area to pick up WO Marlay and 70 natives for labour. Church service for natives. CG visits Kumbun to attend Band concert and native dance here.

13.3.44 WO Amoore has set up post at Aliwa Pln. Moewe Hrbr. WO Ryall to hospital for attention to his feet. Barge sent to Bongomol Is. to collect natives for repatriation to Waka Mio and Luria villages. OC to Amulet to meet WO McCosker, Cpl Bresch and Cpl Waltien on PT Boat.

14.3.44 Sgt Babbington arrives back from Rein Bay via Finschhafen with 80 natives. Reported loss of Angau outboard engine. US Provost Marshall is investigating. OC, S/Sgt Knowles and Sgt Cronk to Didmop. Sgt Cronk remains there. WO Amoore puts three natives ashore from PT Boat east of Gasmata to acquire information.

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15.3.44 Sgt Cronk returns from Didmop. WO Ryall with native guides goes night trip in PT boat to Jacquinot bay. Enemy aircraft attacked both Amoores and Ryalls PT boats but there were no casualties. WO Saville preparing for a series of lectures at Task Force Hqs.
 16.3.44 Sgt McCosker to Omoi with 30 natives to procure roofing materials. Sgt Robins departs for Finschhafen per PT Boat. Sgt Babbington takes over Native Labour records.
 17.3.44 WO Ryall departs for Didmop to commence patrol of inland villages to Moewe Hrbr. Sgt Knowles to Didmop. Sgt Cronk preparing for medical patrol of Itne and Adi Rs.

REPORT

General:-

During the past month progressive developments in the military situation here have opened to us a much wider field of activities. Consequent upon a change in the nature of Task Force's Mission the enemy has been routed from the Western half of New Britain, and we have reliable native reports that the intervening area to Gasmata is clear. Till the present time we have been able to provide most useful service to the Task Force in the roles of guiding reconnaissance patrols and acquiring intelligence. These activities will now be reduced to a minimum and our attention directed more to the rehabilitation of the indigene in conjunction with a complete and more effective native labour organisation.

For the first time we have been able to despatch a patrol whose main purpose is to re-establish the "status quo" with the native population. On patrols to date, this work has been subsidiary. The native position, as will be seen in a later paragraph, is still fraught with difficulties and rather novel situations, but our field staff may now operate with impunity and over a much more extensive area.

Until a directive on the subject is received from you, we have established a nominal western boundary for our patrols at the Itne R (north to Gilnit) and will follow the trend of military operations in an easterly direction. In respect of the inland villages it is intended to use the former Talasea-Gasmata Sub-District boundaries. As the current of events moves eastwards and to facilitate admn in the more thickly populated areas it will be advisable at an early date to transfer this HQ to a more suitable site. We are investigating likely locations bearing in mind that it will be necessary to maintain telephonic communication with Task Force Hqs. and that road transport there will be desirable.

We continue to receive every possible assistance from the CG Task Force and the standard of co-operation and general domestic relations with American troops could not be better.

Native situation:

During the past month we have regained complete control over the population of the Itne R and intervening areas, and in the east have contact with villages as far as Awio Bay. Our approach to the natives east of Pulie R has disclosed some unexpected features. Despite the retreat of the Japanese from their heartis they were found to have no great inclination to reassume the protective mantle of British administration and many had quite an open mind on the point of our mastery over the enemy.

Until the reports of the landing here reached them they were living in close contact with the enemy and did much work for him. The majority left the Japs and the coastal areas when the prospect of a battle loomed up and showed a grand indifference to our demands that they leave the enemy occupied area and join us. They stoutly deny that they have given the enemy any assistance since our arrival at Arawe but there is proof that they have guided and carried for them, even if under duress.

First indications were that these natives were culpable and it is not yet easy to gauge the extent of their defection, if any. Much closer analysis of their very conflicting motives will be necessary before imputing disloyalty to them. For example, to reach our lines they would have had to follow a very circuitous track through unbroken bush and incurred the danger of being shot by the enemy's and our patrols. Also, the apparent immobility of our troops here (dictated by the nature of the Task Force mission) could easily have conveyed to the native mind - with animus inculcated by the enemy - that a large body of our troops was being pinned down by a handful of the enemy. Ergo they decided to remain "with the strength". Their hesistance in rallying around since the departure of the enemy has also a plausible explanation. The Japs succeeded in strongly imbuing the natives with the notion that they are retiring only temporarily and that any attempt by them to associate with Allied troops would be punished by beheading. This has acted as a pretty strong deterrent. However we are steadily contacting more and more of the natives of this area and they are being successfully disabused of these ideas.

The recent quick success of our troops, the abatement of aerial activity and propaganda visits by many of these natives to our headquarters are having a salutary effect; so much so that a recent report from WO Amore, who is at present at Moewe Hrbr, states that the natives are returning from hiding in increasing numbers and that the situation there is now more satisfactory.

In the immediate vicinity we have made a start with the repatriation of natives to their evacuated villages. As mentioned in earlier reports they had been congregated in secure areas. The restoration of their gardens and houses cannot be accomplished quickly but they have started with considerable industry and enthusiasm. To assist in the work we have released 57 youthful, elderly and not quite fit natives from the casual labour lines.

Officers at present on patrol are compiling and issuing temporary village books and it is expected that in the next month's report we will be able to provide a reliable census figure for the area extending from Itne R to Moewe Hrbr.

Native Labour.

We now have 403 native labourers available. Of these, 240 are maintained at Kumbun, 140 are with Sgt Clark at a labour camp on the Pulie R and 23 have a roving commission as barge pilots and guides with small American outposts. The absence of Ryall Babbington and for a short while Clarke, on the patrol to Ibogi affected the efficiency of the native labour supervision.

WO Saville was recalled from his Watching post on Marklo Is for the purpose and with the arrival of three new ones we now have adequate overseers.

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The occupation of the coast to Moewe Hrbr has provided access to a very fertile recruiting ground and it is anticipated that between 2 and 3 hundred labourers will be drawn from there during the coming month. WO Clark is installed at Didmop and requires more natives for clearing and building for a fairly extensive American occupation there.

As yet no natives have been indentured as we do not have the necessary contract forms and native labour registers. Could the dispatch of these be expedited please, or an authority to pay casual natives in accordance with Finance Office Instructions No. 3 para 137. They have been paid to 13.3.44 at casual labour rates.

Health

European. There have been no major illnesses or injuries during the month. Sgt Robins has a bad foot which was lanced at the US Hospital. He was confined to bed for a few days and until his departure did work of a sedentary nature. WO Amore has a troublesome skin disease which may yet necessitate in-patient hospital treatment.

X Native: Sgt Cronk continues to do excellent work amongst the natives. Besides the heavy duties at his hospital here, he has worked for a couple of days each time at the Itne R, Adi R, Omoi Didmop and regular rounds of the neighbouring islands. Sgt Cronk has set up a group of hospital buildings and appointments here which are a real credit to him. US medical officers visit the island regularly and show a great interest in his work. Detailed monthly reports of the medical work are forwarded direct to ANGAU ADMS.

Personnel. Without exception the personnel of the detachment have worked hard and willingly, particularly the field staff who have had a multitude of difficult circumstances to contend with, not the least of which has been makeshift patrol equipment and insufficient native police. WO Ryall has done exceptional work and I understand a request for suitable recognition has been forwarded to the proper authorities. Ryall is long overdue for leave. His present period of continuous service commenced on 4 Dec 42. He is obviously in need of a holiday and it is recommended that he be instructed to proceed on leave as soon as possible. Sgt Cronk is also due for leave on 3 Apr 44.

Equipment and Stores.

The supply of native rations is at present satisfactory. There are some necessary items of equipment which the Task Force QM is unable to supply. These items will be the subject of a separate memorandum by S/Sgt Knowles which will be attached to this report. In addition, this station urgently requires:

(i) copies of up to date Administrative instructions and Circulars including the standing orders issued in folder form by the Legal, Native Labour District Services etc Departments.

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(ii) a utility shallow draught in-board motor boat capable of transporting about 30cwt.

(iii) A trade store.

Lectures: The series of lectures delivered last month by WO Amooore proved to be so instructive that Task Force Hqs has directed that we arrange for regular instructions to classes of officers and NCOs. This has been done.

Patrols: In addition to the patrols enumerated in Capt McLeod's report for the period to 5.3.44 the following have been commenced or are proceeding.

WO MARLAY. Recruiting and census patrol. This patrol included the "setting in order" of native conditions in the Itne and Adi R areas. WO Marlay spent the greater part of last month in this District. In addition to his activities amongst the natives he was able to accomplish many short reconnaissance trips and submitted information which greatly assisted the American Forces when they subsequently occupied the areas.

WO AMOORE The early part of this patrol consisted of reconnaissance in conjunction with troops on US gunboats as far as Ablingi. The patrol returned to Arawe for refuelling and Amooore brought natives of Gasmata area who yielded important military information. He has returned again to establish a Police Post at Aliwa Pln (near Moewe Hrbr) and is at present contacting natives as far east as possible preparatory to census taking and recruiting. Simultaneously he is providing the US Garrison at Moewe Hrbr with whatever native assistance they require. Many of the observations re native situation (above) are based on his preliminary report.

WO RYALL and SGT BABINGTON This patrol has been successfully concluded. Ryall returned overland making the journey in three and a half days; Babington by boat returned on 14.3.44. The native population on the route traversed was negligible, but the patrol was of great military importance and the Commanding General expressed complete satisfaction with the work of the ANGAU personnel. Ryall reports the few natives there as being well disposed towards him; they lined readily, had plenty of food and worked only spasmodically for the Japs and without enthusiasm.

Sgt Cronk. Medical patrols to the Itne and Pulie R areas.

In addition, standing native canoe and overland patrols have been carried out. Reliable native guides have also been sent with US reconnaissance patrols when all our European personnel have been occupied elsewhere.

sgd C. W. SLATTERY Lieut
OC. DETACHMENT.

ADDENDUM.

WO Amore returned to this station by PT boat this evening with valuable information for the Commanding General. On native information gained by WO Amore he requisitioned a PT Boat and landed at Gasmata Island. He reports that Gasmata has been entirely evacuated by the enemy. Three native police were left there to prevent natives approaching booby traps.

He further reports that the attitude of the natives there is markedly more friendly. Many village officials are coming in complete with hats and village books from distant villages.

sgd C. W. SLATTERY Lieut.

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Special Report

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General Report and
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Officer

Lt. C. W. Slattery

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18 Mar - 30 April 44.

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HQ Northern Region,
 ANGAU,
 Finschaven.

Monthly Report

Covering Period from 18.3.44 to 30.4.44.

D I A R Y.

- 18.3.44. Sgt Cronk and W/O Saville to Omoi, thence Adi and Itne Rivers, Sgt Cronk on medical patrol; W/O Saville to arrange preparation of roofing material. W/O Amoores reports in on P.T. Boat from Moewe Harbour.
- 19.3.44. Sunday. Church service for natives. OC to Marklo and Kauptimati Islands with C.G. Task Force. Jap stragglers reported by natives at Lamogai. W/O Amoores returns to Moewe Harbour per P.T. Boat.
- 20.3.44. W/O Saville commences series of lectures to U.S. troops. OC to Task Force HQ re distribution of native labour. Stolen outboard motor recovered. W/O Saville with native guides on P.T. Boat to Waterfall Bay.
- 21.3.44. W/O Saville returns from night patrol on P.T. W/O Amoores returns to Gasmata. Barge allocated for hauling sac-sac and building materials. Two canoes with crews provided for U.S. Post at Cape Peiho.
- 22.3.44. W/O Ryall joins U.S. troops to contact Jap stragglers near Lamogai. OC to mainland re U.S. exercise patrols.
- 23.4.44. OC? W/O Cronk and S/Sgt Knowles to Didmop. Natives of MASSILIA, WAKA and LUFIN repatriated per barge. Very heavy rain.
- 24.3.44. Further heavy rain prevented much work by natives - returned to compound early afternoon. Cpl Walton becomes ill.
- 25.3.44. Sgt Cronk returns from Didmop. W/O Saville completes lectures. Natives and police with U.S. Omoi patrol visited and relieved by OC.
- 26.3.44. OC with W/O Saville to Moewe Harbour, having returned all natives to MIO village en route. W/O Amoores is ill and will need hospital treatment. W/O Saville takes over his post. Returned to Kumbun during the night with dangerously sick U.S. soldier. Arrived 1 a.m.
- 27.3.44. W/O Amoores to Hospital at Amulet. Sgt Babbington to Didmop to assist Sgt Clarke. W/O Marley takes over temporarily A.D.N.L. duties. W/O McCosker confined to bed with minor illness. Class of 40 Officers and N.I.C.O.'s visit Kumbun for instruction.
- 28.3.44. Majors Penglase and Farlow arrive here per L.C.M. from Finschaven. OC to mainland to commence lecture series. Cpl Walton operated on for appendicitis. W/O Amoores evacuated sick.

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Page 2.Diary (cont).

- 29.3.44. Majors Penglase and Farlow with OC to interview C.G. Task Force. Report and outboard for repairs from W/O Saville. Local natives clear large areas around native compound.
- 30.3.44. Large portion of labour line diverted to improvement of labour accommodation and police barracks. S/Sgt Knowles uses ANGAU barge for hauling supplies from Amulet. Sgt Cronk to U.S. Hospital for operations on native patients.
- 31.3.44. Majors Penglase and Farlow depart per P.T. for Moewe Harbour. Sgt Babbington leaves Didmop on patrol of coastal villages to Amgoring.
- 1.4.44. Sgt Cronk and S/Sgt Knowles to Didmop with stores. Sgt Cronk remains there for medical work. S/Sgt Knowles proceeds to Anu River and takes off W/O Ryall and 48 natives. OC completes series of lectures.
- 2.4.44. Sunday. Day of rest for natives. U.S. military police now visit this island on sundays. It is off limits to the troops.
- 3.4.44. Barge with supplies to Moew Harbour. Sgt Cronk goes there to commence medical patrol. W/O Marlay to Omoi to procure building materials.
- 4.4.44. W/O Ryall to Lupin air strip, thence overland to Didmop to contact some natives in TIKAN area. Lieut Sutherland and W/O Britten arrive from Finschaven. Heavy Rain.
- 5.4.44. OC gives instructions to large congregation of village officials re rehabilitation in villages. W/O Britten assumes A.D.N.L. duties, with W/O Marlay attending to station buildings and native labour houses.
- 6.4.44. Cpl Walton returns from hospital convalescent. Commenced signing on natives. Continued recruiting for N.G.I.B. without success.
- 7.4.44. Further signing on. Many offer as R.P.C. recruits. Two barges to Omoi River for building materials.
- 8.4.44. Completed signing on of natives. Received report from W/O Saville. Sgt Cronk proceeding along coast from Moewe Harbour to Didmop. S/Sgt Knowles brings large supplies of stores from mainland.
- 9.4.44. Sunday. Day of rest for natives. Australian blue ensign received and hoisted. Sgt Babbington leaves Didmop on patrol to Amgoring.
- 10.4.44. Lieut Sutherland, W/O Britten and O/C proceeded to Didmop to sign on labourers. Sgt Cronk picked up at Didmop, also W/O Ryall. Lt Col Hogbin arrives from Gloucester.
- 11.4.44. Barge to Sauren for building materials. W/O McCosker now carrying out extensive building programme of Task Force HQ. Lieut Sutherland and W/O Britten to mainland for interview with Task Force executive officers re native labour requirements. Lt Col Hogbin and OC interview village native.
- 12.4.44. W/O Marlay and Lt Col Hogbin to Awang Is and Omoi River. Phone installed for N.L. Office. W/O Ryall to Waka to investigate village natives working with troops.

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Diary (cont).

- 13.4.44. Lieut Sutherland leaves for Finschaven. New District Services building completed. Lt Col Hogbin departs for Gloucester. Two barges for building materials.
- 14.4.44. Patients for hospital sent in by W/O Saville. OC to Awang Is to inspect gardens of three refugee villages there.
- 15.4.44. Cpl Walton to Awit River to inspect gardens and villages. W/O Ryall to H.S. Hospital for medical examination. 112th Cav Band gives performance at Kumbun in the evening.
- 16.4.44. Day of Rest for natives. Outboard recalled by U.S. unit leaving the area.
- 17.4.44. OC to Didmop, thence Moewe Harbour. 60 natives recruited by W/O Saville interviewed.
- 18.4.44. O/C returns to Kumbun bringing 55 recruits. Very heavy rain. Sgt Dawson (conductor) arrives with supplies from Finschaven. Very satisfactory, as they can be unloaded directly at Kumbun.
- 19.4.44. Building material barge goes on reef - partly disabled and brought no material. W/O Ryall working on fate of certain Europeans in this area. W/O Saville to Amulet with native witnesses and labour recruits.
- 20.4.44. Cpl Walton to Sauren for sac sac. Very heavy rain. W/O Britten to Task Force HQ re building proposals. Troops withdrawn from Didmop. Message sent to Sgt Clarke to close this station making provision for feeding of nearby local natives to be continued.
- 21.4.44. W/O Britten to Didmop to pick up Sgt Babbington and labourers. Sgt Babbington on patrol. Sgt Cronk to Masselia and Waka.
- 22.4.44. Cpl Walton established in camp on Omoi River with 80 natives to expedite delivery of building materials. W/O Ryall to Masselia to inspect re-building of villages.
- 23.4.44. Sunday. Day of rest for natives. Lieut G. White arrives, also Sgt Dawson with supplies from Finschaven.
- 24.4.44. W/O Britten to Omoi to inspect Cpl Walton's camp. OC inspects gardens of neighbouring villages. Further heavy rains indicate early approach of SE Season.
- 25.4.44. OC and Lieut White to T.F. HQ to prepare details of patrol east of Gasmata. Sgt Cronk indisposed with poisoned leg. Sgt Clark doing short patrol of nearby villages before closing station at Didmop.
- 26.4.44. W/O Ryall and Sgt Dawson depart for Finschaven. Sgt Cronk admitted to U.S. hospital.
- 27.4.44. W/O Britten to Omoi. Sgt Edwards with supplies from Finschaven
- 28.4.44. Sgt Babbington arrives from Didmop to take charge of a building line. Good accommodation for labour line now completed
- 29.4.44. Sgt Clarke arrives from Didmop. Lieut White departs for Moewe Harbour to await U.S. troops there and later proceed east.
- 30.4.44. Commanding General visits Kumbun and presents Loyal Service Medals. Sgt Cronk discharged from hospital but still confined to bed.

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REPORT

General: During The past six weeks the work of this detachment has relegated from an operational role to one of routine native administration with the variations implied by the moral and material effects on the native of the recent Japanese domination. The Task Force, as such, has served its purpose and the enemy has withdrawn beyond the scope of its operations. The nearest Japanese were last reported to be at Palmamal, and there is no large force nearer than Wide Bay.

With the cessation of combat patrols and diminishing necessity for intelligence patrols, our main direct service to the Task Force now becomes the procuring and supervision of native labour. We have accordingly been able to devote more attention to the many readjustments necessary in local native affairs, although our activities further afield i.e. in an easterly direction, have been limited to some extent by the restricted area of the Task Force's operations. In addition, for the greater part of the time, there has been only one officer available for field work. He, based at Moewe Harbour, with W/O Ryall and Sgt Babbington loaned by Native Labour section have covered the intervening area to Ablingi Harbour fairly thoroughly. W/O Amocre and W/O Saville have also visited Gasmata on three occasions. Lieut G.J. White departed from here on 29.4.44 to establish camp first at Lindenhaven, thence Awul and eventually reconnoitre the area east as far as the daylight bomb line permits.

Native Situation: The previous attitude of bewilderment and, in many cases, veiled defiance is being replaced by an earnest "eager to please" disposition no doubt inspired to some extent by the growing realization that the Japanese have really fled irrevocably and that the machine of proper administration is at hand and ready to function as of yore.

In considering the stories of natives from many areas and summaries of the native attitude by our patrolling officers, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the natives on the whole did not preserve any great degree of loyalty to their former masters. There is ample evidence to show, particularly in the Passis Manua area, that they cooperated with the Japanese pretty extensively, and no more under duress than during the Australian administration. There are not many acts of positive disloyalty, but some instances of them betraying the presence of our troops, and supplying, carrying, labouring and the like were done universally.

In the early days of the occupation the Japanese had some success in gaining the confidence of the natives. In this they were no doubt helped by a certain confusion of the native mind from which an exhilaration in their new found experience of unrestrained freedom and a mild curiosity to sample the novelty of the new regime, emerged strongest.

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Apart from one Malay half-caste at Gasmata, the Japanese used no trained recruiters or intermediaries, they knew no pidgin, and excepting lava lavas and a few articles of clothing, used no trade. Later, when the novelty wore off and the natives came to resent the little or no pay for labour, intimidatory methods were used and also a favoured few natives to coerce the others.

I have not yet been able to fully reconcile the extensive native cooperation with the enemy with the facts that the Japs did ravage their gardens and made negligible payments for work done. Intimidation is not a complete explanation, as natives in some parts found security in the hills and made gardens there.

Recrimination is rife amongst the natives, many obviously ^{fear} reprisals by us, and generally the conviction is complete that the episode of Japanese domination was an illusion; they are resigned to the return to reality and resumption of our regime and will no doubt have a better appreciation of it.

Native
Food

Investigations by W/O Saville have shown that the native food situation in the Gasmata area is not good. Adequate rations for a month have been sent to Moewe Harbour; these will be renewed and the natives supplied from his store there. Stores will shortly be delivered at Gasmata as the need there becomes better known to him. He reports that the villages and gardens between Moewe Harbour and Gasmata are in great disorder, the natives only recently coming back from the hill now they have been assured there is to be no fighting.

The causes of food shortages amongst the natives are:-

- (1). Voluntary evacuation by some natives from garden areas to avoid the Japanese and consequent partial destruction of food by wild pigs, birds etc.
- (2). Evacuation to refugee camps since our arrival, with similar production losses.
- (3). Spoilation by Japanese.
- (4). Evacuation to avoid strafing and bombing.
- (5). Supply of native-needed foods to the enemy.

In the area from the Itne River to the Andru River (east of Moewe Harbour) all of these causes have now been obviated, and there is no village that does not have the process of food production under weigh, though the most advanced crops will not be harvested for another three months. The population of eight villages near Arawe and of four around Didmop which was an extensive bivouac and staging area of the enemy, are receiving full rations. The limited amount of native food available to some others is being supplemented by part rations. A fairly accurate census of most of these villages had been made before the instruction to postpone same was received, and an equitable distribution is being made.

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Including the villages to Ablingi Harbour, we are now distributing 600 complete rations and 1000 part rations. As the needs of many local villages are becoming less and the food diverted towards Moewe Harbour villages, these issues have entailed no change in our present drawing rate. Recent large shipments of rations to this station should also enable us to take care of the food shortage indicated by W/O Saville in the vicinity of Gasmata for at least a month.

Native
Labour:-

The total number of natives who have been indentured since our arrival here is 463. Repatriation of mainland natives and action being taken to make more natives available for rehabilitation work in the villages will shortly reduce this number to circa 326. Task Force H.Q. have building plans and other work which will require that this total be made up to 500. As W/O Saville reports that conditions in the Moewe Harbour-Gasmata areas are unsettled and the people only gradually being brought together again, he has been instructed to obtain up to 200 recruits, but over a wide area and working on a percentage basis of much lower than 33% where necessary. These recruits cannot be obtained quickly.

The native labour camp at Didmop was closed during the month, and 80 of the natives employed there are now established on the Omoi River in charge of Cpl. Walton, cutting and preparing sac sac and timber. The L.C.M. allocated to us makes daily trips there to haul the materials.

W/O Britten as A.D.N.L. now has the native labour section working very smoothly, and has effected big improvements in the housing, sanitary and water supply facilities. This has necessitated a diversion of 100 natives from Task Force labour activities, and the appointments in the section are now almost adequate. Improved housing conditions have also been provided for the European personnel; all the station buildings with the exception of the OIC's office (part iron roof) and one large store which has a tarpaulin roof, are of native materials.

Heavy rain on many days during the month has impeded outdoor work though we are working to insure that all natives have adequate shelter during the approaching rainy season.

Stores
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EQUIPMENT

Recent shipments of native rations here have made the food position very satisfactory and we have sufficient to cope with whatever contingencies may arise in the Gasmata area for at least a month. Detailed reports of the supply situation are forwarded fortnightly by S/Sgt Knowles to your HQ.

The provision of conductors to accompany the cargo here is an excellent arrangement. In our case it has reduced the handling of the entire cargo to a third of that previously required.

R.P.C. equipment was received on 18.4.44 and the police have been outfitted completely except for leather and metal polish issues. Efforts have been made to obtain same locally, without success.

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Rehabilitation With the exception of the three villages from Pilelo Island, all natives have now been returned to their proper villages. There are extensive army installations on Pilelo, and the natives from there were shifted early to Awang Is where they have made very good progress with the new gardens.

UMTINGALU village was the last to leave Kumbun Is three weeks ago. They have been settled at a point a mile east of their former village site to conform with a new U.S. Army malarial control regulation. This village, together with KUMBUN, MESSELLIA, LUPIN, WAKA and DIDMOP will require assistance for a much longer period than the others.

It has been arranged that indentured labour cut and prepare approximately 80% of the native building materials required until village natives are in a position to devote some time to it.

Health.

European:- NGX278 W/OII Amooore, R.H. suffering a form of dermatitis was admitted to hospital on 27.3.44. and evacuated on 28.3.44. to U.S. 54th Evac. Hospital.

QX11928 Cpl Walton, R.W. became ill on 24.3.44. and was operated on for appendicitis on 28.3.44. He was discharged from hospital on 5.4.44 and resumed light duties on 9.4.44.

N437084 Sgt Cronk, E.A. was admitted to U.S. Hospital on 26.4.44. with a badly poisoned leg. He was discharged on 30.4.44. still convalescent.

Native:- There have been no serious illnesses amongst the natives, and the average daily attendance for sick parade has been 6% of the indentured labourers.

Sgt Cronk was fortunate in securing a large supply of expendable medical goods from an outgoing U.S. medical unit and he is putting them to good use amongst the village natives. His medical patrols during the past six weeks have included two visits to Didmop, one of several days to Moewe Harbour and a patrol from there to Didmop of five days, besides numerous visits to the villages accessible by road east of Amulet Plantation.

He has seven native medical orderlies assisting him.

Patrols and Outposts

On 26.3.44. W/O Saville relieved W/O Amooore who had been in charge of the post at Moewe Harbour. He has transferred the camp to a very suitable site on Bugi Island. In the past six weeks W/O Saville has visited most of the coastal villages extending from the Angoring River to Ablingi Is and has made two trips to Gasmata. He has the native situation there well in hand. This station has radio communication with him as long as U.S. troops remain in the vicinity, and he regularly sends in informal reports. In this report I have referred to pertinent matters reported by him and will attach his report on the fate of J.J. Murphy and an account of the disposal of

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the disposal of the Gasmata Sub-District Office cash. I will hold the amount of 111.12.0. pending an instruction from your Hq. W/O Saville reports it is probable that more will be recovered.

W/O Saville is at present endeavouring to obtain signed statements as requested by you of witnesses to the deaths of Messrs Levien and Naess. X

W/O Ryall was patrolling in the area east and north east of Didmop to AYUMETE from 18.3.44. to 10.4.44. He assisted U.S. troops to destroy Japanese stragglers, ascertained native food conditions, recruited 40 natives and was picked up after his last patrol at the Anu River. The villages, except those in the vicinity of the Jap overland route through Lamogai to the north coast, were almost unaffected by war conditions. He came across one group of natives, the "Kowlongs", near the headwaters of the Anu and Amgoring Rivers who are virtually uncontrolled, still warlike, and to whom the Jap occupation and recent fighting has been very much a side issue.

Sgt Babbington. Based at the native labour camp at Didmop, Sgt Babbington did many short patrols to neighbouring villages to inspect the native gardens and arrange for food distribution. Besides these inland villages, he visited all the coastal people as far as Amgoring.

Lieut G.J. White departed this station on 29.4.44 on a reconnaissance patrol to Lindenhaven and points east at his discretion. Calling at Gasmata and Lindenhaven to establish necessary contacts, Lt White will establish a base camp at Awul and later proceed east as far as he can with security and without overstraining his lines of supply and communication with the U.S. troops supporting him who will be based at Lindenhaven.

This patrol is extra-operational as far as the Commanding General here is concerned though a lengthy patrol far to the east would scarcely be possible without his cooperation. It is probable that his unit may be withdrawn shortly so it will be seen that the need for providing this detachment with suitable independent water transport is very real and very urgent. A copy of the directions to U.S. troops concerning this patrol is attached.

Lectures It was found necessary owing to shortage of staff to discontinue the series of lectures delivered in successive weeks by W/O Amore, W/O Saville and Lt Slattery.

Medal Presentation On 30.4.44 the Commanding General graciously visited this island and presented Loyal Service Medals to two natives. A report of the proceedings is enclosed.

C. W. Slattery
(C.W. Slattery) Lieut.
OIC Detachment.

Addendum

A small party of Japanese have been reported at Awul. Lieut White has been advised of the fact and also to coordinate his movements with another A.I.B. patrol (combat) which has recently gone to the area.

This is a good picture.
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Lt. R.G. White
(ANGAU)

HEADQUARTERS
U. S. FORCES, APO 323

23 April 1944

SUBJECT: Extension of Eastward Reconnaissance.

TO : Commanding Officer, 112th Cavalry.

1. a. According to information believed reliable, there are no organized enemy troops West of BAIEN along the South Coast of NEW BRITAIN.
- b. An A.I.B. patrol has been operating in the vicinity of PALMALMAL.
2. Commanding Officer, 112th Cavalry will support distant Eastward reconnaissance by an ANGAU patrol consisting of Lt. E. J. White and approximately twenty natives by:
 - a. Establishing a base in the GASMATA-LINDENHAFEN AREA for further Eastward patrolling.
 - b. Locating and establishing contact with any enemy forces along the South Coast of NEW BRITAIN West of CAPE DAMPIER.
 - c. Providing communication from AWU to ARAWE for ANGAU patrol which will continue Eastward on reconnaissance.
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 - b. Cavalry patrol will arrive GASMATA-LINDENHAFEN AREA, via MOEWE HARBOR, on the evening of April 30th. ANGAU patrol will accompany Cavalry patrol from MOEWE HARBOR. Troops of this force will not proceed eastward of AWU (West of CAPE DAMPIER).
4. Rations for fifteen days will be carried. Two additional LCMs are assigned to the Commanding Officer, 112th Cavalry until the accomplishment of this mission. ANGAU personnel will supply their own rations and equipment.
5. Radio communication will be maintained with the patrol base in the GASMATA-LINDENHAFEN AREA and with Eastward Patrols.

By command of Brigadier General CUNNINGHAM:

Albert W. Gibson
ALBERT W. GIBSON
Major Infantry
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Special Report

Station: Arame

District: New Britain

Subject: Enemy & native activities
- Gasmata - Arame area

Officer: WO II W. A. J. Saville

Date: 24 Apr 44.

ANCAU Detachment,
A.P.O. 323,
24.4.44.

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ADDS,
HQ Northern Region,
ANCAU,
Finschaven.

DS 29/3/1

Intelligence Report - W/O Saville, W.

Attached is a copy of an intelligence report by W/O Saville. The report which is of a very general nature was made verbally to the C.G. Task Force when W/O Saville recently had occasion to visit this Hq. It is not intended to be a complete commentary on native activities in the area. More detailed information is being gathered with a view to retribution for native criminals and for guidance in the matter of the removal of the influence on the native mind of Japanese domination.

The two Europeans referred to in the para "Civilians" are known to have been Messrs Levien and Naess.

There is no indication of the enemy having attempted to organise a native partisan force. The weapons which the natives have were acquired when the Japs abandoned them in large numbers before leaving Gasmata. W/O Saville is of course taking steps to have them collected.

As the immediate vicinity of Gasmata is beset with booby traps and there has been no occupation of the area by our troops, he has been instructed not to approach it closely. We are at present organising a patrol by Lieut White to areas east of Gasmata.

C. Slattery
(C.W. Slattery) Lieut.
OIC Detachment.

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*Five Chinese men, three Chinese women, nine Chinese children, residents of the Gasmata area, were lined up in single file close to the water's edge at Gasmata. A Japanese platoon led by an officer stood in front of them, the officer giving the orders, and shot the men one by one. The adults were shot first, the women next, with the exception of one young female. A large stake was driven into her womb and out the rectum. Two Japanese soldiers heaved upwards on this, causing her stomach to split. She was then thrown into the water. Some of the children were shot. The smaller ones, those approximately one to two years of age, were held up by the head and their legs and arms were broken with short sticks. Their heads were beaten in and they were then thrown into the water." *

AMERICAN AIR MEN

"In a period of approximately two years numerous planes were either shot or forced down in the vicinity of Gasmata. Numbers are not known, except from native talk classed as "plenty." All of these air men, or those who remained alive, on being caught were immediately executed. The Japanese, on condemning a man to execution, make him stand in the early hours of the morning awaiting the sunrise. When the sun leaves the horizon and the eyes lift towards it the neck becomes slightly stretched. It is then that the sword is swung. Sometimes these men are forced to dig their own grave before execution. If the execution is carried out close to the beach the bodies are just pushed into the water."

"In one instance quite recently a twin-engined plane was forced down close to the beach. Three of the crew managed to escape and eventually reached shore. They went into the bush, traveling for approximately half a day. Here they came across a small garden and a young man working in it. By means of signs and his knowledge of Pidgin English an American managed to convey to the boy that he did not want him to tell the Japanese that they were there. The boy promised to keep quiet. The boy then built a shelter and for some days kept them supplied with food. Owing to the increased Allied air activity at Gasmata the Japanese were forced further into the bush. The boy on seeing this explained to the airmen that they had better move. He gave them a supply of food and told them to keep moving in a northerly direction. Up to this time the boy had not even told his own people, not even his mother or father, of the whereabouts of the air men. The air men, after traveling two or three days, were found by a number of natives who informed the Japanese of their whereabouts. The Japanese collected them and they were taken to Gasmata and met the fate of the sword."

X MISSIONARIES

"Numerous missionaries on New Britain, some who refused to leave their posts, others who had to stay through force of circumstances, were executed by the Japanese for no other reason than they might pass on information when the Japanese departed."

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Missionary from Awul, a missionary from Moewe Harbor, citing definite cases, had their heads cut off at the respective places as listed above. A missionary from Wulangwu apparently had either information valuable to the Japanese or was pro-Japanese because of the fact that he was brought to Gasmata from his mission and then taken away on a warship to places unknown.

Evidence is not complete on other missionaries meeting the fate of execution." x

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CIVILIANS

Estimated
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"Two plantation men from Myong were taken to Gasmata and tried by the Japanese. I am at a loss to explain what they were tried for. They were then sent back to the plantation and ordered by the Japanese to recruit boys and plant food such as Kau-Kau, Taro and bananas. These were sent into the Japanese weekly in large quantity, and for which they received paper money, quantities of rice and cigarettes."

"It was not until about nine months ago that the Japanese again sent for these two men to present themselves to the head Japanese officer, which they did. Here they were taken and placed in confinement in a stockade of barbed wire. They remained in the stockade for one day. The next morning they were taken to the vicinity of the air field where they dug their own graves and were shot. It is to be noted here that these men lived for approximately 18 months under Japanese control. My conclusions drawn from this are:

- (a) Owing to the increased air activity things generally became uncomfortable for the Japanese. They might have had in mind that they would have to withdraw from this area and did not want to shoulder the responsibility of taking the plantation men with them.
- (b) That this increased air activity might be the prelude to an Allied invasion; that these men might escape and convey information to the Allies." x

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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"The three government officials who were at Gasmata when the Japanese first arrived went into the bush. One of them, the police master, told the natives he had a wireless set with him which he set up and remained in contact with Port Moresby. These three men and their hiding places were betrayed by the natives, who led the Japanese to them. The Japanese then tied them up and dragged them from their hiding place to Gasmata. The Kiap, while being dragged, managed to smile and talk to a native by the name of Watoka, a police boy stationed at Gasmata. He told him to think of everything and not to fear because the other masters, perhaps in a year and a half, would come back and settle it all. The fate of these three men is not definitely known." x

NATIVES

"Natives were generally used by the Japanese for road work, gun positions, work on the air strip, building houses, slit trenches and supplying food. According to the natives the treatment and payment for their labor and foods was fair with the exception of some isolated cases where patrols not under the command of an officer shot pigs and fowl."

"Peter, a half caste of Gasmata, was used by the Japanese for all native matters, particularly appertaining to those of labor. When a job was proposed, he was consulted and labor then was evenly distributed among all natives in this area. Even now the majority of the natives in this area are fully clothed with Japanese clothing, even to the last detail of shoes and stockings. Natives throughout this area are well supplied with Japanese rifles and ammunition which they seem to be firing promiscuously from daylight to dark. Other Japanese equipment which was abandoned at Gasmata such as wire, small pieces of wireless sets, gun sights, blankets, and numerous other articles which the natives picked up are retained, for no apparent reason. The food left behind by the Japanese, consisting chiefly of rice and meat, was given by the Japanese to the natives. Some of it was abandoned and thrown into the sea."

"The Paramount Luluai, Karing of Gasmata, was put out of office by the Japanese. They at first contemplated killing him because he was placed in the position by the English. They then made Loliwong of Abiyain the man in charge."

"The natives in this area say there are still quite a number of Japanese collapsible boats and two small launches in the vicinity and slightly beyond Gasmata. There is also talk of two late arrivals from Rabaul. The talk is that they are in the bush behind Klagen. Again, according to the talk, these boys left the Rabaul vicinity approximately three months ago."

P T BOATS

"According to the natives these boats are feared at night by the Japanese equally as much as a flight of bombers. The native reaction to them, particularly those who have seen them at close range, is one of awe. One P T Boat which was smashed and broken in two in the vicinity of Gasmata was immediately, on the coming of daylight, thoroughly investigated by the Japanese. Papers were seen to be taken from it in a sodden condition. Other equipment was removed from the wreckage. No definite news is known of the bodies which floated clear of it."

"The natives report very heavy casualties among the Japanese by our bombers in the last six months. The natives said the Japanese method of disposing of the dead bodies was to dig a large pit, line it with dry logs, pour benzine in it, place the bodies in the

pit, add more benzine and logs and then set fire to the pile."

"Accurate bombing was described by the natives when the Americans destroyed a large cave and several smaller ones in the vicinity of Ring Ring plantation that had been used as air raid shelters. Numerous hits were also reported on stores, gun positions and the like, particularly on the gun positions."

"The natives reported the health of the Japanese at Gasmata was very good and excellent medical care was afforded by the presence of good doctors and facilities to take care of the men. The morale of the Japanese was poor prior to the evacuation of Gasmata. This was due entirely to the bombing and not the presence of our troops at Arawe or Cape Gloucester."

"The natives seem to be mystified as to why the occupation of Gasmata by the Allies does not take place. I told them we do not want it, but offered no other explanation, thinking that I might jeopardize further Allied movements."

W O William Anthony Saville

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HQ Islands Region
ANGAU PINSCHAFEN

5 Aug 44.

HQ ANGAU (DS)

SPECIAL REPORT - ENEMY & NATIVE ACTIVITIES
GASMATA SUB-DISTRICT BY WOII W.A.J. SAVILLE.

Forwarded herewith is copy of special Report on enemy and native activities in the Gasmata Sub-District by WOII W.A.J. Saville, together with comments by OIC Arawa dated 24 Apr 44.

2. This report was received from HQ Northern Region and, as action taken was not indicated, same is forwarded for information.

R. J. Carlow

Major
Wor Comd
Islands Region.

DS 31/1/6

DO NEW BRITAIN

Copy herewith for information.

R. J. Carlow

Major
ADDS & NA.

5 Aug 44.

*Copy of this report filed on
DS 14/13/5*



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

DS 2/2
Sub-District Of Gasmata
RABAU DISTRICT

8th February 1946

D.C.
RABAU

REMAINS - AVAREN Island

1. Ref HQ ANGAU 31/13/12 of 21/12/45 and your minute thereto DS 26/5 of 29/12/45.
2. A Thorough search of the relevant files at this office fail to reveal any information regarding the remains referred to above.
3. On questioning the Tul Tul of Avaren it was ascertained that the remains of a body, washed ashore on Avaren Is. during the Japanese Occupation, were given to Capt Boyan whilst he was A.D.C. of this area.
4. The only remains held at this Sub-District are those kept as evidence in projected Court Cases (Ref our DS 2/2 of 25.9.45 to D.C.) Consequently it is assumed that they have been forwarded to W.G.S. (probably at Jacquinot Bay).
5. Contact with W.G.S. Rabaul (ex Jac Bay) is suggested as a possible means of determining the above presumption.

(Sgd) C. CAVALIERI Lieut.
C i/c GASMATA

HQ ANGAU (DS)

Forwarded.

Maj
District Officer
ANGAU RABAU
13th April 1946

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DS 26/5

DS 31/12/45
HQ War Graves Gb.
8 MD Rabaul

Ref your GR 3967/465/45 of 29/3/46
Inf. received from Do NB.
is forwarded, please
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31/13/12
EC/DH
DISTRICT SERVICES
In reply please quote : GR 3500/465/45
20 Dec 1945
ANGAU
Subject

DS 648
18 DEC 1945
ANGAU

HQ First Army (AIF),
17 Dec 45

SUBMARINE OR P.T. BOAT LOST OFF GASMATA

HQ ANGAU

Ref HQ ANGAU RABAU District DS 26/5 of 5 Sep 45.

- 1. Attached please find copy of a letter received via 18 Aust WG Unit which is self-explanatory.
2. As no further information has come to hand and the box of remains is not in possession of DADWGS it is requested that enquiries be made as to the present whereabouts of the box and contents.
3. Any relevant facts known to ANGAU would be appreciated by this HQ.

cc'd 20/12

R.A. Houghton
Major,
(R.A. HOUGHTON)
DADWGS FIRST ARMY (AIF).

COPY

14/2/12
Sub District of Gasmata,
RABAU District.
31 Jul 45.

DC. RABAU

Submarine or P.T. Boat lost off Gasmata.

At AVAREN Island near GASMATA are some remains in a case the existence of which do not appear to have been reported previously. These remains were found on the Island by S/M SINGERAU and were put in a case at his instructions.

2. According to native reports these remains drifted ashore three days after what they call a submarine was shot at by Japanese coastal guns after the re-occupation of ARAWÉ and was seen in two pieces next day. One piece drifted on to the reef near AVAREN Island where it was inspected by JAPANESE and later dropped into deeper water, the other half drifted ashore near KIWAK village (LINDENHAFEN) and is still there. This vessel is probably the same as that mentioned by Lieut Saville in a Report forwarded to HQ Northern Region by ADO ARAWÉ with covering memo dated 24.4.44. Lieut. Saville speaks of a P.T. Boat.

3. It is suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of US Navy for direction re disposal of remains.

Sgd. R.H. Boyan, Capt.,
ADO GASMATA.

DS 26/5
HQ ANGAU
RABAU District,
JACQUINOT BAY.

5 Sep 45.

Capt Lingard,
War Graves Commission,
Jacquinot Bay.

Fwd for your infm.

2. ADO GASMATA has been asked to fwd copy of Report by Lieut Saville (mentioned in para 2). When this is received a copy will be sent to you.

(Sgd) Major,
D.O. Rabaul Dist.

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Special Report

District

New Britain

Station

Arawe

Subject

General Report and
Activities - Arawe

Officer

Lt. C. W. Slattery

Date

1-15 May 44.

24/1/51
ANGAU Detachment,
A.P.O. 323,
15.5.44.

HQ., Northern Region,
ANGAU,
Finschaven.

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Monthly Report

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Interim Report from DO New Britain

Month: May 44

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Date... JUN 1974

ANGAU Detachment,
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*Request submitted
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See his personal
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HQ ANGAU
New Britain District
Cape Gloucester
15 May 44.

ADDS - ANGAU
HQ Northern Region
FINSCHHAFEN.

DISTRICT REPORT (Interim)

Since my arrival at Cape Gloucester I have been unable to obtain transport to Talasea, although it is expected daily. Operations at Cape Hoskins and Eleonora Bay have tied up air transport and will continue to do so.

No communication of any kind exists between Cape Gloucester and Arawe. I will return to Finschhafen in order to reach Arawe and Gasmata when I have completed my visit to Talasea and possibly Megigi.

Already it is apparent that coordinated Administration of New Britain cannot be efficiently organised without water transport, and it is requested that every endeavour be made to have this expedited.

Captain Chambers will continue his direct reports to you until a District HQ is properly functioning. At present buildings are under construction.

A requisition for early supply of office material is attached hereto. One typewriter can be made do for both District HQ and Capt. Chambers staff (DS). Forms, paper, pencils etc., are an immediate necessity. Small quantities have been surreptitiously obtained from American sources, but I do not anticipate that such conditions will continue to exist indefinitely, and it is time our supply channels were functioning.

May the copies of the circular instructions covering reports and office organisation (discussed at a conference with Lt Col McMullen prior to the arrival of Brig. Gen. Cleland) be made available for District HQ please. It would be appreciated as a clarification of the present system of independent N. Labour Reports leaving this District needs attention. I understand that all service reports are appendices to the report of the DO to Regional Commanders.

If not, please correct me in this regard. No DADNL has arrived here to relieve Lieut J. D. Reid. It is presumed that WO Worden is meant to function in this regard, but as the whole District covers Arawe and Cape Gloucester it may be necessary to obtain an officer from ADNL to organize the whole District Native Labour.

Information from Rabaul escapees supports my preconception of numbers of New Guinea natives undergoing hardship in their endeavour to exist on the Gazelle Penin. and their escape (Referring to 10 Manus natives now gone forward to Finschhafen) indicates that a general exodus could be arranged without undue difficulty.

May my requests for assistance regarding office requisits, transport etc be given priority please. It is anticipated that two more patrol officers will be required for work between Open Bay, Wide Bay, Jaquinot Bay and Talasea, together with additional two N.L. Overseers for Cape Hoskins.

A. A. Roberts Major.

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District Services,
HQ ISLANDS REGION
ANGAU
FINSCHAAFEN.
9 Jun 44.

OIC Detachment,
ANGAU
APO 323

Report to 15 May 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of report covering period 1.5.44 to 15.5.44.

2. Please forward surplus copies of maps supplied by US Engineers, as none are held at this HQ.
3. A full report on Lieut White's patrol is awaited with interest.
4. Please advise dates of despatch of natives due for repatriation.

ADLS&NA
Maj.
ADLS&NA.

*Copy of this report has been
forwarded to HQ Angau -
vide memo 05/2 of 22 June 44.*

DS 31/1/8
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SPECIAL REPORT

Station :: AWUL (ARAWE)

District :: New Britain

Subject :: Establishing Base at Awul
(Montagu Hbr area)

Officer :: Lieut G. White

Date :: 30 Apr - 6 June 44

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ANGAU Detachment,
A.P.O. 323,
18.6.44.

HQ Islands Region,
ANGAU,
Finschaven.

Report by Lieut G.J. White, P.O.

The accompanying report is an outline of Lieut White's recent activities in the Montague Harbour vicinity.

This officer has been doing an excellent job under difficult conditions, chiefly the inability of U.S. troops to accompany him on eastward patrols and consequent poor communication and means of supply.

Lieut^{White} is at present at AWUL where he has established a base camp. U.S. troops are not permitted to proceed further east than REMGAINI where there is a company stationed.

A message has been received this morning to the effect that an A.I.B. patrol has contacted White near Awul where they are hunting small numbers of the enemy known to be in the area.

Until a change in the military situation develops, Lieut White has been advised to remain at Awul and devote his attention to restoring confidence amongst the natives many of whom appear to be "not very helpful". This antagonism on the part of certain natives is not a new feature in these parts and has been encountered progressively from Arawe to White's present position.

The enemy supporters mentioned are being held at this station pending detailed written statements on their activities from Lieut White.

C. W. Slattery
(C.W. Slattery) Lieut.
OIC Detachment.

Copy of report enclosed for forwarding to D.O. New Britain please.

Report period 30 April to 6 June 1944

ANGAU PARTY ACTIVITIES

Party comprising ANGAU P/O with police, U.S. Troops and three barges moved off with the intention of establishing a base at AWUL from which ANGAU party could move east.

KARING, Paramount Luluai of GASMATA, and about 70 natives were addressed near air-strip. The prime object of ANGAU explained and a request for full support. Fourteen, of army volunteers were chosen to accompany party as guides, "friendly contact men", and Police assistants

ANGAU party landed at LINDENHAFEN followed by U.S. Troops. Large quantities of ammo. were shipped to ARAWE. Jap defense positions in good repair as were their ordnance stores.

We decided to use LULAKEVE AS temporary base. House KIAP built. The natives were encouraged to move back to the coast. Rumour of enemy force at AMIO. Reversal of instructions to U.S. Forces prevent further U.S. eastward movement.

ANGAU party moved to ATUI and then by road to KAS KAS. Signs of enemy patrols at AWANI RIVER.

Luluai PUL PUL of KAS KAS met party at village outskirts and provided shelter. He also supplied satisfactory information about enemy at AMIO. Party staged an attack and enemy withdrew in the direction of AWUL together with three native sympathisers. No casualties.

Papers, complete radio etc. forwarded to U.S. H.Q.. New instructions allow barges to operate AMIO area, and troops as far east as TAVALO.

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⊗ Natives of the area who had abandoned coastal villages contacted, and assisted to resume pre-war existence. All staunch Jap assistants and sentries sent to KUMBUN. Enemy signal flags and paraphernalia collected and destroyed. Chief enemy supporter and informer SELE returned from AWUL. His rifle confiscated and he shipped to KUMBUN. Two AMIO natives remain with enemy at AWUL.

Decent quarters built and order restored. Natives grateful and helpful., as witnessed by their prompt information when five Japs appeared from inland. Police accounted for four of them and U.S. Troops got one.

Road patrols inland and along coast.

⊗ Contact with TAVALO people broken when Jap M.G. opened up on party at TAVALO. Information laid against native of TAVALO who has whole TAVALO-AWUL peoples under his domination. He has threatened to kill any of my assistants who come into the area and advised enemy of our presence at TAVALO.

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Attempts to contact natives of TAVALO fail.

Recce of AWUL area by ANGAU party. Several natives contacted but all too scared to be of any use.

Contact with enemy patrol behind AWUL after Jap M.G. had opened up. Two natives leading Japs killed. Further patrol contact at night and returned to base.

Landing at AWUL unopposed. Some friendly relationship established with few natives. Most natives including all Chief men avoid us. Further contacts made but no information of any reliability.

REPORT(contd.)

U.S. Patrol to MASSAU and ANGAU patrol to TUI uneventful.
U.S. and ANGAU parties scour POLPOLO area for Jap camp
in spite of native assurances that all have fled. Composite party
contact enemy and after stiff resistance the Japs evacuated.
several enemy wounded probably three mortally. All stores des-
troyed. Ambush laid on MEINGI ISLAND road. No fly for spider.

U.S. Troops return AMIO.

Patrols to RAULILI, KORATUL.

Natives of all AWUL, RUAKANA, BULBULLO and hamlets now
returned to fold. Establishing friendly relationships throughout.
Decent quarters for Patrol Officer and police almost completed.
Morale of ANGAU party excellent. Police and assistants excellent.

Signed G. White Lieut.

AWUL
7 June 1944

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HQ ISLANDS REGION
ANGAU
FINSCHAFEN
4 July 44

HQ ANGAU (13)
DO ANGAU CAPE CLOUCESTER

Report by Lieut G. J. White

Ref the attached copy report submitted by Lieut White to 6 June 44.

2. It is intended to re-inforce Lieut White's patrol with WO11 Burke and additional members RPF. At an early date WO11 Burke will proceed overland from Talasea to Gasmata.
3. The patrol's presence in the Awul area should soon gain the confidence of the natives and any unfriendly attitude should disappear. Close liason with AIB parties will also be of assistance in apprehending enemy supporters and eliminating pro-Japanese influence.
4. If the US Forces are withdrawn from Rengani, Lt White's L of C will disappear. He may be forced to withdraw, as there are no other transport facilities available for forwarding his supplies.
5. Copies of the statements relating to the activities of those enemy supporters who are already apprehended will be forwarded on receipt at this HQ.

R. B. Jarlow
for Major
COMD. ISLANDS REGION

CIC ANGAU
ARAWA

With reference to your memo of 18 June 44, forwarding report on Lt White's activities in the Montague Harbour area.

R. B. Jarlow
Major
ADLS & NA.

31.13.25

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HQ ANGAU (DS).

Monthly Report - New Britain - Aug 44.

Attached hereto is copy of report by Major A.A. Roberts, DC, New Britain, dated 7 Sep 44.

2. Since submission of the report, D, has visited this HQ and the relevant matters have been fully discussed.
3. Station gardens : The requisition for corn for distribution to native villages has been passed to S & S Section. Vegetable seeds are not available.
4. Vessels and boats : The AS 15 "Cambewarra" has arrived at this HQ and will be despatched to DO New Britain within a few days. However, a much larger vessel capable of standing up to the heavy weather experienced for the greater part of the year around the New Britain coast line is urgently required.
5. Stores and Supplies : A supply of clothing has been received from Lae and is now awaiting transport to Cape Gloucester. All available printed forms have been supplied. Safe, Refrigerator, Lighting Plant, ~~and stores~~ are not available and cannot be supplied.
6. Sub Stations and Posts : The establishing of Posts at KALOLO and WALO will permit West and Central NAK-ANAI areas to be thoroughly patrolled. These were the areas, most effected by the Japanese occupation and need constant attention.
7. Communications : The extended areas of administration so far distant from District HQ necessitate the establishment of ANGAU signals more than ever.
8. Police and Prisons : All matters in the District are now most satisfactory.
9. Medical : Advice is still awaited from DADMS, Lae, as to when further Medical Assistants will be made available. Copy of report has been passed to DADMS.
9. Native Labour : DO has the situation well in hand, but the anticipated additional labour required in the near future will tax this District to the limit.

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10 General administration of the District is considered extremely good, but transport and signal communications are urgently needed. Further staff has been posted to the district and all sub-divisions are receiving as much attention as possible. Activities appear to be increasing and the DO is prepared for any eventualities. The report is full and gives a very clear picture of the progress being made under adverse conditions.

Alb Farlow

Major.
For Comd Islands Region.

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HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen.

26 Sep 44.

DO NEW BRITAIN.

Monthly Report - New Britain - Aug 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of above report by Major A.A. Roberts under date 7 Sep 44.

2. Station gardens : A requisition for corn seed for distribution to villages has been passed to S & S. Vegetable seeds are not available.

3. Vessels and Boats : The AS 15 "Cambewarra" has been allocated to your District and will proceed with stores on or about 27 Sep 44.

4. Stores and Supplies : This matter was discussed and adjusted on your recent visit to this HQ. It is advised that District S & S Section should submit "brought forward requisitions" to S & S this HQ for stores etc not supplied.

5. Communications : HQ ANGAU have been asked to advise when establishment of ANGAU Signals may be expected.

6. Medical : Advice is still awaited from DADMS, Lae, as to when further EMAs will be available for posting.

R. J. Farlow

Major.
ADDS & NA.

DS 29/1/4

Headquarters
New Britain District
ANGAU
Cape Gloucester

7 Sep 44

Headquarters
Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen.

MONTHLY REPORT - NEW BRITAIN
AUGUST 1944.

The following is a report of ANGAU activity in New Britain District, covering the month of August 1944. Office facilities have improved considerably during the month, with adequate supplies of stationery reaching this H.Q. With the additional typewriter brought to the District by C/Sgt Naylor, it has been possible to expedite replies to correspondence from various sources. This typewriter was despatched per safe hand of Sgt Firmstone of S & S to Talasea, when that N.C.O. departed this H.Q. on the 30th of the month. Office facilities at Talasea should, therefore, be sufficient for immediate needs.

2. In the order laid down by DS Instruction No.10, the report is hereby compiled for your information.

(a) Various members of staff moved to and from the District during the month, and these were detailed in full in the Monthly Staff Return forwarded on the first of the month.

Capt Bowman, ADO, arrived at the Cape Gloucester H.Q. from Talasea, and it is proposed that he visit local villages and Siassi, if transport is available, in the near future, to complete areas not fully administered in the past.

A Sing Sing was held at the H.Q. compound Sat.P.M. 12th, and was largely attended by American troops and nurses. Major General Rapp Brush, G.O.C. US Forces, was present. This enabled Americans, who are restricted from entering villages, to see something of native life. On the morning of Sunday, 13th August, Major Roberts and Capt Bowman met Major Farlow at Cape Gloucester airfield and conferred with him on District administration and general policy. Major Farlow continued on to Manus in the same plane that morning.

Two Australian Brigadiers visited the District Officer on Sunday 27 Aug 44, and discussed anticipated developments (military) on this island.

Major General Morris was scheduled to arrive at Cape Gloucester the A.M. of 31st August. A complete report on the unfortunate termination of the GOC's itinerary has been submitted.

Weather Conditions: August has been a month of wind and intermittent rain. The winds blowing from the South East have been of high velocity. As this is being written, heavy timber in the forest adjoining this H.Q. is being blown down. The wind is at low and medium altitudes; at approximately 13,000 feet the clouds are merely moving.

Station Gardens: This station has a vegetable garden and fresh supplies of various crops are occasionally available. Large quantities of french beans, tomato and lettuce seed could be used to advantage. If possible, a supply of five cwt. of maize seed for native distribution is requested.

Station Buildings:Cape Gloucester: (Including No.1 Labour Camp)

The building programme is progressing satisfactorily, although supplies of roofing material are not sufficient to meet demand. Supplementary to the list of completed buildings in last month's report is as follows.

At District H.Q. - the DADNL's quarters 20'x16' and Office 30'x18'. District Service Store 16'x12'.

The three large labour houses at H.Q. compound have been completed and are now occupied.

R.P.C. - the gaol was completed towards the end of the month. R.P.C. Office and Store is under construction.

Talasea:

The situation at Talasea is much the same as in last month's Report. Instructions of a confidential nature have been forwarded to ADO Talasea to cover immediate needs and prospective expansion.

Arawe: Separate reports have been submitted by ADO Gasmata to H.Q. Islands Region.

Vessels and Boats:

Once again, it is necessary to stress the requirements of this H.Q. for water transport. For effective administration of this coast line, it is imperative that a seagoing vessel (power driven), be supplied to ANGAU, Cape Gloucester. Failing this, a vessel could be made available to ANGAU by US Forces for essential communication services. The effectiveness of personal contact with field staff in their sphere of operation can well be appreciated by you.

It is an interesting and instructive experiment to black out the island of New Britain in the map of this District, leaving Siassi, Witu Group, Duke of York Islands, Arawe Island Chain, Watam Island, and Lolabau Island.

This gives an island populations, and intermediate distances between groups, which compare favourably with the whole Manus District. To this add the Island of New Britain with its 80,000 population and 800 odd miles of coast line, and an effective support for my request for water transport is apparent.

Paras 2,3 and 4 of the July report are again quoted in part:-

- (2) "Siassi is badly in need of a Medical patrol. Unea and Wita Islands require medical patrols when a Medical Assistant is available. Not one of these islands interests the American Forces from an operational viewpoint at the present time; resulting in complete isolation of the areas. The necessity for Administrative patrols in these areas cannot be over-stressed. A Patrol Officer, whose duty it is to cover these islands, may have to abandon such duty indefinitely."
- (3) "Arawe: This station is in a more favourable position than HQ Cape Gloucester, having one barge on stand-by for use of ANGAU alone. This is an essential service in order to maintain communications between the island station and New Britain mainland."
- (4) "Early provision of two boats for use in this District is urgently requested."

Stores and Supplies:

ANGAU in New Britain is dependent, almost entirely, on the United States Army, for stores and supplies. Native Nations are the only commodities supplied through Australian channels. In both instances, supply has been excellent. The recent necessity for native meat (66 cases) to be jettisoned created a problem which was however overcome when A.I.B. made replacement available. Advice has been received from S & S Finschhafen, that further supplies of native rations would be arriving at Cape Gloucester within a few days.

The supply of clothing for European members of ANGAU, to this Island, has so far been nil, and those personnel who have been here for any length of time, are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain present clothing in a presentable state. It would be appreciated if something could be done to forward supplies of shirts and trousers, underwear and towels as well as footwear, to this District at an early date. Several members of the staff have only one pair of wearable boots, while others have boots which require immediate replacement.

Numerous requisitions for the above items have been submitted, but supplies, to date, have not been forthcoming. The American forces would willingly satisfy our demands for clothing, if authority could be obtained from ANGAU H.Q. to wear it while Australian Army clothing is unobtainable.

Office Equipment: US Forces have supplied us with timber and nails. Tables and chairs have been constructed from this material by native carpenters. The situation here in this regard would have been impossible without American aid.

All types of printed forms (Native Labour Cas. Return, Notice of Desertion, Notice of Death), as used in a District Office (numbers of such are not known specifically), are required urgently. An office safe, requisition for which was submitted in May 44, has not been received, and as this office carries a considerable quantity of TNG coinage, it is necessary to keep it under lock and key.

Since the Remington typewriter was despatched to Talasea, we are reduced to one, which is on loan from the US Forces, and consequently the output of correspondence is limited. It is appreciated here that typewriters are not easily obtained. The extent of correspondence from this H.Q. is reaching proportions beyond the scope of office facilities. When US Forces leave the area, Talasea Sub-District Office will have our only typewriter.

Supplies of fresh meat and other perishable foodstuffs make it necessary for a refrigerator to be installed. It is known that other stations have been so equipped, and it would be appreciated if a machine could be forwarded here, please. Stoves and a lighting plant, if available, are also required.

Buildings to house stores are adequate, but will be improved upon as timber, at present frozen because of anticipated USAAF requirements, is made available. There are three commodious stores, constructed of native material, but they are floored with round timber decking. It is hoped to improve on this as sawn timber becomes available.

Talasea is in an equivalent position to that existing at District Headquarters. The S & S sergeant recently posted to Talasea was instructed to take all necessary stocks forward from this H.Q.

Land Transport:

A similar state of affairs for Cape Gloucester, Talasea and Arawe as in July Report. Two of the Jeeps on loan to this H.Q. are in Ordnance undergoing overhaul and repairs.

Sub-Station and Posts:

Two new posts have been established. (This information signalled to you on 28 Aug 44 and followed by memo of even date). One at WALO (Central New Britain Sheet 408930) the other at KALALO (Central New Britain Sheet 935986). Walo Post is in charge of Lieut White and Lieut Blake has command of Kalalo. The establishment of these posts has brought effective administration within reach of Nakanai areas as far as Biiala. We can expand further, if permitted.

Details of buildings erected on these Posts are as follows:-

WALO European Quarters 30'x18' and Cook House
Police Quarters 45'x20' and Mess (18'x12')
Store 45'x20'

All the buildings were constructed of native materials

KALALO Store 30'x15'
Police Quarters 30'x15' (A new building has been erected and includes mess hall - 45'x20')
European Quarters 30'x15'
Visitors Quarters 15'x10'

The above buildings are all of native materials.

Communications:

Receipt of official mail has been expedited from HQ Islands Region to this HQ since the inauguration of the Courier Service. The situation between Cape Gloucester and Arawe is not satisfactory, as no regular transportation plies between these centres.

Signal communication remains as before. Occasionally the service is satisfactory, but mainly it is just as expeditious to write a letter. Signals have been sent to this H.Q. relative to movement of personnel, and have arrived after the event has taken place. Similar conditions exist outside this District. It is repeated that, should wireless communication be made available to ANGAU stations in this District, the whole system would be speeded up as a result. Are such sets available for our use, please?

Developments in the near future indicate that radio contact, wither W.T. or C.W. is essential, if efficiency is to be attained.

Police and Prisons:

Particulars of RPC strength in this District, including additional personnel who arrived during the month, are forwarded. In brief they are:

Europeans	Warrant Officers	1
Natives, all ranks		161

The distribution is:-

WOL Hart at District HQ Cape Gloucester	
Natives Cape Gloucester	1 Sgt Major, 2 N.C.O's and 62 O.R's
Talasea	4 N.C.O's and 44 O.R's.
Arawe	2 N.C.O's and 40 O.R's
Iboki	6 O.R's (Includes 4 on patrol with WOLL Worden).

The strength of Police in this District is adequate for immediate needs.

Police and Prisons (Cont'd).Police Accommodation:

The following police accommodation is now available:-

- 4 Police Houses
- 1 Prison Stockade.

Buildings under construction:-

- 1 Office and Store combined.
- 1 Mess Hall and Cookhouse combined for police.

Warrant Officer Hart is quartered with the Senior Medical Assistant. This house is in close proximity to the Police Barracks.

Details of buildings to house Police, stores, etc., at Talasea and Arawe have been reported earlier. No additions have been mentioned by the ADO's in charge.

Advice was received from RPC, HQ Islands Region on 4 Aug 44, that WO Hart was to be transferred to Manus as soon as possible after a relief, WO Heckston, arrives at Gloucester. This warrant officer has not yet arrived to take over from WO Hart.

Since the arrival of Sgt Major Nikotami, the police have been receiving useful instruction in rifle drill and police routine and give a very creditable display on parade. Three buglers arrived from HQ., RPC, Islands Region.

Patrols:

Warrant Officer Worden left District HQ on the 14th August to carry out a patrol of Wariai, Kalial and Kombi Sub-Districts, thence to proceed to Talasea, where a report of his patrol was to be submitted to ADO Talasea and copies forwarded to this HQ. WO Worden's report is not yet to hand.

A Patrol Report received from Capt McLeod covering his July patrol to Witu Group is now at Cape Gloucester and goes forward together with comments by District Officer.

At WALO and KALALO, the position is not known at this HQ, pending receipt of Capt McLeod's sub-district report. It is anticipated that patrols in those areas have been restricted, as the month was chiefly devoted to construction of the respective Police Posts.

Medical:

Medical Staff within the District has been detailed in the monthly Staff Return.

Considering the number of Medical Assistants available, the work they are doing is excellent. The same co-operation as mentioned in July Report, is being maintained between the Senior Medical Assistant and US Hospital authorities.

The three native hospitals are at present maintained ~~of~~ under construction, *are* -

- (a) Cape Gloucester - Nearing completion. Two or three small buildings remain to be completed before the programme is finalised.
- (b) Arawe
- (c) Talasea - Under construction.

Medical (Cont'd).

Details of work being done in Cape Gloucester are conveyed in the report of the last week of August '44, as under:

Returns Week ending Sept End 1944.

	Indentured	Free Natives	Total
In hospital	28	170	198
Admitted during week	12	10	22
Discharged during week	20	44	64
Deaths during week	Nil	Nil	Nil
Remaining in Hospital	20	136	156

Talasea: Hospital Strength at close of month - 140

Arawe : No report to hand.

The effectiveness of the treatment being supplied to the natives is beyond doubt. It is heartening to note that treatment is voluntarily sought by ailing natives from outlying villages.

A detailed report from Talasea has not yet been received.

Several minor outbreaks of dysentery have occurred during the month within neighbouring village communities and Native Labour compounds. They have been effectively controlled by the S.M.A., who advises that stocks of Sulphaguanadine are -

On hand Cape Gloucester - 2500
Talasea - 3000

and further stocks now on order.

The importance of medical patrols is obvious, and with additional staff it would be possible to undertake this work and extend the field of activity. The majority of the natives at Witu Group and Unea Island require injections and while this treatment is denied them, the health of the natives remains deplorable. This is exemplified in Captain McLeod's patrol report covering his visit to those islands.

Medical Reports are submitted regularly by the Senior Medical Assistant, and copies should reach H.Q. Islands Region.

Native Officials and Councillors:

All available village officials were assembled at the end of the month to meet the C.O.C. ANGAU on the occasion of his proposed visit to Cape Gloucester. Unfortunately, this arrangement had to be cancelled, but much useful contact between village officials and District HQ was accomplished during the few days.

The officials came from Kalingi, Sahe and Wariai sub-districts. There are 72 native officials in the three sub-districts. During the month there were no new appointments to, or removals from, office.

Native Labour:

Report by the DADNL, Cape Gloucester, is attached hereto. It is a complete report of Native Labour activities in this District. Staff movements are detailed in full, and it is not proposed to make this a repetition of those statistics.

Native Labour strength at the close of the month was:

Cape Gloucester - 877
Talasea - 224

Native Labour (Cont'd).

Recruiting arrangements, as outlined in July Report, remain in force.

ADO Talasea has been instructed to extend recruiting activity to maximum capacity, in anticipation of future requirements. This will be covered by special correspondence of a "confidential" nature.

Health of labourers has, generally, been good, and only minor injuries had been sustained prior to the 19th July, when a bomb exploded (reported previously). Only one serious accident occurred during the period covered by this report, when a native was injured when a booby trap was set off. Enquiry into the precise cause of the native's injuries, which were not extensive, is incomplete at present.

Native Evacuees: Nil report.

Civilian Evacuees:

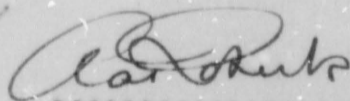
Larsen Kullert and wife, and Karl Hoerler, wife, and three children, together with one Javanese soldier, reached this HQ on 2 Sep 44. They are being interrogated on behalf of G.2 US Forces, and a further report may be anticipated in the near future.

General:

Conditions governing contact between ARAWA and Cape Gloucester have not improved. I am reluctant to put police runners on this work, as it is considered that proper means of communication can be made available without recourse to stone-age methods.

In general it is thought that Talasea, Cape Hoskin and San Remo will expand next month, involving large increases in native labourers and ANGAU personnel. This will be anticipated by me if facilities can be obtained locally. Extension of ANGAU interests on the South coast is also to be considered, and I shall endeavour to visit that area and Talasea.

It is also thought possible that Cape Gloucester may deteriorate in the near future. District Headquarters will continue here for the present, although it may be necessary for the D.O. to spend much of his time at Talasea and Arawa. I shall be prepared to move out if all contact with this station is cut off or by-passed by direct supply routes to Talasea, at a later date. Our position in this District is entirely dependent on Army supply routes, and the good-will of the G.O.C. of whatever force happens to be in occupation.



..... Major
District Officer, New Britain

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15 Aug 44

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ARAWE REPORT - PERIOD 1-15 JUN 44.

Forwarded herewith copy of report dated 16 Jan 44 by Capt C.W. Slattery, ADO Arawe.

2. Administration. The establishment of Sub-District HQ at Gasmata will depend largely on US troop movements in the area and, without their assistance, it is considered impracticable until such time as suitable watercraft are made available.

3. Native Affairs. Reports of rehabilitation and native attitude towards resumption of our administration are most encouraging.

4. Patrols. A Special Report by Lieut G.J. White covering Awul area, dated 22 Jun 44, was forwarded you under cover of this HQ memo DS 31/1/7 of 4 Aug 44. Reports from WO Saville to date have been unsatisfactory and ADO has been instructed to submit a full report of investigations.

Inter-tribal fighting has existed for years amongst the natives in the area of the headwaters of MARGAP River and only constant patrolling will curtail it.

5. Staff. Position in the Sub-District is now satisfactory.

6. Shipping. ADO has been instructed to impress the ex-Mission launch should repairs to the loaned engine prove successful. Later advice received stated that a Chevrolet or General Motors carburettor is required, and efforts are being made to obtain same.

Gen. Blauvelt Capt
for Major
Comd
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ANGAU Finschhafen

15 Aug 44

ADO ARAWA
(Copy to DO New Britain)

REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 - 15 JUN 44.

Receipt of above report dated 16 Jun 44 is acknowledged.

2. Administration. The transfer of Sub-District HQ from Arawa to Gasmata will depend largely on movements and requirements by US Forces. This matter should be taken up with DO New Britain and this HQ kept informed.
3. Native Affairs. Reports of rehabilitation and native attitude to resumption of our Administration are very encouraging.
4. Refugee Natives. You are required to include in your Monthly Report a paragraph dealing with natives supplied with rations - HQ ANGAU circular memo DS 1175/43-2397 of 13 Oct 43 refers.
5. Patrols. Further reports of Lieut G. White's activities have now been received.
Inter-tribal fighting has existed for years amongst the natives in the area of the headwaters of MARGAP River and only constant patrolling will curtail it.
6. Staff. All requests for additional staff should be made by separate memo. Reference to any such request may be made in your reports.
7. Shipping. When the ex-Mission launch is commissioned, impressment will be made in accordance with HQ ANGAU circular memo CA 222/43 of 13 Oct 43.

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B. Capt
for ADDS & NA
(AOD)

DO New Britain

Copy of above report is forwarded herewith for information.

15 Aug 44.

Percy Henderson
Capt
for ADDS & NA
(AOD)

ANGAU DETACHMENT
A.P.O. 323,
16.6.44.

HQ.,
Islands Region,
ANGAU,
Finschaven.

Fortnightly Report.

Covering Period from 1.6.44. to 15.6.44.

D I A R Y.

- 1.6.44 Cpl Walton moves sac-sac camp to site near Neriu River. Stead rain prevents work by native labourers. Lieut White visits Arawe from Remgaini and departs same day.
- 2.6.44. OIC returns from Finschaven. Major Roberts (D.O.) arrives ex Gloucester. OIC and W/O Saville to Amulet for discussion with incoming staff officers. Cpl Boyan J. reports here from Finsch. Advance echelon of new Task Force arrives.
- 3.6.44. Cpl Walton visits Station for medical treatment. Major Robert departs. W/O Saville working on native statements re court matters. Showers throughout day.
- 4.6.44. Day of rest for natives. W/O Saville continuing on investigations. 20 recruits obtained for N.G.I.B. Natives from VAKAN report considerable unrest there. 100 labour recruits arrive from Moewe Harbour.
- 5.6.44. W/O Saville returns to Moewe Harbour. Dispatched extra police and directions for P/O Roberts to patrol Lemogai area. W/O Marlay sent to Remgaini to assist Lieut White.
- 6.6.44. OIC and W/O Britten to Amulet re native labour details, 50 mainland natives arrive from Gasmata area for repatriation. Dispatched radio for ammunition required at Remgaini.
- 7.6.44. W/O Cronk to Adi River on medical patrol. Remainder of Task Force contingent moves in. U.S. medical officers inspect labour compounds and station site re malarial control.
- 8.6.44 Acquired ex-Mission launch and loaned engine which will require some repairs. W/O Britten reconnoitres nearby areas for further sac-sac supplies. X
- 9.6.44. OIC to Amulet. Evacuation of 112th Cavalry and most attached units completed today. Native Police, ammunition and stores dispatched to Lieut White.
- 10.6.44. Distributed remainder of stores to natives near Didmop and withdrew Police Post. OIC interviews C.G. re patrols, native labour and outposts.
- 11.6.44. Day of rest for natives. OIC to Pilele Island to review labour requirements there. Itne River village officials report here. Issued with caps.
- 12.6.44. Native rations arrive from Finsch. Guides to Adi River searching for lost outboard and crew. Message from Sgt Roberts on patrol at Giring.

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Diary (Cont).

- 13.6.44. Capt. Lyons arrives from Gloucester to recruit for N.G.I.B Mechanic making progress with restoration of launch engine Stores to Moewe Harbour.
- 14.6.44. Capt Lyons departs for Moewe Harbour and Gasmata, with natives for repatriation to Gasmata. R.P.C. Cpl NABURA and 20 carriers sent to take U.S. patrol to GIRING and join P/O Roberts who will guide them.
- 15.6.44. Radio re W/O Cronk to prepare for leave. Discussion with Capt. Miller of A.I.B., who arrived at Arawe today. S/Sgt Knowles supervising hauling of stores from Amulet.

Report.

General.

During the past fortnight the constitution of the Task Force occupancy here has been changed. The unit commanded by Brigadier-General Cunningham has moved out and has been replaced by a Command designated as the Arawe Force, commanded by Brigadier-General John T. Murray, which will operate under the command of the C.G., Backbender of Task Force, A.P.O. 320. We remain a Detachment of this Task Force.

The military situation here is unchanged. There has been no contact with the enemy apart from a minor action by Lt. White and native police in which three Japanese were dispatched with no casualties to our side. Gasmata continues to remain unoccupied by our troops, and there are companies of U.S. troops stationed at Moewe Harbour and Hengaini (near Montague Harbour). Reports indicate that there is no enemy in force nearer than points in Wide Bay.

Our duties of operational value to the Task Force may be said to have been completed, and it is expedient now that we establish a sizeable Native Administration Centre at Gasmata. Such a course is necessary for really effective control of the S-District, but it is precluded at present by lack of independent water transportation and our commitments (largely Native Labour requirements) to the U.S. force at Arawe.

Native Situation

From the ITNI RIVER to Montague Harbour every village, excepting a few disintegrated ones has now been visited by the patrol staff. The influence of Japanese domination is rapidly becoming less apparent in the areas to which we have been able to extend our influence, and its material effects have been offset by the natives' industry period. The work of rehabilitation and restoration of gardens is so near completion that it is anticipated that the supplementary rations issued to natives of this vicinity and to a portion of the Moewe Harbour population will be discontinued within one month.

The native attitude towards resumption of the former Administration regime is good, and our control is as effective in the areas patrolled or contacted as in pre-war days. Many inland villages have been visited which have apparently received very little attention during the past ten years. Particularly in the area at the head of the ARU and MAGAP RIVERS are the natives scattered and hardly amenable to authority. A recent patrol by

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Report (contd.)

P/O Roberts to the villages inland from Moewe Harbour indicates that there is a large population in the foothills of the Whiteman Range of which a census has never been taken. This applies also to an area in the mountains at the head waters of the ADI RIVER. The work of adjusting these matters cannot be undertaken while the exigencies of war service curtail the activities in purely native affairs of our limited field staff.

PATROLS and OUTPOSTS

REMGAINI Lt. White has established a base at REMGAINI from where he has made three short reconnaissance patrols east, on two occasions accompanied by a small party of Americans. He encountered five Japanese at the village of TABALO of whom three were killed and the remainder fled eastward. Lt. White now has a native police watching posts at AWUL. He requested a Patrol Officer to assist him in the work at REMGAINI, and W.O. Marlay loaned by the Native Labour section, has joined him there.

Surface communication with REMGAINI has been very irregular intervals. On this account, and because of his interrupted patrol activities Lt. White has been unable to furnish other than by radio a complete account of the native situation there. It is expected that this will be to hand by the end of this month

MOEWE HARBOUR

W.O. Saville's pre-occupation continues to be investigation of subversive activities by natives and enquiries re the fate of Europeans in the area during the Japanese occupation. He already has a large number of natives' statements committed to paper, and the work necessitates considerable journeying along the Gaswata coast under present adverse weather conditions. He reports that all the natives from the coastal villages have been induced to return after their disbandment during the fighting here. Within a month ration issues to the natives will no longer be necessary in this area.

P/O Roberts conducted a patrol of the MOEWE HARBOUR inland area from 12.5.44 to 24.5.44—his report covering it is attached. The investigation of the murders mentioned in the para "natives and housing" is proceeding, along with that of one committed at AW, Gaswata.

P/O Roberts is at present on patrol in the vicinity of the MARGAP RIVER head waters where in-amicable relations amongst the natives have been reported. A U.S. party which will patrol the area north to LAMAGAI and AUGITNI for possible Jap stragglers, is due to contact him to-day.

NATIVE LABOUR

The building requirements and intensified use of native labour by the new Task Force will necessitate some augmentation of the present strength. Lt. White has been instructed to obtain and forward 100 recruits from his area. This will take care of our present needs and offset the loss of about 60 natives which it is anticipated Capt. Lyons who is here recruiting for M.G.I.B. will take with him.

Most village officials that visit here and occasionally the labourers themselves request

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Report (cont).

that they be released from their contracts and sent home. This is not attributable to any discontent with their conditions of work, but to a natural desire for the freedom of village life, and a feeling of disparity with those who have been returned to their villages for rehabilitation purposes. It is also doubtless a logical consequence of the forced labour policy. However there is a surprisingly good disposition amongst the labourers in general.

STAFF.

The Allied Force at present garrisoning Arawe is almost twice as large as the preceding one. The building requirements are correspondingly greater, and the Commanding General intends to implement more exercise patrols with the use of native carriers and overseers of this unit. The present number of N.L.O's will not be adequate and W/O Britten has requested in his report which is appended that at least two more be sent here.

At both Meewe Harbour and Remgaini the District Services staff are and will be required to accompany U.S. patrols when possible. It is necessary that men be made available to devote their attention to entirely native matters, and to this end it is requested that two P/O's or Native Affairs Assistants be posted here as early as possible.

Staff movements since the last report have been:-

NGX 411 Pte Henderson, J. reported here and commenced duty with the N.L. Section on 22.5.44.

Q 209760 A/JOII McCosker, S. departed for Finschaven on 23.5.44 to proceed on leave.

NX 38843 Cpl Boyan, A.J., District Services clerk reported here on 2.6.44.

Advice has been received by signal this day that N 437084 W/O Cronk, B.A. is to prepare to go on leave. He is being relieved by M/A Sinclair.

There has been no illness amongst the personnel of the contingent during the period under review.

Reports by the personnel in charge of the Native Labour, S & S., and Medical Sections are appended hereto.

C. W. Slattery
..... Lieut.
(C.W. Slattery),
OIC Detachment.

SPECIAL REPORT

STATION Arawe

DISTRICT New Britain

SUBJECT General Report - Arawe -
Native Activities

OFFICER Lieut J. F. White

DATE 22 June 1944

AWUL
22 June 1944

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O.I.C. ANGAU Detachment
ARAWA

GENERAL REPORT

On receipt of yours asking for 100 recruits if possible, thirty-two natives were sent forward from the villages of the AWUL group i.e. POLPOLO, RUAKANA, INAHELE, AWUL and MELETON. Each man was chosen for definite reasons. The majority were people who had acted contrawise to our own interests in the area, either by actively assisting the enemy by informing him of our presence on recce, advising that police were trying to make contact with TAVALO people, telling of our landing at TAVALO and in each case accompanying Jap patrols against us. All assisted the Japs to make store dumps at hamlet inland from AWUL and another near POLPOLO after commencement of operations in the area. A Jap force of eighteen was hidden one and a half hours walk from AWUL with ample stores.

*Estimated
DS
24/3/44*

The percentage of 33% eligible males of a village was not exceeded.

Approximately twenty more recruits will be available from TAVALO, DANGALU, PUPULIA, GENMENINGA, KOKARU and RAULILI group.

PARAMOUNT luluai, of MASSAU is cooperating with recruitment of low percentage from coastal villages of MASSAU, MENENGA, MEINGI, SAGILIL, MEIHUNA and ATU. Nearly all natives of these villages are now returned to coast.

This patrol will be moving inland to contact peoples north and east of KOKARU with the object of assuring them of our friendly intentions, return of stable administration, and ensuring a tie up with coastal people and our patrols, or troops on the "grape vine" wireless giving information of enemy parties. If it appears advisable some recruits may be collected.

A quantity of bones is being forwarded to you for disposal. They are the remains of one member of a party of three which was betrayed by TAVALO people approximately last December. A small quantity of radio equipment, P.B's jersey, and two haversacks also go to you. Two other haversacks will be collected from the natives in due course. The M.O. estimated the age of deceased at between 35 and 50. Dental particulars will probably be sufficient for identification of corpse.

Four men of TAVALO who formed part of the ambush party were arrested as witnesses, accused, and placed under police guard. N.C.O. in charge of police party, Cpl. MOTI, returned to where examination of witnesses was being conducted and reported that the prisoners had made a concerted effort to escape and had been shot. W.O. 11 Marlay who was with Lieut. White's party at the time will furnish further particulars.

*Extract for summary file
Report requested*

*Suggest
inquiry
Action
DS 12/15/44*

A.I.B. patrol which was working its way west to AWUL was contacted at ATU. Lieut. G. Black spent a day with us at AWUL. He reports no sign of any enemy between CUTARP and AWUL. The nearest enemy post being approximately 250, stationed at KIEP which is about 60 miles by coastline north and east of CUTARP. (Map ref. Central New Britain 1 inch- 4 miles 064027 on sheet F).

At the moment nine armed natives from BAIRIMAN (Map ref. 096066 sheet P) are with my party. They are part of approximately 100 who were issued rifles by Malcolm Wright. Some of these armed natives have accounted for fourteen Japs. and fourteen native "KEMBI", i.e. Natives employed by Japs. as spies etc. whilst working

GENERAL REPORT
contd.

with A.I.B..

U.S. troops are not permitted to go east of TAVALO, so, our liaison is somewhat spasmodic. A request has been forwarded to O.C. barges that he should let me know of his barge movements to facilitate movements of recruits and personnel.

W.O. Marlay is waiting on transportation. He was out on a patrol when barge left some days ago and it was impossible to contact him in time. Sincerely hope your organisation has not been too upset.

Natives throughout the entire area are cooperating most willingly. Coastal and near-inland villages as far east as ATU have re-occupied pre-war sites and gardens. No shortage of foodstuffs is expected.

Signed. G.White. Lieut.

A.D.D.S.

for Speck

11/22/47

DO NOT DESTROY HAS TRANSFERRED LIEUT. G. WHITE, USMC, FROM TAVALO TO ASSIST LIEUT. WHITE, AND WILL MARLAY SHOULD RECEIVE HIS COMING TO TAVALO.

DS 51/1/7

HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen

4 Aug 44

OIC ARAME
(Copy - DO New Britain)

GENERAL REPORT - AWUL - BY LIEUT G.J. WHITE.

Receipt is acknowledged of report by Lieut G.J. White,
dated 22 Jun 44.

2. Re Shooting of Four TAVALO Natives. See separate memo
- DS 14/15/3 of 4 Aug 44.
3. Armed Natives. This matter was taken up with DSIC (NG),
AIB, Finschhafen, who advised that Capt Fairfax-Ross had full
particulars; that contact would be maintained with Lieut White
and the rifles withdrawn at the opportune time.
4. DO New Britain has transferred Lieut F.L. Burke, PO,
from Telasa to assist Lieut White, and WO11 Marlay should
resume his duties as DADNL.

R. J. Farlow
Major
ADDS & NA.

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HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen

4 Aug 44.

HQ ANGAU (DS)

SPECIAL REPORT BY LIEUT G.J. WHITE - AWUL.

Attached hereto is a General Report received from Lieut G.J. White OIC Awul Police Post, Gasmata.

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14/6/44

2. * Instructions have been issued to OIC Arawe, Capt Slattery, to forward a full report re the shooting of four natives from Tavalu village. *

3. The matter of 100 natives being in possession of rifles was taken up with DSIO (NG), AIB, Finschhafen, who advised that Capt Fairfax Ross had full particulars; that contact would be maintained with Lieut White and the rifles withdrawn at the opportune time.

4. The lack of sea transport is a big handicap to Lieut White's operations, and once again demonstrates the urgent necessity of supply of suitable water craft.

5. WO Marlay has been used by OIC Arawe as a NAA to assist Lieut White. DO New Britain has transferred Lieut F.L. Burke, PO, from Talasea and WO Marlay has now returned to Arawe.

Alb Jarlow

Major
for Comd
Islands Region.

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ANGAU
9 Aug 44.

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→ HQ
ISLANDS REGION.

Patrol Report - Lt G.J. White - AWJL.

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned Special Report forwarded under cover of your memo DS 31/1/7 of 4 Aug 44.

2. Please advise when rifles have been withdrawn from the natives - ref para 3 of your memo under reply.

3. Is it possible that the human remains and other gear of the party betrayed by the TAVALO people relate to Capt. J.J. Murphy's detachment. Furthermore - were any of the four natives from TAVALO village, who were shot in attempting to escape, interrogated before their deaths?. It is appreciated that these and other points will be covered in the reports and correspondence of Capt Slattery, which will be submitted in due course, but it is emphasised that early information regarding the above is required by this HQ.

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A14/15/10.

[Handwritten Signature]
Maj.
For DDDS & NA.

Action re para 2 fol 6

Awul
15.8.44

O.I.C.
ANGAU Detachment
Arawe

RECALL of FIREARMS from KAUKUNG Natives

27 SEP 1944

1. A.I.B. Lieut. Black advised that the recall of firearms would be left to the discretion of ANGAU Patrol Officer Lieut. White. It is considered inadvisable that these weapons should be immediately withdrawn for the following reasons:-

(a) The natives confidently expect that Allied troops will drive the Japanese from the Eastern end of the island and that some of the enemy would probably attempt to move into the KAULUNG (MAMUSI) areas.

(b) The presence of weapons leaves a feeling of security and permits normal living conditions even though a Japanese force is still near KIEP and the Japs are often thereabouts to annihilate the A.I.B. party. This affects particularly coastal people from SALI to ATU and inland MAMUSI Number 1 and 2.

(c) Bearers of the rifles are willing to come to the assistance of A.I.B. or ANGAU patrols whenever required.

(d) The riflemen are under full control of leaders approved by ANGAU.

(e) When security is definitely achieved no difficulties will be encountered by ANGAU in withdrawing the weapons.

2. The native soldiers have been given to understand that their services were not valueless to Lieut. Wright and Lieut. Black of the A.I.B. or to ANGAU. At the time of withdrawal of the weapons it would be most suitable to make payment at casual wages rates to those who have killed Japanese with either rifles or native weapons. A full list of enemy casualties to the credit of these people is being prepared, and the total will be approximately sixty-five. The total amount of cash required will be approximately one hundred and fifty pounds (£150.0.0).

Would you please comment on this report at an early date.

Signed G. White Lieut.

For ADDS & NA

25 27 SEP RLC's

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ANGAU Detachment
A.P.O. 323
7.9.44

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Headquarters
Islands Region
ANGAU
Finschhafen

Recall of fire-arms from KAULONG natives

The above matter has been referred to Lieut. White at Awul, and he has submitted the attached memo in reply. The points he makes appear to be reasonable, and he has been advised to defer temporarily the collection of the firearms.

With reference to para 2 of his communication, no instruction is held here for reward to natives who have killed Japanese. ANGAU Admin. Instr. No. 26 provides for payments to natives for providing information of military value, and Lieut. White has been advised to compile a list of natives who may be rewarded under this heading.

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HQ ANGAU
-Rewards to
Natives -
25.18/10 of
2 Oct. 44.

C. W. Slattery Capt.
(C.W. Slattery)
O.i.C. Detachment

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DS 31/1/7

HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Pischhafen

29 Sep 44

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Copy to DO New Britain

Recall of FirearmsKaulong Natives

Re your memo of 7 Sep 44 forwarding copy of memo from Lieut G.J. White under date 15 Aug 44.

2. Please instruct Lieut White to withdraw immediately all firearms from natives he can contact in the areas under ANGAU control.

3. Certain future activities demand that no natives, other than police, should be armed.

4. Advise when withdrawal of arms is completed.

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Major.
ADDS & NA.

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ANGAU Pischhafen

29 Sep 44

HQ ANGAU (DS).

Special Report - Lieut G.J. White - Angul

Ref your DS 31/13/11 of 9 Aug 44.

2. At the request of Lieut White the natives have been allowed to retain the rifles distributed by A.I.B., but in view of future activities A.I.B. have been instructed to arrange for the withdrawal of all firearms immediately.

3. You will be further advised.

R.A. Turler

Major,
for Comd.
Islands Region.

(COPY)

IN 345

23 OCTOBER 54

TO : CO US FORCES DIRECTOR (ATTN CAPT SLATTERY)

FROM : MONTAGUE

ALL WEAPONS NOW WITHDRAWN PD NO SIGN MCGLEOD PD
BURKE REPORTS NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS PD

SGD : WHITE

For ADDS & JA

Recd 17.11.44
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Sub-District Office
Arawe
13.11.44

Rear Headquarters
Islands Region
ANCAU
Pinschhafen

Recall of firearms KAULONG natives
Reference your DS 31/1/7 of 30 Oct 44

2. Attached please find copy of a radio message
received from Lieut. White, (IN 345 of 29.10.44)

Reid
.....Lieut
(J. Reid) for ADO

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Rear HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen

18 Nov 44

HQ ANGAU (DS).

Special Report - Lieut G.J. White - Awul.

Ref your DS 31/13/11 of 9 Aug 44 and further to
our DS 31/1/7 of 29 Sep 44.

2. Advice has now been received that Lieut G.J. White
has withdrawn weapons from natives in the area.

Alb. Farlow Major.
Adm Comd.
Rear HQ Islands Region.

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Awul

O.I.C.
ANGAU Detachment
KUMBUN

General Report of Patrol to SALI and Mengen

Personnel	Lieut White and 6 R.P.C.
Route	Coastal road to SALI from Awul
Duration	15 days
Object	Administration, Security liaison with A.I.B. patrol.

DIARY

27 th Jul 44 By sea from Awul to PALMALMAL.
28 " " " Contacting natives of area who are living
in the bush hinterland.
29 " " " Constructing store and rest house. Addressed
the people of MALMAL.
30 " " " By coastal track and canoe to SALI-5 hours.
31 st " " " Addressed the people of SALI and discussed
their problems
1 st Aug " " By road to MATONG only village officials seen.
2 nd " " " Returned to Pomeo. Natives expressed a de-
sire to have a patrol officer stationed in
the area.
3 rd " " " Returned to PALMALMAL after inspecting the
village and people of MATAKUA - 9 hours.
4 th " " " Discussed our policy and requirements of
natives in this area with local village off-
icials, Rest House and store completed.
5 " " " Unmarried New Guinea mainland natives and
others suffering from Yaws and TUs concen-
trated at MALMAL.
6 " " " By road to TOTONGPAL, News of Jap party be-
hind - 4 hours.
7 " " " To BAIRIMAN via KATTON - 6 hours.
8 " " " Scouts return from inland reporting that all
Japs (10) accounted for by MAMUSI people.
9 " " " To MAIHUN. New village incorporating LAU
people now deserted - 5 hours

General Report of patrol to SALI and MENGEN

- 10 th Aug 44 Excellent store and rest house already completed by police and natives. Discussion of problems with "soldier boys" and villagers.
- 11 " " " To ATU by road - 6 hours.
- 12 " " " To AWUL by road - 7 hours.
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Administration

From Awul to SALI is unoccupied territory from a military viewpoint. Throughout, the natives regard ANGAU patrol location as being the boundary of consolidated Allied interests. Whilst the patrol is between the Japanese and native areas, the natives are keen to return to their villages sites and put their houses in order. Apprehension of enemy parties prevents any real progress towards rehabilitation.

The policy of the patrol was to re-establish villages west of PALMALMAL. Easterly villages are being prepared for occupation when an ANGAU party is stationed near Pomeo or Cutap.

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 Sepik, Aitape and Madang natives living in the area have been evacuated to Awul. These natives, individually were on friendly terms with "locals" but since about sixty of the original foreigners (ex I/L PALMALMAL Plantation) have recruited to Japanese KEMRI, it was considered advisable to evacuate the remainder.

Medical treatment was given where possible, and all who would benefit by NAB injections from the area west of LAU were taken to Awul for treatment. The Medical Officer with the AIB party is expected to treat those east of MALMAL.

First priority of works in restoration of village life is placed on agriculture. Two villages only are seriously short of foodstuffs, and every assistance is being afforded them.

Security

During the past two months, Japanese stationed on the coast have been forced to withdraw with a total of about sixty killed. This figure includes all those who attempted to escape and establish themselves inland. The patrol expected to clean up the last party inland from BAIRIMAN, but were forestalled by the MAMUSI people. Whilst AIB and armed natives prevent infiltration of enemy patrols inland, an ANGAU party combined with armed natives keep watch on the coast, village people are unconcerned, and willing to cooperate in every respect.

Roads and River Crossings

These are entirely satisfactory. Canoes are not plentiful, but are always available for our patrols.

General attitude of natives

The natives generally are pleased with our policy, and willing to assist in every respect.

Signed G. White Lieut.

SHEET No 2

CONTINUATION SHEET 1



TRUE NORTH

NAME OF *Griffin River*
 DATE *1944*



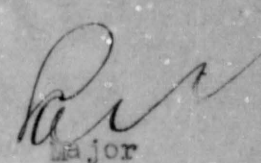
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HQ ANGAU
5 Oct 44

Hq Islands Region.

P/R to Sali -- Mengen Area,
New Britain.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned Report, forwarded under cover of your memo DS 30/I/22 of 29 Sep 44.

2. For the time being this HQ is unable to assist in the provision of a wireless set.


Major
For DDDS & NA

DS 30/1/22

HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finsehafen

29 Sep 44

ADO Arawe

Copy to DO New Britain

Patrol Report by Lieut G.J. White 27 Jul -
12 Aug 44 - Awul, Waterfall Bay Area.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memo of
7 Sep 44 together with above Patrol Report.

2. Please instruct Lieut White to hold all foreign natives at AWUL until further notice.
3. The Eastern boundary of ANGAU activity as agreed with A.I.B. is Cape Cunningham. Lieut White has not stated whether A.I.B. agreed to his penetration as far east as Waterfall Bay, or whether he contacted the A.I.B. party in the area. Advise Lieut White that he is not proceed east of Cunningham until further instructed.
4. The assistance rendered by US Medical Services is greatly appreciated.
5. The report shows a very satisfactory state of affairs and results obtained are most encouraging.

W. Farlow
Major.
ADDS & NA.



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DS 30/1/22
HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen
29 Sep 44

HQ ANGAU (DS)

Patrol Report by Lieut G.J. White - Sali Mengen Area, New Britain.

Forwarded herewith is copy of report of patrol - 27 Jul to 12 Aug 44 - by Lieut G.J. White from AWUL Police Post to Waterfall Bay area and return. Copy of comments by ADO Arawe also attached - memo of 7 Sep 44.

2. Cape Cunningham was set as the Eastern boundary for ANGAU patrols, and, although Lieut White has not stated so, it would appear that the patrol was made in full agreement with A.I.B.

3. It is considered that a wireless set to receive FELO broadcasts in the area should be installed immediately. FELO Lae cannot supply. Can you assist in the matter please. } NO

4. As elsewhere throughout the Territory, US Medical Services are giving all available assistance, but the need for more European Assistants is becoming more urgent as new areas are re-occupied.

5. The matter of paying rewards to natives for killing or capturing Japanese has been taken up with ADO Arawe.

6. I am of the opinion that the patrol did very good work which will greatly benefit future operations.

R. J. Taylor

Major.
For Comd Islands Region

Brig Gen

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Finschhafen

Patrol Report of patrol to SALI and MENGEN
by Lieut.G.White

Report of the above patrol is submitted herewith. This patrol constitutes the first in the above-mentioned areas since our resumption of control along the south coast; it was very necessary and very successful. Some sixty miles of coast line alone was covered by the patrol and Lieut.White's resourcefulness in the matter of securing transportation alone, is commendable, in view of certain restrictions which were being imposed at the time of the patrol.

The more friendly attitude of the native people is a refreshing change and indicates a growing confidence in and welcome of the old administration. It should be pointed out however that whereas the natives of the area have heard of and seen quite a deal of Japanese resources, there has been no visible expression of ours towards them. In this connection, it is suggested that the provision of a wireless receiving set to receive FELO broadcasts would be a great help to Lieut.White. ||

The U.S. medical services here have been liberal with their supply of medical goods, and we have been able to keep Lieut.White well supplied. A U.S.Army doctor stationed with the outpost at Remgaini has been able to devote much time to giving injections etc..

Lieut.White makes no mention of having contacted an A.I.B. party. Knowing the location of their base and the extent of the patrol east, it is unlikely that the contact was made; though it is possible that the A.I.B. members have requested Lieut.White not to refer to their location in his reports.

C. W. Slattery
.....Capt.
(C.W.Slattery)
O.i.C.Detachment

S/R No. 2-44/45

STATION:- KALOLO

DISTRICT:- NEW BRITAIN

DETAILS:- LOCATE JAPANESE IN

AREA: BEBERI. MOSA. MAI. BUMULA

OFFICER:- WO. II. J.A. BIRRELL

DATE:- 6-9-7. 1944.

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ANGAU Finschhafen

31 Aug 44.

HQ ANGAU (DS)

No 2 - 14/45

SPECIAL REPORT - WOIF J.A. BIRNELL - 9 JUL 44.

Forwarded herewith is copy of above report together with comments by DG New Britain.

2. The patrol did not obtain results and comment by this HQ is deemed unnecessary.

3. This report should be read in conjunction with that of Lieut J.R. White, forwarded under cover of this HQ memo DS 31/1/10 of even date.

Alb Jarlow
Major
for Comd
Islands Region

DS 31/1/9

HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Pineshafen

31 Aug 44

DO NEW BRITAIN

SPECIAL REPORT - SGT J.A. BIRRELL - 9 JUL 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of your DS 31/1/1 together with
above report.

B. It is noted that you have drawn attention of this NAA
re procedure to be followed, when submitting reports.

P. J. Carlow

Major
ADDS & EA

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New Britain District
ANGAU
Cape Gloucester

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Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen (DS).

SPECIAL REPORTS - PATROLS - 7-44/45

Attached hereto please find reports of
Special Patrols by the following:

W/O J. Birrell
Lieut R. White

see DS 31/1/10.

2. These refer to areas inland from CAPE HOEKIN
to the KAPIURA River. As they were without result,
comment is unnecessary. The form and detail of the
reports requires more attention by the officers
concerned and if possible map references given.
This will be drawn to their notice.

.....Major
District Officer, New Britain

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Sub-District Office
Talasea
July 26, 44.

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Cape Gloucester.

PATROL REPORTS.

Herewith patrol reports submitted by
WO's White and Birrell J.

These reports call for no comment
apart from the fact that they are not correctly
prepared.

Please forward a pro-forma report for
the information of Staff here.

(Signed) C.G. Bowman Capt
ADO.

Copy

ANGAU
KALOLO
9 July 44.

Capt. C. Bowman
ANGAU
Talasea.

Sir,

The following is a report on a four day patrol in the area of BEBERI - MOSA - MAI - BUMULA (6th - 9th July). The object of the patrol was to locate four Japanese said to be heading in the general direction of the abovementioned places.

Departed MEGIGI on 6th July at 0900 hrs by barge and arrived at MAI at 1030 hrs. I procured twelve carriers from MAI and left there at 1130 hrs, following the Govt trail leading to GASMATA.

Arrived at PILANDIMI at 1300 hrs at which point I left the Govt trail and headed east. The last mentioned place was deserted and natives are living with the BEBERI natives.

BEBERI village, at which I arrived at 1430 hrs, was very clean and the gardens here are very good.

The ground is very fertile with the result that all neighbouring villages received food from this village at one stage.

I spent the night at BEBERI and departed next morning at 0715 hrs. The road from BEBERI to MOSA had not been used for some time and the going was fairly rough. Arrived at MOSA at 1130 hrs. At this village are congregated the natives of GALAI and PULPALAIS.

Their houses were in poor condition and I instructed them to build new ones and see that their gardens are straightened out.

At MOSA I made enquiries re road to WAISISSI. As the last time the Jap marks were seen they were heading west of WAISISSI I thought it might be possible to find a road and later meet up with them. The country in this area however is impassible so I decided to head for the coast and have a look around the mountains for signs of a recent Jap O.P.

The road from MOSA to BULUMA is very rough and had not been used for some time. I found no trace of previous Jap camps in this area and I am sure that they have not been there at any time.

I slept the night at BULUMA and reported back next day (9th July).

(Signed) J.A. Birrell WO11
ANGAU

DS 31 / 13 / 10

SPECIAL REPORT

STATION _____

DISTRICT New Britain

SUBJECT Intelligence Reports by various
HIB officers dealing with
Native matters in New Britain

OFFICER Lieut Arthur S. W. Luce. RANVR.

DATE 24 July 1944

NATIVES NEW BRITAIN

7/5/44

From Capt Bates.
HAVE SECURED A NUMBER OF JAP PROPAGANDA PHAMPLETS ISSUED DAILY TO NATIVES CAZELLE PENINSULA. INFO FROM 16th FEB. ISSUE INDICATE JAPS HAVE ESTABLISHED ARMY SCHOOL FOR NATIVES. WILL DESPATCH ALL COPIES VIA SKINNER TO YOU.

3/6/44

FROM CAPT MACLEAN.
CAN YOU LOCATE FOLLOWING SEPIK EX JAP POLICE PROBABLY WITH U.S. PATROLS (TALASEA): SARIMIN HAS WITHERED LEFT ARM. ERIMAN AND SARIMAN EXTREMELY GUILTY. WARN AMERICANS.

28/5/44.

FROM CAPT BATES
SIHA A BUKA SOLOMON IS. BOY REPORTED THAT THE JAPS ARE WORKING THE NATIVES AS CARRIERS AT NIGHT. NIPS DENUDED NATIVES GARDENS AT WARANGOI TOBERA KOKOPO AREA.

NATIVE REPORT JAPS HAVE COMMENCED RECRUITING NATIVES AS BLACK SOLDIERS TRAINING SCHOOL AT LALA VILLAGE NEAR LONDIP PLANTATION.

FROM FAIRFAX-ROSS.

31/5/44

IWAI NATIVES ASSISTING JAPS (Note: Iwai is south of Kiep Plantation).

FROM SKINNER. 30/5/44.

NIPS REOCCUPIED BAIEN ON 27th STRENGTH UNKNOWN N. ADOPTING AGRESSIVE TACTICS WITH NATIVES. GUMA AND IWAI NATIVES ASSISTING NIPS.

FROM LIEUT SPOKIE. 25/5/44

PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE MANUS NATIVES WERE JAPS BEST SUPPORTERS ON THIS ISLAND. SOME MAY STILL BE SPIES.

FROM CAPT FAIRFAX-ROSS 8/6/44.

A REPORT FROM THIS PARTY INDICATES THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF JAPS ARE BEING HIDDEN BY THE LULUAI OF MASSAU.

12/6/44.

FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CAPT BATES PRESSURE HAS BEEN EXERTED ON THE NATIVES AND THE KUS KUS OF MILIM HAS SHOWN THE JAPS THE ROAD FROM MILIM TO HARI. A NATIVE OF HARI WENT TO MILIM 2 WEEKS AGO BUT HAD NOT YET RETURNED AND THE LOCALS WERE UNEASY.

13/6/44.

NIPS ORGANISED A SING SING ON THE 10th JUNE AT MILIM FOR NATIVES FROM KLAMPUN, F7715, TO MILIM. THIS WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION, GUIDES ETC. SO THAT THE BUSH FROM KLAMPUN TO KORAPUN COULD BE SEARCHED.

16/6/44.

NATIVE REPORT, POLICE BEING AT MILIM. REQUEST THAT MILIM AND Waitavelo be heavily bombed and that all coastal villages between CAPES COMORAN AND KIEP BE STRAFFED AS ARDENTLY PRO-JAP NATIVES HAVE RETURNED TO THESE VILLAGES. THIS WOULD HELP GREATLY TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENCE OF FRIENDLY NATIVES AND DETER PRO-JAP NATIVES FROM ACTING AS GUIDES.

11/7/44.

AN ALLEGED NIP NATIVE POLICE DESERTER HAS BEEN ARRESTED AT KORAFUN (L6999) AND IS BEING BROUGHT TO FAIRFAX ROSS. AN INTERCEPTED LETTER FROM THE NIP PARAMOUNT NATIVE LANGPUH OF GUMA TO PARAMOUNT GOLPAK REPORTS A MEETING OF CHIEFS OF SOULKA TRIBE OF WIDE BAY. THEY ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT ALLIES ARE WINNING AND PROMISE FURTHER COOPERATION WITH OUR FORCE. LETTER ALSO REPORTS 5 EXECUTIONS BUT NO DATES SHOWN.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT BY MAJOR McCARTHY. 11/11/43

The natives of Ea Ea have given strong assistance in rescuing allied airmen who have been shot down in the area. The successful rescue of 3 allied airmen and 1 civilian was due to the assistance of Ea Ea natives. Ubilli natives are all pro-ally despite the proximity of the enemy.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT BY MAJ ROBERTS.

The tultul of Baien becomes Figgis worst enemy (Note: this is not so the Tultul for nine months was most friendly and lent considerable assistance to my party. He was however very scared of the Japs and he only led the Japs to my camp when he knew that I had left it nearly a month previously. All the time I was in New Britain the Baien natives gave invaluable assistance to us. Sgd. P.E.Figgis)

FROM CAPT C.BATES 15/2/44.

A native named LOLI of MILIK has been of great assistance to us.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT BY CAPT P.E.FIGGIS.

The natives from Wide Bay to Cape Cunningham were constantly loyal to us and credit for this state of affairs must largely be given to the two Paramount Lulus GOLPAK at SALI and PIRANUS at Wide Bay. Both these natives used their influence in our favour and did much to assist us. It was only when Capt Murphy got out of Golpak's area that he had trouble with natives.

After Wing Cdr Townsend had been chased by the Japs, Golpak was hunted for some time, by the Sali and Pomio natives under Jap pressure, and many of his people, including his wife and daughter were held by the Japs as hostages. However he evaded capture and is still in the bush near Sali.

I consider GOLPAK is worthy of recognition and hope that in due course something will be done. Apart from his influence over his people and the general assistance he rendered us, particular actions worthy of mention are:

1. When Capt Post was shot down Golpak sent his son to look after him and supplied him with native food and tinned food he obtained from the Japs. He then himself organised Capt Post's move to Wang. This was done at night by canoe and so well was it done that many of the local natives were unaware of Capt Post's arrival there.
2. When Lt. Migliacci came ashore, the first native he saw was Golpak. The latter immediately arranged for Migliacci to be taken to Wang and again this was done with the minimum risk of security.
3. When W.Cdr. Townsend and F/O McClymont crashed in the Jacquinot Bay area, Golpak somehow got hold of them and hid them, although he himself was hiding from the Japs at the time. The Japs later chased them but they evaded capture. I do not know the whole of this episode but W.Cdr. Townsend could enlarge on it. Golpak later arranged for Townsend to be taken to Capt Skinner.

The Japanese have appointed a new paramount Luluai, in Golpak's place

and his loss of prestige amongst his own people is therefore great. When the time comes everything possible should be done to enable Golpak to regain that prestige.

Another native who gave very loyal service, although in a much smaller way, is TEPSUR of BAIEN. How he destroyed the Jap radio at Baien has already been mentioned. After we left Wang he remained there and looked after the supplies and radio I had to leave there. He did this so well that when the Japs destroyed Wang they were unaware of the stores hideout and did not find it. TEPSUR also looked after Lieuts Krantz, Case and Miller while they were at WANG and assisted Lieut Swensen and Sgt Brooks. Tepsur is the Paulus referred to by Lieut Swensen in his note.

While at Wang a reliable report was received that about February-March 1942 Brian Sweetapple, Manager of Ulatava Plantation and one soldier from Rabaul garrison, whom I consider may be B. QMS Mackenzie R.A.A. who were moving along in a canoe, came ashore at Pul Pul village near Owen Point. The Pul Pul natives immediately attacked them and both were killed with tomahawks and their bodies thrown into the sea. No reason for the attack was ascertainable.

The Bevalpun natives whom I considered loyal were reported to be pro-Jap following the imprisonment of many natives from SALLI and POMIO areas.

Japs beheaded the Luluia of LUBLON who had been one of our most loyal helpers, but he was the only native killed by the Japs in this area.

The natives of TAVALO AWUL and RUAKANA lead the Nips to Capt Murphy and were reported to have been largely responsible for his capture. It is persistently reported that the native primarily responsible for betraying Murphy's party and leading the Japs to him is a TAVALO native named AUILO who was formerly Rowe Bros Boss Boy at RAVALIEN Plantation, Kokopo.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT BY FLT. LT. MARSLAND. 27/4/44

Lamina a Malay has been actively aiding the Japs and is at present at NATAVA in charge of native labour.

An Aitape native, KAPA, was working as a Jap spy and searched out and handed over to the Japs 7 American Airmen who were forced down in NAMATANAI, New Ireland.

A native from Arawe named SUM was responsible for the capture of three Australians at Put Put after the fall of Rabaul. Believed to be:

Allen, Police
Thomas "
?

This native together with a Manus boy, GAWA of Papulu, also turned in a number of A.I.P. troops who were hiding at INDUNA. They were also brought to RABAU and beheaded.

A Manus boy, BALIAU of BALUAN and ex police boy is in charge of all police and natives in the Rabaul area.

The Japs have pulled a lot of natives into a form of militia and are training them as soldiers for the defence of Rabaul. Most of the natives have been forced to do this by threats.

The native Sum of ARAWE is in charge of a line of approx 70 natives mostly TOLAI, SOME MANUS who act as spies for the Japs.

Extracts from Reports by CAPTAIN BATES.

The BAIJA - EA EA - POWELL HARBOUR natives (the Powell Harbour natives were chased out by Nips and live at BAIJA) proved good allies. They several times proved themselves more than a match for the Nips in searches, investigations, etc. Iaua - Luluai of Ea Ea is a capable useful native - his main fault was his unpopularity due to never ending inquiries. Hargesheimer owes his life to him more than any other native.

The Suli, Ubili natives were of mixed feeling but now they are almost completely on our side and several of them gave valuable service as agents - "Contact Men" and Japanese "Guides."

SALI area natives were very good at first but after certain "third degree" activities Pomio and Sali were reported as very doubtful quantities or else pro-nip. Golpak has been in hiding since December or late November. We supplied him with food Tobacco etc. on sundry occasions.

The MUKUX, MILLI, MUGA (SIPA) - in general the "PAU" natives were good allies.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT BY CAPTAIN A.H. MACLEAN. 23/4/44

Extraordinary co-operation has been extended to Lt. Wright and party by the central Nakanai people living inland from Pangula Bay. This includes all villages in the ALA, EVILI and YAMULE waterheads and those on the Upper Cavuvu. Lt. Searle informs me that the natives inland had the same attitude. The coastal villages are doubtful, with some exceptions such as Sulu.

To the west those villages on the track Tarobi, Sisimi, Mirapo, Sosoli, Ubai appear to be hostile with the exception of some individual natives, such as a Ubai man who killed 6 Japs who were raiding his garden. Scanty information from further west gives the impression of definite hostility.

Eastward there appears to be a pro-Jap element from Butiolo to Bialla with friendly villages above them along the coast. Further east the people are still under the enemy domination and therefore are still hostile.

SPECIAL REPORT

STATION Arawe

DISTRICT New Britain

SUBJECT General Report & Activities
for period 16-30 June 44

OFFICER Capt C.W. Slattery

DATE 7 July 1944

DS 31/13/16
HQ ANGAU
23 Aug 44.

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HQ Islands Region.

Arawe Report to 30 Jun 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memo DS 29/1/4 of 17 Aug 44, forwarding the above mentioned Report.

2. Investigations.

Action is already in hand to obtain and forward you a list of civilians believed POW etc., in New Britain, and GSO ANGAU is being requested to apply for information as to service personnel reported missing in this District.

Major.
For DDDS & NA.

GSO
ANGAU

Report herewith for notation and return.

Ref para 5 - HQ Islands Region memo DS 29/1/4 of 17 Aug 44 - it is requested please that action be taken to obtain the required information re service personnel.

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By request to take the necessary action by 9/8/44

Action on 14/6/37.

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HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Finschhafen
17 Aug 44

HQ ANGAU (DS)

ARAWE REPORT - PERIOD 16-30 JUN 44.

Attached is copy of report dated 7 Jul 44 by Capt C.W. Slattery, ADO Arawe, for period 16-30 Jun 44.

- 2. Weather. All activities along this coast will be curtailed during the South-east season. You are too well acquainted with conditions to warrant further comment.
- 3. Native Affairs. It is expected that the antipathy of the coastal natives will quickly disappear when they become accustomed to our patrols and realise that the Government has returned to re-establish law and order.
- 4. Patrols. Activities are gradually being extended to new areas with good results. Reports by Sgt H.J.Roberts and Lieut G.J.White were forwarded you on 4 Aug 44.
- 5. Investigations. A list of European and native personnel comprising Capt J.J.Murphy's party has been obtained from AIB and forwarded to ADO. Could information as requested be obtained from RAAF and USAF? Other matters under this heading have been dealt with by separate memo.
- 6. Staff. DO New Britain has transferred Lieut F.L.Burke from Talasea to assist Lieut G.J.White. Relief for S/Sgt Knowles has been arranged by S & S.
- 7. Medical. DADMS Lae has been advised of the shortage of medical stores and equipment, and ADO has been advised to instruct the Medical Assistant to submit requisitions direct to DADMS Lae.

*Actions re Civilians in land
to obtain regd lists of
service personnel.*

Perc Plauden Capt
for Major
Comd
Islands Region.



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HQ Islands Region
ANGAU Pinschhafen

17 AUG 44.

ADO ARAWE
(Copy DO New Britain for information)

ARAWA REPORT - PERIOD 16-30 JUN 44.

Receipt is acknowledged of above report dated 7 Jul 44.

2. Native Affairs. It is expected that the antipathy of the coastal natives will quickly disappear when they become accustomed to our patrols and realise that the Government has returned to re-establish law and order.

3. Patrols. Results being obtained in new areas are very encouraging.

4. Investigations. Particulars of personnel comprising Capt J.J. Murphy's party have been forwarded you - refer memo DS 14/15/1 of 1 Aug 44. HQ ANGAU has been asked to endeavour to obtain information of missing personnel from RAAF and USAF. Further reports of investigations are awaited.

5. Staff. S & S Section have advised that no relief is available at present for S/Sgt Knowles and you will be advised when he can be relieved.

6. Medical. DADMS Lae has been advised of the shortage of medical stores and equipment. The Medical Assistant should be instructed to submit his requisitions direct to DADMS Lae. Refer ANGAU Administrative Instruction No 51.

John Blawie
Capt
for ADDS & NA
(AOB)

ANGAU Detachment,
A.P.O. 323,
7.7.44. 4

HQ.,
Islands Region,
ANGAU,
Finschaven.

Fortnightly Report
For Period Covering 16.6.44 to 30.6.44.

General:- During the past fortnight the OIC visited ANGAU outposts along the south coast, and continued east to the ATU Lagoon (near Cape Beechy). He returned here on 6.7.44 - hence the delay in the submission of this and other periodical reports.

Due to the combined efforts of Lieut White of ANGAU with native police and an A.I.B. patrol with native guerilla troops, the intervening area to Kiep Plantation (Wide Bay) is considered to be free of the enemy at present, excepting 4 or 5 stragglers who escaped in different skirmishes, and who are not likely to present much danger even if they survive the rigours of the bush and the spears of the inland Kowlong natives who are hunting them with determination. The Japs are reported to be at Kiep in some force, (approximately 250).

This decided improvement in the military state of affairs removes the biggest obstacle to Lieut White's work in restoring a state of order amongst the native population of the area.

Increasing bad weather is hampering movement along the south coast. In the past 15 days, 17.14 ins of rain have been recorded at Arawe though reports indicate that considerably more has fallen in the Gasmata area. The rainfall has been mostly at night, and so far has not greatly affected native labour activities.

Native Situation:- During a six days stay in the area the writer took the opportunity to visit most of the villages between Montague Harbour and Atu Lagoon. The fairly general antipathy of the coastal people to our patrols is still quite evident in the lying confusion and obvious sense of guilt of many of the former Jap sympathisers. In an attached report Lieut White illustrates the vast difference in the attitudes of the beach people and of those in the inland area which he recently patrolled. This contrast is general and is attributable to the following causes:-

1. Close association of the coastal people with the enemy and consequent saturation with propoganda disparaging our administration.
2. Converse propoganda in mountain area by M. Wright of A.I.B.
3. More forthright character of mountain people, and genuine appreciation of former Administration.
4. Mutual enmity of the two groups.

Locally and in the area to Gasmata the

Native Situation:- the work of rehabilitation is proceeding well.
(cont). Rationing is now un-necessary, and has been discontinued to all villages excepting eight in this vicinity who will also be self-sufficient within a fortnight. All visiting village officials state that the housing become delapidated during the past two years has been replaced, and P/O Roberts is confirming these reports in as many villages as possible. Between Moewe Harbour and Gasmata P/O Saville has native police supervising a large line of local natives who are setting each village in order progressively. The only real food shortages proved to be in a very few coastal areas where there was fighting or prolonged Jap occupation, and by this time the gardens everywhere are sufficient.

Patrols and Outposts

Patrol Officer Roberts has recently completed a patrol at the head of the Anu and Magap Rivers. His report on same is enclosed. A state of considerable unrest had been reported amongst the natives, many of whom were said to have Japanese rifles- it was also considered likely that they were harbouring an odd Jap straggler. P/O Roberts patrol attained its objects, and peaceably settled what proved to be local squabbling only. He is now engaged on census-taking in the Arawe villages, and will then return to Moewe Harbour to enable P/O Saville to remain permanently at Gasmata.

W/O Saville's efforts to complete some investigation in the Gasmata area have been largely frustrated by incessant rain and un-navigable seas. He remains at Moewe Harbour but as soon as possible will be conducting all his patrols from Gasmata.

Lieut White's patrol completed during the past fortnight was in the Toriu River (south coast) headwaters. His report of it is attached. Though narrowly forestalled by an A.I.B. patrol in the fighting at RANG village, he now has the satisfaction of being able to work with impunity over an area easily sufficient for his still limited means of communication and supply. The company of U.S. Forces at Remgaini has been relieved by another, and Remgaini remains their operational limit

Lieut White will shortly do a patrol along the coast contacting natives as far as Drina aerodrome. His base will remain at Awul. The shooting of the native prisoners mentioned in White's report was unfortunate but quite justified. They were shot dead.

Investigations:- Enquiries re the fate of many Europeans (airmen, N.G. residents etc) along the entire south coast are continuing, and W/O Saville has a sheaf of statements of native witnesses prepared which will be forwarded immediately they are received. The natives' fear of retribution and very inadequate means of communication have greatly impeded the work. It would be an invaluable assistance if some information could be provided concerning the composition of the ground parties, air crew personnel etc who were reported missing hereabouts.

Investigations
(Cont).

It is apparent that some groups of Australian soldiers made their way at least as far west as Awul and that some then turned back towards Rabaul. It is suggested that R.A.A.F. authorities could provide details of the crews of aircraft known to have crashed along the south coast. The number of Allied soldiers, airmen and civilians who died along the coast to Wide Bay is great and our present staff and facilities are not adequate to fully cope with the travel and very extensive enquiries involved.

Both Lieut White and W/O Saville have almost completed accounts of the fate of J.J. Murphy's party, though details of its personnel, which were not submitted to us, would have been a big help.

The "quantity of bones" and other equipment referred to in Para 6 of Lieut White's General Report is being held here. It appears likely that they are of Murphy's party. I have seen Lieut White since the writing of that report, and consider that some further witnesses whose arrival he was awaiting should establish clearly the identity and fate of the party. It is not thought possible to establish the identity of the person from the bones. U.S. Army authorities here intimate that they have no facilities for the purpose, and the remains will be interred in the U.S. War Cemetery at Arawe. X

Staff

Movements:- On 3.7.44. NGX188 W/OII Shields, E., and NX8701 Cpl Hay, F. Native Labour Overseers reported here for duty.

VX94451 Cpl Sinclair, B. reported for duty here on 21.6.44. He is a Medical Assistant.

N437084 A/WOII Cronk, B.A. departed Arawe on 23.6.44. for Finsch to proceed on leave.

Leave:- QX34276 S/Sgt Knowles, A.L.G. (S&S) becomes due for leave on 12th. prox. May a relief be arranged for him please.

Misc. NGX411 Pte Henderson, J. is at present at Finsch., having escorted a line of mainland natives there for repatriation.
NGX A/WOII Marlay, M. assumed duties of D.A.D.N.L. on 30.6.44.

NGX192 A/Sgt Babbington, W. ^{NLO} has been incapacitated for two weeks with a chronic Tropical Ulcer. He is still confined to bed, and was for days in the U.S. Hospital at Arawe. Cpl Sinclair is treating him.

N.G.I.B. Capt Lyons arrived here to recruit for N.G.I.B. on 13.6.44. He departed for Finschaven on 27.6.44, having obtained 50 recruits most of whom were mainland natives.

A.I.B. On 17.6.44. Capt J. Miller and three other A.I.B. personnel established a base radio station on this island. It was convenient for us to have the information from A.I.B. patrols so easily accessible, but Capt Miller's party has since been recalled to Finschaven.

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Medical

Medical supplies are urgently needed. In the seven months of our occupation here, supplies from ANGAU Medical Section have been hopelessly inadequate, consisting of one small consignment.

Copies of this report and enclosures are being forwarded to the D.O. New Britain.

C. W. Slattery
(C.W. Slattery) Capt.
OIC Detachment.

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STATION: - GASMATA

DISTRICT: - NEW BRITAIN

DETAILS: - Investigation of identity of unknown
vessel - possibly submarine in Gasmata
Waters.
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OFFICER: - WO Shields Native Labour

DATE: - 7 Dec 1944.

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For ADDS & NA

G 31/1/5
Sub-District Office
Gasmata
8.12.44

Rear Headquarters
Islands Region
ANGAU
Finschhafen

SPECIAL REPORT

Subject :- Movement of Unidentified Vessel in Gasmata Harbour.

1. Attached hereto please find statement submitted by W.O.II Shields of this station.
2. This unknown vessel has again been sighted here since the occasion reported by W.O.Shields. The last time it was seen was on the evening of 7th.December..

[Signature]
.....Lieut.
(J.Reid) For ADO Gasmata

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Unidentified Vessel in Gasmata Harbour

Attached is copy of memo G 31/1/5 of 8 Dec 44 from
ADC Gasmata forwarding copy of statement by WO11 E. Shields
in reference to movement of an unidentified vessel in
Gasmata Harbour.

2. Copy of the file has been forwarded to HQ First
Aust Army (AIF).

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Unidentified Vessel in Gasmata Harbour

Attached is copy of file received from Assistant District Officer, Gasmata, reporting the movement of an unidentified vessel in Gasmata Harbour on 10 Nov and 7 Dec 44 respectively.

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Gasmata
7.12.44

On Friday 10th November a naval vessel, the "LAURIANA", was alongside the wharf at Gasmata. At approximately 2100 hrs. Sgt. Walton, Cpl. Henderson and myself were aboard, sitting on deck talking with the captain and his crew. A ship's lights suddenly appeared very near the west entrance to the passage. The captain of the "LAURIANA" ordered a message to be flashed to the strange craft asking if they were coming in, and who they were. The craft did not reply and we could observe the lights moving down the ocean side of AKUR Island. Thinking that the craft may not know the waters, and fearing that they may run on to the reef, the captain of the "LAURIANA" then ordered his search-light to be turned on to the mouth of the passage. The vessel however kept moving towards KALAGEN village. Thinking it may be an American or Australian vessel in doubt as to the exact entrance to the passage, and also unaware of the dangerous reefs hereabouts, the captain, one member of his crew, Sgt. Walton and myself proceeded in the "LAURIANA's" pinnace to give what help or advice we could. We proceeded out of the passage and could see the lights of the other ship over at KALAGEN. Half-way over to KALAGEN we flashed a message with a torch. The vessel did not reply, and there and then extinguished her lights. The captain then said he did not feel like wasting any more time as he was sailing at 2200 hrs. for Jacquinot Bay, and it appeared to be obvious that the other vessel did not wish to see us. We returned to Gasmata wharf, and the "LAURIANA" sailed at 2200 hrs.. Some days later while on a patrol at KALAGEN, Sgt. McCulloch was given a description of the strange vessel by the villagers, who fairly accurately described a submarine.

Signed E. Shields W.O.II

P/R No. 1 of 44/45

STATION:- Jacquinot Bay

DISTRICT:- New Britain

DETAILS:- Reporting of Police

Runner service & escorting of
Army personnel overland

OFFICER:- WO II Pyall K.W.

DATE:- 19/12/44 to 9/1 1945.

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HQ ANGAU
District Of New Britain.

16 Jan 45.

HQ Northern Region
ANGAU IAE.

REPORT OF SPECIAL PATROL BY W.C.11. K.W. LYALL
TO CAPE HOSKINS AND RETURN.

Following is a report of a special patrol, accompanied by a number of Army personnel, to Cape Hoskins and return.

2. Map reference :- Central New Britain 1" = 4 miles.

Object of Patrol. 1. Reposting of Police Boy Runner service.
2. Delivery of three Army Personnel to Cape Hoskins.

Personnel accompanying patrol.

Intelligence. Capt. J. Mott of First Aust Army Topographical

Capt. J. Stewart of 5 Aust Divn Intelligence.

Two enlisted personnel of 594 American Barge Coy.

The abovementioned remained with the Patrol for its duration.

Two Australian Army Officers, whose names are unknown, joined the Patrol at Hoskins and returned with it to Jacquinot Bay.

Duration of Patrol - 19 Dec 44 to 9 Jan 45.

DIARY.

- 19 Dec 44. Patrol left District HQ on ANGAU trawler AS15 and stayed the night at PALMAMAL Native Labour Camp.
- 20 Dec 44. Patrol was joined by the Europeans mentioned above and moved by J Boat to PANO Plantation. Patrol stayed at MEINGI village.
- 21 Dec 44. All the local natives were away on a patrol with Lieut J. Reid. Patrol remained at MEINGI.
- 22 Dec 44. Patrol moved on and stayed the night at WALO water.
- 23 Dec 44. Patrol proceeded with beach natives as carriers and stayed the night at LOAPUNA.
- 24 Dec 44. Patrol changed carriers and proceeded to AVAUNA. Contact made with Lieut Reid at AVAUNA. Carriers were exchanged with Talasea Sub-District natives and Patrol moved on to TI village and slept the night.
- 25 Dec 44. A partial change of carriers. Patrol slept the night at SIPA village.
- 26 Dec 44. Patrol moved on to WALO Police Post. Embarked on an American Barge and disembarked at KALOIO. European attachment moved through to MECIGI (Cape Hoskins)
- 27 Dec 44. Patrol restocked and remained at KALOIO awaiting advice from attachment regarding return trip.
- 28 Dec 44. Patrol still awaiting advice re return trip.

- 29 Dec 44. Patrol rejoined attachment and moved through on American barge to landing point (near UBAL Village) on KAPIURIA River. Patrol stayed at UBAL Village.
- 30 Dec 44. Patrol with UBAL carriers moved through to UMOA Village and stayed the night.
- 31 Dec 44. Patrol moved through to and stayed the night at KENBUL village. Patrol took census of UMOA Village.
- 1 Jan 45. Patrol proceeded with new carriers to KABIMATIBUM village and stayed the night.
- 2 Jan 45. Patrol proceeded to MONTAGU HARBOUR then by American Picquet Boat to AWUL Police Post. Attachment moved on by Picquet boat to Jacquinot Bay.
- 3 Jan 45. Patrol remained at AWUL until 7 Jan 45.
- 8 Jan 45. Patrol proceeded to Jacquinot Bay No. 2 Compound and slept the night.
- 9 Jan 45. Patrol returned to District Office.

GENERAL.

Two members of the R.P.C. accompanied the Patrol. Eight additional native police were stationed in pairs at four places on the return trip. The following places are now police courier posts.

UBAL VILLAGE, UMOA VILLAGE, AWIT VILLAGE, and MONTAGU HARBOUR.

The first three mentioned courier posts have each been supplied with two months rations for the police stationed there. The last mentioned with one weeks rations and permission to draw future requirements from AWUL.

A list of all native police and their conduct is in the hands of O.C. R.P.C. Jacquinot Bay.

Census. On request from Lieut R. White at WALO an attempt was made to take a census at UMOA village on 31 Dec 44. The following figures are believed to be complete:-

UMOA VILLAGE.				VILLAGE TOTAL.
M.C.	F.C.	M.A.	F.A.	
17	12	28	22	79

This is the first occasion on which a census has been taken in UMOA Village.

The health of natives in the village was poor and a few minor sores were treated with the hopelessly inadequate patrol medical gear.

Travelling times are unknown.

European Personnel. One American was instructed to ^{RETURN} PALMAL-
MAL early on the morning of 22 Dec 44. He was suffering some pain and he thought his complaint was of a serious nature.

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District of New Britain.

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SPECIAL PATROL - JACQUINOT BAY TO CAPE HOSKINS
AND RETURN TO JACQUINOT BAY BY W.O.11 RYALL K.W.

Patrol Officer Ryall conducted these Army personnel across New Britain and back at the request of 5 Aust Div.

2. The object was change the early runner route from AWUL - WALO to MONTAGU HARBOUR - KALOIO via UBAI. Officers accompanying were on liaison duty to Cape Hoskins.
3. The work was carried out with the customary efficiency and speed characteristic of Patrol Officer Ryall's duties.

.....Major.
District Officer, New Britain

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STATION Gasmata

DISTRICT Rabaul

DETAILS Special Report on

Villages Inland from
Gasmata Aerodrome

OFFICER Capt R.H. Boyan

DATE 10-17 June 45

30/1.
Sub-district of Gasmata,
District of Rabaul.
24th. July 1945.

District Officer,
R A B A U L.

SPECIAL REPORT ON PATROL

to VILLAGES INLAND FROM GASMATA AERODROME,
by PX 150 Capt.R.H.Boyan, A.D.O.

This report covers a five-day patrol through a group of villages inland from Gasmata aerodrome, also a preceding two-day visit to two villages to the west of Gasmata.

These movements did not constitute a patrol in the normal sense. The main purpose was to gain a first-hand impression of one corner of the sub-district, allied with an attempt to learn something of local customs, standard of welfare and problems. Therefore, this Report is limited to the diary and comments on special matters.

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- 16.6.1945: Visited taro fields in accordance with precedence set at GETMATA. Then on to ZEBU
- 17.6.1945: To SIGILIWA and visited taro fields in afternoon.

AGRICULTURE.

The extent of native gardens belonging to some of the villages was not satisfactory. There seems to be no apparent reason for this. In an attempt to discover whether such a state of affairs is due to lack of work on the part of the villagers or to other causes such as depredations of wild pigs, poor soil, an original shortage of seed taro, the natives were requested to mark the number of taro planted from time to time on

a notched stick which should be brought to the station periodically; to report any cases of depredations of wild pigs; to bring in samples of the crop and report on the quantity of seed taro which was stunted in growth.

At GETMATA, the natives were supervised in the making of a sample ridge for kaukau growing.

No corn was seen and the natives reported they have none. This will be remedied at the first opportunity.

GENERAL NATIVE WELFARE.

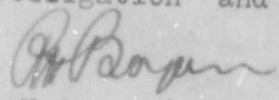
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During discussions it was stressed by me that improvement would not come from a sudden change attributable to supernatural influences; that the improvement of welfare involved application, enthusiasm, hard work and some sacrifice of leisure.

To my mind it is essential that these people be introduced to a commercial crop which will bear its product within twelve months. I have already brought this matter up in a separate memorandum.

It is planned that these villages be visited again at an early date in connection with a census revision of the whole of the Gasmata sub-division.

Apology is made for the delay in submitting this Report; this occasioned by the need to proceed to areas west of Gasmata in connection with the "SEVING investigation" and further enquiries at Jacquinot Bay.


(R.H. Boyan.) Capt.
A.D.O. GASMATA.

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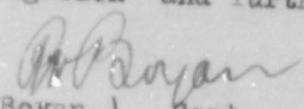
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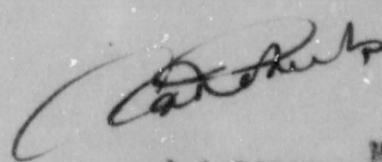
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PATROL REPORT - VILLAGES INLAND FROM
GASMATA AERODROME

By Capt R H BOYAN ADO

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned
report, forwarded under cover of your DCSO/7 of 30 Jul 45



A A ROBERTS Maj
ADDS & RA

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RABAUL District
JACQUINOT BAY.
30 Jul 45.

HQ Northern Region
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ATTACHED PATROL REPORT BY CAPT.
R.H. BOYAN, A.D.O. GASMATA.

Forwarded herewith Patrol Report by
A.D.O. Gasmata.

2. Patrol was confined to few villages
in vicinity of Gasmata Station.

Edwin
.....Major.
District Officer Rabaul District.

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Report
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