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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

SIASSI

| <u>Report No.</u> | <u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u> | <u>Area Patrolled</u> |
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 1 of 67/68 (SIASSI)

Patrol Conducted by J.M. Reading (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled SIASSI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 1 R.P. & N.C.C.

Duration—From 14 6 67 to 24 7 67

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October 19 66

Medical July / 19 67

Map Reference SagSag Fournal

Objects of Patrol 1 Revision of Common Roll 2. Formation of Land
Demarcation Committees 3. Discussions of Economic Development
4. Discussions on proposed Siassi Development Society 5 General
Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

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

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

CR 21-2-1

16th January, 1968.

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

SIASSI DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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Thank you for the attachments to this communication. I have written
to the Director of Agriculture as a follow up to my letter of the
6th October 1967 seeking information as to the availability of one
of his officers to assist in the establishment of a Society. Copies
of this correspondence are attached. You will be advised as soon
as I have received a reply from D.A.S.F.

B. O. Graham

(B.O. GRAHAM)
Registrar

67-6-18

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Telegram—
Telephone—
Our Reference CR 21-2-1
If calling ask for
Mr.

Registry of Co-operative Societies,
P.C. Box 612,
Port Moresby.

16th January, 1968.

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

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(E.O. GRAHAM)
Registrar

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6th October, 1967.

The Director,
Department of Agriculture, Stock and
Fisheries,
~~KOROROE.~~

SIASSI ISLANDS SURVEY

I have to hand the reports of the Co-operative Officers, Lae and Finschhafen, with regard to the setting up of a separate society in the Siassi area, to enable the people to obtain better service than is perhaps now obtainable through F.M.D.S.

2. Much of the potential of the area centres around the ability of the people to catch and market fish. Discussions took place between the Chief of Division, Extension and Marketing, Mr. Lamrock and Mr. Garaka, Co-operative Officer, Lae, together with the Assistant Registrar, Garaka, Mr. Bond, early last month in Lae with regard to the posting of a fisheries officer to instruct and get under way any fishing venture the proposed society may undertake. It is felt that the services of such an officer would be required for at least two years. Mr. Lamrock is reported to have said that he thought it would be possible to make a fisheries officer available in 6 months time.

3. The pressures from the people of this area to have a separate society and the encouragement given their efforts by D.D.A. staff provided the initial impetus for the survey. The results of the survey do not permit me to authorize the immediate establishment of a society as much of the success of the society would depend entirely upon the ability of the people to exploit the fishing potential. If an officer could be made available as proposed by Mr. Lamrock, then the situation could be quite different and a society anticipated at least.

4. Before giving a final answer to those involved, I would like to know the actual chances of an officer being made available in say 6 months time.

5. I attach hereto a copy of the survey report for your information and assistance in judging the importance and relevant priority of the scheme.

(H.O. GRANAM)
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67-6-18

January 5th, 1968.

Director,
Department of Trade and Industry,
PORT MORESBY.

For Attention: Chief of Division,
Business Training and Management.

SIASSI DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

...
Please find attached excerpts from Siasai Patrol Report No. 1 of 1967/68 relating to the proposed Siasai Development Society and also a copy of covering memorandum 67-1-6 of 14th November, 1967 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. I would be pleased if you could advise me when the inauguration of this Society can be expected, or any further factors which may be causing lengthy delays.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS) ps
Director

(Attach.)

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67-6-18

January 5th, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

SIASSI PATROL NO. 1 - 67/68

Receipt of the above report and comments is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The remarks of the Patrol Officer and the Assistant District Commissioner concerning the proposed SIASSI Development Society have been passed to the Chief of Division, Business Training and Management, Department of Trade and Industry for his advice on when action can be expected. You will be advised when this is received.

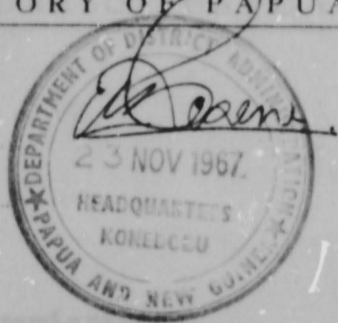
3. The Assistant District Commissioner may need to give Mr. Reading detailed patrol instructions if he is unable to submit an adequate patrol report on his own initiative.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS) 43
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams
Our Reference 67-2-13
If calling ask for
Mr. JPS/CEB

Department of District Administration.

Morobe District,
LAE.

16th November, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1967/68

I attach copy of this Patrol Report submitted by Mr. J.M. Reading, Patrol Officer, which is supported by a rough sketch map and by brief comments from Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. This report covers a patrol that commenced on the 14th June and was completed on the 24th July. Fifteen days over broken periods were spent on the patrol. Because of the excessive delay in the submitting of this report, there is little value in it as most of the information is well out of date. I agree with Mr. Murphy that it is hard to understand why this brief report has taken such an excessively long time to arrive here. I refer you further to my 67-2-13 of 7th November 1967.

3. In general, a most inadequate report from Mr. Reading.

D.N. Ashton

(D.N. ASHTON)
a. District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference **67-1-6**
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHIAFEN.
Morobe District.

14th November, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
LAE. Morobe District.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 67/68.

I enclose the original and two copies of the above report which was received in this office on 9/11/67.

I fail to see why it has taken 3½ months for Mr. Reading to submit this report.

The people are growing anxious about the proposed Siassi Development Society and some advice would be appreciated.

An officer of 5 years' service should be capable of compiling a better patrol map.

D. J. Murphy
(D.J. Murphy)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI.

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Patrol Post,
SIASSI,
Herobe District.
4/10/67.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
FINSCHRAFFEN.

SIASSI PATROL No. 1 of 1967/68

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|-------------------------|---|
| Patrol Conducted by:- | J.M. Reading (Patrol Officer) |
| Area Patrolled:- | Siassi Census Division |
| Patrol Accompanied by:- | Senior Constable ZAMAH 6911PK |
| Duration of Patrol:- | 14/6/67 - 18/6/67 12/7/67 - 13/7/67 17/7/67 - 24/7/67 (15 days) |
| Left Patrol to Area:- | September 1966 |
| Ref. Reference:- | SAG SAG FURNILL |
| Subjects of Patrol:- | 1. Revision of Common Roll. 2. Formation of Land Demarcation Committees. 3. Discussions on Economic Development. 4. Discussion on proposed Siassi Development Society. 5. General Administration. |

DIARY
JUNE

- 14th. Proceeded to Mandok from Gizarum per M.V. Karapo to assist M.V. Herobe and Lands Commission Mr. King for formation of Lands Demarcation Committee. Slept Mandok.
- 15th. Field meeting at Mandok before returning to patrol post to form Urbei Island demarcation committee. Late afternoon proceeded by M.V. Herobe to Montagen.
- 16th. From Montagen to Awar on Tolibaw Island for Demarcation Committee work and revision of the Common Roll. General discussions held before departing to Rabip to anchor overnight.
- 17th. To Rabip this morning for revision of Common Roll and demarcation committee formation. Proceeded to Aramet where common roll was also revised during the night. Slept Aramet.
- 18th. To Lablab to meet the Director Mr. McCarthy and the District Commissioner Mr. Ashton. Returned Gizarum by M.V. Karapo late evening.
- 19th. Met official party at Gizarum this morning and proceeded to G... Mission for morning tea. Thence to Siassi Patrol post for speeches and lunch. Returned with party M. J. Herobe for dinner.

DIARY Continued.23/6/67 to
11/7/67

At Siassi Patrol Post.

JULY

- 12th. Left patrol post on foot for OBONGAI for discussions and revision of Common Roll. Moved on to TARAWE for discussions during evening. Slept TARAWE.
- 13th. Common Roll revised at TARAWE before departing for OPAI and GOMLONGON. After completion of work returned to patrol post late afternoon.
- 14th. At patrol post.
to
16th.
- 17th. Departed per M.V. Karapo for MAHIM for Common Roll and discussions before moving on to Arenal Motu for brief stay. Thence to MALAI for inspection Common Roll and discussions. During night moved on to MANDOK to spend the night.
- 18th. Completed work at MANDOK before sailing to PUAM. During afternoon returned to ARANOT and thence up the river to YANGLA where a meeting was held during the night. Slept YANGLA.
- 19th. Further discussion with GUANU and YANGLA before returning to Karapo and departing for LABLAB. Meeting held with SIRIK and MANLI. Lunch at Lablab Mission and thence by Karapo to KAMPALAP for brief visit before pressing on to KABIP. Karapo returned Lablab. Common Roll and meeting held during evening before sleeping KABIP.
- 20th. Walked from KABIP to AUPWEL to have lunch at Catholic Mission. Completed work at AUPWEL and thence up to AROT. Meeting and discussions held during evening. Slept AROT.
- 21st. Arrived MARARAMU and AIYAU this morning from AROT. On completion of work moved on to GROPOT for inspection and discussions. The patrol then returned to Siassi Patrol Post.
- 22nd. Returned to GASAM for Common Roll revision and talk. This Saturday afternoon on the patrol post.
- 23rd. Sunday observed.
- 24th. To GOM, OMOM and BARRANG to complete the work of this patrol.

END OF PATROL

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INTRODUCTION

The area administered from Siassi Patrol Post consists of the group of islands lying between the Huon Peninsula of the New Guinea mainland and the western end of New Britain.

A third of the population of about 8,000 resides on the smaller islands of Tolikiwa, Sakar, Tuam and Malai and the very small islands of Aramot, Mandok and Aronai/Motu. The remainder of the villagers live on the main island of Umboi.

The people are predominantly of Lutheran faith with Australian Lutheran Mission stations at Iablab, Gelem and Awelkon but there are two small Catholic missions at Mandok and at Aupwel.

This patrol was a broken one due to transport difficulties, the visit of D.D.A. Director McCarthy and the District Commissioner and also station and Council commitments notably a visit by a council auditor.

The first stage of the patrol took advantage of the visit of the Land Titles Commissioner Mr. Ewing's to accompany him on the M.V. Morobe to Tolikiwa, Sakar and Aramot. On the 17th. July the patrol hired the A.L.M. vessel M.V. Karapo to visit the southern islands, in particular Malai and Tuam. This workboat cost \$60 for the three days in use but was a necessity due to the adverse seas around Siassi at this time of the year.

From Kabip the patrol proceeded on foot along the beach to Aupwel and over the mountains to the inland villages before returning to the station.

Due to the limited time available of the M.V. Karapo visits to Aronai/Motu, Malai, Tuam and Aramot were unfortunately brief. This officer plans to make a separate patrol to these islands and Tolikiwa before the end of the year and spend rather more time on the problems of these isolated villages.

Weather was generally good but the south west seasonal winds were at their peak and the seas were rough. Little rain was encountered and the Aupwel region was parched and almost drought stricken.

REVISION OF THE COMMON ROLL

This was carried out in conjunction with talks on the impending House of Assembly Elections. There was some difficulty, in some cases, in deciding who was of sufficient age to vote. Those who appeared to be over 21 years were enrolled.

There was considerable interest in the forthcoming elections as the Siassi people have chosen a candidate. Although the Siassi Candidate appears to have little chance of winning in the Finschhafen Electorate his preferences should decide who does win.

LAND DEMARCATION COMMITTEES

These were formed on Umboi Island, at Mandok to cover the small Siassi Islands, and at Sakar and Tolikiwa to cover these islands respectively.

These committees were welcomed by village leaders who have long realised the difficulty of cash cropping while land is under dispute or the ownership is in doubt. Since their formation the committees have held numerous meetings in the villages and large areas have been marked out in preparation for putting cement markers.

DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Siassi Villagers were found to be very aware of the urgent need for economic development. Due to their relatively few numbers, difficult communications and the large numbers of young men working in the towns the Siassi Area is economically backward relying mainly on copra production.

Siassi has considerable potential with fishing, sawmilling, cattle and cocoa but little progress has taken place in these industries mainly because of lack of organisation. These discussions on the development of local industries centred around talks on the proposed formation of the Siassi Development Society.

THE PROPOSED SIASSI DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

This was discussed in detail and was received with considerable enthusiasm as being the only real means of co-ordinating and developing economic potential in these islands. Many leaders expressed their opinion that individual effort was not enough for undertaking large scale ventures and they would give their full support to the new society.

There was initially some apprehension about the cost of shares being \$20 but the general consensus was that given a few months time almost all men would subscribe. The things wanted from the Society include a workboat, development of plantations of copra and cocoa, establishment of a local sawmill, a store for hardware and building supplies and an organisation to purchase and market the various produce of the islands. This officer emphasised that time would be needed for the Society to undertake all these functions but its establishment was a step in the right direction.


GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Local Court was not held during this patrol but several civil disputes were heard. Standards of housing and hygiene varied and instructions were given and also advice that the Siassi Local Government Council had submitted a hygiene rule which would be enforced when approved.

Councillors were helpful to the patrol but some were noticed to be rather ineffective. The villagers were advised that their progress depended to a large extent on a vigorous and effective councillor and they would harm only their own interests if they elected a weak or un-influential man in the forthcoming council elections.

CONCLUSIONS

This patrol was a useful one in that all objects were successfully achieved and that the people were brought a little closer to the aims of this officer and the work of the Administration. The Siassi people have a latent feeling of unity which is developing through the work of the Siassi Council and the proposed society. Once the problems of organisation are overcome the potential for economic and political growth is high.


(J.M. Reading)
PATROL OFFICER

SIASSI ISLANDS

1 inch = 4 miles

TOLOKIWA (LOKEP) I.



SAKAR I.

Alaro

Dampier Strait

Ritter I.

Aupwer

Aiyau

Mararamu

Arot

Oropot

Gasam

Airstrip

Gom

Onom

Barang

Gelem

Gazarum

SIASSI PATROL POST

Awalkon

Obongai

Tarawe

Barim

Gomlongon

Opai

UMEI ISLAND

Kabip

Kampalap

Marli

Airstrip

Sablak

Birik

Vitiaz Strait

Sanpanam

Gauru

Yangla

Aronai

Motu

Aramot

SIASSI PATROL No. 1 of 67/68

COURSE OF PATROL

Mandak

Motamalau

Malai

Tuam

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NOROBE Report No. 2 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by J.M. READING (PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled SIASSI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 5

Duration—From 13./9./19.67 to 1./10./1967

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JULY/19.67

Medical AUGUST/19.67

Map Reference SAGSAG FOURMIL

Objects of Patrol 1. 3rd. SIASSI COUNCIL ELECTIONS. 2. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

DISCUSSIONS 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9, 11, 19 67

District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

67-6-15

18th January, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Narobe District,
L.M.E.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1967/68.

Receipt of the above report with comments from yourself and Mr. Murphy is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I concur with your remarks. As one of the objects of the patrol was "general Administration" the attention of Mr. Reading should be drawn to Chapter IV Part II of Departmental Standing Instructions which lay down the headings to be used in a patrol report and indicate the sort of information required. In future the Assistant District Commissioner should ensure that Mr. Reading's Patrol Reports are comprehensive and not as sketchy as this one.

(T.W. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.6.15
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Telegrams
Our Reference 67-2-13
If calling ask for
Mr. DNA/CEB



Department of District Administration.

Morobe District,
LAE.

7th November, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1967/68

I attach copy of a brief report by Mr. J.M. Reading, Patrol Officer, of the Siassi Census Division. Enclosed with the report is a map of the route followed plus comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. I regret to state that this is the first Patrol Report received from this officer since he was posted to Siassi in February of this year. The Patrol Report bears the number 2 of 1967/68. I have not, however, received Patrol Report No. 1 of 1967/68, despite instructions by myself and by Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen, to Mr. Reading to expedite the submission of this report. I am instructing Mr. Reading to immediately submit Patrol Report No. 1. If this is not received by return mail I will consider the immediate transfer of this officer to a Sub-District station where his work can be supervised.

3. I have been most dissatisfied with the Administrative work of Mr. Reading since his posting to Siassi. There is little to comment on in this report. I am quite amazed to note that nowhere in his diary does he mention the sighting of foreign fishing vessels near Sakar on Saturday, the 30th September, nor does he mention having recovered a Japanese radio marker buoy from the Awar Village. These matters were reported by me to the Secretary, Department of the Administrator, by my 1-1-0 of 5th October 1967, after receiving a report from the Missionary in Charge at Gairum. It is surely a matter of commonsense to report such events, and I have instructed Mr. Reading to do so on all occasions in future.

D. N. ASHTON
District Commissioner



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
EINSCHHAFEN. Morobe District.

67-1-6

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

27th October, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
LAE. Morobe District.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1967-68

I enclose the original and two copies of the above report submitted by the Officer-in-Charge, Patrol Post, Siassi, Mr. J.M. Reading.

A second field officer was unavailable for these elections and Mr. Reading was assisted by Mr. Beu Natzemo, the Clerical Assistant stationed at Siassi. Claims for Camping Allowance were not attached to the Report. These have been asked for by telegram.

This report originally contained the Siassi Council Election Report. This has been extracted and forwarded under separate cover.

Besides the main aim of the patrol, Mr. Reading has used the opportunity to achieve a number of aims.

Patrol Report No. 1-67-68 has still not been received despite your reminder, 67-2-13 of 31/8/67. This has been requested by telegram.

D.J. Murphy
(D.J. Murphy)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI. Morobe District.

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Patrol Post,
SIASSI,
Morebe District.

13/10/67.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
FINSCHHAFEN

SIASSI PATROL No.2 OF 1967/68

3rd. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Patrol Conducted by:- | J.M. Reading (Patrol Officer) |
| Area Patrolled:- | Siassi Census Division |
| Patrol Accompanied by:- | Mr. Ben Nataemo (Clerical Assistant) Sgt. 2nd. class Anton Tambe Council Rules Inspector A. Henry Chairman Lands Demarcation Committee 2 members Tax Team (part) 2 members Review Committee |
| Duration of Patrol:- | 13/9/67 to 1/10/67 (18 days) |
| Previous Patrol:- | JULY 1967. |
| Map Reference:- | Journal: Sag-Sag |
| Objects of Patrol:- | (1) Conduct the 3rd. Siassi Local Government Elections. (2) Discussions on proposed Siassi Development Society. (3) Political Discussions (4) General Administration |

DIARY

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| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | 13th. | Proceeded to Barin for election and discussions. Council President Martin Winau re-elected unopposed. Returned Patrol Post late afternoon. |
| | 14th. | To Tarawe for election and discussions. Slept Tarawe Village. |
| | 15th. | To Opai and Gamlongen this morning. Elections and talks before returning Patrol Post. |
| | 16th. | Elections of Omon-Barang-Gom this Saturday morning and discussions held during afternoon. |
| | 17th. | Sunday observed. |
| | 18th. | to Gagan and Gropot for elections and discussions before walking on to Mararamu. Slept Mararamu. |
| | 19th. | Elections of Mararamu and Aiyau Wards before proceeding to Aupwel via Arot late afternoon. Slept Aupwel. |
| | 20th. | Arot-Aupwel elections and discussions. Talks with G.M. Father before proceeding to Kabip. |

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DIARY ContinuedSEPTEMBER

- 21st. Elections and discussions at Kabip before proceeding to Kampalap. Elections at Kampalap with discussions during evening. Slept Kampalap.
- 22nd. Walked on to Marli in rain (6 hours). Discussions and slept Marli.
- 23rd. Marli-Birik elections this Saturday morning before moving camp to Birik. Talks with Pastor at Lablab. Slept Birik.
- 24th. Sunday observed at Birik.
- 25th. Awaited aircraft at Lablab before walking on to Yangla where elections and discussions were held. Then moved on to Gauru for further elections and discussions. Slept Gauru.
- 26th. Proceeded by canoe to Arnot where old councillor elected unopposed. Talks before proceeding by canoe to Mandok. Slept Mandok.
- 27th. Talks with G.M. Father and elections and discussions at Mandok before moving by canoe to Aronai/Notu. Slept Aronai/Notu.
- 28th. Elections at Aronai/Notu while awaiting M.V. Morebe which then moved on to Malsi. Discussions held during the night at Malsi and old councillor re-elected unopposed.
- 29th. To Tuan for election and talks. On completion thence by Morebe to Kabip for overnight.
- 30th. To Sakar for talks and election before proceeding to Awar on Tolikiwa. Old councillor re-elected unopposed. Slept Awar.

OCTOBER

- 1st. Discussions held during the morning before returning per M.V. Morebe to Gissarum late afternoon.

END OF PATROLINTRODUCTION

The main objects of this patrol were to carry out the 3rd. Siassi Local Government Council Elections, to hold political discussions and to clarify and gain further support for the proposed Siassi Development Co-operative Society.

The patrol was a very satisfying one achieving this officer's aims of (a). gaining more influential and educated councillors. (b). Stimulating economic and political awareness amongst the Siassis. (c). Encouraging a solidarity and an awareness of the aims and progress of the Siassi Council and the work of the Administration.

This patrol was accompanied by the Chairman of the Unboi Inland Lands Demarcation Committee who took the opportunity of holding talks on the work of his committee.

The Siassi Council tax collection team also accompanied the patrol to collect tax at Tuan and Sakar, the villages having been omitted from the initial tax patrol.

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INTRODUCTION

After holding elections at Barin, Tarawe and Gomalongen the patrol proceeded in a clockwise movement around the Island of Unboi to Gauri. From here canoes were hired to take the team to Prasot, Mandok and thence to Aronai/Mota to await the arrival of the M.V. Morobe. On the 28th. of September the M.V. Morobe arrived and then took the patrol to Malai, Tuan, Sakar and Toliliwa before returning to Gisaran and the Patrol Post on the 1st. October.

With the exception of the walk between Kampalap and Marli the weather was fine and the seas moderate.

independence. Village leaders were encouraged to take part in the talks and many did.

(b). ECONOMIC

Talks were also held on the proposed Siassi Development Society and these were greeted with heartening enthusiasm. A great number of influential villagers mentioned that they saw little other way of developing the Siassi economy and they would give full support to the new society.

The villagers were told to accumulate their share money and await the formation of the society which was dependent on the approval of the Registrar of Co-Operatives.

Discussions were also held on labour for building the Siassi Airstrip and roadwork projects that the Siassi Council is undertaking. New rules concerning roadwork maintenance and health were also explained and discussed.

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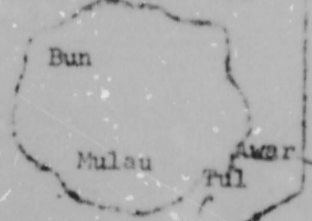
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SIASSI ISLANDS

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SIASSI PATROL POST

Awelkon

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Akarot

PATROL No 2 of 67/68
13/9/67 to 1/10/67

Mandak

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Malci

Tuan

J.M. Reading, August 1967

Amount Returned to Store

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of HOBOBE Report No. 3 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by J.M. READING, (PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled GONLONGON-TARAVE.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.

Natives 2, H.P. & F.G.C.

Duration—From 27/11/1967 to 28/11/1967

Number of Days TWO.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEPT/1967

Medical AUGUST 67
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Map Reference S.M. 848, YOUNG II.

Objects of Patrol 1. PURCHASE OF LANDS FOR SETTLEMENT LAND.
2. LIVES IGATE REPORT OF VOLCANIC ACTIVITY.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/1/1968

District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund / £.....

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Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

29th December, 1967.


The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

SIASSI PATROL NO. 3 OF 1967/68

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This is a brief report of a short field
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An extract from the report is being
forwarded to the Vulcanologist at Rabaul for his
information.


(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Ref: 67-6-24

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

28th May, 1968

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. SIASSI 3 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~
* ~~of~~ Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by J. N. READING
to GOMESONGON AND TARAWI VILLAGES ~~CENSUS DIVISIONS.~~

J. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



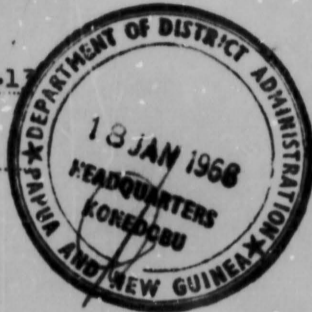
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Morobe District,
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29th December, 1967.

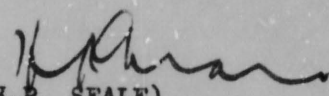
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(H.P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
SIASSI,
Morobe District.
29/11/67.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
FINSCHHAFEN.

SIASSI PATROL No.3 of 67/68

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| Patrol Conducted by:- | J.M. Reading (Patrol Officer) |
| Area Patrolled:- | Gomlongon and Tarawe |
| Patrol Accompanied by:- | Const. SAGEM 7504 |
| Duration of Patrol:- | 27/11/67 and 28/11/67 (two days) |
| Previous Patrol:- | September 1967. |
| Map Reference:- | SAG SAG FOURMIL |
| Objects of Patrol:- | (1) Purchase of Bunsil Land. (2) Investigate volcanic activity. |

DIARY

NOVEMBER 1967

- 27th. Departed Siassi Patrol Post by Landrover for Awelkon Mission and thence on foot to Gomlongon arriving 11.30 a.m. After lunch the patrol purchased the for clan sections of the Bunsil Land. Discussions held during the evening. Slept Gomlongon.
- 28th. Departed Gomlongon 8 a.m. proceeding along rough bush track to site of volcanic activity approximately six miles north of Tarawe Village arriving 11 a.m. Volcanic activity inspected and the patrol returned to Tarawe by different track and thence back to Siassi Patrol Post.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION

This was a very short patrol carried out for the expressed purpose of purchasing the Bunsil Land for resettlement blocks and investigating reports of increased volcanic activity at an old intrusion site. Both aims were achieved and will be reported on under separate headings.

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BURSEIL LAND PURCHASE

This patrol paid out \$3,419-20 for the purchase of the four blocks MALMALIM, SABAT, SOPAIGATAN and BURSEIL and their improvements. Points of the purchase agreement were explained carefully to the owners and questions were asked and answered.

Some men from Goulongon, who were not among the clans selling the land, asked whether they could lease some of the blocks and were told that they could certainly put in an application when these were called for.

Several of the owners of the BURSEIL clan mentioned that they thought they would be receiving more for their block but it was explained that the acreage price for all the blocks was the same at \$3 and their block was considerably smaller than the others. The owners then stated that they were content because they felt that resettlement was a good thing and they would want more for the land if it was purchased for any other purpose.

The land purchase papers will be forwarded under separate cover.

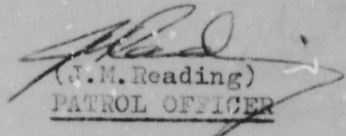
VOLCANIC ACTIVITY

Reports had reached this officer that some Tarawe Villagers had smelt sulphurous fumes. This patrol took the opportunity to make an inspection of the main site of igneous activity on Siassi being about six miles to the north of Tarawe Village. This is an old site which has been visited before by vulcanologists.

This officer was accompanied by villagers who stated that there was no apparent increase in activity although several fissures have continued to move. Several gas vents were sighted and a small geyser was flinging hot water about three feet into the air. There was also numerous pools of bubbling mud and an overall smell of hydrogen sulphide.

There has been no unusual earthquake activity in the past few weeks and there was no appreciable buildup in the pressure of gases and magma in this low lying site. Although the smell of gas at the village site, which has not been repeated, could not be located by this patrol it is felt that this is not of any great significance by itself. This area of Siassi has always had volcanic activity of varying degrees but the villagers were instructed to report immediately any unusual volcanic events.

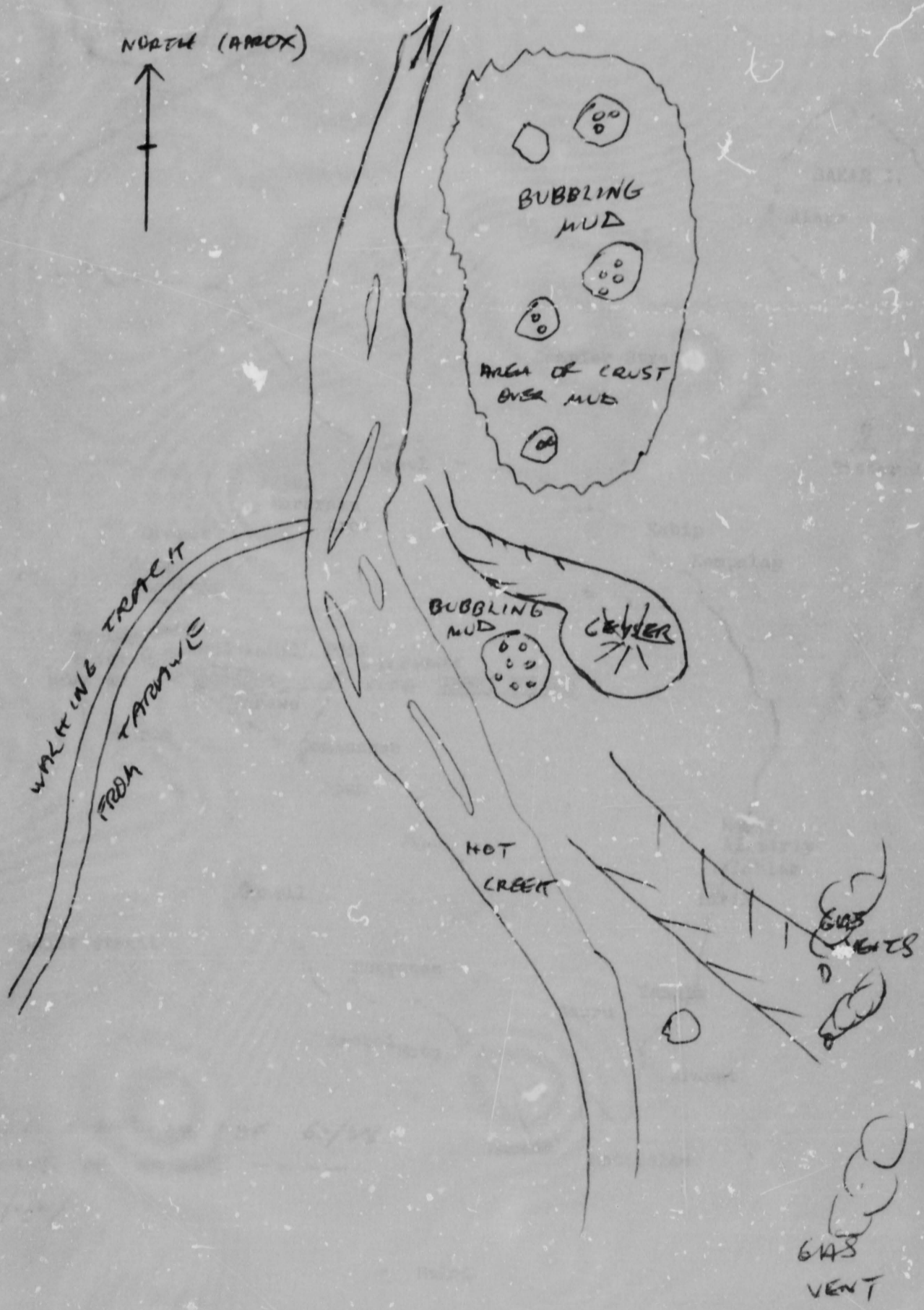
A sketch map of the main features of the site visited is attached to give an idea of future movements.


(J.M. Reading)
PATROL OFFICER

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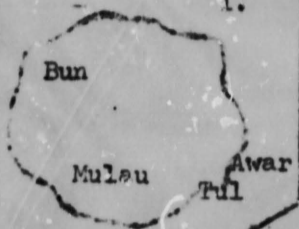
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TOLOKIWA (LOKEP) I.

SIASSI ISLANDS

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SIASSI PATROL NO. 3 OF 62/68
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Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 4 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by J. M. READING

Area Patrolled SIASSI ISLANDS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 1 BOATSCREW

Duration—From 6 / 12 / 1967 to 9 / 12 / 1967

Number of Days FOUR

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEPTEMBER 19 67

Medical AUGUST / / 19 67

Map Reference SAGSAG FOURMIL

Objects of Patrol 1. FISHERIES INVESTIGATION 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15 / 1968

District Commissioner

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

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

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-6-31

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOPU, Papua.

27th March, 19 68

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. SIASSI 4 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by J. M. Reading
to Siassi Island Census Division.

Some discussion of leadership would be pertinent
and interesting. Not one village official, not one leader
of the proposed Siassi Development Society, nor one of the
leaders of the fishing groups are named in the report.

Such information is invaluable to follow up
patrols in maintaining continuity and establishing
meaningful contact quickly and enables information services
to give recognition to leaders of constructive community
projects.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Director *JS*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote
No. 67-2-13

Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

22th January, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

SIASSI PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68

Attached please find the report of Siassi Patrol No. 4 of 1967/68 conducted to the Siassi Islands by Mr. J.M. Reading, Patrol Officer. Covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen accompany the report.

2. A follow up survey of fisheries potential in the Siassi Island Group is being carried out by officers of the Fisheries Division, commencing on approximately January 23rd, and the results of this survey are awaited with interest.
3. The matter of the disappearance of the two bags of smoked fish is being referred to the Co-operatives Officer at Lae.
4. I agree that a work boat is essential for adequate communication between the islands and the mainland of the Finschhafen Sub-District.

(H.P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration
Sub-District Office
FINSCHHAFFEN

6th. January, 1968.

The District Commissioner
District Office
Lae

SIASSI PATROL No. 4 of 1967/68

I attach a report of a patrol of four days duration conducted by the Officer in Charge of Siassi Patrol Post, Mr. J. Reading. Some of the outlying villages of the Siassi group were visited in conjunction with Mr. Hinton a Fisheries Officer. A map is attached but no claim for camping allowance. The report was received at Finschhafen on the 23th. December.

Mr. Reading appears to be taking a great interest in the development of his area through a co-operative society. I understand that the Registrar is somewhat reluctant to proceed with the establishment until the prospects for commercial fishing have been further investigated since the proceeds from the sale of copra would hardly justify a society for that particular purpose. Mr Reading comments on page 3 on the collection of share capital from 37 people. Section 134 of the Co-operative Societies Ordinance (No. 80 of 1965) states that collections shall not be made without permission in writing of the Registrar. I have instructed Mr. Reading by radio conversation to cease collections until authorized by the Registrar. As Mr. Reading is to be transferred to Finschhafen in the near future - being relieved by Mr. Lascabe the money should I believe be either returned to the donors or placed in an account opened jointly by them with a Savings Bank, until the Registrar's intentions are clarified.

On the subject of Fisheries page 2. Mr Reading mentions a Mr. Garsky. I understand that he is a Co-operatives Officer stationed in Lae. He may care to comment on the disposal of the two bags of smoked fish.

I have spoken to Mr. Oates the Agricultural Officer at Finschhafen about the net. On one of his visits to the Island he found the net in a state of disrepair. It was apparently suggested to the villagers that they either attempt repairs for which needles and twine were provided or purchase a new net. Apparently the first collection for a new net was inadequate in amount and I understand that the matter is now well in hand. No doubt the activities of the fisheries survey will do much to re-awaken whatever interest there was in the production of smoked fish.

Mr Reading is apparently showing great interest in economic development of his Administrative area but this will be of little avail unless regular transportation between the Islands and the mainland can be established. The situation could improve considerably when a work-boat is positioned within the Sub-District.

(GORDON SMITH.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
SIASSI,
Morobe District.
11/12/67.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
FINSCHHAFEN.

SIASSI PATROL No.4 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by:- J.H. Reading (Patrol Officer)
Area Patrolled:- SIASSI ISLANDS
Patrol Accompanied by:- One TUAM Islander.
Duration of Patrol:- 6/12/67 to 9/12/67 (four days)
Previous Patrol:- September 1967.
Map reference:- Sag Sag Fourmil
Objects of Patrol:- (1) Investigate fishing industry.
(2) General administration.

DIARYDECEMBER 1967

- 6th. Departed Gizarum by speedboat to meet fishery survey team at Malai. Heavy rain forced patrol to await easing at Aronai/Motu where village inspection was carried out. Thence to Malai where patrol met Mr. Alan Hinton (Fisheries Inspector) and Mr. Eric Witton of Lae aboard private vessel. Held discussions at Malai on fishing and crayfish potential and inspected techniques. Slept Malai.
- 7th. Left Malai this morning for Mandok for inspection of village and discussions with R.C. Father. After lunch departed for small island of Mota Malau where brief discussions and inspection was held before departing for Aramot. Further discussions and inspection held before leaving for Lablab. Slept Lablab.
- 8th. Purchased fuel for outboard motor and after easing of rain departed for Tuam via Aramot and Mota Malau. Lunch and inspection before departing for Mandok. Heavy seas encountered. Left Mandok for return to Gizarum but patrol was forced to return and spend night Mandok.
- 9th. Left Mandok and proceeded Gizarum through choppy seas arriving 10.30 a.m.

END OF PATROL

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol was carried out to investigate the progress of the development of the Siassi fishing potential and also follow up on advice and instructions given during the previous patrol in September. The patrol was made possible by the return of the repaired station outboard motor on the 4th. December. The outboard motor installed on this officer's personal speedboat and, after a trial run to Barim on the 5th. December, was used for the course of this patrol.

The islands of Aronai/Motu, Malai, Mandok, Tuam, Mota Mulau and Aramot were visited as well as the Australian Lutheran Mission at Lablab and the Catholic Mission at Mandok.

Weather was good at the commencement of the patrol but the north-west winds picked up during the latter stages making the seas choppy and slowing down progress. Rain also occurred fairly regularly but this made little difference to the patrol which was generally already soaked by spray.

FISHERIES

The patrol met Mr. Hilton at Malai and discussed the Siassi fishing potential and the progress of his investigation into crayfish migratory habits. This officer also looked into the smoked fish industry which was commenced at Malai by Mr. Hilton on his previous visit.

It was found that little progress had been made in the marketing of smoked fish at Malai. It was claimed by village leaders that although they got a good price for their first shipment of smoked fish they had received no word from their second shipment of two bags taken by Co-operatives Officer Mr. Garsky on the M.V. Morobe during July.

The second point of dissatisfaction raised was that on advice from Agricultural Officer Mr. Oats the villagers forwarded £26 for the purchase of a gill net giving the money to the captain of the F.M.D.S. vessel M.V. Vitiaz. This apparently occurred during August and on a recent visit of the Vitiaz the captain stated that he still held the £26 and would purchase the net when he was next in Lae. The Vitiaz is the Malai's only regular means of communication and the villagers were reluctant to demand the return of their money but I feel that this is not a satisfactory means of purchasing major items.

Would you please look into both these matters and advise me in due course? They have temporarily killed interest in smoking and marketing fish at Malai and I am anxious that this industry resume operations.

GENERAL

There was a noticeably improvement in village housing and hygiene which appears to be the result of a rule passed by the Siassi Council.

The attitudes and responses of the Siassi Islanders is somewhat different to those of the Umboi Islanders. They are generally more conservative and often more economically backward having fewer resources. It is also evident that a considerable proportion of the women and older men do not understand Pidgin or are not really familiar with it due to their relative isolation.

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GENERAL

Discussions were held on the proposed Siassi Development Co-operative Society and increasing interest is being shown. In view of the lengthy delay in official approval from the Registrar of Co-Operatives this officer has found it desirable to accept share money, issuing an interim receipt, accounting the money and banking it. To date 37 men have paid the share amount of £20. This has been deemed necessary to maintain interest and no further action will be taken until assistance from Co-operatives is forthcoming.

CONCLUSION

No attempt was made to visit all villages of the Siassi Census Division. Patrol funds or time did not permit an overall patrol but the problems of the Siassi islands are of a different nature to those of the Umboi villages and it is felt that this short patrol was of some benefit.

In the New Year specific patrols will be made to the other isolated islands of Tolikiwa and Sakar spending several days in each. Weather permitting this will be made possible by means of the station speedboat. Apart from special patrols the next general patrol will be that for the House of Assembly Elections commencing on February 17th.

J.M. Reading
(J.M. Reading)
PATROL OFFICER

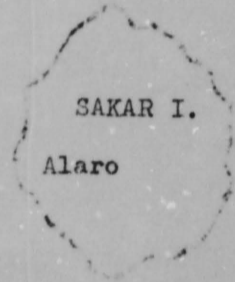
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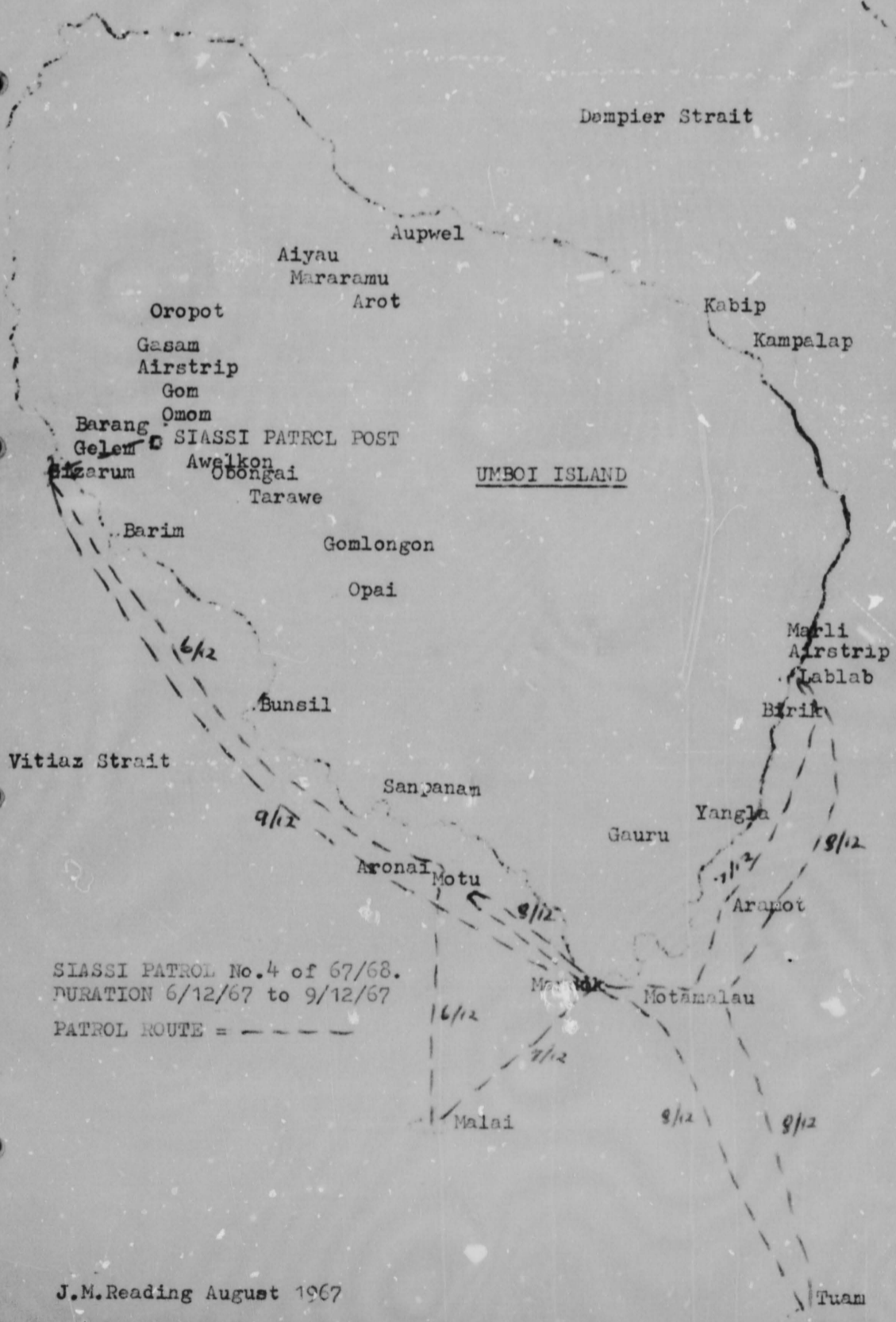
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SIASSI PATROL No. 4 of 67/68.
DURATION 6/12/67 to 9/12/67

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 5 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by Peter C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled SIASSI ISLANDS

nil

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives Mr. Kopi Wala, D.D.A. Clerk.
Mr. Henry Aipoke, Council youth-worker.

Duration—From 16/2/1968 to 14/3/1968
Const. 1/C Degkpa, R.P. & N.G.C.

Number of Days 14 Patrol Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept. Oct, 67

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference Admiralty Chart Aus. 28 Scale 1/300,000.

Objects of Patrol Conduct polling for House of Assembly Elections.

Director of Native Affairs,
FORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

19/4/68

District Commissioner

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

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

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-6-52

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

May 10th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. SIASSI 5-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~
~~of Patrol Report~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by P. LUSCOMBE P.O.
to SIASSI ISLANDS Census Divisions.

J.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director *HS*

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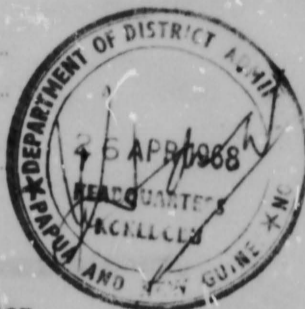
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.



Department of District Administration,

Morobe District,
LAE.

19th April, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

SIASSI PATROL NO. 5 OF 1967/68 -
MR. P.C.C. LUSCOMBE, PATROL OFFICER.

Attached herewith is a copy of Mr. Luscombe's report of his patrol of the Siassi Administrative area together with copy of comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen. Sketch map is attached to the Patrol Report but the route followed by the patrol is not indicated. Please note paragraph three of the A.D.C. Finschhafen's comments.

2. The purpose of the patrol was to conduct the poll in the Siassi Administrative area and apparently this work was successfully carried out.

3. I must say that I agree with Mr. Hill that Mr. Luscombe has made a severe judgement of the Siassi people. I have always found them to be a most likeable people, amenable to suggestions and certainly no more sleepy or disinterested, if such terms can properly be applied, than the average village populations of the Morobe District coast. I think Mr. Luscombe will find that the Siassi people will improve upon acquaintance.

4. I look forward to further reports from him. He is certainly correct in saying that there is great scope for improvement in general conditions in the Siassi group. This patrol will have demonstrated to Mr. Luscombe, one vital fact of life materially effecting most of the Siassi people and that is the very great communications difficulties that exist. I consider that there is a possible analogy between the Siassi situation and the developments at New Hanover in the New Ireland District and I will be keeping a close eye on developments.

H.P. Seale

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
SUB DISTRICT OFFICE
EINSCHIAFEN
MOROBE DISTRICT.


67-1-6

10th April 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L. A. E.

SIASSI PATROL No. 5 - 1967/68

1. Attached is Patrol Report from Mr. P. Luscombe at Siassi.
2. The patrol was quite straight forward and as it was undertaken only for the elections, there is little comment to make. I wonder just how "sleepy, disinterested even lazy the population" is? This seems rather a harsh judgement to make on first contact. I hope the Council truck does spur the people on to greater efforts, but from reports I have received about the roads, the Council truck may not have a great deal of use. I have asked Mr. Luscombe to keep me fully informed on the progress of the truck.
3. For your information, please. The next map submitted by Mr. Luscombe will be in terms of the Director's memo 67-6-25 of the 1st. March 1968.


(R. C. HILL)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Patrol Officer-in-charge,
SIASSI PATROL POST.

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STATION : SIASSI PATROL POST

SUB-DISTRICT : FINSCHHAFEN

DISTRICT : MOROBE

PATROL NUMBER : 5 OF 1967/68

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : PETER C.C. LUSCOMBE, PATROL OFFICER

AREA PATROLLED : SIASSI ISLANDS (i.e. UBOI, TOLOKIWA,
MALAI, TUAM, SAKAR, MANDOK, MOTAMALAU,
ARAMOT)

ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL : Mr. KOPI WALE, D.D.A. CLERK,
(ASSISTANT PRESIDING OFFICING)

Mr. HENRY AIPOKE, COUNCIL YOUTH-
WORKER. (POLL CLERK)

CONSTABLE DEGUPA. 0680. R.P.& N.G.C.

DURATION OF PATROL : 16/2/68 to 14/3/68 (14 PATROL DAYS)

LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1967 - 19 DAYS.

OBJECT OF PATROL : TO CONDUCT POLLING FOR 1968 HOUSE OF
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

MAP REFERENCE : ADMIRALTY CHART AUS. 28 SCALE 1/300,000.

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol was my first in the Siassi area, and was solely for the purpose of conducting House of Assembly elections. I acted as Presiding Officer for the Siassi Mobile polling booth. Residents here are eligible to vote in the Finschhafen Open Electorate and the Morobe Regional Electorate.

Verbal instructions had been given me by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen, not to confuse the elections with any other facets of routine administration, so none of this was done. In any case, the tight schedule of the M.V. Morobe did not allow any time for other work. As it was the team often worked late at night compiling figures, checking papers and so on.

The Siassi area is quite difficult to patrol without a sea-going vessel. All villages on out-lying islands are by the sea. The Umboi Island population consists of many coastal villages dotted right along the shore, with the inland Kowai group running from Opai to Aupwel; many of these latter villages are accessible by road.

Our "wet" season has not yet finished and some rough seas were encountered. A fierce gale while travelling to and from Sakar Is. made our ~~XXXX~~ dinghy journeys rather perilous.

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DIARY

- 16/2/68. Arrived at Gizarum ex Finschhafen via Sialum at 1.00pm. Sent message to Lab-Lab re a change in election timetable. Instructed S/Const. Samar to send word to villages on other side of island re change of plans. Departed Gizarum anchorage 3.00pm for Luther Anchorage (Montagen Hamlet) Slept on board here.
- 17/2/68. Departed 5.00am for Tul Village on Tolokiwa Is. arriving 8.00am. Spoke with P.H.D. people on malaria spraying team. Gave short election talk and polling began at 9.00am. Finished at 3.00pm. Over 200 voters. Departed just after 3.00pm and arrived back at Luther Anchorage 5.30pm. Slept on board.
- 18/2/68. Left pre-dawn for Sakar Is. Seas very big. Went ashore in dinghy, elections, returned to ship - seas frighteningly big at this stage and certainly too big to anchor at Kabip or Kampalap. Raining very heavily. Went right around the island to Aramot where locals were agreeable to polling. Held from 3.00pm to 6.15pm. Slept aboard at Aramot Anchorage.
- 19/2/68. Left early for Kabip Anchorage, arrived, went ashore in dinghy. Polled from 10.00am until 4.00pm including a two hour wait for the Kampalap people, only half of whom showed up. Slept aboard at Kabip Anchorage.
- 20/2/68. Departed early for Lab-Lab, went ashore ~~XXXXX~~ and polled from 10.00am to 6.15pm. About 300 voters. Trawler left for Aramot Anchorage so followed behind in dinghy, arriving 7.30pm.

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- 21/2/68. Balanced electoral papers first, thence by dinghy, to Gauru (Simban also voted) and then to Motamalau. Back to Morobe by dinghy. Encountered M.V. Wotan, owned by Eric Whitten of Lae, bying fish from the Aramot people..
- 22/2/68. Left early, arrived off Aupwel and anchored. Ferried cargo in by dinghy. Had a talk with Fr. Sasse of the Catholic Mission about the road from Mararamu to Aupwel and other problems. Held polling in afternoon for Aupwel and half of Arot who are living on the coast.
- 23/2/68. Departed early and walked up to Mararamu, about three hours. Held polling from 1.00pm to about 5.30pm for Mararamu, Aiyau and Arot. Talked with Councillor in evening.
- 24/2/68. Left for Oropot 7.45~~am~~ arriving 10.15am. Government car took us to station. Malaria control team arrived to spray surrounding villages with D.D.T.
- 25/2/68. Few station duties in morning. Went to Gizarum about midday and left on M.V. Morobe for Malai Is. arriving about 3.00pm. Began polling immediately and finished about 8.00pm. Slept on board at Malai.
- 26/2/68. Departed early for Tuam Is. where we polled from 8.00am until midday. Then to Mandok Is. for polling finishing about 7.00pm.
- 27/2/68. Left at Dawn for Kampalap and took remainder of votes. Came back to Gizarum arriving at 4.30pm.
- 28/2/68. Office and station duties.
- 29/2/68. As for yesterday.
- 21/3/68. As for yesterday.
- 2/3/68. Polling at Government Station all day.
- 3/3/68. Sunday observed.
- 4/3/68. Went to Awelkon by Land-Rover and walked (2hrs.) to Gomlongon. Polled from 10.45am to 2.00pm for Opai and Gomlongon. Came back to Station.
- 5/3/68. Office and station duties.
- 6/3/68. D.D.C. Mr. G. Hardy arrived with Resident Vulcanologist and assistant by helicopter.
- 7/3/68. Drove to Gasam Village and polled there all day.
- 8/3/68. Elections on station all day - five villages.
- 9/3/68. Polling at station half-day only. Mail arrived in afternoon - office work.
- 10/3/68. Sunday observed.
- 11/3/68. Station duties.
- 12/3/68. Office work - compiling election report.
- 13/3/68. Awaited M.V. Morobe - station work.
- 14/3/68. M.V. Morobe arrived in afternoon, unloaded building materials, loaded ballot boxes etc. Left 2.00am.

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ELECTIONS

This has been covered in a separate report to the Returning Officer, Finschhafen Open Electorate. I have attached two copies for use at District Headquarters. The original is at Finschhafen, and I have a copy on file.

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CARRIERS

The carriers encountered were not very strong, fast or willing, and a certain amount of pressure had to be put on the village leaders to get the people's cooperation in this regard. I am sure things will be a bit easier next time now that they know me a bit.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

It is most disappointing to find, on my first patrol on Siassi, so much potential for road building and improving, yet such a sleepy, disinterested even lazy population. I estimate that a concentrated effort of work on the part of the villagers, for a period of a few months would see a road opened, to all-wheel drive vehicles, from Gomlongon to Arot i.e. through all of the Kowai area. There are, at present, many good stretches, a few creeks to be bridged and a few mounds to be levelled out.

The arrival of the Council truck may spur the people on to greater things when they realise they could be availing themselves of this service, if they had a road.

The Government Land-Rover is at present flat out carrying building supplies and other station goods up from the wharf. There is enough work here, with the present building and station improvements, to keep the Land-Rover quite busy. The allocating of a motor-cycle with a "trail" sprocket would enable me to supervise, personally, road extensions and improvements.

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CONCLUSION

(i) As stated in the Election Report this main aspect of the patrol was successful. Every chance was given to all eligible residents to vote, and this resulted in over 70% of the Common Roll casting a vote. There were no incidents to speak of, and the team-members worked efficiently and well.

(ii) It is common knowledge that Siassi is in need of thorough, intensive patrolling. I intend to start such a patrol in early April. Some of the objects will be:- Census revision, Council By-Election for Lab-Lab, Council tax-payers meetings, shot-gun licence inspection and subsequent confiscation & prosecution action, Local Court circuit, political education as per pamphlets, advice to Council staff re prosecutions under Road Maintenance, Health and Tax Rules, stir up support for

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the airstrip and aspects of general administration. I shall endeavour to spend one night, at least, in every village, And it should take about 35 days altogether.

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Pete Alhacant

