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MILNE BAY DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

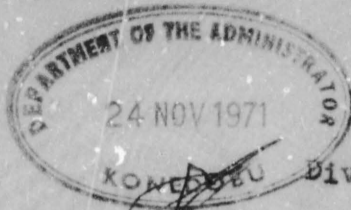
MISIMA

1971 - 1972

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
1/71-72	K.F.Nash	Misima Island C.D.
2/71-72	G.Mathewsi	Milne Bay :Calvados Chain C.D.
3/71-72	J.A.Standing	Deboyne/Renard C.D.
4/71-72	J.A.Standing	North Coast of Misima Island
5/71-72	I.F.Smalley	Ressel Island
6/71-72	J.A.Standing	Misima C.D.
7/71-72	W.Speldewinde	Part Deboyne/Renard C.D. & Calvados Chain
8/71-72	R.H.Oag	Sigara Village
9/71-72	W.Speldewinde	Misima Sub-District

TAGULA

1/71-72	R.N.Lock	Sudest Island C.D.
2/71-72	R.N. LOCK	SUDEST ISLAND C.D. (ARCASLUY FILE)
3/71-72	J.A. STANDING	SUDEST ISLAND C.D. (SIGNAL)



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67-5-10

Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
ALCTAU,
Milne Bay District.

22nd November, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
BRACOLA.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 71/72.

Thank you for the above report submitted by Mr. J. Standing. The report has been well compiled and I look forward to reading more reports from Mr. Standing.

I also do not agree with his comments regarding Women's Clubs. Women's Clubs do provide a focal point for women's activities in the village, even if it is nothing but gossip which could stimulate the men.

The employment of Mr. John Fifita as a Business Advisory Officer should do much to encourage economic development in the Louisiade Council area.

F. A. Driver
(F. A. Driver)

District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDEBU.

OA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-4-14

6th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
AIOTAU.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72.

Your reference 67-5-10 of 22nd November, 1971.

Further to my 67-4-14 of 23rd December, 1971. It seems that this patrol was Misima No. 2 of 1971/72 as No. 1 was forwarded under cover of your 41-7-0 dated 17th September, 1971. No. 2 forwarded with your 67-5-11 of 29th November, 1971 should be No. 3.

Please ensure that the Misima numbering is amended accordingly.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
s/Secretary.

No. 3

GG:MG

P.O. Box 239
KONEDOBU.

67-4-14

23rd December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
AJCTAU.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72.

Your reference 67-5-10 of 22nd November, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Report by
Mr. J. A. Standing, A. of CALVADOS CHAIN Census Division.

S. J. Pearsall
(S. J. PEARSALL)
Secretary

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number .. MISIMA PATROL NO. 4 1971/72

Subdistrict .. MISIMA

District .. MISIMA DISTRICT

Type of Patrol .. ANNUAL CENSUS, AND AREA STUDY

Patrol Conducted by: G. J. MATHEWS A.P.O.

Area Patrolled } .. ~~.....~~

Council and/or }

Census Division's }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: S. A. STANDING A.P.O.

..... B. W. DUA BOPIU INTERPRETER

.....

.....

Duration of Patrol - From 20 / 9 / 71 To 1 / 10 / 71

No. of Days .. 12

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area .. MISIMA NO. 8 ON 1970/71

Date .. 12/5/71 TO 31/5/71

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) ANNUAL CENSUS

..... AREA STUDY

..... POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION

.....

.....

Total Population of Area Patrolled .. 1809

Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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.....
District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number ADVISERS NO. 4 of 71/72

Subdistrict Misima

District KILNE BAY

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... K.F. NASH

Area Patrolled } MISIMA ISLAND, S.D.

Council and/or } LOUISIADÉ LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Census Division's } COUNCIL

Personnel Accompanying Patrol, COUNCELLOR LINDSAY SIMION

..... OF BWAGAGIA VILLAGE, COUNCELLOR LABELI MEEWO OF BAGILINA

..... VILLAGE

Duration of Patrol - From 16/3 /71 To 30 / 8 / 71

No. of Days..... ELEVEN (BROKEN PERIOD)

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area.. ADVERTISING MINING EXTENSION

Date 5/4/71 16/4/71 Duration..... 5 PATROL DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

... A... TO COLLECT COUNCIL TAX FOR 1971/72 FINANCIAL YEAR

... B... DISSEMINATE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROPAGANDA

Total Population of Area Patrolled, 6352

Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference..... 41-7-0
If calling ask for
Mr. GL/cl.



In Reply
Please Quote

No.
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

17th September, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

BWAGAOIA ADVISER'S REPORT NO.1/71-72

I attach two (2) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Nash.

2. This is a report submitted by the Local Government Adviser to the Louisiade Council. It contains both Local Government and general administrative matters.

3. Would you please clarify the situation in regard to patrol reports submitted by Local Government staff.

F.G. Driver
(F.G. DRIVER)
District Commissioner

c.c. A.D.C. Bwagaoia.
c.c. D.L.G.O. Alotau.

PATROL DIARY

- Monday 16/8/71:- To Narian village by Toyota 0900 - 10.30 collected tax and held brief informal P.E. discussion. Returned to Station 1100 and spent remainder of day in Council Office.
- Tuesday 17/8/71:- 0750 - 0830 by Toyota to Eiaus, 0845 - 1230 tax collection and P.E. discussion. 1230 - 1330 walking to Alhoga 1400 - 1600 discussions with villagers, inspection of village. Balanced tax monies. Slept Alhoga.
- Wednesday 18/8/71:- 0730 - 1130 tax collection and P.E. at Alhoga. 1130 - 1245 walked to Awaibi 1330 - 1430 inspected village, Aid Post, Pig Pens etc. 1430 - 1900 tax collection and P.E. speel. Slept Awaibi.
- Thursday 19/8/71:- 0730 - 0930 walked to Bwagabwaga. 1300 - 1530 tax collection and P.E. discussions. Tax monies balanced. Slept Bwagabwaga.
- Friday 20/8/71:- 0800 - 1030 by "Toaripi" to Ehora. 1100 - 1330 tax collection and P.E. at Ehora. 1500 - 1600 waiting return of Toaripi. 1600 - 1930 travelling to Bwagaoia.
- Saturday 21/8/71: At Bwagaoia.
- Sunday 22/8/71:- At Bwagaoia.
- Monday 23/8/71:- 0830 - 0930 by Toyota to Liak. 1000 - 1045 walked to Bagilina. 1045 - 1230 walked to Ewena. 1230 - 1530 tax collection and P.E. at Ewena. 1600 - 1800 walked back to Bagilina. Slept Bagilina.
- Tuesday 24/8/71:- 0830 - 1100 tax collection, and P.E. at Bagilina. 1100 - 1200 walked to Liak. 1330 - 1615 balanced tax monies and informal discussions. Slept Liak.

Wednesday 25/8/71:- 0800 - 1100 tax collection and P.E. at Liak.
 1100 - 1200 walked to Gulewa.
 1300 - 1500 tax collection and general discussions.
 1500 - 1715 tax monies checked and balanced.
 Slept Gulewa.

Thursday 26/8/71:- 0800 - 0845 walked to Siagara - 0930 -
 1300 tax collection and P.E. discussions.
 1400 - 1500 walked to Boiou.
 Slept Boiou.

Friday 27/8/71:- 0900 - 1130 tax collection and P.E. discussion at Boiou.
 1200 - 1300 walked to Kaubwaga there returned to Bwagaia.

Saturday 28/8/71:- At Bwagaia.

Sunday 29/8/71:- At Bwagaia.

Monday 30/8/71:- To Kaubwaga by Toyota.
 0900 - 1330 tax collection and discussions.
 Returned Bwagaia 1400.

END OF PATROL.

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This patrol covered thirteen of the fifteen villages on Misima Island, the population of the other two villages being within easy walking distance of the Council Chambers and the people expressed their willingness to walk in and pay their tax. The main aim of the patrol was the 1971/2 tax collection for Misima Island villages with a limited Political Education programme centered around the hopes, aims and general ideas of the Louisiade Local Government Council.

POLITICAL

Local Government: Misima Island has had Local Government since 1958 and has through the virtue of energetic Councillors and Administration Officers benefited greatly in all aspects of Local Government, later sub sections of this report will show. Thirteen Councillors, including the present President represent 6352 people and to my mind represent them well with only two exceptions, those being the Councillors for Eborā/Ewena and Bwagabwaga wards.

Since the Councils conception a large proportion of capital works have been confined to Misima and after recent repercussions from the Sudest and Rossel Islanders over alleged non benefit from the Council and definite bias has been directed towards providing the outlying areas with more visible benefits. In a recent letter referenced 41-8-13 of 19/8/71 the Regional Local Government Officer commented on the leadership and drive sections of elected Councillors, the recent discontent of outlying areas has been mainly the result of said leadership and drive being confined almost exclusively to Misima Island Councillors, hence the advancement of the area. These Councillors have now directed their efforts, at the expense somewhat of their own constituents towards restoring the status quo of the rest of the Council area. A move that favourably expresses the growing maturity and the awareness of the need for a unified Council area of the Councillors themselves.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY: Due to a modicum of personal contact with the members of this institution, interest and awareness is at a very static level and will remain so until campaigning for the 1972 elections begins. Rumours and I stress rumours, indicate anywhere from 6 - 12 Misima candidates wishing to stand for election in the Kula Open Electorate, naturally this will split the Misima vote and leave all the candidates behind anyone from the Kiriwina/Woodlark area who has a large and

relatively unopposed following. Theorising on this subject at present is of little use, we the Local Administration, can only sit back and hope for either of the following or ideally both:-

A. That all Misima candidates get together and draw up a preferential vote to ensure the keeping of the votes in a bloc and not being split asunder between rival factions or

B. That recent objections by the Council to the findings of the Select Committee into Electoral boundaries result in the formation of a separate electorate to include the area between Rossel Island and the Engineer Group of islands.

POLITICAL EDUCATION: In all villages visited informal Political Education discussions were held immediately following the tax collection. Topics discussed were centered around Local Government and very infrequently were the subjects of Independence, Self Government or the House of Assembly brought up. I followed this course as I thought it the most advantageous following widespread discontent with the previous years tax rate and to try and ease the mind once the pocket had been emptied of this current years tax money.

During the first week of the patrol the author conducted these discussions with the assistance of Councillor Lindsay acting as interpreter, during the second week Councillor Lindsay took over completely and discussions were entirely in the local dialect with the author being referred to only on a few of the more complex matters. The latter sessions which were not bogged down with translations back and forth were quite productive and the peoples attentiveness was held for longer periods. Unfortunately the majority of questions asked were ones that could and should have been answered by the village Councillors themselves, whilst this may appear to conflict with comments in the earlier ("Local Government" section, both the author and Councillor Lindsay feel that a "second opinion" was only being sought. Some of the more common questions raised were:-

- Q. When do we stop paying Council tax?
- Q. Why does the Council issue summonses to people who do not pay tax?
- Q. What happens to our tax, does it go to Rossel and other places where people do not pay their tax?
- Q. What work is the Council going to do this year?

As the above indicate, tax, it's uses and reason for collection was the most popular subject.

Meetings comprised entire villages and at no stage would active participation exceeded 5% of those attending, although reception rates would have been much higher. On purely localized topics as tax collection it is obviously more efficient to use an actual Councillor for explanatory purposes and where possible also to answer the questions. The author was fortunate in having a Councillor able to cope with this task whilst stimulating the audience. In summary the discussions held were extremely successful.

ECONOMIC

General Rural Development: Misima Island is agriculturally dependant on copra, and to a lesser degree cocoa, chillies and cattle. Staple foodstuffs being readily available, large scale food shortages could only result from severe drought or extremely excessive rainfall during the planting season. Large copra plantations exist at Kaubwaga, Laguna, Quartz Mountain, cocoa is grown at Kaubwaga, Quartz Mountain, Gulewa and Siagara. Smaller village and family plantations provide a good source of income for those willing to devote the necessary physical labour.

Development Departments: D.A.S.F. Officers and the Council Field Assistants co-operate in their activities on Misima Island and the village people receive excellent assistance from a combination of the two bodies. An average patrol by Agricultural assistants covers, plantation pegging, advice of construction of copra driers, tending nurseries, care of gardens and clearing of plantations. The Council employs two field assistants to cover Misima Island whilst D.A.S.F. has a full time staff of five based at Bwagaia.

The Co-operatives section of the Department of Trade and Industry currently have three officers at Bwagaia faced with uneconomic business relations between Societies and the Co-operatives Wholesale Society caused by heavy losses due to the 1967 cyclone, large debts then arising and unable to be paid off due to limited credit. As every patrol report on this area that leaves this Sub-District points out, the situation has resolved itself into a vicious uneconomic circle with adverse effects for all those within it viz. Society Members, village people and C.W.S.

Marketing The following outlets are available for producers of cash crops on Misima Island.

- A. Mr. A. Munt purchases, copra, cocoa
- B. Mr. E. Ryan purchases copra
- C. D.A.S.F. purchase chillies and very small amounts of coffee.
- D. Copra Marketing Board issues numbers to producers who freight copra direct to Samarai.

Growers have available either the Council vessel M.V. "Lilivasc" to freight produce to Samarai or Council owned tractors which can be hired to transport their produce to the main port at Bwagaia. Costs to the hirer for both methods of transport are minimal.

Cash Crop Extension: In the village sector cash crop extension is carried on by a few isolated individuals, the most notable extensions are those undertaken by the I.M. Family Society and their various interests, they have planted large areas of coconuts, chillies, have approximately 20 head of cattle and are using a Development Bank loan to improve their plantations. It seems that on the North Coast of Misima in particular, that any enterprising soul is soon taken in by the I.M. Family, encouraged and assisted in whatever venture he chooses and then automatically becomes part of the "Family".

Non Indigenous Development Two individuals are worthy of note here, Mr. A. Munt owner of Kaubwaga and Quartz Mountain plantations and a store in Bwagaia township and Mr. E. Ryan owner of a store in Bwagaia, another at Siagara and plantation interests outside the area patrolled.

The personalities of these two gentleman seem reflected in their commercial activities, the former being vibrant, active and full of "jore de vivre," his establishments being active, expanding and covered with a mantle of modern commercialism whilst the later being a careful, quiet and unobtrusive personality and likewise his commercial activities.

Education The following schools exist on Misima Island:-

- LOAGA - to Std 6 run by United Church Mission.
 EIAUS - to Std 4 " " " " "
 BWAGABWAGA to Std 2 run by United Church Mission.
 LIAK - to Std 5 run by Education Department built, and maintained by the Local Government Council.

Moves are continually underway for a further school in the Siagara - Eoiou area, however, nothing definite

As been decided by any of the interested bodies viz, Education Department, Catholic Mission, United Church Mission and the Local Government Council.

Council built and maintained Aid Posts exist at Eiaus, Ewena, Liak, Siagara and Kaubwaga. Maternity facilities are available at Siagara and the main hospital at Bwagaia. The population of Misima ~~are~~ ^{is} adequately supplied with Health facilities.

Law and order is administered from the Sub-District Office at Bwagaia, the populus being predominantly peaceful and law abiding. The great majority of court cases handled at Bwagaia concern tax defaulting whilst the occasional assault or adultery proceedings make up the minority with assorted other misdemeanours.

Banking, radio, postal, judicial, welfare and general administrative services are available at Bwagaia.

The United Church is the only mission active on Misima Island. and The Misima Sports Association is an extremely active and fairly well organized body. Saturday afternoon sees anything up to six or seven village soccer teams competing against each other and similar number of girls basketball teams. Soccer teams are levied a fee of \$11 to join the Association and basketball teams \$7, this entitles them to compete in the Saturday competitions. Keen interest is shown by players and spectators alike.

TAX COLLECTION

Response to this years tax collection varied from 100% in two villages to below 1% in others. An overall figure of 40% of taxpayers, have paid to date. As soon as summonses are produced the tax is suddenly found, a practice that severly frustrates the tax collection and delays Council works projects.

The fact that tax is due and payable on July 31st of each year is something that is conveniently forgotten and many defaulters are only now "beginning to look for their tax". To date \$3873 has been collected on Misima Island, approximately \$4,000 short of the target figure.



K. F. NASH
LOUISIADÉ COUNCIL ADVISER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-4-37

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

10th August, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT NO. 9 of 1971/72.

Reference your 67-4-37 of 25th July, 1972.

I enclose copy of 67-2-2 of 7th August, 1972, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Bwagacia. Reference the Assistant District Commissioner's paragraph 2(a), the title of the film from D.I.E.S., Alotau, records would appear to be "Death Rides the Range".

Paragraph 2(b) - the film "South Pacific Games" used here has magnetic strip sound. The film belongs to Political Education. The EIKI projectors now in use by D.I.E.S. have only optical sound. My memos 80-4-3 of 14th April and 2nd May, 1972, refer, as does your 19-9-4 of 15th May, last paragraph.

Paragraph 2(c) - a programme for this patrol was ordered on the 18th of January, 1972. The programme as ordered never arrived although other programmes ordered at the same time arrived on time. It was later determined that the order could not be found and a programme ordered by the projectionist was used in its place. The following correspondence refers:-

My 80-4-1 of 14th June, 1972, to the Film Librarian.
D.I.E.S. 7-8-10 of 20th June in reply.
My telegram 1516 of 22nd June to ADCAST.
D.I.E.S. ES/613 of 23rd June in reply.

Paragraph 2(d) - football films of various types are popular but not always available. I had one ordered on Programme 2235 for 24th July. Although the order was confirmed it never arrived, due to late return from the last borrower. The problem is a recurring one. The best films are seldom available though booked months in advance. The films required are either booked for that period or, if "available", they are late being returned from the previous borrower and hence not included in the programme.

What is required is a reappraisal of the needs of the film library, taking into consideration the growing list of borrowers and the continuing problems of transport. If further funds were available to obtain further copies of the most popular films the library would be in a better position to meet the needs of borrowers with some degree of satisfaction.

P.S.O.

F.G. DRIVER
District Commissioner.

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District Commissioner
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10th June, 1972

10th July, 1972

1. The District
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4. The District (NE)
5. The District

1. The New Kula
2. Speed the Plough (NP)
3. The Kula
4. The Kula
5. The Kula


District Commissioner

80-4-3
wab/aa

Division of District Administration

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

14th April, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 1015,
ALOTAU

COMMUNICATIONS - FILMS

Four references in 19-9-72, 19-1-73 of 14th April, 1972.

Further to my radio 1308 I have forwarded today per T.A.S.
1- copy of the film:

South Pacific version - English version.

The film was screened last night on a new Eiki projector and
was found to have some faults, namely:

1. It has a break approximately 1/3 of the way through the film.

2. The sound is extremely weak.

However the film was appreciated.

Other films were screened at the same time and the sound
reproduction from the other films was quite normal.

[Handwritten signature]

District Administrator

80-4-3

WKP/cl.

Division of District Administration
District Headquarters,
Mine Bay District,
Admiralty.

2nd May, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
P.O. Box 3395,
Admiralty.

REPAIRS & REPRODUCTION - FILMS

My letter of 16th April, 1972 refers in part.

Your letter of 17th April, 1972 also refers.

We exchange copy of the film 'South Pacific Games' received, thank you.

I have since determined problems with the sound of these films.

The New Mill projectors now in use by all D.D.S. units are not equipped for magnetic stripe sound.

The South Pacific Games and many of our other D.D.S. films use a magnetic stripe sound track. I believe D.D.S. are now converting all their films to standard sound track. It would appear that it will not be of very little use to have plain, non-audio sound strips dubbed onto our films.

[Signature]
(F.O. DRIVER)
District Commissioner.

80-4-3

WHP/SA

Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
MILNEBY.

14th June, 1972.

The Film Librarian,
Department of Information and Extension Services,
MILNEBY.

FILM ORDER.

For period 1st June, 1972 to 30th July, 1972.
Order dated 18th January, 1972.

The above mentioned order has not been received to date.
Your early supply would be appreciated, please. My last programme,
numbered 108, was returned to me today. For the comedy spot in
the next programme might I suggest "The Bull's Chase" or "Great Chase"
as you recently forwarded the previously selected titles.

I enclose order forms in respect of further programme
requirements.

[Signature]
District Commissioner.



DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND EXTENSION SERVICES

Telegrams: DCASI
Telephone: 44681

P.O. Box 2542
Kororua

By Reply
Phone Order No. 9/8/72

20th June, 1972.

Mr. F. G. Driver,
District Commissioner,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
ABOTAU,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT

FILM ORDERS

In reference to your 80-4-3 of 14th June, 1972.

We have located all orders sent to D.I.E.S. by Mr. W. J. G. Lambden on 18th January, 1972. There were only 2 orders in this batch and both of these were processed and despatched on the required dates. These two orders covered the period 24/3/72 to 2/5/72 and 2/5/72 to 5/6/72. At no time did we receive an order for the period 5/6/72 to 10/7/72.

If you still require films for the remaining part of this period, could you please submit a copy of the original order and we will process this and despatch the available films as soon as possible.

Samuel H. Choudhury
Samuel H. Choudhury

for Samuel H. Choudhury
Assistant Director
Extension Services Division

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EDCAST
KXEDUBU

80-4-3
22/6/72

1970	FOR	FILM	LIBRARIAN	YOUR
7/3/70	OF	20TH	JUNE	1972
REPT	STOP	PLANNED	FORWARD	FOLLOWING
PLANNED	TRAVEL	SATURDAY	24/6/72	STOP
PLANNED	BAY	DI. J. J. C. I.	STOP	TRINIDAD
AND	CONGRS	STOP	NO	INDIANS
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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25/612

25/612 P. O. B. BY TEL. 55/52 DESPATCHED VIA TAA COMMOTE 320/58 ON 29/5/72

PLEASE PASS ON TO DISA PROJECTIONS AFTER YOUR SCREENING FOR USE AS A NEWS

PROGRAMME AND ASK HIM TO RESUME PROGRAMME NOS 005 1712 1-4 STOP TWO PROGRAM

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BROADCAST

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-4-37

25th July, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOIAU.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 9 OF 1971/72.

Reference your 67-5-18 of 11th July, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of Misima Sub-District, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. W. Spaldewinde, Assistant District Commissioner.

A well conducted patrol that obviously aroused the interest of the people, not only because of the subject matter but also because of the manner in which it was presented.

Mr. Spaldewinde could have been more specific in his complaint in respect of the poor quality material supplied by D.I.E.S. As it is, his remarks are so general in context that little purpose would be served in bringing the matter to the attention of D.I.E.S.

T.W.E.
(T.W. ELLIS) *rev*
Secretary. *J*

DM 67-4-37

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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 Mr.....

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Division of District Administration,
 District Headquarters,
 Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

11th July, 1972.

The Secretary,
 Dept. of the Administrator,
 P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 9-1971/72.

Attached find the above report submitted by Mr. W. Speldewinde ADC at Bwagaia.

I have little comment to make except that this patrol shows part of the effort being made at present in educating people through-out the District towards a feeling of unity and respect.

F. G. Driver

(F.G. DRIVER.)
District Commissioner.

C.C.
 Assistant District Commissioner,
BWAGAIA.

SITUATION REPORT No. /

Station Bwagaia Officer Compiling W.G. Speldewinde (ADC)
 District Milne Bay Subdistrict Misima
 Census Division Whole Sub District L.G. Council Louisiade

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate.)

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

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Subject: Political Education - Misima Sub District

The main purpose of this patrol was to accompany Mr W. Paterson the District Political Education Officer who was conducting Political Education Seminars in the Sub District. Mr R. Oag (Assistant Patrol Officer) also accompanied the patrol and received on-the-spot training from Mr Patterson.

The patrol concentrated on consolidating the work done in the past by my field staff on regular patrols. Topics used were:-

- a) Organisation of the National Coalition and election of the Chief Minister.
- b) Strength of the different parties.
- c) Self Government.
- d) The work of a Councillor.

For the last two subjects flip-charts were used to great effect.

The first day was taken up with a seminar at the Council Chambers for all the Misima Island Local Government Councillors, Ward Committeemen and other Leaders. We were fortunate in having the services of Councillor Liddsi Simieon who had just returned from a visit to Port Moresby where he had seen the work of the House of Assembly. After the discussions a film was shown about the House of Assembly and Councillor Liddsi was able to point out the more interesting parts to his fellow Councillors. Audience of 60 people.

The second day was used for a Public Servants and Teacher's Seminar. A very successful debate "Self Government Now or Later" was argued during the day and taped for future use by the PEO. Later that night films were shown at Loaga United Church Mission.

On the third day the patrol went to PANAEATI where the Std 6 children were addressed by Mr Paterson and Mr Oag while I spoke to the village Leaders. At night films were shown in the Church.

The fourth day was spent travelling to SABARI Island where village

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Date:.....

leaders were addressed on Self Government. Films were shown at night.

The patrol proceeded to Nimoa Catholic Mission on the fifth day where Nurses, Teachers and village leaders were addressed. School children were away on their holidays and were not available. Films were shown at night.

On the sixth day the patrol travelled to Jinjo Catholic Mission. Std 6 children, nurses, teachers and village leaders were addressed by the PEO, APO and myself.

The seventh day was spent travelling back to Bwagaia and on the eighth day Liak village on the North Coast of Misima Island was visited. Std 4, 5 & 6 children and about 200 village people were addressed.

On the ninth day std 6 children at Ioaga and Bwagaia were addressed.

At Liak the patrol had concrete evidence that matters discussed with the Councillors had been brought back to the village and disseminated to the people. The people asked sensible questions and had a fair grasp of matters political.

Groups varied from 200 at Liak to 30 at Sabari. Teachers and nurses were encouraged to join the discussion groups whenever possible.

There was ample evidence throughout the patrol that the people were moving away from their old stand of 'No Self Government' last year to a more sensible 'Self Government Soon' stand. When asked many of the people said that they listened to Radio Milne Bay - music mainly - and I feel that the Political Education section should be increased and strengthened. More facts and figures, names etc. should be used to make the people more aware of our leaders and their activities.

Films shown were; 'South Pacific Games', 'Papua and New Guinea 1967' and 'This is the House of Assembly'. The selection sent from DIES was not used because it was not good enough. They should make a greater effort to send the selected programme and not shoddy, second-rate films that were not ordered.

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SITUATION REPORT No. /

Station..... **Bwaganja** Officer Compiling **W.G. Speldewinde ADC**.....
 District..... **Milne Bay** Subdistrict..... **Misima**
 Census Division..... **Whole Subdistrict** L.G. Council..... **Louisiade**
 Subject:..... **Political Education - Misima Sub District**

Subdistrict Office Assessment Assistant District Commissioner
Bwaganja
 Date Received
6/7/72

Forwarded to District Commissioner for his comments

Action Taken: **Nil**

Sgd..... *W.G. Speldewinde*
 Date..... **6/7/72**

District Office ALOTAU

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10/7/72

This petrol was solely a political education one conducted by the District Political Education Officer.

Interest, reaction and attendance by the local populace was good.

Action Taken: NIL.

Sgd. *A. G. Krivier*

Date *11/17/72*

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number ... **TAGULA No. 1 - 1971/72**

Subdistrict ... **ITUBA**

District ... **ULUNE BAY**

Type of Patrol ... **SPECIAL**

Patrol Conducted by ... **R. H. LOOM, PATROL OFFICER,**

Area Patrolled } ... **WEST ISLAND**

Council and/or } ... **LOUISIAD**

Census Division's } ... **MURUK**

Personnel Accompanying Patrol ... **SUP CONR/ S/O KORUA**

..... **INTERPRETER J. HAJKA**

Duration of Patrol - From **9/8/71** To **16/8/71**

No. of Days ... **Eight**

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area ... **17/5/71 ... Bougain Administration**

Date ... **17/5/71** Duration ... **32 Days**

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

..... **ADVISE THE MINING, MARSHES VISIT, POLITICAL EDUCATION,**

..... **BOUGAIN ADMINISTRATION**

Total Population of Area Patrolled ... **1872 BUAIN**

Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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.....
District Commissioner

P.O. Box 2396, KONEDOBUI

67-4-9

22nd December, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
NAIYAU

TACULA PATROL NO. 1 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-10-6 of 17th September,
1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
Special Report by Mr. R.N. Lock Patrol Officer, of
Sudest Island Census Division.

It is most apparent that Mr. Lock should
be transferred to a station within your District where
he will be under the direct control and supervision
of a senior experienced Field Staff officer.

Verbal castigation is apparently not the
solution in this case.

S. J. Marsall
(S.J. MARSALL)
s/Secretary.

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Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

17th September, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
EWAGADIA.

REGULA PATROL NO.1/1971-72

Thank you for the above report submitted by Mr. Lock.

2. Mr. Lock's report would be a credit to a local officer with a standard education. However, it is completely unacceptable from an overseas officer in his second term as a field officer of this Department. I have, on numerous occasions, attempted to correct Mr. Lock's mistakes to no avail. This present report is full of grammatical mistakes, inaccuracies, and the misuse of words.

P.G. Driver
(P.G. DRIVER)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
PORT MORBY

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Division of District Administration,

Sub District Office,
Buagapia,
Milne Bay District,

6th September, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALUFAU.

TAGULA PATROL EC 1 - 7/72.

Please find enclosed copies of the above patrol report.

Once again Mr Lock has submitted a report of his usual standard, i.e. complete with factual and grammatical errors. What ever time and effort (doubtful) was spent on preparation has been a complete waste. Even the cover cannot be taken at face value. The number of patrol days shown, no doubt correct for some previous patrol of Mr Lock's, unfortunately does not correspond with the number of days shown in his diary.

The patrol map, which would be a credit to a ten year old cartographer, also bears testimony to Mr Lock's fairy tale approach to factual reporting. The patrol route shown on the map and the actual route shown in the diary do not correspond. Also no indication is made of the position of a North South line.

Spellings of village names vary. REWA and EMBABALIA the correct spellings, are also shown as REWS and EMBABILIA.

The main purpose of the patrol was to advertise the Mining Warden's forthcoming hearing. Mr Lock reports that the people understand fully the nature and purpose of the Mining Warden's visit. Surely a patrol mounted for this purpose could have reported people reactions, favourable or otherwise. Mr Lock either does not think that the people's comments are worth committing to paper or he did not bother to find out people's reactions.

In the patrol diary and on page 3 of the report mention is made of a preliminary site investigation for an airstrip at Griffin Point. As I am not a clairvoyant I am unable to report further on this matter as Mr Lock has not thought to include any further reference to this in his report.

On page 10 of his report Mr Lock refers to copal gum being under cultivation. Copal gum is not cultivated but the tree from which it grows without any human intervention in the higher and more inaccessible mountains of Sudest. If this crop could be cultivated, and the people prepared to work, a higher per capita income could be expected for Sudest Island.

Mr Lock's reference to cattle projects is quite interesting. At one stage there were large herds of cattle on Sudest. This was prewar and possibly pre-first world war during the mining era. Exact numbers are not known but it is believed that there were over 3000 head at one time

I do not believe finding a market for cattle would be a problem. The main problems appear to be as follows:-

1. Does one set up an abattoir on Sudest and if so where does the necessary finance come from.
2. If an abattoir is set up, who supplies a freezer vessel to transport the meat to market or if stock is transported on the hoof where are there abattoirs that could handle the cattle in markets not too far from Sudest Island.

These problems are not insurmountable but would have to be studied very carefully before any move was made to put cattle on Sudest.

Mr Lock's comments about sea transport on pages 6 and 10 have very little to do with this patrol. He claims, rather hysterically, that he is permitted to use the vessel once a year for a period of 14 days. He is well aware, as all departments are in this sub-district, that the H.V. Toaripi must be booked six months in advance to be certain of obtaining use of the vessel but he does not make any attempt to do this. Sudest Island is Mr Lock's main area for patrolling and this can be accomplished on foot and by canoe from Tagala Patrol Post. Recently he has been supplied with an aluminium dinghy and is now far more mobile than any department at Bragada who must rely solely upon the H.V. Toaripi to leave Misima Island on patrol.

Comments on political education will be covered in a separate memorandum to the District Commissioner.

Comments on Local Government aspects are enclosed and have been prepared by the advisor to the Louisiade Local Government Council, Mr K. Lash.

This report is virtually useless and could have been written by any one with a general knowledge of the area without having gone on patrol.

Mr Lock consistently submits reports of a substandard nature and I am afraid to say his other official activities are also carried out in this haphazard manner.

Carrington allowance claims attached.

For your comments and forwarding.

W.G. Spaldwinds

 (W.G. Spaldwinds) *Sh*
 Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Mr R. Lock,
 c/o Sub District Office,
 La Beach,
 Port Moresby.

9th September, 1971

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
BEAGAOIA.

TAGULA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 71/72

After having had the dubious pleasure of reading the above report I feel somewhat duty bound to offer the following comments regarding Mr. Lock's unfounded, incorrect and relatively peevish criticisms of the Louisiade Local Government.

On Page 7 Mr. Lock states that a Councillor has missed three consecutive meetings and has forfeited his position, the by-election result also seems to have been decided, unfortunately he has not taken into account that the aforesaid Councillor has been absent on proven medical grounds and under the Local Government Ordinance has not forfeited his position. On the same page he admits that Local Government is not understood by the population but his Political Education programme does not seem to concentrate on this topic and in the immediate past I have been the recipient of several complaints from Sudest Councillors regarding the lack of information disseminated by Mr. Lock on Local Government. For an Officer of his seniority and who purports to take such an active interest in his area he has the unsatisfactory record of attending only one meeting and never having asked for any information from the Council regarding Sudest Island. The channels of communication within this Sub-District are aggravated by the large distances between population centres and the failure of the Officer in Charge of Tagula to take any active interest in the mechanics of the Louisiade Local Government Council.

It was considered expedient by the undersigned and the Assistant District Commissioner not to summons the Rossel Islanders due to the large scale dissent that they proffered regarding the Council and the later realisation by the Rossel themselves that their claims were unjust and that tax would be forthcoming for 1970/71 and 1971/72 the Sudest people had neither the initiative nor common sense to complain of discrimination regarding Council projects and jumped on the Rossel bandwagon. Anyone with knowledge of the Council Estimates could clearly see that the dissent was not fully justified.

The reason why no Council meeting has ever been held on Sudest Island is because the Sudests have never asked for one. Allyn this with the poor response shown by the population to Taxpayers' meetings etc., 18% of the population and the economics of chartering boats etc would prove prohibitive and of definitely doubtful benefit.

On Page 12 Mr. Lock surmises that an Aid Post at Jelewaga would prove beneficial to the health and social welfare of the people. I do not dispute this claim but must point out that until 1962 an Aid Post was in existence at Pamela, during 1962 the Aid Post orderly was evicted from the village, because the people of the area refused to assist him or his replacement the Medical Assistant closed the Aid Post. Public Health Department policy states that

it should be attempted to provide an Aid Post, for every 1000 people, at present Sudest has a population of 1873 and has three Aid Posts at Howe, Rambuse and Griffin Point and is technically over supplied with medical facilities. The isolated example given could apply to a thousand places with facilities in excess of those available on Sudest and bears little relation to fact, as does the majority of the report.

On Page 14 Mr. Lock states that the acceptance of the political education programme was good but this would then seem to contradict the statements made on Page 7 and already commented upon.



K.F. NASH
LOUISIADÉ COUNCIL ADVISER

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TAGULA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 71/72

PATROL DIARY

AUGUST 1971

Monday 9th:

1000hrs. departed Tagula Patrol Post per outboard and dingy; 1100hrs. arrived Embabalia Village; Political Education, Advertised Mining Wardens hearing Sept 1971; 1300hrs departed Embabalia; 1400hrs. arrived Griffin Point; 1430hrs. departed Griffin Point; 1500hrs. arrived Piron Island; Political Education and advertised the Mining Wardens visit; 1600hrs. departed Piron Island; 1635 hrs. arrived Griffin Point.

O/N Griffin Point.

Tuesday 10th:

Airstrip site investigated; Political Education discussions; Mining Wardens visit advertised; Several minor complaints arbitrated.

O/N Griffin Point.

Wednesday 11th:

0800hrs. departed Griffin Point per outboard; 1100hrs. arrived Jolandan Village; Political Education; Advertised Mining Wardens visit; 1300hrs. departed Jolandan 1500hrs arrived Rambuse Political Education; Mining Wardens visit advertised.

O/N Rambuse.

Thursday 12th:

0730hrs departed Rambuse Village; 1200hrs arrived East Point Village; Political Education; Advertised Mining Wardens visit; 1330hrs. departed East Point; 1630hrs. arrived Rewe Village.

O/N Rewe.

Friday 13th:

Political Education; Advertised Mining Wardens visit; Several minor complaints arbitrated; Visited Tambamba Plantation.

O/N Rewe.

Saturday 14th:

0730hrs. departed Rewe; 0830hrs. arrived Juru (Baumumu); Political Education Advertised Mining Wardens visit; 1300hrs. departed Juru, 1100hrs. arrived Pantava, Refueled; Political Education; Advertised Minings Wardens visit; 1230hrs departed Pantava; 1300hrs arrived Pamela; Political Education; Advertised Mining Wardens visit; 1415hrs departed Pamela; 1630hrs. arrived Madua; Political Education; Advertised Mining Wardens visit; 1730hrs. departed Madua, 1800hrs. arrived Jelawaga.

O/N Jelawaga.

Sunday 15th:

Political Education; Advertised Minings Wardens visit; 1100hrs. departed Jelawaga; 1430hrs arrived Tagula Patrol Post; Observed.

O/N Tagula.

Monday 16th:

1100hrs departed Tagula Patrol Post; 1115hrs. arrived Western Point Village; Political Education; Advertised Mining Wardens visit. 1230hrs returned to Patrol Post.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

TAGULA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 71/72SUDEST ISLANDINTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the following purposes listed below:

- (i) Advertise Mining Wardens Hearing.
- (ii) Political Education.
- (iii) Preliminary site investigation for airstrip, Griffin Point.
- (iv) Routine Administration.

The patrol commenced on Monday the 9th August 1971 and stood down on Monday 16th of August. The sole means of transport being a small aluminium dinghy powered by a hired outboard motor.

If the weather is picked it is possible to have both a safe and swift passage around Sudest Island. The worse stretches possibly being between Rambusc-Rewe and Jelewaga-Western Point. The other villages being more closely situated.

SITUATION REPORT

It is suggested for future to go against the seas on the north coast and with them on the south, during the south easterlies. The reason being that the north is protected for the most part by reefs and this tends to minimize the worse of the rough seas. The converse would apply during the north westerlies.

In all over 100 miles were covered by the patrol with 66 gallons of fuel consumed. The patrol was essentially brief due to time limits placed on the writer as it is envisaged the patrol post will be unmanned for approximately ten weeks in the near future. Considering the burden placed on the Sub-Districts patrol funds, this patrol has been one of the cheapest for some considerable time.

All the villages in the Sudest Island Census Division bar Panaman Island were visited. At four of these only, were the night spent, these being the villages with the largest population. Panamar Island has suffered a dramatic decrease in inhabitants in the past three months, as mentioned in a previous patrol report. Briefly, a sorcerer practiced some magic and a young child vanished never to be seen again either dead or alive. The people reported this and the gentleman spent three months in hard labour. On his return the people felt that he would seek retribution, hence the exodus.

Political education took the form of both group discussion and a planned talk with visual aid. The topics

being, the work of a councillor, and the follow up of the previous patrols discussions; ie. House of Assembly, Councils, Self Government, and Ministerial Members. The response to the visual aid was excellent and tended to draw the morerecalcitrant participants into the discussions. Attendance was not as good as previously experienced on political education patrol etc. This was mainly due to the fact that the patrol arrived and departed to and from the villages at such short notice. Political education will be discussed in more detail under a separate section in this report.

Sudest Island physically is the largest island in the Milne Bay Sub-District and is the east most island bar one in Papua. Land, food and the natives used natural resources are abundant.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL:

Sudest Island comes under the influence of the Louisiade Local Government Council, as is the entire Sub-District. The council headquarters is situated on Misima Island at Bwagasia, which unfortunately due to the distances involved has created many misconceptions in the minds of the island people.

The communications situation is at the point of ridicule. A regular monthly mail run is done by the Tearipi the Sub-District work boat. The rest of the time the vessel is patrolling for the various Departments on Misima. Tapula patrol post is able to use the vessel once a year for fourteen days. However the vessel breaks down and this means the allocated time is curtailed. Or conversely the vessel does not return after attending a medical emergency for ten days. This leaves the writer stranded on patrol and unable to redo the area already covered in a shorter time. The need for a second vessel is ludicrous in its obviousness.

The quality of the island councillors is extremely poor in that very little of the talk and actions of the Louisiade Local Government Council reach the villages through this media.

SITUATION REPORT

One councillor has missed three consecutive meetings and if a by election is held the people have already chosen their next councillor, regardless of voting procedures. The inhabitants of Sudest just do not grasp the overall sphere and aim of their council needless to say the councillors themselves are not contributing to the eradication of this situation.

The Sudest Islanders feel at the moment that they have not been getting the full benefit of their council whilst Misima and Rossel are. One factor which appears to be influencing this is the serving of summonses on Misima and Sudest but not Rossel. Rossel island have also had an actual council meeting held at Jinjo whilst Sudest are still a little vague as to what a Council meeting constitutes. Sudest Island has not for the past year had one council project started or finished. It would appear that the Sudest area has the lowest priority of all the council area. A lot of the ill feeling is also in the wind over several water tanks that have been U/S for the past twelve or more months, the council having been informed yet nothing apparent has been done. The writer knows that a certain amount of funds have been allocated for this project however this is not appreciated by the villagers, 'action talks'. A patrol by the council adviser with a view to clarify this situation may alleviate the overall disenchantment some what.

SITUATION REPORT

Five Local Government Councillors represent the Census Division patrolled they are:

Cn'clr PATRICK TOWAKAKI:

Councillor for the Western Point Ward; Born 1934; Attended Nimoa Catholic Mission Primary "T" School attaining standard 2; Married; Apparently active within his ward.

Cn'clr KAPINA LAI'A:

Councillor for the Jelewaga, Medana, Pantava, Panaman and Pamela Ward; Born 1938; Attended Loaga Methodist Mission Primary "T" School attaining standard 1; Married; Influential within his ward only by virtue of position as councillor.

Cn'clr PAUL MOPI:

Councillor for the Juru, Rewe and East Point Ward; Born 1939; Attended Rambuso Primary "T" School attaining standard 1; Married; Influential within his ward only by virtue of position as councillor.

Cn'clr MICHAEL BAIKLOW:

Councillor for Rambuso, Winba and Jolandan Ward; Born 1937; Attended unregistered Mission school attaining "standard 1"; Married; Worked as crewman on mission vessel; influential within his ward only.

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SITUATION REPORT

Cn'clr KANODA BOBI:

Councillor for the Tarangia
Gesila, Piron, Nanhil and Embabalia Ward; Born 1931;
Attended Himea Mission Primary "T" School attaining
standard 1; Married; Ineffective Councillor.

SITUATION REPORTECONOMIC:

The main cash crop under cultivation is copra and to a lesser extent copal gum. Coffee, although several acres of mature trees exist on the island, is not harvested at all.

Copra the most lucrative cash crop is not considering the size of the area under cultivation, approx, 1/8, being exploited fully. The total figures of immature, new and mature trees is in the vicinity of 40800. With a yield of approximately 90 tons per annum.

At best the collection and drying of copra is spasmodic. The same applies to the production of copal gum which is a much more difficult crop to collect, as the trees are wide spread and often only occur in the more inaccessible areas. Poor soil and damaging storms also add to the poor economic situation that prevails on Sudest Island at present.

New plantings are being encouraged by D.A.S.F. through the target system on a village basis. The overall effectiveness of this system is as yet unknown.

Minjur Mines recently have just completed a detailed study of all rivers and tributaries, plus the investigation of a reported copper deposit at Rewe. If and when this company goes into production many jobs will be available to the local populous.

SITUATION REPORT

There are no co-operatives in the area, several trade stores operate with varying degrees of success.

At the moment the undersigned and D.A.S.F. are trying to interest the people in cattle projects; The basic idea being for individuals or groups represented by individuals to purchase the cattle from D.A.S.F. Bwagaia. Thence to raise them with technical assistance and sell.

The main problem is not the running of the project but to find a market once it reaches maturity. Possible outlets being; Alotau, Samarai, Various Plantations within the Sub-District and enought to Samarai and Rossel Islands. Plus the Missions and Bwagaia Township.

SITUATION REPORTSOCIAL:

Within the area covered by the patrol there are three primary "T" schools, situated at Rambuse, Ninoa and Rewe. The newest being the Rewe school. Ninoa and Rewe are Catholic Mission run schools, whilst Rambuse is United.

There are three aid posts on the island, these are situated at Griffin Point, Rambuse and Rewe. A fourth aid post situated at Jelewaga would prove to be a boon to health and social welfare at this point. It is realised that to justify an aid post a certain number of persons would have to dwell in the area. However I point out that for the area mentioned that there may as well be no aid post on the island, such is the access situation. Eg.. recently a Missionary based at Jelewaga cut his heel of whilst fishing, he is now dead. He died because no one had sufficient knowledge to stop the bleeding. By the time a messenger arrived at Western Point and word sent to Ninoa Hospital, a boat dispatched, well the patient was dead.

Law and order are on a par with similar areas. Sorcery is by far the most powerful influence in this area. No single man woman or child dies of natural or medical reasons on Sudest Island. The case above is an example: "He was getting a little bit better but at four o'clock (the time for magic) he was shot by magic and he got worse then died."

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SITUATION REPORT

There are two missions in the area, Catholic and Methodist. No ill feeling or animosity exist between the two.

SPECIAL REPORTPOLITICAL EDUCATION

The following is a report on the political education program conducted throughout the patrol.

The program consisted of informal discussions on the following topics, Councils, House of Assembly, Ministerial Members and self Government. Plus a formal discussion with the use of a flip chart. The topic for the second of the two was "The Good Councillor" dealing with the work of councillors in general, esp with an emphasis on village work. This chart was extremely well accepted and if there are any further available it would be appreciated if they could be copied and forwarded to Tagula.

Questions were encouraged and a marked improvement on the last group of discussions was noted. This is mainly due to the use of a visual aid. The chart was remarkably well understood, with very few misconceptions having to be explained on the second run through.

In past patrols with a political education content only one or two men would make any comments. During this patrol the amount of vocal participants increased. Women were also outspoken on certain topics.

SPECIAL REPORT

The following is a break up of attendance and participation figures;

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>
Western Point	30	5
KEMARA, IA	24	3
Griffin Point	175	10
Solandan	20	1
Rambuse	100	2
East Point, Winba	22	2
Rewe	38	5
Juru	10	2
Pantava	30	3
Panela	30	5
Madana	15	4
Jelawa, Panaman	35	5
TOTALS:.....	<u>537</u>	<u>47</u>

TOTAL POPULATION OF SUDEST ISLAND 1873. (1970)

SPECIAL REPORTADVERTISING MINING WARDENS VISIT:

As per your patrol instructions 35-42-7/35-42-5 of the 29th July, 1971. Copy attached, herewith a report on the program conducted during the patrol.

At all the villages the people are familiar with mining hearings and once they realised what was being described full understanding followed. The people were told that in September the Mining Warden Mr. Stephens would visit Sudest Island to ask the people if they wished to object or query the two prospecting authorities proposed. They were told that if they had any questions about conditions or objections they should tell the Warden.

The people realise what is entailed and are fully aware of the procedure.

Unfortunately due to the ridiculous transport situation that exists within this Sub-district the Warden will not be able to visit the island. Thus the Hearing will be conducted at Bwagaia on Misima Island. This means that the only means of communicating this to the the misinformed majority is by a radio message over Radio Milne Bay. Whether this has any effect or not in calling people to the station at a weeks notice to go to Bwagaia remains to be seen. After next Thursday is 26th August, 1971. the station will be unmanned for ten weeks. Thus no patrols can be mounted to correct the situation. The patrol was not informed of this until after completion.

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APPENDIX I

COPY

35-42-7/35-42-5

Division of District Admin.

Sub-District Office,

BWAGAOIA,

Milne Bay District.

29th July, 1971.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
Tagula

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PROSPECTING
AUTHORITIES NO. 43(P) AND 90(P) SUDEST
ISLAND

Attached please find a copy of a letter from the Director of Lands Surveys and Mines, applications and sketch plans for renewal of PAs 43 (P) and 90(P) on Sudest Island.

Mr. Stephens will be available to hold a Hearing on Sudest Island on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th September, 1971 depending on the availability of sea transport. You will be advised of this at a latter date. I suggest Rambuso, Rewo and Jelewaga as sites for Hearings.

These two applications are to be given the widest possible publicity between now and September, 1971. Send me a report in the normal form which will be your Tagula Patrol Report No1-71/72. Refer to Lands Circular "Revised Notes on Mining Legislation and Prospecting Operations" and the Division of District Administration Circular entitled "Publicity of Applications for Prospecting Authorities".

.V.C.SPELDEWINDE. SGND.
WGSPELDEWINDE
A.D.G.

cc. Director of Lands Surveys and Mines, KONEDOBU
cc. District Commissioner, Milne Bay District, ALOTAU.