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ALOTAU , MISIMA & TAGULA

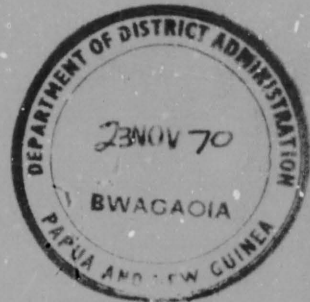
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



District of Report No. Tarakan 670171

Patrol Conducted by R. N. Lock

Area Patrolled Suidat Island Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From/...../19..... to/...../19.....

Number of Days Thursday, 3 Nov

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$

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

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Division of District Administration,

KONEPOBU. PAPUA.

2nd March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-13-1(1) of 31st December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study by
R.N. Lock, of Student Island Census Division.

Your comments and those of the Assistant District
Commissioner, Buagicia adequately cover any matters requiring
attention that have been raised in the report.

Lack of effective communication between Councillors
and the people is a problem being experienced by almost every
Council in Papua and New Guinea and one which we can help to
overcome through continual contact at village level and
Political Education on a continuing, informal basis and along
positive lines.

Mr. Lock has provided an interesting study of the
area patrolled.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

cc: Mr. R.N. Lock,
c/- TAGULA Patrol Post,
Misima Sub-District,
Milne Bay District.

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67-1-22

Division of District Administration,

Konedobu, Papua.

22nd January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOEAH.

TAGULA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-13-1(1) of 16th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Situation Report by Messrs. R.N. Lock and P.D. Bucknell, of the Sudest Island Census Divisions.

As with Milne Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71, the observation that the people do not appear to appreciate their place within the Local Council indicates the need for a bit of mobility on the part of the Council. When commenting on Milne Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71, I suggested that either influential leaders from New Island be invited to attend a Council meeting or that a meeting be taken to the people. Perhaps the same approach could be considered for the people of the Sudest Island Census Division.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

c.c. Mr. P.D. Bucknell,
Sub-District Office,
WAGAOIA, Milne Bay District.

c.c. Mr. R.N. Lock,
Patrol Post,
TAGULA, Milne Bay District.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINIA
PATROL REPORT.

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

20th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-13-1(1) of 16th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, ~~and~~ ~~and~~ and Situation Report by Messrs. R.N. Lock and P.D. Bucknell, of the Sudest Island Census Divisions.

As with Misima Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71, the observation that the people do not appear to appreciate their place within the Louisside Council indicates the need for a bit of mobility on the part of the Council. When commenting on Misima Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71, I suggest that either influential leaders from Hessel Island be invited to attend a Council meeting or that a meeting be taken to the people. Perhaps the same approach could be considered for the people of the Sudest Island Census Division.

In future when more than one officer goes on patrol please ensure that a separate report is submitted by each officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

cc: Mr. P.D. Bucknell,
Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA,
Milne Bay District.

cc: Mr. R.N. Lock,
Patrol Post,
TAGULA,
Milne Bay District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT.

Report Number : TAGULA - 70/71.

Sub-District Misima.

District Milne Bay.

Type of Patrol Annual Census. Area Study.

Patrol Conducted by R. N. Lock. (Patrol Officer).

Area Patrolled } Sudest Island Census Division.

Council and/or } Part Louisiade L.G.C. Area.

Census Division's } As above.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol Mr. P. D. Bucknell (A.P.O.),
Constl/c. Manokei, J. Maika, (Interpreter).

Duration of Patrol - From 9/10/70 To 4/11/70

No. Days Twenty Three.

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area Routine Administration.

Date 20/6/69

Duration 20/6/69 to 27/6/69

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

Annual Census, Area Study, Road Submissions,
Routine Administration, as per patrol instructions.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 1873.

Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBUBU.

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District Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
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67-13-1(1)

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

31st December, 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
BIAGAGIA

TAGELA PATROL NO. 1/1970-71

Thank you for the above area study
submitted by Mr. Lock.

Mr. Lock has shown some improvement in
his style of presentation however his english expression,
particularly the use of verbs leaves much to be desired.
I offer the following examples:-

Page 3 "There fourteen cland in the Sudest
Island Census Division."

Page 12 "Intensive patrolling with the sole
purpose of dissemination of the general idea of politics
at least in the initial stages."

Page 15 "The reaction to increasing cash earnings
though it means hard work vocally is good."

I have no further comments to add to those
of my 67-13-1(1) of the 16th December, 1970.

F. G. Driver
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

c.c. The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

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Division
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Dept. of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
BIAGAOLA.

22nd December, 1970.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
ALCANT.

AREA STUDY - TAGULA No 1 - 1970/71

Further to my 67-3-2 of the 1st December, 1970 I now enclose copies of Mr. Lock's Area Study.

This report evidences an improvement in Mr. Lock's typing and spelling, however, attention to grammar and punctuation is still required, I have only a few comments to make on this report.


Tagula airstrip was once promised to be under construction by the end of 1970. It is to be hoped that the next promise is a more, as this facility will add Administration contact greatly and serve to put Tagula and the Lower Salvados area on the map. Funds I believe are available whilst the equipment is occupied on Goodenough Is. Mr. Lock makes several references to Mr. T. Sigamita owning Molua Plantation but I am led to believe he is only acting in a supervisory capacity for Mr. W. Callaman, now residing in Brisbane and expected to return at some latter date.

All things being equal the output and subsequent popularity of Radio Hiline Bay will increase if and when the new transmitter is installed at Alcant. Mr. R. Williams of Yabumba recently journeyed to Moreeby in connection with the sale of his plantation, this office is under the impression that no sale was finalised due to disagreements between Mr. Williams and the Development Bank as to the worth of the property.

Sublet has had Local Government since 1965 and in the period to date development has been limited, blame for the large part must go back to the people and elected Councillors, a Local Government Council is only as strong as its members, interest and action on behalf of the Sublet people leaves a lot to be desired, their cry for secession and lowering of tax was initiated by the Russell people. Until the area produces leaders the situation will remain somewhat stagnant, the challenge they face and their subsequent response will prove most interesting.

The combined Mission, Administration and Council Fishing venture at Hiline will increase the labour market and the areas income, the venture continues to progress slowly.

Mr. Lock should endeavour to convince the people of their responsibilities to Local Government especially as regards tax being an incentive to produce more and so satisfy the situation he mentions in Section N. Forwarded for your information.


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(W.G. Spaldon)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number 1 TAGUIA - 70/71;.....

Subdistrict MISIMA.....

District MILNE BAY.....

Type of Patrol..... ANNUAL CENSUS - AREA STUDY.....

Patrol Conducted by..... R.N. Lock. (Patrol Officer.).....

Area Patrolled } Sudest. Island. Census Division.....

Council and/or } Part. Louisiade L.G.C. Area.....

Census Division's } As above.....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... Mr. P.D. Bucknell (A.P.O.), Const. 1/c. Manokoi,

..... J. Maika (Interpreter),.....

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Duration of Patrol - From 9 / 10 / 70 To 4 / 11 / 70

No. of Days..... Twenty three.....

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area..... Routine Administration.....

Date .. 20/6/69..... Duration. 20/6/69 To 27/6/69.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

..... Annual Census, Area Study, Road Submissions, Routine

..... Administration, as per Patrol Instructions.....

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Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1873.....

Secretary
 Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

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 District Commissioner

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AREA STUDY

SUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

A. INTRODUCTION:

Sudest is the largest island in the Misima Sub-District with an overall length from west to east of thirty seven and one quarter miles. The highest mountain, Mt. Riu, situated almost in the geographical centre of the island being 2645 feet in elevation. The island in the main is comprised of gently undulating grass covered hills, which have deep, steep sided valleys eroded into them. Grass covered plains are found in the western and central sections whilst the eastern sector is of a more rugged forest covered nature. Several large rivers, the widths at the mouth on average being in the vicinity of 25yds., flow from both the north and south coasts, into large shallow bays. The average rainfall per annum is one hundred and seventeen inches, the wet season falling during the months of July, August and September. Almost the entire coast is enclosed by mangrove swamps, especially in those areas where rivers and creeks are predominant. Kunai covered plains with, thickly wooded areas occurring in the valleys and hills are the two main covers indigenous to the area.

Sub-District Headquarters is situated at Bwagaia on Misima Island. Which is situated approximately 60 miles north west of Sudest or Tagula Island, as the crow flies. Travel to and from Sudest is by small ship taking on average five and a half hours on the Western Point to Bwagaia run. District Headquarters, situated at Aletau in Milne Bay is approximately 100 miles north west of Sudest; Travelling time varying between one and a half to two days per small ship as conditions allow. The nearest operating airstrip at present is located at Bwagaia Misima. A site on Sudest (Tagula) Island has been surveyed and commencement of construction is only dependant on the availability of funds and equipment. This strip being located adjacent to Tagula Patrol Post at the extreme western tip of Sudest.

Administration contact was first established in the early nineteen hundreds; Contact over the years has been substantial but sporadic. Tagula Patrol Post, newly established in 1969 though previously a base camp for several years, will, it is hoped provide a more consistent contact.

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AREA STUDY

SUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

A. INTRODUCTION: contd.

Sorcery is one of the main stumbling blocks toward progress on the island and immediate surrounding area. Cultism is not unknown, however ~~their~~ activity at present is nil.

B. POPULATION AND DISTRIBUTION TRENDS:

There are no vehicular roads on Sudest Island at present, however all villages are linked by walking tracks. These vary in standard from very good to very poor. Panaman and Piren Islands (Villages) naturally enough are accessible by water transport only. The greatest concentration of the population is found in the central coastal areas of the island, this being especially so on the north coast; Tarangia, Gesila and Nanhil villages, which are situated relatively close together.

The birth rate is at present 2.41 per 100, the natural increase 0.40 per 100, the total population of the Sudest Island Census Division being 1873 persons for the 1970 census. Compared with, Birth rate 3.26 per 100, natural increase 1.68 per 100 for the 1968 census.

The death rates for 1968 (1.58) and 1970 (2.01) show a marked difference and apparent increase for the worse. For the second time Panaman Island was included in the Sudest Island Census Division; The first occasion in the early or mid fifties. The overall increase in the population is ~~high~~ negligible. Nineteen persons being the total inhabitants of Panaman.

There are 259 persons absent from their villages, of these 5 are employed outside the District, one hundred employed inside, the bulk of these within the Misima Sub-District. The remainder being students, who without exception are attending schools within the District.

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AREA STUDY

SUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS:

There fourteen clans in the Sudest Island Census Division. These appear to be the main social groups, though the difference between them is in instances difficult to determine, as the totems for each are in some cases similar, in others the totems of several clans have been adopted as a result of marriage and the customs pertaining.

A general break up is as follows:

CLANS

1. ENIELA (Also known as Guwau.)
2. GWEU
3. MORUNGA (" " " Manilebu, in Misima language.)
4. ORDUNGA (" " " Wesegair.)
5. GORIVA (
6. MAUWA
7. RALAGI
8. GWETHA
9. MIAMBU
10. VWIGA
11. WADA or Wadaula.
12. ARAIMBA
13. UNGNIEGE
14. NEVA

TOTEMS (BIRD).

1. GILAGILA (Small green bird.)
2. BAHLA (White pigeon.)
3. KARAWUKA or Kalibe (Flying Fox.)
4. BALA (Black pigeon.)
5. MANAKWEDI (Bush fowl.)
6. i WALUWA (Crow.)
7. i TAKANA (Cockatee.)
7. MALAG (Albatross.)
8. JILUMA (Similar to parakeet.)
9. BUNABUNI (White bird.)
10. EWAIWA (Similar to eagle.)

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONC. SOCIAL GROUPINGS contd:

11. BUNABUNI (White bird.)
12. BWANIBWANI (Kingfisher)
13. GILAGILA (Small green bird.)
14. " " " "

TOTEMS (FISH).

1. VALGOVI (Crocodile.)
2. TADAU (Small red fish.)
- 3.i MAMI (Large green fish.)
ii MORAMA (Stingray.)
4. MORAMA "
5. TAUW'YA (Similar to Groper.)
6. UDUWAW (Dugong.)
7. BEDEBIDU (Green fish 12" long.)
8. TOLWULU (Small green fish.)
- 9.i VALGOVI (Crocodile.)
ii AMOEWU (Similar to Parrot Fish.)
10. UDUWAW (Dugong.)
- 11.i AMBWEU (Brown fish 12" long.)
ii VALGOVI (Crocodile.)
12. MORAMA (Stingray.)
13. AMOEWU (Similar to Parrot Fish.)
14. JARWA (Red fish, two whiskers attached to lower lip.)

Each clan has two totems, bird and fish, two or more types of these categories are in some instances adopted. It is forbidden to eat the bird or fish of one's own clan. They are all matrilineal exogamous clans, however it is not unknown due to the shortage of available females, for marriage to occur between two individuals of the same clan.

The simple family is the operational social unit, but strong ties are still maintained with parents and parents in-law.

There is one main language spoken on Sudest Island with three dialects, which are grouped in categories as follows:

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONC. SOCIAL GROUPINGS contd:

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|------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. Rambuse | 2. Tarangia | 3. Pamela |
| East Point | Gesila | Pantava |
| Wimba | Nanhil | Juru |
| Jelandan | Embabalia | |
| Rewa | Western Point | |
| | Jelewaga | |
| | Ma'aua | |

Piren and Panaman Islands have a distinct language which linguistically belongs to the Calvades Group of islands.

Sudest Island has the same clans as Ressel and Misima Islands though these are known by different names according to the language spoken. Some of the Sudest clans have no equivalent on Misima however they are related to the Ressel clan system which in its turn has ties with Misima system. The system throughout the different areas of the entire Misima Sub-District is affiliated in varying degrees.

D. LEADERSHIP:

There are no apparent leaders in the area surveyed with any noticeable influence or respect, over or of the people. The five councillors for the area are listed below, as they are usually the persons to whom the people turn to for "leadership" when such an occasion arises. Also included is the minister in charge of Rambuse United Church Mission who with his wife holds the respect and "control" over the islanders in religious matters. By far the most influential and respected dictators of local policy are the sorcerers, who, for obvious reasons, are not named.

Cnc'lr. KAPINA LAI'IA:

Councillor for the Jelewaga, Ma'aua, Pantava, Pamela and Panaman Ward; Born 1938; Attended Leaga Methodist Mission Primary "T" School, (Misima Island.) attaining standard 3; Worked as a crewman on Mission vessel for several years; Has dubious influence within his ward.

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIOND. LEADERSHIP contd:Cnc'lr. PAUL MOPI:

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

Cnc'lr. MICHAEL RAIKLOW:

Councillor for Rambuse, Wimba and Jelandan Ward; Born 1937; Attended unregistered mission school attaining "standard 1"; Married; Worked as crewman for the mission then worked on Administration vessels for several years; Influence within his ward only.

Cnc'lr. KAMODA BOBI:

Councillor for the Tarangia, Gesila, Nankil, Piren, and Empabalia Ward; Born 1931; Attended Nimea Mission School attaining standard 1; Married; Influence within his ward only.

Cnc'lr. PATRICK TOWAKAKI:

Councillor for Western Point Ward; Born 1934; Attended Nimea Catholic Mission Primary "T" School attaining standard 2; Married; Is an extremely active and influential Councillor within his ward.

JONATHAN DONAGU:

Methodist mission minister Rambuse; Aged; Born at Awaibi village, Misima Island; Educated Lega Mission school; Influence extends throughout the Island and near by area in relation to religious matters.

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AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONE. LAND TENURE AND USE:

Land is inherited upon the death of a mother's brother by the son of the sister. The land primarily belongs to the mother's clan. No individuals hold land on lease from the Administration. However Mr. T. Sigamata, a mixed race entrepreneur owns Madaua Plantation and in addition a parcel of land at Baumumu (Juru.).

Western Point villagers own land on Jeanett Island, which is outside but adjacent to the area surveyed. This is the only village on Sudest and Piron Islands where land is owned in an area outside the normally accepted village boundaries.

Cash cropping to a limited, ie. economically speaking, extent has been practiced for some time now. The land planted with coconut palms is in the main owned and worked by the individual. The primary crop being copra. Several family and in one instance a limited clan group/s have been working the larger more widely scattered plantings. No group or communal effort has as yet been applied to individually owned land.

F. LITERACY:

There is one Primary "T" School situated at Rambuse village on the north^{coast} of Sudest Island. The school is staffed and run by the United Church, a break up of pupils and standards taught is as follows;

STANDARD	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
PREPS.	15	15	30
2.	15	10	25
3.	13	9	22
	TOTAL: 43	TOTAL: 34	GRAND TOTAL: 77

Three teachers make up the staff at the school their qualifications are as follows:

Two A Grade Certificates.

One Permit to Teach.

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONF. LITERACY: contd.

All the lessons at the abovementioned school are conducted in English. There are other unregistered mission village schools throughout the area, however these are subject to funds and staff availability with the result that the school teacher/preacher may be transferred to a different village within the area under survey at the end of the school year.

Ninea Primary "T" School, though outside the area does cater for a large majority of the Sudest children of school age as well as those from the Calvades Chain of Islands.

Approximately 40% of the adult population are Motu speakers, the fluency varying from fair to good. 15% of the adults are English speakers to some extent; A broken form of piggin is spoken by approximately 5%. The adults who are literate in English total 3% of the adult population. The rest fluent in the local dialect only.

There are no persons with higher education resident in the area, the reason being the jobs requiring this qualification are found elsewhere. No students are absent from the area receiving higher education either in the Territory or Australia.

Newspapers are not read and indeed the only use, and one for which it is in great demand for, is cigarette paper. There are twenty five radios in the area surveyed, half of these are working the other are unserviceable either through lack of batteries or breakage. The main interest is music especially the country and western style which is the ever popular source of entertainment. No particular station is favoured, the main requirements of the listeners being the music and the best reception available. Radio Milne Bay has the listening appeal however reception varies from poor to fair spasmodically with the result that a more powerful and consistent broadcasting station is favoured.

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONG. STANDARD OF LIVING:

Housing is of the sage and normal bush materials type, sanitary arrangements are virtually nonexistent, especially in the inland hamlets. While the coastal dwellers in some instances have latrines of a suitable nature for the environment. Picks, shovels, axes, and bush knives are the most common European artifacts in use outside the house, knives, ferks spears plates and cups are to be found in use in most houses.

Yams, tarro and sage supplemented by fish and the occasional pig make up the staple diet. Canned foodstuffs are consumed only in those areas adjacent to a trade store and then only while stocks are available.

There are no Guides, Scouts, Red Cross or other community organisations as such within the area surveyed. Sport is mainly confined to youths who have completed school and returned ~~to~~ to the village recently.

H. MISSIONS:

There are two missions at present operating in the area, Catholic and United Church. The Catholic Mission base is situated on Nimea Island just outside the area surveyed. The Villages which identify themselves with this mission are mainly situated along the north western section of the Island esp. Parangia, Gesila and Nanhil villages. The United Church's base is situated at Rambuse Village and influence extends to the western and parts of the southern coast.

Most villages have followers of both these missions, there is no conflict between either factions in any of the villages in the area surveyed.

The United Church Mission runs and staffs a Primary "M" School Rambuse (Refer section F. Page 7.). There are three indigenous teachers, one indigenous Minister and his assistant; Two general labourers are also employed.

The attitude of the people of the Sudest Island

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONH. MISSIONS contd:

Census Division toward missions is on a par with that of the average Christian community. Both missions overall have a relatively equal amount of influence within the area, however the degree of influence on a village basis would follow the pattern outlined in para 1 above.

I. NON - INDIGENES:

At the present moment there is one plantation (MADAUA), owned and operated by Mr. T. Sigamata a mixed race entrepreneur, which is functioning to a limited extent. The main problem is the lack of mature coconut palms and the poor quality soil. The former having been brought about by two cyclones and several severe storms which have all but placed Mr. Sigamata in an embarrassing financial position. Situated at Madaua Plantation is a small saw mill and small ship slipway. Mr. Sigamata is also, in his own words looking after Mr. W. Callanans plantations, situated at Pantava and Rambuse. Both of these are at present not operating, the owner being absent. Here again the main causes of this state of flux are, lack of maturity of plantings and the soil quality.

Mr. R. Williams owns Rambamba Plantation situated at Rewa village on the south coast of Sudest Island. This plantation also has been shut down pending the outcome of a sale being negotiated with the Development Bank. A final plantation Bundeck owned and operated by Mr. B. Besilessi a mixed race entrepreneur resident on Sideia Island in the Samarai Sub-District, is situated on the north coast. Here again the plantation has not been worked for several years and has been allowed to fall into neglect.

The final commercial establishment is situated at Griffin Point where Minjur Mines Ltd. are test drilling for alluvial gold. If and when the results prove sufficiently positive for the company to exploit their reserve then it is thought that dredging and large sluicing machines will be employed to extract the mineral.

At present Mr. T. Sigamata employs twelve labourers

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONI. NON-INDIGENES contd:

including boats crew. Minjur Mines employ twelve also. The number in relation to the plantations is not likely to increase to any extent in the next two or three years unless unexpected developments and improvements in the overall condition of the palms is experienced. Minjur Mines, if the results of the test drilling prove positive will increase their labour force.

J. COMMUNICATIONS:

Roads: There are no vehicular roads within the the area surveyed. A submission has been made for R.D.W. funds to finance the construction of a road from Tagula Patrol Post to Rambuse Village on the north, and another from Griffin Point to Madua Plantation on the north and south coasts respectively. All the villages are linked by walking track, though the trafficability of these is at times hindered by inclement weather.

Sea: There are three wharves situated on Sudest Island; Tagula Patrol Post, Rambuse, and Griffin point. Anchorages that afford reasonable shelter are Rewa Madua and Jelewagr.

Air: There are no airstrips on Sudest Island. A proposed site has been surveyed and marked out adjacent to the patrol post. Funds and equipment are all that is needed to complete the strip. A further possible site is situated in the central region of the island, however the demand for a second strip is nil.

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Approximately twenty people would fall into this category in the census division. The bulk of them are men with boatscrew experience, while the rest are carpenters and shipwrights who have received rudimentary training at Leaga and Sidea Missions.

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONI. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Sudest Islanders have been under Local Government Council influence since 1964 and mission influence since the beginning of the century. The old form of clan leadership and social structure is breaking down though still evident to a certain degree where the "leader" wishes to exert his privilege.

Very little is known about the Council, its functions and aims. Recently the Rossel Island people expressed their desire to leave the Council. This was broadcast over Radio Milne Bay the result has been a few vague rumours that circulated on Sudest to the effect that they also may want leave the Council.

Extremely little is known about the House of Assembly and the member, beyond the fact that; "We had elections". Intensive patrolling with the sole purpose of dissemination of the general idea of politics, at least in the initial stages.

Very few of the Councillors in this area are communicating to their constituents what is happening and what is being said on their behalf at Council meetings, indeed the impression of the Sudest councillors at Council meetings is one of no talk and no action, from all indications of the councillors in action in the villages, this appears to be the correct assumption.

The main live cause of resentment especially along the north coast of Sudest Island is that "outsiders", namely people from Panacati and the Calvades chain of islands are "poaching" on what the Sudest Island people call their own reefs; Fish etc are in plentiful supply for every one to fish without depleting the natural resources. The incongruity of the situation is that the so called outsiders are natural sailors and fishermen whilst the Sudest people are not.

No persons have been away either to Australia

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AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONL. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT contd:

er centres within the Territory as per sect. L para. two of Standing Instructions.

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA:

The main cash under cultivation in the Sudest Island Census Division is copra. The following figures were obtained after consultation with the Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries at Bwagehla from a cash crop census of the area conducted in 1965:-

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>MATURE TREES</u>	<u>IMATURE TREES</u>	<u>NEW PLANTINGS</u>
EAST POINT	651	860	427
EMBABALIA	400	301	365
GRIFPIN POINT (Gesila, Nanhil, and Tarangia.)	700	223	-
JELEWAGA	390	1100	321
JOLANDAN	646	500	500
JURU	465	342	317
MADAUA	1077	1726	114
FAMELA	461	1200	521
PANAMAN	250	100	455
PANTAVA	3371	992	-
PIRON ISLAND	3537	3915	-
RAMBUSO	2500	1256	200
REWA	2878	2000	498
WESTERN POINT	1927	2603	472
WIMBA	150	200	-
TOTALS:	<u>19403</u>	<u>17228</u>	<u>4190</u>

* Note that these figures do not include Madaua, Pantava and Rambuse Plantations whilst the volume of production fig. does.

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AREA STUDY

SUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION:

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA: contd.

There are six hundred coffee trees on Sudest Island, of these 90 are mature none of which have been harvested for the past three years.

No actual total production figure for the area's copra that is 100% accurate is available as such, however a relatively accurate figure is estimated to be in the vicinity of 80-90 tons from the present sources. The value of this in cash is on current prices approximately \$10880. Two other money earners are Copal Gum, Black Lip and Trechus shell. Gum production in the vicinity of 95 tons and shell 85 tons with a total cash value of \$1960.

There are no marketing enterprises within the area. The total cash earnings from by wage labour including that from other sources is approximately \$1400 per a. There are no Co-operatives in the area.

Mr. T. Sigamata is the only entrepreneur in the area as such (Refer sect. I. page. 10.) with Madaua Plantation on the south coast.

The total cash balances from pass books sighted in the area is \$438 between forty seven pass books. A further \$100 dollars being added for these books not sighted.

There is no real difficulty in paying tax, however the people have not grasped the idea of saving over the year in preparation for the tax collection. The result is a mad rush to collect enough money two or three weeks before the tax collection team arrives.

The average per capita income figure is calculated to be \$15:00. In some areas this would be in the vicinity of \$14:00 pa.

Marketing facilities are provided at Rambu Griffin Point and Western Point, wharves where Burns Philp (N.G.) Ltd. and Steamships Trading Co. Ltd. provide regular services at five weekly intervals approximately.

AREA STUDYSUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONM. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA contd:

Anchorage are situated at Madaua, Rewa and Jelewaga where the above vessels also call. Mr. E. Ryan of Misima and the Catholic Mission Nimea purchase produce throughout the area regularly.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY:

There is sufficient land for the expansion of permanent tree crops, this is being carried out on the "target scheme" principal with the aid of D.A.S.F. field workers and one field assistant.

There are at present no market gardening enterprises, the demand if there were would be small, though there is sufficient land.

All employers obtain their work force from the area surveyed, mainly labouring jobs are held as the demand for skilled workers is essentially limited. If more labour were to be supplied by the community on a scale envisaged in Standing Instructions, there would not be sufficient manpower remaining in the village for increasing plantings.

The Catholic Mission has situated at Nimea a partially constructed fishing industry which at present is in the initial stages of operation. When this project reaches fruition will add to the income potential of the area and supply labour vacancies without endangering the potential work force needed in the villages for the increased plantings mentioned above.

The reaction to increasing cash earnings though it means hard work vocally is good. However the main problem is that the people have no incentive to earn more money than is necessary for "survival" with a few of the odds and ends that can be purchased from the local trade store.

AREA STUDYGUDEST ISLAND CENSUS DIVISIONO. ATTITUDES TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The attitude of the community towards the Council is not at present indications (Refer Section L. Para. 2 page 12.) favourable or inductive toward development within the area. This is mainly due to the lack of understanding of the council its functions and aims as outlined in section L.

P. ATTITUDE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT:

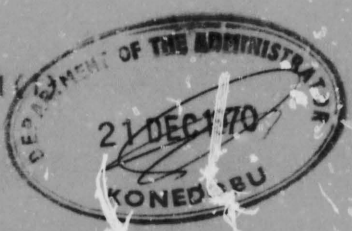
A complete lack of interest and understanding, once again brought about by inadequate communication of political education material. Another factor being that the people cannot see why they should know anything about their central government when it has, to them no visible or noticeable effects.

Q. ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, FACILITIES:

None of the above are found within the area surveyed, as envisaged in Standing Instructions.

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Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
APULAU

15 December, 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
WAKABU

TAGULA PATROL POST, 1/70-71

Thank you for the above report and your covering comments.

I am pleased to note an improvement in Mr. Lock's style of reporting, however his English expression still leaves a lot to be desired. Mr. Becknell has submitted a lucid account of the situation on Suist Island.

The area is extremely isolated and there can be little development on Suist until there is an improved communications system. The airstrip at Tagula will assist in providing financial advice but only a better shipping service will provide easier access to markets. Unfortunately this tends to become a vicious circle in that the shipping companies will not provide a better service until there is sufficient exportable product and the people, without an adequate shipping service do not have the incentive to produce more crops.

The establishment of the Patrol Post at Tagula should materially assist in Political and Social Development in the area.

F. S. DRIVER
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District Commissioner

c.c. The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
APULAU



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Division ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA.

10th May, 1970.

Mr. R. N. Lock,
Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
TAGULA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS TAGULA PATROL NO. 1 - 70/71

Please prepare to depart on a patrol of the Sudest Island Census Division as soon as possible. Your main tasks are as follows:-

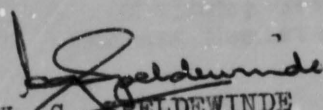
1. Revision of Census - please note that spellings of villages must be as they appear in the village Directory 1968. Note further that in his 14-1-3 dated 24th June, 1968 the Director of District Administration approved the transfer of PANAMAN from the Calvades Chair Census Division to Sudest Island Census Division. The latest population figures are to be entered in the village book PRIOR to leaving the village.
2. Area Study - The majority of your information can be obtained in the villages as you pass through. Visit the schools and record school enrolments, teacher qualifications etc.. A direct enquiry will provide details of passbooks, estimated earnings etc.. This will obviate the need to write letters to various organisations on the completion of your patrol requesting information - which more often than not get delayed and in this respect delay the submission of your report. Or better still write for information prior to departing on patrol so that the information will reach you a lot sooner.
3. Routine Administration - Please note that you have no authority to hold detainees at TAGULA Patrol Post. All cases are to be sent back here with a letter giving full details.
4. Village Councillers- Provide me with the following details of old village Councillers:-
 - (a) Name
 - (b) Village
 - (c) Date Appointed
 - (d) Date Appointment terminated
 - (e) Reason for termination - if any. (Usual reason will be the formation of a L.G. Council - but there may be other reasons).

5. Inspection of Firearms - Inspect all the firearms in the area and provide me with a list detailing:-
- (a) Make
 - (b) Model
 - (c) Calibre
 - (d) Capacity
 - (e) Serial Number
 - (f) Expiry date
 - (g) Name of owner and village
 - (h) Certificate of registration Number.
- If any are due for re-registration examine the weapon and if satisfactory obtain the fee from them, issue a receipt for the fee and forward the old C of R to me at Bwagaia.
6. Rural Projects - Prepare submissions for the Western Point to Rambuse Road and Griffin Point To Madana Plantation Road along the lines as set out in the circular I sent you last week. You should have no problems if you follow the suggestions set out in the circular. A map is required.
7. Council Assets - Inspect all Council buildings, water supply schemes etc. and provide me with details of type, condition, any maintenance required and list of materials required to make the unit more functional.
8. New schemes - Investigate the possibilities of water supply schemes in villages that do not possess them or any other schemes that you feel will benefit the village people. Liaise with the Councillor on these matters because he will have to prepare a submission to the Council for consideration.

Advise me by telegram of your date of departure and estimated duration of the patrol. If transport is available at the time Constable OVE will proceed yours. You can take him on patrol or leave him at the Patrol Post and take Constable 1/C MANOKOI on patrol. One policeman must remain at TAGULA.

On completion of your patrol please advise me by telegram the date of completion and anticipated date of completion of Patrol Report. By this I mean the Situation Report, Area Study, Map and all other Reports on the subjects itemised above. Note that a Situation Report which takes too long to reach the District Commissioners desk is useless.

This patrol will give you an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know the people on Sudest Island - use it to its fullest extent and I am sure that you will have a very enjoyable and productive patrol. Good Luck.


W. G. SPELDEWINDE
Assistant District Commissioner

cc. District Commissioner,
ALOTAU.

PATROL DIARYOCTOBER 1970

- Friday. 9th: 1200hrs departed Tagula Patrol Post per M.V. St. Patrick. 1430hrs arrived Jelewaga Village; General Discussions. O/N Jelewaga.
- Saturday. 10th: Poor weather, awaiting arrival of people. 1100hrs - Census - 1300hrs; 1400hrs several minor complaints arbitrated; 1490hrs - General Discussions - 1800hrs; (The entire pop. of Panaman Island censused at Jelewaga.). O/N Jelewaga.
- Sunday. 11th: Observed; O/N Jelewaga.
- Monday. 12th: 0800hrs departed Jelewaga; 0900hrs arrived Maladia Hamlet. (Carriers 1000hrs.); 1000hrs departed Maladia, per canoe; 1100hrs arrived Madaua Village; 1300hrs - Census - 1400hrs; Several minor complaints arbitrated; Mr. T. Sigamata interviewed; (Owner Madaua Ptn.). 1500hrs General Discussions. O/N Madaua.
- Tuesday. 13th: 0800hrs income tax explained to various people; 0900hrs village and proposed water supply sighte inspected; (Council project.); 1200hrs departed Madaua 1330hrs arrived Pamela Village, (Carriers 1430hrs.); General Discussions; Several minor complaints arbitrated. O/N Pamela.
- Wednesday. 14th: 0900hrs - Census - 1000hrs; General Discussions 1000hrs-1200hrs; 1300hrs village inspected; 1330hrs departed Pamela per M.V. Sibena; 1600hrs arrived Pantava; General Discussions. O/N Pantava.
- Thursday. 15th: 0800hrs - Census - 0900hrs; Village inspected; 1030hrs departed Pantava per M.V. Sibena; 1330hrs arrived Juru (Baumumu). 1430hrs - Census - 1530hrs; General Discussions; Village inspected. O/N Juru (Baumumu).
- Friday. 16th: Departed Juru (Baumumu) 0830hrs per M.V. Sibena; 1000hrs arrived Juru Hamlet; 1330hrs arrived Rewa Village; 1430hrs departed Rest House per M.V. Sibena-aid pest inspected; 1530hrs arrived Tambamba Plantation, (Owner Mr. D.J. Williams.); 1730hrs arrived Rewa Rest House. O/N Rewa.
- Saturday. 17th: 0830hrs - Census - 0945hrs; Several minor complaints arbitrated; Village and Hamlets inspected. O/N Rewa.
- Sunday. 18th: Observed; O/N Rewa.
- Monday. 19th: Departed Rewa Village 1330hrs per M.V. Sibena; Arrived Valulia Island 1700hrs. O/N Valulia.
- Tuesday. 20th: Departed Valulia 0600hrs; Arrived East Point Village 0900hrs; 0915hrs - Census - 1000hrs; General Discussions; 1100hrs departed East Point per M.V. Sibena; 1200hrs arrived Wimba Village; (The Wimba population is censused at Rambuse Village.); Village inspected; 1230hrs departed Wimba; 1330hrs arrived Dundock Plantation (Owner MR. B. Beselisi.); Contd.

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Tuesday. 20th. contd; 1430hrs departed Bundeck; 1830hrs arrived Rambuse village. O/N Rambuse.

Wednesday. 21st: 0800hrs - Census - 1000hrs; 1015hrs several minor complaints arbitrated; 1100hrs Village and aid post inspected; 1500hrs interviewed Head Teacher Rambuse Primary "T" School, (Mr. W. Lenard.). O/N Rambuse.

Thursday. 22nd: 0700hrs Departed Rambuse per M.V. Sibona; 1015hrs arrived Piren Island; 1030hrs - census - 1230hrs; Village inspected; General Discussions; Departed Piren Isl. 1430hrs; 1700hrs arrived Tagula Patrol Post. O/N Tagula.

Friday. 23rd: At Tagula.

Saturday. 24th: At Tagula.

Sunday. 25th: Observed, Tagula.

Monday. 26th: At Tagula,

Tuesday. 27th: 1415hrs departed Tagula Patrol Post; 1615hrs arrived Embabalia Village; Road feasibility survey conducted enroute; General Discussions. O/N Embabalia.

Wednesday. 28th: 0800hrs - Census - 0900hrs; 1000hrs departed Embabalia; 1100hrs arrived Griffin Point, (Tarangia, Nankil and Gesila villages.) Rest House; Road feasibility survey conducted enroute; O/N Griffin Point.

Thursday. 29th: 0800hrs - Census - 1100hrs; Several minor complaints arbitrated, one case referred to Magistrate Bwagaia; General Discussions; Aid Post inspected. O/N Griffin Point.

Friday. 30th: Departed Griffin Point 0945hrs; Arrived Madua Village, (and Plantation.) 1300hrs; Road feasibility survey conducted enroute; General Discussions. O/N Madua.

Saturday. 31st: Departed Madua 1100hrs per canoe; 1200hrs arrived Maladia Hamlet; Departed Maladia 1300hrs; Arrived Griffin Point R/H 1600hrs O/N Griffin Point.

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Sunday. 1st: Observed; O/N Griffin Point.

Monday. 2nd: 1000hrs departed Griffin Point; 1215hrs arrived Jelandan Village; General Discussions; (Road feasibility survey conducted enroute). 1400hrs - Census - 1515hrs. O/N Jelandan.

Tuesday. 3rd: 0900hrs departed Jelandan Village; 1330hrs arrived Rambuse; Road feasibility conducted enroute; General discussions. O/N Rambuse.

Wednesday. 4th: 0700hrs departed Rambuse per canoe; 1300hrs arrived Tagula Patrol Post.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

SUDEST ISLAND

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the following purposes listed below:

- (i) Census Revision,
- (ii) Area Study Compilation,
- (iii) Routine Administration,
- (iv) Compilation of a List of Old Village Councillers,
- (v) Inspection of all firearms and details of each, as per instructions,
- (vi) Road Feasibility Survey and submission as per instructions,
- (vii) Inspection of all Council assets within the area, and investigation of the possibilities of other schemes in these villages not already in possession of them, as per instructions.

The patrol commenced on the 9th. of October 1970. Most of the south coast of the Island was patrolled by small motor vessel and canoes, for the north coast as far as Rambuse Village and Piren Island a motor vessel was again used. The remainder of the north coast, i.e. Embabalia to Rambuse was done on foot. A road feasibility survey from Tagula Patrol Post to Rambuse and also to Griffin Point, (Nanhil, Tarangia and Gesila villages.) to Madana Plantation were conducted enroute. Canoes were used to transport patrol equipment along this section. The two factors influencing this decision were, the additional officer accompanying the patrol and the relatively few villages with sufficient manpower to carry effectively. The exception being Griffin Point where three villages are relatively closely situated.

Panaman Island is now included in the Sudest Island Census Division, the village being small with a population of only nineteen people. (The Director of District Administration's 14-1-3 of the 24th June, 1968 refers.).

Sudest Island is situated at the extreme south eastern tip of Papua in the Milne Bay District. It is the largest island in the Misima Sub-District with a population of 1873 persons, this includes Piren and Panaman Islands off the north and south coasts respectively.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. P.D. Bucknell (A.P.O.) , J. Maika (Interpreter.) and Const. 1/C Manokei R.P.N.G.C..

SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL:

The Sudest Island Census Division is comprised of Sudest, Piren and Panaman Islands, these are covered, as is the whole of the Misima Sub-District by the Louisiade Local Government Council, with its headquarters situated at Bwagaia on Misima Island (Approx. sixty miles north east of Sudest.). The area has been under Council influence since at least 1964, the people as a whole exhibited a surprising lack of interest and understanding of their council. They know that they pay council tax, but not why; Explanations given by the writer as to what purpose and why tax was paid, plus the benefits brought by this were given. Momentary interest was shown but this soon died as the conversation became more topical. Questions asked by the writer in relation to; What the House of Assembly and the Members, is and did? Brought about a hushed silence. The opinion of the writer being, formed by the utterances made, is that the people know very little about the House of Assembly and their Member, (Iepani Watson.). The attitude is one of; This does not really interest, it has not actually affected us, being predominant.

These members of the community who did show an active and enquiring interest were usually youths fresh out of school. That interest being, when can we expect to have a water supply or aid post like the ones on Misima, in this village?

The Councillors with the exception of one have not it appears been informing their constituents of what he has been doing and what has been said at the meetings, both on their behalf and generally. One remark made by the Councillor for the Griffin Point Ward was "The Sudest Councillors are not working together for their people." This he went on to explain was the case at meetings where one Councillor would speak and receive no support from his fellow Councillors, (Five all told.).

Another interesting fact was that the Sudest Island Councillors seem to feel that the Misima Councillors are dominating the meetings; Though this was not expressed in so many words the tone of the conversation would tend to give rise to this opinion.

Several queries on the tax rate were made, the basic question being; Why does the tax rate increase each year? An explanation that the tax rate last year was \$9:00 per man and \$1:00 per woman; The rate this year \$10:00 per man if paid before the 31st December, and \$11:00 thereafter; Women not being taxed this year; Thus the greater tax burden having been placed on the married male, was given. However this was accepted in a sceptical manner, on the surface at least.

Briefly the Sudest Islanders have no conception of the more broad and general functions and aims of their Council, other than those which have or bring about instances or actions that effect them at village level in the direct sense. Possible suggested methods to improve this situation would be in service training for the Councillors, and purely political education patrols throughout the area.

Five Local Government Councillors represent the people of the Sudest Island Census Division, on the Louisiade Local Government Council. They are:

Cuo'lr. PATRICK TOWAKAKI:

Councillor for Western Point Ward; Born 1934; Attended Ninea Catholic Mission Primary "T" School attaining Standard 2.; Married; Is an extremely active and influential Councillor within his ward.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL contd:Cnc'lr. KAPINA LAI'IA:

Councillor for the Jelewaga, Madeua, Pantava and Panaman Ward; Born 1938; Attended Leaga Methodist Mission Primary "T" School, (Misima Island.) attaining standard 3; Worked as crewman of Mission vessel for several years; Has dubious influence within his ward.

Cnc'lr. PAUL MOPI:

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

Cnc'lr. MICHAEL RAIKLOW:

Councillor for Rambuse, Wimba and Jelandan Ward; Born 1937; Attended unregistered mission school attaining "std. 1"; Married; Worked as crewman for mission then as crewman on an Administration vessel for several years; Influence within his ward only.

Cnc'lr. KAMODA BOBI:

Councillor for the Tarangia, Gesila, Piron, Nankil and Embabalia Ward; Born 1931; Attended Nimea Mission Primary "T" School attaining std. 1; Married; Influence within his ward only.

* Kapina has also in his ward the village Pamela.

SITUATION REPORTECONOMIC:

The main cash crop under cultivation on Sudest Island at present, is Copra, the other crops being Copal Gum and Coffee, the latter though growing on the Island, is, in line with present D.A.S.F. policy, not harvested or processed to any extent.

Copra, by far the most ^{important} money earner generally with a total of 4,082 trees of these, 1,725 are immature and 4,190 new plantings. (These figures are taken from the D.A.S.F. census for 1965.). Giving an actual yield of approximately 90 tons per annum, of Copra. The several problems associated with this crop on Sudest Island itself are; The poor quality soil which stunts and retards the size and speed of growth of the trees. The "soil" mainly a thick gluey clay which is all but impervious to water; One method tried in an attempt to overcome this problem was the use of a better quality top soil being placed in the hole dug for the planting of the young tree. This has in some cases brought results, however once the nutritional value of the top soil is depleted, the tree again tends to slow its developing process. Some form of fertilizer is needed but what exactly it is, would have to be decided upon by the relevant authorities; (Possibly lime, readily available in this area.). The second problem is, the island, along with the rest of the Misima Sub-District is prone to Cyclones and severe storms periodically. The effect, these on the copra production for Sudest is reflected in the above quoted figures. This in turn has an effect on the attitude of the people, in that they have a feeling, in some instances, of futility of planting more than is necessary for subsistence, this again is further aggravated by the relatively limited opportunity of marketing produce. Though this is alleviated some what by the following; The M.V. "Lilivase" a Council owned vessel operates a "milk run" throughout the Sub-District of which little or no use is made of by the people; (The cost to the shipper is, only at the maximum, freight charges.). Increased publicity disseminated at village level continuously, may improve this situation in the future. Other outlets are the Catholic Mission situated on Nimea Island three miles east of the western tip of Sudest, and Madaua Plantation on the south coast, plus a trader based at Misima, who collects produce at reasonably regular intervals throughout the area via a small motor vessel.

Copal Gum, of which no figures are available is of secondary importance as a cash crop. The main problem with this being the large area over which few trees are growing, the difficulty being the time and effort needed to reach the trees, plus the actual collection time of the gum. Again the marketing facilities are on a par with copra above. The figure for the annual actual production of gum is in the vicinity of twenty five tons.

Black Lip and Trochus shell are also collected, however the amount marketed is extremely low, when the size and capacity of the beds are taken into account. It is of note that the Sudest Islanders even though born and bred by the sea are not exceptional fishermen or sailors. Their larger canoes are made exclusively by the Panaeati Islanders. This could be due to a deep rooted fear or "respect" for the sea especially when the above mentioned storms coupled with tides and currents (Both formidable forces.), are taken into account.

SITUATION REPORTECONOMIC cond:

There are no Co-operative stores within the Sudest Islands Census Division. Several trade stores owned and operated by the villagers are, with the exception of ~~xxx~~ three barely making a profit. The main reason seems to be inadequate control over costing with the resultant loss.

At present there is stationed at Tagula Patrol Post one D.A.S.F. Agricultural Field Assistant, with several field workers employed by the Council, at various villages on the Island. New plantings of coconuts are under way using the "target" system on a village basis, the results of this are not as yet known as the project is still in the first years of advancement. Peppers have been tried and successfully grown in the area, again however the final result economically will not be known for some time.

Crocodile hunting was extensively practiced in the past and to some extent is still carried out, the crocodiles becoming scarce as they become wary of the hunter and their numbers decrease.

Gold once the main expatriate industry on the Island is now not mined at all by the indigenes. Though sufficient quantities of alluvial gold are readily available in the centre of the Island. Minjur Mines have, for approximately the past six months been test drilling along the estuary of a river at Griffin Point, (Gesila, Nanhil and Tarangia Villages.) ostensibly for gold, of which their representative at the site says there are traces, (Colours.), the results though, naturally enough, being kept within the Company confines.

The other non-indigenous economic ventures, are Madava Pantava and Rambuse plantations. These are controlled by Mr. T. Sigamata who is at present, in his own words, barely keeping his head above water. The main reason being the effects of two Cyclones on the concern. Mr. R. Williams has a plantation, Tambamba situated on the south coast. This again has been effected by the above mentioned cyclones. During the patrols visit the plantation had been shut down completely, the owner waiting on a reply from the Development Bank who appeared to be interested in buying. Since the completion of the patrol however, the Bank had declined the offer to buy.

SITUATION REPORTSOCIAL:

Educational requirements are provided for by a Primary "T" School situated at Rambuse on the north coast of Sudest. It is run and staffed by the United Church Mission. Preparatory, Std. 2 and Std. 3 are taught, with a combined total of seventy seven pupils all told. Nimea Primary "T" School though not situated within the area patrolled also provides educational facilities for Sudest children.

The main problem associated with Rambuse school is the keeping of the students at school, often the village elders recall them too perform work within the village. The result is a somewhat sketchy education for those effected. Several non-registered village schools are scattered throughout the area.

There are three aid posts on Sudest Island, situated at Rewa, Rambuse and Griffin Point. The main problem here is the preference of the people to go to the "Village Doctor" before the Aid Post Supervisor. A mission staffed hospital is also situated at Nimea Island. The distances between these facilities and the condition of the walking tracks, or general sailing conditions, would also tend to dampen the flow of sick in one of the more geographically isolated villages, to the aid posts.

Sorcery at present is rife on the island and surrounding area, and is one of the major stumbling blocks toward progress. The difficulty in actually stopping it lies in the proving if not seeing the offence. The results of practiced sorcery are evident; But it is not substantial enough to act upon. Fear is the key to the Sorcerers held over the people, this fear has to be overcome; It will be at the least a slow and often frustrating task to accomplish.

There are no womens clubs or community activities as such in the area patrolled, school organised sports are the only youth activities, which are not at the present moment practiced in the villages.

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Appendix "B"
VILLAGE COUNCILLORS

VILLAGE	COUNCILLOR	DATE APPOINTED By Whom	DATE APPOINTMENT TERMINATED	REASON	/M COMMENTS
WESTERN POINT	BWAIBWAI TAWAWOI	1945 Middleten.	1964	Formation L.G.C.	
JELEWAGA	ODA VANARA	1956 Mc'Leod.	1964	" "	
	SEK TOM	1956 Mc'Leod.	1964	" "	
	GIO MANUAIA	1957 Mc'Leod.	1964	" "	
PANAMAN	KASALIA MONDAY	1956 ?	1964	" "	
MADAUA	RIBAU VETHA	1945 Smith.	1964	" "	
	UMU PETER	1942 ?	1952	Retired.	Poor health.
PAMELA	TOLO BODUDU	1962 Fowler.	1964	Formation L.G.C.	
	KETABU DILEU	1945 Middleten.	1964	" "	
JURU	KAPWOI MOROWI	1945 Smith.	1964	" "	
REWA	WALADONA KUPUA	1952 Davis.	1964	" "	
	VIDA MARGI	1938 Lenton.	1964	" "	
	YAGUA SANDAU	1959 ?	1964	" "	
PIRON	TOMO UNGUNGAU	1945 ?	1964	" "	
NANHIL	VALGAIDI TOMO	1942 Mathews.	Unknown.	Retired.	Poor health.
	JIMMY TOMO	1942 Mathews.	1964	Formation L.G.C.	
GESILA	WARIA SIPOM	1946 ?	1956	Unknown.	
TARANGIA	PIPIA JIMMY	1949 ?	1964	Formation L.G.C.	
	MAPIA TAUDIBA	1942 ?	1949	Retired.	Poor health.
JOLANDAN	MANIEGA KAKAIMETA	1956 Mc'Leod.	1964	Formation L.G.C.	
	MABURE MAIGI	1947 Mannuel.	1964	" "	
RAMBUSO	BAGA KANEDI	1946 Littler.	1964	" "	
EAST POINT	MAKUDEO MWAF	1949 Driver.	1964	" "	
EMBABALIA	GUMAISIS CADUVINA	1942 James.	1964	" "	

APPENDIX "G"

FJR FARMS

OWNERS NAME	VILLAGE	MAKE	CAPACITY	CALIBRE	EXPIRY DATE	SERIAL NO.	NO. OF C.C.F. R.	COMMENTS
BWAIPWAI TAWAWOI	Western Pt. Onazu		S/S	12G		28904		Weapon at present undergoing repairs 1 month to produce cert.
SEK REVAU	Jelewaga	W&S	S/S	12G		55495		2 months to produce cert. Obliterated.
ELANUEL SIPUKOBI	Rambuse	Winchester	S/S	12G	16/4/71	48876		
TON SIGAMATA	Madsua Ptn.	U/known	S/S	12G	21/12/70	Unreadable.	A354432	
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TIOLE JIMMY	Rambuse	Crucelvi	S/S	12G	15/8/68	12541	9385	2 month to renew.
DIMURUA	Piron	U/known	S/S	12G	26/4/67	33899	48706	1 " "
H. GARDETE	Gri in Pt.	Brune	S/S	.22	25/11/70	157999	12164	
MANIMA GAIGAI	Juru	Geey	S/S	12G	10/4/71	77437	55043	
R.J. WILLIAMS	Tambamba Ptn.	Slaz.	7/S	.22	20/11/70	70737	13403	
KERU	Reva	U/known	S/S	12G	16/11/63	12750	20945	Weapon dangerous surrendered volunt- arily. To be destroyed
TOBUAO DESIN	Embabalia	W&S	S/S	12G	31/7/70	80854	58051	1 month.
JOK DWADIS	Jelandan	Onazu	S/S	12G	16/8/67	28755	9354	1 month.

APPENDICES "E" & "F"
COUNCIL ASSETS AND COUNCIL SCHEMES.

E.

AID POSTS

- (a) REWA Aid Post (i) Re-painting of all exposed timbers.
(ii) Addition of water tank plus down pipe. (Guttering already fitted.)
- (b) RAMBUSO " Same as (i) and (ii) of () above.
- (c) GRIFFIN Pt. " " " " " " " " Plus water proofing between walls and floor, cement or coverstrip.

WATER TANKS

- (d) WESTERN Pt. " Water Tanks (i) Enlargement of catch area over tank 3x120"x36" Custom Orb.
- (e) PANAMAN " (i) Complete new tank required (Previous one rusted out.)
(ii) Enlargement of catchment area of larger tank.

F.

- (a) MADAVA Water Hose (i) Required to be at least 150 yds. in length.
(ii) Three bags cement for catchment area.
- (b) EMBABALIA " Tank (i) Tank only with down pipe. (Trade store roof iron, guttering attached.) already ~~erected~~^{built} with

SITUATION REPORT.

Political :-

Sudest Island lies approximately 40 miles South-east of Bwagaoia and is the largest island in the Sub-District. It falls in the domain of the Louisiade Local Government Council, and its 1800 or so people make up four Council Wards.

The island has no vehicular roads as yet - except on Tagula Patrol post itself - and its only contact with other parts of the Sub-District is made by sea. The relatively isolated nature of the island with its (1) large area (2) sparsely settled population, and (3) poor communications, make the Council's and the Administration's tasks difficult ones.

As a result of the factors stated above, the people of Sudest generally have a poor knowledge of the Local Government Council's activities. They all realize that the Council collects tax, but when asked what is done with the money, few came forward with an answer. They have seen little benefit from their tax paying in a lot of the villages, and are not yet fully aware that the Councillor is their mouth-piece for their grievances.

This unfortunately, I believe, reflects also on the calibre of the four Sudest Councillors. They are falling down not only in taking their peoples' views to the meetings, but also in bringing the Council decisions back to the people. (Councillor PATRICK of Ward 20 which includes part of the lower Calvados Chain is a possible exception to the second part of this accusation.)

In a recent by-election in Ward 23 on the Southern end of the island, about 44% of people eligible, voted, 24% were unavoidably absent, and a further 32% were absent despite weeks of notice. This, I think, would be a fair example of the whole islands interest in their Council.

Very little also is known about the House of Assembly and its activities. Quite a few people however, knew who their local M.H.A. is and a lot remember his visit to Sudest in early 1969. The peoples general knowledge about the House though could be put on a par with their knowledge of Local Government.

What the people know about preferential voting is difficult to judge. About the only "gauging-rod" available, which is up-to-date, is the recent by-election mentioned. Here only two (2) votes cast were informal.

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Political (cont) :-

Since Tagula was made a Patrol Post it has been manned periodically, but unmanned for a period of two months prior to this patrol. Staffing problems have, in the past, made it difficult for a systematic political education campaign to be conducted. Now that an officer is again in residence at the post, political awareness will no doubt improve with more regular and intimate contact with the people being maintained.

The increasing number of radios owned by village people, and the planned road and airstrip construction, should facilitate better Council and Administration contact with the Sudest people and eventually raise the standard of political awareness.

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Economic :-

Copra provides the main source of income for the Sudest Islanders. This is supplemented by Trochus and Black-lipped shell which abound along the reefy coastal waters around the island. These commodities are sold mainly to Mr. Eric RYAN - a trader from Bwagaoia, with a little bought by Mr. Tom SIGAMATA of MADAUA Plantation. Few villagers deal directly with the Copra Marketing Board in Samarai.

Coconuts are grown by private individuals on their own land, are smoked in their own smoke-houses, and no large co-operative societies have as yet evolved. Group activities in planting and harvesting is still in its infancy with one attempt being made at REWA by three men TARO, PAUL, and MISIBO, to combine forces and increase production. These three men all own tradestores in the REWA area.

The crop, in recent years has been adversely effected by cyclones and frequent severe storms. Soil fertility is reasonably poor also.

D.A.S.F. has an agricultural assistant stationed at Tagula, who patrols the island and suggests better methods of planting to help combat the fertility problem. He has also established an excellent nursery for coconut seedlings and experimental crops such as peppers, vanilla, passion-fruit, cabbage, pineapples, and certain varieties of cover-crops. Vanilla proved to be an outright failure but the others are thriving. These are still in the experimental stages and the crops are not being promoted to the fullest extent as yet. The future looks good for them if a market can be found. D.A.S.F. advise that Chiles are next on the list for experiment.

An interesting side-light to these cultivated crops is that excellent oranges and

Economic (cont) :-

lemons grow wild on the South-west coast, between JELEWAGA and MADAJA.

A small amount of income comes to the islanders from the collection and sale of copal gum to traders. The majority is sold to Mr. Eric RYAN with some to the Nimoa Catholic Mission and a little to Tom SIGAMATA.

The gum trees grow naturally on the inland slopes of the central mountain range,

Recent C.S.I.R.O. research has shown that it would be uneconomical to make plantations of the gum trees. Trees secrete the light amber gum where an injury has occurred to the bark, but not necessarily in large quantities. Researchers experimenting with varying methods of tapping have produced negative results.

"There are great quantities of gum on Sudest" says Mr. RYAN - the main buyer - "but the people seem to lack the incentive to keep up a steady supply." *

This has given Sudest the reputation of being an unreliable source, despite the fact that plenty of gum is there.

**Mr. Ryan pays the going price of 3 to 4 cents per pound. The gum is processed in Australia for use in varnish and certain types of long-wearing paint.

For many years, gold used to be an extra source of income for the local people but recently panning has declined to be almost non-existent - at least no gold has been received by the Government from the people for many years. This is probably due to the lack of tools and the large amount of work involved to obtain a small quantity of gold.

The Sudest gold is of high quality with a deep orange lustre. At present the whole island is on exploratory leases; the Western half to MINJUR MINING CO. and the East to a Mr. J.J. JORDAN.

MINJUR is at present test drilling in the silty, swampy river estuaries in the GRIFFIN POINT area, and employs eleven (11) locals. Depending on results from the test samples, a step-up operation could occur in the near future. This would create numerous employment opportunities for the Sudest people.

There are three non-indigenees and one mixed race who own plantations on Sudest. All of these plantations have suffered from cyclone damage and are fairly low producing at the moment.

They are as follows :-

Economic (cont) :-

1. T.SIGAMATA :- owns MADAUA and GRIFFIN POINT plantations - both low producing due to cyclone damage.
2. W.CALLANAN :- plantations at JURU and RAMBUSO - in Australia at present - managed by T.Sigamata - both low producing.
3. R.WILLIAMS :- TAMBAMBA near REWA - for sale - nil prod'n.
4. Fr.YOUNG (R.C.Mission) :- PIDGEON IS.- resides NIMOA - Prod'n unknown.

Opportunities for increased development (economic):-

1. GOLD :- (a) if MINJUR decides to expand. (b) if the locals could obtain tools and encouragement.
2. COPAL GUM :- could be more profitable with more effort from the local people.
3. FISHING :- The waters around Sudest abound with fish, crayfish, crabs, and turtles. There are huge beds of trochus and black-lipped shell as yet untouched.
On the eventuation of the NIMOA Fishery Project (discussed in Misima Patrol Report No.1 of 70/71), the above commodities could boost Sudests economy tremendously. There is always a more-than-ready market for these especially Crayfish.
4. CATTLE :- Sudest contains some excellent grazing country, with rolling grassy slopes and well-watered valleys. From cattle introduced around the turn of the century by early settlers and miners, some went bush, foraged for themselves, reproduced, and reached a maximum strength of about 200 in 1949/50. these were eventually wiped out for food by locals and planters or by disease and tick, until there are none left today.
Sudest is not "Tick-Free" however, but with modern agricultural methods this could be overcome, if the need arose. Today's improved tropical cross-breeds would most certainly thrive on the island if introduced.
5. SMALL CROPS :- Peppers, passion-fruit, cabbage, pineapples etc. appear to be well suited to the Sudest soils and climate. Future promotion of these seems certain.

Social :-

The Sudest Islanders all speak a common language known simply as "Sudest" which differs vastly from Misima (Panaesti) and Rossel.

Social (cont) :-

Many are bi and tri-lingual, and a small percentage speak English.

The WESTERN POINT people have a ~~ix~~ language of their own, not related to "Sudest" even, but this appears to be dying out and is now usually only spoken by the elders.

There are about fourteen clan groupings present, with an average of about five or six represented in each village. These clans are almost all derivatives of PANABATI clans and have been given Sudest names. There is no conflict between clan groups. Each clan has a "bird" and "fish" totem with the women's totem the predominant one.

There are two Primary "T" Schools in the area, both run by missions. The Catholic school is at NIMOA and the United Church school is at ~~Rambuso~~ RAMBUSO. Out of a total of 357 children of school age, 125 (made up of 70 boys and 55 girls) attend one or other of these two schools. This means that 35% of eligible children go to school. Small preparatory schools are also operated by R.C. and U.C. local missionaries in some villages.

Three Aid Posts operate on Sudest, at REWA, RAMBUSO, and GRIFFIN POINT, and extra medical aid is available at the Catholic Mission hospital at NIMOA. The villagers between WESTERN POINT and REWA complain of the distance they must travel for treatment, and an Aid Post situated somewhere along this coast would seem practical.

All existing Aid Posts are well stocked and manned, and provide good service to their areas.

Cargo Cult - said to be riddling the island - are either non-existent or well under cover.

Sorcery, although it still exists is kept very quiet, and the people do not seem to be over-burdened or concerned with it. Deep down however, no one could definitely say; the people are reluctant to talk about it. Some slight competition exists between village "doctors" and the Aid Post, particularly at RAMBUSO.

No Women's Clubs were found to operate on the Island and youth activities centered around school only. Very little organized sport is played in the villages.

The people seem generally willing to engage in self-help programmes, as long as they can see a purpose, and receive encouragement. Most said they were eager to help in the construction of the proposed motor-cycle tracks along the North coast. The WESTERN POINT people have already almost completed a good road between the Patrol Post and their village. They nearly always

Social (cont) :-

turn up of their own accord on Fridays, (Government Day as they call it) to help in cleaning up the station. With the out-lying villagers, their attitude towards self-help remains to be proven.

Tagula Patrol Post provides postal and information services, Administration functions and agency functions for the Local Government Council. The local people will begin to use these more often once they realize that the station is there for their benefit, and use.

Conclusion :-

With a lot of hard work by the people themselves, the future of Sudest Island seems bright. Once they begin to see benefits from their efforts accrue, they will gradually come out of their attitude of "leave it til tomorrow".

The proposed road and air-strip construction, the now regular fortnightly shipping service from Bwagsoia (M.V. Toaripi), and the placement of an Officer at Tagula, will eventually help to raise the rate of political, economic, and social development of the island.



 P.D. BUNNELL. (A.P.O.)

12.11.70.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2. 70/71

By

R. N. LOCK

TAGULA

MILNE BAY DISTRICT

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KONEDOBUI.

67-4-27

23rd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL NO.2 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-13-1 of 19th February, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol
Report by Mr. R.N. Lock.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

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Division of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAH.

19th February, 1971.

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

TAGULA PATROL REPORT No.2/1970/71

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

2. Although I agree with your remarks in the second paragraph, Mr. Lock has shown some improvement in his style of reporting. If he can learn to master English grammar, he should be able to submit a good report. He has the ability to collect information, but, unfortunately, is unable to express himself in a readable manner.

3. You should ensure that work on the Griffie Point wharf commences as soon as funds are made available.

4. Please keep me informed of developments in the Jelandan cult.

F.G. Driver
F.G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

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

Division of District Administration,

67-3-2

Sub-District Office,
BWAGACKA
Milne Bay District.
2nd February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
ALOTAU

TAGULA PATROL REPORT No. 2 70/71

The above-referenced report is attached in triplicate for your information and forwarding. I have the following comments to make on its contents.

Although only a brief report, Mr. Lock has indulged in a confusing display of sentence construction, grammar, and punctuation. In particular, page 2 part (a), page 4 para 2, and para 6 where the word "flux" is used entirely out of context, thus conveying exactly the opposite meaning to the situation the author is attempting to express.

At the recent Council Meeting held at JINJO, the Sudest Councilors were again obvious by their lack of verbal effort in debating the tax rate for 1971/72. Had it not been for the Rossel people's expressing a secessionist idea, I feel that the Sudest populace would have continued on with their practically aimless existence.

The work on the Griffin Point wharf will undoubtedly increase its usefulness. Construction of a new wharf has been allocated District Priority Number 2 for the 1971/72 Rural Development Projects.

It remains to be seen what the Sudest people's reaction will be to the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, when it visits this Sub-District in the near future.

The cult activities mentioned by Mr. Lock will be watched carefully in case of growing popularity.



K.F. Nash
a/Assistant District Commissioner

cc. R. Lock
Tagula

PATROL DIARYJANUARY 1971.

- Monday 11th: 0730 hrs. departed Tagula Patrol Post per M.V. Tearipi; 0645 hrs. arrived Griffin Point.
O/N Griffin Point.
- Tuesday 12th: 0700 hrs. several minor disputes arbitrated; Distributed axes and adze; Marked timber for wharf piles; Political education discussion, especially Select Committee on Constitutional Development; People informed of M.H.A. Lepani Watsons proposed visit to the area; Marked pile sites at wharf head; 1130 hrs. departed Griffin Point; 1200 hrs. arrived Piron Island; Political education discussions; Informed people of M.H.A.'s visit; 1500 hrs. departed Piron Island; 1630 hrs. arrived Griffin Point.
O/N Griffin Point.
- Wednesday 13th: 0600 hrs. departed Griffin Point per M.V. Tearipi; 0830 hrs. arrived Rambuse; Political education discussions; 1200 hrs. departed Rambuse; 1315hrs arrived Jelandan; Political education discussions; Minor complaint arbitrated; Rumours of cult activities investigated.
O/N Jelandan.
- Thursday 14th: 0530 hrs. departed Jelandan; 0930 hrs. arrived Jelewaga; Political Education discussion; 1130hrs. departed J. Lewaga; 1200 hrs. arrived Madaua; Political Education Discussions; Sorcery activities investigated, found to relate to recent death in area; Again cult activity investigated; 1430 hrs. departed Madaua; 1530 hrs. arrived Nimea.
O/N Nimea.
- Friday 15th: 0800 hrs. Political Education Discussion; L. Watsons proposed visit given publicity; 1000 hrs. Departed Nimea per M.V. Tearipi; 1030 hrs. arrived Bwalahina village; Political education discussions; Minor complaint arbitrated; 1200hrs departed Bwalahina; 1400 hrs. arrived Embabalia Village; Political Education Discussion; Minor dispute arbitrated; 1500 hrs. departed Embabalia; 1630 hrs. arrived Griffin Point; Wharf progress inspected; 1700 hrs. Departed Griffin Point; 1830 hrs. arrived Tagula Patrol Post.
O/N Tagula.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

SUDEST, PIRON, NIMOA, AND JOANETTE
ISLANDS.

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the following purposes listed below:

- (i) Advise and assist the Griffin Point populace in the reconstruction of a wharf.
- (ii) To disseminate and discuss the facts on the Select Committee on Constitutional Development.
- (iii) To publicise the forthcoming visit of Lepani Watson M.H.A..
- (iv) To investigate rumours of cult activity at Jelandan Village.
- (v) Routine Administration.

The patrol commenced on the 11th of January 1971 and stood down on Friday the 15th of January. The Administration vessel M.V. Tearipi being the sole means of transportation throughout the duration. All but two of the north coast villages were visited, plus Jeleaga and Madaua villages on the south coast. Bwalahina, Piron and Nimoa villages were also visited.

The following villages although not visited took part in discussions prior to the patrol's departure, Western Point, Pantava, Pamela and Panaran.

Sudest, Piron, Jeanette and Nimoa islands are situated in a closely, geographically speaking, grouped chain of islands at the extreme south eastern tip of Papua.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL:

Portions of two census divisions were visited during the patrol, the Sudest Island Census and the Calvades Chain. In all twelve villages were covered. The entire area comes under the jurisdiction of the Louisiade Local Government Council with headquarters at Bwagaia on Misima Island.

Though geographically speaking both divisions are closely grouped together the attitudes differ greatly in that:

- a/ The inhabitants of the Calvades Chain exhibited an enquiring interest of their countries politics and their Council. Questions not being asked only about the topic in hand, but those which some news had reached the village. The Sudest Island Census Division inhabitants do not see any effect of politics, in which their country is involved in, (not that they see any less than the Chain,) and thus the attitude of; it does not interest or concern us, is predominant.
- b/ The Calvades Chain dwellers have a far broader and general understanding of their Council and are more willing to debate the pros and cons of any situation or decision, while their Sudest counterparts are not in the least interested. If and when a conversation eventuates it must bear some means of equating it with a purely topical and local event.

It is unfortunate that more notice and understanding were not generated by the recent tax payers meetings held throughout the area. Two months before the meetings it was explained in some detail just what purpose they served. The people though extremely interested in the actual tax collection expressed no real understanding of the meetings. In several instances it was "a practice tax collection" or so these at the meetings thought.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL contd:

The Councillors, though they realise it is part of their duties, are still not informing the people of what is being said and done at the Council meetings. What is probably more important, is the fact that the people are not ensuring that their thoughts and opinions etc. are being put to the council. The councillors themselves are hardly encouraging this at present.

Most of the Councillors' influence is due to his position as councillor. The principle of electing the best man for the job does not seem to be understood by the majority.

Four Local Government Councillors represent these areas visited by the patrol they are:

Cnc'lr. PATRIG TOWAKAKI:

Councillor for Western Point Ward;
Born 1934; Attended Nimea Catholic Mission
Primary "T" School attaining standard 2.;
Married; More active than the rest, though the
above still applicable.

Cnc'lr. KAPINA LAI'IA:

Councillor for the Jelewaga,
Madama Ward; Born 1938; Attended Leaga M.O.M.
Primary "T" School, attaining standard 3.;
Worked as small ships crew for several years;
Has dubious influence within his ward.

Cnc'lr. MICHAEL RAIKLOW:

Councillor for Rambuse Ward;
Born 1937; Attended unregistered mission school
attained standard 1; Worked as small ships crew
for several years; Influential within his ward
only by virtue of his position as councillor.

Cnc'lr. KAMODA BOBI:

Councillor for Griffin point Ward;
Born 1931 Attended Nimea Primary "T" School
attaining standard 1; Married; Influential
within his ward only.

SITUATION REPORTECONOMIC:

The main cash crop under cultivation within the area 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 figure of immature, new and mature trees is in the vicinity of 40800. With a yield of approximately 90 tons per annum.

At the least the collection and drying of copra throughout the area 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 stems also add to the poor economic situation that prevails in the area at present.

New plantings are being encouraged by A.S.F. through the target system on a village basis. The overall effectiveness of this system is as yet unknown, a comparison of the previous and this years census should give an idea.

Minjur Mines have ceased operations on the north coast and are in the process of transferring test drilling equipment to the south coast of Sudest Island. The results of the last set of tests are as yet still being processed.

The Ninea fisheries project is in a state of flux due to the Christmas break, no further progress having occurred since November last year.

Both of the above would, when and if they go into full production, provide many jobs and labour vacancies in the area.

There are no co-operatives in the area, several trade stores, all but two functioning on a leasing basis. Inadequate price control and dishonesty amongst staff being the main draw backs.

SITUATION REPORTSOCIAL:

Within the area covered by the patrol there is one Catholic Mission Primary "T" School and one United Church Primary "T" School, situated at Nimea and Rambuse respectively. These schools cater for Sudest, Ressel, Piren and Calvades Chain children. Several other unregistered schools are scattered throughout the area. Trouble has been experienced by these learning institutions in keeping the children at school for any appreciable period. Many villagers feel that the child should have one year at school and one at home.

Two aid posts were visited by the patrol, these are situated at Rambuse and Griffin Point (Nankil, Tarangia and Gesila villages.) on the north coast of Sudest Island. Patrolling by the aid post supervisors is regular and relatively effective. However the people still prefer to visit the village doctor (Not to be confused with the sorcerers.) before the aid post. The most prevalent ailment at the time is the common cold. No cases of influenza being reported.

Law and order is on a par with similar areas, with the exception of sorcery which is by far the most powerful force on the islands and surrounding area. Every minor or major inexplicable event is credited to sorcery.

There are two missions based in the area, Catholic and United Church at Nimea and Rambuse. Both have been in the area some considerable time. The Catholic Mission supplying hospital facilities at Nimea and the United Church a primary "T" school at Rambuse.

A. GRIFFIN POINT WHARF:

This wharf has for some years been in a total state of collapse. Whilst the patrol visited the area new piles and bearers were marked. The sites for these also being marked with axes being distributed.

At the time of the patrol's departure no less than six villages were assisting in the carrying of the piles. A further visit is planned in the not too distant future to attach bearers and decking.

B. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

At every village visited a general discussion was held and the views of the people on each question and idea were sought. Several of the more difficult questions were not really understood by the participants having no real idea or parallel to go by. Detailed yet simple explanations were given with the majority understanding.

Opinions varied as to when the Territory should take independence or self government from a plain NO! to two years and ten years. The flag was approved with reservations. The name not approved.

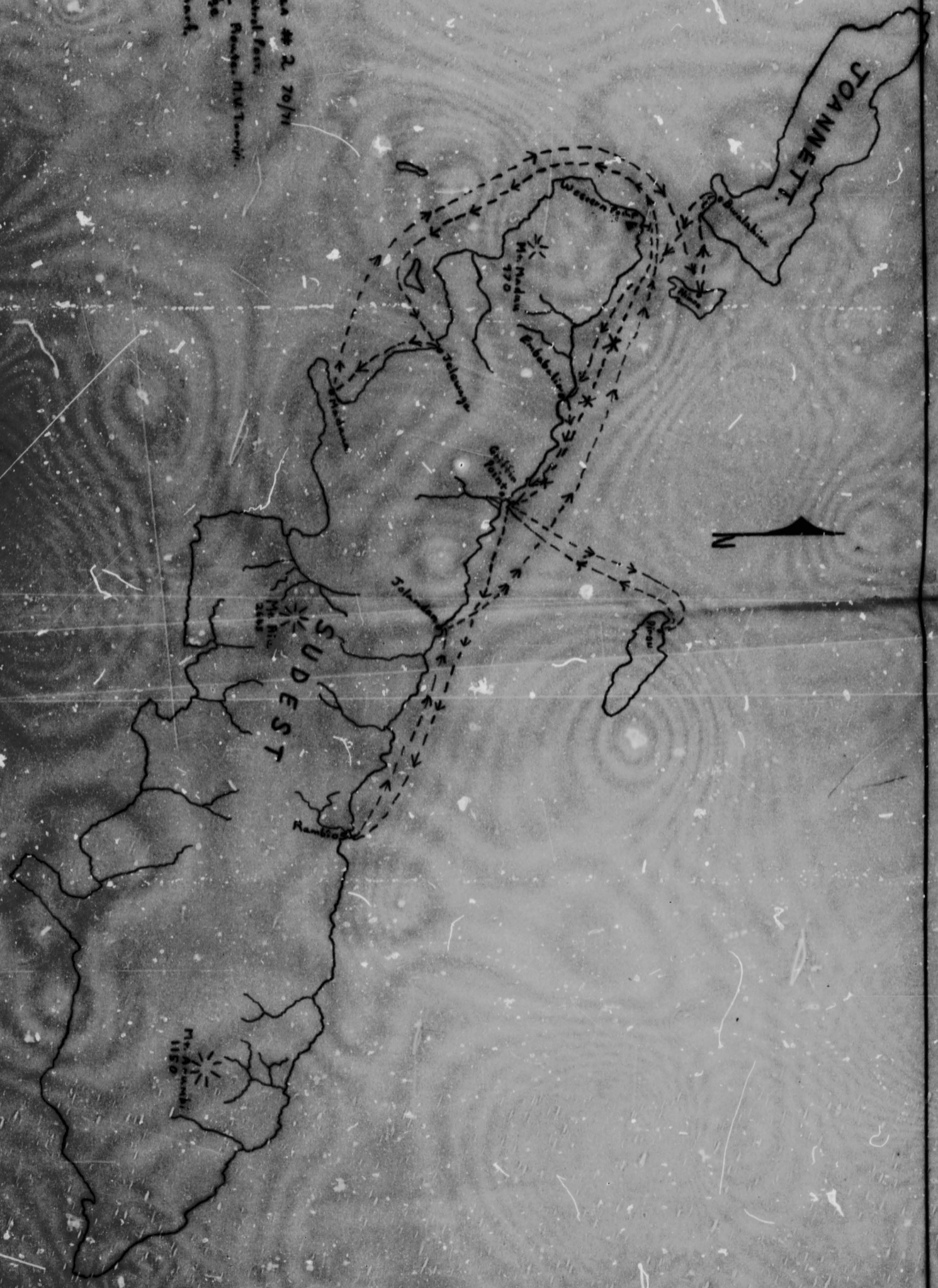
The full implications of what the Committee have set out to achieve are not as yet realised by most of the islanders, though the understanding of the actual details is sufficient.

C. CULT ACTIVITIES - JOLANDAN VILLAGE:

Rumours were heard to the effect that a cult had been started, at Jolandan village on the north coast of Sudest. Though there was talk of cults etc in the village, it was to do with a cult that had started at Eaus and Keubwaga villages on Misima Island. This cult is based on the belief that all the ancestors will return from the dead to help the people when independence or self government comes.

Several students passing through the Misima area enroute to their own village had brought the talk to Jolandan. It is doubted whether any similar movements will start on Sudest, however the situation will be watched.

Traverse # 2 70/71
 ▲ Peak East
 --- Peaks N.W. Group
 ○ Knife
 T Wharf



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number **REGULA NO. 3 - 70/71**

Subdistrict **MISIMA**

District **MILNE BAY**

Type of Patrol..... **SITUATION REPORT.**

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

Area Patrolled **ROUSSEL ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION**

Council and/or **PART LOUISIADIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

Census Division's **AREA.**

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... **1 INTERPRETER, 1 POLICE CONSTABLE,**

..... **1 EUROPEAN (PART OF PATROL).**

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Duration of Patrol - From **17 / 4 / 71** To **6 / 5 / 71**

No. of Days..... **TWENTY**

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area..... **ANNUAL CENSUS OCTOBER 1970**

Date **19th OCTOBER 1970**Duration..... **TWELVE DAYS**

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

..... **ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, POLITICAL EDUCATION, FAMILIARIZATION,**

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Total Population of Area Patrolled..... **2361**

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Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner

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KONEDOBU

67-1-48

1st September, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL NO.3 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-10-4 of 10th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol
Report by Mr. R.N. Lock.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary



67-4-48.16

67-10-4 No.3

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

10th June, 1971.

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

TAGULA PATROL 3/1970-71

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

2. Mr. Lock's comments regarding Political Education are too sketchy, and include no detail at all. In this regard please refer to my recent circular 80-6-2 of 3/6/71.

3. Rossel Island, because of its isolation, has little prospect of any major economic development. Possibly the only chance these people have is for a mineral find to be discovered on Rossel.

4. Camping allowance claims are attached.

F.G. Driver
F.G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

→ c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEROBU

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Division
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Dept. of the Administrator
Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA.

28th May, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL REPORT NO 3 70/71.

Please find three copies of the above together with camping allowance claims enclosed for your comments and onforwarding.

I have the following comments to make.

Mr. Lock appears to have taken more care than previous occasions compiling this report but it is still marred by grammatical and typographical errors.

I fully concur with Mr. Lock that Political Education must be repeated as frequently as possible. The people of ROSSEL Island are not well represented by their councillors at general meeting of the Louisiade Local Government Council. In fact they often miss meetings and when they do attend have very little to say. Political Education will help these people to understand the workings of a co council and pick representative who are capable of carrying out the duties of a councillor.

Mr. Lock states that there are 13,000 mature coconut palms and 28,500 immature palms. I cannot see the economy declining, as Mr. Lock stated, but increasing three fold once the immature palms have come into bearing. I certainly agree that new plantings should be increased however shipping services which are inadequate at present would have to be improved considerably.

The historical notes raised by Mr. Lock on page six are of some interest and are still remembered by the Local populace. The Chinese sailors mentioned were not in fact sailors but passengers going to Australia to work in the gold fields on a ship called the "St Paul". The year of this event is believed to be 1854-55. The number of ships wrecked on the reef around the eastern tip of Rossel would be in excess of four. It is believed that at least one vessel and possibly more were wrecked here prior to the St Paul going around. One anchor and chain found on the reef were analysed and found to come from N. America and England respectively. This apparently was typical of the gear carried by Boston Whalers early last century.

A further patrol has been planned for next month.

The above for your information and onforwarding.

cc Officer In Charge,
Patrol Post,
TAGULA.

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(W. Speldewine)
Assistant District Commissioner

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TAGULA PATROL NO. 3 - 70/71

PATROL DIARY

APRIL 1971

Saturday 17th:

Departed Tagula Patrol Post per H. V.
0830hrs., 0900hrs. arrived Ninea, 0930
hrs. departed Ninea, 1100hrs. arrived
Griffin Point, 1130hrs. departed Griffin
Point, 1800hrs arrived Damumu Village.
O/N Damumu.

Sunday 18th:

0700hrs. departed Damumu, 1030 hrs
arrived Jinje Village, Observed Jinje.
O/N Jinje.

Monday 19th:

0800hrs. departed Jinje, 1330hrs.
arrived Kwambwa Village, General discussions
Political Education, Miner Complaint
arbitrated, Village inspected, 1500hrs.
departed Kwambwa, 1630hrs, arrived
Saman Village.
O/N Saman.

Tuesday 20th:

Several minor complaints arbitrated,
Police investigation, Political education
discussion. 1200hrs. departed Saman,
1400hrs. arrived Abaleti, Several minor
complaints arbitrated, All Njara and East
Point people at Abaleti feasting.
O/N Abaleti.

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Wednesday 21st: General Discussions, Samak people arrived, Almost entire south coast populous in attendance due to feast, Village and gardens inspected, Political education discussion, People unusually interested in self government and independence, Explanation not really satisfactory from thier point of view.
 O/N Abaleti.

Thursday 22nd: 0830hrs. departed Abaleti. per M.V. Tearipi, 1030hrs arrived East Point Village, Village escorted short discussion with several elders, Wrecks inspected, 1600hrs. arrived Jinje.
 O/N Jinje.

Friday 23rd: M.V. Tearipi departed for Bwagania, Medical Emergency, Due to return 24th, Patrol to continue at such date, General discussions, Worked hospital site.
 O/N Jinje.

Saturday 24th: Worked hospital, labour etc. organised Court, Political education discussion Tearipi failed to arrive.
 O/N Jinje.

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Sunday 25th: Observed Jinje.
O/N Jinje.

Monday 26th: Teariyi failed to arrive, Patrol
program delayed, worked hospital.
O/N Jinje.

Tuesday 27th: Telegraphic advice received ex A.D.C.
Dwagnsia, Teariyi will arrive Tuesday 4th
May, with Political Education Officer
Mr. B. Paterson, Worked Hospital.
O/N Jinje.

Wednesday 28th: Worked Hospital, court.
O/N Jinje.

Thursday 29th: Worked Hospital. O/N Jinje.

Friday 30th: " " " " "

Saturday 1st: " " " " "

Sunday 2nd: Observed Jinje.
O/N Jinje.

Monday 3rd: Visited Duro Hawlet, Miner complaint
arbitrated,
O/N Jinje.

Tuesday 4th: Teariyi arrived, P.E.O. survived joining
patrol, Political Education discussion,
given by Mr. Paterson, 1400hrs. departed
Jinje, 1700hrs arrived Abaleti. O/N Abaleti.

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Wednesday 5th

Political Education discussion 1100hrs.
departed Abaleti, 1230hrs arrived
Saman, P.E. discussion, Minor complaint
arbitrated, 1400hrs departed Saman,
1800hrs arrived Rambu.
G/W Rambu.

Thursday 6th

Political Education Discussion, 1300hrs
departed Rambu, 1500hrs., arrived
Tagula Patrol Post.

PAEPOLE STOOD DOWN

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TAGULA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 70/71

ROSSAL ISLAND

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the following purposes listed below:

- (i) Routine Administration.
- (ii) Familiarisation of Rossal Island for the writer.
- (iii) Political Education.
- (iv) Encourage work on the Jinje Hospital.

The patrol commenced on Saturday 17th of April, and stood down on Thursday 6th May 1971, transportation being supplied by Administration "K" boat H.V. Tearipi throughout the entire duration of the patrol.

Unfortunately, due to crossed wires re transport and time, several of the north coast villages were not visited. Where other villages were visited twice

Mr. B. Paterson Political Education Officer

SITUATION REPORT

from Alatan accompanied the writer during the second stage of the patrol.

Geographically Ressel Island is a small rugged, mountainous piece of real estate situated at the extreme southeastern tip of Fagua. The people are intelligent and have an exuding pride of their heritage and island, this "pride" is in the same vein as an esprit de corps.

The people are, considering their turbulent past history, are of the most law abiding communities that I have ever had the good fortune to meet. One finds it hard to believe that these same people cooked and ate over three hundred shipwrecked Chinese sailors approximately one hundred and fifty years ago.

At the eastern tip of the island is an extensive reef lagoon on which no less than four ships have foundered, ranging from submarines to deep sea fishing trawlers.

SITUATION REPORTPOLITICAL:

ROSSEL Island comes under the influence of the Louisiade Local Government Council, as is the entire Misima Sub-District. The council headquarters is situated on Misima Island which unfortunately due to the distances involved, has created misunderstandings between it and the Ressel population.

The communications link is tenuous at the best of times, with the councillors not pulling their weight in relation to informing the people of what is being said on their behalf and what is going on in the council. This has led to bitter feelings in the past resulting in a mass refusal to pay tax, and the expressing of a desire to form their own council. The Administration answered these aspirations against its work on and in the council has been a stepping up of patrolling with a bias toward political education with the emphasis being placed on councils and their functions.

The results of these methods are to a point satisfactory, however, the initial "hostility" has been quenched and a further and more positive step or steps needs to be taken to ensure that Ressel-Council relations remain on a more cordial plane.

The real reason for the overall dissatisfaction with the council in general is the lack of effective communication from the council to the villagers via the councillors. Here again is the problem of how to educate the people and councillors that it is essential that all details of council meetings decisions actions

SITUATION REPORT

that all details of council meetings decisions actions etc. are communicated back to the villagers quickly and accurately.

Another factor which is no doubt a contributor to the insular type society on Rossel Island is that the island is isolated, and the results manifest themselves in the society patterns in several ways. Marriages outside the Rossel clique, though not banned are frowned upon and very rarely occur. Outsiders are tolerated but are not accepted as one of the family so to speak. A further instance adding emphasis to the esprit de corps type of feeling common to Rossel is the remarkable instance of the young man who went to Port Moresby to work. He landed himself in trouble with the law and served time in a Borana corrective institution. The Rossel people sent him a letter stating that he was not welcome to return to Rossel after hearing of his exploits over the radio. This story was told to the writer in the usual spheristic Rossel fashion, and highlights the pride and bearing of the Rossel peoples.

There are four Local Government Councillors who represent their people on the Milima Sub-Districts Council, The Louisiade Local Government Council. These Councillors are in the main competent and willing learners and workers; A pleasant contrast to their Sufest counterparts. One detriment to all the councillors is their inability to maintain the air of authority upon leaving Rossel, this manifests itself at the council

SITUATION REPORT

meetings away from their own area.

The four councillors and their areas are as follows:

Albert Nalum. Wulunga Bay, Korpa, Iouga Bay.

Leonard Kale. Namuru and Bumbwa.

Veda Tengwa. Abaleti, Njazu and Tuman.

Jisui Nar. Jinje and East Point.

The House of Assembly is known even though its functions are not as clear as could be desired, the main point though is the fact that the people expressed a keen and active interest in The House of Assembly, Self Government and Independence. Descriptions of all three facets of politics were explained to the people and the vagueness decreased. This form of teaching must be repeated as frequently as possible if the final result is to mean anything.

Iepani Watson MHA. and Dr. John Guise are known; with Guise known to a greater degree, in that he is the be all and end all of everything. Mr. Watson is known as stated above but his popularity leaves something to be desired. This is more than likely due to the too infrequent visits by this member. Here again the relative isolation of Koroel has proved to have a detrimental effect on the overall development of the Isl. and its population.

SITUATION REPORT

As mentioned before Mr. E. Paterson, Political Education Officer from Alotau accompanied the writer in the latter stages of the patrol. This to the writer's knowledge is only the second time that a P.E.O. has visited Rossel. His talks on the F. of A, independence and self government were well received. Over all approximately six to seven hundred people attended the meetings held at Jinjo, Abaleti, Suman and Rambu.

The questions asked were generally good and showed that these people were thinking and wondering about the above mentioned topics. Interest being exceptionally keen in some places.

SITUATION BEFOREECONOMIC:

Rossel Island relies almost entirely on copra to sustain its economy. There are approximately 13000 mature palms and 28500 immature palms on the island. These figures have not noticeably increased over the past several years. This amount of trees is not sufficient to maintain a buoyant economy which will decline if the planting rate is not increased substantially.

Despite the rugged nature of the island ample land is available for increased plantings. The factor hindering growth at present is the attitude of the people toward increased plantings and a subsistence economy.

Rossel, as with many other services has not really had its honest share of D.A.S.F. attention, through no fault of the Department, though one council employed field worker at Wulunga Bay is constantly over worked and frustrated due to his relative lack of training.

The last coconut census was completed in 1965 and though one is scheduled for this year, judging from the staff situation at Kwagaia, this will not reach fruition in the time slot allocated.

situation report

Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd. is the only private enterprise concern that runs a regular shipping schedule, which on average means a ship arrives approximately every six weeks. The M.V. Millivato, the council owned and operated vessel also runs to Rossel, however there is no regular scheduled service. The Administration "K" boat M.V. Teoripi has a regular monthly run throughout the sub-district.

Copra gum, Trochus shell along with crocodile shooting supplement the islands income, however these are pursued only intermittently. Copra is dried by the normal smoke drier with drying in the sun being practised during favourable weather.

Several trade stores are in operation, however these are in most cases running at a loss. Due both to lack of experience and the rather tenuous communications problem. Some copra growers have numbers with the copra Marketing Board, whilst the smaller growers sell their produce to Mr. P. Conefry at Abaleti. Mr. Conefry owns and operates several plantations on Rossel along with a trade store at Abaleti the main plantation.

Francis Moon has approached the Development Bank for a loan of \$5000 to buy one of Mr. Conefry's plantations, Lea Island.

SITUATION REPORTSOCIAL:

The education of the Rossel Islanders is catered for by the two missions. The Catholic Church and the United Church, with a Primary "T" School at Jinjo and six unregistered schools in various villages throughout the island respectively.

There are two Council subsidised aid posts at Demuz and Njam. These along with the mission hospital at Jinjo with a European sister give the island adequate coverage as far as health goes. Work has started on the construction of a permanent materials hospital at Jinjo which is a joint Administration Mission project. Whilst at Jinjo the writer helped in the construction.

Rossel Island is blessed with one of the most law abiding peoples the writer has ever had the good fortune to be acquainted with, Sorcery exists, however it is not as strong as that which is practiced on Sudest Island.

R. N. Lock
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R. N. Lock.
(Patrol Officer.)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number TAGULA No 4. 70/71

Subdistrict MISIMA

District MILNE BAY

Type of Patrol..... SITUATION REPORT - SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... R.N. LOCK PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART LOUISLADE LOCAL

Council and/or GOVERNMENT COUNCIL SUDEST

Census Division's CENSUS DIVISION

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... TWO INTERPRETER POLICE

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Duration of Patrol - From 17 / 5 / 71 To 18 / 6 / 71

No. of Days..... 32

Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area..... Situation Report

Date 11/1/71 Duration..... Five Days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

..... Political Education, Serve Summonses.

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Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1873+

Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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J. G. Owen
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District Commissioner

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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
AIOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-10-4 of 22nd July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report by Mr. R.N. Lock.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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Division of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

22nd. July, 1971.

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

TAGULA PATROL 4/1970/71

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

2. I am pleased to see a definite improvement in Mr. Lock's report.

3. Your difficulties in the serving of tax summonses is appreciated, but these duties should not be permitted to interfere or hinder political education patrols. The employment, by the Council, of a process server would be an ideal solution.

4. I am hopeful of obtaining a speedboat and motor for Tagula, but it will not eventuate in the immediate future.

5. There would appear to be a definite need for a road system on Sudest, although it will be difficult to find an economic justification due to the small numbers of population involved.

J. G. Driver
FIG. DRIVER
District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,

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Milne Bay District
7th July, 1971

District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
ALOTAU.

TAGULA PATROL REPORT NO.4 -70/71.

Attached please find a report submitted by Mr R.N.Lock - Patrol Officer covering a patrol he made recently around the Suéast Census Division. The main task was to serve summonses for non payment of Council Tax. Your remarks re the undesirability of mixing political education with the issuing of summonses have been noted for future patrols. Unfortunately they arrived too late to issue new patrol instructions.

Lack of suitable police to carry out the task of issuing these summonses means that our officers will have to do so. Shortly I will have only an ADC and PO in the sub-district and if special patrols have to be mounted for the serving of summonses our normal patrol programme will be affected. The solution appears to be the employment, by the Council, of a special summons server.

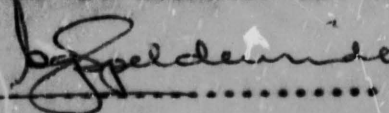
The need to station a small vessel or at least an outboard at Tagula becomes more evident as patrol expenses increase. A total of \$463 was spent hiring carriers, boats and canoes. In addition to the small population the distances between villages are great and village people are loathe to leave their villages.

Greater contact brought about by frequent patrolling must, eventually bring about a greater political awareness by the people. The Department of Agriculture hopes through regular patrolling, to increase the coconut plantings in the villages and eventually their copra production.

One of the many problems faced by the people of Suéast - especially on the south coast - is the lack of trade boats to pick up their copra and copal gum. Local Masters are reluctant to call in at these village due to shallow water and the need to anchor some distance from the shore. Produce has to be ferried to and fro in rowing boats and this is time consuming. Heavy seas for most of the year do not assist.

The solution appears to be a road system connecting the villages with the few shipping points. The north coast is well served with wharfs at GRIFFIN POINT and RAMBUSO and an anchorage at JOLANDAN. On the south coast the problem is greater with fewer shipping points. They are at REWE and MADAWA. Using the present walking tracks as a base a suitable road system could be built up. Work has commenced at Tagula Patrol Post and two miles have been completed. Unfortunately due to bad planning the Patrol Post is located at the western end of the island far from the centres of population around Griffin Point and the south coast. The Administration already owns land at Griffin Point and there is an airstrip site available. Road building across the island would be easier here too.

Camping Allowance claim are attached for signature.


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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Sub District Office,
BWAGAOIA.

5th May, 1971.

Mr R.N.Lock,
TAGULA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS
TAGULA PATROL No 4 - 70/71

Please prepare to depart on the Sudest Island
Census Division as soon as possible.

Your main tasks will be:-

- (1) Serve attached Summons
- (2) Conduct Political Education Seminars in each village. Having being with Mr Patterson on his recent visit to Sudest and Rossel Islands you will have some idea of the type of programme best suited.

On the completion of your patrol I require from you a Situation Report and a special report on the Political Education aspects of your patrol. In your Situation Report please comment on the people's attitude to the new tax rate of \$8.00 for males and \$1.00 for unmarried females. In your Political Education Report please comment on the type of programme used, attendance, questions asked and any misconceptions they may have on the Question of Self Government and Independence.

I will not be able to assist you with a vessel and you may hire Mr Sigamata's boat but be realistic because funds are not plentiful.

Ensure that your report is on my table within two weeks of your return to Tagula.

I wish you a pleasant and productive patrol.

W.G.Speldewinde
Assistant District Commissioner

cc. District Commissioner,
ALOTAU.

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PATROL DIARY

MAY 1971

- Monday 17th: Departed Western Point, (Tagula Patrol Post.) 1100hrs; Arrived Embabalia Village 1400hrs; Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated.
O/N Embabalia.
- Tuesday 18th: Political Education Discussion; Summonses Served; 1000hrs. Departed Embabalia per M.V. St. Patrick; 1100hrs. Arrived Griffin Point; Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated; General Discussions.
O/N Griffin Point.
- Wednesday 19th: Short Discussions with several elders; Visited Tarangai Village; People attending funeral; Political Education Discussion delayed until tomorrow; Police sent in search of escapee.
O/N Griffin Point.
- Thursday 20th: Political Education Discussion; Police returned with prisoner; Summonses served; Two hundred people in attendance; Heated discussion re merits of Sudest Councillors in relation to Misima counter parts; Several minor complaints arbitrated.
O/N Griffin Point.
- Friday 21st: Inclement weather, no canoes or carriers; Short Discussions.
O/N Griffin Point.
- Saturday 22nd: 0900hrs. Departed Griffin Point per canoe; 1200hrs. Arrived Jolandan; Summonses Served; Political Education Discussion; Minor complaints arbitrated.
O/N Jolandan.
- Sunday 23rd: Observed. O/N Jolandan.

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Monday 24th:

0900hrs. Departed Jolandan per canoe; weather inclement, walked; Arrived Rambuso 1900hrs.

O/N Rambuso

Tuesday 25th:

Summonses served; Political Education Discussion; Court; Village and Hamlets inspected.

O/N Rambuso

Wednesday 26th:

Summonses served; Minor Complaint Arbitrated; Visited Methodist Mission School; 1800hrs Departed Rambuso per canoe; 1800hrs returned inclement weather.

O/N Rambuso

Thursday 27th:

General Discussions; Minor Complaint Arbitrated; 1800hrs. Departed Rambuso per canoe.

O/N Rambuso

Friday 28th:

0300hrs. Arrived Wimba 0330hrs Departed Wimba; 0800hrs Arrived East Point; Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated; Village and Hamlets Inspected.

O/N East Point.

Saturday 29th:

Summonses Served; Political Education Discussion;

O/N East Point.

Sunday 30th:

Observed. O/N East Point.

Monday 31st:

0600hrs. Departed East Point; 1200hrs Arrived Rewe per canoe; Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated; General Discussions.

O/N Rewe.

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Tuesday 1st:

Political Education Discussion; Summonses Served; Village and Hamlets Inspected.

O/N Rewe.

Wednesday 2nd:

Aid Post Inspected; Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated; Visited Tambamba Plantation.

O/N Rewe.

Thursday 3rd:

General Discussions; Political Education, H of A explained in more detail; Minjur Mines Biologist arrived per M.V. Sibona.

O/N Rewe.

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Friday 4th: 0730hrs. Departed Rewe per M.V. Sibona;
0930hrs. Arrived Juru (Baumann); Minor
Complaints Arbitrated. General Discussions.
O/N Juru.

Saturday 5th: Political Education Discussions;
Summonses Served; Minor Complaint
Arbitrated; Village and Hamlets Inspected;
O/N Juru.

Sunday 6th: Observed O/N Juru.

Monday 7th: 0700hrs. Departed Juru; 1000hrs Arrived
Pantava; Summonses Served; Political
Education Discussion.
O/N Pantava.

Tuesday 8th: Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated;
1200hrs Departed Pantava per Gancee;
1430hrs. Arrived Pamela.
O/N Pamela.

Wednesday 9th: Visited Hula Hamlet ex mining camp;
Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated.
O/N Pamela.

Thursday 10th: Political Education Discussion; Summonses
Served.
O/N Pamela.

Friday 11th: General Discussions; Several Minor
Complaints Arbitrated; Gardens Inspected.
O/N Pamela.

Saturday 12th: 0800hrs. Departed Pamela 1030 hrs.
Arrived Madaua 1030hrs. Plantation
visited; Charter of M.V. Sibona
Arranged; Several Minor Complaints
Arbitrated.
O/N Madaua.

Sunday 13th: Observed O/N Maduau.

Monday 14th: Summonses Served; Political Education
Discussion; Several Minor Complaints
Arbitrated; Query S/G T/Sigamata
attended to.
O/N Maduau.

Tuesday 15th: Several Minor Complaints Arbitrated;
1100hrs. Departed Madaua per M.V. Sibona;
1230hrs. Arrived Jelewaga; Several
Minor Complaints Arbitrated.
O/N Jelewaga.

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Wednesday 16th:

Political Education Discussion;
Summonses Served; Several Minor
Complaints Arbitrated.

O/N Jelewaga.

Thursday 17th:

0800hrs. Departed Jelewaga; 1420hrs.
Arrived Griffin Point; 1500hrs. Departed
Griffin Point; 1600hrs. Arrived Piron
Island.

O/N Piron.

Friday 18th:

Political Education Discussion;
Summonses Served; Several Minor Complaints
Arbitrated; 1100hrs. Departed Piron
1300hrs Arrived Griffin Point; 1330hrs.
Departed Griffin Point; 1530hrs Arrived
Nimoa; 1600hrs Departed Nimoa; 1650hrs.
Arrived Tagula Patrol Post.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

TAGULA P PATROL REPORT NO. 4 - 7C/71SUDEST ISLANDSITUATION REPORTINTRODUCTION:

This patrol was mounted for the following purposes listed below:

- (i) Routine Administration.
- (ii) Follow up political education patrol. Refer report Tagula No. 2. of 11/1/71 and No. 3 of 17/4/71.
- (iii) Serve tax defaulters with summonses.
- (iv) Gauge peoples attitude to new tax rate.

The patrol commenced on Monday the 17th of May and stood down on Friday the 18th of June 1971. Transportation being by any means available; Foot, Small motor vessel, canoes, no Administration transport was available throughout the entire duration.

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of the patrol.

It is not recommended for future officers who plan a patrol at this time of year to use native canoes. Climatic conditions make even the shortest voyage extremely hazardous to say the least. Several times the patrol was delayed when canoes were forced to return because of high seas. Several persons including the writer were thrown overboard, once a canoe capsized.

All villages in the Suvest Island Census Division were visited and where rest houses were available at least one night was spent in residence. Where possible this was increased.

Summonses were served and the patrolling officer had to decide whether or not to speed the patrol up to meet the summons deadline and sacrifice time spent with the people or to forgo the deadline and remain in the various villages as long as possible. The latter course was chosen due to the abovementioned transport difficulties.

Political education took the form of group discussions with several channelled ideas and topics, . . . House of Assembly, Councils, Self Government and Ministerial Members. The response

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was not as good as that experienced on the recent Rossel Island patrol.

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

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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 which unfortunately due to the distances involved, has created many misconceptions in the minds of the Sudest populous.

The communications link while not as tenuous as that which the Rossel Islanders have to make do with, is still by normal standards relatively backward, almost to the stage of antiquity.

In relation to the councillors between the two islands (Rossel and Sudest) it is obvious that a bomb or fire needs to be placed strategically to permeate the atmosphere with the relevant thought and action provoking agent. I have reason to believe that these or words to this effect were spoken previously. The fact remains that as the situation stands the people are just not receiving any benefit from their councillors attendance (?) at meetings.

It is past the stage of a joke to be regarded lightly and quite frankly of the various methods tried, all unsuccessful, I am at a loss as to how to inspire some action amongst the aforesaid brethren.

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If as stated in previous comments on patrol reports this situation is by no means confined to this area, have, naturally successful methods, been tried elsewhere? It would be appreciated if these could be communicated to the writer.

The entire blame cannot be attached to the councillors only. They are after all are elected members of the community who by nature and action, or lack thereof are completely indifferent to the council or its aims; With the possible exception being tax.

To a degree all topics in the political education discussions bar Ministerial Members were known to exist, as to there meanings though, nothing definite was known. This particular topic will be covered more fully under a separate section of the report as per paragraph four of the attached patrol instructions.

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 ward.

SITUATION REPORTCnc'lr KAPINA LAI'A:

Councillor for the Jelewaga, Madava, Pantava, and Panaman, Pamela Ward; Born 1938; Attended Loaga Methodist Mission Primary "T" School, (Misina Island), attaining standard 3; Worked as crewman on mission vessel for several years; Has dubious influence within his ward.

Cnc'lr PAUL MGPI:

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

Cnc'lr MICHAEL RAIKLOW:

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

Cnc'lr KAMODA BOBI:

Councillor for the Tarangia Gesila, Piron, Nanhil and Embabalia Ward; Born 1931; Attended Nimoa Mission P.S attaining standard 1; Married; Ineffective Councillor.

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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. If and when this company goes into production many jobs will be available to the local populous.

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

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Within the area covered by the patrol there are two primary schools, situated at Rambuso and Nimoa. In addition there is a newly established pts at Rewe run by the Catholic Mission with the main base at Nimoa.

There three aid posts on the island these are situated at Griffin Point, Rambuse and Rewe. A fourth aid post would most assuredly be a help to those people on the south coast in the vicinity of Madaua and Jelewaga.

Law and order are on a par with similar areas. Sorcery is by far the most powerfull influence in this area. So much so that a recent death where the sorcerer was handed over by the people is being evacuated due to his release and any retributions he may have in store.

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

POLITICAL EDUCATIONSPECIAL REPORT:

As instructed in the patrol instructions a copy of which is attached, the following is a report on the political discussions conducted throughout the patrol.

The program used consisted of the following five topics Councils, House of Assembly, Ministerial Members and Self Government. The writer started the discussion in each case by giving a simple but adequate explanation of each topic. Questions were encouraged and in some instances a relatively sophisticated discussion ensued.

In the majority of the villages most of the talking was done by one or two members only. In some instances not the slightest vocal reaction was at all forthcoming.

There were instances of course but overall there were no great misconceptions apart from the fact that the people thought that Australia would on the coming of self government, leave them to their own ends. The people mainly just did not know what the topic was until it was explained. Most also realised that there would be no real change in village life on the coming of self government.

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As mentioned in a previous report the majority of Sudest Islanders regard such matters as being to far removed almost as though they were abstract. This inturn makes it exceptionally difficult to create interest and understanding to begin with.

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

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>
Western Point	30	4
Embabalia	32	2
Griffin Point	200	5
Jolandan	40	1
Rambuso	140	3
East Point, Wimba	20	2
Rewo	40	4
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Pantava	35	2
Pamela	38	3
Madaua	20	4
Jelewaga, Panaman	40	3
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TOTALS	645	33

TOTAL POPULATION OF SUDEST ISLAND 1873.

The tax rate and changes ie. from \$10:00 males
\$11:00 unmarried females to \$8:00 males and \$1:00 unmarried

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females; Brought about no great reaction
whatso ever. The people regard it as the proper
course of action that the rate should be lowered.
They are of course pleased but still regard it as normal.

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