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



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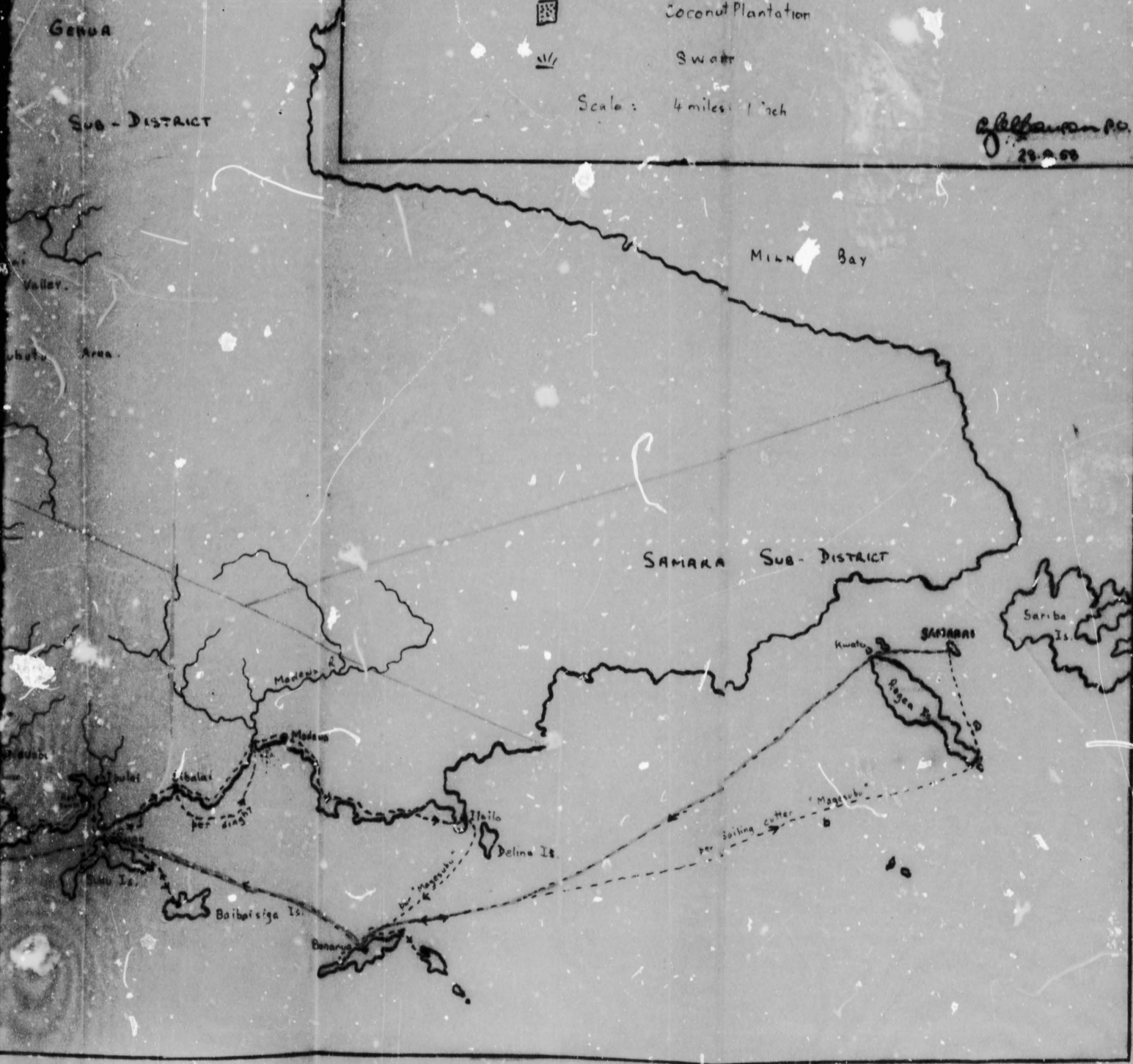
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PATROL REPORT KON 1-58/59.

-  Patrol Route
-  Return from Samarai
-  Coconut Plantation
-  Swamp

Scale: 4 miles = 1 inch

G. J. ...
29.2.59



Genua

Sub-DISTRICT

MILN Bay

SAMARAI SUB-DISTRICT

Sariba Is.

SAMARAI

Kwato

Madem R.

Madem

Iloilo

Delina Is.

Baibatsiga Is.

Banaru

per Sailing Cutter

Magulu

Valley

Area

Madem

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Suva Coast



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. KON 1-58/59/28



Headquarters
Milne Bay District
SAMARAI.

4th December, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL - KON 1 - 58/59

Forwarded herewith please find report covering above patrol.

The area patrolled is one of the more sophisticated of this district although there is as yet no general development in the economic or political fields. Various individual and small group ventures have resulted in numerous "business" accounts which are a feature of the Suau coast. There appears to be a genuine desire to involve themselves in some form of business.

I would class the area as reasonably "rich" with a potential which could be better exploited under guidance. Extension of co-operative activities into the area has long been considered but delayed because the supervision of established societies has to date demanded the full time attention of the officer stationed in Samarai.

I am informed that the Registrar of Co-Operatives plans to incorporate the group into the Milne Bay Association as soon as practicable. In my opinion the time is now ripe for some form of guided economic development; be it co-ops. or society ventures could possibly be decided after a survey by the co-operative officers.

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At present a number of the reported society accounts are being investigated and it is intended that the sawmill account in particular will be re-distributed shortly.

Fortunately complete records are available and repayment will not be difficult.

The Suau people are to be complimented for their initiative in planning for permanent type aid post, church and, I believe, school buildings.

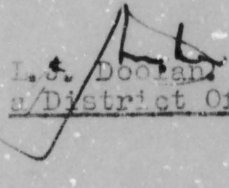
The introduction of Local Government into the area has been under consideration for some time, although it has been said the population distribution and difficult communications preclude the formation of a Council. I consider the matter should be further investigated and intend to have a survey conducted early next year.

The improved staff position has made it possible to permanently man Konimaisva, a factor which will no doubt lead to more development along the coast. Should it be decided to establish a Council in the area, the officer at Konimaisva will be in a handy position to supervise its activities.

It is the intention of the District Education Officer to open the school at Suau early in the new year when it is hoped staff will be available.

Matters raised under the headings of Agriculture and Health have been passed on to the particular departments for comments.

The attitude shown by the Suau people towards taxation is pleasing and no doubt Mr. Hanson's discussions were largely responsible for the good reception. This officer is at present patrolling the Samarai Islands division and from all accounts is having no difficulty in collecting tax.


L.S. Doolan
District Officer.

c.c. C.I.C.
Konimaisva.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Patrol Post,
KONIMAIAVA.

30th September 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District.
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT - KON 1 - 58/59.

Patrol conducted by Lyle Hanson. Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled SUAI Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by B. R.F.N.I.C.

Duration of Patrol 31.7.58 to 23.9.58

Number of Days fifty-five

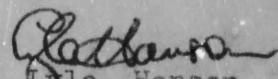
Medical Assistant did not accompany the Patrol.

Last Patrol to the area Partial. May 1958. L.Hanson.P.O.
Full. December 1957. Q.Anthony.

Map reference ABAU 4 mile series No. 1698
SAMARAI 4 ml. series No. 1699

Objects of Patrol

- i) Routine Administration
- ii) Census check.
- iii) Tax Collection.


Lyle Hanson.
(Patrol Officer O.I.C.)

DIARY.

JULY.

Thursday 7^{ist} 1230 departed Kenimaiava Patrol Post by sailing canoe for Mariawatte Estate.

Friday 1st 0600 departed by sailing canoe for Gadaisu 1000 arrived at Gadaisu Estate, continued on to the village for Tax/Census/Inspection. Later in afternoon Tax collected from some of the employees on the estate.

Saturday 2nd 0800 left Gadaisu village for the bush village of Vio - 5 hours walk up the bed of the Laimodo River. Passed through Gadaisu Estate again en route and completed the tax collections from the Estate's employees.

Sunday 3rd Returned to Gadaisu village from Vio.

Monday 4th 0700 to Laimodo - 1½ hours walk along the beach. Powalili hamlet visited (½ hour inland). Tax/Census/Inspection.

Tuesday 5th 0800 by bicycle along the beach to Suaibina village. Tax/Census/Inspection. 1800 continued on to Mariawatte Estate for Tax collections, by bicycle.

Wednesday 6th AM Estate employees paid their tax. 1100 departed for Kwaioa village. Arrived 1900 at Rest House.

Thursday 7th All day Tax/Census/Inspection. Hamlets visited.

Friday 8th 0730 left Kwaioa for Boroai - 5 hours. T/C/I.

Saturday 9th 0800 departed for Lelleiafa. ½ hour by road then 5 hours by canoe across the head of Mullins Harbour. T/C/I.

Sunday 10th At Lelleiafa.

Monday 11th 0600 left Lelleiafa by canoe for Patrol Post 6 hours paddling, down Mullins Harbour to its entrance. PM. In office. Mail being attended to.

Tuesday 12th To Dahuni village by canoe - 40 minutes. T/C/I. Returned at night to Patrol Post.

Wednesday 13th Office. Correspondence. Mails. Rations issued.

Thursday 14th 0900 to Bonabona by sailing canoe - 40 mins. T/C/I. Returned in afternoon to Patrol Post.

Friday 15th Office. General duties. Preparing for continuation of Patrol through to Samarai.

Saturday 16th Office. General. Awaiting arrival of M.V. "Motouana" with mail. Several men, who had been absent from their village when the Patrol called there, came in to pay their tax.

DIARY. (continued)

Sunday 17th At Patrol Post. "Moteuana" arrived with mail. Correspondence. Final preparations made for continuation of Patrol.

Monday 18th 1200 self set out on foot over the small range behind Konimaiava and down to Argyle Bay. Hamlets inspected. Across Argyle Bay to Aunieri by canoe - $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. Patrol cargo, having been sent around in two ~~parties~~ ~~parties~~ ~~parties~~ ~~parties~~ ~~parties~~. T/C/I.

Tuesday 19th 0700 departed Aunieri for Aloalo. Cargo direct, self proceeded by devious route visiting the many coastal tiny hamlets en route. T/C/I of half the hamlets of the Aloalo group.

Wednesday 20th Completed the remaining hamlets of Aunieri. Paper work.

Thursday 21st 0800 departed Aloalo for Seasea village via hamlets - 2 hours by road and small canoe. Patrol gear brought around to Fife Bay by the sailing cutter Kelolo. T/C/I of Seasea hamlet of the Seasea group.

Friday 22nd Completed the remaining hamlets of Seasea group.

Saturday 23rd Visited the London Missionary Society for the purpose of Taxation talks, also paid a visit to the Native Hospital to see taxable males.

Sunday 24th At Seasea.

Monday 25th 0700 left Seasea for Isudau via the Mission $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours by road. Cargo sent by canoe. T/C/I at Isudau.

Tuesday 26th To Isuisu village by a fleet of small canoes.

Wednesday 27th T/C/I at Isuisu.

Thursday 28th Several hamlets inspected, also coffee gardens and new native coconut "plantations".

Friday 29th 0800 proceeded to Saga'aho village - 1 hour. T/C/I. Late afternoon returned to Isuisu.

Saturday 30th Heard of proposed arrival of D.A.O. at Seasea on Tuesday, 2nd. Agriculture discussions.

Sunday 31st At Isuisu. Strong winds and rain all day.

Monday 1st September. Awaiting D2A.O. Paper work.

Tuesday 2nd Crossed over to Seasea. Took off mail from trawler "Managuna". Talks with D.A.O. Returned to Isuisu.

Wednesday 3rd 0730 departed for Saga'aho via coastal hamlets. Spent all day inspecting hamlets in the bush in behind Saga'aho. Rain

DIARY. (continued)

- Thursday 4th 0700 set out for Savais by road. 1½ hours.
T/C/I. Rain.
- Friday 5th 0800 set out in rain for Oiamamania -
the flooded Suwen River forced the patrol
to turn back ½ an hour out. A different
route up and over a slippery range was then
used to reach Oiamamania - 2 hours.
T/C/I. Rain all day.
- Saturday 6th 0830 left for Isuai on the coast. Walked
in rain which continued intermittently all
day. T/C/I.
- Sunday 7th At Isuai. Rain.
- Monday 8th 0700 by canoe to Nauabu - 1½ hours.
All day on Tax-Census.
- Tuesday 9th AM Inspections made of Nauabu hamlets.
1000 proceeded to Savalala village.
The road winds steeply up a small range
then descends just as steeply to the
village. T/C/I.
- Wednesday 10th 0700 departed for Iulai - 2 hours walk.
Cargo sent by cutter 'Magesubu'. T/C/I.
- Thursday 11th 0700 left the Iulai Rest House by canoe
for Susu village. Cargo by cutter.
Visited hamlets on route. 1 hour. Talks.
- Friday 13th T/C/I at Suau.
- Saturday 13th 0800 to Baibaisiga Island by dinghy.
T/C/I. Late afternoon returned to Suau Is
- Sunday 14th At Suau.
- Monday 15th 0800 departed by cutter for Sibalai.
1 hour tacking against the wind then a
½ hour walk. T/C/I. No Rest House
here (cf. Baibaisiga) so continued on to
Modewa by dinghy - 2 hours to Modewa R.
landing then a few minutes walk to the
village.
- Tuesday 16th T/C/I at Modewa.
- Wednesday 17th 0800 set out on foot for ILOILO village.
2½ hours. Cargo by cutter. T/C/I.
2000 departed by cutter for Bonarua Island
Fair breeze - 1½ hours.
- Thursday 18th T/C/I at Bonarua.
- Friday 19th At dawn departed by cutter for Samarai.
Good wind. Arrived Samarai 1130.
Reported in to District Office. Deposited
tax takings.
- Saturday 20th AM District Office.
1530 set out on return journey to
Konimaiava by the same Suau cutter, in
perfect weather with steady S.E. wind.
2100 arrived Bonarua Island. Stayed
overnight.

DIARY. (continued)

Sunday 21st 0700 continued on to Suau Is. - 3 hours
with a slight breeze.

Monday 22nd 0730 departed Suau in the cutter for Fife Bay.
6 hours to Seasea village.

Tuesday 23rd 1330 departed Fife Bay on board the M.V.
'Mbisana' for Konimaiava Patrol Post.
Arrived 1800.

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INTRODUCTION.

This is the first Tax-Census Patrol in the Konimaiava Patrol Post area since the inception of the Personal Tax Ordinance 1957. The area covered included a total of 26 village groups (which are comprised of over 100 hamlets), the collective name for all of which is SUAU, a name originally applied to this coast by the London Missionary Society based at Fife Bay. These missionaries have adopted the language of the Suau Islanders as their 'area lingua franca' for teaching in their village schools; thus the name SUAU is now applied to villagers from Gadaisu to Iloilo - along a 60 mile stretch of coastline. For convenience the four inland villages of Kwaioa, Boroai, Leileiafa and Oiamamania are also included in the Suau Census Division.

The last Patrol to this Census Division was conducted by Mr. Q. Anthony in December 1957. This was a routine Patrol and did not cover the 6 villages to the west of Konimaiava Patrol Post. This accounts for the apparent disparity between the census figures of 3606 of that check and the present total of 4,406.

In all villages visited the Patrol was welcomed with presents of foodstuffs and occasionally by songs from the assembled villagers, led by the schoolchildren. It appears to be the custom in a number of the Suau villages to present the Patrol Officer with a chicken either alive or freshly cooked. Patrolling through an area renowned for its domestic servants has its advantages.

Tax work and census compilations took up a great deal of time and it was not always possible to personally inspect the myriad hamlets, which are a feature of the Suau Division. In such cases a member of the Patrol's R.P.N.G.C. detachment was given the responsibility of routine hamlet inspection, while the inhabitants themselves were assembled at their main centre for tax, census, discussions etc. Not more than one group, with one Village Constable was censused in any one day.

Generally speaking it must be said that the people's response to the Patrol was excellent and the attitude shown to the introduction of taxation heartening

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

After a study of previous Patrol Reports of the area, and observations made this Patrol, it is obvious that the Suaus are still living quietly, with the gradual increase in their standards continuing to develop.

A feature of the area is the scattered population. Although the census figures show a total of only 26 villages, there are over a hundred known hamlets being used as permanent places of abode. These are strung out along the coast in groups of two, three or more houses. The inhabitants show a marked disinclination to move from their respective parents' ground to a more central village community. It might be expected that this practice of living in isolated hamlets is dying out, but not so, in fact quite the reverse, for with the introduction of cash cropping much more interest is being shown in individual plots of land. A general reflection on this is the poor overall standard of housing - it was necessary for many instructions to be given with regard to the repairing and rebuilding of houses.

NATIVE AFFAIRS. (cont'd)

Another characteristic of the Suau Coast is the tendency for villagers to form community accounts with their savings. In half-a-dozen villages visited, discussions brought to light the fact that a village Community Account was in existence, with the money lodged in a bank in Samarai. The Society Account idea commenced in the early 1950's and since then has been gradually developing. It was explained that the purpose of these collections was to raise funds sufficiently large enough to finance the erection of new modern villages, but this is not the reason for the accounts or merely something to say to keep the Patrol Officer quiet, until a more interesting avenue presents itself, is not quite certain. For example, the people of Modewa village early this year depleted their account by £550, when they purchased a motor launch from A. Ah Chee of Suva - which just on two years ago they spent £200 on the erection of a church in the village. The people of Savaia have several hundred pounds in their account, however the trustees (in most cases usually two or three of the 'keen' men of the village) argue that the money is not coming in fast enough and have convinced the villagers that some of the present amount should be invested in a fairly large trade store in the village. There is one man in this village who claims that he will run the store free of charge. For various reasons, including the state of illiteracy of the potential storeman the venture was not encouraged.

Actually, pains were taken this Patrol to stress the need for caution and proper book-keeping in all these money collecting ventures. The recent 'Suau Sawmill Collection' was held up as an example of what usually happens to such ventures. This was first discussed by Mr. Q. Anthony P.C. in his Patrol Report KONG-57/58, in which he recommends that the money be redistributed to the investors. The people, themselves, have a variety of opinions as to the fate of the money (approximately £1000). Some want their share returned, others do not seem to care greatly what happens (they say that if anybody can think of some way of putting their share in some type of business venture they will go along), others, mainly those to the west of Wifa Bay wish to purchase a launch while still others had confused ideas of establishing co-operatives. Obviously the sooner this large sum is redistributed the better. Nansen Kaisa of Isuisu village, working as a clerk in Samarai has receipt books and a Pass Book in his possession - these will form the basis of the redistribution. However when this sum is straightened, there still remains an amount (sum unknown) of 'sawmill' money in Port Moresby. This latter amount was collected by two men, from the Suau men working in and around Port Moresby. It is not yet known whether these two men have kept detailed records of the money they collected.

Another point which may cause trouble in redistribution of all the money is the fact that a number of villagers gave bags of copra to the fund, without receiving any receipt.

On Suva Island itself, the Village Constable has collected approximately £40 from his own and the neighbouring villages, for the purpose of erecting a permanent European-style medical Aid Post. The Aid Post has now been half completed, but the funds have been exhausted and there is a certain amount of reluctance in subscribing more. This has actually been the status quo for many months. All concerned were requested to finish it off, if not with permanent materials, then with local bush products.

Also on Sugu Island were found many iron-roofed houses, which unfortunately had skimpy walls of hastily plaited cocorut-palm fronds, in general, in a poor state of repair. The villagers explained that funds had been finished on the roofing material, timber and nails, and that was the reason for the temporary nature of the walls. On delving into the matter, however, it was discovered that the houses had been in the same state for over a year. Instructions were issued to the effect that while money was being accumulated for further housebuilding items, it was necessary to maintain a ~~small building~~ in the meantime. It appeared that it was not lack of money which was stopping the works but lack of enthusiasm after the initial burst.

There are a number of stores in the Suau Census Division. Scattered right along the coast are fifteen trade stores, licenced, and run by natives. In addition there are 4 others, run by Europeans - one at Konimaiava Patrol Post and one each at the three plantations of Gadaisu, Mariawatte and Isuisu. None of the native-run stores is on a very large scale and very little profit is accrued. It seems the prestige gained by being a licence holder and a 'business man' is one of the main reasons for the number of stores in existence. In all cases licences were viewed and as necessary advice given on renewals.

'Bakeries' are to be found at Konimaiava village and Amieri. These are invariably small shacks in which is a 44 gallon drum set in a shallow pit and with the end cut off to form a door. The drum is encased in stones, sand and earth. A fire is lit around the drum at baking time and after having heated up sufficiently, freshly rolled bread is inserted - in a very short time delicious loaves are taken out. A young man from Taibaisiga expressed his wishes of setting up a bakery on Suau Island - his obligations were explained.

Shotguns are to be found in quantity with almost every village group having one and some cases more. Again licences and guns were checked and it was necessary to send in a number of holders for renewals of permits and repairs to guns.

What can be classed as another character of the Suau coast (particularly the eastern end) is boat-building. The number of dinghies, cutters and whaleboats, all native built and of European design, would run into several score. The cutters and whaleboats are sailed frequently into Samarai with copra for sale to the various merchants. However, the largest of these vessels would not take much more than 25 bags. This Patrol a small cutter from Savalala was used for over a week for transporting patrol gear and personnel, around the various islands.

Co-operative Societies are not wholly foreign to these people for at the present time both ends of the Suau Coast are involved. The Society based at Lopom Island in the Abau Sub-District extends its activities from there as far as Alcolo Village, while the villages in the extreme east of the Suau have shares in the Society based on Rogea Island. Several years ago Suau Island was visited by a Co-operative Officer from Samarai, with the intention of investigating the possibilities for the establishment of Co-operatives. It seems unfortunate that since then the only development in this line has been the erecting of a copra-buying-point on the Island. It is to be hoped that more attention can be paid to this avenue of development in the future, for there is definitely potential.

NATIVE AFFAIRS. (cont'd)

With regard to Local Government Council formation, no particular study was made; it was observed however, that the basic requirements of a fairly sound economy, potential for development, suitable leaders and good attitude were present.

The general impression gained by the Patrol was that the people of the Suau Census Division are ready for some form of government. The points on the lines discussed briefly in this section

AGRICULTURE.

As is usual some fruits of the efforts of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries are evident, as far as cash cropping is concerned. The policy being put into operation, of training various men from each of the villages, in basic coconut and coffee growing and marketing principles has certainly been responsible for much of the development in this sphere. As a result, plant nurseries, properly lined coffee and coconut plots and hot-air copra driers are not rarities in the area covered.

One point considered worthy of mention here is the paid Native Agricultural Workers. These men receive about 36 pounds a month for keeping an eye on their area, as far as planting, pruning and advice on cash cropping are concerned. It was observed by and reported to this Patrol that these men have not been doing their duty and it is considered that they are definitely not an economical proposition. On the other hand it was noted that there are a few villagers who have had some slight training and who are, in fact, doing much more for the benefit of the community in the form of work, help and advice, than the 'trained' paid workers - and who are receiving no remuneration at all.

The subsistence economy is sound, notwithstanding the prolonged dry period during the middle of the year. Many hundreds of pounds of pumpkin, taro, yam, sweet potato, bananas and sago were presented to this Patrol, while gardens themselves were seen to be in good condition - especially those farther inland from the coast.

EDUCATION.

Although the majority of the Suau children of school age are attending various Mission schools, it must be said that there is no evidence of any great progress.

Last year it would have to have been reported that no Administration schools were in existence in this area, now there is one. A small Village Higher School started at the beginning of 1958 is now progressing smoothly and catering for the 30 children in the immediate vicinity of Koinaiava Patrol Post. On Suau Island school buildings are nearing completion in anticipation of an Administration teacher in 1959. The Suau has long been neglected in this respect and it is to be hoped that a couple more schools can

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Fiji
Suva
Census Registrar
Office

EDUCATION. (cont'd)

be established at villages along the coast at points between these two.

At Fife Bay this is a large Mission Establishment known as Laves College which is the only real centre of Education in the whole area. Here students are catered for to a high standard, while teacher training is ~~also included in the establishment~~ this, however, is only one, and totally insufficient for the needs of the whole Suau.

With regard to the Higher Schools established, or being established by the Administration, there is a hitch to be considered. That is school entrance qualifications. It is apparent that some modifications will be necessary, for the few children passing the Mission's Standard Two, thereby qualifying for entrance to the Higher Schools are in a lot of cases too old to be accepted. It therefore seems that the Higher Schools will have to be modified to cater for the younger children of a lower standard than two as well. This would necessitate at least a pair of teachers at each locality. However, the fact of staff shortage and that my next Patrol to the Mailu-Dimuga area will reveal not one Administration school precludes further discussion here.

Complete school attendance figures are not available.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

No Medical Orders accompanied the Patrol. A general inspection was carried out, however, and as necessary patients were sent in to one of the three Administration Aid Posts - Suau, Nauabu and Konimaiava, or to one or other of the Mission medical centres at Savaia (one nurse), Dahuni (two nurses) or Fife Bay (Sister A. Martin)

Health in general appeared fair and nearly all the credit must go to Sister Martin and her team of locally trained nurses - especially with regard to the infant and maternal welfare section. It can now be stated that the number of births recorded, since the last Patrol in December 1957, has exceeded the number of deaths. There was found to be a surprising number of twins born to native mothers - a check was made on these and claims for 'Multiple Birth Bonuses' were submitted.

Nauabu Aid Post - Under the care of A.P.O. Aminila. This was visited and found to be in a most unsatisfactory state. A talk was held with all concerned and it was decided that a new Aid Post would be built on better lines a few hundred yards from the present site, near a good supply of water.

Suau Aid Post - A.P.O. Goodland. The people of Suau and the neighbouring villages requested to finish off the half-completed building and then assist Goodland in erecting a home for him near the Aid Post. There is at

MEDICAL AND HEALTH. (cont'd)

present some misunderstanding over this Aid Post - the nearby village people have been going over to the A.P.O. at Nauabu because they claimed they received better service there. The matter was straightened out and Goodland is now getting patients.

Konimaiava Aid Post -

N.M.O. Wallace who has been in charge of the Aid Post has been on leave for a number of months and it is hoped that he will be reposted, or at least a replacement for him sent out. The two nurses from the Mission Medical Centre at Dahuni have offered to assist in the medical work required at the Patrol Post.

As mentioned in the last Patrol Report to the Suau area (No. 2-57/58) of last year -

" --- it is many years since a (Government) medical Patrol has visited the area ---"

the same statement has still to be made.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Roads, in the main were being satisfactorily maintained; only in a few cases was it found to be necessary to issue instructions with regard to maintenance and minor bridge building. Much travelling is done by sea. Travelling times are as shown in the DIARY section of the Report.

CENSUS.

In conjunction with Tax collecting a full revision of Census was carried out. The most pleasing factor is that births have been found to exceed deaths, not by a great deal, but it is hoped that this trend will continue to develop. The true Suau Census Division, including all the people from Gadaisu to Iloilo now numbers 4,406.

Detailed figures of the census are attached.

Census checking from the village books (Village Population Register) will now be discontinued and all future checks will be made with the new Tax-Census Sheets compiled this Patrol.

W. King to M.O.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

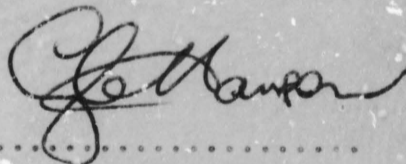
Villages in general, were not of a very high standard and, as mentioned before, it was necessary for many instructions to be issued in this respect. One native of Sibalai village was sentenced under the N.R.O. for failing to comply with the previous orders of a magistrate on this subject.

Rest houses exist in all but two of the 26 villages, that is Sibalai and Baihaisiga - both within easy striking range of Suau Island. The rest houses at Bonatona and Dahuni, both close to Konimaiava Patrol Post, will not be renewed because it is possible to see each of these villages in a day and return to Konimaiava at night. There is a small rest house at Leimodo but no barracks.

Village Officials, in the main are carrying out their duties and gave a great deal of assistance to the Patrol as it passed through their respective areas. A new Village Constable has just been appointed at Leileiafa, following the death of the previous man, and his progress should be watched. The V.C. of Beibei Bonarua appointed by the last Patrol's recommendation is doing a fair job, the encouragement and advice given by this Patrol in addition, after his first term should make a comparatively good policeman out of him. V.C. Yoela of Suau was sentenced to a short term of imprisonment, this Patrol, for offensive behaviour to a female. This man is most unpopular with some people and a few observations by the Patrol tended to the impression that his unpopularity was not entirely groundless. It is advised that the next Patrol Officer take particular notice of Yoela, and a thought given to the recommendation of his dismissal may seem expedient.

CONCLUSION.

The Suau area is now at such a stage of sophistication that thoughts have to be given to the establishment of either Local Government Councils or Co-operative Societies or both.



.....
Lyle Hanson.

Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON PATROL POLICE.

Registered Number Corporal MOBA.

Conduct Good
Bearing Good
Ability Limited.

Registered Number Constable Omaila

Conduct Good
Bearing Fair
Ability Poor

Registered Number Constable Geia

Conduct Good
Bearing Good
Ability A young man who has some potential

Lyle Hanson

Lyle Hanson.

Officer of the Royal Papua and New Guinea
Constabulary.

APPENDIX C

Personal Taxation.

The whole of the area covered has been gazetted as being at the rate of £2 per eligible male.

Study of this Suau Census Division, however, revealed that there were certain localities where the imposition of the full £2 might cause hardship - they were the villages of Kwaica, Borosi, Leileiapa and Siamamania. Accordingly the policy was adopted by the Iatoci, of cutting the rate in half for these villages. The people were warned, that this was not their gazetted rate per capita and that a concerted effort would be needed to increase their economic status to such that the full tax may be met.

Laimodo village also gives rise to some complications. A number of families who are recorded as being in this group actually have their true land and their homes several miles in from the coast, where they live in a state of relative backwardness. It was necessary to issue a number of full exemptions here, at the same time explaining that the tax 'mark' of £2 had to be met in the future.

Excluding the partial exemptions (£1) for economic distress issued to the four villages mentioned above, full exemptions were issued for reasons of :-

- a) Family obligations - If a taxable male was responsible for the care of 4 or more children.
- b) Old age - If a man was past his prime and incapable of sustained manual work.
- c) Student - Various school children over 18 were found in a few of the Mission schools.
- d) Infirmity.

In all, a total of 883 receipts and 435 exemptions were issued.

The total amount collected from the Suau Census Division, from Gadaisu to Iloilo, was £1,660.

The general attitude towards taxation in general, was quite good - there were no refusals to pay and the impression was gained, that the pre-collection discussions held in all villages, aided considerably in this respect.

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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

(1)

YEAR 1958-59

S U A U

T A X C E N S U S

L. HANSEN

Govt. Print.—7402/10.55.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		At Work		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M	F	M		F			
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GADAI SU	1.8.58	3	3	1				1								5		5						1		5	2	6	2	1	17	1.9	11	19	28	27	91		
LAIMODO	4.8.58	4	2			3	1	2		1	1	4	2			1	1	4	4	3		4		1		12	34	8	2	1	20	2.1	26	17	35	28	114		
SUAIBINA	5.8.58		1									2				1		2	2			4		3	1	2	28	5	2	1	23	1.8	8	11	25	23	82		
KWAIOA	7.8.58	6	2					1				3	2			1		6	1	10		7		1	5	12	64	13	5	2	25	2.2	39	31	52	75	220		
BOKOAI	3.8.58	1	1			2						1	4			1	3	5	2	5		3				7	39	4	27	1	22	1.2	9	10	37	32	96		
LEILEIAFA	10.8.58	2	2									4	3					9	10			5		4	1	21	47	10	3	4	31	1.8	31	12	48	47	108		
DAHUNI	12.8.58	2	1									3				10	6		2	3		6		1	10	60	10	4	2	36	2.0	27	36	64	56	193			
BONABONA	14.8.58	2	1															3	1			2		6	1	7	4	10	31	9	21		18	2.2	15	14	31	27	107
AUNIFRI	18.8.58	1																	2	9				4		0	31	3	3	1	22	1.4	9	14	21	38	97		
ALOALO	20.8.58	1	2									2							1	2	1	14		3		6	1	17	64	14	4	1	43	2.1	22	27	67	66	209
SEASFA	22.8.58	5	7									1	3			1	3	2	4	5		35	2	12	4	26	102	15	12	58	2.3	49	47	81	89	324			
ISUDAU	25.8.58	2																		6				11	3	8	33	10	29	1	25	2.6	19	15	31	38	128		
ISUISU	27.8.58	3	2									1	5			6	4		4	6	2	15		12	9	19	66	17	51	2	45	2.7	35	38	57	61	235		
SAGA'AHA	29.8.58	2	2																	1		25		2		25	71	8	56	2	47	1.6	36	23	63	72	230		
SAVAIA	4.9.58	1	3		1							1	1			3		3	5	19		1		1		18	69	13	6	4	53	1.8	31	30	68	88	243		
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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

(2)

YEAR 1958-59.....

SUAU

TAX/CENSUS

L. HALLEN

Govt. Print. — 7403/10.55.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL							
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		AT WORK		STUDENTS		MALE		FEMALE		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults								
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ISUAI	6.9.58	1	1					1						2	1	3	1	3	9							5	41	6	35	3	35	1.3	16	15	36	48	127					
NAUABU	8.9.58	1	2			1							1	4	9	7	1	4	4							3	1	15	89	17	6	6	53	1.6	29	38	84	86	273			
SAVALALA	9.9.58	1				2									2	5	6	5	1							9		1	8	7	10	47	8	4	2	35	2.0	26	18	43	52	165
IPULAI	10.9.58	4	2			1							1		1	1	1	1	19							1	11	13	18	73	14	6	43	54	1.8	37	30	74	78	264		
SUAU	12.9.58	5	2			1	1								3	4	1	1	4							17	2	1	2			20	62	15	57	45	2.8	46	33	64	62	231
BAIBAISIGA	13.9.58																1	2								10			3			9	29	2	1	2	17	2.1	117	25	22	78
SIBALAI	15.9.58	2	1										1	3			4	5	2							3			5	1	14	46	7	33	1	27	2.0	25	14	49	42	141
MODEWA	16.9.58	1	1										3		4	2	4	3	3							10			2	1	10	50	9	3	2	30	2.1	14	22	52	41	145
BONARUA	18.9.58	2	4											1	4	4	8	9	1							3	1		4	1	11	31	8	2	2	21	2.8	25	18	35	29	117
ILOTLO	17.9.58	1	3			1	1							1	1	8	9	1	1	1							2	5		1		14	55	15	4	242	1.9	30	23	60	61	192
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ORIGINAL
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... Report No.....

Patrol Conducted by.....

Area Patrolled.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

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

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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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28-7-4
B.A. 30-6-78

30th June, 1959.

Mr. L.M. Hanson,
C/- The Australian School of Pacific
Administration,
MOSMAS. N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

TAX COLLECTION - BOREBO VILLAGE - CHRISTMAS DAY, 1958.

I attach for your perusal and comment a copy of a letter received by the District Officer, Samarai, Milne Bay District from Reverend F.H. Butler of the London Missionary Society complaining that during tax census patrol conducted by you during the period 15.12.1958 to 21.12.1958 tax was collected at the abovementioned village, Borebo, on Christmas Day and that native people who wished to conduct a religious service on that day were told that their religious service must wait until the tax collection was completed.

The diary of your Patrol Report confirms that tax census inspection was carried out on Christmas Day.

A full report regarding this matter is required with particular reference to the following points:

- (a) Was there any particular urgency which required tax to be collected on Christmas Day, 1958 and on the preceding Sunday, 21st December, 1958?
- (b) Whether the people concerned raised any objection and your reply.

In general, you will appreciate that complaints of this nature are bound to follow any Administrative action which appears to interfere with the right of people to conduct religious services on Sundays and special days set aside for religious observance such as Christmas Day and Good Friday.

It is not Administration practice or policy to embarrass the native public or Mission organisations by unnecessarily pursuing routine Administration even if this entails delaying a Patrol to fit in with public requirements.

I would be glad to hear your version of the circumstances relating to this particular incident in order that a reply may be furnished to the Missionary concerned. I should add that he has again communicated with the District Officer at Samarai.

Yours faithfully,

(A.A. Roberts,
Director.)

Copy for: District Officer, Samarai.

C O P Y

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Port Moresby

Papua.

27. 2.1959.

The District Officer,
SAMARAI.

Dear Sir,

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL TAX: BOREBO.

When I visited our Church Fellowship in the village of Borebo, Mairi Bay, during the month of January, I was approached by our people there concerning the collection of Personal Tax, presumably by an Officer under your control.

It appears that Tax was collected in this village on Christmas Day, 1958. I have myself sighted at least one Tax Receipt bearing the date 25/12/1958 (Receipt No. 50961). I was further informed that this was Christmas Day, and that the people wished to hold a Service of Worship in the morning, they were told by the patrol officer that such a service of worship must wait until he had finished collecting tax.

I am not unaware of the fact that this information may have been somewhat added-to in the telling, but it does seem that there is sufficient ground for my lodging a request that you investigate this matter.

As a Christian person I must object to this practice of collecting taxes on Christmas Day. It is patently absurd for the people of this Territory to be told on the one hand, by the Minister for Territories, that it is the desire of the Government to establish this as a Christian society - and to have on the other hand the example of Officers who have so little regard for the birth of Christ that they can be seen to have collected taxes on Christmas Day (and are reported to have forbidden the holding of a service of Christian worship on that day). I cannot believe that the action of this Officer would be approved by those to whom he is responsible, and I would appreciate it if you would investigate this matter, and let me know what action has been taken.

I would also make the comment that, be he Christian or not, anyone who is concerned that there should be harmony between the people of this Territory and its Administration, can only come to the conclusion that it was an act of folly to collect taxes in Borebo on Christmas Day. Some of the people of Borebo are Christians. They have sincere and firm beliefs about the sanctity of that day. An officer of the Administration is reported to have shown a complete lack of regard for this, their treasured belief, -- and one can only expect that they will be forced by this act to have a greatly lowered regard for the Administration which the officer was representing.

This has in fact happened. It has been borne in upon these people that there is often a wide gulf between what the Administration says it aims to do -- and what it actually through some of its officers, does.

It was an unpleasant experience for me to have to agree with these people that an officer of your Department had, if the evidence given me was correct, acted in a foolish and unchristian way. It is most disturbing that an officer whose work is so closely connected with the Papuan people as is that of a native affairs officer, is so remote from them as to openly belittle the Faith that has brought them a long way out of the darkness of the past -- and which to them is so important.

I would appreciate your assurance that this matter will be investigated, and your report as to what action has been taken.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

F.H. BUTLER
Acting Missionary in Charge
Mailu District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

20/6/59 ✓



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-1-1/54

Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI.

12th June, 1959.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol No. 2 of 58/59 - KONIMAIAVA
L. Hanson, P.O.

Forwarded herewith please copy of above
report of patrol conducted by Mr. L. Hanson, PO, in
the MAILU-DIMUGA Census Division.

The patrol was a routine one and calls
for little comment. Delay in submission of the report
is regretted.

see file 28/1/59
FF. 56-60

This is the report referred to in your
memorandum 28-32-4 of the 6th April, concerning collect-
ion of tax by Mr. Hanson on Christmas Day of last year.
This was objected to by Mr. F. Butler of the London
Missionary Society in a letter to this office, which
was referred to you.

I have received a further letter from
Mr. Butler, now in Port Moresby, in connection with
the matter, and in view of the fact that Mr. Hanson
is now at ASOPA, and had left the District before the
matter was raised, I am advising Mr. Butler that he
should get in touch with you regarding any explanation
which may be given him.

C. M. G.

(R.T. Galloway)
District Officer.

cc ADO SAMARAI.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File 6/1

Patrol Post,
KOUJAWA

Sub-District,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT

5th January 1959.

The District Officer,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT,
SAWARAI

PAERL No. 1000

Patrol conducted by Lolo Hanson Patrol Officer

Area patrolled MAILU-DINGGA Census Division

Patrol accompanied by S.R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol 15.12.58 - 21.12.58

Number of days seven days

Medical Assistant did not accompany the Patrol

Last Patrol to the area DNA. December 1958 O. Anthony

Map reference ABAU 4 miles to 1 inch No. 1000

Objects of Patrol 1) Routine Administration
2) Census collection
3) Tax collecting

Lolo Hanson

L. L. Hanson

(Patrol Officer U.I.C.)

DIARY. 900

DECEMBER 1958

Monday 15th 1330 departed KONIMAIWA Patrol Post by M.V. "OSIRI" for BAIBARA Is. via MARIAWATE and GADAIKU Estates. Arrived 1800. Stayed overnight at island.

Tuesday 16th 0600 departed for BAIBARA Estate, inspecting hamlets en route. Tax-census of OIBADA group at Estate. Stayed overnight at Estate.

Wednesday 17th 0700 departed for ILAI via the inland route 2 hours. Tax-census-inspection.

Thursday 18th 0700 departed ILAI, for TANOEBADA. 0800 passed through MAMAI Estate, called on manager and staff. Continued on to TANCABADA by vehicle. Tax-census-inspection of TANOEBADA.

Friday 19th 0630 departed for NORA via KEBEI hamlet. 7 hours. Carriers much longer. Tax-census-inspection.

Saturday 20th AM. C.N.M. Light rain. 0930 set out for IGUP. 3½ hours. Hamlets inspected en route. Tax-census-inspection.

Sunday 21st 0930 continued on to DEIGAM. 2½ hours. Heavy rain just after arrival, then most of day. Tax-census-inspection.

Monday 22nd 0730 left DEIGAM for GABURU. 4 hours. Hamlets inspected en route. Tax-census-inspection.

Tuesday 23rd 0630 departed GABURU for MODAULO. 3½ hours. Tax-census-inspection.

Wednesday 24th 0700 departed for DELEBAI (ABAU Sub-District Patrol personnel in sailing canoe to BOREBO village (SAMARAI Sub-District); self by sailing canoe LOPOM Is. and MOGUEO Estate, met Co-Operative Officer Mr. N. Mackenzie and relieving-Manager Mr. W. Gordon. Discussed Co-Operative problems in the KONIMAIWA area then returned to LOREBO. Arrived 1900.

Thursday 25th At BOREBO village. Tax-census-inspection.

Friday 26th 0700 left for SABLILIBO. 10mins. walk, the 50 mins. by canoe. Tax-census-inspection. 1600 on to ONIOMI. 1 hour.

Saturday 27th Tax-census-inspection of ONIOMI.

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DIARY. (continued)

Sunday 28th 0900 departed for BAIBARA Is. by sailing
canoe. Excellent wind - 3 hours.

Monday 29th At BAIBARA Is. Heavy rain most of day.
At work on census and log.

Tuesday 30th 0900 departed by sailing canoe for
GADAIKU. Inspections of hamlets.
1300 departed for Gadaiou. 3 1/2 hours walk.
Rain most of day.

Wednesday 31st 1400 departed GADAIKU by "OSIRI" for
NONIMAIVA Patrol Post.

Patrol completed.

MAIIU-DIMUGA PATROL

INTRODUCTION

This Patrol occupying seventeen days to both the MAIIU and DIMUGA areas was the first Post-War Taxation Patrol to visit these areas.

A total of eleven villages were visited, including the newly formed one of IGUP in the DIMUGA area (refer VILLAGES SECTION) and in all, census figures for 1,739 people recorded. This number represents an increase of 77 over the figures obtained by the last census patrol in December 1956, just on two years ago.

The area patrolled covered both coastal and inland (mountain sections) and at times in the latter section walking became arduous, particularly with the onset of the rain.

As usual considerable rain fell during the patrols DIMUGA section and this increased the hardships encountered, particularly with regard to the camera's lot. While on the coast, however, the Patrol met with very pleasant weather.

At each village visited the patrol was welcomed, but in only a few of the coastal villages was there any small ceremony attached to the welcome. The general impression, however, was that the patrol was appreciated in each village and there were no hindrances whatever to the progress.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

For the purposes of this report, a number of sub headings will be used under this section.

(a) SHOTGUNS

It was quite surprising to find that in the whole of the area covered there is only one native owned shotgun. This was found to be the village of TANOBADA. Here the village constable AVEGO owns gun number 36376. On the 17.1.58 he paid 17/6 on receipt number 36233 but has as yet not received his papers. The matter is now being straightened out.

Numerous requests were made by the villagers for permission to purchase new shotguns, in only one case, however, was the application considered as being suitable for recommendation. This was by the village constable of GABURU. It seems that another shotgun, making two altogether for 1,739 people would not be excessive for the area.

(b) TRADE STORES

There are no privately owned native trade stores in the area covered.

The three stores that are to be found, one each at OIBADA, SABILIBO and ONIONI are under the control of the ABAU Co-Operative Association based on LOPOM Island. Periodically they are visited by the Co-Operative Officer in residence there.

Previously a Co-Operative store was established at TANOBADA, but due to various local factors the enterprise was abandoned. These villagers now proceed to one or other of the above-mentioned stores or else to the European owned stores at NAMAII or

(b) TRADE STORES (Cont'd.)

BAIBARA.

(c) VILLAGE BANK ACCOUNTS

A check was made in all villages and it was found that there were no Community Bank Accounts, as is a common feature of the SOLOMON ISLANDS DIVISION.

In addition there were very few personal Savings Accounts. Where necessary, advice was given on saving books for interest and bank principles in general. Occasionally it was found that some books had not been operated on for a score of years.

(d) MULTIPLE BIRTHS

Three sets of twins were noticed, one set each at DEIGAM (10 years old), SABILIBO (13 years old) and GABURU (born approximately on 30.6.58). Particulars of the last mentioned set were taken in the event that consideration might be given to the granting of the usual bonus.

Mother	WADA
Father	GEZEMA
Child 1	ORAI
Child 2	BOBORE
Date of birth	30.6.58 (approximately)
Village	GABURU
Sub-District	SAMARAI

The children were born in the village and are both in apparent good health.

(e) ALIENATED LAND

In the area covered there were noted 5 separate blocks of land previously purchased by the Administration.

- 1) BAIBARA - Government Plantation
- 2) MAMAI - Plantation leased by Steamships Trading Company
- 3) ROUNDHILL - Plantation believed to be partly worked by Steamships Trading Company.
- 4) An area of land across section of the isthmus between Millport Harbour and Port Glasgow. Previously leased by the London Missionary Society but now not being used at all. It has been abandoned for many years. The only improvements to be seen now on the land are a score or so of coconut trees spread out over the rolling Kunai covered land. There are no markers remaining but the local people say they know the exact boundary lines and are willing to put in new posts.
- 5) A tiny square of land in Port Glasgow near the mouth of the NOBUGUINA Creek. This area was discovered on an old map, after the patrol was completed. Previously in the village the inhabitants on being asked had failed to reveal its presence. The next patrol might check on this.

GENERAL

Village life appeared to be continuing quietly as usual and nothing of outstanding interest has to be reported, in this regard. Gardening, hunting (inland), fishing (coastal) and slowly increasing the subsistence economy of the Division are still the main pastimes of the villagers.

GENERAL

main pastimes of the villagers.

Panning for gold is not unknown to the DIMUGA people for now and again small parties leave their villages, maybe for a month at a time and search for gold washings in the tributaries of the IMUDAT River. Only very small amounts are panned and the present method of procedure does not prove an economical venture. It is believed that several decades ago two Europeans spent some time in this area searching for gold, the extent of the success of their efforts is not known.

One complaint brought forward by several people was that wild cattle living in the bush behind MAMAI and BAIBARA Plantations have been causing damage in local gardens. The extent of the damage caused is not great and the persons affected stated that they would keep a more determined lookout for offending stock in the future.

One case was heard in the Court for Native Matters. A male from NCRA was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for contravening the provisions of Regulation 84 (2) of the Native Regulations Ordinance.

AGRICULTURE

A recent (seven months ago) Agricultural Patrol to this area fully covered this angle of Administration. As a result no detailed report is submitted here. (Refer D.A.S.F. Patrol Report SAM 12-57/58 by Mr. V. Cole).

Cash cropping is still slowly progressing with the emphasis being on coffee. A fair nursery is to be found at TANOBADA, while others are at IIAI and BOREBO.

The subsistence economy of the Census Division is very sound. Inland very large gardens are to be found in abundance and as well as producing quantity, the quality of many of the vegetables grown leaves little to be desired. This is particularly the case in the Upper DIMUGA. English potatoes also are grown in this locality. As well as providing an addition to the diet, these also provide a small source of income from MAMAI and BAIBARA.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

The London Missionary Society based at IRUNA near MOGUBU, in the ABAU Sub-District is responsible for the running of 4 small schools in the Census Division. These schools are at TANOBADA, IGUP, DEIGAM and BOREBO. As usual the standard is not very high, but at least a start has been made - there is not one Administration school in the area.

During the time of this patrol school holidays were in progress and no classes were seen in action.

Education to a higher standard is catered for by Higher Schools at IRUNA in the ABAU Sub-District. At this Mission centre there are two schools, one Administration and one London Missionary Society. Quite a number of children from the MAIU-DIMUGA area attend these.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS (cont'd.)

attend these.

Unfortunately because of the school holidays and the absence of some of the teachers full education figures could not be obtained.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

No Medical Orderly accompanied the patrol. It was possible, therefore, to do only a superficial survey of the conditions generally.

The Health of these people is catered for by a Public Health Department Medical Aid Post at BOREBO and in addition by the various Plantation Managers, who do not refuse aid to those in need. A small medical centre is established at IRUNA in the ABAU Sub-District.

The most prevalent illnesses was found to be skin diseases of various types. Even on the coastal sections villagers were not free from them.

At BOREBO the Native Medical Orderly is doing a really good job. As well as looking after his own village and the nearby coastal neighbours, he makes periodic sojourns right into the limit of the DIMUGA, where he treats minor sores and brings in any patients considered necessary for hospitalization.

This patrol, one man from Gaburu village, suffering from Hansen's Disease, was sent into SAMARAI for hospitalization.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

All roads seen were being maintained to a satisfactory standard. It was necessary though to give instructions in several villages with regard to grass and weed cutting on certain sections.

On the coast, although considerable travelling is done by canoe, roads are still maintained.

Bridges, except for the usual log or two thrown over small creeks, are non-existent.

Motor vehicle roads are to be found on BAIBARA Plantation and also around MAMAI Estates from which place vehicles are able to proceed to the coast at Port Glasgow, the landing place for this estate's stores.

CENSUS

A full census check carried out, revealed that there are now 1,739 in the Census Division. This represents an increase of over the figures obtained by Patrol Officer Anthony in 1956. The increase is caused mainly by Migration, as excess of births over deaths amounts to only 15.

This patrol, new Tax-Census Sheets were compiled for each village group.

TAXATION

This was the first Tax-Census Patrol to the MAIHU-DIMUGA area since the inception of the Personal Taxation Ordinance of 1957.

As far as the MAIHU (coastal section) was concerned, the full tax rate of £2 was imposed and no partial exemptions issued. There were no defaulters and each eligible male paid his tax willingly.

Exemption powers were used for the DIMUGA people and the tax rate for all the people resident in this area reduced by 30/- to 10/-. This policy was adopted because of the relative under-development of this section of the community. Again, collections went smoothly and there were no defaulters.

In all a total of £280/10/- was collected.

It was considered that 10/- was a suitable rate for the DIMUGA people for a number of reasons.

It is obvious that some men from the DIMUGA could pay the full rate of £2 but it would represent a greater percentage of their savings and capital than for a coastal dweller.

There is cash crop development in the area, but as yet nonproductive. Another few years should see a change in this situation, particularly as far as coffee is concerned.

Besides men leaving the village to find work, village income is derived from the sale of vegetables to markets near the coast, including plantations and from co-operatives. Rebate paid by the Abau Co-Operative Association in the last financial year, to the whole of the DIMUGA (including that section in the Abau Sub-District) totalled about £900.)

The general attitude to the Tax Patrol was very satisfactory and the villagers appear to realize the full implications attached to Taxation.

As well as the partial exemptions (exempted 30/-) full exemptions were issued as necessary for the various reasons of old age, family obligations, incapacity.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

All villages visited were being maintained satisfactorily. There were of course the odd houses to be replaced or repaired and some villagers had to be told to cut their village boundaries farther.

Patrol Officer Anthony's last patrol to this area recommended that the idea of appointing a new Village Constable at IGUP, midway between NORA and DEIGAM, be investigated. Accordingly this patrol it was and the results have shown that a V.C. at that place would benefit the Administration of that particular locality. It is therefore recommended that IGUP be considered as a village group, together with the smaller hamlet of VELOI, and separate from the DEIGAM Village group with whom they were formerly connected.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS (Cont'd.)

It will be recommended to Headquarters that MATAURO of IGUP be appointed Village Constable. He is a young married man and appears to be a most suitable type for the position. His application, as number 111 has been referred to the District Officer, SAMARAI.

Villages worthy of note are.

OLBADA

Included in this village group are a number of people living in the mountains in behind IPIRA in a locality known as ANIESA. Because this patrol was started at short notice, word apparently had not reached some of these people and a few did not turn up for census at BAIBARA. It is believed that there are still more people inland there than are recorded in census books. The idea, of course, would be for a patrol to enter the area concerned and make a detailed check - shortage of time this patrol prevented even a short trip being taken into the area. Seeing that KONIMAIWA is now to be permanently manned it is to be hoped a trip can be made in the near future into this neglected section.

It may seem expedient to appoint a new Village Constable at a spot somewhere in the ANIESA area, with a view to bringing these bush dwellers together.

IIAI

This is a very pleasant village, with very presentable lawns and shrubs. A drawback though is overcrowding. Instructions were issued to ease the situation by building more houses.

TANOBADA

Is a mixture of MAIJI and DIMUGA people. The village itself is about 7 miles inland but can be reached from the coast at Port Glasgow by vehicular road through MAMAI Estate.

DEIGAM

The Village Constable from here has stated that he is considering resigning his position because of continued ill health. If no improvement is forthcoming within the next year the next patrol may see fit to recommending that his resignation be accepted.

ONIONI

The Village Constable of this village is at present looking after both his own and SABILIBO Village. In 1957 the SABILIBO V.C. was dismissed but since then no replacement has been forthcoming. This patrol an attempt was made to choose a man for the position but not one suitable applicant would accept the responsibility.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a list of villages, hamlets and numbers of houses.

Attached as Appendix "B" is a list of Village Officials in the Census Division.

CONCLUSION

The area patrolled presents few Administrative difficulties. The people are living quietly and content to slowly increase the economic status through cash cropping.

The points of interest of the Census Division is that there is a large area of land to the east of TANORADA and NUNA, which contains about a hundred bush dwellers at least some of which, it is felt certain, are not recorded in the census sheets.

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Iyle Hanson - Patrol Officer

APPENDIX "A"

LIST OF VILLAGES, HAMLETS AND HOUSES

Village	Name of Hamlets	Remarks
OTRADA	OTRADA (2) KORANTTA (2) WILILI (5) ORI (6) GOGOSIBA (5) BEBEM (6) KILLILIBA (4) KONDO (5) DAURO (5) and other small hamlets in bush	A number of people didn't come down to census and a number of () people previously unrecorded from the bush inside ANIUSA. A patrol would find more no doubt.
KAI	KEAKAIO (4) ILAI (5)	Quite a pleasant spot here - very good lawns maintained.
TANOBADA	TANOBADA (12) KEBEI (9)	Tanobada on Tanobada R. K & T - different people altogether
NORA	NORA NO. 1 (9) NORA No. 2 (4) GWANSINAN (4)	More houses to be built
IGUP	IGUP (9) VEZOI (6)	New Village - New Resthouse
DEIGAM	One Village 11 houses	Used to include IGUP and VEZOI
GABURU	MARA (6) GABURU (8)	
MODAGIO	MODAULO (5) GABADI (2)	Daugidaga has finally been abandoned and people moved to GABADI where they will build a total of 4 houses
BOREBO	DAGABO (13) UNEVI (9) BOREBO (23) UBUMA (6)	
SABILIBO	PEDIRI (5) MAIVA (5) SABILIBO (10) DABOSO (4) EUNORO (10)	2 Councillors
ONIONI	ONIONI (11) GEAGEA (12)	

APPENDIX "B"

LIST OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE	VILLAGE CONSTABLE	NAME OF COUNCILORS
CIGKRA	ZENNI	CUDA EMEGT
KAI	LABUI	TOI VRIAU
TANOBADA	AVEGO	MAI GAUMA
NORA	ANUP	ATABO WARIKIN MONAVA
IGUP	MATAURO. Is the choice of the people of IGUP for V.C. - Good - Father KIRA Wife AIBANJ	MIAV APIOTO KWAGA
GABURU	UNON	MAGINI AVANA MATAU
MODAULO	BOBI	DONIA KOIAN
BOREBO	MATU	UKI AGAMU BANISA AIVA
SABILIBO	ONTONI V.C. Looking after both places	ILA DA'O
DEIGAM	WARET	PIIK GAU BIGA

APPENDIX "C"
PATROL POLICE

Registered Number	Constable OMAIIA
Conduct	Fair
Bearing	Fair
Ability	Limited

Registered Number	Constable VIREVA
Conduct	Fair
Bearing	Fair
Ability	Average

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 Iyle Hanson
 Officer of the Royal Papua
 and New Guinea Constabulary

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year.....

Govt. Print. 3395/4.51

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS								MIGRATIONS				ABS. FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL		FEMALES	Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)		GRAND TOTAL												
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TANOBADA	8.12.58	1	6	1		1	1					1	2	1		5	5	1	2	3		4	1	1		4	1	6	37	6	24	-19	1.8	19	24	104		
NORA	19. 12.58	9	8		2	3	1				1	4	2			5	9	3	6	8		4		2	1	22	53	4	13	2	41	2.3	35	44	195			
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GABURA	22. 12.58	2	5		1			1				2	7			6	7	5	6	2		6				4	33	8	2	1	22	1.5	14	26	87			
MORAULO	23. 12.58	3	1		1		1	1			1	5	3			3	2	3	4			3				8	20	3	15	-10	1.5	16	9	16	63			
BOREBO	25. 12.58	14	10		3	2	1	1			2	7	5			5	5	3	14	1		24				2		32	53	34	6	3	71	2.3	74	64	80	334
SABILIBO	26. 12.58	9	8		3		2	1				3	3			9	6		1	3		19						20	59	16	45	3	46	2.3	47	43	47	215
ONIONI	27. 12.58	9	3									5				3	8	1	5			8	1	1				10	43	11	35	1	31	2.1	25	33	44	148
IGUP	20. 12.58															73	73		6		2			1	6	10	39	10	31	30	2.2	30	31	34	36	146		
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		70	64	1	1	13	9	7	7	4	2	4	3	33	34	1	29	32	97	19		84	1	2	24	15	47	76	33	8	14	56	60	28	32	49		



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MILNE BAY, Samarai S/D.** Report No. **3** of 1958/59.

Patrol Conducted by **R.E. Focken, Patrol Officer.**

Area Patrolled **MAILU and DIMUGA Census Sub-Divisions.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil**

Natives **2 RPANGC., 1 NMO., 1 Agricultural Trainee.**

Duration--From **8/6/1959** to **27/6/1959**

Number of Days **20**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No.**

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services **December/1958.**

Medical **No Record** /19.....

Map Reference **4 mile series.**

Objects of Patrol **(i) Routine Administration (ii) Census Revision**

(iii) Tax Collection.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	£.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	£.....
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund	£.....
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KCNEDOBU

11th September, 1959.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL No. 3/58-59 - KONIMAIAVA

The policy of this Department is as outlined in your remarks, under "Native Affairs." The objective is contact with the people, and this is not attained simply by executing the formal objectives, which are mostly agency functions in any case.

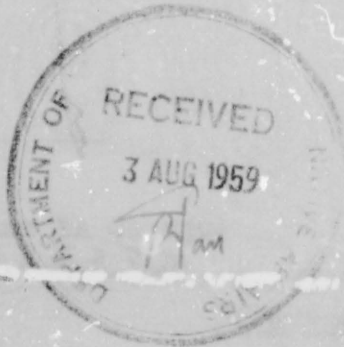
I appreciate to note that you handled the Agricultural matters at District level and by personal contact. Co-ordination and co-operation are best obtained in this way with all Departments.

The Report indicates a reasonable degree of Administrative influence.

Mr. Focken has submitted a fair report but should note that this Headquarters considers spelling mistakes to denote carelessness; not ignorance.

A.A. Roberts
(A.A. Roberts)
Director

30/6/82. ✓



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Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI.

20th July, 1959.

~~Assistant District Officer,
SAMARAI.~~

Patrol No. 3 of 58/59 - KONIMAIAVA

Thank you for receipt of the above report forwarded per your S.30/1-46 of the 11th instant.

Native Affairs: I am glad to see that the OIC spent at least one day in each village. I am no advocate of hurried patrolling. Where there is a specific need, such as to spend time in supervising lining-out of coconuts, coffee, etc., I will be happy to see that detailed in the report, even if it means a stay of days in the village. If the time spent can be justified by the results, it is time well spent.

Taxation: Advice has just been received from the Assistant Administrator that a new procedure will soon be implemented for the collection of tax from agreement workers.

Agriculture: I have discussed the matters raised with the D.A.O. Until these people have developed their agricultural techniques to the extent that they are able to plant out properly independently, all planting should be done under supervision. The D.A.O. is in full agreement that all Native Field Workers in the area must get out and work amongst the people and not just sit at their various 'stations'. The OIC's remarks to the Tanobada Trainee and other similar workers in future might well be in the nature of a direction rather than a suggestion. These Field Workers, I understand, are required to give a summary of their monthly activities to the D.A.O., and this should be through the OIC, who is thus able to keep in touch with their work.

Roads: Would you bring me up to date on this matter of the BAIBARA-MAMAI Road, etc.

MINUTE TO:
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDCBU.

(R.T. Galloway)
District Officer.

Copy of above report, with ADO's comments and
Camping allowance forwarded herewith.

*Being processed
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R.T. Galloway
(R.T. Galloway)
District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

S.30/1-46.

Sub District Office,
SAMARAI.
11th July, 1959.

The Officer In Charge,
KONIMAIYA.

PATROL No.3-58/59.

Receipt is acknowledged of your report covering the Mailu/Dimuga patrol submitted under cover of your 70-1/22 dated 7th July, 1959.

The report is well presented and indicates an efficient patrol.

Native Affairs: Note has been made of your suggestion that the Tanobada Agricultural trainee should make more frequent visits to near-by villages and the District Officer will be invited to take this matter up with the District Agricultural Officer.

Please have Record of Service prepared recommending the appointment of a Village Constable for IGUP village. I agree to the appointment of a Constable for SABILIBO and suggest you select a suitable appointee during your next visit to the area. Your comments regarding the TANOBADA constable are noted - please arrange for replacement.

Taxation: You make brief mention early in the report of difficulty experienced in collecting tax from a 'few highland native labourers on the plantations.' I presume the difficulty was overcome and the tax collected without incident.

Medical and Health: The District Officer will be requested to pass on your comments under this heading to the District Medical Officer for his information.

Roads and Bridges: I have recently been informed that the Baibara/Mamai road project has been abandoned in favour of a road to Gedaisu. Should the former or later projects involve the employment of village labour, payment will be expected. I will be pleased if you keep me informed on this matter.

Your claim for camping allowance has been passed on for action.

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L.J. Poolan.
Assistant District Officer.

MINUTE TO:
District Officer,
SAMARAI

The above report and claim for camping allowance submitted for your action, please.

Could the abovementioned points be brought to the notice of the departments concerned.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File 30-I.

Patrol Post,
KONIMATAVA,
Samarai Sub-District,
Milne Bay District.

2nd July, 1959.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 1958/59.

Patrol Conducted by : R.E.Focken, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : MAILU and DIMUGA census
Sub-Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by : Natives - 3 members R.P. & N.G.C..
I N.M.O..
I Agricultural Trainee.

Europeans - Nil.

Duration of Patrol : 8.6.59 to 27.6.59

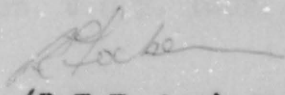
Number of Days : 20

Was Patrol Accompanied by a Medical
Assistant? No.

Last Patrol to Area : D.N.A. by Mr.L.Hansen, P.O.,
December 1958.

Map Reference : Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol : (i) Routine Adminis-
tration.
(ii) Census Revision.
(iii) Tax Collection.


(R.E.Focken) P.O.
Officer in Charge.

DIARY.

JUNE :

- Monday 8th Patrol departed Konimaiava Patrol Post 1000 per two canoes for Gadaisu Estate. Arrived Gadaisu 1430. R.O.N..
- Tuesday 9th Departed Gadaisu for Baibara Estate 0900 per MV. 'Moisana'. R.O.N. Baibara.
- Wednesday 10th Census, inspection, tax collection OIBADA Village. Part tax collection Baibara Estate. R.O.N. Baibara.
- Thursday 11th Departed Baibara for ILAI Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. ILAI.
- Friday 12th Departed ILAI for Mamai Estate. From Mamai to TANOBADA Village per Landrover. Census, inspection, tax collection. Back to Mamai per foot. Part collection tax Mamai Estate.
- Saturday 13th Mamai tax collection completed. Departed Mamai for SABILIBO Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. SABILIBO.
- Sunday 14th At SABILIBO.
- MONDAY 15th Departed SABILIBO for ONIONI Village. Inspection, census, tax collection. R.O.N. ONIONI.
- Tuesday 16th Departed ONIONI for BOREBO Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. BOREBO.
- Wednesday 17th Departed BOREBO for MODAULO Village. En route passed through DELEBAI Village (Abau Sub-District, Central District). Carriers obtained form DELEBAI for remainder of journey (2 1/2 hrs). Census, inspection, tax collection MODAULO. R.O.N. MODAULO.
- Thursday 18th Departed MODAULO for GABURU Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. GABURU.
- Friday 19th Departed GABURU for DEIGAM Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. DEIGAM.
- Saturday 20th Departed DEIGAM for IGUP Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. IGUP.
- Sunday 21st At IGUP.

Diary (Cont.)

Monday 22nd Departed IGUP for NORA Village. Census, inspection, tax collection. R.O.N. NORA.

Tuesday 23rd Patrol remained at NORA Village. Village work carried out during day under Patrol's supervision. R.O.N. NORA.

Wednesday 24th Departed NORA for TANOBADA Village. Inspection of village to see if previous instructions (see Diary - Friday 12th) carried out. R.O.N. TANOBADA.

Thursday 25th Departed TANOBADA for Baibara Estate. En route passed through Mamai Estate. R.O.N. Baibara.

Friday 26th Tax collection Baibara Estate completed. Departed Baibara for Gadaisu 1400. P.C.N. Gadaisu.

Saturday 27th Departed Gadaisu 0900 for Mariawatte Estate, thence for Konimaiava Patrol Post. Arrived Konimaiava 1500 per Mariawatte's out-board motor boat. Patrol completed.

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Walking or Canoe times between Villages :-

Konimaiava	to	Gadaisu	=	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs (reasonable wind)
Gadaisu	to	Baibara	=	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk
Baibara	to	Mamai	=	3 hrs walk
Mamai	to	Tanobada	=	1 hour walk
Tanobada	to	Onioni	=	3 hrs walk
Onioni	to	Sabilibo	=	1 hr (canoe mainly)
Sabilibo	to	Borebo	=	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs canoe
Borebo	to	Delebai	=	1 hr canoe
Delebai	to	Modaulo	=	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk
Modaulo	to	Gaburu	=	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk
Gaburu	to	Deigam	=	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk
Deigam	to	Igup	=	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk
Igup	to	Nora	=	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk

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INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was of a routine nature to the MAILU and DIMUGA Census Sub-Divisions, and including tax collections of all villages and plantations within the areas. Both Census Sub-Divisions are normally included in a single patrol due to the relative small number of villages (eleven in all). It was found that the number of days was a good average length of time for the Patrol, taking into consideration the time allotted to collection of tax, although a Routine/non-tax patrol would be slightly shorter in duration.

The Patrol stayed no less than one day in each village. Even so, however, it was found impossible to inspect all of the scores of hamlets in the area, and it is thought that the next patrol to the area later this year will have the time to visit and inspect all the hamlets.

Generally, a good attitude was shown by the villagers towards the patrol, and no difficulty was encountered in the collection of tax, with the exception of a few highland native labourers on the plantations.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

(a) Villages.

Generally speaking, villages in the area were found to be in quite good repair and well laid out. However, it is often the case that several hamlets constitute the 'village', and each hamlet may be an hours walk or more from the other. The following indicates this :-

OIBADA Village consists of OIBADA, KONDO, NAMBAI and ORI hamlets (no Rest House).

ILAI Village consists of ILAI and KIAPAO hamlets (Rest House at Ilai).

TANOBADA Village consists of TANOBADA, and KEBEI hamlets (R/H at Tanobada).

ONIONI Village consists of ONIONI and GEIGEI hamlets (R/H at Onioni).

SABILIBO Village consists of MAIWA, SABILIBO and ENUORO hamlets (R/H at Sabilibo).

BOREBO village consists of BOREBO, UNEVI, DAGOBO and UBUNA hamlets (R/H at BOREBO).

GABUEU Village consists of GABURU and MARA hamlets. (R/H approx. 1 hour from either hamlet).

IGUP Village consists of IGUP and VEIOI hamlets (R/H at Igup).

NORA Village consists of NORA No.1 and NORA No.2 hamlets (R/H at Nora No.1).

Two villages are worthy of comment. MODAULO was conspicuous by its state of disrepair --- the only village

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Cont.)

which was below standard. The population of MODAULO has decreased considerably over the past ten years, due largely to deaths. General health there appears below the standard of health of other villages visited. Some of the menfolk have left the village for the coast because (they say) they are afraid that if they remain there they will eventually die of sickness. It was pointed out by the patrol that the present state of health was due almost wholly to their sub-standard living conditions together with the fact that the relatively nearby Aid Posts at BOREBO and NUNUMAI (Central District) ~~was~~ were rarely visited for the treatment of sores and suchlike. They wish to move the village site a few miles east in the direction of TANOBADA Village. The patrol gave its approval to the suggestion, as the present site is unsatisfactory and better sites are to be found on their own land. However, it will be some months before this 'migration' is completed.

The people of GABURU Hamlet (which is approx. 2 - 3 miles from MARA Hamlet) wish to move closer to MARA. Approval was given for the move. By doing so, the 'village' of GABURU will be more central for future patrols. A new Rest House is at present being constructed at MARA hamlet.

(b) Economic Development, Agriculture, and Co-operatives.

Economic development in the area is totally bound up with commercial cash cropping. The patrol was accompanied by the Konimaiava D.A.S.F. Agricultural Trainee who proved to be of valuable assistance. In this instance his work was mainly that of inspecting all village coffee gardens, and affording advice to the villagers re the same.

The coastal villages rely on, for the greater part, copra production for a cash return. The Lopom Island (Abau District) co-operative centre is the market where sales are effected, and a considerable amount of smoke-dried copra is brought to Lopom at intervals by ONIONI, SABILIBO and BOREBO villages, and to a lesser degree by ILAI, TANOBADA and OIBADA villages. Coffee appears to be growing satisfactorily in these coastal parts, although the age-old criticism that the gardens are not cleared of undergrowth and rubbish, may still be made. It was apparent in most of the gardens inspected that undergrowth had been cleared only a matter of days before the Patrol's arrival. However, within two years coffee trees should be bearing fruit ready for sale. Below is listed in detail the coffee plantings of the coastal villages :-

ILAI Village	=	14 separate gardens totalling approx. 300 trees.
(TANOBADA Village	=	7 gardens totalling 300 trees.
(KEBEI hamlet	=	8 " " 350 trees.
ONIONI Village	=	1 garden " 90 trees.
SABILIBO Village	=	1 " " 15 trees.
BOREBO Village	=	6 gardens " 90 trees.

A little rice is also grown by these villages, though at present the quantity is negligible.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Cont.)

The inland villages have very little in the way of copra and are therefore dependant on coffee together with sales of English potatoes, ~~and~~ oranges and peanuts. Coffee is making headway and in the long run should do better than coastal coffee due to the higher altitude (from 2,000 feet ~~and up~~), providing the right type is continually planted. Details of pilot plots are as follows :-

MODAULO Village	= 1 garden totalling approx. 200 trees.
GABURU Village	= 2 gardens totalling 250 trees.
DEIGAM Village	= 3 gardens totalling 45 trees.
IGUP Village	= 3 gardens totalling 130 trees.
NORA Village	= 4 gardens totalling 145 trees.

There is an impressive coffee nursery at NORA No2 hamlet.

English potatoes and oranges may be found in fairly large quantities at DEIGAM, IGUP and NORA villages. It is understood that the people here often carry loads of potatoes and oranges for sale at Moguba Plantation (Abau Sub-District). Very rarely do they bring the loads to Mamai Plantation as the road is slightly longer and certainly more difficult.

Most coastal and inland villages have Village Agricultural Committee-men. NORA has the advantage of a Agricultural Trainee who has done training at Kuliaro and at Samarai. He is a NORA Native, who also, at intervals, visits the other village coffee pilot plots.

The D.A.S.F. 'Station' at TANOBADA was visited and a discussion was had with the Agricultural Trainee posted there. It was suggested to him by the patrol that the nearby coastal villages warranted more frequent visits, as they apparently have not had the necessary supervision with the planting of their coffee. While it is realized that the Tanobada D.A.S.F. Station must be constantly tended to, an occasional visit to the coast-proper would not be amiss. D.A.S.F. European personnel have been making regular visits to the general Mailu/Dimuga area, the last visit being in May, 1958, by Mr.K.Cole.

Frequent trips are made along the coast from OIBADA through to the Abau area by the Lopom Co-operative vessel, and which was visiting ONIONI at the time of the Patrol's arrival. When at DELKBAI the writer was afforded the opportunity of meeting, and to have talks with, Mr.N. McKenzie, Co-operative Officer, Lopom Island, who was visiting the Co-operative store there.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Cont.)

(c) Village Officials.

Until 1958, DEIGAM and IGUP were included in the one census group, that of DEIGAM. However, since the initial tax-census patrol last year, the two settlements have been divided into two separate tax-groups, both with separate Post houses. This is undoubtedly a sane idea, as both groups have populations warranting the split-up, and also because they are approximately ten miles apart. During the previous patrol a provisional Village Constable was elected and subject to later approval, for IGUP. He appears a satisfactory candidate, and a letter will be forwarded to the District Office, Samarai, requesting his confirmation.

At present the villages of ONIONI and SABILIBO have only the one Village Constable ---- a Onioni man. It is considered that the populations of the two villages warrant a separate Village Constable for SABILIBO. Although the distance between the two settlements is not great, the present village constable has a difficult task with 365 persons.

The Village Constable of TANOBADA, AVEGO-NATEMBA, wishes to resign his position and hand-over to a younger and more active man. This is considered desirable, as AVEGO is now an old man, and also he is not strictly a native of Tanobada, but who migrated there from Baniara Sub-District, and therefore is perhaps a little ineffectual as Village Constable.

No other Village Official requires comment.

TAXATION.

OIBADA, ILAI, SABILIBO, ONIONI and BOREBO villages were required to pay the full two pound (£2) tax. As regards exemptions, the 1958 system was followed. That is, all villages in the DIMUGA Census Sub-Division were granted thirty shillings exemptions, as also with TANOBADA in the MAILU Census Sub-Division.

It was thought that each eligible male in the DIMUGA area would find it difficult to pay the full amount, hence the exemption. However, it is now considered that the TANOBADA eligible males should pay the full amount for 1960 and the people were warned to that effect. They are no more economically distressed than any of the other MAILU Villages, and in fact should be better off because of the presence of an agricultural station there, and therefore the on-the-spot assistance of the Agricultural Trainee.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by the Konimalava Native Medical Orderly. All villagers were inspected for sores etc, and treatment was given as necessary. It was found that the MAILU peoples enjoyed a higher standard of general health than the people of the DIMUGA.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH (Cont.)

A high percentage (when compared to the coastal villages) of coughs, colds, sores, and head-scabies among children was found at the inland villages. Two Aid-Posts are available to the inhabitants of the area: one at NUNUMAI (Abau sub-District) which covers with the Dimuga, and one at BOREBO, available to the Mailu. The BOREBO Aid Post Orderly was reported to be at Samarai, when enquired after by the patrol.

ONIONI Village is in the process of constructing a house and preparing food gardens for a promised Aid Post Orderly for the village. According to the natives, the Department of Health, Samarai, has approved of a previous request by the villagers for an Aid Post Orderly to be stationed at ONIONI, on the condition that a house is built and food grown, for him. However, it appears to the writer that an Aid Post would be to a much greater advantage if situated at either NORA or IGUP. As it stands, the ONIONI and SABILIBO people are in easy reach of BOREBO Aid Post, whereas the GABURU, DEIGAM, IGUP and NORA villagers have a long trek to NUNUMAI Aid Post, coupled with the facts that they are more isolated generally than the coastal dwellers, and that their health appears below the standard of the same.

Many years have elapsed since the last full-scale medical patrol to the area.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

There are no Government schools in the Mailu or Dimuga Census Sub-Divisions. At present, education in the three Rs rests solely in the hands of various London Missionary Society missionary-teachers, three of which are natives of Hanuabada Village, Port Moresby, the remainder being locals. Details are :-

OIBADA	:	I L.M.S. school
TANOBADA	:	I L.M.S. "
BOREBO	:	I L.M.S. "
DEIGAM	:	I L.M.S. "
IGUP	:	I L.M.S. "

The Hanuabadan at BOREBO, in particular, is impressive and speaks English quite well. Generally, it cannot be said that a high standard of education is attained.

The Mission centre for the area is at IRUNA, Mogubu, only a few miles into the Abau Sub-District, under the charge of the Rev. W. Lache, who is on leave at the present time. All of the Konimaiava Mailu and Dimuga area is under the spiritual influence of the London Missionary Society, as indeed is the whole of the Konimaiava administrative bloc.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Existing inter-village roads are, almost without exception, native tracks. Means of travel between ONIONI, SABILIBO and BOREBO Villages are, as mentioned earlier, by canoes. At the time of the patrol's visits all roads, on the whole, were cut, considering the difficult terrain in many parts and the long distances between villages in the DIMUGA Census Sub-Division. Inter-village roads in the DIMUGA area, for the most part, follow the swiftly flowing stream courses, hence there are numerous stream crossings. Bridging these streams would be impractical, as during times of heavy rain they develop into raging torrents which would soon destroy all bridges. The NORA and TANOBADA people combine forces to maintain the long road (7 hours walk) between the two villages. A vehicular road connects Mamai Plantation to TANOBADA Village, and Mamai Plantation to ONIONI Village.

TANOBADA, ILAI and OIFADA Villages have recently completed clearing a rough road between Baibara and Mamai Plantations, and for the past month they have had the supervision of a member of the Konimaiava R.P.&N.G.C. This road is the proposed vehicular road between the two plantations, and according to schedule, should be inspected by a representative of D.C.A. within a few weeks, and who will be arriving at Baibara per aircraft from Port Moresby. If, after the inspection, the party concerned is satisfied that a road is possible, then a full scale vehicular road will be cut.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

A complete census revision of all villages in the MAILU and DIMUGA census Sub-Divisions was carried out. Census figures are attached to the Patrol Report.

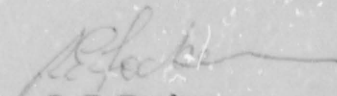
Births outnumber deaths in the ratio 27:20. Of the deaths, only five were in the under 13 years age group.

Patrols to the DIMUGA still continue to enter names which have not previously been recorded in any Village Register or current Tax-Census sheets.

Of the total of 220 persons absent from villages at work, those employed outside the district outnumber those employed within by 40. Of those employed outside the district, a high percentage are at Port Moresby.

CONCLUSION.

A Native Affairs Patrol visited the MAILU and DIMUGA Census Sub-Divisions of the Samarai Sub-District. Overall village conditions were found to be satisfactory, and roads well maintained. In addition to R.P.&N.G.C, the patrol was accompanied by a Native Medical Orderly and D.A.S.F. Native Agricultural Trainee.


R.E. Focken
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

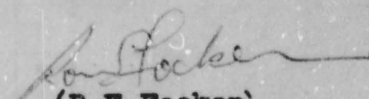
REPORT ON R.P. & N.G.C..

Reg. No. 2053 Const. OMAILA:

Has been in the Force since 1942, is a plodder with a definite sense of duty, but who seems a little vague at times. Bearing fair, conduct good.

Reg. No. 6046 Const. GIGIAUA.

Now in his 13th year of Service. Takes an interest in his work, shows drive and initiative, and can be relied upon. Conduct and bearing good. Promising N.C.O. material.


(R.E. Focken)
Officer of the R.P. & N.G.C..

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

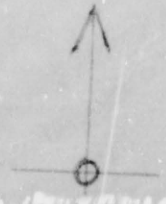
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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS						MIGRATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE STUDENTS				LABOR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL									
		0-1 Mth.		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males			Females		Child		Adults				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F			
BOBADA	10/6	2	2							2	1	2	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	4	1	15	77	11	50	3	45	41	63	53	229				
LEAI	11/6	1								3	1	2	8	6	4	8	7	5	17	6	14	8	28	5	17	6	14	10	19	15	94				
TANOBADA	12/6	1								1		1		10	5	2	1	8	25	2	1	8	36	7	25	2	21	19	26	21	106				
ABRILIBO	13/6	4								1		1	6	2	8			2	18	3	44	2	18	49	3	44	25	42	48	44	219				
ANIONI	15/6	4	2							4	5	1	6	2	8	1	2	9	34	10	40	9	34	3	27	31	25	34	38	146					
FOREBO	16/6	4	2							2	1	2	1	3	10	1	7	2	75	28	89	32	75	3	67	25	72	64	78	78	353				
MORAVULO	17/6	1								1		1	2	1	6	1	7	3	3	8	21	3	3	1	9	1	6	9	13	12	58				
GABURU	18/6	1								1		1	9	1	3	1	6	7	22	6	32	7	22	2	21	13	16	23	87						
DEIGWA	19/6	3								2	3	1	1	12	3	7	4	12	31	14	37	12	31	3	30	23	29	32	137						
IGUP	20/6	1	2							3	1	1	1	7		1	5	12	36	7	41	12	36	3	32	23	26	35	37	37	149				
NORA	22/6	2	1							1	1	1	9	2	10	5	6	15	46	5	24	5	15	15	44	24	47	32	47	794					
Totals		14	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	4	3	10	21	5	8	65	25	110	20	2	36	26	149	514	131	398	2	351	25	337	25	400	406	1752

BANIARA SUB-DISTRICT.

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Scale:
4 miles = 1 inch (approx)

Kerita



Igup

DIMUGA Census S/D.
Nora

MAILU Census - S/D.

Robada

Mamai Plantation

Ibo

Ijai

Barbara Plantation

SUAU Census S/D
(SAMARAI S/D)

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Robada

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boundaries.



Plantations

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KONIMAIARA

PATROL POST.

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ABRU S/D
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MAP REFERENCE —
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LEGEND

-  Sub-District boundaries.
-  Census S/D boundaries
-  villages
-  Roads.
-  RIVER