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1965 - 1966

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PATROL REPORT OF: uke Sub-district
 ACCESSION No. 496
 VOL No: 1965-1966
 NUMBER OF REPORTS: 5

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[4] 3-65/66	1-9	Williams, G. CPO	Teop/Tinputz Census Division	-	10/5/66-18/5/66	6 4
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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS
1965/1966
BUKA PASSAGE

Report No.	Officer Conducting Patrol	Area Patrolled
4 - 1965/1966	P.R. Hunter	Nissan Island
6A - 1965/1966	P.R. Hunter	Nissan & Pinepil Isl.
6B - 1965/1966	M.S. Goldie	Atolls Carteret Islands
7 - 1965/1966	A.G. Lang	Nissan

TINPUTZ

3 - 1965/1966	G.J. Williams	Teop/Tinputz Census Div.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No BUKA PASSAGE REPORT 3[4]/65-66

Patrol Conducted by P.R. HUNTER P.O.

Area Patrolled NISSAN ISLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans District Commissioner, Co-operative Officer

Natives 1 Constable

Duration-From 28/9/1965 to 30/9/1965

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by-District Service / /19

Medical / /19

May Reference

Objects of Patrol General Administration

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/10/1965

District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-11-3

17th December, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol
Report by Mr. Hunter, covered by your memorandum 34-2-18
of 26th October, 1965.

2. The comments of both yourself and Mr. Hanrahan were
noted.

3. Mr. Hunter accomplished quite ably the task of
Inspecting maintenance work on the Nissan Airstrip. If
the locals want the airstrip kept open, then it is up
to them to keep the grass out.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 34/2/182.

If calling ask for

Mr....

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

26th, October, 1965.

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The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL NO. 4 OF 1965/66 - BUKA PASSAGE
SUB-DISTRICT.

I attach hereto a copy of Memorandum
67/1/1 of 15th. October, 1965 from the Assistant
District Commissioner at HUTJENA, and one copy of the
above Report on a Patrol conducted by Mr. P.R. HUNTER,
Patrol Officer.

The NISSAN Airstrip has now been opened
For some months and the erection of water tanks on the
Strip site will certainly make the tank of those main-
taining it much easier.

The real problem at NISSAN at the
moment is the lack of shipping to collect Copra. The
shortage of shipping in the whole of the Bougainville
District has been serious for many months and no Vessel
is likely to travel empty to NISSAN when a full load can
be taken aboard in Bougainville.

A copy of the Report is being forwarded
to the Co-operative Section of the Department of Trade
and Industry at SOHANO who may be able to arrange shipping.

(P.J. MOLLISON).

Att. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA,
Buka passage Sub-District,
Bougainville.
15th October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
SOHANO
PATROL REPORT BUKA No. 4 - 1965/1966
NISSAN ISLAND

I attach three copies of a report on a patrol to NISSAN Island, carried out by Mr. P. HUNTER, Patrol Officer.

The patrol was of a very short duration and was mainly designed to inspect maintenance work on the airstrip, as well as erecting a water tank near the airport waiting room.

Fr. O'Sullivan is having difficulty in locating labour to cut the grass on the strip. This situation will probably continue until I can station an officer on the Island. I recently had Discussions with Mr. B. Pointing, Airport Inspector, and it was agreed that a tender should be made for the old Woods mower at BUKA Airstrip, when it was replaced in December 1965. The Officer in Charge of D.C.A. at BUKA is aware of this and will notify me when the new mower arrives. With this mower and the hire of WONG YOU's tractor, the labour problem at NISSAN will be overcome.

I concur with Mr. Hunter's action regarding the search Ceremony for the sorcerer.

The lack of shipping is a real problem, not applicable to NISSAN only. I realise you have been trying to get a vessel to call At the ISLAND for some time. The two Societies depend for their economic livelihood on the shipment of copra and, as these has not been a boat for over six months, the situation is becoming exigent. If necessary, perhaps a personal approach by you to Mr. Hall(?) may Produce some results. It would also be most prudent for a co-operative Officer to supervise the re-drying of the copra before shipment. Bad copra should be rejected. This would avoid the Possibility of the whole shipment being downgraded, or even rejected.

The people are now requesting that a Patrol Post be established on the Island. I shall deal with this matter under separate cover.

No claim for camping allowance is attached as Mr. Hunter Slept on the 'NIVANI'.

Forwarded, please.

(K.J. Hanrahan)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

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If calling ask for

Mr

Sub-District Office,

HUTJENA

Buka Passage Sub-District,

5th October, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,

HUTJENA,

Buka Passage Sub-District.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL REPORT

No. 4 1965/1966 - NISSAN ISLAND

DAIRY

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 28th Departed 0500 from Wong You's Wharf on the Nivani in company with Mr. Mollison, District Commissioner, Miss Jeffries, Welfare Officer and Mr. Mackenzie, Co-operative Officer. Arrived Nissan Island 1545. Met by Father O'Sullivan, inspected Airstrip and saw several people about arrangements for the following day. Slept Nivani.

Wednesday 29th

During day investigated, ceremony re discovering sorcerers at Balil, but after watching actual ceremony, proved to be a trick. Visited all villages on Main Island of Nissan, and discussed with people, work concerning the airstrip, Villages and general development. A catchment for water and a tank were erected at the Airstrip. Returned to Nivani 2145.

Slept Nivani.

Thursday 30th

Departed Nissan Island 0445 for Buka Passage, arriving 1530.

Slept Hutjena.

End of Patrol

Native Affairs and Attitudes

This Patrol was of very short duration, lasting only one day, and in that time it was hard to gauge the attitude of the people. However in all cases, the people with whom I had discussions were

most friendly - perhaps they realised the Patrol would last only one day.

The Father in charge of the Airstrip, reported that he was having difficulty in obtaining labour for maintenance of the Airstrip. In talks with the Villagers, this topic was discussed. It was pointed out to them that it was their airstrip, and now that T.A.A. had withdrawn its Diversion Fee of £15, and now a plane if called for would land at Nissan, the passenger would only pay £8.4.0 to either Buka or Rabaul. This amount though the same as the Rabaul-Buka fare, I feel is within their grasp - after all business is certainly not brisk on Nissan. They can call for [a] plane on the Mission radio.

The second point being that the lack of water near the airstrip for the labour has been overcome, by the erections of a water catchment and tank. This means that water is available near their work, whereas previously water was two miles away.

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Buka Passage Patrol Report
No. 1965/1966 - Nissan Island

The third point was that if the airstrip was not maintained, the Airport Inspector would close the airstrip and all their previous hard work would come to nought. Also that if they worked on the airstrip it was at 7/- a day making £3.10.0 a fortnight which is a considerable income for these people.

To conclude it was agreed at each village to provide ten people per fortnight for work on the airstrip. When the fortnight was finished another village would take over. The result of this would be everyone contributing to its maintenance and lessening the burden of the Villages situated near the airstrip. The father has an amount to pay the labourers. It is only hoped that the people will now knuckle down and do some work besides talking.

The Father at Tsigon Mission Station, reported undesirable ceremonies taking place at Balil Village. The ceremonies are concerned with finding the poisoner of a person who had just died and [whom the] people believed he was poisoned. In this particular case, the dead person was a woman. The ceremony, which they state was taken from the people of Anir Island, near New Ireland, consists of a piece of bamboo with the leaves on the end, being held over the grave by seven men, their arms outstretched, and the bamboo in fact rests on their forearms. Their forearms are rubbed down with sand and an intense smelling shrub, both of which had been cooked. The leader, who is the Luluai, then tapped the leafy end of the bamboo, with a thigh bone of his dead sister, intoning worms at the same time.

Apparently the bamboo moved with the seven men holding it. The bamboo kept walking as they say and brought them to the house of a person at a nearby village. Here a spirit within the bamboo informed them that the poisoner lived in the particular house. Following this the suspect poisoner is usually killed, but they didn't go this far - perhaps fearing the consequences.

On investigating the matter I actually attended a repeat performance of the above, except in this case the bamboo did not walk!! It is my opinion that as it is always done at night, and everyone's attention is riveted on the bone tapper, the bearers in the dark are able to make the bamboo move with a slight of the hand. When I attended, my light shone along the

line of bearers and therefore they would have been seen if they had tried to move it.

In the ensuing talk given to the people they agreed to do away with this practice, as it could lead to a great deal of harm. I informed them that the Administration would soon know of any repeat performance of this through the Mission, and that they may be dealt with more harshly next time. I only hope they keep their work. The woman died of a haemorrhage.

The people stated that sorcery or poisoning, died with forefathers and it is only through people back from Rabaul and Buka, that it has re-emerged. The suspect was spoken to and both parties exchanged a small gift to heal the breach. It's hoped that everyone keeps their word and neither happens again.

Otherwise nothing of importance was noted. In my conclusion, I feel that a Patrol Base Camp or Port be established as soon as possible, because with it there is bound to be development economically wise. The people appear to lack drive or interest and it requires someone to give that interest to develop their island. The older generation seem content with what they have got, however with the younger generation seeing places that are progressing and not theirs, may become discontented and any kind of trouble might be brewed up, e.i.

Cargo cult

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No. 1966/66 - Nissan Island

Economic Affairs

On Nissan there are two co-operative Societies in operation, namely the Nihan and Sulumal Societies, both of whom are completely supported by the people. For income, they rely mainly on copra shipments.

However, the situation is such that both Societies may be liquidated in the near future if their copra, amounting to 601 bags, is not transported to Rabaul. According to my information the last ship to call re copra was in March which is over six months ago. In my opinion these Societies must remain successful, as they are the only two organisations encouraging the people to develop their land. If the copra is not picked up soon it will spoil and both Societies whose continued success relies on copra shipments, will have to be liquidated.

May I suggest that the following may be a way to overcome this situation. It is obvious that no company wishes to send a three-quarter empty ship to Nissan just to come back full loaded with copra - there are more lucrative ports of call. Therefore perhaps the Administration could subsidise the boat outward bound for Nissan and it would always have a full load coming back. In fact the subsidy would be for roughly a 10 hour trip from either Buka or Rabaul. The ship would only go if called for, which means there would be a full load. There would be no subsidy for the return trip, - Nissan - Rabaul.

At present besides the two Societies there is approximately 1,000 bags waiting for shipment from Wong You's and another 23 from a Native C.M.B. number. It is envisaged that a ship would be called there for every 2-3 months, giving 6-4 shipments a year.

The net result would be, the Societies would flourish. with better shipping facilities the people may be encouraged to develop their island; people would be sure of getting their copra out in time.

Airstrip

The Nissan Airstrip was opened to D.C.3s during my last Patrol to Nissan in April - May. However as far as the people are concerned, due to diversion fees etc., it has been beyond their means to use the service. It is welcomed to see that T.A.A. has discontinued charging diversion fees from the beginning of October and will call at Nissan on Wednesdays

and Fridays if called for. It is now within the people[']s grasp to use this service.

A water catchment and tanks have been erected to provide labourers and waiting passengers with a source of water to quench their thirst.

Conclusion

While the patrol was short it was interesting and I enjoyed it. From a quick sum up re other aspects of a patrol, nothing has changed much since my Buka Passage Patrol 10/64-65. However it is pleasing to note that the people and realising that Patrol Posts and L.G.C. are two different entities, and those who previously stated that they didn't want a Patrol Post or Base Camp, are now agreeing that it would benefit the whole Island.

Attached Memorandum

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(P.R. Hunter)
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No 6/65/66

Patrol Conducted by P.R. HUNTER

Area Patrolled NISSAN & PINEPIL ISLANDS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 CONSTABLE

Duration-From 14/2/1966 to 25/2/1966

Number of Days 11 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

Last Patrol to Area by-District Service Dec. /1965

Medical / /19

May Reference Four Mil Buka Island

Objects of Patrol Tax collection & Census Revision. General
Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/4/1966

District Commissioner

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

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

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

67/1/3(II). Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.
13th. April, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.
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Council is needed there and for some time a permanently
based Field Staff Officer from this Department or
Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries is needed at NISSAN to
get the Council and economic development going.
A well conducted Report [Patrol]

(P.J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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67-11-14

2nd June, 1966

District Commissioner,
SOHANO.

Bougainville District.

Buka Passage Patrol Report No. 6/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-3 (II)
of 13th April, 1966 together with Mr. Hunter's patrol
report.

2. Perhaps more adult education courses are
needed to inculcate(?) the true work of Councils to the
Nissan people.

3. If the population does not warrant it, a
patrol post cannot be established on Nissan Island.

4. A brief but good report.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

67.11.14

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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If calling ask for

Mr

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO

13th. April. 1966

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The Director,

Department of District Administration,

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Att. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office
HUTJENA.
25th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner
SOHANO.
PATROL REPORT - BUKA PASSAGE
6-65/66. - NISSAN ISLAND.

DIARY.

Monday, February 14th, 1966.

Departed Buka in D.C. 3 at 1500 hrs. Arrived Nissan 1545, met by Father O'Sullivan and various other people. Visited Tungol Mission motorbike broke down, paddled my way back to camp.

Slept at Wond You's (Nissan).

Tuesday 15th.

Visited all villages by speedboat. Informed them of my intentions and Patrol programme. Hired speedboats and proceeded to Pinepil at 1430, D.A.S.F. Field workers accompanying. At Pinepil, walked around half the island and visited the three villages of Rokus, Teah and Mantoia. The smallest village Rokus owns half the island. Also visited mission area.

Slept at Mantoia.

Wednesday 16th.

Collected a \$1.00 tax and revised census figures of the above 3 villages. Gave talk re Local Government Councils - quite a receptive audience. Cleared up a few other ideas of theirs that were wrong. Too rough to return to Nissan, slept night at Mantoia. Did Land Investigation re Uruh. (Mission lease).

Slept at Mantoia.

Thursday 17th.

Departed Pinepil 0800, passage too rough, so carried boats over good part of the reef. A big sea running between Pinepil and Balil, but both boats made it safe and sound. 10:30, collected tax and Revised Census of Balil and Sirot at Balil and Siar at Siar. Gave talk re Local Government Councils and other matters, a receptive and favourable audience. Inspected Sirot Island re Final Order. Had cray fish for Dinner and discussions with various people.

Slept at Balil.

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FRIDAY 18TH.

VISITED AREAS OF NEW COCONUT PLANTINGS AROUND BALIL AND DEPARTED FOR PORIWON 0900. COLLECTED TAX, REVISED CENSUS, GAVE TALK RE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS AND OTHER MATTERS FOR PORIWON AND SALAPEN AT PORIWON AND THEN FOR SIAKEN AND LIHON AT LIHON. AT NIGHT HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS.

SLEPT AT LIHON.

SATURDAY 19TH.

PROCEED TO TUNGOL MISSION WITH FATHER O'SULLIVAN TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE RUMOURS CONCERNING WELFARE SOCIETIES. RETURNED TO MAPIRI AND COLLECTED TAX, REVISED CENSUS, AND GAVE TALK RE L.G.C. AND OTHER TOPICS. AT NIGHT HAD DISCUSSION WITH VILLAGE LEADERS.

SLEPT AT MAPIRI.

SUNDAY 20TH.

HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH A DEPUTATION OF NATIVE LEADERS, WHO STATED THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO THEIR OLD LAWS, RATHER THAN FOLLOWING THE WEAK LAWS OF THE ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING ADULTERY. WENT FISHING, NO LUCK.

SLEPT AT MAPIRI.

MONDAY 21ST.

DEPARTED FOR TANAMALIT, ARRIVED 0900. COLLECTED TAX AND REVISED CENSUS FIGURES. GAVE TALK TO ALL PRESENT AND DEALT WITH A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS. VISITED AREAS WHERE NEW COCONUT PLANTINGS ARE GROWING. INSPECTED WORK BEING DONE ON NISSAN AIRSTRIP.

SLEPT TANAMALIT.

TUESDAY 22ND.

DEPARTED FOR TERUHATAP, ARRIVING 0900. COLLECTED TAX, REVISED CENSUS FIGURES, GAVE TALK TO THOSE PRESENT AND HEARD VARIOUS COMPLAINTS. VISITED MISSION AND IN THE EVENING, HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL LEADERS.

SLEPT AT TERUHATAP.

WEDNESDAY 23RD.

DEPARTED FOR TANAHERAN WHERE TAX WAS COLLECTED AND REVISED CENSUS FIGURES OF BOTH TANAHERAN AND TAPANGAL. GAVE USUAL TALK AND PROCEEDED TO YOTCHBOL WHERE TAX WAS COLLECTED AND CENSUS FIGURES REVISED. HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PEOPLE.

SLEPT AT YOTCHBOL.

THURSDAY 24TH.

CLEARED UP SOME WORK THAT HAD TO BE DONE AND RETURNED TO MAPIRI, VISITED THE MISSION STATIONS AND WORK BEING DONE BY VARIOUS VILLAGES.

SLEPT AT MAPIRI. (WONG YOU'S STATION).

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Friday 25th.

Returned to Buka by T.A.A. D.C.3.

END OF PATROL.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS. At all places, the Patrol was made most welcome and in return, it was decided to spend a night in all the villages if time permitted. In this way, it was hoped to gain the confidence of the people by showing a genuine interest in their lives rather than treating it as a shore.

During November, 1965, an adult Education Course was run at Hutjena and Kubu for approximately 20 men and 4 women of Nissan. This course dispelled many of their wrong ideas about Local Government Councils, Taxation, Marketing and various other aspects that they weren't sure about.

The course was a great success and on their return, a number of meetings were held where those who had attended the course were able to explain to a limited degree what they had seen and heard. Mr. Elder, did a short follow up Patrol in December and it was then evident that the people had become more enthusiastic about economic development not only in words but in actions.

The present Patrol saw much bush being cut down with the view of planting coconuts, the only cash crop suitable. The people, though showed interest in the formation of a Council for Nissan and Pinepil, still had many fears. The main ones were as follows.

(I) TAXATION.

Most people are still very afraid of tax and are a bit dubious of the fact that they themselves decide on the tax to pay, should they form a council. The system of tax payers meetings, and the decision of the council re the tax rule was explained to them. They appeared to understand this and I feel were just wanting a confirmation of what they had heard previously. The people wanted to know what would happen to a person who could not pay tax. The tax tribunal and possibility of prosecution was then explained to their apparent satisfaction. Many of the people felt that they should wait until the present coconuts came into harvest before a council was formed. i.e., some seven years hence. The Patrol collected a one dollar tax from all males. Through this, I was able to demonstrate the fact that while they wait seven years, they will still have to pay a tax each year. Surely, it was better to pay the tax to their own organisation, for their benefit rather than to an organisation that has to take into account the whole territory of which Nissan is a minute portion.

(II) POWER OF THE COUNCIL.

Many people were disturbed by what they thought the power of the Councils would be. These people imagined that the elected

Councillor would be the chief and have control over all village land. This land would be distributed as he thought fit. The Councillor would allocate all in his ward their tasks and everyone must ask his permission before doing anything other than what was allocated to his or her.

This naturally gave many people doubts as to whether a council was worth going into. However, the patrol was able to allay their fears - or so it seemed, - as they appeared relieved and found that their fears were groundless.

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The way a council works, its elections, the expending and collecting of tax and the other main functions of a council were explained to the people in all villages. As it was a census patrol, I would estimate a 100% attendance, of those people on Nissan, to the talks that were given.

From these discussions, I came to the following conclusions.

That while they see the benefit such an institution, and want it, they are hesitant and afraid it might not succeed. They badly want it to succeed and in some ways it may be one of the reasons the people wish to wait until they are financially better off.

Secondly, the traditional leaders are afraid they may lose their power to the younger and more enlightened group, and are thus reluctant to relinquish this power they have held for so long.

Thirdly, that it is imperative that a patrol post be established on a permanent basis, so that he can actively assist them in their economic endeavours as well as aid them in running a council, which, I feel, the people will want by the end of the year.

Finally, these people are unsure of themselves and require assurances along the new paths they are treading and a permanent Patrol Post will be a great benefit in this way.

Also, as a result of the Adult Education Course held in November, several women's clubs have been formed. There was only one previously and this was run by the mission at Tungol. To date, there are four and more women are joining each week. They are run on similar lines to the ones at Buka. i.e., teaching the women to sew, cook different types of meals, play games and general hygiene.

However, unfortunately, these people had only heard of the one type of Welfare, i.e., Hahalis Welfare Society, and when hearing and reading about the work of the Welfare Officer, they thought that it was part of the Hahalis Welfare Society. Rumours were rife and there was talk that baby gardens had to be organised.

This proved untrue and by explaining to all villages the difference between the two types of Welfare, they were somewhat relieved.

As far as law abiding citizens are concerned, these people appear to cause little trouble. Their main worry is the prevalence in two villages, Mairi and Tanamalit, of adultery and

the fathering of illegitimate children. This led to a deputation of village elders to the priest at Tungol and myself, They felt that adultery was becoming common-place and as neither the mission nor the government were trying to stop this, they wished to return to the ways of old when one might lose his life for this act. The law of the Administration and Mission were explained to them and they appeared to understand, and the cases brought to the Patrols notice were dealt with to the satisfaction of all.

Otherwise, the patrol found a reasonably contented people who are beginning to realise the benefit economic development.

(III) ROADS, BRIDGES AND AIRFIELDS.

As no doubt all patrols have mentioned the fact that the island

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of Nissan has a very good network of roads, built by the Americans in the last war. They require little or no maintenance.

The people are very fortunate in this. There are no bridges.

The Nissan Airstrip is subject to separate memoranda (42-2-2).

(IV) AGRICULTURE.

The only cash crop that can be grown on this island are coconuts. While the patrol was there, D.A.S.F. conducted a coconut count. The result shows a total of 2681 palms planted.

Of these, 5389 were planted in 1965. In the last few months, there has been a definite upsurge in the numbers of coconuts planted.

Pigs are still a great menace on Pinipel and the Western part of Nissan. The people are reluctant to kill them as there is no substitute. However, with Purarebe grass being planted amongst the coconuts, cattle may be able to replace pigs and at the same time, serve a more useful purpose. i.e., he [they] does not destroy coconuts, can supply milk to children and provide more most than a pig.

(V) HEALTH. The health of these people is covered by four Aid Posts (one of them at Pinipel) and the Mission hospital at Tungol. Considering the number of children per family, I consider these people are quite healthy. However, T.B. is prevalent and a great many are being treated.

The water supply of the villages is obtained through ex army drums, which will not last too much longer. However, it has already been made a subject of a separate memoranda (10-6-1).

(VI) EDUCATION.

This is given by the mission station at Tsigon and Tungol, who take classes up to Standard V and IV. There are several village schools, (one at Pinipel, Balil and Mapiri), however, I don't think they are of a high standard of what I saw of them.

(VII) TAXATION & CENSUS FIGURES.

A one dollar tax was collected and approximately 300 dollars was collected. If a council was formed, I am sure many of those given an exemption would pay tax. I feel that if a one dollar tax, as a council tax, should a council be formed, the maximum amount that would be collected would be 400 dollars.

It will be noticed that the population of Nissan is a very young one in that over 50% of the people are children under 16 years. This means that much of the success of the Council would depend on the willingness of the older generation and their attitude.

As can be seen from the attached figures, the average family is 2.8 and over the next generation, the population of the island will increase greatly. The picture presented at present is that the older generation must develop the island in time to cater for the younger generation, who can then carry on with what they have been given.

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If the older generation do not develop the island now, the younger generation are, in my opinion, going to be drawn to other centres, because of better opportunities, a Nissan will become too overcrowded and will remain undeveloped.

(VIII) CONCLUSION.

To conclude, I feel the Patrol was a success and much useful information was obtained. The patrol was made most welcome at all times and I have found these people extremely pleasant to get to know. If a patrol post should be established at Nissan, this officer would like to be posted there.

P.R. Hunter

PATROL OFFICER.

Attached Memoranda

49-1-1 to P.H(?)D., Sohano.

38-4-2 to District Commissioner.

42-2-2 to District Commissioner.

14-1-1 to District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

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District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No BUKA PATROL No. 6 65/66

Patrol Conducted by (?).S.GOLDIE. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled ATOLLS(?) CARTERET ISLANDS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives CONS T. BAGISI NO. 10964

Duration-From 15/11/1965 to 26/11/1965

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by-District Service 20/ 11 /1964

Medical / /18

May Reference BOUGAINVILLE MILLE INCH

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE CENSUS REVISION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13/12/1965

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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67-11-5

28th January, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHONO.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL REPORT NO. 6-1965/66.

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks (?) a patrol report by Mr. Goldie, covered by your memorandum 67-1-3 of 13th December, 1965.
2. Your comments and these of Mr. Hanrahan have been noted.
3. For a first patrol Mr. Goldie has written a very informative report. He seems to have carried out his duties well.
4. Mr. Goldie acted very properly in the matter of liaison with the Formosan crew.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67/1/3.

If calling ask for

Mr

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

13th. december, 1965

22 DEC 1965

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL NO. 6-1965/66.

I attach hereto a copy of Memorandum 67/2/1 of 4th. December, 1965 from the Assistant District Commissioner at HUTJENA, and a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. M. S. GOLDIE, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Mr. GOLDIE has carried out his duties well and the report is quite well written for a first Patrol Report.

All matters brought up in the Report have been dealt with locally.

The matter of the Formosan Fishing Vessels has been the subject of extensive correspondence between this Office and the Secretary of the Department of the Administrator.

For your information, please.

(P.J. MOLLISON).

Att. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office ,
HUTJENA.
4th. December 1965 .

67/2/1 .

The District Commissioner ,
SOHANO.
PATROL REPORT - BUKA NO. 6 -1965/66 ,
CARTERET ISLANDS.

I attach two copies of a Patrol Report , submitted by
Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer M. Goldie , in respect to his visit to
the Carteret Islands . I also attach a copy of his patrol ins-
tructions . I have the following comments .

ABSENT WORKERS.

There are 67 able bodied men absent from the islands at
work . Of these , 11 are working outside the District . This leaves
a total of 111 men between the ages of 16 and 45 years in the six
villages . That is , 30.7 of the labour potential is absent at work .
This situation is satisfactory as the majority are working on the
Bougainville mainland, there being little opportunity to earn a
each insome at the CARTERETS.

COMPENSATION FOR CREW OF POLURRIAN.

Mr. Goldie states that various dependants have not
received compensation for the loss of their kin in the POLURRIAN
disaster. I have checked my files here and find that accrued wages
have been paid to the dependants of all nine deceased. Mr.Liddle
also filed claims for Workers' Compensation on behalf of dependants.
According to my file, these claims have not been paid. Would you
please ask Mr. Batterson to check on this matter and advise.

THEFT AT AID POST.

It would appear that the theft was caused by the APO's
lack of attendance and the fact that the Aid post cannot be locked.
If the Orderly lives on an adjacent island, it is a wonder more
medical supplies havn't been lost. Mr. Goldie could not locate the
offender. Would you please acquaint Dr. Bridgewater with the facts
of the matter.

LULUAI T(?)ILOMOLOMO OF IESILA.

He has served for 23 years as luluai of his village. During
the war, he assisted considerably in preserving unity amongst his
people at the CARTERETS. His service to the Administration has been
loyal. I recommend that he be considered for a Loyal Service Medal.

RADIO TRANSCEIVER.

It is correct that the Administration has installed

transceivers at the MORTLOCKS and TASMAN Islands, where there are no Missions represented, and where the Administration has Primary 'T' schools with responsible teachers.

I do not dispute the need for a radio at the CARTERETS, and to be quite frank, I don't understand why the Catholic Mission has not placed one at the disposal of their Priest, Fr. Mueller, who has lived on HAN Island for eight years. I shall discuss the matter with Fr. Lepping when I next see him.

WATER SUPPLY.

I refer to my 6/6/1 of 21st. April 1965, being a covering memorandum to Mr. Redmond's resources survey. In this memo, I recommended that you consider approaching the Public Health Dept.

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for environmental sanitation assistance as follows -

TIARANI population 178 one well and pump ,

1 x 1000 gal. tank with catch.

IULONAHAN 147 1 x 1000 “ “

PIUL 132 1 x 1000 “ “

IOLUSA 55 one well and pump ,

IESILA 68 one well and pump ,

IANGAIN 141 one well and pump ,

1 x 1000 gal. tank with catch.

I previously said that sush subsidy would have to be on a 100% basis. However, I now feel that the people should be asked to contribute 50% of the cost. Would you please make an application to the Regional Medical Officer for this aid.

CASH INCOME.

This is derived solely from the sale of copra. The six islands produce in the vicinity of of 26 tons of copra per year, all of which is sold to Won You at 3(?) per lb. If all coconuts were used to make copra, production would be in the vicinity of 190 tons per year. However, coconuts constitute an important part of the diet. There is little prospect of the cash income being substantially increased.

RE-SETTLEMENT.

There has been no spontaneous demand for resettlement emanating from any CARTERET family.

FORMOSAN VESSEL.

Mr. Goldie give details of infringements of the Migration Orginance by Formosan fishing vessels. It is to be hoped that recent heavy fines imposed in the District Court will have a deterrent effect.

Two CARTERET men are desirous of making civil claims for compensation for loss of clams. I feel that they have a point and will discuss this matter with you on my next visit to SOHANO.

Mr. Goldie acted very properly in the matter of liaison with the Formosan crew.

GENERAL.

This was Mr. Goldie's first solo patrol. He has carried out his duties well and has submitted an interesting report.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

Forwarded, please.

K.J. Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.
15th. November 1965.

67/2/1.
Mr.M.Goldie,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
HUTJENA.

Dear Sir,
BUKA PATROL No. 6 - 1965/1966,
CARTERET Islands.

1. As advised verbally, please make arrangements to leave on MV 'NIVANI' at 1100 hrs. on 15th. November 1965, for the CARTERET Islands. I want you to carry out a routine census patrol of the CARTERETS group of islands, which include six villages.
2. Police Constable GABISI, No. 10964, will accompany you, He has been issued with rations for two weeks.
3. Mr. John Vosival, Local Government Assistant from TINPUTZ, is on leave at the moment and will accompany you. He is well educated, speaks good english, and should be of much assistance to you. He also has been issued with rations.
4. I have made available a tradewind hull and 28 H.P. Johnson outboard motor for your patrol. Mr. Vosival is competent to look after the outboard. It has a slight leak in the bow and should be pulled up on the beach each night. Please contact Mr. Nelson at the HUTJENA garage and arrange to have four 4 gallon drums of petrol/oil mixture ready for loading on 'NIVANI'.
5. Contact Mr. Elder at the HUTJENA office and draw an advance of £ 50. There are some N.M.T.A payments to be made and Mr. Elder will give you details of these.
6. Advice has been received that the following articles were recently stolen from the Aid Post at the CARTERETS :-
2 rolls plaster,
1 medicine glass,
1 hurricane lamp,
bandages and cotton wool.
Please contact the Aid Post orderly and investigate this matter. If you consider court action is necessary, I shall attend to the matter when 'NIVANI' returns to pick you up.
7. You should take a copy of Mr. Redmond's report on a Resources Survey of the CARTERETS, carried out in October 1964. This report gives some good background knowledge of the situation and conditions on these Islands.

8. Take some literature on the Decimal Cur(?)neyny and give talks in each village on this subject. The talks should be simple and precise.
9. Report on the number of men absent at work and their places of employment.
10. Report on the number of children being educated at the Mission school. How many children are being educated outside the CARTERETS.
11. Report on all aspects of native affairs.

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12. You should endeavour to settle arbitrarily any disputes that may be brought up to you. Should any require court action, I shall attend to them.

13. Take with you sufficient tentage for your party as I uncertain as to the condition of the rest house.

14. Visit the Mission station and pay your respects to Fr. Mueller. Observe Sundays.

15. The MV 'NIVANI' will return to the CARTERETS to collect you and your party on November 25th. and you should be ready to embark without delay.

16. I would like you to have your report completed and typed within a week after the completion of your patrol.

17. Please see me if there is anything further you require before departure.

Wishing you a pleasant trip,

Yours faithfully,

K.J. Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

Territory of Papua & New Guinea

BUKA PATROL No. 6 of 1965/1966

Patrol Conducted by : M.S.GOLDIE, C.P.O.

PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING; Mr. John Vosivai; Police Constable
Gabiai, No. 10964.

DURATION : 10 days, from the 15-11-65 to 26-11-65

Purpose of patrol : Routine Census Revision.

M.S.Goldie, C.P.O.

PATROL DIARY

15-11-65 Departed aboard M.V. NIVANI at 2300 hrs; accompanied by Cons. Gabisi and Mr. John Vosivai.

16-11-65 Arrived Carteret Islands 0800 hrs. Set up camp in IULONAHAN Village, on HAN Island.

17-11-65 Talk with village officials; program for census.

18-11-65 Census IOLUSA Village, talk on decimal currency; general discussion afternoon.

19-11-65 Census PUIL Village, Afternoon began investigations into reported pilfering of Aid Post.

20-11-65 Census TIARANI Village. Afternoon Apprehension of Formosan Fishing Boat. Captain, Chief Engineer held Han Island For remainder of patrol.

21-11-65 SUNDAY, OBSERVED.

22-11-65 Census IULONAHAN Village. Inspection of Educational facilities.

23-11-65 LAGAON Village, Census Revision, general discussion.

24-11-65 EISILA Village, Census; discussion and collection of witnesses in conjunction with Formos(?)n Fishing

25-11-65 General talks HAN Island. Night Sing Sing.

26-11-65 Departure vis M1/2V, NIVANI for Buka.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION The six islands that make up the Carteret or Kilinailau group are, except for one, all inhabited. They are located approximately seventy miles north - east of Buka, at a latitude of four degrees forty five minutes south and longitude one fifty five degrees twenty minutes east.

Over a period of ten days the patrol, using Han Island as a base, visited the various islands of the group by means of Government Trade Wind hull and out board.

POPULATION TRENDS

As at the 25th of November 1965, the population of the six villages in the group were as follows;

VILLAGE JUNE '64 PRES.

IULONAHAN 147 155

TIARANI 178 194

PUIL 13x2 136

IOLUSA 55 43

LAGAON 141 161

IESILA 68 70

TOTALS	721	759
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From a total of 20 in June '64, the number of absent male workers has risen to 76, a percentage increase of from 12.4% to 40.3%. Places of employment being; 7 employed as boatscrew; 2 semi-skilled workers Port Morseby; 1 P.I.R. Wewak; 1 police force Rabaul. The rest are casual labourers at either buka or Bougainville the bulk being employed on the Roman Catholic Mission Stations Tsiroge and Tearuki.

Less the absent workers, and this trend towards outside employment is continuing, 24.6% of the population is over 50.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was at all times well received. No disputes of any significant nature were encountered. None required court action.

An investigation was carried out with regard to a reported theft of the following medical supplies from the Iulonahan Aid Post. 2 rolls of plaster; 1 medicine glass; 1 hurricane lamp; bandages and cotton wool.

When questioned, the orderly was extremely vague as to the times and actual evidence of theft. It appears that for some 6 months he has been living at Puil, a neighbouring island with his newly married wife of the same, and that visits to the aid post have been rather spasmodic. The aid post cannot be leaked, and if a theft did occur, it was due to the orderly's irregular attendance. Arrangements were made to have a house contributed for the orderly and his wife on Iulonahan Island. As has been previously stated, a

perm(?)nant material aid post is sour(?)ly required.

The patrol was approached by a delegation of wives and friends of five of the men who lost their lives on the ill-fated Pollurian, a vessel of the Bougainville Company. Although it has been several years since the disaster, no recompense what so ever has been received. Following, a list is given of the dependents applying for compensation.

GESUI, WIFE OF PASAKA RASAU

SAGI, " " DAVID KIKA

BAKASIR, " " THASSA TOUSAHANA

SANDI, SISTER OF BIR TAMAB

MATAPOKA, SON OF RIN KIR.

In view on the greet shortage of man-power on the island, and the poverty of the people, this matter should be taken to hand as swiftly as possible.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (cont)

On the advice of the District Commissioner, the Luluai of Iesila Island was retired, and a younger man elected to the post. It was also suggested that a record of service be taken, with the possibility of a loyal service medal being presented. The luluai, Tsilomolomo, is senile. Here to the best of his knowledge is his story;

I was born here, on Iesila Island. At this time the population was much smaller than it is now. The administration was German. As a young man, I travelled to Rabaul, where I was employed in the logging Yard of a paper mill. I worked for the paper mill for four years. I then worked on a copra plantation as a grass cutter, using a sarif. The plantation was just outside Rabaul Rabaul was not as big as it is today. When the Australian Administration came, I left the plantation, and travelled by ship to Kavieng. In Kavieng, I worked as a Boss boy on another plantation. I remained for five years, and then returned to the Carterets. I stayed for six months, and then travelled by ship to Bougainville I got a job on Numa Numa plantation in the copra shed, and worked for two years. I left when the Second World War began, and returned to the Carterets. It was then that I was made a Luluai by a patrol officer from Sohano. When the Japanese Came to Bougainville three of the Luluais went to Buka to help the Australians, they were all killed. Hannets, the Luluai of Puil island, and I were now the only Luluais. It was not until the war finished that a Patrol Officer returned to the Carterets, and elected three new Luluais. During the War I saw many afroplanes and ships. Since the war finished I have remained at Iesila and continued to serve the Australian Administration as Luluai."

The people of the Carterets are badly in need of a radio transmitter/reciever. This is essential in the Carterets if they are to be able to save their fishing and clam beds from exploitation by the Formosens (see appendix "A"). Neither the Tasman or Mortlocks have the population of the Carteret Islands, yet both can lay claim to a Government transceivers.

Water tanks are also a xxxxx necessity on all Islands, as flowing streams are non existant. Catchment areas are available on all Islands.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

The Priest in charge of the Roman Catholic Marist Mission at Han Island, is Father Muller S.M. This is the only religious body in the group. Church services are well attended and the neighbouring islands are often represented. A permanent material church is nearing completion; it will seat 300.

Unfortunately, religious enthusiasm does not carry over into more material venues. Little assistance is being given to the Father in the construction of the Church, in fact most of the labour has been imported from Tsiroge. The attitude of the Catholic Church is not an easy one to fathom. The expense of half a dozen watertanks, as against the cost of a church that is as big xxx as any on the main land is negligible. The people are loyal to the Mission, and feel that Mission, not Government assistance is needed.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

The people of the Carterets are a thriving, healthy people. Their diet of fish, coconuts, bananas, and small amounts of greens ensures this. The only sickness of any significance on the islands is Malaria. A Malaria Eradication Team has just completed a patrol in the area.

Sanitation is via the sea. A toilet was built on Han, with fertilisation of the rather over-worked ground in mind. All villages are built on the brilliantly white coral sand and for the duration of the patrol flies and sandflies were non-existent.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

All six islands are heavily planted with coco-nuts. Copra is produced, and sold to Mr. Wong You of Buka Island at a rate of 312penny a pound. The low price is the result of the extreme isolation of the islands, the last shipment being via the Nordkill eight months ago. At the present time there 240 bags of copra awaiting shipment. It is of a poor standard, the bags having the rate to contend with, and the copra, mold. More regular shipping would improve the quality, but because of the comparatively small amount being produced, would be un-economical unless a supplementary industry could be found. The lagoon, and the seas outside the reef contain any amount and variety of fish. The fish are caught with lines, spears and nets. The complexities of establishing a fishing industry, the technical skills involved, and the construction of a freezer, are for the moment beyond the realms of possibility they should however, not be put too far aside.

As was stated above, nets are one of the methods used to catch fish. These nets are quite capable of holding a small shark and quite expertly constructed. They are made from the smaller branches of the bread fruit tree, which there are an abundance of on all islands.

If marketing of these nets was possible it would give the large minority of residences over 45 an occupation and income.

Unlike both copra and fish, fishing nets do not spoil with age.

One trade store on Han island, owned by Mr Wong You of Buka, serves the requirements of the group.

EDUCATION

There are Roman Catholic Mission schools on Han and Puil Islands. On Han there 18 boys and 7 girls in standard 2, 10 boys and 11 girls in standard 1 and 13 boys and 15 girls in prep. 5 boys and 4 girls standard 1 and 7 boys and 8 girls in prep. at Puil.

The teachers themselves speak little better than broken pidgin, but seemed enthusiastic.

34 students attend mission schools on Bougainville and Buka, 2 attend Rigu Junior Boys High school at Kieta.

CONCLUSION

THE people of the Carterets are a very happy, self-sufficient group. In the changing times of today, they lead a timeless existence. Their lack of radio, or other form of communication ensures this. When questioned on felt needs, they could think of absolutely nothing - a rather unique community. As was mentioned earlier, the most pressing requirement is a transceiver, closely followed by water tanks.

A most enjoyable patrol.

For your information and onforwarding,

please.
M.S.Goldie, C.P.O.

BUKA PATROL No. 6 of 65/66

APENDEX A : FORMOSEN FISHING VESSELS. CARTERET ISLANDS

In the period March to November 1965, Formosen Fishing Vessels have been sighted on six occasions inside the reef encompassing the six islands that make up the Carteret group. These boats are normally equip[ped] with a crew of sixteen. Regulations allow them to carry twolanding vessels. These landing craft are used as bases when clam muscle is being dived for, the nature and shallowness of the reef making use of the main beat impossible.

All members of the crew, including the Captain, dive for clam muscle, normal practice being for two members to remain on board the (?) boat while diving is in progress. Diving gear is of the most elementary type, it consists of swim fins; shorts and goggles. The clams are opened with a long spoon shaped instrument. No form of aqua-lung is used. The clams are stored in freezer compartments in the hull of the main vessel.

In march this year, a Formosen boat, flying the Chinese National flag, entered the lagoon that is surrounded by the islands and reef that make up the Carteret or Kilinailau group. It remained for two days during which time it; took a propeller from a Japanese wreck, on the reef between lesila and lolusa Islands; sent a landing party to lesila Island which requested supplies of fresh water. Clam muscle was not dived for.

In october, two Formosen boats came inside the reef and remained for two weeks. They anchored offthe lesila/lolusa reef, and dived every day for ten days, collecting clam muscle. They then travelled to the Han/Puil reef, again diving for clam muscle, for a period of two days.

On the 12th of november two Formosen boats were sighted inside the reef. They anchored off the lesila/lolusa reef, and commenced diving for clam muscle. On the morning of the 14th they were contacted by a visiting Malaria Control Team. One boat left that night the other was asked to stand by by the Master of the MARAVUT, whose boat was being used by the malaria control team. It was later discovered that the departing boat and left a landing boat on the beach at Esila. This was put aboard the remaining boat, which then elected to return to Sohano with M.V. Maravut.

On the afternoon of the 20th it was reported to this patrol that a Formosen boat was inside the reef, off lesila islands. I visited the area and noted that clam was being dived for. The Captain was a[s]ked to await the return of M.V. Nivani.

ATTITUDE OF THE NATIVES

As has been said before, the natives of the

the Carterets are an extremely xxxxxxxx, friendly people. Their casual acceptance of the Formosens is constant with their natures. Because of their isolation, and their lack of radio contact with the outsideworld, they were not only glad to see the Formosens, but went so far as to help them dive and load their boats.

CONCLUSION

The natives of the Carterets, because of their isolation, and just general knowledge of what can and what can't be done have lost a good percentage of their staple dist.

Whether or not the Formosens are operating from a mother ship is not known. A much larger ship was sighted outside the reef about the time of the october boats, but it's connection if any, or even if it was Formosen is not known.

I feel that the Carter(?) (?) people should be entitled to claim for compensation for the loss of a considerable amount of clam meat. To this end, two natives of Han and Iesila Islands accompanied me to Sohano, and are anxious to lay claims against the Formosens.

M.S.Goldie, Cadet Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No 7/65-66

Patrol Conducted by A.G. Lang

Area Patrolled NISSAN

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives One Constable.

Duration-From 23/5/1966 to 27/5/1966

Number of Days 5 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by-District Service 20/ (?) /1966

Medical / /19

May Reference

Objects of Patrol 1966 Census, Airstrip maintenance, and routine
Administrative matters.

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Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/9/1966

District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-11-23

27th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,

Bougainville District,

S O H A N O.

BUKA PATROL REPORT NO.7/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Lang's report to the NISSAN Census Division and of accompanying covering memoranda.

2. The lateness in submission detracts from any value of the report which as you state was poorly presented.

3. Please have Mr. Lang read the report No.2 - 66-67 Kieta by Mr. Melville which should show him how a report should be set out and what details should be given.

4. No further comments appear necessary.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR

67.11.23

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RWB/LMW. TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 67/1/3.

If calling ask for

Mr

29 SEP 1968

Department of District Administration,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO

21st, September, 1966

The Director,

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

BUKA PASSAGE PATROL NO. 7/65-66.

Attached hereto please find a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. A. G. LANG, Patrol Officer, and a copy of Memorandum 67/2/1 of 15th. September, 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner at HUTJENA.

The Patrol was mounted for the purpose of advising the people of the impending Census which eventually was carried out without incident.

The Report is very poorly presented and has reached this Office some four months after the conclusion of the Patrol.

(P.J. MOLLISON).

Att. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA.
15th. September 1966.

The District Commissioner,
SOHANO.
PATROL REPORT - BUKA PASSAGE NO. 7 - 65/66.

I attach two copies of a report on a short patrol
to NISSAN Island, carried out by Patrol Officer Lang, in May
of this year.

The object of the patrol was to advise the people of
the them forthcoming census.

I have no comments to add, except that there appears
to be no excuse for the late submission of the report.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

Forwarded, please.

K.J. Hanrahan
Assistant District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Our Reference 67/2/1.

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration

Sub-District Office,

HUTJENA.

16th. May 1966.

Mr. A. Lang,

Patrol Officer,

HANAHAN.

Dear Sir,

PATROL NISSAN.

Please make arrangements to depart BUKA for NISSAN Island by T.A.A. on Monday 23rd. May 1966. Bookings have been arranged for yourself and two other passengers. Your party will return to BUKA by T.A.A. on Friday 27th. May 1966.

You should keep your patrol gear to a minimum.

I attach a copy of Census Form 8. The purpose of your patrol will be to explain the forthcoming census to the people. In this respect, Census Form 8 is self explanatory. Not all NISSAN villages are to be censused during the Territory Census. Please see Mr. Blaikie at SOHANO on Friday 20th. May and he will tell you which villages to concern yourself with.

There is an Administration motor bike at NISSAN which you should utilise. You should also inspect the airstrip and effect any necessary improvements. In this matter, liass with Fr. O'Sullivan. Draw a patrol advance of £ [7]0 before departure. There are several outstanding administrative matters also requiring attention. Please see me in regard to these.

Yours faithfully,

K.J. Hanrahan

Assistant District Commissioner

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Patrol Post Hanahan,
Buka Passage Sub-District,
Bougainville.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
Sub - District Office, HUTJENA.
BUKA PASSAGE PATROL No. 7 65/66.

INTRODUCTION.

1. In response to your 67-2-1 of 16th. May 1966, I conducted a short patrol to Nissan from 23rd. to 27th of May.
2. The prime purpose of the visit was to prepare the people of the selected villages for the 1966 census. Airstrip maintenance and routine Administrative matters were also attended to.

PATROL DIARY 23rd. - 27th. May.

MONDAY 23rd. May 1966.

Departed Buka by T.A.A. approximately 1400 hours, arrived Nissan 1430 hours. Was met at strip by Rev. Father O'Sullivan of Sigon Mission station and transported to the rest house. This latter is constructed of corroding sheets steel and cement but is currently adequate.

The rest of the day was spent receiving village Officials and outlining a next few day's itinerary.

TUESDAY 24th. May 1966.

0800 hours visited father O'Sullivan at Sigon and discussed airstrip maintenance.

1000 hours to Mapiri where the people of Lihon, Tanamalit and Mapiri were assembled. Census education talk, little discussion.

1200 hours to Tungol Mission. Lunched at FatherCaffioux.

Discussed Nissan and the census.

1400 hours to Tanaheran where the people of that village assembled with those from Tapongal, Torahaxap and Yotchibol.

Census education talk.

Thence visited all villages as far as Yotchibol.

1600 hours back to Mapiri.

WEDNESDAY 25th. May 1966.

0700 hours, Labour assemble at airstrip. Maintenance work all day with trips to various villages to check routine matters.

THURSDAY 26th. May 1966.

0700 hours. Labour roll call. Maintenance work and strips to various villages to check routine matters.

FRIDAY 27th. May 1966.

Patrol packed up, and flew T.A.A. back to Buka.

END OF PATROL.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

3. The Patrol was well received at all villages and the Mapiri people inundated us with fresh food and firewood.
4. The Luluais did a good job in bringing their people together for the meetings, organising labour for strip work and rounding up tax defaulters etc.
5. Tax was collected from those who had defaulted earlier this year at Lihon, Siaken, Salapen and Poriwon. There is no excuse why all tax should not be collected at the time of Tax-Census patrol. There is ample opportunity for the money to be earned by labouring on the strip deferment is merely [lackadaisical] administration.
6. Fees for 'Licences' to trade with natives were collected at Lihon and Mapiri. Apparently no S.A.P. are held currently at [on] Nissan.
7. A number of cases of Child maintenance ordered by Mr. P.O. Hunter were checked upon and payments brought up to date.
8. No additional complaints were brought before the Patrol.
9. Father O'Sullivan of Sigon reports that 'POISON' has cropped up on Pinipel at Teah Village. In an attempt to find the man making poison a length of bamboo is carried around by several men. 'When' it stops and points at a house, the owner is indicated for sorcery. Father alleges that he has warned that any repetition will bring a Government investigation. I was unable to visit Pinipel on account of the rough seas.
10. In at least one instance a Luluai is short of his Village Book, Kalik of Poriwon. Perhaps new Books could be taken out by the next patrol.

CENSUS EDUCATION.

11. The seven villages involved were assembled and lectured as recorded in the patrol diary. The scope of the new Census is possibly beyond them, but at least they are forewarned.
12. The Fathers at Tungol and Sigon agreed to Co-operate and complete the Birth-date cards although Fr. Cuffioux requires a further 800.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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The Nissan Airstrip is maintained by father O'Sullivan a job that he is finding increasingly onerous and for which he receives no remuneration.

14. The strip requires the following work for two days each fortnight. The hire of Wong You's tractor at \$16 per diem to pull a drag made out of (?)arden matting along the edges of the strip. This tears out a fair proportion of vegetation, cost \$32.

Twenty labourers 70c to work with the tractor and sarraf the strip.

Cost \$26. Total \$60 per fortnight or \$120 a month

15. The expense is high because Wong You's faulty tractor needs servicing

(?)(?)cks power, has no thread on the back wheels and hence takes two days to complete work that it could do in a day. When mentioned to work to (?)(?)ng he saw no reason to change matters, after all he makes more with the tractor in poor shape.

16. The markers were checked and all are correctly spaced at 200'. One broken marker was replaced. Four gallons of white paint for the markers (?)(?) hold at Wong You's store.

17. Wind socks were checked and xands [areas] cleared around them.

18. In short the strip is in reasonable condition at present but will require (?)(?)re Governemnt thought and money to keep it so.

19. The road is generally good although many villages have not taker much trouble to keep the verges down.

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20. A bridge just before Yotchibol is in danger of collapse.
Its reconstruction is beyond the natives means.

CONCLUSION.

21. Nissan gives the impression of being generally quiet and orderly,
but appears to have a problem in terms of future economic development.

22. The Islands would benefit from more regular Administrative contact,
all departments but particularly from a Kiap who could sit down there
for a couple of months at a time.