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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1961/62

MISIMA

FIFE BAY

SAMARAI ISLANDS

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
Misima 1-61/62	F.J.L.Haynes	Calvados Chain and Deboyne Lagoon Census Divisions
" 5-61/62	I.McLachlin	Calvados Chain and Misima Island Census Division
Fife Bay 1-61/62	G.B.O'Farrell	Suau Census Division
Samarai Islands 1-61/62	G.D.Duggan	Samarai Local Islands C/d.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. FB 1/6.62

Patrol Conducted by C. B. O'FARRELL P.O.

Area Patrolled SUAU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans C. D. DUGGAN P.O.

Natives 4

Duration—From 29/11/1961 to 19/12/1961

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany —No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 18/9/1961

Medical —/19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol LOCAL GOVT. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

*Duplicate held on
Local Govt. file*

Forwarded, please.

17/1/1962

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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61-4-13

12th February, 1962.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

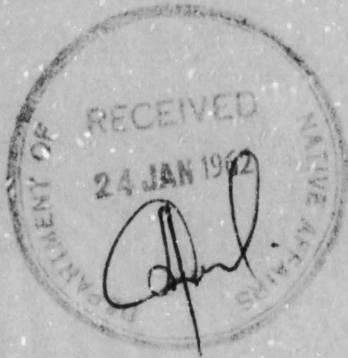
SUAU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1961/62:

With further referenceto my memorandum 41-25-2
of the 26th inst., I return herewith for SUAU Council records
your confirmation of Councillor appointments. The papers
were received here instead of Pife Bay.

J.K. McC
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

17.4.13.

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Department of Native Affairs,
SAMARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

16th January, 1962.

The Officer in Charge,
Suau Base Camp,
MILNE BAY.

SUAU PATROL NO. 1 of 1961/1962.

Thank you for the report on this patrol conducted by Mr G.B. O'Farrell, and the electoral information attached thereto.

The elections appear to have gone off very well indeed, particularly as this was the first to be held; the percentage of population voting was quite high. Pre-election propaganda appears to have been adequate and successful.

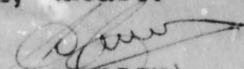
Women have always taken a fairly active part in community affairs throughout Suau and their interest in the election is not surprising.

District Officer's confirmation is returned herewith duly signed.

(W.W. CRELLIN)
a/District Officer.

c.c. The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
K O N E D C B U.

Copy of Patrol Report and electoral information attached for your information, please.


(W.W. CRELLIN)

Attach.

See return & reply on 41-25-2 Vol. (14).

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Patrol Post,
FIFE BAY.

Milne Bay District.

20th December 1961

MEMORANDUM TO:

District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
S A M A R A I.

REPORT OF A PATROL TO SUAU CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL REPORT NO. FB I - 61/62.

PREAMBLE.

Officer conducting patrol.....Mr G.B.O'Farrell P/O
Area patrolled..... SUAU CENSUS DIVISION
Duration of patrol..... 29/11/61 to 19/12/61
twenty - one days in all.
European Officers accompanying.... Mr G.Duggan. (part)
Reasons for patrol..... SUAU Native Local
Government Elections.
Personnel accompanying..... Reg No Const PERO
Reg No Const NAWAK
Reg No 2035 Const OMAILA
Interpreter WAVINE

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INTRODUCTION.

The SUAU coast lies on the south coast of Papua between Samarai and Abau and is that section covered from Fife Bay Patrol Post.

The Administration launch, MV KINGFISHER, was used for the first part of the patrol but, unfortunately, for the first three days proved to be of little help as the weather was so bad. Later in travelling between the coast and local islands it showed its worth.

Again one of the district's small ships was responsible for taking the patrol from Fife Bay to Gadaisu and in all we were lucky with our movements. I consider that a normal patrol of this division covered by foot would last in the vicinity of four weeks or more.

Mr G. Duggan assisted in supervising the elections up until the GADAIKU/LAIMODO/SUADINA councillor was elected when a pulled tendon in his left leg forced him to return to FIFE BAY. Mr Duggan was in considerable pain on his last six hour walk down the LAIMODO river from IO and when I heard that the OSIRI was returning to Samarai via the Patrol Post I advised him to board it. This meant that the villages of KWAIOA, BOROWAI and LEILEIAPA were supervised by only one officer which was unfortunate but as circumstances dictated there was no alternative.

The patrol diary follows and the report on the election will be separate correspondence.

DIARY.

November 1961

Wednesday 29th... Departed FIFE BAY for BONABONA (3hrs 20mins per KINGFISHER) held elections and departed for KONIMAIVA, MARIAWATTE.
Slept KONIMAIVA

Thursday 30th... Very bad weather. Held elections at DAHUNI and attempted to reach AUNIERI but were forced back by heavy seas. Returned to KONIMAIVA where high winds overturned the latrine.
Slept KONIMAIVA

December

Friday 1st... Travelled by Kingfisher inside Mullins Harbour where there was no swell and disembarked at WERIWERI. Travelled overland back to FIFE BAY.
Slept at Patrol Post.

Saturday 2nd... Kingfisher arrived about 10.00 after leaving KONIMAIVA at 5.00am. Went over to DOBUBADA to conduct ALOALO elections.
Slept at Patrol Post.

Sunday 3rd... Departed 2.00pm for SUAU Is and arr 5.05pm.
Slept SUAU Is

Monday 4th... Elections held at SUAU/BAIBAISIGA and by Kingfisher to BONARUA where elections were held and then on to ILOILO.
Slept at ILOILO.

DIARY (cont)December 1961

- Tuesday 5th... Elections at ILCILO during the morning departed 10.25 by Kingfisher and on through MODEWA (dept 2.55) which has a poor anchorage, to SABARAI where elections were held before departing for IPULAI.
Slept IPULAI
- Wednesday 6th... Elections at IPULAI SAVALALA and NAWABU before departing by cutter across Baxter Harbour for ISUAI. The cargo went direct.
Slept ISUAI.
- Thursday 7th... Cargo direct to SAGAHO. Elections held at ISUAI and OIMAMANIA (an inland detour) SAVAIA (on the coast).
Slept at SAGAHO.
- Friday 8th... Elections at SAGAHO, ISUISU and ISUDAU with the cargo going direct to the Patrol Post.
Slept at Patrol Post.
- Saturday 9th... Elections held at SEASEA after waiting some time for all the people to arrive from the surrounding hamlets.
Slept at Patrol Post.
- Sunday 10th... Observed at Patrol Post.
- Monday 11th... Departed per MV OSIRI at 1.00pm to arrive at GADAISU 7.00.
Slept at GADAISU.
- Tuesday 12th... Departed 8.45 and travelled up the LAIMODO River to arrive at VI9 (IO) around 4.45
Slept at IO.
- Wednesday 13th... Elections at IO and departed to arrive at GADAISU PLTN about 8.30. Mr Duggan departed on the OSIRI which was returning from ABAU and the patrol continued on to LAIMODO. arriving after dark.
Slept at LAIMODO.
- Thursday 14th... Held GADAISU/LAIMODO/SUABINA elections and departed 11.45 to arrive SUABINA 1.00pm - too late to start climbing up to KWAIOA.
Slept at SUABINA.
- Friday 15th... Left SUABINA 7.30am and arrived at KWAIOA (approx 1800ft) just before the rain at 2.00pm.
Slept at KWAIOA.
- Saturday 15th... Held elections at KWAIOA and departed for BOROWAI. Held elections at BOROWAI.
Slept at BOROWAI

DIARY (cont).

December 1951.

Sunday 17th...Departed BOROWAI for LEILEIAPA.
Slept at LEILEIAPA.

Monday 18th...Held elections at LEILEIAPA and
departed travelling around the MOMORE
Range to ENALA where canoes were taken
to the Patrol Post.
Slept at Patrol Post.

Tuesday 19th...Crossed FIFE BAY to DOBUBADA and
thence overland to ALOALO Bay - crossed
this to Rest House and elections
of the AUNIMERI people.
Slept at Patrol Post.

PATROL COMPLETED.

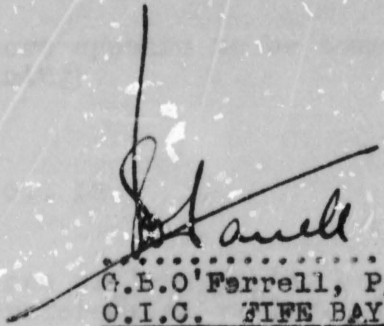
This patrol was a fast one solely concerned with elections
and, as mentioned in the introduction, that subject will be
dealt with in a separate report.

CONCLUSION.

No patrol report memorandum forms are held here.

One KONIMAIAVA policeman and two SAMARAI policeman
with the interpreter constituted the native personnel accom-
panying. I am sorry to say that unlike patrols in the Highlands
there appears to be no 'esprit de corps' amongst the staff
here and they spent most of their time complaining about each
other. Furthermore for the first time in many years I was
called upon to explain their patrol duties to each member.

Except for the one bad break (in which 1000 points
were recorded at FIFE BAY in two days) the weather was very
good, albeit a little hot.


G.B.O. Ferrell, P/O.
O.I.C. FIFE BAY.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
FIFE BAY.

Milne Bay District.

21st December 1961

MEMORANDUM TO:

District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
S A M A R A I.

ELECTORAL INFORMATION - SUAU NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

(a) The following patrols were conducted to introduce the concept of election to the SUAU people.

1. Patrol Report No. KON 1 - 60/61

Conducted by Mr Focken - this was the first patrol to disseminate any pre-council propaganda.

2. Patrol Report No. KON 2 - 60/61

Conducted by Mr Focken - this was a follow-up patrol of the same nature. All information was placed in a separate folder and submitted to Mr Frew (ABO L.G. Milne Bay District) as was done in the above patrol.

3. Patrol Report No. KON 2 - 60/61.

Conducted by Mr Pike (there appears to be some confusion about the numbering)

4. Patrol Report No.

Conducted by Mr Frew A.D.O.. LG.

(b) The type of election was one of 'whispering ballot' with the application of preferential voting. In two or three villages (eg IC) there was only one candidate. However it would appear that this might have resulted from a misunderstanding; *

and that other potential candidates were under the impression that there should be only one candidate. This impression may have been fostered by two observers who preceded the patrol, and who gave talks in each village in which the villages selected the candidate whom they were going to vote for. I endeavoured to make it quite clear to the voters - and there were far more voters attending the actual elections - that they were to pay no attention to anything they had been told /vote for to do and were to ~~select~~ the candidate they desired.

In two villages - ISUISU and ISUDAU second preferences were examined.

(c) Feminine interest.

(i) The attendance of native women at the election was good - in most cases exceeding that of the men. Moreover they appeared to have a better understanding of election procedure, i.e. of how to vote and how to place their preferences.

(ii) Participation of native women was limited to six villages (BCNARUA, SUAU, MCEWA, NAWABU, SAGAHO and SEA SEA - the latter having two female candidates) but only one, namely NINEVA of SUAU managed to poll more than ten percent of the first preferences.

(d) No incidents were recorded. The whole election went smoothly. The whole hamlet of WUDAUADA being part of the IO census group failed to appear at the polling booth at IO. I believe this village is some 1½ days walk away and is only rarely visited by patrols. I will be visiting it during early next year and advise them about the SUAU Council, etc.

(e) For an initial election I consider the rate of absenteeism to be light. At BONABONA and DAHUNI many were prevented from coming by the appalling weather. At the western end of SUAU a number were away on various trading trips (to the TROBRIANDS and the ENGINEER GROUP); some were up at SARIBA Slipway, collecting a cutter, etc. Most of the absentees were elderly people who were, no doubt, unable to leave their houses.

(f) Analysis of Statistics.

There were about forty-six hundred people giving 2857 males and females of over seventeen. Of these just over one thousand (1007) were not available which is roughly one third of the total voting public. Of those absent through no fault of their own 408 out of 483 were employed men and 17 out of 135 were employed women. The remainder of the women were wives accompanying their husbands on the place of employment. The rest of this group was made up by those at hospital and at school.

§g) Summary.

On the surface the elections went off very well but it will need some time to determine whether the attendance was out of interest or because it has become a habit to line up when the Patrol Officer visits the village. Another impression that I received was that there exists in the minds of the people some confusion between the 'village councillor' and the 'Local Government Councillor'. Except for the few who have had a chance to observe other Local Government Councils in action the people will naturally have to get used to the new form of authority and I expect that the first year will have the usual amount of teething troubles.

G. B. O'Farrell

 G. B. O'Farrell
 Patrol Officer,
 OIG FIVE DAY.

VILLAGE	TOTAL	No. of Persons on Roll		No. of Persons on Roll Absent at Election Time		No. of Persons Eligible to Vote		No. of Eligible Persons Who Voted		No. of Persons Eligible Who Failed to Vote		No. of Eligible Persons Who Voted		OVERALL %
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Esungwa	108	34	28	11	2	23	26	18	13	5	13	18.2	50.0	61.3
Matthusi	198	65	58	27	18	38	20	24	12	14	18	63.2	40.0	52.9
Plopiro	225	87	70	17	6	70	64	56	42	14	22	80.0	65.6	73.1
Sani/Sankhisi	324	122	72	34	10	88	62	70	55	18	7	79.5	88.7	83.3
Benweza	121	34	28	10	4	29	24	23	23	6	1	79.3	95.8	86.8
Lozile	158	67	54	11	5	56	49	39	42	17	7	64.8	85.7	77.1
Medema	154	64	39	16	2	48	37	39	32	9	5	81.3	86.5	83.5
Sikhalo	141	59	35	16	0	43	35	40	33	3	2	93.0	94.3	93.6
Muzai	273	85	73	27	4	58	69	51	57	7	12	88.0	82.6	85.0
Savanzana	178	53	53	7	6	46	47	37	39	9	9	80.4	82.9	81.7
Mosoro	210	113	79	39	8	74	71	62	66	12	5	83.8	93.0	88.3
Surai	136	47	44	17	2	30	42	29	46	1	2	96.6	95.2	95.9
Atimthasha	157	58	53	20	9	38	44	32	27	6	7	84.2	84.1	84.2
Sakhia	261	96	78	20	4	76	74	70	60	6	14	92.1	81.1	86.6

VILLAGE	TOTAL	NO OF PERSONS ON ROLL		NO OF PERSONS ON ROLL ABSENT AT ELECTION TIME		NO OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE		NO OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS WHO VOTED		NO OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS WHO FAILED TO VOTE		NO OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS WHO VOTED		OVERALL %
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
PSURISU	194	64	48	18	9	46	39	40	34	6	5	86.9	87.2	87.0
SEAGERA	342	122	91	50	13	72	78	60	55	12	23	83.3	70.9	76.6
ISUDAU	145	47	35	14	4	33	31	26	24	7	7	78.8	77.4	78.1
SAGRAHO	217	96	58	34	8	62	50	52	44	6	6	90.3	88.0	89.3
NO	72	25	46	2	-	23	16	8	5	15	11	34.8	31.3	33.3
Andasulamedu Pookkum	275	93	65	34	11	59	54	53	49	6	5	89.8	90.8	90.3
KUATHA	227	68	59	20	3	48	56	47	46	1	10	97.9	82.1	89.4
Bokorum	97	38	31	8	1	30	30	29	28	1	2	96.6	93.3	95.0
LELETTARA	146	54	40	19	4	35	36	32	35	3	1	91.4	97.2	94.4
ANUMERI	101	35	29	12	2	23	27	19	19	4	8	82.6	70.3	76.0
TOTAL	4575	1631	1226	483	135	1148	1091	960	890	188	201	82.6	79.8	80.9

APPENDIX "A"VILLAGES AND CANDIDATESBONABONA

TAUIONA	27/1	4/2	
KEPNOS	4/1	26/2	

DAHUNI

DIKANA	33/1	1/2	2/3
HENI	1/1	6/2	29/3
DA'UA	2/1	30/2	4/3

ALOALO

FOPKA	5/1	18/2	75/3
DIKWOLA	74/1	19/2	5/3
MANIANA	19/1	61/2	18/3

BONARUA

MIKA	38/1	7/2	1/3
MANDELA	5/1	29/2	12/3
MADEL/INE (woman)	3/1	10/2	33/3

SUAJ/BATBAISNGA

NUADIBU	32/1	78/2	15/3
BINUMI	75/1	16/2	34/3
NINEVA	18/1	31/2	76/3

MODIWA

KAMPS (woman)	7/1	1/2	4/3	66/4
KAIKAI	2/1	55/2	11/3	3/4
NORMAN	-/1	18/2	55/3	1/4
NOLIS	69/1	1/2	-/3	1/4

LILOLO

BIKAVU	73/1	8/2	-/3
DIA	-/2	2/2	79/3
DOVELI	9/1	70/2	2/3

SIBALAI

HVALEN	72/1	1/2	-/3
WAINA	1/1	70/2	2/3
LWBOH	-/1	2/2	71/3

IPULAI

BAULAKAI	58/1	36/2	14/3
ABIGOGO	40/1	44/2	24/3
BWIOILI	10/1	28/2	70/3

NAWABU

MEDI	34/1	69/2	20/3	5/4
NITO	73/1	37/2	18/3	-/4
LESAMAN	21/1	22/2	62/3	3/4
MALUSIA (woman)	-/1	-/2	8/3	120/4

SAVALAJA

LELI	1/1	69/2	6/3
LETI/SLA	74/1	2/2	-/3
EINWOLO	1/1	4/2	72/3

APPENDIX "A" (cont)

ISUAI

NIKODEMA	60/1	7/2	2/3
SALEI	8/1	61/2	-/3
YADINAI	1/1	1/2	67/3

OIMAMANIA

HEPUTA	2/1	3/2	64/3
JACK	67/1	-/2	2/3
BULUWAVA	-/1	66/2	3/3

SAGAHO

RABES	38/1	11/2	1/3
MAGOLEI	8/1	25/2	67/3
KOBOTITI (woman)	4/1	64/2	32/3

ISUISU

KELEMP	36/1	9/2	16/3	13/4
HARVEY	11/1	39/2	15/3	9/4
TUTIWER	25/1	8/2	6/3	35/4
DEVILIPO	2/1	18/2	37/3	17/4

ISUDAU

LENI	4/1	21/2	25/3
ROSENA	17/2	15/2	18/3
DONTA	29/1	14/2	7/3

SEASEA

RONALD	5/1	29/2	21/3
TURNER	21/1	22/2	28/3
JIN	29/1	39/2	17/3
NATAILO	-/1	4/2	12/3
MABEL (F)	-/1	1/2	5/3
BEILWITAU	57/1	18/2	10/3
FASA	2/1	7/2	19/3
GAIDIDIO (F)	-/1	3/2	2/3

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BOBOGI	13/1	-/2
BILIAWALA	-/1	13/2

GADAI SU/LAIMODO/SUABINA

JOSEPH	54/1	29/2	39/3
MINO	6/1	44/2	52/3
KOLINITO	62/1	29/2	11/3

KWAICA

ALFORD	48/1	45/2
BEIBEISU	45/1	48/2

BOROWAI

DAVID	45/1	12/2
TUTALA	12/1	45/2

LELENIAPA

WENI	8/1	10/2	49/3
JOSEPH	57/1	2/2	8/3
DAVILEBI	2/1	55/2	10/3

AUNIERI

GABOGABO	37/1	-/2	1/3
NUARUBA	-/1	7/2	31/3
WALINAI	1/1	31/2	6/3

SAVALA

ROBERT	130/1	-/2	-/3
MAKITONIA	-/1	112/2	18/3
GABATAUNA	-/1	18/2	112/3

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CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERS

SUAU NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

I *William Walter Crullin* District Officer
of the Milne Bay District, in accordance with the powers vested
in me by Regulation 4 of the Native Local Government Council
Regulations, hereby confirm the appointment of the following
members of the SUAU Native Local Government Council.

- TAU-IONA of BONABONA
- DIKANA of DAHUNI
- DIKWOLA of ALOALO
- NIKA of BONARUA
- BINUNI of SUAU/BAIBAISIGA
- HOLIS of MODENA
- HIMANI of ILOILO
- HAVALEN of SIBALAI
- BAULAKAI of IPULAI
- NETO of NAWABU
- LETIELA of SAVALALA
- VIKODEMA of ISUAI
- JAKI of OIMAMANIA
- ROBERT of SAVAEA
- RABES of SASANO
- KELEMP of ISUISU
- ENLIA of ISUDAU
- BELETTAU of SEASKA
- BOBOGI of IO
- KOLINITO of GADAI/SU/LAINODO/SUABINA
- ALFORD of KTAFOA
- DAVID of BOROWAI
- JOSEPH of LELELIAPA
- GABGABO of AUNIERI

Given at..... *Samurai* this..... *Eight* day of
..... *January* ¹⁹⁶² ~~1961~~ *eb*

..... *[Signature]*
DISTRICT OFFICER.