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Mr. 826-21/72

MILNE BAY DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT

1970-1971

ALOTAU , MISIMA & TAGULA

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8-70-71	1(B) 8 P.D.BUCKNELL	Calvados Chain and Deboyne & Renard Census Division.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. 1 of 1970/71
 Patrol Conducted by J. C. Daras-Wells A/Assistant District Commissioner
 Area Patrolled Buhutu
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
 Natives 1 Patrol Interpreter.
 Duration—From 30/6/1970 to 3/7/1970
 Number of Days 4
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1970
 Medical/...../19.....
 Map Reference Fourmil Samarai
 Objects of Patrol Inspect roadwork. Look into dispute between
villagers. General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
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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Division of District Administration,

KOROROU, Papua.

17th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOFU.

ALOFU PATROL NO. 1/70-71

Your reference 67-7-1 of 1st August, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Special Report by Mr. J.G. Dumas-Wells, Acting Assistant District Commissioner, of EUPUTU Census Division.

Improved road communications would undoubtedly do much to boost the economy of the EUPUTU area.

Mr. Dumas-Wells' patrol appears to have been quite useful.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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If calling ask for

Mr.

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Department of the Administrator,
~~DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR~~
District Headquarters,
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

1st August, 1970

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUI.

ALOTAU PATROL, NO. 1. OF 1970/71.

Attached please find report submitted by Mr. J. C. Daras-Wells, Acting Assistant District Commissioner, covering the abovementioned Patrol through the Buhutu Valley.

This was a short Patrol of 4 days to check on a local dispute and progress of the Buhutu road network. These objects were satisfactorily achieved.

Improved road communications are essential in the Buhutu area if copra production is to be increased. A good start has been made by the expenditure of \$700 by the Milne Bay Council and \$700 allocated from the Rural Development Fund. A further grant from the Rural Development Fund has been recommended and the Milne Bay Council has approved \$700 in its Draft Estimates for road work in this area. Continued self-help should allow the roadwork to progress at the rate of \$400 per mile which is most reasonable.

The economic potential of the Buhutu Valley is probably better than any other area in the District and within a few years the people concerned should have a stable and profitable economy.

F. G. DRIVER.
District Commissioner.

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Sub District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

13th July, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

Please find enclosed three copies of the above mentioned report, together with claim for camping allowance submitted by Mr. J. C. Daras-Wells.


J. C. Daras-Wells.
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
ALOTAU PATROL REPORT
NO. 1 OF 1970/71.
BUTUHU CENSUS DIVISION
PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 30th June, 1970.

0830 hours - By speed boat to Kilakilana. 0945 -
Walked to Mila passed old gold mines arrived 1330. Talks
with councillor David and Ward Committee and walked around
hamlets until 1645. Night at Mila.

Wednesday 1st July, 1970.

0800 hours - Talks with Mila people re road and other
matters. Some civil complaints. 1045 -, Walked along road
and inspected work. Arrived Gelemalaoa 1315. Paid Mila people
money for road work. Talked with some Gelemalaia people,
looked at proposed road to Sagarai. Night Gelemalaia.

Thursday 2nd July, 1970.

0800 hours - Talk with Gelemalaia people - Councillor
away. 1030 - Walked along proposed road to Howalai and thence
Ipouli inspecting road work on way - arrived 1245. By tractor
to Siasiada and talked with Siasiada Councillor and people.
Returned Ipouli 1450 - talks with Ipouli people and Councillors
and road contract money paid. Some minor civil complaints.
2030 - meeting re maintenance aid post. Night Ipouli.

Friday 3rd July, 1970.

0800 hours - left Ipouli return route via Sagarai/
Gelemalaia road. Arrived Howalai 1030. Duabo 1230. Walked
across to Kilakilana arrived 1445. One court case re pigs
settled out of court. Returned Alotau per speed boat at
1530 hours.

Patrol Stood Down.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT

NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISION

Introduction:

This patrol was mounted with two aims. The first was to look at progress on the construction of the BUHUTU road system and give any advice necessary. The second purpose was to try and conciliate between the village of Gelamalaia and the other Buhutu villages. There has been considerable bickering between the Gelamalaia people and the rest of the Buhutu culminating in Gelamalaia refusing to help in the construction of the road system. The object of the patrol was to find out why and try and get all the people working together.

Other routine administration matters were attended to as they cropped up.

Buhutu Road:

The Buhutu road system, as envisaged, will link all the Buhutu village groups with the Tamonau wharf at Mullins harbour. This will enable the people to send their produce to shipping points by vehicle rather than having to carry bags of copra for many miles on their backs.

To date the road system covers Siasiada, Ipouli and Howalai; and a further 6 - 8 miles is needed to include Mila and Gelamalaia - see map. Since my last visit the road had been increased by about two miles from Ipouli rest house to Howalai hamlet. The work involved was large as seven major cuttings were made to allow fording of creeks. At present a permanent line of eight men is working on the road, with the council tractor and a supervisor. These men are paid \$3.00 per week - under the minimum wage but the rest is part of the council's contribution to the R.D.W. funds. As well as this, the people from Ipouli and Mila work as and when village commitments permit voluntarily.

Due to the nature of the terrain, road work is difficult in the wet season (March/August) as the ground becomes sodden and muddy. Clearing of trees to ten feet

away from the side of the road and digging the drains in muddy patches is helping harden the surface and apart from some spots where perhaps matting or corrugation will be laid it will eventually become an all weather road - four wheel drive.

There has been \$1400.00 actual money spent so far on the road - \$700 from the Milne Bay Council, and \$700 R.D.W. Allocation. This has been the construction of about 3½ miles of road - working out at \$400 per mile - in fact including voluntary labour the cost has been considerably greater but, \$400 in actual cash cost for a mile of road is more than reasonable. The enthusiasm of the people apart from Gelemalaia is high and it is expected that the road will be completed this financial year.

The main problem with the road is the low population of the area. There are only 800 people of whom 300 are absent at work. Normal subsistence gardening etc. takes up a considerable time with the small labour force available. Despite this the economic potential of the area is tremendous and there are over 35,000 bearing coconut trees in the Buhutu. This could mean a copra turnover of five to six hundred tons a year as the Buhutu nuts have a very high yield. It can be seen that this road system is necessary for economic function if no other.

Gelemalaia Village:

The people of the Gelemalaia village are disappointed for two reasons. The main one is that in seventeen years of paying tax to the council (amounting to something like \$7-8000) they have received one well for their village situated some three miles away from the present village site. They feel quite justifiably they are getting a bad trot from the Council.

When the Buhutu road was first mooted, the Gelemalaia people thought that finally they were getting something, especially seeing a tractor was to be purchased. They became enthusiastic and did a considerable amount of hard work voluntarily building a road from Gelemalaia to Sagarai (see map). Unfortunately subsequent to this the rest of the Buhutu people got together and decided the first priority was an Ipouli, Gelemalaia/Mila link and that the Gelemalaia/Sagarai road was not important. This cheesed off the Gelemalaia people

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who had in fact been the only ones working to that date and they decided that they wanted nothing more to do with the Council or the road.

The patrol discussed these matters with the Gelemalaia people and pointed out that although justifiably upset about the situation it was not going to help them to walk out and withdraw from everything. They were told that if they felt the Sagarai route was of more benefit to them there was nothing to stop them going ahead and completing it on their own and some contract money was provided to them if they did this. Their discontent will be pointed out at the next council meeting by their councillor and it is hoped that the Council will attempt to do something for the village. With a bit of coaxing and help Gelemalaia people may again become the co-operative and industrious group they were before 1969.

General:

Some minor civil complaints were attended to, mostly the Papuan favourite of pigs eating gardens.

The Aid post at Ipouli is in bad repair and a roster system was evolved whereby each Buhutu village would contribute something to its complete overhaul.

Walking tracks and bridges were all in good condition and although much of the ground was muddy the walking was generally pleasant.

Conclusion:

The objects of the patrol were achieved. It is hoped that Gelemalaia people will take notice of advice given to them and help develop their area.

The Buhutu generally is a pleasant place with friendly co-operative people and it is hoped that in a few years they will be a self contained, economically well off and close knit rural community.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT

NO. 1 OF 1970/71

SITUATION REPORT.

Political:

The Buhutu people, regarded as the "bushies" of the Milne Bay Council area are not as politically aware as other groups in the sub-district. Due to their isolation, visits to them by members total two in five years and then only to one or two villages. During general conversation with them, however, it was found they know about the function of the House of Assembly and their member although they feel it doesn't affect them.

Ethnically the Buhutu are a cross between the Ealabe people in the Milne Bay and the Suau/Isuisu people on the South coast. At one stage there was a move afoot for them to join the Suau Council, but with the advent of the tractor and road funds they are now fully integrated with the Milne Bay Council. Their councillors however, still have little say at meetings and future patrols should encourage the people to take more interest in affairs outside the Buhutu.

Economic:

The Buhutu is potentially the richest area in the sub-district. The Buhutu valley has over 100,000 acres of fertile ground and a population of only 860. Coconuts, coffee and cocoa thrive in this area and the only present drawback is marketing - which is being solved by the road system.

There are 40,754 bearing coconuts in the area and 22,278 immature palms. At present total copra production is almost 150 tons but this will probably more than double when easy market access is available through the road and tractor and treble when the immature nuts starts bearing. It can be seen that economically, the Buhutu is a very sound area, and any development of roads etc. is a sound investment.

The Administration has purchased timber rights, area about 60,000 acres in the Buhutu and D.S.F. are thinking of a long term teak re-forestation programme.

Social:

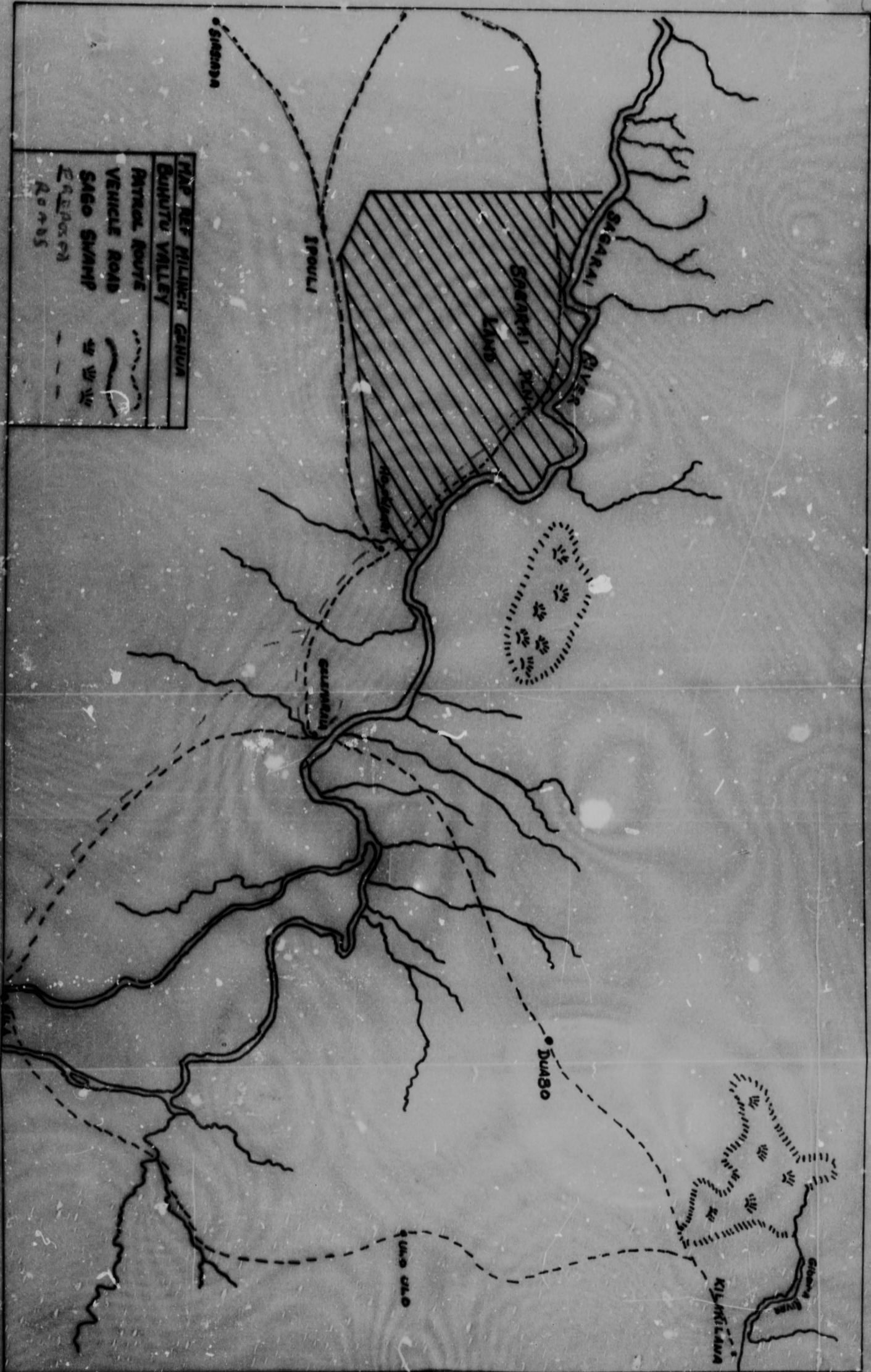
There are two schools - One Administration one at Siasiada and one Mission one at Ipouli. An Aid Post at Ipouli provides health services and Sagarai and Tomonau plantation also provide a service in this respect. One women's club exists at Siasiada.

Generally it can be seen that the Buhutu is reasonably well off for services. The building of an airstrip near Siasiada by Steamships Trading Company for Sagarai will also be an improvement and this is intended to be carried out shortly.



J. C. Daras-Wells

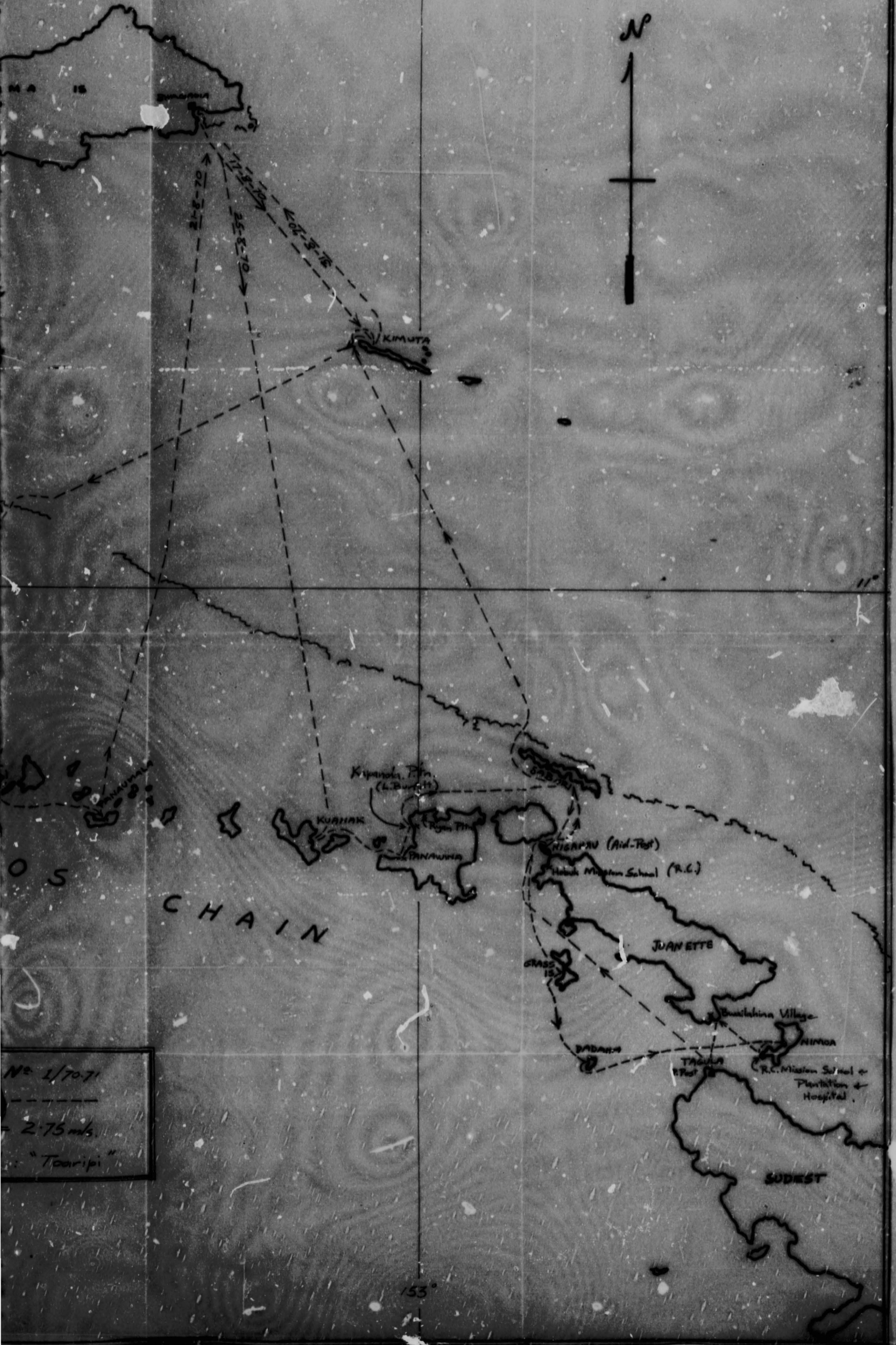
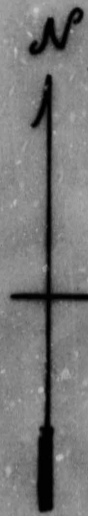
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MAP OF SAGARA VALLEY
BUWUTU VALLEY
PATROL ROUTE
VEHICLE ROAD
SAGO SWAMP
ROADS

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= 2.75 mls.
"Toaripi"

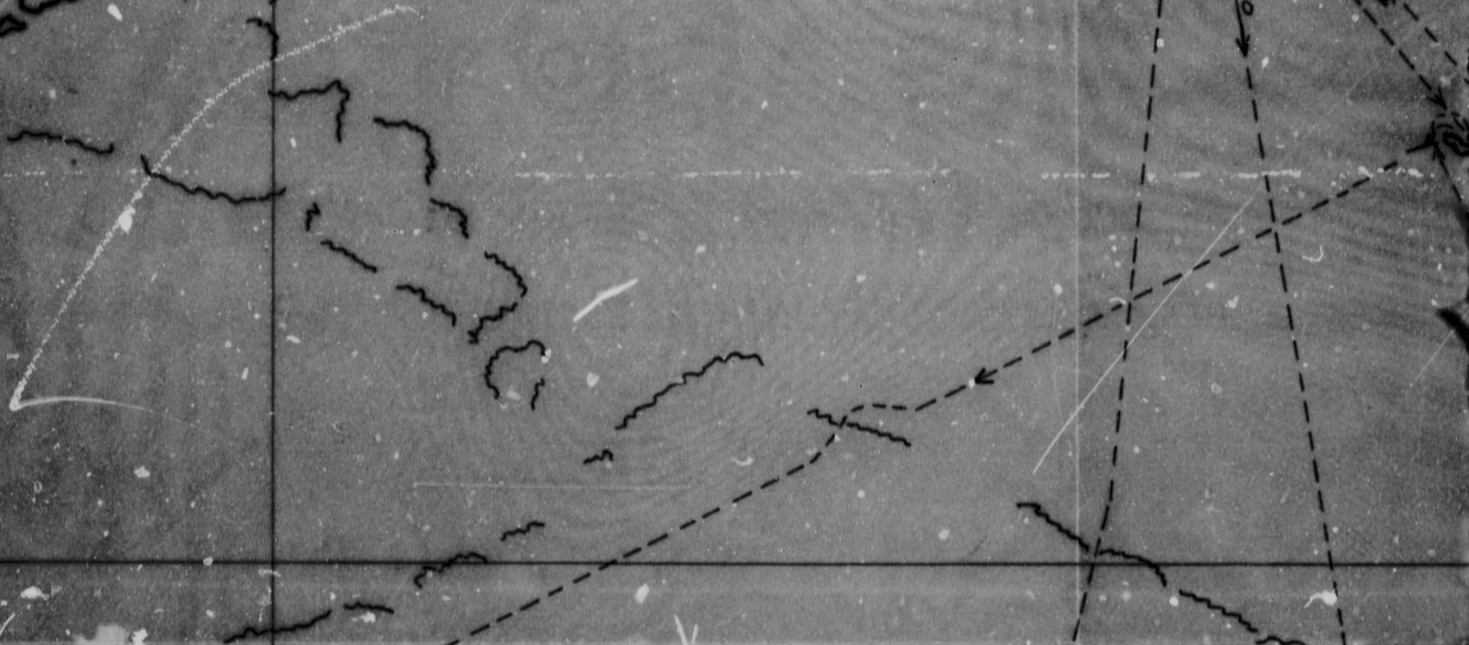
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25-8-10
10-2-12



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METERINA
Hospital + Aid Post
Anfus Pita
(H. Mound)

BAGMAN

CALVADOS
CHAIN

Misima Patrol No 1/70.71
 Patrol Route -----
 Scale: 1" = 2.75 mls.
 Patrol Vessel: "Toaripi"

152° 30'



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of.....Milne Bay..... Report No..... 2 of 1970/71.....

Patrol Conducted by.....J. G. Daras-Wells..... A.D.C.....

Area Patrolled.....Maramatana Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....G. Jones..... A.P.O.....

Natives..... Lucas Minare Lands
Rastus Gunawana Lands

Duration—From 15.../...9.../1970...to...18.../...9.../190.....

Number of Days..... 4.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... August.../190.....

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

Map Reference..... Fournil Samarai.....

Objects of Patrol..... Attend Councillors training course.....

..... Land Purchase..... General Administration.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

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

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

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

30th, November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Alotau,
Milne Bay.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 2 70/71

Your reference 67-1-1 of 13th November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by G. Jones, Assistant Patrol Officer of the Maratana Census Division.

All informative report adequately covered by your comments.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head

c.c. Mr. G. Jones A.P.O.,
Alotau S.D.O.,
Milne Bay.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number... 2 of 1970/71.....
Subdistrict..... Milne Bay.....
District..... Milne Bay.....
Type of Patrol... Special.....
Patrol Conducted by... J. A. Dares-Wells... S.D.C....
Area Patrolled) North East Coast (Part).....
(Council and/or) Maramatana.....
Census Division/s.).....
Personnel Accompanying Patrol... G. Jones... A.P.O....
..... Lucas Minare... Lands Field Officer
..... Ratus Gunawana... Lands Field Assistant.
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Duration of Patrol - From 15/9 /70 To 18th 9/70
No of Days..... 4 Days.....
Last D.D.A. Patrol of Area... August, 1970.....
Date..... Duration.....
Objects of Patrol (Briefly)... To attend Council training
Course... Investigate Land Purchase... Routine Administration
Matters.....
Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration
KONEDOBU.

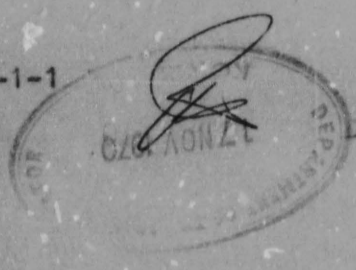
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District Commissioner

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

13th November, 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT NO. 2 1970/71

Thank you for the above mentioned report I received on the 6th November, 1970.

The report is brief but factual. It is interesting to note that only 'a few people' have misgivings concerning the withdrawal of the Council Adviser. Mr. Macindose contends that many people feel uneasy about the new policy. (Alotau Patrol Report No. 3 1970/71).

Mr. Jefferies visited Neigo Mission early this year and spent two days in the area. He confirms that the social and economic relationship between Mr. Ackworth and the villagers is excellent. Mr. Jefferies is also of the opinion that Dr. Guise is not enamoured with the situation.

The Community Development Officer has been asked to investigate the social problems in the area.

Should the Local Government Council be usurping the functions of magistrates then they are to be cautioned on the illegality of their actions. If further breaches of the law occur they are to be charged. However if the Councillors are only arbitrating in their position as leaders of the community and are not inflicting punishments they should be permitted to continue.

No camping claims were submitted with the report. Please forward.

F.G.D. AS
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

→ c.c. The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KOROROBU

For your information and comments please.
F.G.D. AS
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

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JGDW/nm

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Sub District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

1st October, 1970,

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

PATROL NO. 2 - 70/71. (PART) MARAMATANA.

Herewith the patrol report submitted by Mr. G. Jones of a recent patrol to the Maramatana area. I accompanied Mr. Jones and part of the object of the patrol was his training in various matters.

2. Mr. Jones's report is in Situation Report form. I did not instruct him to make a full report as:

- a) Due to staff shortage in the office we were flat out.
- b) Mr. I. Macindoe is currently compiling an area study.

3. The report as it stands is fairly accurate and I found Mr. Jones performed all his tasks well - Unfortunately the main object of the patrol was not achieved as the Councillors did not turn up for the course I was going to conduct.

4. The area seems to be in a satisfactory state, and the people co-operative.

5. Land matters dealt with have been the subject of separate correspondence from me viz: 35-3-1 of 22nd September, 35-6-9 of 22nd September and 35-6-54 of 21st September,

6. I noticed on this trip a disturbing tendency for council and the Council president to arbitrate courts. I feel that a regular monthly call for two or three days by a magistrate could help regularize court procedures and ensure that matters that should go to court do so. To this end, I would request your consideration to have one of the patrol officers stationed here gazetted as a magistrate. I believe the Local Court Magistrate is fully committed and in any case is not able to walk across mountains. As sea transport is both irregular and unbookable for return trips over four days, it would seem that an officer will need to catch a trawler one way and walk back.

7. Mr. Jones is improving in his capacity as an officer and is showing more inclination to increase his work output.

J. C. Daras-Wells
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay Dist. Iot.

11th September, 1970.

Mr. G. Jones,
Sub District Office,
ALOTAU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - G. JONES.

Dear Geoff,

Please be prepared to accompany me on patrol on the n.v. Manuguna on Tuesday. The objects of the patrol - to Maramatana area, will be:-

1. Conduct Councillor education course.
2. Investigate several land matters.
3. Inspect Saruahi airstrip.
4. Other general administrative work.

I expect to be away for four days.

J. C. Barnes-Wells
Assistant District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
MARAMATANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 15th September, 1970.

Departed Alotau at 2.00 a.m. by trawler 'Poseidon' together with A.D.C. Wells, Lands field Officer Minare and Lands field Assistant Gunawana arriving at Garuahi 11.00 a.m.

Afternoon - Court held by A.D.C. Wells over assault case - no sentence given but a good behaviour warning given to all parties who had behaved badly in the matter.

Discussion of Maramatana Council matters with V. Guise, President. Later A.D.C. and self inspected Garuahi airstrip which was in satisfactory condition.

Wednesday, 16th September, 1970.

Heavy rain all day. 11.30 a.m. Topura village policeman Nicholas, Lands Officers and myself took council tractor to Taupota village and then walked to Hioge Mission. Arrived 4.30 p.m. after four hours easy walk but TAMEO river was in flood and prevented us reaching Topura, so stayed overnight at Mission run by Mr. Geogg Ackworth.

Thursday 17th September, 1970.

Interviewed owners of 35 acre property near Hioge Mission to see whether they would consent to its sale. Although two of them were willing the third was not which finished the matter.

11.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. - walked back to Taupota village where A.D.C. Wells had arrived earlier to complete various administration matters. Stayed overnight.

Friday 18th September, 1970.

Waited to Taupota for Poseidon as river in flood between Taupota and Garuahi prevented movement of patrol gear.

4.00 p.m. 'Poseidon' arrived and took Patrol personnel back to Alotau arriving at 1.00 a.m. Saturday 18th September, 1970.

Patrol Stood Down.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
MARAMATANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA
ALOTAU PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71
PATROL REPORT.

Introduction:

The patrol was undertaken :- (a) To find out whether several land owners were willing to sell their land and, if so, to carry out a survey of the boundaries.

(b) To attend a Councillors' training course at Maramatana council chambers.

(c) Carry out various routine administration matters.

Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding of the date of commencement of the training course because of a communications failure, the course was postponed to a future date.

The land purchase enquiry (File No. 35-6-54) brought negative results as the owners were not unanimous in agreeing to sell the property (27 acres called 'Gonapura' near Hioge Mission). Of the three owners, Charles Dawaminu - who is very old - and Margaret Ivan were willing to sell, but the third owner, Brian Ivan, was firmly against it. This was understandable as good arable land is scarce around this section of the coast.

G. Jones
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARAMATANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71.

SITUATION REPORT.

Political:

The Maramatana Council has recently dispensed with the services of an advisor. N. Guise, the Council president, remarked that so far the council is functioning quite efficiently without an advisor. Some doubt may exist in the minds of a few people in the area not au fait with the policy of withdrawing advisors when they are no longer needed, that the Administration may be lessening its support to them. However, any such doubt should be removed with continued Administration aid in those projects and fields in which assistance is still needed.

Dr. Guise, the Speaker of the House of Assembly continues to pay frequent visits to his home electorate and, no doubt encouraging the people with continued Government interest.

An example of the progress being made in the area is the fact that three of its people are at present engaged in University courses.

Economic:

Hioge Mission, near Topura village is operating successfully. Purchased in 1900, the Mission owns the largest and best area of arable land on this section of the coast which it is continuing to develop for both the Mission and the people. By example, it is showing the people around land use as a source of economic development. Geoff Ackworth, in charge of the Mission, is young and keen and appears on very good terms with the villagers and his workers. He expressed his satisfaction at its present condition and seems to be doing an efficient job. The place is self supporting with copra sales covering running expenses and its gardens providing ample food for its personnel. Mr. Ackworth has almost completed construction of an 18foot diesel cabin cruiser.

Much of the land use around Topura area is restricted by the steepness and barrenness of the mountains which run almost down to the sea in many places. Because of the lack of heavy vegetation on these mountains, soil erosion is a cause of much scarring of the landscape and consequently much soil loss under heavy rain conditions; 'flash flooding' causing the numerous creeks and rivers to overflow and damaging crops and gardens, as happened to Hioge Mission while I was there.

Social:

Welfare girls are active in the area - giving demonstrations of cooking, hygiene etc. to the village women.

The Garuahi airstrip seems ready for use and is only awaiting inspection and sanction by D.C.A. to be officially opened. The west end overshoot section is being extended by the council to give a larger safety margin. Pilots who used the strip during the recent air search emergency have commented favourably on its utility. A map of the air-strip dimensions was recently sent in to D.C.A. headquarters from this office.

A high rate of illegitimacy is reported in this area and which a welfare officer is to investigate shortly. However, some of the problem seems not to be of births resulting from unmarried couples but rather from the high divorce rate that occurs in the community which leaves a mother with a child and no husband. Village custom provides for the child to be looked

after by others if necessary.

A group of army personnel recently carried out a civil action programme by assisting with the construction of several new classrooms out of bush materials at Garuah school.

Two overseas Volunteer teachers are expected to arrive at Garuah to teach at the mission school soon.

Miscellaneous:

The cuttings and numerous rivers on the Taupota - Topura track make land communication difficult in wet weather. After heavy rain the rivers can come up very swiftly - quite enough to prevent any progress by foot. One day of heavy rain effectively prevented a crossing of the Tameo river between Hioge and Topura.

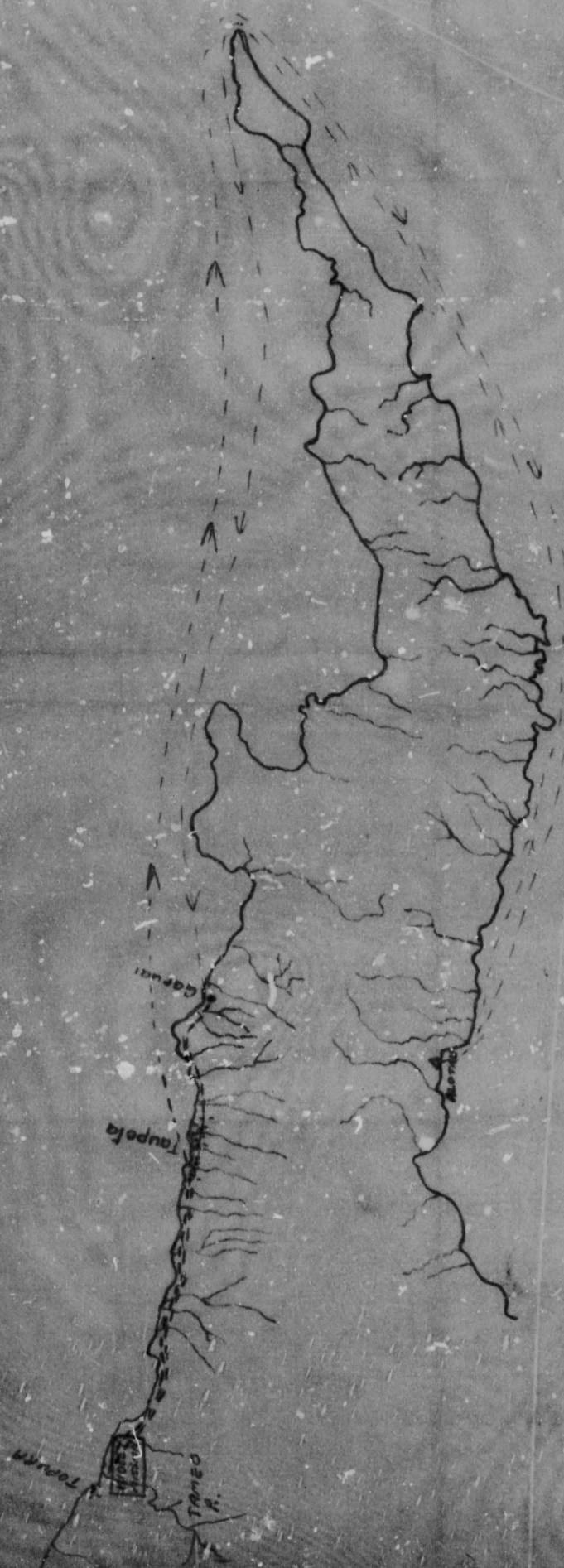
Conclusion:

All the people encountered on the patrol were friendly and helpful to its members. This was the case in my previous patrols to the North East coast area.

G. Jones
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MILNE BAY..... Report No.....3 OF 1970/71.....
 Patrol Conducted by.....T. C. MACINDOE.....A.P.O.....
 Area Patrolled.....WHOLE MARAMATANA COUNCIL AREA, NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.....
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....
 Natives.....T. TUTIRA (Interpreter).
 Duration—From 17. / 8. / 1970 to 26. / 9. / 1970...
 Number of Days.....26 (Broken).....
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....
 Medical /...../19.....
 Map Reference.....MILING GEHUA, FOURMIL SAMARAI.....
 Objects of Patrol.....Conduct Annual Census Revision and General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
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Mr. Stanley Jones
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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

11th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 3 of 1970/71

Your reference is 67-1-1 of 9th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. T. Macindoe, Assistant Patrol Officer, of whole Maramatana Council Area, North East Coast Census Division.

The Local Government matters arising from the report have been dealt with by the Commissioner.

The amendments effectively bring the Area Study of P/R 12-68/69 up to date.

A comment from you on Mr. Macindoe's observations regarding attitudes towards alienated land would have been helpful. Please keep me informed of any significant change in attitudes.

The report is well written and the patrol appears to have been effective.

(T.W. HALLIS)
Departmental Head.

cc: Mr. T. Macindoe,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU.



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CONFIDENTIAL

Division of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

9th December, 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU

ALOTAU PATRIOT REPORT NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Thank you for the above mentioned Report which has been read with interest. The delay in processing was caused by the transfer of District Headquarters to the new Building, however all local action etc. has been taken.

Your comments adequately cover the general section of this Report.

Because of its nature of the Confidential appendix I have asked the Senior Local Government Officer to submit his comments which are attached.

I fully endorse his observations particularly those contained in paragraph 10 (a - d). Mr. Macindoe requires firm handling, direct control and "cutting down to size". On his return from leave he will be under a mature District Officer.

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

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

For information and comment, please.

F. G. DRIVER
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District Commissioner

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District Headquarters,
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

5th November, 1970.

CONFIDENTIAL

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District.
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT NO.3 OF 1970/71

1. Reference is made to confidential memo C12 dated 26th October, 1970, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Alotau and confidential attachment to the Above Patrol Report, submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer, Mr. T.C. Macindoe.
2. I is true that I first considered the idea of the withdrawal of the Karamatana Council Adviser in 1968. I told no-one and took no action.
3. During a visit to Garuahi in January, 1970, I mentioned the idea to Mr. Macindoe and the acting Assistant District Commissioner, Alotau, Mr. J.C. Daras-Wells. Mr. Macindoe rejected the idea outright. Mr. Wells appreciated the proposal but had reservations. I suggested that both of them keep it in mind.
4. A firm proposal to withdraw the Adviser was made by Mr. Wells in his confidential memo, dated the 17th April, 1970 (See Local Government File 39-1-1). Correspondence followed between the District Commissioner, the Regional Local Government Officer and the Commissioner for Local Government. Mr. Wells and I discussed the proposal with the President, Vernon Guise, at the Sub-District Office, Alotau, in early June. He welcomed and accepted the proposal with no reservations.
5. After discussion at a General Meeting in June, and various village meetings, the Council accepted the proposal by a vote of 8 to 2 - President, Vice President and 8 Councillors in attendance out of a total membership of 18 - at a general meeting held on 23rd July, 1970.

I was concerned at the small attendance but the President obviously wanted the matter put to a vote and I did not interfere.

Mr. Macindoe told me personally that the 8 Councillors had boycotted the meeting because they did not support the proposal. There is no evidence to support this and I doubt it.
6. Minutes of minutes have always been prepared by Vernon Guise, along with most of the correspondence, estimates, returns etc. He is now checking and signing the monthly financial statements.
7. Mr. Macindoe took the withdrawal personally.

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8. The audit in July and two subsequent inspections by local government officers from District Headquarters show a very satisfactory state of affairs. PuniPuni Plantation is flourishing due almost entirely to the interest and efforts of Vernon Guise.

9. There is a possibility of the area becoming a Guise straghold. I note here that the Maromatana Council has unanimously recommended that the Garuahi Airstrip be named Guise Airstrip in honour of the Speaker of the House of Assembly, Dr. John Guise.

10. Mr. Macindoes credibility is suspect because-

(a) He has a mind for becoming emotionally involved in situations;

(b) The doubtful effectiveness of his communication with the local people (no Motu, 'seats' English);

(c) He has a strong tendency to believe any story told to him by a Papuan, especially if it has sensational overtones;

(d) Some of his reports have, I believe, been found on investigation to be grossly distorted.

D. J. Murphy

D.J. MURPHY
Senior Local Government Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU. Milne Bay District.

26th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

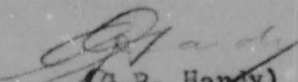
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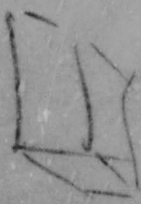
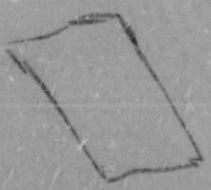
Further to my 67-1-1 of even date please find confidential report submitted by Mr. T.C. Macindoe, Patrol Officer, covering the political situation in the Maramatana Council Area.

Since receipt of the abovementioned report I have been advised of the following information by Mr. Macindoe resulting from a personal conversation he had with Mr. Vernon Guise during his recent visit to Alotau.

Mr. Vernon Guise stated that there has been a split in the Maramatana Council. The trouble was allegedly caused by the Works Manager, Mr. Cecil Uwedo who is a man of influence. He is a mission trained and has been employed by the Anglican Mission for most of his life. Hence his strong Anglican influence in this area. It is alleged by Mr. Vernon Guise that Mr. Uwedo endeavoured to persuade the Councillors in the Anglican area to put forward a vote of no confidence in the President. Concerned about this and the fact that Mr. Vernon Guise threatened to resign, the Executive Council Committee called Mr. Uwedo before them and told him to cease his underhand methods. It is further alleged that when confronted about this matter he was reduced to tears. It is believed that Mr. Uwedo's opposition to Mr. Vernon Guise is based on personal resentment because he lost his power when Mr. Vernon Guise took over as President. Whilst in the Chair Mr. Uwedo is believed to have pegged out a portion of the Council Plantation "punipuni" to settle his clan. Mr. Vernon Guise removed the pegs after a heated argument with Mr. Uwedo. It has also been alleged by Mr. Vernon Guise that Mr. Uwedo has been instrumental in keeping Methodist children away from the School.

It now remains to be seen what effect these incidents will have on the future role of the Council without the services of a Council Advisor.


(G.P. Hardy)
Assistant District Commissioner.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARAMATANA COUNCIL AREA

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

ALJTAU REPORT NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

Political:

Maramatana Council Withdrawal of Advisor:

1. The Maramatana Council was formed in 1963. In August, 1970 the Advisor was withdrawn for a trial period of six months. In February, 1971 the Council will meet and vote as to whether they will continue to operate without the services of an advisor.

2. Since its inception in 1963 the Council has for long periods actually operated without the day to day services of an advisor. This mainly because the Council Headquarters at Garuahi can only be reached by an arduous days walk over a three thousand foot pass, weather permitting, otherwise the trip necessitates a two day round trip by trawler. Because of this fact, the Advisor has been unable to be present at many meetings or otherwise attend to day to day business at the Council Chambers. Being forced to conduct its own business the Council rapidly reached a stage where it was obvious to advisors that their duties were rapidly becoming confined to statutory obligations such as ticket audits cursory examinations of financial statements and signing cheques etc..

3. Milne Bay District, Senior Local Government Officer, Mr. D. Murphy had considered mooted the withdrawal of the Advisor in 1968, but it was not until his return from attending the Senior Local Government Course in late 1969, that he gave the matter his earnest consideration.

The matter was put to the Commissioner for Local Government who stated that if the Council agreed to the withdrawal then no objections would come from the Administration. Subsequently the Senior Local Government Officer and the Local Government Advisor, J. C. Daras-Wells, A/Assistant District Commissioner, Milne Bay Sub District attended a meeting of the Council at Garuahi where the proposal was put to the full council for consideration. Councillors were advised to return to their villages, discuss the matter with the people, and if

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they so wished the matter could be voted on - democratically - at the next meeting of the Council. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Wells would attend this meeting.

4. At the Maramatana Council general meeting No. 52 held on 23rd July, 1970 a vote was taken after discussion and as broadcast by the A.B.C., ten councillors were in attendance, two opposed the removal of the Advisor, seven voted for the motion and there was one abstention. Both the Senior Local Government Officer and the Local Government Advisor consider the news item was correct.

5. The official minutes of the meeting state that fourteen councillors were present and that eight were in favour of the advisors withdrawal, two opposed it. There is no mention of any abstentions.

6. The minutes of any council meeting at Garuahi have been to ^{my} knowledge always prepared by the President.

7. Instructions both written and verbal issued prior to the Patrols departure were explicit:

"Due to delicate political situation over there re withdrawal of administrative adviser, do not at any stage involve yourself in any discussions on local politics at village level; if you are asked questions, answer as factually as possible with a minimum of subjective content. However attempt to gauge the feelings of the people re this move".

8. As I expected approaches were made throughout the duration of the patrol as to why the advisor was withdrawn. The stock answer given was " That the Administration were confident that the Council was quite able to look after its own affairs and that at some stage in the Territory's development, councils throughout the Territory would have to go it on their own. That the decision was a democratic one and that it would be reviewed in February and that the Councils decision at that time would also be a democratic one. To wit after consultation with their constituents councillors would vote on the issue.

9. Most notable amongst those who spoke against the Advisors withdrawal were Councillors, Jasper of Topura who felt that the Council would lose an independent voice not subject to local affiliations. Abraham of Wamamama who stated that the Council would be dominated by the President, V. Guise whose thinking was too shrewd for most of them to understand.

Councillor Dickson of Taupota who saw the move as motivated by Dr. John Guise and was apolitical manoeuvre towards early independence. Councillor Prout Kabekabe of Wagahuhu - probably the strongest and shrewdest Papuan on the Council - expressed the opinion that as a result of the Advisors withdrawal, Government patrolling of the area would diminish and this would result in an upsurge of domestic disputes at village level i.e. land disputes etc.. Other objectors felt that Councils were an Australian institution and were not the Papuan way of doing things therefore an Australian should look after them. The strongest and most voluble group and this included Councillors Jasper, Dickson, and Abraham fear that control of the area will fall to an elite of which the Guises are considered leaders. This latter reason is dominant throughout the area and its implications are heightened by the recent formation of the self styled pressure group Damuni.

9. It is unfortunate that the Damuni Association did not have the foresight to publish their constitution and make it available at village level before or at the time of the announced formation of the Association.

Radical voices associated with the group appear to have spread the word that Damuni was formed to get alienated land back from the "Europeans". This story has been seized upon by the villagers as trickery because as everyone on the North East Coast knows, all alienated land in the area - Mission and Council land apart - is leased by the Guises or their relations. An elite of mixed racial origins who - as the village people see it - are not true Papuans and who have always received special treatment from the Administration and the Missions.

10. Whilst at Garuahi I was approached by Vernon Guise who asked me how the patrol had been received so far. He then stated that there appeared to be some misunderstanding as regards the removal of the Advisor and would I call meetings in each village and tell all the people that it was the Administrations idea and not his - an invidious position - As per patrol instructions I did not, but continued to answer direct questions if asked.

11. It is difficult to judge accurately just what proportion of the population is opposed to the move, certainly the feeling is stronger in the area to the West of Garuahi, but whether the councillors in this area will be able to prevail over their fellows is uncertain.

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National Government:

12. As previously stated there is a belief prevalent amongst some of the people that the withdrawal of the Council Advisor heralds an approach to early independence, I would estimate that at least 70% of the population of the area patrolled are satisfied to see the status quo remain, at least for another ten years.

The expressed attitude is one of:

The Australian Government is trying to push independence on to us. We don't want independence, but if we are given it and any trouble occurs after independence then that is the fault of the Australian Government.

T. C. Macindoe

T. C. Macindoe
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU. Milne Bay District.

26th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

Attached please find report submitted by Mr. T.C. Macindoe, Patrol Officer, covering the abovementioned Patrol through the Maramatana Council Area, North East Coast Census Division.

2. The report on Political Development will be forwarded under separate cover.
3. As will be noted from the report a social problem exists in the Maramatana Council Area, especially in the villages of LAVORA, TOPURA, WAMAMANANA and TAUPOTA. Because of the acute shortage of arable land there have been a large number of outward migrations, mainly by the men folk, which in turn has caused an unbalanced ratio between males and females of marriagable age. The net result of this is a serious threat to the social structure in these villages. It is suggested that the contents of this report be brought to the notice of the Welfare Officer. If this trend continues it may be necessary to consider re-settlement of these people. Your views on this problem would be appreciated, please.
4. It is pleasing to note that during August P.I.R. Patrol carried out some good work at the Garuahi Council Centre by constructing a double class room out of bush materials and repairing others; this will enhance the continued good relations between the P.I.R. and the people. Any schooling and staff problems will no doubt be referred to the District Education Board for necessary action.
5. The destruction of gardens in the East Cape area by wild pigs is another problem which has caused the people a great deal of concern. The advice given by Mr. Macindoe that hunting parties be organised to reduce the number of these menaces is probably the most effective remedial action that can be taken. The people have endeavoured to build coral walls without effect and there are no large timber stands in the vicinity which could be used to construct solid fences; properly constructed ditches could do doubt be excavated, but this would be arduous work compared to the adventure of hunting parties.
6. Apart from isolated areas the overall economic situation in this area has improved. Details of this satisfactory trend are fully covered on pages 3,7 and 8 of the report. The 12 miles of road from Taupota Village to Annies Inlet is now trafficable by tractor. Everyone is now anxiously awaiting the 'Green Light' from D.C.A. to open the air-strip at Garuahi which was recently completed. Could this matter please be brought to the notice of the Airport Inspector with the request that he inspect the strip in the near future.

7. Samples of the work produced by the United Church Mission Printing Press at East Cape have been sighted and some of the Christmas Cards are quite impressive. Five Papuans are continuously employed in this work.

8. I am pleased to report that the Patrol was well received and the people were most co-operative throughout the area. Mr. Macindoe has shown a keen interest in his field work and carried out an effective patrol in spite of adverse weather conditions. He has submitted an interesting, informative and well prepared report and map. Overall, a job well done.

G.P. Hardy
(G.P. Hardy)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Milne Bay District.

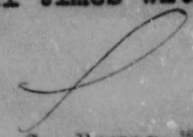
14th August, 1970.

Mr. T. Macindoe,
Sub District Office,
ALOTAU.

Dear Tom,

Please be prepared to depart on patrol for the Maramatana area on 17th August, 1970. The purpose of the patrol will be :-

1. Conduct an annual census revision.
 2. Collate information for an area study.
 3. Carry out any other routine Administration matters as they crop up.
2. You may arrange for an interpreter from over there as none is currently available here.
3. Due to delicate political situation over there re withdrawal of administrative advisor, do not at any stage involve yourself in any discussions on local politics at village level, if you are asked questions, answer as factually as possible with a minimum of subjective content. However, attempt to gauge the feelings of the people re this move.
4. Please liaise closely at all times with Councillors and council authorities.


J. C. Daras-Wells
Assistant District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
MARAMATANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY

Monday 17th August, 1970.

Departed Alo'su 0200 hours for Lavora Village - Maramatana Council Area - via Samarai for stores and fuel.

1900 hours arrived Garuai to overnight. Went ashore and visited missionary and discussed topical subjects re area.

Tuesday 18th August, 1970.

Ashore Lavora 0600 hours.

Commenced census at 0900 hours, concluded 1200 hours.

Proceeded Topura arriving at 1500 hours - census records and bookwork interviews etc. until 2300 hours.

Wednesday, 19th August, 1970.

Census revision Topura Village 0900 - 1300 hours
Various complaints re deserted wives till 1430. Census reconciliation intermittently - with breaks for food - until 2315.

Thursday 20th August, 1970.

From Topura 0730 to Iapoa No. 1 arriving destination 0900 hours. Census commenced immediately and finished 1000 hours. 1030 - Departed for Wamamamana and arrived there at 1500 hours. Called in on way at Hioge and discussed current situation with lay worker.

Friday 21st August, 1970.

Census revision Wamamamana 0930 hours - 1300 hours.

To Taupota at 1430 hours arriving 1630 hours.

Saturday 22nd August, 1970.

Census revision Taupota an all day job. One hundred and four migrations out recorded.

Sunday 23rd August, 1970.

Visited by Father Barnes, resident anglican priest, various aspects of village life discussed.

Monday 24th August, 1970.

Taupota to Garuahi where census revision concluded at 1330 hours. A number of complaints of a minor nature received.

Tuesday 25th August, 1970.

Complaint received about gambling school operating on Co-ops premises - pack of cards confiscated and strong warning issued.

To Awaiama - census revision concluded 1300 hours.

Inspected business premises (by request) pending application for licence to sell beer.

Wednesday, 26th August, 1970.

Awaiama to Keia, census revision completed at 1030 hours. Complaints re land disputed - particulars notated - action necessary as survey peg removed.

To Iapoa No. 2 arriving at 1600 hours.

Thursday 27th August, 1970.

Census revision Iapoa No. 2 till 1300 hours. Various complaints till 1500 hours. One man arrested and dispatched under custody of V.C. to Alotau in connection with gambling school operating in area.

Friday 28th August, 1970.

To Polotona for census revision - complaint received re land dispute. Particulars notated for future action.

To Huhuna for afternoon.

Saturday 29th August, 1970.

Census revision Huhuna - complaint re land dispute arbitrated. To Guga.

Sunday 30th August, 1970.

Observed at Guga.

Monday 31st August, 1970.

Census revision completed 1300 hours, thence to Wagahuhu.

Tuesday 1st September, 1970

Due absence of villagers who were attending United Church Synod at Lelehudi the patrol was called off at this point. Returned to Alotau via Lelehudi arriving Alotau 2030 hours.

Thursday 13th September, 1970.

The Patrol left Alotau for Labam Island at 0700 hours travelling in a double hulled motorized canoe. This vessel was swamped twice in choppy seas and had to be beached on both occasions. Some food was lost and most equipment saturated. Pulled into Bubuleta at 1400 hours and overnighted there.

Friday 18th September, 1970.

Foul weather prevented any departure and the patrol returned by agriculture vehicle to Alotau to replenish lost stores.

Saturday 19th September, 1970.

Departed Alotau 0530 hours by vehicle for Bubuleta and proceeded in direction of Labam. Rising winds caused vessel to be beached midway between Lelehudi and Walalala - camped here overnight.

Sunday 20th September, 1970.

Departed for Iabam Island at 0600 hours and arrived there at 0730 hours. to find only four people in village, the rest of population not having returned from the mainland and believed to be at East Cape awaiting transport.

Carried on to Nuakata Island.

Monday 21st September, 1970.

Census concluded mid morning. A storm which had arisen during the night continued throughout the day and prevented the Patrol's departure for East Cape.

Tuesday, 22nd September, 1970.

To East Cape arriving at 1000 hours. Censused Iabam Islanders here as majority present. Inspected village gardens in afternoon accompanied by village people. Gardens have been ravished by wild pigs whose numbers have reached plague proportions.

Wednesday 23rd, September, 1970.

Census revision East Cape concluded 1300 hours.

Patrol then proceeded to Ronana Village 1600 - 1730 hours. Problems discussed with various village people - mainly concerning trouble with wild pigs.

Thursday 24th September, 1970.

Census revision did not commence until 1100 hours. Villagers had party previous night - and concluded at 1500 hours. A long string of minor complaints heard on and off until 1930 hours.

Friday 25th September, 1960.

Left Ronana at 0800 hours for BIWA. Discussed land dispute re Crown Land and completed application for hearing - Land Titles Commission- en route. Arrived BIWA 1030 hours census completed 1330 hours. Patrol to Wagahuhu.

Saturday 26th September, 1970.

Heavy rain throughout night and morning delayed the arrival of villagers and the census which commenced at 1200 hours was completed at 1330 hours.

The patrol then proceeded to Aletau via Kelehudi and Babuletta arriving at 1930 hours.

Patrol Stood Down.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MARAMATANA COUNCIL AREA

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/70.

Introduction:

The objects of the Patrol were as set out in the attached Patrol Instructions. The Patrol was conducted accordingly.

2. As can be seen from the Village Population Register appended to this report a balance with last years figures was not achieved, I consider the reasons for this to be (a) In the interim between the present and last census, new records were prepared at Sub District Office, at various times four different Officers were engaged on this task and errors in transposition occurred, during census, spelling, sex and Date of Birth notations repeatedly occurred. (b) The previous census revision was undertaken by Mr. M. K. Rarus A.D.O. and it was noted that entries in the village books were repeatedly different from those on the Register. After numerous efforts by Mr. Rarus to achieve a balance had failed, the finally submitted Register for 1969/70 was prepared by Mr. D.N. Butler, A.D.O.

The Patrol Programme was broadcast over Radio Milne Bay but had to be called off at Wagahuhu when it was discovered that a United Church Synod was being held at Lelshudi Village, in the Milne Bay Council area. It was obvious that villagers wished to attend and were experiencing some apprehension whether to remain in their villages or not. Word was sent out that the Census had been called off and would be resumed at a later date.

Resumption of the Patrol was delayed somewhat due to foul weather. Iaban and Pahilele Islanders were censured at East Cape Village, where they were waiting transportation back to their homes.

3. Information for an area study was gathered - but - the Secretarys 67-1-0 of 25th October, 1970 a lot of this will now not be required.

4. An ex Administration interpreter Timothy Tatauro from Taupota Village was employed for the duration of the Patrol. A local man his assistance was invaluable particularly with regard to migrations and in other information collected.

3. Complete caution was observed at all times when matters political were raised. The Political section of the Situation report will be submitted under separate cover.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

MARAMATANA COUNCIL AREA

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 3 OF 9170/71.

SITUATION REPORT.

Political:

Submitted under separate cover.

Social:

1. For ease of reporting, geographically and socially the Maramatana area can be divided into two sections. The West, from Lavora Village to Iapoa No. 2 which is dominated by Anglican influence, and the East from Polotona to East Cape and including Nuakata, Iabam and Pahilele Islands, which area comes under the influence of the United Church. There is a small group of Seventh Day Adventists in the Iapoa No. 2, Polotona, Huhuna area who's numbers are showing a significant increase.
2. It is apparent that a chronic shortage of arable land exists in the Anglican area and effects the villages of Lavora, Topura, Wamamamana and Taupota. Immediate effects of this land shortage can be seen in the Village Population Register attached. Migrations out and absent workers far exceed in average other villages covered by this report. (East Cape also has a high migration out absent worker population but reasons for this are different.) As a result of the necessity of inhabitants to seek employment elsewhere, a complete breakdown in the social structure is occurring in these villages. An imbalance of males and females of marriagable age occurs and normally where children born out of wedlock would be absorbed by other families i.e. childless couples relations etc., this is not the case here. Of the fifty seven illegitimate children of ten years and under recorded in the whole area and who are being looked after by their unwed mothers, forty are from the four villages mentioned. There are also a large number of deserted wives and children in this area. This matter will be dealt with in more detail in amendments to Mr. M. K. Rarua's Area Study of 1969/70.
3. A. P.I.R. Civic Action Patrol visited the Council Centre at Garuahi during early August and whilst there a double bush material classroom was constructed and others repaired (see my Alotau Patrol Report No. 13 of 1969/70. Social, Education) The Patrol was accompanied by a United Church Padre who investigated the situation at Garuahi school as regards complaints

from the United Church area regarding an Anglican bias in the school curriculum. The Padre subsequently wrote to the Rev. R. McKay, East Cape and informed him that of the two hundred and fourteen children enrolled at Garuahi only thirteen were Methodists from the United Church area. This would appear to indicate that the Methodist bloc are not supporting the school. Briefly the situation is: When first mooted the centre at Garuahi was envisioned as a centre that would serve the whole Maramatana area, school, hospital, airstrip, council headquarters etc.. Villagers, most councillors and certainly the Garuahi school Principal, Miss E. Clerk, believed that the centre which was to be built by the Council would be staffed on a fifty fifty basis from the Anglican and United Church Missions. The Education Officer for the United Church, Miss Russel and the Rev. Ross McKay say that they were never at any time asked to supply staff on this basis, and that only a tentative suggestion was ever put to them regarding assistance with the Garuahi Centre. Hence we find that mission staff at Garuahi both hospital and school total twelve and of these only one teacher has been sent by the Methodist Mission, and only after repeated requests by Miss Clerk.

As a considerable amount of the Councils capital expenditure is annually earmarked for the Centre it is not unexpected that the United Church people are grumbling.

4. The Seventh Day Adventists opened a small station at Polotona in 1963. Since that time this Mission has consolidated its position in the area and numbers its followers at one hundred and twenty two. The main reasons for the success of this group are the persistence and dedication of the staff and the attractive educational facilities offered. A school with twenty pupils operates at Polotona where children are taught to standard two. From thereon children are sent to the Missions well appointed school at Kilakilana Plantation on the Ealeba Coast of the Milne Bay Council Area. From there to Goroka. Fees are as can be afforded by the parents.

5. Requests were made by villagers at East Cape for assistance in ridding the area of a plague of wild pigs which have devastated their gardens. For the first time in living memory, no houses have not been built as there is nothing to put in them. An inspection of gardens was undertaken in the company of villagers and damage observed certainly supports their claims. All root crops destroyed and even banana and paw paws pushed over. Estimated numbers given were that

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approximately one hundred and fifty to two hundred animals were foraging in the vicinity. Villagers stated that they will ask the Council for relief from tax payments for the next three years so that they can purchase food. Presently it appears that all cash received from copra sales is going this way anyway.

The people were advised that as an immediate control measure they could consider pooling the four or five shotguns in the area and appointing full time hunters until such times as the animals were sufficiently decimated as to allow a relaxed programme of shooting or until the animals dispersed as a result of constant persecution.

The migrations out and absent workers from East Cape are a direct result of the plague.

Economic:

The North East Coast Road on which work commenced in January 1968 has been completed in the rough over the original planned route. The Council tractor is making periodic trips to the wharf at Annies Inlet and fair quantities of copra are being shipped over the wharf where trading vessels are now calling at regular intervals. Approximately twelve miles of road from Taupota Village to Annies Inlet has been constructed and the road serves the most productive area in Maramatana.

Miscellaneous:

Garushi Strip: The airstrip at Garushi which is to be called the "Guize Airstrip" in honour of the Speaker - was roughed out by a P.I.R. Civic Action Patrol during October, 1968, has received constant attention since that time in surface upgrading, grassing and drainage. The strip was extensively used during a recent civil emergency and all pilots that landed planes on it commented on its excellence. More recently - in August - the Army's senior pilot placed it on a par with the better small strips in the Territory. All that remains at this stage is the okay from D.C.A. and the strip will be opened to charter and private flights. No doubt D.C.A. will give their approval in due course.

Land Disputes: Details concerning two land disputes were forwarded to The Land Titles Commissioner as a result of complaints received during the course of the Patrol. One dispute concerned village land at Polotona and the other Administration

land at Biwa. As a result of a third complaint received concerning the removal of a survey peg at Keia, a man was charged and convicted at Alotau under Section 5 of the Survey Marks Ordinance (1951).

Conclusion:

The Patrol was well received at all times and Councillors, village officials and villagers were most co-operative throughout the area.

T. C. Macindoe

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Assistant Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT NO 4-70-7

~ BY ~

MR. A. H. CORNILLIE

ALOTAU

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

Time Study Date

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67-4-15

Division of District Administration,

ECNEDOBUI, PAPUA.

20th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71

Your reference 67-7-1 of 7th December, 1970.

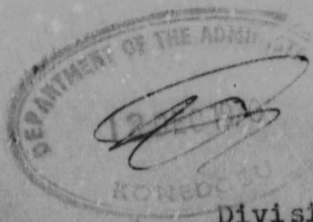
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. A.H. Cornillie, Patrol Officer, of the Buhutu Census Division.

It is a well-documented and interesting report. Mr. Cornillie has done an excellent job.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

cc: Mr. A.H. Cornillie,
District Office,
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

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Division of District Administration,

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

7th December, 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1970/71

Thank you for this well written and informative Report.

The economic development of this area is indeed steadily increasing and you are to be commended for allocating an officer to supervise the Buhutu road work. The importance of this road cannot be stressed and I would like to see an officer kept fairly constantly on the task until the road is complete. You should also make the Council aware of the importance being placed on the task.

Interest in national politics largely remains with the M.H.A.'s and budding aspirants. At local level interest is only parochial. During the past fifty years Field Officers have endeavoured to stimulate widening interest, now it is the aim of the M.H.A.'s, but basically the same problem exists - the people's interests are not yet awakened. An interesting sidelight is that the Administration is still blamed, both by the politician and the people! Never-the-less our task is to try and keep the people interested, but the policies of the various Minister must not be overlooked .. once they are stated.

Mr. Cornillie has carried out a most useful patrol and his Report is a credit to him.

Camping Claim herewith.

F.G.D. [Signature]
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KORHEBU

For your information and comments, please.

F.G.D. [Signature]
F. G. DRIVER
District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
Alotau,
Milne Bay District.

5th November, 1970.

Mr. A.H. Cornillie,
Patrol Officer,
Alotau.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - ALOTAU PATROL NO.4 OF 1970/71.


1. As verbally advised please be prepared to depart on a Patrol to the Buhutu Census Division on Wednesday 11th November, 1970. Apart from sending the Interpreter ahead to arrange for carriers, arrange with Radio Milne Bay to advise the people of your itinerary.
2. The main objects of your Patrol will be:-
 1. Routine Administration, including talks and discussions on political education; "Towards a United Country" will be your guide-line for the latter.
 2. Area Study; refer to Headquarters memorandum 67-1-0 of 25th September, 1970, covering the latest information on Area Studies. In the case of the Buhutu Census Division it is necessary that an up-dated Area Study be compiled.
 3. Check on road progress in the area and ascertain where the people would best benefit the services of one of our Officers to assist them ~~them~~ with any particular project. Also please give me a report on the condition of the road between Gurney Airstrip and the Gumine River.
 4. Settle any disputes or complaints by arbitration where possible. If Court action is necessary refer the matter to the Local Court at Alotau.
3. Read through past Patrol Reports covering the Buhutu area.
4. Obtain a cash advance to cover your anticipated requirements for the Patrol.
5. I have been advised by the District Commissioner that all Demarcation work is to cease immediately.

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The recent murder of an alleged sorcerer by two men is indicative of the general feelings towards sorcerers. Short of murder the only antidote to the problem seems to be a stronger response by the people to supply the necessary information against the alleged sorcerers and severer sentences. The new legislation on sorcery will widen the scope of bringing sorcerers to justice. Mr. Cornillie has given a full account of Sorcery in Appendix " B " of the report and gave the people sound advice concerning this problem.

6. Mr. Cornillie has submitted a well prepared and comprehensive report. He was eager to do a good job and has done so; he is to be congratulated on his efforts.

7. A claim for Camping Allowance is attached for your approval, please.


G. P. Hardy,
Assistant District Commissioner.

Distroff.

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU, Milne Bay District.

30th. November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71.


Attached please find Report submitted by Mr. A.H. Cornillie, Patrol Officer, covering the abovementioned Patrol through the Buhutu Census Division.

2. I am pleased to report that the Patrol was well received throughout the Buhutu Census Division and that, apart from the lack of interest on the part of the people towards Political education talks and discussions, the objects of the patrol were satisfactorily achieved.
3. Political development in this area is mainly confined to the Local Government Council level; beyond this stage the people are not particularly interested and during the course of the Patrol showed little interest in political education talks and discussions. With this attitude in mind it is difficult for the Officer concerned to engender enthusiasm towards "forced" political education in the field, unless the people are willing and keen to respond. It is obvious that these people are content merely with political activities at Council level and still tend to favour being administered by Officers of the Central Government.
4. Economic development is steadily improving and the people are showing a keen interest to improve this situation by the improvement of road communications and cash cropping. An excellent economic potential exists in this area, but it cannot be fully exploited until there are adequate communications. With limited resources the people are striving to overcome the difficult task of constructing roads throughout the area. Because of their efforts I would like to see every consideration given to these people by way of increased rural development funds. Meanwhile to assist their enthusiastic cause I have sent an Assistant Patrol Officer, Mr. G. Jones, to the Buhutu area to concentrate on organising Road Supervisors, assist with quantities lists for bridges and generally assist them with their road construction programme. Mr. Jones will remain in the area for two weeks in the first instance on this task.
5. Social development whilst well advanced will continue to improve with the expansion of road communications and economic development. The latter in due course may encourage absentees to return to the area. Apart from the problem of absenteeism the only other social problem seems to be the fear of sorcery.

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Please advise all Derogation Committees accordingly and that they will be informed of any alteration to the said instruction.

6. I trust you have a successful and pleasant Patrol. Should you require any advice or assistance during the course of the Patrol, do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.


G.P. Hardy,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

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PATROL DIARY - ALOTAU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/1971.

11th November, 1970. Departed Alotau per Toyota vehicle at 0620. Arrived at NAURA village at 0720. Despite announcements by Radio Milne Bay and assurances by the Council President, no carriers were present. Departed NAURA at 0915 with 4 carriers only, more men arrived an hour later. Arrived on the banks of the GUMINI River at 1315, NAURA men refused to carry further so men from the BUHUTU area were recruited. After many stops the patrol eventually arrived at SAGARAI plantation at 1730. Carriers paid, brief talks with Mr. I. Griffiths, Assistant Manager, Sagarai Estate, then by vehicle to TOMONAU plantation. Talks with Mr. J. Parry, Manager of Sagarai Estate and Mr. I. Reardon, R.D.O. Alotau. Slept at TOMONAU.

12th November, 1970. Departed TOMONAU at 0800 and arrived at SIASIADA village at 1130, carriers paid. Attended final part of Land Tenure Conversion talk given by R.D.O. Reardon, to the local people. Talks with R.D.O. concerning his own patrol programme. My own Political Development and Education talk was poorly attended, during the afternoon. Possibly the people were tired at having to absorb both talks in the same day. Slept at SIASIADA.

13th November, 1970. Experienced some difficulty obtaining sufficient carriers from SIASIADA. Departed at 0915 when men arrived. Arrived at IPOULI village at 1030. Council Welfare girls were already occupying the Rest House. Meeting held, again on Political Development. Attendance and interest was minimal. Departed IPOULI at 1330, inspected IPOULI Aid Post and Primary " T " School on the way. Arrived

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at GELEMALAI A at 1645. Patrol route included walking the length of the new BUHUTU Road work, by the people of GELEMALAI A Ward. Very impressed by their efforts. Paid carriers, moved into the Rest House and arranged for the GELEMALAI A people to assemble in the morning. Slept at GELEMALAI A.

14th November, 1970.

Early part of the morning spent talking to the Local Government Councillor and his wife. People assembled by 0900 and meeting ensued. Some interest evident from questions asked. More concern and interest shown in their road work. An adultery case was brought up after the close of the discussions. Referred to Alotau Local Court. Afternoon spent visiting gardens and plantations in the vicinity of the Rest House. Slept at GELEMALAI A.

15th November, 1970.

Sunday observed here. Heavy rain fell during late morning and for most of the afternoon. Slept at GELEMALAI A.

16th November, 1970.

Departed GELEMALAI A at 0815 having, once again experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining carriers. Arrived at MILA village at 1000. Carriers paid. Heavy rain fell until 1400. Meeting held, these people showed little interest in Political matters, great interest in their road work and even more in the current tension induced by the sorcery killing at GIBARA. Slept at MILA.

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17th November, 1970. Departed MIMA with a full complement of 12 carriers at 0745. After frequent stops, to enable carriers, cook and Interpreter to remove multitudes of leeches from their feet, also to inspect disused gold mines, patrol arrived at KILAKILANA at 1330. Rest House has fallen down so moved into the now abandoned Aid Post building. Carriers paid. Councillor Gadosisi not present, village almost deserted of people so no meeting was held. Afternoon spent drafting patrol report. Councillor Gadosisi arrived by canoe at 1700. Talked with him late into the evening, mainly on the subject of the recent sorcery killing in his ward. This appears to be causing much tension throughout the area. Report contained in Appendix to the Area Study attached. Slept at KILAKILANA.

18th November, 1970. Chartered Dajo Catholic Mission vessel " Stella Maris " at 1040. Arrived back at Alotau wharf at 1150. Patrol stood down.

Except where otherwise stated, all patrol movements were undertaken on foot.

A.H. Cornillie

(A.H. Cornillie.)
Patrol Officer.

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SITUATION REPORT: BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 4. OF 1970/1971.

1. POLITICAL.

1. The Buhutu Census Division lies within the Milne Bay Local Government Council Area, one of the first Councils to be established in Papua and New Guinea. As would be expected, the people have a fairly high degree of sophistication, associated with a long Council history.

2. My visit to the area, though brief, served to show that the Buhutu people do have a real grasp of the aims and functions of their Council. It also served to show that their interest in the institution is not great. However their interest deepens when the operations of the Council are directly concerned with their own, local situation.

3. Some time ago these people were embittered because they saw no material return from the Council for the Tax they were paying. This situation has now been rectified with the provision of a new Tractor and Trailer, Aid Post and money for the Buhutu road work.

4. The awareness of the functions of the House of Assembly is not so great. As with most groups, their parochial interests take precedence. They know of their Members, though I was surprised to learn that neither Dr. John Guise or Mr. Cecil Abel have ever visited the area to explain their work. The former spent one night at Sagarai plantation but did not hold any meetings.

5. At no time did any of the groups visited give any indication of their feelings about the qualities, or otherwise, of their members.

6. There is no desire for early Self-Determination, on the contrary, I gained the impression that the people still feel very dependent on the guidance of the current Administration.

7. I feel that the Buhutu people are thinking of national unity. One man advocated as much inter-marriage between Papuans and New Guineans as possible. He said he was single so I suggested he started the ball rolling right away!

B. ECONOMIC.

8. Before departing on this patrol I was informed that the Buhutu valley was, economically, the most promising area in the Milne Bay Sub-District. Not having visited the other parts of the Sub-District I am unable to make a comparison. However I must comment of the quality of the area in respect to vegetation and apparent general fertility.

9. Small private coconut and coffee plantations are numerous, as are communal plantings. All the palms and bushes appeared in excellent condition, bearing good, healthy quantities of nuts and beans. New plantings and semi-mature trees are to be seen everywhere.

10. I walked through many of these plantations during the course of the patrol and found very little evidence of neglected and rotting nuts on the ground. All villages visited had seed coconuts ready for planting.

11. The rivers and streams in the area abound with Crab, Prawns and, according to Ian Griffiths of Sagarai plantation, Barramundi. That gentleman also suggested that, with the opening of the Airstrip at Siasiada, perhaps a healthy business in this field could be established.

12. The completion of the road through the valley is essential to the further economic development of the area. To enable the quick and efficient shipping out of copra, coffee, cocca and seafood, and to facilitate the speedy return of material reward that these people require to maintain their enthusiasm for progress. A great deal of labour and effort is yet needed before the valley road becomes operational. I urged every Councillor to push for more funds for the project, both from the Milne Bay Council itself and from the Rural Development Fund, if at all possible. I feel that this project ought to receive funds automatically, to ensure its success.

20. It would appear that the only social problem in the Buhutu area is absenteeism. I visited 7 villages and was told of the difficulties caused by the young, strong men leaving their villages to find work in main centres.

C. SOCIAL.

13. The people of the Milne Bay District are amongst the most advanced, socially, in the Territory. Due presumably to their long contact with European influences.
14. The influence of Kwato Mission (United Church) is very evident in all the Buhutu villages. The villages are neat and tidy, the houses in good repair and kept very clean. Although of " bush-materials " all the houses and buildings show signs of modern construction; adzed timber in the frameworks, well-constructed joints rather than rough lashings, regular steps instead of " notched-logs."
15. Appendix " A " gives a list of men and women with Technical and Clerical skills, many of these are Kwato trained.
16. Health appears good. The only Aid Post in the area is at IPOULI village. I inspected this during the course of the patrol and found it to be well stocked with Drugs and equipment.
17. Primary "T" schools are situated at IPOULI, SIASIADA and GELEMLAIA. These schools were also inspected and found to be in good condition. Attendances are good.
18. The valley is quiet and law-abiding, although a recent Sorcery killing at GIBARA on the Ealaba coast is causing some tension at present. See Appendix "B" of the Area Study accompanying this report.
19. Apart from the schools and Aid Post, the only services in the area are provided by three commercial trade stores, at TOMONAU, SAGARAI and IPOULI. The Bank of New South Wales Savings bank agency at TOMONAU plantation has ceased to function due to a lack of custom - a great pity/.
20. It would appear that the only pressing social problem in the Buhutu area is absenteeism. In all villages I visited I was told of the difficulties caused by all the young, strong men leaving their villages to find work in main centres.

21. In every village I visited I was informed of this problem. The womenfolk complain that they are called upon to perform mens' work, to the detriment of their own household duties. The men counter this by saying that, as most of the young men are away, the women must do these tasks. The gardens must be kept clean and weeded, as with the plantations. The villages must be kept neat and the road work must continue.

22. Short of severe legislation restricting freedom of movement, I can see no viable solution to this particular problem.

D. MISCELLANEOUS.

23. The Buhutu people appear reasonably happy and content with their present "lot". Their main worry being the lack of organisation on the road project. I was repeatedly told that they felt the need for the "power" of a European(s) in order that the work is completed quickly. My observations on this particular situation are included in Appendix "C" of the Area Study accompanying this report.

24. From my own point of view the patrol was not as happy as it might have been. It was a constant strain to maintain enthusiasm for the main task of the patrol i.e. Political Education. This stemmed from the obvious lack of interest shown by the people. My impression is that the people are tired of hearing the same old things time and again.

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A.H. Cornillie

(A.H. Cornillie.)
Patrol Officer.

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AREA PATROLLED: BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 4 OF 1970/1971.

TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

SIASIADA VILLAGE.

- MOSES KAILUGUNA - Driver/Mechanic, currently working at Tomonau plantation.
- SIMENISI MADAWE - Driver/Mechanic, currently working at Tomonau plantation.
- DIKANA TAUDAIAUNA - Motor car driver, currently working in Port Moresby.
- BOLASA SAMUEL - Carpenter, currently working at Tomonau plantation.
- DAVID DIWENINA - Carpenter ex- Sagarai plantation, not working at present.
- DAVID SILOWAI - Carpenter - Sideia C/M trained, not working presently.

IPOULI VILLAGE.

- THOMAS WELENIA - Driver working at Alotau.
- BESSIE WELENIA - Teacher at a Catholic Mission school on Goodenough Island.
- SESELONIA DEISI - Bricklayer and concrete worker, ex Port Moresby, not currently working.
- HUBERT IASABWAI - Driver working in Port Moresby.

GELEMALALA VILLAGE.

- JOHN TIPOPO - Plumber - Kwato trained, recently returned from Port Moresby, not currently working.
- IAKADAU DIAWAI - Carpenter ex-Port Moresby, not currently working.
- RAILEBU HENRY - Bricklayer ee Port Moresby, not currently working.

MILA VILLAGE.

- BUIOMA'I TAUDIA NO.2.- Council tractor driver, working on the Buhutu tractor and trailer.
- BOIUWE SIMANINI - Driver currently working in Lae.

TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS (Cont'd)

MILA VILLAGE. (Cont'd).

SIPELENI JACK - Driver working in Lae.

OLENI TAUDIA NO.1.- Female teacher working at WATUNOU
Primary " T " School.

JAMES MAFISADI - Has had experience in electrical work
and bricklaying. Was a workshop hand
at Sideia.

IAMENI LILIBLO- Bricklayer, not working at present.

A.H. Cornillie.

(A.H. Cornillie.)
Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED: BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 4 OF 1970/1971.

SORCERY.

1. During the course of this patrol it became very evident that the recent killing of a sorcerer, Name of GAISENI, at GIBARA village is causing considerable tension among the people of the Buhutu, Baleba coast end, I'm told, even among the people of the Pife Bay area.
2. My notice of this tension was initially brought about by a story from the patrol interpreter, Maurice Towasai. He told me that a man called METOA, a boss-boy at Tomonau plantation, was having trouble with sorcerers. Metoa's two young daughters had died suddenly, a week prior to the patrols' visit to the area. He had held a public meeting and proclaimed that he would kill the man concerned.
3. He is also alledged to have offered \$100 to any person who could give him evidence of whom the sorcerer might be.
4. I interviewed METOA in order to bring his attention to the Rule of Law, that on no account was he to take the law into his own hands. He became very agitated, but seemed to accept the fact that his killing of any person would ultimately lead to his own imprisonment for a long period. He then went on to express extreme disgust at the Administrations' handling of such situations. His complaint is that such sorcerers are usually acquitted by the courts, to return to their villages and continue their sorcery. He repeated that he would find the man concerned and punish him accordingly. He added that the Administration was welcome even to shoot him if necessary, he has no wish to grow old now that his daughters are dead.
5. I assured this man that, if he would tell the Administration who the sorcerer was, using the radio at Tomonau if necessary, police would be sent to investigate. The sorcerer, if found guilty by the court, would be punished. He said he accepted this.

SORCERY (Cont'd.)

6. Continuing the patrol, the Interpreter told me that some of the people had said that they thought the purpose of my patrol was to find out more about sorcery, as a result of the killing. At each stop I instructed the Interpreter to inform the people that the main object of the patrol was to talk about and discuss political matters - I also told him to tell the people that I would be pleased to discuss any other questions or problems they had. At MILA village, the closest Buhutu village to GIBARA, I was asked what I thought of the killing.

7. I repeated what I had said before on the Rule of Law, that if the Administration could help in any way, to overcome the fears of sorcery, it would, but it was up to the people to supply the necessary information.

8. At KILAKILANA village, on the Baleba coast, while waiting for a boat to Alotau, Councillor Gadosisi spoke to me for hours on this sorcery problem. He was not interested in talking on any other subject.

9. This man, whose integrity I would not doubt, told me that the feelings of his people, of all the Buhutu people, and of the people of the Fife Bay area, were of great gratification that this notorious sorcerer, GAISENI, was now dead.

10. He told me that it was a community decision that this man should die. The two men who subsequently killed GAISENI were merely the instruments because their families had been the most recent victims of the sorcerer.

11. I pointed out to him the obvious dangers of the people taking the law into their own hands in this way, that this could very easily lead to violence in the future, with the deaths of innocent people as a result. He agreed with this and said that the two " murderers " should be punished. He added that the prison sentence should not be more than nine months, that if he got the chance to speak at the Supreme Court hearing he would inform the Judge of this. I asked him how his people would feel in the

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SORCERY (Cont'd.)

event of a more severe sentence, he said - " I think they would be very angry."

12. There is no doubt that, in the minds of the community, the murderers have done the whole area a great service.

13. Councillor Gadosi went on to say that there were five more sorcerers operating in the area. At the next general meeting of the Council on December 8th, 1970, he will bring this subject up in the hope of exposing these men and bringing them to justice.

14. It is my opinion that fear of reprisals from the sorcerers will prevent any useful action being taken.

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PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 4 OF 1970/ 1971.

BUHUTU ROAD.

1. This Council project is approximately half completed. When complete a vehicular road will link Tomonau plantation, the shipping point for the valley, with SIASIADA, IPOULI, GELEMALAI and MILA villages.

2. At present it is possible, during dry periods, to drive a tractor from Tomonau to SIASIADA and IPOULI villages. Beyond IPOULI the road is not yet open.

3. The work remaining is mainly bridging and fording small streams, culverting and drainage and a small amount of levelling.

4. 90% of the road is cleared of timber and scrub.

5. The main worry of the people, apart from a lack of funds, is to achieve efficient organisation of road labour. GELEMALAI ward has nominated a road foreman - JUDY JOHN - and this man is doing an excellent job in that ward.

6. If, as is planned, an Officer goes to the valley to assist in this project I would suggest that his main task would be the organisation of labour. To work in a ward for a period and pick a man who appears enthusiastic and intelligent. This man would then work alongside the Officer organising gangs etc. When the Officer eventually departs the "trained" man would then remain as foreman.

7. The other important task would be to assess the material requirements; cement, deck spikes, drums etc., for use in bridge and culvert construction. The local Councillors would then be in a position to make a submission to the Council and/or the Rural Development Fund, for the required funds.

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Patrol Officer.

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AREA PATROLLED: BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 4 OF 1970/1971.

SCHOOLS.

GELEMALAI.

Primary " T " school - Prep and Standard 1. One indigenous teacher. A Kwato school.

Prep: 3 girls - 8 boys - Total: 11.

Standard 1. 2 girls - 8 boys - Total: 10.

Total of 21 children enrolled.

SIASIADA.

Primary " T " school. Standards 1, 4 and 6. Three indigenous teachers. One with a " C " certificate and two with " A " certificates. An Administration school.

<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
1	14	14	28
4	4	14	18
6	11	17	28
<u>Total no. of children -</u>			<u>74</u>

IPOULI.

Primary " T " school. Prep and Standard 2. One indigenous, male teacher holding an " A " cert. A Catholic Mission school.

<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4-Prep	10	8	18
Dep 2	11	7	18
<u>Total number of children -</u>			<u>36</u>

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ECONOMIC TREES. RIVER ROAD.

1. COCONUTS.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>MATURE.</u>	<u>IMMATURE.</u>
MILA	3518	2420
SIASIADA	15142	4650
GELEMALAI	3740	8000
IPOULI	13689	5600
MILA HAMLET	1665	1490.
TOTALS:	37,754	22,160⁶

2. COFFEE.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>MATURE.</u>	<u>IMMATURE.</u>
MILA	2132	-
SIASIADA	4431	-
GELEMALAI	3192	-
IPOULI	7617	-
MILA HAMLET	975.	-
TOTALS:	18,347	Nil.

3. There is no Cocoa in production in the area.

4. All the above figures were supplied by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries at Alotau.

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GURNEY TO GUMINI RIVER ROAD.

1. The first part of this road is in very good condition, passing through Hagita and Waigani plantations.
2. Just past the western end of Waigani, on the Kanopoka river, a steel bridge existed. This was constructed by the Public Works Department but was washed away during Christmas 1969, some two weeks after it was completed.
3. The District Works Engineer at Alotau has informed me that a new bridge will be constructed over this river. This will be of concrete and steel construction, similar to the bridge nearing completion at Rabe. 80' steel beams for this bridge are being prepared in Port Moresby and should be on the site in 3 to 4 weeks. The subsequent construction should take 3 to 4 months.
4. Apart from a small, swampy area in the vicinity of the Kanopoka river, the road to NAURA village is good.
5. From NAURA village to the Gumini river the road is almost non existant. There are signs that timber was cut off the road at some stage in the past, but now secondary scrub covers almost all the track.

A.H. Cornillie

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Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....LILNE BAY.....Report No.....5 of 1970/71.....

Patrol Conducted by.....G. JONES (A.P.C.).....

Area Patrolled.....BUHUTU VALLEY.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....-----.....

Natives.....MAURICE TOWASAI (Interpreter).....

Duration—From.....30...../.....11...../.....1970.....to.....15...../.....12...../.....1970.....

Number of Days.....16.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....-----.....

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

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

Map Reference.....FOURMIL SAMARAI.....

Objects of Patrol.....Check on road projects in the area.....

Director of District Administration,
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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KOHEDOBU.....Papua.
15th April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO.5 OF 1970/71

Your reference is 67-7-1 of 8th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special and Situation Report by Mr. G. JONES, Assistant Patrol Officer to the BUIUTU Census Division.

The report appears somewhat vague and that very little was done by the Officer to obtain information necessary for the report.

It is necessary that officers submitting reports be reminded of the orders contained in the Departmental Standing Instructions Chapter IV as revised to date.

Incomplete Patrol Reports submitted to this Headquarters are of little value in any event.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
10 MAR 1971
KONEDOBU

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-7-1
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

8th March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 5/1970-71

I attach a copy of the above report, submitted by Mr. G. Jones, A.P.O.

The original report submitted by Mr. Jones was incomplete, and he was instructed to provide more detail on certain aspects. It took almost three weeks to extract the amended report from Mr. Jones.

The reference concerning D.D.T. being stored in the SIASIADA Rest House has been passed to the District Health Officer for his attention. I have now been advised that the officer responsible has been convicted, and fined under the Public Service Ordinance.

I have no comments to add to those of the Assistant District Commissioner.

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

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
ALOTAU



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....G7.1.4
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.
28th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
ALOTAU.

PATROL REPORT No. 5 - 1970/71.

Enclosed please find one copy only of the above report conducted by Mr. G. Jones, A.P.O., together with camping allowance claim in respect of the interpreter.

Mr. Jones has not submitted his own claim for camping allowance and he will be requested to do so on his return from his current patrol of the Maramatana area, ETA Alotau being 8/2/71.

Because of various matters mentioned later in this appraisal, I have not forwarded the complete report in order that Mr. Jones may amend those sections of it in which I feel more detail is required.

The report is brief and was mounted for a specific purpose. The patrol closely followed No. 4 to the same area, and this latter report adequately covered the general aspects of the Buhutu Census Division in an Area Survey. The late submission of the report has been due to Mr. Jones' absence in Australia over the Christmas period.

The patrol was apparently leisurely and the objects largely achieved. The enthusiasm of the people must be sustained at all costs, and it was towards this end that the patrol and its assessment of possible assistance was mounted. Although no mention was made specifically to the appointment of road foremen, they were mentioned in the diary and it seems there is one for each section of the road.

SITUATION REPORT:-

PAGE 2, HEALTH:

With an increasing awareness by the modern world of the disastrous consequences of indiscriminate utilisation of DDT, it is a matter for consternation that Malaria Services appear so lax over the storage of the powder.

PAGES 2 & 3, BUHUTU ROAD:

It is a matter of first priority that the tractor be engaged in the transportation of rocks and gravel to remedy the damage being caused by this vehicle. Its use must be restricted until the surface can be considered up to such heavy wear. Bridging on the second section will present problems and may require the services of an officer of this department to assist in planning and construction, although this is not clear in the report.

The material requirements for road and bridge construction will be passed on to the Milne Bay Council after further discussion with the patrolling officer to clarify points such as the type of wire and the number of steel mats.

The type of bridge construction needs to be discussed and a written submission made to the Council by the patrolling officer. He will be requested to do so. Reference should be made to Mr. Macindoe's Patrol Report No. 4 of 1969/70 in which he makes detailed proposals for each crossing, and from this a more concise list of materials may be compiled. Several fords are recommended in this report.

Mr. Jones' map appears in error regarding the location of the wharf, and therefore the road, other sources indicating that it is not on the Sagarai River. It will be returned to Mr. Jones for correction.

With a proposed \$3,200 being made available in 1971/72 from Rural Development Funds for this road, it may be anticipated that progress will be rapid, but it will be up to the Council to ensure that materials are supplied when required and that supervision is adequate. A programme of development is desirable in order that priorities may be given those sectors that may be more readily linked to the existing system, and thereby giving encouragement to the people of Buhutu. Second priority should be given the more difficult, remote or lengthy sectors. To see at least part of the new section being utilised will boost the people's enthusiasm and give them a sense of direction and achievement.

For your information and comments, sir.

G.L. Parker
G.L. Parker,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. G. Jones,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU.

Please submit camping allowance claim earliest and comply with requirements as per paras. 8 and 9.

G.L. Parker
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Sub-District Office
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

4th March, 1971.

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The District Commissioner,
Alotau.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1970/71.

My 67-4-1 of 28th January 1971, refers.

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Considering the amount of discussion that emanated between Mr. Jones and myself on the matters requiring more detail in his report, it is disappointing that Mr. Jones should have submitted but one additional page in the time between my request and to date. Three weeks have passed in which this task, together with the compilation of Patrol No. 6, has been carried out.

Mr. Jones will be asked to submit to the Council this week a list of materials on a crossing by crossing basis in order that its 1971/1972 capital works programme may be accurately compiled.

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU, Milne Bay District.

25th. November, 1970.

Mr. G.L.Jones,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
ALOTAU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

As verbally advised, please prepare to proceed on patrol on Monday, 30th. November, 1970 to the Buhutu Census Division for a period of two weeks.

2. The main objects during the Patrol will be:-

- (1) To check on road projects in the area.
- (2) Choose and train suitable men in each Ward to act as Road Foremen where no-one is carrying out this task.
- (3) Assess what materials are required for each project so that submissions may be made to the Milne Bay Council for consideration.
- (4) Give technical advice as required.
- (5) Carry out general administration insofar as hearing and settling minor matters by arbitration. Should any matters require Court action, they are to be referred to the Local Court, Alotau.

3. Confer with Mr. Cornillie, who has just completed a Patrol to this area, regarding the various road projects.

4. Obtain a Cash Advance to cover your anticipated requirements.

5. You will be accompanied by Interpreter Morris Towasai.

6. I trust you have a successful and pleasant Patrol. Should you require any assistance or advice during the course of your patrol, do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

G.P. Harby
(G.P. HARBY.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 5 OF 1970/71.
SUB-DISTRICT: MILNE BAY.
DISTRICT: MILNE BAY.
COUNCIL AREA: MILNE BAY L.G.C.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G. JONES (A.P.O.)
AREA PATROLLED: RURUTU VALLEY.
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: ONE INTERPRETER --MAURICE TOWASAI.
DURATION: (16 DAYS) 30-11-70 to 15-12-70.
OBJECT OF PATROL: AS PER INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED.
MAP REFERENCE: FOURMIL SAMARAI.

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30th. November, 1970.

Departed Alotau at 0500 on D.A.S.F. boat M.V. "Yelangili" for the Buhutu Valley via Samarai. Expected arrival at Buhutu Tuesday morning. Unfortunately an eleven hour delay at Samarai resulted in an arrival on Tuesday night. This upset meeting arrangements with carriers and the interpreter who had gone over the previous Saturday.

1st. December, 1970.

Arrived at Fife Bay at 0600. A two hour pause for D.A.S.F. business so talked with O.I.C. Suau Patrol Post, R. Nehmy about the development of roadworks and impending airstrip in his area as well as other matters. Collected pilot at Konamaiava at 1700 and proceeded to Tamanau Plantation in D.A.S.F. speed-boat with Agriculture Officers I. Reardon and P. Robey who were on coffee-buying business there. Arrived Tamanau at 1930 and overnighted there.

2nd. December, 1970.

At 0500 sent a messenger to interpreter Maurice's house at Hoalai River in hope of preventing his departure for Mila; as it had been arranged previously that I would be arriving via Kilakilana that day if he had not heard from me before then. Observed coffee sales at Tamanau which took up most of the day. The coffee fetched good prices (see Economic section of Situation Report.).

3rd. December, 1970.

At 0800 there was no sign of the interpreter so hired two carriers and walked to Ipouli village arriving at 0900. The road was much damaged by the Council tractor because of the muddy condition. J. Parry of Tamanau Plantation had complained of this the previous night. Discussed the roadworks with the Ipouli councillor and the tractor driver for the rest of the day. Inspected the Aid Post. Overnight at Ipouli rest house.

4th. December, 1970.

0800. Walked to Siasiaa village with Ipouli councillor and tractor driver discussing the roadworks en route. Passed the 7 Ipouli contract road workers busy felling timber along the way. Arrived Siasiaa at 0900, stayed an hour, then returned to Ipouli as there was no one at the village except a few women. Held further discussions on the roadworks with the councillor, tractor driver, and head foreman for the rest of the day. Later on visited the "T" school at Ipouli and was invited to an evening meal by the teacher. Overnight at Ipouli rest house.

5th. December, 1970.

0730. Walked to Gelemalaia village arriving 1000. Noticed further extensive road damage caused by tractor. Several 40' to 50' wide rivers to be bridged. Good roadwork being carried out over the last mile or two before Gelemalaia. Discussed the road all day with Gelemalaia councillor

and road foreman Judy Jimmy. At 1100 investigated a fraudulent pig transaction involving \$3.00 paid over with no pig resulting. To repay the debt the seller volunteered his services on the Council road gang for one month, his wages being paid to the buyer. Overnight at Gelemalaia rest house.

- 6th. December, 1970. Further road discussions with Judy Jimmy and Gelemalaia councillor. Interpreter Maurice finally arrived.
- 7th. December, 1970. Observed Judy's organisation of villagers into working teams for the road in a very efficient manner, which the villagers accepted happily. Gave short address on my admiration of their work, which was well received. Spent the rest of the day watching the work and discussing same with Judy.
- 8th. December, 1970. 0930. Walked to Mila village accompanied by Judy Jimmy who wished to discuss the road with the Mila people. Paused for half an hour to talk with the Mila/ Poma Poma road gangs on the way. Arrived Mila 1200. Afternoon spent in road discussions with Judy, Mila councillor, and head worker. Overnight at Mila.
- 9th. December, 1970. 0700. Walked back to Gelemalaia arriving at 0900. Final talks with Judy and took list of requirements he needed for the road. 1200 to 1630. Walked alone to Sagarai Plantation via Hoalai River route which links up with the Sagarai/ Tamanau road. Maurice and the carriers to follow later. Heavy rain and a morass of mud (as well as numerous leeches) for the last hour and a half. Overnight Sagarai.
- 10th. December, 1970. Spent day at Sagarai and Tamanau Plantations, preparing to leave early Friday for Naura in hopes of getting lift from schoolteacher there who drives to Alotau Friday afternoons.
- 11th. December, 1970. Expected Maurice and carriers at 0500. Maurice arrived at 1030 reporting no carriers were available. Gumini River reported swollen and barring progress, so decided to return to Alotau on the " Pipigari " due at Mullins Harbour on Saturday morning. Maurice decided to return at once to Alotau if it was possible to cross the river.
- 12th. December, 1970. Radio report that " Pipigari " delayed one day, so would try for it on Sunday. Tamanau boss-boy, Metoa, who considered himself a victim of sorcery because of the recent death of his two youngest daughters was told today that his other daughter was very sick with paralysis of the arms and legs. J. Parry, I. Griffith, and self, spent all day trying to repair outboard motor in case she had to be taken to Fife Bay hospital. Luckily the girl recovered the next day.
- 13th. December, 1970. Inspected Konemaiava wharf, the building

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The wharf still unfinished. Embarked on the " Pipigari " in the afternoon and slept on board at anchor in Mullin's Harbour.

14th. December, 1970.

Left Konemaiava at 0600 and arrived Fife Bay at 0800. Met R. Nehmy again briefly. 0900 to 1530. Fife Bay to Samarai. Brief visit to Samarai D.D.A. Office. Because of delay in loading, the " Pipigari " was not going to Alotau as planned so overnighted with Co-Ops. Officer J. Love and caught plane boat next day.

15th. December, 1970.

0700 to 1200. Plane boat to Alotau. Patrol stood down.

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SITUATION REPORT: BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 5 OF 1970/1971.

A. POLITICAL.

1. In general talks with councillors and others in the Buhutu Valley, little interest was aroused in opinions offered on political matters or activity occurring in the Territory. Only matters of parochial concern aroused interest as far as political discussions went. No doubt as the Valley becomes more "opened up" to the rest of the District e.g. through the new airstrip being constructed, road linkages, etc, the increased economic intercourse that should result will increase awareness and interest in the activities of the rest of the country.

B. SOCIAL.

2. During the patrol, the need for an interpreter was found to be superfluous as there was never any difficulty in meeting numerous people who spoke at least some English and who were happy to engage in conversation; women and children as well as men. Often a group would gather around the rest-house to listen to stories and talk of other countries, city life, space exploration, etc., etc., which they seemed to appreciate.

3. The villages are keeping up their high standards of neatness and cleanliness and the people seemed generally cheerful and content.

4. The recent sorcery scare that was sparked off by the unexplained deaths of a Mr. Motoa's two youngest daughters, seemed as if it might have flared up again when, towards the end of the patrol, news was received that this time his eldest daughter had suddenly become very ill with paralysis of the arms and legs. Fortunately the girl recovered after a day or two.!!

5. Although there appears to be plenty of good land available, many young people ---especially the men --- have been leaving the Valley, presumably for the brighter lights outside. I understand that many of the women are having to do some of the heavier work because of the lack of menfolk. Certainly there were many among the volunteer road workers of Gelemalaia village.

C. HEALTH.

6. As on a previous patrol to the area at the start of 1970, I noticed one or two cases of elephantiasis in each village visited. Aid Post Orderly, ANANIA LEPOAGA of Ipouli village indicated that the situation was in hand. The Aid Post at Ipouli is a small hut with bare concrete floors, a table, chair, and cupboard containing adequate medical supplies and kept clean and tidy. ANANIA was feeling somewhat disgruntled at the failure of the village women to weave mats for the patients to lie on. I suggested that on his next visit to Alotau for medical supplies, he put in a requisition for a couple of "bed sleeves" as used on D.D.A. patrols which would double as hospital beds or emergency stretchers.

7. Annoyingly, the Siasiada rest house is being used as a store for several large open cartons of D.D.T. powder. After I complained of this to the Ipouli councillor (the Siasiada councillor was away) he suggested dumping it in the nearby river! I feel that the Malaria spray teams should show greater care in their storage and explain more carefully the properties of D.D.T. to the villagers as this is not an isolated incident encountered in my patrols.

D. ECONOMIC.

8. The yearly coffee buying held at Tamanau Plantation by D.A.S.F. officers proved profitable to the Buhutu citizens. Some 22 sellers made over \$600 between them at the sales, most of the coffee being of above-average quality, averaging around 13 cents a pound. One Gelemalaia woman received \$36.00 for her contribution to the beverage industry, while her husband made 65 cents.

9. There are numerous pigs in the Valley, especially in Gelemalaia village.

10. Coconut trees were in profusion all around the valley and there were many new plantings to be seen. All appeared to be healthy and in good condition.

11. The Buhutu's work force is limited by a static population caused by the tendency for young people to migrate out as mentioned in the social section of this report. This must necessarily limit expansion of the economy of the Valley.

12. A new trade store at Tamanau Plantation is being negotiated for by plantation manager, J. Parry, to supplement the existing ones.

13. An outside group is apparently interested in the possibility of marketing overseas the freshwater crabs which abound in the Sagarai River. This would bring in some profit to the people if it comes off.

E. BUHUTU ROAD.

14. The road may be considered to be in three sections, each in a different phase of construction from the others. All sections share the same problem of soft and muddy surfaces with bridging required over the numerous streams that cross the path of the road. Gradients, however, are no problem as the Valley is almost uniformly flat.

SECTION 1:

15. From Siasiada village to just beyond Ipouli, the road is completely cleared with bridges set up over the stream cuttings. Although navigable by the Council tractor ---which frequently runs up and down this section--- increased side drainage some half dozen culverts, and surfacing with gravel or stone, is needed before the road can be considered satisfactory. The premature use of the tractor is in fact badly damaging the road surface. This section will also have to be widened for much of its

length. The section is connected to the Tamanau wharf by a road through the plantation. Only seven contract workers are employed on this section at 50 cents a day.

SECTION 2.

16. Gelemalaia to Ipouli. Several miles have been well cleared over a 20 foot width with meticulously constructed side drains over several hundred yards, being extended at the rate of about 130 yards a day by 16 full-time workers. 128 villagers on a roster system of groups of 50 working 2 or 3 days a week for 8 hours a day on a volunteer basis. The 16 contract workers receive \$3.00 a week while the efficient foreman, Judy Jimmy (see patrol diary) makes \$4.50 a week. This section is the most difficult of the three. There are seven small streams requiring culverts, four river cuttings (---all between 40 to 50 feet wide ---) to be bridged, and a couple of 20 foot hillocks to be cut through. The road soil is sandy loam and will need surfacing and building up with gravel or stone.

SECTION 3.

17. Mila-Poma-Poma to Gelemalaia. About two miles of roadway from Mila village are in the early stages of being cleared --i.e. felling the trees along the planned way. Mila and Poma Poma villagers cooperate on the roadwork on a volunteer basis one day a week. Twenty-nine contract workers (at \$3.00 a week) having been working for three months on this section. Once again, surfacing with gravel, and efficient draining will be necessary on this section.

REQUIREMENTS.

18. Around 100 culvert drums will be required. Unfortunately at \$6.00 a drum reportedly quoted as the Tamanau selling price, a cheaper source of drums would be profitable to find.

19. Several cross-cut saws for the bridges are requested by the Gelemalaia foreman, along with wire ---200 yards; 200 steel mats and enough spikes and nails for the four bridges to be constructed.

20. A few wheelbarrows for the transport of gravel from the Sagarai River via the Council tractor will be useful when surfacing is undertaken.

ATTITUDE.

21. Generally there appeared to be an air of quiet enthusiasm for the road among the people. Work was observed to be carried out cheerfully by most of those engaged in the project.

(G. JONES.)

Assistant Patrol Officer.

Appendix Buhutu road.

Requirements for the river crossings between Ipouli & Gelemalaia are as those laid out in the Alotau Patrol Report no. 4 of 1969/70, except for the addition of three new crossing points and the deletion of the Popc'olai Creek crossing due to the re-routing of the road.

The new river crossings are:- a) The 70' wide Hoalai River which has banks 12' and 4' high. To be forded.

b) Two deep cuttings 35 minutes walk from Ipouli village, both about 40' wide & 25' - 35' deep. These are the creeks Nabutuwaedealidi and Abuawaliuna. Both will need bridging.

This section, therefore, will now consist of five fords & four bridges, as well as the seven small streams requiring culverts.

Materials required:-

800 8" spikes.
1,000 4" spikes
2 wheelbarrows
3 crosscut saws.
200 sheets mardden matting (if possible)
100 culvert drains

Foremen are already in charge of each section of the road, and seem to know what they are about in their construction work -especially the Gelemalaia foreman, Judy Jimmy, who has had past experience in road construction and who has planned well ahead, in detail, each facet of the task. No advice was asked for or seemed to be necessary from myself while I was with them during the work.

The Alotau P.W.D. recommends bridges without supporting piers in view of the flooding to which the Buhutu rivers are subject. This will require quite large logs to allow for the supporting overlap needed; 40' being the width of two of the proposed crossing points and 30' for another. However, there are trees along the road route which are large enough, ^{to be used} if they can only be maneuvered into position.

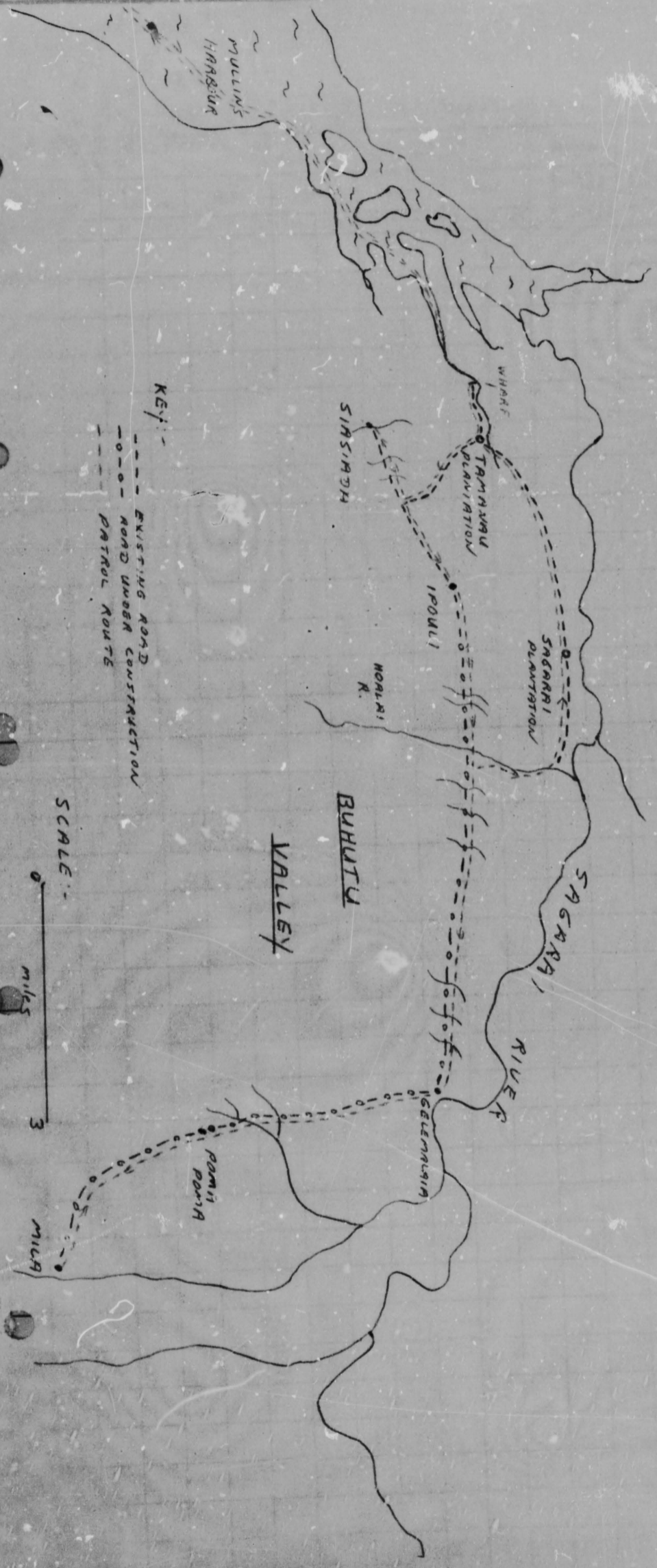
June and July are the worst months for heavy rainfall during the Buhutu's wet season (April to August with 150-200" p.a.) and for much of this time the road will be closed to traffic. However, if the rain is not too continuous, the water level of the rivers is said to subside rapidly in an hour or two.

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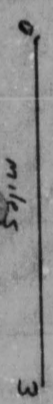
ALOTAU PATROL NO. 5
OF 1970/71.
CONDUCTED BY G. JONES (ARO)
DURATION 30/11/70 TO 15/12/70.

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KEY:-
--- EXISTING ROAD
--- ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
--- PATROL ROUTE

SCALE:-





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... MILNE BAY Report No. 6... OF... 1970/71.....

Patrol Conducted by... GEOFF JONES (A.P.O.).....

Area Patrolled... WHOLE N.E. COAST.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives... Timothy TATAURO (INTERPRETER)

Duration—From 13./1./1971 to 19./2./1971.

Number of Days... 24.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 17./3./1970.

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

Map Reference... MILNCH GEHUA, FOURMIL SAMARAI.....

Objects of Patrol... TO ADVERTISE VISIT OF SELECT COMMITTEE TO
ALOTAU AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
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 \$.....

RK:HC

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KONEDOBU. Papua

17th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO.6 OF 1970/71

Your reference is 67-7-1 of 5th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special,
and Situation Report by Mr. G. Jones, Assistant Patrol
Officer to the North East Coast Census Division.

Report being of a general nature and the
Assistant District Commissioner has fully commented on
all aspects of the patrol, I, therefore, have no addi-
tional comments to offer.

On receipt of Departmental Standing Instructions
(revised), Mr. Jones should refer to Chapter IV for
information regarding report writing.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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PATROL REPORT: ALOTAU NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

SUB-DISTRICT: MILNE BAY.

DISTRICT: MILNE BAY.

COUNCIL AREA: MARAMATANA L.G.C.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G.JONES.

DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED: N.E.COAST - NUAKATA IS. TO LAVORA VILLAGE.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: ONE INTERPRETER.

DURATION OF PATROL: (2+ DAYS) 18/1/71-10/2/71.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: AS PER INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED.

MAP REFERENCE: MILINCH GEHUA, FOURMIL SAMARAI.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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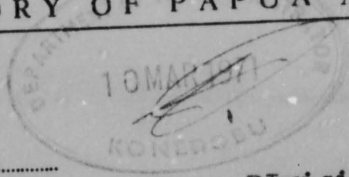
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Mr.....

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In Reply
Please Quote

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

5th March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO 6/1970-71

I attach a copy of the above report submitted by Mr. G. Jones, A.P.O.

The Assistant District Commissioner has fully commented upon various aspects of the patrol, and I have no additional comments to offer.

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

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
ALOTAU

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Division of District Administration,
Dept. of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

3rd March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
ALOTAU.

COMMENTS
PATROL REPORT NO. 6 - 1970/71

Attached please find the above report in quadruplicate submitted by Mr. G. Jones, A.P.O., together with his claim for camping allowance.

The report is brief and reveals that it progressed at a leisurely pace and this is a favourable indication. Mr. Jones has chosen to type the report himself, a task at which he has proven himself to be not at all expert, in preference to the use of our typist, as yet only on a par with Mr. Jones in typing ability. This has been in part responsible for the delay in submission of the report.

Mr. Jones has demonstrated that commuting by canoe in the off-shore island group at East Cape can be hazardous and future patrols should be made aware of the risks involved.

Instructions (4) and (5) have been attended and are the subject of separate correspondence.

SITUATION REPORT:

PAGE 1 ECONOMIC:-

The Co-operative bulk store at Garuahi, the Maramatana Merchandise Co-operative Society Limited, is to be officially opened on 22nd March, 1971, and prominent public figures have been invited to attend. The land on which the store is located was purchased on 9th February, 1971, for the amount of \$65.00 including improvements.

The K.B. United Church vocational school at Alotau is to be commended for its excellent work in the erection of the store in what must be a record time. The project was supervised personally by Mr. Peter Ezzy.

PAGE 2 SOCIAL:-

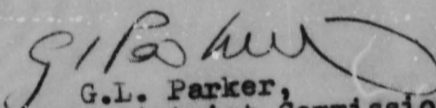
The Department of Education is aware of the school under erection at Huhuna and provided it reaches completion, the people of that area have a fair chance of receiving teachers, but this, of course, is subject to decisions which at the moment would be premature.

The Department's aim is to decrease the population per school ratio to a more acceptable level and proposals are to construct four new schools per year throughout the district. The Maramatana area rates 6th priority at the moment, but this may be lowered as a result of the people's self-help programme. At present there are four Primary schools in the area for a total population of 4,506.

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Mr. Jones appears to be in the unfortunate position of having received but little instruction from senior officers in patrol matters. Inadvertently as this has been, the scope of his reporting has been restricted accordingly and accounts, no doubt, for the brevity of his report. A greater degree of application is definitely needed on Mr. Jones' part, and it is to be hoped he appreciates the position.

For your perusal and comment, sir.


G.L. Parker,
a/Assistant District Commissioner

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SLJ/hd

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

Mr. G. Jones,
Sub District Office,
ALOTAU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS -- MARIAMBA COUNCIL AREA.

PATROL NO. 6 -- 1970/71.

Please prepare to depart on patrol per the M.V. "Poseidon" at 0900 hours on Monday, 18th January, 1971. The vessel will remain with you while you visit Buakata and Iaban Islands and return to Alotau at midday on 20th January, after you disembark at East Cape.

Objects of the patrol are:

- (1) To discuss the forthcoming visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development to Alotau on February 17th, and its purpose. Use the booklets supplied on the tour and obtain further copies from District Office for distribution. Motu copies would be preferable. Explain that all interested parties are welcome to meet the Committee for consultation at Alotau.
- (2) Discuss select political education topics with the people as you see fit and as they arise in general conversation with villagers. Use of the handbook "Towards a United Country" of which you have a copy, will prove invaluable.
- (3) I attach a copy of the District Commissioners' confidential memo in relation to Mr. Rarus (file 62-3-2 of 31st, December, 1970) which is self-explanatory. Before departure, check with police sub-inspector Stiller regarding the type of statement required from those Village Constables who did not receive their allowances.
- (4) Refer to file 37-2-2 and comply with instructions as per folio 15.
- (5) Attached letter from the Community Development Officer in relation to Jill Giniou requires your attention as detailed in the letter.
- (6) Obtain from the Clerical Assistant a list of RMA's for payment in the area to be patrolled, and using an RMA payments schedule supplied by Treasury, acquit as many as possible. It will be necessary to take out an advance in addition to the patrol advance to cover these payments.

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(7) Carry out general administration and settle minor matters within your capacity. Refer any cases requiring court action to Alotau for hearing.

(8) Allocate some time to visit the Maramatana Local Government Council and discuss any matters raised by Council members and staff. Assist where possible.

Timothy will accompany you and act as interpreter. Any problems you may have regarding these instructions both prior and during the patrol should be referred to me and all possible assistance will be rendered.

I trust you will have a satisfying patrol.

(G.L. Parker.)

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. District Commissioner,
Alotau.
c.c. S.L.G.C., Alotau.

PATROL DIARY

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MONDAY 18th January, 1971.

- 9.00 a.m. Departed Alotau for Nuakata Is. via trawler 'Poseidon' with interpreter Timothy Tataura.
- 1.45 p.m. Stopped briefly at East Cape to unload patrol boxes in order to avoid risking them on the return trip using canoes from Nuakata and Iabama islands.
- 3.00 p.m. Arrived at Nuakata Is. where the people were already assembling for the meeting.
- 3.00 p.m. Meeting held - good attendance and fair interest shown re the Select Committee's visit. However, the Councillor pointed out that transport would be the problem for anyone wanting to attend. The meeting lasted half an hour.
- Overnight in resthouse.

TUESDAY 19th.

Rough seas prevented leaving the island so spent the day walking around talking generally with the people. Evening talk with Councillor and Aid Post Orderly.

Wednesday 20th.

- 8.00 a.m. Sea choppy but not too rough, so departed Nuakata on 20' sailing canoe beating towards Iabama Is. Arrived there 2.00 p.m. Iabama people indifferent to the patrol and to the talk given on the S.C.'s visit. Had afternoon meal with hospitable family.
- No resthouse built (Two reasons given by Councillor (a) No timber available (b) 'No patrol ever stays here at night') so slept on the beach.

THURSDAY 21st.

- 1.00 a.m. Sea calm and full moon so decided to leave for East Cape in 15' sailing canoe. Paddled for 15 minutes then ran into rough seas necessitating constant bailing to keep afloat. Hoisted sail and eventually reached the mainland at about 3.30 a.m. a mile or so south of East Cape. Built a fire to dry out then walked to E. Cape village arriving 5.30 a.m. at the rest house.
- 1.00 p.m. Meeting held. Good attendance and interest shown, with several comments proffered by a few members of the audience.
- Invited to overnight at the United Church Mission run by Dave Golding.

FRIDAY 22nd.

- Inspected Mission printing press and talked with plantation owner Frank Pryke who was negotiating for the use of the Mission shed for copra storage. Invited to lunch by the new Mission teacher.
- 1.00 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Walked to Ronana village.
- 3.30 p.m. Meeting held. Good attendance & response.
- Resthouse elaborately decorated with flowers.
- Wild pigs causing food shortage among the villagers.
- Timothy returned to Alotau for more leaflets and money.

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SATURDAY 23rd

8.00 a.m. Walked Ronara to Biwa, arriving 10 a.m.

11.15 a.m. - 11.45 a. m. Delivered talk. Good attendance & response.

12.00 a.m. - 2.00 a.m. Walked to Wagahuhu village.

Talk held at 3.00 p.m. Good turnout of people who seemed quite interested. Comments & explanations kept the meeting going for one hour.

Overnight at resthouse.

SUNDAY 24th

Observed.

MONDAY 25th

7.45 a.m. Dept. Wagahuhu with three canoes for Guga. On the way met Maramatana Council President V. Guise travelling to Alotau on his boat 'Grace Lane'. After a brief talk with him, went on to Guga, arriving at 9.45 a.m.

Spent the day talking with the councillor, village policeman & others. As at Ronara, the main topic was the damage to gardens by wild pigs.

Overnight in resthouse.

TUESDAY 26th

10.30 a. m. Meeting held for quite large audience. Some interruptions from a couple of hecklers. Somewhat bemused response from the audience who had no comments or questions to offer.

11.15 a.m. Walked from Guga to Huhuna village, arriving 12.30 p.m. Talked with the councillor for rest of afternoon.

Overnight in resthouse.

WEDNESDAY 27th.

10.00 a.m. Timothy not back yet, so held meeting with help from a schoolteacher on leave as interpreter. Well attended & plenty of interest and response from the audience.

11.30 a.m. Dept. Huhuna. Arrived Polotona village at 12.00 a.m. Polotona a small hamlet of around a hundred people, of which about half attended the afternoon meeting. Only fair interest shown with one comment made, that being from the councillor.

No resthouse in village, so left for Iapoa (2) arriving 1.40 p.m. after an hour's walk. Talked with the councillor there for a couple of hours.

Timothy arrived at 5.00p.m. with further supplies of leaflets, money & tobacco.

Overnight in resthouse.

THURSDAY 28th

9.00 a.m. Talk given. Fair attendance and response.

10.00 a.m. Dept. Iapoa (2) for Keia village, arriving 11.00 a.m. Spoke with the councillor for a time.

Overnight in resthouse.



FRIDAY 29th

9.00a.m. Keia meeting held with an attendance of 50 people. Fair response. Most comments coming from the V.C. & one woman.

9.45 a.m. Dept. Keia & arrived Awaiana at 11.00 a.m. Spoke with Councillor & V.C. there during most of the afternoon.

Overnight in resthouse.

SATURDAY 30th

9.00a.m. Meeting held, resulting in quite a lot of discussion among the 40 adults who attended.

Ladies Auxilliary presented sandwiches & coffee after the meeting.

10.30 a.m. Dept. Awaiana. Arrived at Garuahi 11.00a.m. after calling in at Vernon Guise's place en route.

Council meeting scheduled on Monday, so deferred my talk until Tuesday.

Passed malaria spray team on their way down towards East cape.

Called on Miss E. Clark, who runs the United Church mission at Garushi, and talked with her, Father Barnes, and the new volunteer teacher from England, the rest of the day.

SUNDAY 31st. Observed.

MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY.

Watched the Maramatana Councillors' meeting which was carried out in a brisk and business-like fashion, and well controlled by it's president.

TUESDAY 2nd.

11.00 a.m. Meeting held in the Council Chambers. Timothy had not returned from his relations at Taupota, so V. Guise

acted as interpreter. The large crowd filling the building showed very good interest in the talk. No questions were asked, but plenty of comments were proffered. The best meeting so far.

During the afternoon fixed up complaint by a man who was owed money for a pig sale, inspected the newly opened airstrip, condition of the P.I.R. constructed school buildings (somewhat battered by strong winds), and the new Co-operative bulk store at Garuahi.

WEDNESDAY 3rd.

7.30 a.m. Dept. Garuahi for Taupota village on the council tractor - by courtesy of the president, arriving at 10.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m. Meeting held. Attended by about 70 adults. Very lively meeting with a lot of rousing comments about self-govt., forms of govt., the country's name, flag, etc.; some men getting quite excited over the subject. Instead of the usual half hour, it lasted 2 hours.

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After the Taupota meeting the Women's Auxilliary provided tea, scones and cake with a prominent sign listing their prices.

Met the Lapoa (1) councillor who suggested a combined meeting of his village & Topura on Saturday morning at Topura. I agreed.

Did not stay at Taupota resthouse as it was thickly coated all over with D.D.T. so proceeded to Wamamamana village. Arrived 3.00p.m. after 1 1/2 hours walk.

Wamamamana resthouse in process of being re-built, so stayed in the village meeting house overnight.

THURSDAY 4th

9.00 a.m. Most of the village attended the meeting and gave a good response with numerous comments.

10.45 a.m. Dept. Wamamamana for Topura. Accepted offer to share a watermelon with a hospitable old couple en route.

Arrived Topura 1.30 p.m. Talked with councillor & V.C. for a few hours.

Shared the resthouse with numerous bats & rats which played leapfrog over me all night.

FRIDAY 5th

Talked with the councillor about local matters & observed the rest of the day.

Resthouse rats ahead on points that night, scoring one radio aerial and some food for no loss.

SATURDAY 6th

10.30 a.m. Meeting attended by about 100 people - many from Lapoa (1) Only fair interest shown by the audience who listened politely but did not say much.

11.40 - 12.40p.m. Walked to Lapoa (1) to see V.C. there and to look at the village. Very hot walk over two hills to reach it. Lapoa village fairly scattered houses. Talked with V.C. there who was ill, and with member of council ward committee. Returned to Topura by 4.00p.m. passing by very large grass fire on the way.

Recognised individual rats that night. Fooled them by falling asleep.

SUNDAY 7th

Heard there was a boat going from Garuahi to Alotau on Monday, so walked to Hioge Mission to book their workboat for tomorrow to catch the Garuahi one, as the Taupota councillor had told me that his men were too busy to carry for the patrol over the mountains to Alotau (the usual route). Talked with Jeff Ackworth who runs Hioge Mission, then went back to Topura.

3.15 - 4.45 p.m. Topura to Lavora village.

Immense welcome by Lavora people. Greeted by drumming, dancing group dressed in traditional gear & paint. Flowers and songs were presented and all shook hands with me. The drumming and dancing went on for the next six hours.

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MONDAY 8th

8.30 a.m. Meeting held. Attended by about 100 people with good response & interest shown, and with several perceptive comments offered.

10.30 a.m. Dept. Lavers for Garuahi in Hioge Mission boat (8 dollars to hire for the day). Choppy seas but with tailwind.

Arrived Garuahi 2.30 p.m. Sea too rough to land so went a couple of miles further on to sheltered inlet. Walked back to Garuahi and overnighted there.

TUESDAY 9th

A.D.C. Garry Parker and Co-operatives officer Tom Popp arrived on the trawler 'Yelangilly' to ~~open~~ finalise payment for the new Co-op. bulk store with the previous owners.

Overnight at Garuahi.

WEDNESDAY 10th

10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Returned to Alotau on the 'Yelangilly'.

Patrol stood down.

G. Jones
(A.P.O.)

PATROL REPORT

The patrol was carried out in accordance with the attached instructions.

Almost all the villages visited seemed to show some interest in the topics raised by the Select Committee's visit on the political development of their country. Generally only a few people would offer opinions or questions after the talk. But these often appeared to be acting as spokesmen for a group. Naturally, the councillors would take the lead in the discussions.

Often after the meeting a few people would come to see me to get ~~A few~~ some aspects of politics made clearer to them.

Reaction to the talk would vary from place to place. Some village/s being quite indifferent, while others (usually those who have frequent contact with Europeans) were eager to discuss the matters raised.

Only a few people approved of the name 'IAGINI' for their country. By far the most popular name preferred was 'RIUGINI'. 'NEW GUINEA' was also liked.

Most people who proffered an opinion on a self government date wanted it 'now' or in 1972. However, about 30% of the opinions thought T.P.N.G. was not strong enough or united enough for S.C. as yet.

There were only a few opinions on the eventual form of government to be adopted by the Territory. One person thought that there should be two separate govts. for Papua and New Guinea. Another wanted, in effect, a 'weak' central govt. and strong local govts. One or two people thought a central govt. and District or 'Area' govts. would be a good idea, to allow for different stages of development.

On the question of one House or two, there were only two opinions given; - a) Two Houses, one to keep a check on hasty legislation by the other. b) Only one House, as an Upper House would be too expensive.

The flag was quite liked, although several people thought there should be a central motif - generally a coconut tree, or perhaps a shell. Many people do not care much for the Southern Cross emblem. For stars, the most popular group were the three that pass overhead and are used for navigation (Orion's Belt). The S. Cross can only be seen a few months of the year in these latitudes anyway.

The Crest was liked, perhaps with the addition of a shell to represent the coastal people.

The other patrol instructions were carried out satisfactorily, except for one N.M.T.A. payment - as the recipient was absent.

Re paragraph 3 of the instructions, it was found that M. Rarus had neglected to pay all but ~~two~~ of the V.C.'s. Statements to this effect were collected from each one (except the E. Cape V.C. who was away) and later given to Sub-Inspector Stiller in Alotau. Most of them were paid later by other officers. But the V.C.'s of Gaga, Agahuhu, and Mamamama say they have still not been paid.

The patrol was generally well received throughout. G. JONES (A.P.O.)

E. Jones

SITUATION REPORT.

ECONOMIC

Puni Puni Plantation is currently suffering from a lack of labour. It appears that every available worker has been hired from the neighbouring villages, but the numbers are still insufficient for the plantation's requirements. This substantiates the previous reports of a serious lack of manpower along the N.E. coast.

During the patrol's progress through every village it did seem that there was a disproportional lack of young men among the populace. This appeared to fairly general everywhere.

The main reason is said to be the severe shortage of arable land to be had among the villages from Garuahi to Lavora. The mountains come down closer to the sea in this area and also become progressively more rugged towards the western end of the coastline. There are also few trees up this end of the coast to give protection to the usual garden crops.

The latest census figures show large numbers of migrations out of the area's young men.

The villages from Guga to East Cape are still bothered by wild pigs raiding their gardens. So much so that definite food shortages are occurring. According to the last census patrol in August, 1970, migrations out have directly resulted from this.

When asked by the villages for a solution, I could only suggest baited pit traps. Sorcery has even been tried without success. (Those that paid the Sorceress are somewhat indignant and want their money back i.e. \$1.00. Maybe it was a cut-price spell with no money back guarantee)

Except for these problems, the cash crop economy of the coast seems to be going ahead. Pepper, chili and cashews are being tried. Teak is becoming popular e.g. at Iapoa(2), Garuahi, Taupota, Topura. New copra plantings can be seen in the villages. 10,000 new ones at Huhuma, according to the councillor to supplement the 27,000 existing trees.

8 acres of rice is almost ripe at Iapoa(1), the crop to be used as seed and replanted.

Interest in cattle is starting to be evident. Hioge Mission intends starting a herd as soon as they can. Other places have enquired about them. There is a flat, grassland valley between Topura and Iapoa (1) which might be suitable.

There is a new Co-operatives bulk store at Garuahi, built of permanent materials (prefab. aluminium, steel frame & concrete floor) in one month by the K.B. Vocational School.

Garuahi also has a new well and pump near the council chamber

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SOCIAL

Huhuna villagers are constructing a school building using their own money and tools with no outside assistance. The building measures 60' x 40' with an iron roof and concrete floor, and is expected to be ready by 1972. The Huhuna people hope that once the school is finished, they will be provided with a teacher. The Huhuna councillor is very keen on the project, and is enthusiastic with long range plans for development (on his own land) of the school, an Aid Post, Welfare Post, trade store, etc. He has the sites all planned, including the roads, and the use of a tractor when it is eventually purchased. Intends planting teak.

The Mission School at East Cape is having problems with overcrowding of classes because of the number of pupils that repeat each year. A new school building is being constructed for the 1971 term.

The Nuakata Aid Post reported having 45 cases of influenza in December, 1970.

The Malaria Spray Team operating along the N.E. coast said that the people were cooperating with their work. One of them said it takes about one day to do a village if everyone cooperates, otherwise two days.

A Women's Club at Nuakata Island has nearly begun.

Playing cricket was popular in many of the villages during the patrol.

The many male migrations out (see Economy sect.) have resulted in a surplus of single girls in several of the villages.

POLITICAL

The councillor at Nuakata Island only managed to attend one council meeting in 1970. The one occasion being when he was picked up by the president's boat. Communication with the mainland is difficult for the Nuakations because of the lack of sea transport except for sailing canoes. Consequently, the councillor feels somewhat left out of council proceedings. He did complain to me that the first he heard of the decision to drop the Council Adviser in 1970 was after it had already ~~been~~ occurred.

The Council meeting held at Garuahi when the patrol was there was conducted briskly with its president keeping good control over the proceedings which appeared to be carried out in a business-like manner. The Council does seem to be operating quite satisfactorily without the assistance of an advisor.

REACTIONS TO SELECT COMMITTEE VISIT- See Patrol Report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Garuahi airstrip now in proper order with the markers painted and set up. The surface is kept cut and cleared by the Council works foreman.

HIOGE LAND

The Topura councillor said that in 1970 the Topura people

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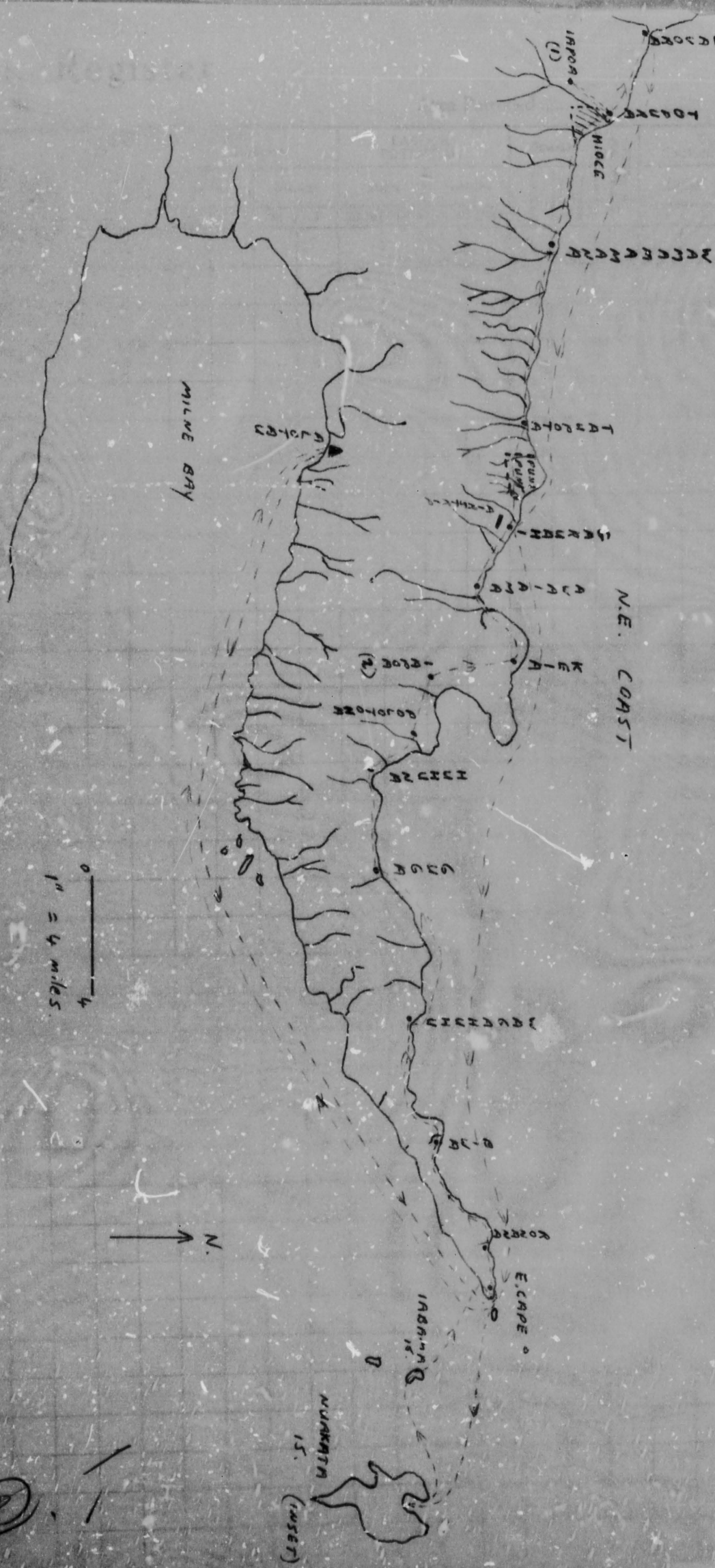
had sent a submission to Alotau complaining about the Mission at Hioge's ownership of a large tract of fertile land in their area. However, in October, Bishop Hand had called in to Tppura and told the Councillof to 'forget about it'. So the Councillor told his people not to go any further with their submission.

G. Jones (A.P.O.)

G. Jones

ALOTAN PATROL NO. 6 1970/71
CONDUCTED BY G. JONES (AECV)
FROM 18/11/71 - 10/2/71.

PATROL ROUTE





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 7 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by R.F. MOORE PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled TAUARA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives MR. B. SEILONI (TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER)

Duration—From 14./12./1970 to 21./1./1971

Number of Days 19 (broken period)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19 continuous by road

Medical / / 19 continuous by road

Map Reference MILINCHE GEHU FOURMIL SAMARAI

Objects of Patrol AS PER ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

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KONEDOMU, PAPUA.

17th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 7 of 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-7-1 of 5th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special/Situation Report by MR. R. F. Moore, Patrol Officer to the Tuarua Census Division.

The brief report appears to have carried out the objectives required and your comments together with those of the Assistant District Commissioner have adequately covered same.

Further comment is not necessary.

(T.W. ELLIS.)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

5th April, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONELOBU.

ALOTAU PATROL 7/1970-71

I attach a copy of the above report submitted by Mr. R.F. Moore, together with a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's covering comments.

2. I have no further comments to add to those of the A.D.C.'s.

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

67-1-1
GLP/hd

Department of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

29th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
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For your perusal and onforwarding, sir.

E.S. Sharp

E.S. SHARP, P/
(Assistant District Commissioner)

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Sub-District Office,
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E.S.SHARP.
(Assistant District Commissioner)

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Department of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU.
Milne Bay District.

7th December, 1970.

Mr. R.F. Moore,
Patrol officer,
ALOTAU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

ALOTAU PATROL NO.7 OF 1970/71.

As verbally advised, please prepare to depart on Patrol to the Tevava Census Division on Monday, 14th December, 1970. You will be accompanied by Mr. Bela Seiloni, Trainee Patrol Officer, who will be expected to submit a supplementary Patrol Report. Please prepare your itinerary for transmission through Radio Milne Bay.

2. The main objects of your Patrol will be:-
 - (1) Routine administration.
 - (2) To promote economic development and ascertain how road communications can be improved with the aid of Rural Development Funds.
 - (3) Explain to the people how government works for the people, using "Towards a United Country" as your guide-line and endeavour to stimulate discussion on the subject. Also advise them of the planned visit by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development in February, 1971; copies of their Itinerary and Questionnaire are attached for your guidance and distribution.
 - (4) Hear any complaints and settle disputes by arbitration where possible. Should Court action be necessary, refer the matter to the Local Court, Alotau.
3. If you have not already done so, you are requested to read Headquarters' Memorandum 67-1-0 of 25th September, 1970, which covers the latest information on Area Studies and Situation Reports.
4. Obtain a Cash Advance to cover your anticipated requirements for the Patrol.
5. I trust you have a successful and pleasant Patrol. Should you require any advice or assistance during the Patrol, do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

c.c. Mr. B. seiloni,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
ALOTAU.

(G.P.HARDY)
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA:--

ALOTAU PATROL NO 7 OF 1970/71

PATROL DAIRY.

Monday 14th December, 1970

Departed Alotau at 0600 by car for WALALAIYA- arrived by boat at 1200 hours, after uneventful trip. Had discussions with village people in afternoon- good crowd in attendance. Slept WALALAIYA.

Tuesday 15th December, 1970.

To Lelehudi and village discussion held. Small crowd but interested. Slept Lelehudi.

Wednesday 16th December, 1970.

To Bou and village meeting held. After meeting by truck to Alotau- general office work.

Thursday 17th December, 1970.

At 0800 to Divinal by Toyota. Meeting held and returned Alotau- general office duties.

Friday 18th December, 1970.

At 0800 to Bubuleta and held meeting. Returned Alotau and general office work.

Saturday 19th December, 1970.

Saturday - observed

Sunday 20th December, 1970

Sunday - observed.

Monday 21st December, 1970.

At 0900 from Alotau to Watunou and meeting held. Back to Alotau and general office work.

Tuesday 22nd December, 1970.

Departed Alotau 0900 for Nigila and held meeting. Returned Alotau and general office work.

Wednesday 23rd December, 1970.

At 0900 to Ahloma. Nobody turned up so spent a couple of hours in discussions with Councillors. Afternoon office work.

Wednesday 6th January, 1971.

By Toyota to Mutiuwa. Brief meeting held due to poor attendance. Afternoon office work.

Thursday 7th January, 1971.

To Rabe for meeting- nobody in Attendance. Council adviser duties and office work.

Friday 8th January, 1971.

At office all day.

Saturday 9th January, 1971.

Observed.

Sunday 10th January, 1971.

Observed.

Monday 11th January, 1971.

Observed.

Tuesday 12th January, 1971.

Morning in office. Afternoon to Maiwara and nobody turned up. Back to the office.

Monday 18th January, 1971.

To Jani nene for meeting but nobody in attendance. Returned to the office.

Tuesday 19th January, 1971.

To council and advisers duties.

Wednesday 20th January, 1971.

Morning at office correspondence. Afternoon to Naura and meeting held

Patrol stood down.

The patrol was stood down from the villages. Despite the fact that very few village people are interested in matters of medical import, they live a relatively well-secure and seem content to concern themselves with immediately personal matters only.

Throughout the patrol copies of material from the Relief Committee were distributed and explained. The programme for the patrol was given publicity over the radio, but still on five occasions at village meetings. The fact of Altona nobody came to the meetings. This was a frustrating experience and was due to the fact that the patrol was carried out before and after the new year period. The people of this area belong to mainly two religious groups, Catholic and United Church and their religious and social village festivities did account for the non-attendance.

Moore.

Very few questions about the Relief Committee were received during the patrol, and thus,

Situation Report.

Political

One of the main aims of the patrol was to discuss at village level the proposed visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development. Before departing on patrol the writer studied material put out by the Committee and also the book "Towards a United Country". The basis of discussion was the questionnaire included with material issued by the Committee. In the explanation of the question the patrol endeavoured to inculcate some national awareness in the audiences.

When the Select Committee finally visited Alotau on the 17th February 1971 there was not a great attendance from the villages, despite the fact that trawler transport and trucks were made available. This was disappointing, but serves to highlight the fact that very few village people are interested in matters of national import. They live a cloistered existence and seem content to concern themselves with immediately parochial matters only.

Throughout the patrol copies of material from the Select Committee were distributed and explained. The programme for the patrol was given publicity over Radio Milne Bay, but still on five occasions at villages near and to the west of Alotau nobody came to the meetings. This was a frustrating experience and was due to the fact that the patrol was carried out before and after the Xmas/New Year period. The people of Milne Bay belong to mainly two mission groups, Catholic and United Church and their festivities and normal village festivities did account for this non-attendance.

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it was felt, was due to the lack of interest. The opinion was expressed that they would leave it to their Member of the House to decide such issues for them. They considered him to be familiar with such matters and able to make the decisions necessary. It was explained that it should be the people who say how the Government runs, and they seemed to know this fact but still trusted their members to make their decisions. Perhaps this attitude is a hangover from the typical paternalistic attitude of Papuan Government which has existed since the time of Sir Hubert Murray?

Each meeting lasted about two hours, but some were shorter, due to lack of response. Many, many patrols visit these people and they are no novelty.

ECONOMIC

In order to promote economic development on this patrol, the writer obtained material from the Department of Information and Extension Services, Port Moresby, entitled "the Happy Farmer". This was a series of charts and flip charts designed in 1967/68 specifically for the people in the area, and is known to them from prior patrols. The use of this material was to stimulate their memories and it served this purpose, however the results of this revival of ideas are not yet known. The section of road from Bubuleta to Walalaia was inspected in some detail and discussed with Councillors and other interested parties. It is progressing at a rate equal to the availability of funds and the main work at the moment is the rebuilding of bridges which have rotted out. Most of the road has been cleared past Lelegwagwa and it only remains to have the fallen trees cleared, surfacing, draining and bridge construction. Much of this work is being supervised by the Councillors in the Wards and I consider them to be capable of this task as the terrain is flat and lightly timbered. Manpower availability is sporadic, and even more money would not solve this problem.

The Road from Bubuleta to Nama is all maintained by PWD in Alotau.

Social

Ch. complaint was brought to the notice of the patrol at Walalaia concerning the spreading of false reports and this was referred to the local Court, Alotau.

Conclusion

The patrol was unfortunate that it had to be mounted over the Christmas period and this restricted its efficiency. Broadly speaking, however, the objects were achieved.

A supplementary report by Mr. B. Seiloni, Trainee Patrol Officer is attached. During the patrol I found him to be a keen worker, very willing to learn, capable and of clean and sober habits. He proved to be an asset to the patrol.

Moore

R.F. Moore.
(Patrol Officer)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA:-

ALOTAU PATROL NO7 OF 1970/71

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 14th December, 1970:-

Departed Alotau 0745 to Bou by Toyota, and from there we hired a launch and departed again for Walalala. Arrived Walalala at 1100. Meeting was held after we have arrived. Meeting ended at 1400 and whole afternoon was spent in general inspection of the place including the Aid Post. Overnight Walalala.

Tuesday 15th December, 1970:-

Departed for Lelehudi at 0800 with 13 carriers. On our way to Lelehudi we inspect the Administration Primary School. Then arrived Lelehudi Rest House at 0900. Meeting held at 1000 when everybody arrived. Meeting ended at 1200, and whole afternoon was spent in general inspection of the road. Overnight Lelehudi.

Wednesday 16th December, 1970:-

Departed for Bou at 0800 with 13 carriers. Arrived Bou at 0930. Meeting commenced at 1000 when everybody arrived. Concluded the meeting at 1230 and departed Bou by Toyota to Alotau. Arrived Alotau at 1300, and whole afternoon was spent in writing up the diary plus some general office routine.

Thursday 17th December, 1970:-

Departed Alotau at 0800 for Divinal by Toyota. Arrived Divinal at 0930, waited for people until everybody arrived. Meeting commenced at 1000, and ended at 1200. After meeting departed Divinal for Alotau, arrived Alotau at 1330. Rest of the afternoon was spent in general office routine plus writing up diary for the day.

Friday 18th December, 1970:-

Departed Alotau at 0800 for Bubuleta by 3ton truck. Arrived Bubuleta at 0915, waited for people until everybody arrived. Meeting commenced at 1000, after everybody arrived and ended at 1200. Departed Bubuleta arrived Alotau at 1250. Afternoon spent in general office duties including writing up diary for the day.

Saturday 19th December, 1970:-

Saturday at Alotau observed.

Sunday 20th December, 1970:-

Sunday at Alotau observed.

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Monday 21st December, 1970:-

Departed Alotau 0900 by Toyota to Watunou, arrived Watunou at 1000. Meeting commenced after we have arrived and ended at 1100. Arrived Alotau at 1200 and whole afternoon was spent in general office procedure.

Tuesday 22nd December, 1970:-

Departed Alotau 0900 by Toyota, arrived Nigila 09.30. Waited for people until everybody arrived. Meeting held at 1000 and ended at about 11.30. Arrived Alotau 1200 and afternoon was spent in general office duty.

Wednesday 23rd December, 1970:-

Departed Alotau 0900 by Stout arrived Ahiona 0930. We waited for people until 1030 but no one turns up so we talked to the councillors about what we were going to say to the people and explain clearly to them. We told the councillors to have their meeting and and talked to them, what we were going to say during that meeting.

Thursday 24th December, 1970:-

Whole morning was spent in general office routine. 1300 to 1606 was also spent in general office duty.

Friday 25th December, 1970:-

Friday at Alotau observed.

Saturday 26th December, 1970:-

Saturday at Alotau observed.

Sunday 27th December, 1970:-

Sunday at Alotau observed.

Monday 28th December, 1970:-

Monday at Alotau observed.

Tuesday 29th December, 1970:-

Tuesday at Sub District Office 0745 and whole morning was spent in general office duty. 1300 to 1606 was also spent in general office duty.

Wednesday 30th December, 1970:-

At Sub District Office 0745, whole morning and afternoon was spent in general office duty.

Thursday 31st December, 1970:-

At Sub District Office 0745, whole morning and afternoon was spent in general office routine.

Friday 1st January, 1971:-

At Alotau observed

Saturday 2nd January, 1971:-

At Alotau observed.

Sunday 3rd January, 1971:-

At Alotau observed.

Monday 4th January, 1971:-

At Alotau observed.

Tuesday 5th January, 1971:-

At Sub District Office whole morning and afternoon was spent in general office routine.

Wednesday 6th January, 1971:-

Departed Alotau by Toyota to Mutuia. Waited for people until 1000. Meeting was held at 1000. and ended at 1130. Departed and arrived at SDO. 1200. 1300 was spent in general office routine.

Thursday 7th January, 1971:-

Departed SDO 0900 arrived Rabe 0915 waited for people but there was no one so I've told the councillor that we'll be back in the evening or rather afternoon. 1300 at Rabe but there was still no one so the meeting was postponed until 21st of January, 1971. Back to SDO. at 1500 and worked until 1606.

Friday 8th January, 1971:-

Departed SDO 0800 by Toyota to Waema, Gabugabuna, Maiwora that we will be coming to them on the following dates. We told the Waema Council that we will be at Waema at 1300 for meeting.

Gabagabuna 11th January, 1971

Maewara 12th January, 1971

1300 departed SDO to Waema by Stout. Waited for people until 230 when meeting was held. Meeting ended at 1530 and return to SDO.

Saturday 9th January, 1971:-

Saturday at Alotau observed.

Sunday 10th January, 1971:-

Sunday at Alotau observed.

Monday 11th January, 1971:-

Whole morning was spent in general office routine. 1300 departed SDO by Toyota for Gabagabuna. Arrived at 1330 and meeting was held until 1530. After meeting back to SDO.

Tuesday 12th January, 1971:-

Whole morning was spent in general office duty. 1300 to Maiwara nobody attended until 1400 so return to SDO and general office duty was done. However talked with the councillor plus few other people and explain clearly what we were going to talk about.

Wednesday 13th January, 1971:-

Whole morning and afternoon spent in general office duties.

Thursday 14th January, 1971:-

Whole morning and afternoon was spent in general office routine.

Friday 15th January, 1971:-

Whole morning and afternoon was spent in general office duty.

Saturday 16th January, 1971:-

Saturday at Alotau observed.

Sunday 17th January, 1971:-

Sunday at Alotau observed.

Monday 18th January, 1971:-

Morning, general office duty. 1300 to Ianianini where we waited for people but no one turned up so the meeting was not held. Return to SDO at 1500 and general office duty was done.

Tuesday 19th January, 1971:-

Whole morning was spent in general office duty. Afternoon went to Naura by 3ten truck and remind the councillor that we will be coming on Wednesday the 20th of January. Return to SDO at 1605.

Wednesday 20th January, 1971:-

Morning, general office duty. Afternoon to Naura where meeting was held and return to Alotau at 1630.

Thursday 21st January, 1971:-

To Rabe where meeting was held during the morning and return to Alotau during lunch time. Afternoon was spent in general office routine.

Patrol stood down.

ALOTAU PATROL NO 7 OF 1970/71.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Political

The main purpose of our patrol is to explain to the people of Tauara CENSUS DIVISION about the coming of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, and explain clearly to them the questions that they are going to talk about during their coming on the 17th of February, 1971.

To the political point of view, the people in Walalaea ward down to Nigita ward seem to show great interest in what we were talking about and in some extent the people asked us some questions which really concern the Select Committee on Constitutional Development. However, we told them that these are the types of questions they would asked when the Select Committee on Constitutional Development comes. In few of their questions we answered them generally, using a book called "towards a United Country". Though we don't answer some of their questions the people seem to show great interest in what we were talking about, also the people seem to understand on what we were talking about, in which they asked us lot of questions, whereby we told them that these are the type of questions the Select Committee on Constitutional Development would be interested in.

In some parts of the Tauara Census Division the people did not attend except for few people. However we don't blame them for this, because besides this patrol there were other activities going on. Such activities as entertaining themselves, by putting up a party, because the patrol was on during December and as usual by this time some of the people were preparing for Christmas as well others just want to entertain themselves. Although they were busy or even tired after the long night's enjoyment few of them attended the meeting in which we told the purpose of our patrol plus elucidating the questions clearly to them. But however ther
se few people showed great interest on

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what we were saying. though I won't really judge on the interest of these few people, I would only say that if some other people come as these people I think they would all show great interest on what we were saying. For this reason it does'nt mean that the people were uninterested in our patrol but just because they've got some other things to do.

For the same reason as I have mentioned already it does'nt mean that most of the wards did not attend our meeting. Few of the wards showed great interest on what we were saying. such wards as Naura, this ward members plus their Councillors were very keen on what we were saying. and I would suggest that lot of educated or rather those who have little schooling were living in that particular ward also their Councillors who were well educated and besides this they knew a lot of the work concerning this so their people were very keen on what we were talking about, and also they really understood what we were saying.

On the whole I would'nt really say that one particular ward is good nearly most of the wards were very keen on what we were saying but just as I have said at first, some of the wards were very busy and did'nt attend the meeting that we were going to hold. Most of the people around this bay have long been contacted with Europeans plus the Councillors so they have the understanding of what we were saying. Besides we have enjoyed the patrol because the people listened very careful on what we were saying so I would appreciate for their co-operation during our patrol.

B. Seiloni.
(Assistant Patrol Officer.)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER	ALOTAU No. 8 of 1970/71
SUBDISTRICT	ALOTAU
DISTRICT	MILNE BAY
COUNCIL AREA	
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	I.R. MILLAR
DESIGNATION	PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED	TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION, PART MILNE BAY L.G.C. AREA
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING	ONE INTERPRETER, ONE R.P.&N.G.C.
DURATION OF PATROL	12/5/71 to 31/5/71 15 days
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST DDA PATROL	JANUARY 1971 19 days
OBJECTS OF PATROL	CENSUS, PRE-TERRITORY CENSUS PROPAGANDA
TOTAL POPULATION	5,215
MAP REFERENCE	MILNE BAY DISTRICT 2miles:1inch
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER	ENCLOSED

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

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

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

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SA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDONG.

6th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 8/71-71

Your reference 67-2-9 of 14th September, 1971.

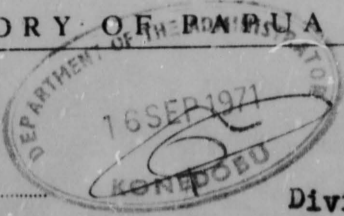
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by
Mr. I. R. Miller of SAVANA Census Division.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

14th September, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU.

ALOTAU PATROL NO. 8/70-71

I attach the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. Millar.

2. A tighter control is to be exercised over the spending of Rural Development funds. It is to be hoped that this increased control will result in the Councils accepting a greater burden of their responsibilities. The Milne Bay Local Government Council as one of the Territory's oldest Councils, has not made a great deal of progress over the last 20 years.

3. The comments contained at paragraph 24 page 4 sum up the situation throughout this District. Until the people have some incentive, there will be little economic development. Their present needs are met by what little economic development has taken place to date.

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

c.c. A.D.C.
Alotau

67-1-1 (Pt. 2)

Division of District Administration

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU.

3rd September, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Molne Bay District,
District Headquarters,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT No. 8/70-71.

Enclosed are copies of the above covering an Annual Census patrol of the TAVARA Census Division conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer Millar.

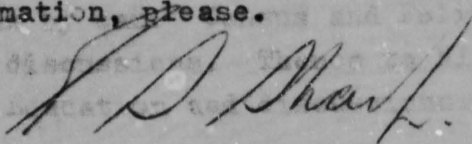
2. Lateness of submission was due to the Territory census, and the fact that the relieving A.D.C., failed to take notice of your memorandum referenced 67-1-2 dated 29th July, 1971.

3. The report is well written and contains valuable information, despite its lateness. Confirmation of the mis-management of Rural Development funds has been revealed.

This subject has been dealt with per numerous memoranda and warrants no further comment. The general Rural Development section makes for interesting reading. The progression is orderly, the assumptions valid and the conclusions logical.

4. Could you arrange to have action taken to amend the village directory as per paragraph 35 of this report? I concur with the suggestion.

5. For your information, please.



(E.S. Sharp.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

DIARY.

- 12/5/71: To MUTIUWA by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 13/5/71: To RABE by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 14/5/71: A.D.O., MARAVILA censused ~~MAIWARA~~ MAIWARA. Self to RABA RABA.
- 17/5/71: To WAIEMA by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 18/5/71: To GABAGABUNA by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 19/5/71: To IANIANINI by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 20/5/71: To NAURA by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 24/5/71: To WALALAIYA by speed boat. People allege they had not been informed of Census. Returned Alotau via LELEHUDI, BOU and DIVINAI informing people en route.
- 25/5/71: To WALALAIYA by speed boat. Census and Political Education and discussion. Returned Alotau.
- 26/5/71: To BOU by speed boat. Census and Political Education and discussion. Returned Alotau.
- 27/5/71: To DIVINAI by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 28/5/71: To BUBULETA by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Thence to WATUNOU by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.
- 31/5/71: To AHIOMA by car. Census and Political Education and discussions. Thence to NIGILA. Census and Political Education and discussions. Returned Alotau.

End of Patrol.

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The Tavora Census Division consists of a narrow coastal strip on the northern side of Milne Bay running 24 miles to the west (only 16 miles inhabited) and 23 miles to the east of Alotau the District and sub-district headquarters. The area is predominantly jungle and swamp rising from a generally narrow coastal strip to steep hills at the back. The area gets about 200" of rain per year causing flooded rivers to halt communications and leaching the soil causing infertility. The pick of the land in the area i.e. the flattest and most fertile is alienated and planted with coconuts and cacao.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

2. The Tavora C.D. is part of the Milne Bay Local Government Council area and contains approx. 5000 of the approx. 8000 people in the Council area. It appears that in recent years the council has not been functioning as well as it should.

3. In the last five years only one council project in the Tavora (apart from employee houses and improvements to the council chambers) which was not subsidised was completed or started. The exception is the Ianianini Community Centre which was an undertaking of ineffable pointlessness, considering that the combined cost (written in the estimates) of this community centre and another outside the C.L. was \$50,000 and that the total tax revenue is around \$10,000; and that 50 yards away on the other side of the road is a huge un-occupied Administration house containing all facilities which could be rented by the day and would probably be lent rent free to an organisation like a womens club.

4. Only in the last 18 months has there been a realistic appraisal and estimate of revenue, the height of absurdity was reached in 69/70 when tax income was estimated at \$19,500. That year revenue was down \$7000 on the draft estimates and, but for a fortuitous gain of \$5000 in Rural Development Funds, personal emoluments would have amounted to 58% of the actual revenue but in fact they came to 39%.

5. Rural Development Funds appear to be looked upon as a gratuity given for the council's presence in the area. In 69/70 \$1400 was given for the Naura and Tavora roads, in 70/71 \$2066 for these roads and the 71/72 estimates hope that \$1400 will be given for the Naura road and \$4600 for total roads and bridges.

6. However, during a road investigation/inventory (ref. file 10-2-5 of 10/5/71) immediately prior to this patrol it was found that it is unlikely that the L.G.C. ever touched the roads. Assuming the current shortage of Administration money will continue, greater care will be taken with the spending of funds and it may well be that unless the council can make specific proposals, adhere to a time-table and honour its commitments, they will find that the bottomless well of Administration honoraria will dry up and over 20% of their estimated revenue will be lost. It seems incredible that ~~that~~ the council has got nearly \$3500 from the Administration for roads and bridges and has employed neither a road supervisor nor a bridge carpenter - merely casual laborers.

7. The root cause of the maundering manner of the council appears to have been the personality clashes between certain "dominant" councillors and various advisors. On the one hand accusations of exploiting the council for political and financial gain and on the other accusations of not advising but attempting to direct. The end result was that the council spent most of its time bickering about who was to blame for the lack of money to implement their somewhat grandiose projects and subsidised schemes were the only ones attempted.

8. The panacea of roads and water supplies seem rather ill-conceived as the water supplies are seldom used and certain of the roads may never be used e.g. the Bubuleta/Walalala road. The Ianianini Community Centre is but another example of a white elephant.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

9. Of the 21 councillors in the Tavara C.D. only 3 were re-elected in the 1969 elections, the rest are new. This shows some measure of the peoples resentment of the lack of initiative of the previous council. Hopefully, the new council is starting to find its feet after just over a year in office and will start to justify its existence. The appointment of a full time "permanent" advisor should greatly help it.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

10. The impression was gained that most people know basically what the H. of A. is, where it sits and what it is for but do not take a lot of interest in its activities, except for purely parochial matters. Parochial matters are rarely raised in the House because the Member for Alotau is also the Speaker who does not participate in debates.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

11. The Member for Alotau Open Electorate is the Speaker Dr. J. Guise who has a strong following among the "politically aware" of the area, and as the majority of voters are "politically insouciant" his future position seems secure. The Member for Milne Bay Regional Electorate is Mr. C. Abel M.H.A. who for all intents and purposes lives in Port Moresby, and rarely visits the electorate. In a rare burst of loquaciousness recently (Hensard 9/3/71) he raised the issue of Administration boats but prior performances have related to general issues rather than local ones. It would surprise if he held his seat in the next elections as he has fallen from favour in the area. It is an unfortunate political fact of life that the electorate judges a Member on what he does for them, not on what he does for the country. A specific case is that Mr. Abel is the councillor for the Wagawaga ward and has not attended a meeting for at least the last six months. The Wagawaga people are unhappy with the lack of representation and have relayed their displeasure to the Council which shares their views.

POLITICAL EDUCATION:

12. I could not consult the Political Education Officer until about halfway through the patrol as he was absent and the circular 80-4-3 was not available until the patrol was over so I initially concentrated on persuading the people to use the facilities and specialists available rather than use the kiap as an oracle.

13. The P.E.O. requested that I find out what the people thought "self Government" was. The result was as per the last paragraph of 80-4-3 of 3/6/71 - they didn't. Unfortunately I did not know the proper procedure from there so I took over and explained it, it is now apparent that the result will be as per para.1 page 2 ibid. "it just will not stick".

14. It is felt that a question of this type would require time, and confidence in the speaker, before an answer would be gained. There are no rest-houses in the area consequently the patrol was done in day trips from Alotau. The travelling time precluded much informal discussion as by the time the census was over it was fairly late in the afternoon and people did not want to be bothered with questions. If I could have slept in the villages I feel that a leisurely informal approach could have given much more satisfactory results. combined with correct techniques

15. The following matter is basically to do with political education being the favourite hobby-horse of most elected Members.

15.(cont.) During the course of the patrol I was constantly approached concerning welfare, labour and civil court matters. As Alotau town is not far from any Tavara village and has an indigenous welfare officer, labour officer and Local Court Magistrate the people were advised to see the specialist officer resident in Alotau. This raises a number of interesting questions (a) do the people know that the services are available and if affirmative why don't they use them, (b) is it because they prefer to deal with expatriate officers and if affirmative does this mean that the electorate is against localisation in principle but for it from an egocentric point of view?

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

16. Political activity in the area would be carried out by Dr. Guise's cohorts. These are advocates of the man, his personality, his principles. As Speaker his political tenets are unknown but as Member for Alotau he has advocated recently that Motu become the official language of the country and that the Territory use the presidential system. These statements, of course, appeal to the electorate, however, the former is ludicrous and the latter appears to be wishful thinking. It is apparent that the majority of people regard the Speaker as a kind of quasi-Prime Minister/Premier. This concept has never been repudiated by anyone and the prestige is very helpful to electoral success. If people were told that in Australian politics Speakers are virtually nonentities compared with the Prime Minister or a Premier it is certain that they would not believe it.

DEGREE OF COMMITMENT TO POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS:

17. Neither of the two Members have publicly allied themselves with any political party although Mr. Abel votes with the Yangu Pati. In the case of Dr. Guise, if in the next elections he does not become Speaker, and allies himself with a political party then there will be droves of people following his example. In the broad sense of the term Dr. Guise himself could be termed a political institution and the degree of commitment of his followers to himself is reminiscent of the dervishes to the Mahdi.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

18. The economic future of the area looks bleak. Barring the possibility of a major mineral discovery income appears tied to the world price of copra and to some extent cacao. The Milne Bay District Draft Economic Development Programme states "Copra remains the basis of the economy....".....the further development of the district will continue to depend mainly upon expansion of copra production." "Indigenous plantings are projected to increase at about 1500 acres per year...." "Copra production by indigenes is expected to increase by almost 80% over (1970-75).... a target which will be achieved only by increased exploitation of existing palms." "Achievement...will (depend) on ...the agricultural extension service." "Virtually no increase in non-indigenous production of copra is expected during (1970-75)."

19. The conclusions and projections appear naive to say the least. In 1959 the M.B.D. population was 85,547 and copra production for Papua was 14,681 tons, in 1969 the population had risen 18% to 103,243 and copra production had risen 7% to 15,736 tons. It is obvious that indigenous growers are processing enough copra to pay LGC tax and buy a few trade goods-the bulk of available nuts are not processed. To put the onus on the agricultural service is unfair. A grower is not going to increase plantings if he is not utilising his existing plantings nor will he suddenly start processing all available copra, and yield to the 20 year old exhortations of the agricultural officer, to fit in with the Economic Advisers predictions.

20. Obviously a drastic revision is needed of existing techniques of persuasion. The grower himself must want to increase production otherwise production will remain static as it has in the last decade.

20.(cont.) Things must be made much easier for the indigenous grower. The main and most obvious change must be to establish a branch of the Copra Marketing Board in Alotau. The average indigenous grower produces 5 cwt. of copra (1967/68 14,715 growers: 3,679 tons) whereas the average plantation produces about 30 tons (1967/68 89 holdings: 2,626 tons). The indigene gets about \$32 in Samarai for his 4 bags of copra out of which he must pay \$5 for his return fare from Alotau, \$3 for freight of the bags and possibly \$8 for two days accommodation in Samarai. The payment of anything upwards of 10% of gross return in selling expenses does nothing to encourage production. If a branch of the Copra Marketing Board is established in Alotau then indigenous production could rise by unprecedented amounts.

21. Another way to increase production would be to increase the acreage of existing holdings to the point where they became an economic unit needing paid labour to run. This is not possible for various reasons. The bulk of the most productive land is alienated leaving indigenes with land which would cost more to clear and put into production. Until an effectual system of land title conversion is put into practice, indigenous land holdings will remain small and under-developed as finance is not available without security, and land is the only security for loans available to indigenes. The statement that the new land bills will not be presented to the House until after the next elections may mean that an efficacious land titles conversion system will never eventuate in this country.

22. Cattle production is being pushed in the area but it is doubtful if any indigenous projects will become anything but an adjunct to subsistence farming as they will never be big enough. As in copra, freight and incidentals will take the cream. Cacao has some potential and will doubtless increase but it is difficult to predict the extent and value of indigenous production. The M.B.D.D.E.D.P. ~~has~~ states that "About 40% of the marketed rural output of the district is produced on 100 non-indigenous holdings." Unless the restrictions of finance and lack of incentive are overcome it is difficult to see the indigenous producer making any serious inroads on this percentage.

23. The Sagarai timber area will provide employment for many men of the Tavara when it comes into production but this is again a case of overseas capital using local labour. The profits of the enterprise will not benefit the area and will not go to local people. The only possible way any local people could make money out of it would be to get a loan to buy plant and equipment and contract to the parent company to get timber.

24. The basic problem appears to be that the people are subsistence farmers who do not need to work particularly hard to subsist. To some degree they have wants but have no needs. It is only the exceptional individual who works hard enough to fulfill his wants. The area lacks the population pressure and basic aggression of the Highlands; the incidence of malaria and T.B. do not improve things. Consequently economic development en masse in the area has never progressed beyond an initial enthusiasm. The members of organisations for economic development have not pressed their executive and have never called them to account until too late. It is felt that a Savings and Loan Society may fill a need in the area - at least the participants may salvage something ~~it~~ if it ever becomes defunct. The present organisation for economic development, the Damuni Association, is run by politicians rather than entrepreneurs; this appears to be a mistake as people are more likely to follow an example than be inspired to work through oratory.

SOCIAL EDUCATION

25. There is almost universal education in the Tavara C.D. Certainly education is limited by ambition and not by opportunity. Most children only attend school for 3 or 4 years, the remainder who finish primary school find it hard to go to secondary school as there are few vacancies. The child hardest hit is the one who fails to get into High School by 5 or so marks, the alternative then is to go back to the village, to seek un-skilled employment or to go to the vocational school and learn something which may or may not be of value in future life.

HEALTH

26. The area is well supplied with aid-posts and the Alotau Hospital is equipped with all facilities and trained staff. It is surprising that the hospital lacks an ambulance to transport both urban and rural patients. During the patrol several people with complaints beyond the scope of the aid-post were transported to Alotau by Admin. vehicle. Some aid-posts are situated on roads which rarely have traffic and an ambulance patrol every couple of days would save some pain and lives, medicines could also be delivered which would enable a closer check to be kept and would preclude running out and ineffectiveness through age. The most common complaint seen on the patrol was sipoma and at least 20% of the population would have it. A patrol by a health education officer would be in order.

LAW & ORDER

27. The area is particularly law-abiding and by far the majority of criminal offenses are concerned with non-payment of council tax and to a lesser extent non-payment of maintenance.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT

28. The area, being adjacent to Alotau, has the usual plenitude of services including a Development Bank officer and a Business Advisory Officer. Lacking is a Taxation representative and a Customs Officer. A Customs Officer will be posted when Alotau becomes a port of entry which will be when the overseas wharf is built.

MISSIONS

29. Four missions operate in the area, the ~~Anglican~~ Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Church and Seventh Day Adventist. These are missions with an establishment in the area, there is one evangelist from Mission to Youth operating, a young ex-TPNG University man who is wandering around preaching and there is a Canadian beatnik who follows the Buddhist faith but he is not interested in conversions.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

30. Nearly every village has a women's club which is usually supervised by the Welfare officers. These are discussion and sewing groups which play basketball if members are young enough.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

31. There appears to be a lack of youth activities in the area. The village football fields were all overgrown and there are no youth clubs. A Girl Guide Commissioner is at present in the area trying to get things started but it is too early to see any results.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGING THE DIVINAI SAWMILL

32. The Divinai sawmill was built in the early 1950's using an engine bought ex Misima from a goldmine for £540. The freight and erection cost £360. The bandsaw, circular saw and planing machine belts, pulleys and assorted equipment cost extra. At present the sawmill consists of an enormous Rushton engine and various bits and pieces scattered over the landscape.

33. If the participants had built a roof over the engine and ancillaries when the project was abandoned in 1961, some salvage may have been possible but things have rusted completely and all that is left is a pile of junk.

34. It is a great pity that this project was abandoned and the project would make a useful study subject for a sociologist. Some conclusions could be drawn from the study which would be useful to ; political education, trade and industry and business development. The project went well for some years but just when it could have expanded ten-fold, about the time the town of Alotau was mooted, it died and has not been revived. The story was that the people got tired of working in the saw-mill, it was all shareholder labour, and didn't turn up - finally only the engine operator was left and so he switched the machine off and walked away from it.

AMENDMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTORY

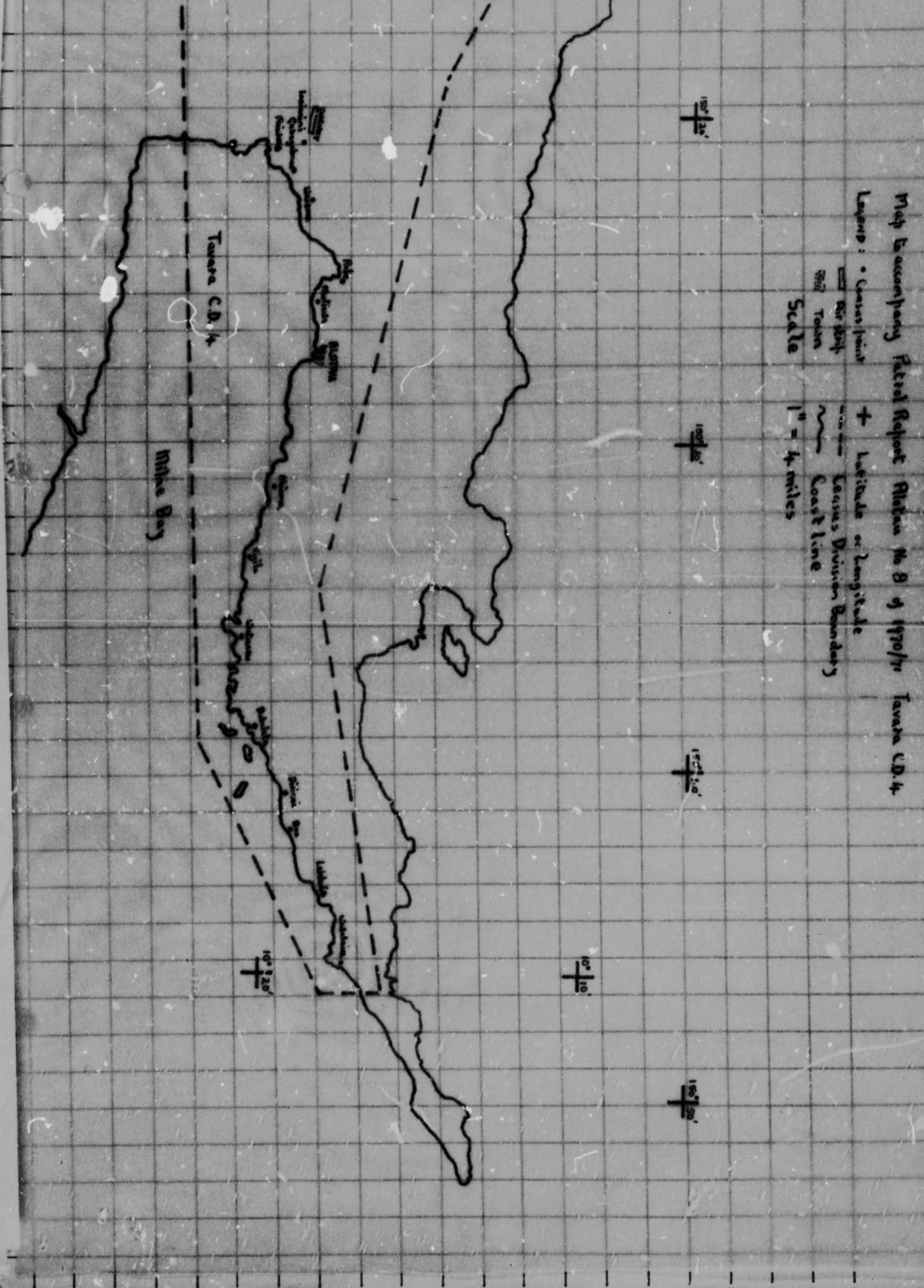
35. It is suggested that the Village Directory as is be amended. The villages of Maiwara North and Maiwara South do not exist, there is only one village : Maiwara. It is not clear what the original intention of splitting it was, there is no known boundary there is a lot of confusion with double entries and the total population of the combined books is about average for the Census Division. Another amendment should be the combining of Boboua book and Naura book into one : Naura. The Naura/Eoboua complex consists of about nine separate hamlets which were apparently arbitrarily split for administrative convenience. In actuality there are three books Naura, Boboua and Derama, but Derama is counted with Boboua. It is not known how Derama managed to get a book as there are only about thirty residents. If the whole lot is counted as Naura this will preclude the possibility of double entries and again the combined population is about par for the area.

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Population Register

Area Patrolled

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WIDE		STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
Out	Inside District	Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females			Child		Adults			M + F
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	10-6	16-45	10-6	16-45	M	F	M	F	M + F



Map to accompany Facted Report Refus No 8 of 1970/71 Tavara C.D. 4

Legend:

- Census Point
- District Boundary
- Census Division Boundary
- Coast Line

Scale 1" = 4 miles

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