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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

GUASOPA, MISIMA

Report No.

Officer Conducting
Patrol

Area Patrolled

GUASOPA

1-67-68

H.W. Morris

Woodlark C.D.

2-67-68

H.W. Morris

Woodlark C.D.

MISIMA

1-67-68

R. Kopi

Sudest Island C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. 10 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by R. Rapt, A.S.O.

Area Patrolled Subst Island Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 R.P. & R.O.C. members

Duration - From 20 6 67 /19 to 6 7 67 1 Interpreter, 1 Medical orderly.

Number of Days 17 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services Nov. 66 /19

Medical ... Nov. 66 /19

Map Reference Patrol Map attached.

Objects of Patrol (1) census revision; (2) General Administration;

(3) other specific matters as per instruction.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

DISCOM

P/R

MJD/ej

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAHARAI.

27th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOMEDORU.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1967/68

SUDEST DIVISION

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3. The Coconut Census (Appendix A) indicates a reasonable endeavour by the people of this Division.

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(J. Preston White).
District Commissioner.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
BWAGOIA.

For your information, please.

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District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Our Reference P/R

If calling ask for

Mr. MJD/ej



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District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
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District Commissioner.

67-1-1

Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA,
Milne Bay District.

6th September, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

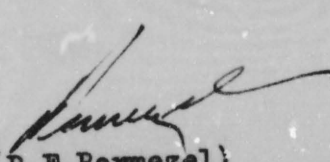
MISIMA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1967/68.

Mr. R.KOPI, A.D.O.

Enclosed please find two copies of Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R. Kopi, A.D.O. in respect of a census and routine administration patrol of the Sudest Census Division. Claims for camping allowance are also attached.

2. The objects of this patrol were accomplished and Mr. Kopi has conducted a satisfactory patrol. The Sudest people have continued to assist with the establishment of the Tagula Base Camp on a self-help basis, however progress at the site has been intermittent through lack of continuing supervision. It is expected that with the forthcoming arrival of another field officer in the Sub-District it will be possible to provide a greater measure of supervision and eventually station an officer at Tagula.

3. For your information and onerforwarding, please.


(D.F. Permezel)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-0

Sub-District Office
BWAGAOIA,
Milne Bay District.


17th June, 1967.

Mr. Raga Kopi,
Patrol Officer,
BWAGAOIA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Please make necessary arrangements to depart Bwagaoia 20th June for a patrol of the Sudest Census Division.
2. The objects of the patrol will be revision of census, general administration and other specific matters as mentioned here-under.
3. Two members of the R.P. & N.G.C. Detachment and Interpreter Bwadu Bopiu will accompany the patrol. Please see the O.I.C., Bwagaoia hospital re the availability of a medical orderly.
4. m.v. 'Toaripi' will be available for the first part of the patrol where sea transport is required to reach villages in the S.E. sector of Sudest Island. 'Toaripi' will then return to Bwagaoia and later collect patrol from Western Point. The duration of the patrol will be approximately three weeks.
5. The m.v. 'Toaripi' will drop off the Bwagaoia station carpenters at Western Point where they will resume work on the O.I.C.'s residence at the Base Camp. Further work on the construction of the wharf at the Base Camp will also be undertaken during the stay of the carpenters at Western Point.
6. On 21st June please take 'Toaripi' to Madanwa to load bush building materials which will have been accumulated there and move these back to Western Point. The 'Toaripi' may collect passengers for Western Point on the same trip.
7. Whilst at the Base Camp check on the tele-radio equipment to ensure everything is in working order. The key to the locked-up section of the O.I.C.'s residence may be collected from this office.
8. Land Titles Commission Demarcation Committee lists for the following Sudest villages are still outstanding:
RAMBUSO, JOLANDIN, PANTAVA, PAMELA, MADAUWA
and JELEWAGA.
Please obtain these.
9. The following persons have still to cash Bank of New South Wales cheques for gold subsidy payments. Please advise them to do so at an early date.
VAKWANI of EMBABALIA - \$6.77
PAULA BUTUA of BAMUM - \$4.58
PETER MARADONE of REWE - \$7.08

10. Those persons holding current Licences to Trade with Natives are to be advised that renewal of licences due 1st July, 1967. Check office records for names.
11. Obtain a list of names of persons holding Firearm Registration permits and advise those concerned of renewal dates.
12. See office file 34-4-1 for matter concerning RAMBUSO M.O.M. land application and attend to same.
13. Please carry out a land investigation report in respect of the application by the Louisiade Council for an Aid Post area at REWE village. See file 35-5-12 for details and discuss with me before your departure.
14. Obtain lists of Sudent tax defaulters for the year 1966/67 from the Council Clerk and advise persons concerned that continuing failure to pay tax will lead to prosecution.
15. You will take your copy of Vol.1 Departmental Standing Instructions (General Field Administration) with you for reference on patrol.
16. Necessary equipment and stores for the patrol to be obtained from the Sub-District store prior your departure. A cash advance may also be taken.



(D.F. Femesel)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File: 67-1-0

Sub District Office,

BWAGAOIA.

Misima Sub-District.

7th August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,

Misima Sub-District,

BWAGAOIA.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT NO. 4.1967/58.

(Patrol to Sudest Census Division.)

Officer Conducting:

R . Kopi, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled:

Sudest Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying:

No. 6097 Const. BOREJI, RP & NCC.

No. 8558 Const. OVE , RP & NCC.

BWADUA BOPIU, Interpreter.

KAMIS UIALOLO, Medical Orderly.

Duration of Patrol:

From 20/6/67 to 6/7/67.

Number of Days:

17 days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol:

From 1/11/66 to 15/11/66 - N.W. &
N.E. Coast Sudest Island.

Map Reference:

Patrol Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol:

- (1) Census Revision,
- (2) General Administration,
- (3) Other Specific matters as
per instruction.

Results of Patrol:

As listed herein.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT NO.
1 of 1967/68.

INTRODUCTION.

The object of this patrol were to revise the census, general Administration and other specific matters as per Assistant District Commissioner's instructions.

The first and the last parts of this patrol were carried out from m.v. Toaripi where sea transport was required to reach villages in the South East sector including Piron Island. According to the patrol's plan, 'Toaripi' was to leave the patrol at JELEWAGA village and she was to return to BWAGAOIA station to stand by for other important tasks; later she would return to collect the patrol at Western Point. However, the plan was changed because the patrol found that there were not enough carriers at Jelewaga village at the time. Most of the able men were taken by 'Toaripi' to Western Point to work on the Base Camp site. The patrol then had to board 'Toaripi' again to reach villages on the North Coast via Western Point as 'Toaripi' was instructed by Radio that she was to go to RAMBUSO to pick up a man to Bwagaoia for questioning when she returned to Bwagaoia. This certainly was an opportunity for the patrol to pass through the Base Camp to see how the work was progressing there. No other difficulties were met throughout the patrol apart from this.

Sudest Island is the largest island in this Sub-District, measuring about 40 miles long and 8 miles wide with the total population of 1742 as at 1967 census. Piron island was also included in the total census figure. Sudest island is mountainous but the general topography is not as rough as that of Misima or Rossel. Western section is predominantly kunai covered hills whilst the remainder of the island is covered with typical rain forest and most of its coastline is mangrove fringed. The streams from the hills prove to be a good source of water supply for the villages.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 20/6/67.

Departed Bwagaoia 0820 hrs. for Sudest Island (Tagula), arrived Western Point 1530 hrs. The patrol and Bwagaoia station carpenters disembarked at Western Point. Sent 'Toaripi' to MADAUA.

Slept Western Point Rest House.

DIARY (Contd.)

Wednesday 21/5/67.

Western Pt. village census revised, inspected village, no complaint. Checked Tagula Base Camp Transreceiver set and other equipments all were in working order. M.V. Toaripi arrived back in the afternoon from MADAUA with a load of labourers but no building materials.

Slept Western Point Rest House again.

Thursday 22/6/67.

Western Pt. 0900 hrs for RAMBUSO, arrived Rambuso 1215 hrs. Mission Land, Rambuso datum peg fixed. People were advised that the census was the next day.

Slept Rambuso.

Friday 23/6/67.

WIMBA and RAMBUSO villages censused at RAMBUSO Rest House. Inspected Rambuso hamlets. No complaint.

Slept Rambuso again.

Saturday 24/6/67.

Departed Rambuso 0730 hrs. for East Pt. Arrived East Pt. 0930 hrs. People assembled and census revised, village inspected. No complaints. Departed East Pt. 1430 hrs. for REWA, arrived Rewa 1715 hrs.

Slept REWA.

Sunday 25/6/67.

Observed.

At 1500 hrs land investigation.

Monday 26/6/67

Rewa census revised, village inspected. A complaint attended and settled. At 1340 hrs. departed Rewa for Juru, arrived 1350 hrs. Juru people assembled and revised the census. Village inspected. No complaints.

Slept Juru.

Tuesday 27/6/67.

Departed Juru 0730 hrs. for PANTAVA. Arrived 0905 hrs. Census revised, village inspected. No complaints. Departed Pantava at 1245 hrs. for POMELA. Arrived 1330 hrs. Census revised, village inspected. No complaints. Departed Pomela for Madaua. Arrived Madaua at 1630 hrs.

Slept Madaua.

DIARY (Contd.)

Wednesday 28/5/67.

MADAUA census amended, inspected village. No complaints. Departed Madaua 1145 hrs. for JELEWAGA, arrived Jelewaga 1210 hrs. People assembled and census revised, village inspected, no complaints. Departed Jelewaga 1440 hrs for Western Pt. Arrived 1630 hrs.

Slept Western Pt.

Thursday 29/6/67.

Departed Western Pt. 0900 hrs. for JOLANDAN via Griffin Pt. Departure was made after having checked how the work was progressing at the base camp site. Called at Griffin Pt. for about 10 minutes to drop off 3 patients from Pomela to be admitted into Griffin Pt. Aid Post. Arrived JOLANDAN 1130 hrs. The patrol disembarked whilst MV Toaripi proceeded to Rambuso thence to Dwagacia. The people were all in the bush and the patrol awaited. People returned late in the afternoon.

Slept Jolandam.

Friday 30/6/67.

At Jolandam, census revised, village inspected, no complaints. Departed Jolandam 1205 hrs. for Griffin Pt. by Canoe. Arrived Griffin Pt 1415 hrs. NANHIL census amended. No complaints. GESILA and TARANGIA people were advised that they would be assembled the next day for the census.

Slept Griffin Pt. Rest House.

Saturday 1/7/67.

At Griffin Pt. GESILA and TARANGIA census amended. Two minor complaints were brought up to the patrol's attention but were not settled because the other parties whom the complaints were laid against, were not present at the time. They were told that further inquiries will be made for these matters. (referred to file, matters for attention).

Slept Griffin Pt. Rest House again.

Sunday 2/7/67.

Observed.

Adultery case reported to the patrol but the people were told that the patrol will attend the matter the next day.

Slept Griffin Pt. Rest House again.

DIARY (Contd.)

Monday 3/7/67.

At Griffin Pt. rest house, attended the adultery case reported and found to be a court case involved. Told the accused and other parties concerned to be ready to BWAGAOIA. Departed Griffin Pt. 1300 hrs. for EMBAMBALIA. Patrol gear was taken on canoe to Embambali with Const. Ove while Const. Boreji, interpreter Bvudua and I walked to Embambalia. Arrived Embambalia 1550 hrs.

Slept Embambalia.

Tuesday 4/7/67.

At Embambalia, census revised, village inspected, no complaints. Afternoon spent compiling census figures.

Slept Embambalia again.

Wednesday 5/7/67.

Intended to depart for Western Pt. but sighted MV. Toaripi was approaching to pick up the patrol. Boarded Toaripi and departed for PIROM Island at 0800 hrs. Arrived Piron 0905 hrs. Piron census revised, village inspected, no complaints. Departed PIROM 1300 hrs. for Griffin point to pick up "wait courts" and six patients for BWAGAOIA. Arrived Griffin Point 1530 hrs. The patrol awaited the accused who went to the garden and returned late in the afternoon.

Slept Griffin Point.

Thursday 6/7/67.

Departed Griffin Point 0615 hrs. for Tagula (Western Pt.), Arrived Tagula 0805 hrs. Went to the Base Camp site to see if the things were in order before leaving. Carpenters loaded their tools and boarded for Bwagaoia. Departed Tagula 1015 hrs for BWAGAOIA via KIMUTA island to pick up a council carpenter. Arrived Kimuta 1400 hrs. Departed Kimuta 1600 hrs. Arrived BWAGAOIA 1830 hrs.

END OF DIARY.

VILLAGE & HOUSING.

The standard of housing through the villages was generally satisfactory. The people are actually quite capable of building good houses which are much the same design as the village rest houses but they seem to have very little desire to keep them clean and tidy although they have been told many times about this. This, of course, to some extent would affect the general health of the people. Times were again taken, whenever a village inspection was conducted, to explain that it is their own good to keep the houses clean and tidy to guard against their general health.

On many occasions the patrol was not surprised to see the villages were clean and tidy as it was noted that they have just been cleaned prior to the patrol's arrival.

Rest houses in all the villages were in good repair. The new rest house at Rewa village had just been completed. Only Pomela village has yet to build a police accommodation. The councillor of Pomela village advised the patrol that they are now in process to put it up soon because the building materials needed were in hand now.

HEALTH & HYGIENE.

Although the water supply on this island is plentiful, Sudest people appear to have very little concern over having regular baths, especially the older people. The older people still retains much of the old customs that they would not have their baths for long periods if a wife or a husband dies until on the eve of some celebrations. This is merely to show the sign of mourning to a lost wife or a husband. However, this is not only the reason because there were number of people seen who do not seem to bother, particularly old people. One could think that they may be excused for water supply problems.

Medical Orderly accompanied the patrol conducted general health inspections in the villages visited that general health was satisfactory. He treated the minor cases of sicknesses and send the cases that needed further treatment to Bwagaoia hospital. The medical Orderly also conducted Aid Post inspections. There are at the present three Aid Posts maintained by Louisiade Council. The aid posts are situated at Griffin Pt., Rambuso and Rewa. They were all in order.

No other injuries occurred to the patrol members throughout the patrol.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

The main diet of these people largely consistutes starchy foods. Sago is the staple food supplemented by yams, bananas, taro sweetpotato and greens which are cultivated in their primitive fashion of gardening. Sufficient food supply from their gardens was apparent in all the villages visited.

Domestic pigs and fowls are kept for their need of fresh meat. There are also games such as wild pigs, pigeons and other small animals can be found on the island. The sea also affords them with such foods as fish, cray-fish, crabs and various shell-fish.

The number of new plantings of such cash crops as coconut and coffee are listed appendices "A" and "B". The appendix "A" new plantings of coconut whilst appendix "B" shows new plantings of coffee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Sudest island is one of the rich islands in this Sub-District for having such valuable natural resources as gold, copal-gum, shell, stands of timber and copra but at the present there is actually no great economic development taking place. The people almost seem to be lack of enthusiasm, even the fact, that there were number of European miners engaged in gold mining in pre war days. There also number of village men who are given rights to prospect gold in their own lands, but so far very little response is been anticipated.

Copra, shell and copal-gum industries should show much more encouraging results if the transport problems were solved. Mr. F. Sigamata owns several small plantation on Sudest island buys most of the local products. The Catholic mission of Nimoa is another buyers of the local products.

There are five trade stores on the island. Of these, two are owned by the Sudest people, other two are owned by the Catholic Mission of Nimoa and one owned by Mr. Sigamata of Madana. The two village trade stores are always confronted with the transport difficulties and quite often ran out of supplies for some long periods.

MISSION & EDUCATION.

Catholic Mission and Methodist Mission are the two religious bodies operating on Sudest island. The Catholic mission has a base station at Nimoa island and Methodist mission are based at Loaga Misima island. The Catholic sphere of influence is mainly in the Western sector of the island whilst the Methodist mission influence in the remainder of the island.

These three villages, REWA, MADAU, PIRON ISLAND had split-mission influence, half Catholic and half Methodist. Although the people have separate church services, the relationships between them is normally friendly, even it was noted that the people are little confused with which is the better of the two missions. It was felt that whenever the missionaries visit these villages, they always attempt to attract the other half into their mission and talk to the people in a way that they think that they can attract people to believe in their missions.

There are no administration schools on this island as yet, only the missions have village schools in most of the villages. The highest grade of these village schools is standard 2. The missions give opportunities to those promising students to send them to Nimoa or Loaga and then to Sidea or Salamo if the students show remarkable progress.

The Catholic mission also have a hospital at Nimoa which provides health services to these people. The Sister-in-Charge of this hospital also conducts infant welfare work for the people.

LAND.

Sudest island comprises roughly 100 square miles but the less number of total population would certainly mean that the large portion of its arable land is unused for economic purposes. Therefore land leasing here could be encouraged for such cash crops as coffee and coconut plantations. Certainly, Sudest have the samples of mineral gold therefore prospecting rights should be considered for economic development of the area.

The list for the outstanding Demarcation Committees was obtained without much difficulties. The people had actually made the lists ready to hand in.

The proposed Land Application by the Louisiade Local Government Council at Rewa village was investigated and surveyed. A adjustment of the Datum Peg of Methodist Mission land application at Raubuso was also made. These were carried out without much difficulties.

COMPLAINTS.

Altogether there were four complaints brought to the patrol's attention and these were attended. One was an adultery case that needed a court action to be taken which was referred to the Assistant District Commissioner, Bwagacis. The accused was jailed for one month hard labour. One was a divorce case that wife wanted to divorce the husband. This was attended and settled it amicably. The other two minor complaints were about native debts. These were attended but not settled because the other parties were not present. These other parties concerned were actually from Calvados Chama Census Division, which were noted the file, "matters for attention on patrol file".

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Unfortunately, most part of this patrol was conducted from the trawler Mv. Tocaripi that this patrol had very little to comment. The patrol had walked from Griffin Pt. to Mbambali village. The road here was seen clean and tidy. The bridges that crossed the creeks were all noted all in good condition.

CENSUS & COUNCIL TAX.

There were no difficulties experienced throughout the villages during the census division, only some minimum times of delays were made when the villages were called to assemble. The councillors and the council committees were of particular help in this regard.

Population figures from 1964 shows that there has been a steady natural increases as per the following table below;

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Total Population.</u>
1964 -	1654
1966 -	1701
1967 -	1742

The list of names for the people who have not pay up the council taxes was compiled prior the departure of this patrol and enquiries were made about the people who have not paid the council tax. It appeared that most of the people listed were the students and others were absent workers. Only few have come up and paid their taxes but others said that they have no money at the time to pay it. The people were advised that continuing failure to pay the council tax will lead to the prosecution.

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CONCLUSION.

The messages about the patrol's intentions, were passed on to the councillors and the council committees to send messages ahead to the other villages. All went well that the people were all expecting the patrol's arrival in the villages.

The councillors and Committees particularly all participated with co-operation in organizing the people to assemble for the patrol to carry out its tasks.

The objects of the patrol were achieved without much difficulties for being the people here ~~first~~ appeared friendly and co-operative.

The people here are somewhat on an isolated island that they need more patrols to visit them for close contacts with the administration for advice. The operation of TAGULA BASE CAMP will, no doubt, give close contact to these people.

The outstanding cheques from the Bank of New South Wales for gold mining payments were cashed with the advance drawn from the Assistant District Commissioner, Bwagaia. Only one held by VAKWARI of EMBAMBALI village, was cashed by Mr. E.D. Ryan of Bwagaia.

The persons holding the current Licences to Trade with Natives were advised about the renewal date which is the 1st July, 1967.

A list was made before the patrol departed, for the persons holding firearms Licences and from this list the people concerned were accordingly advised about the renewal date.

(R.Kopi)

Assistant District Officer.

REPORT P/R. 1 - 1967/68.

Report on the members of R.P. & N.C.C. Accompanying the Patrol.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Comments.</u>
ONE	8958	Const 5th Yr.	Good conduct and has impressive, and pleasant manner.
FOREJI	6097	Const. 5th Yr.	Although he is big, fat and heavy member, he appeared to carry out tasks quite satisfactorily.


(R. Kapi,)

Assistant District Officer.

MISIMA PATROL NO. 1 - 1967/68.

APPENDIX "B".

COFFEE PLOTS.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>MATURED TREES.</u>	<u>IMMATURED TREES.</u>	<u>NEW PLANTINGS.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
GRIFFIN Pt.	-	-	-	Poor coffee plot.
JOLANDAN	-	39	-	Good coffee but spoilt by pigs.
RANUSO	93	-	-	Good coffee to be enlarged.
RETA	-	44	-	Good plot but poor soil.
JURU	-	14	-	Good plot but poor soil.
PATEAVA	-	-	-	Coffee planted but all died out.
TONELA	-	19	-	Good plot but poor soil.
HADANA	-	69	-	Good plot to be enlarged.
Total	<u>93</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>Nil</u>	

MISIMA PATROL No. 1 - 1967/68.

APPENDIX "A".

COCONUT CENSUS 1967/68 by Agriculture Officer.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NO. MATURED TREES.</u>	<u>NO. IMMATURED TREES.</u>	<u>NEW PLANTINGS</u>
MAHILL	1204	2525	652
OSILA	265	84	645
TARAGIA	710	4547	-
INDAMBALIA	1241	2631	230
WESTERN Pt.	1927	2603	4343
JIMBAGAL	1131	2125	163
NABUA	3423	3077	-
PONELA	614	3631	850
PANTAVA	3020	3820	650
JURU	414	73	152
REVA	3933	1108	537
EAST Pt.	373	201	937
RANUSO	1427	1944	809
JOLANDAN	2549	499	705
Total;	<u>22231</u>	<u>28868</u>	<u>10843</u>