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1955/56

LORENGAU & BALUAN

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
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1 - 55/56	W.G.Murdoch	North and West Coasts
2 - 55/56	F.V.Reitano	Western Islands Census Division
3 - 55/56	I.D.Burnet	Sau - Bipi Census Division
4 - 55/56	I.D.Burnet	Level to Leihuwa, Sau - Bipi Census Division
<u>BALUAN</u>		
1 - 55/56	W.G.Murdoch	Baluan - Bunai Census Division
<u>LORENGAU</u>		
6 - 55/56	I.D.Burnet	Lorengau - Sau Census Division (Includes an Appendix on Land Decisions extracted from Village Books)
7 - 55/56	D.J.Penhale	Sau - Bipi Census Division
<u>BALUAN</u>		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MANUS Report No. MANUS 5/55-56
BALUAN 1 - 55/56
 Patrol Conducted by W.G. MURDOCH a/A.D.O.
 Area Patrolled BALUAN, BUNAI, CENSUS DIVISION
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
 Natives NIL to EIGHT
 Duration—From 25/10/1955 to 2/1/1956
 Number of Days THIRTY SEVEN
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JULY/1955
 Medical 9 2 54
25/10/1955
 Map Reference MANUS DISTRICT CENSUS DIVISION MAP
 Objects of Patrol General Administration
"First visit" by O.I.C. BALUAN

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

AI District Commissioner

12/1/1956

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 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
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24th January, 1956.

District Officer,
LORENGAU.

P/R. No.5 of 1955/56 - MR. W. G. MURDOCK.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report. It concisely covers major aspects of South Coast native affairs.

2. The attitude of the majority of the Lou Islanders is natural enough. Why should they voluntarily enter a system involving taxation when they are already receiving as much Administrative attention as they desire? This viewpoint may be short-sighted, but it is readily understandable, and not confined to Lou Island. A basic policy issue - that of the inherent weakness of a voluntary participation approach without any background of general taxation - has still to be resolved.

It is assumed that health, education and agricultural matters raised in Mr. Murdock's report will have been referred by you to the relevant district departmental representatives.

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Report Manus 5 - 924.

District Headquarters,
Manus District,
LOMBEGAN.

17 1956
13th January, 1956.

WEE/AB.
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT MANUS NO. 5, 1955-56

As stated by Mr. Murdoch, the patrol was of an introductory nature and naturally he would meet certain situations with which he is not fully acquainted.

Transport is one difficulty but since the workboat is now stationed at Baluan, primarily for Mr. Murdoch's use, he should be able to adjust the matter to his satisfaction.

NATIVE SITUATION - COUNCIL.

KAS is one of the most radical of the Councillors. He is not a native of broad vision and is frequently unaware of the true perspective of his position.

The matter of preserving traditional crafts and customs where they are not obnoxious has long been encouraged. One point that may be of interest is the fact that students at Baluan Native School refused for some eighteen months to do any art work that depicted any traditional modes of dress or activities. This resistance has now been broken down and some of the students are producing outstanding works of art depicting early customs.

The attitude referred to by Mr. Murdoch is not confined to KAS and seems to stem from a desire for over-Americanisation, irrespective of its true value to a native community. The fact that the various groups in the PAK area have combined in forming a Co-operative Society does not of necessity pre-suppose the willingness of all parties to join the Council movement. However, it is a satisfactory step forward.

Whether or not LOU or any other similar area is merely gazetted as a Council area depends on the policy of the Administration. Intensive propaganda by the Officer-in-Charge of the Council area would probably have a desirable effect upon the LOU people.

COUNCIL BUILDING.

The matter of the Aid Post at LOAMAT is primarily a matter for the villages concerned. If they cannot reach a satisfactory decision the Administration will probably have to intervene and impose its own decision.

CO-OPERATIVES.

The matter of opening a second store at RMI or LAKO is not favoured by the Co-operative Officer. It will be referred to him again on his return from leave.

For Mr. Murdoch's information the status of all Societies in the Council area will be submitted to him in a report now in the process of preparation.

No new Societies are at present being established on the North Coast. Stores cannot be established ad lib and whether or not a village which a Society could serve is concerned in the establishment of this Society, is one which frequently depends entirely upon the attitude of the village itself. Some villages on the North Coast, conveniently situated as regards a store, do not actively support the store, while other villages not conveniently situated, are very active supporters. The North Coast population is a relatively scattered one and stores can only be established in the first instance where they are most likely to succeed. They appear to have succeeded quite well so far.

It will probably be some years before a Co-operative movement can fully satisfy the requirements of all villages and though it might be desirable for a Society to act as a unifying influence I do not consider that at present it is the primary function.

COCOA.

It is not proposed that the natives of Baluan who have cleared areas for cocoa be advised to plant coconuts instead, until such time as the matter has been fully dealt with by the District Agricultural Officer. The policy has been adopted in this District to leave cocoa planting entirely to the District Agricultural Officer, except where co-operation by the Department of Native Affairs can be of assistance to him. It is hoped that in the very near future the District Agricultural Officer will be able to pay far more attention to the matter of cocoa planting in the Baluan Council area wherever the prospects of success seem reasonable.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Supplies of medical stores are short at District Headquarters, Lorengau. New consignments are due on 16th January.

EDUCATION.

Supplies for the RAMBUTSO School have already been ordered through the Director of Education by the Department of Native Affairs in the absence of an officer who could otherwise deal with the matter.

No decision has yet been made by the Director of Education as to whether or not M'Bunai is to be an Area School to serve the South Coast. The primary function of the M'Bunai School at present is to provide education for a very large potential of school children in the immediate M'Bunai area.

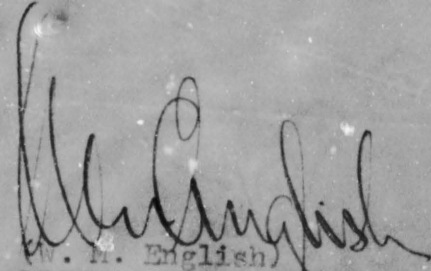
It is proposed to open schools at PELIKAWA and M'BUKE in the Council area in about March of this year. When these schools are firmly established, and as adequate and suitable staff become available, the matter of an Area School could then be considered.

The posting of the trainee teachers is in the hands of the Department of Education and is a matter for that Department to determine.

It has been suggested to the Director of Education that a conference be held in this District as soon as possible to discuss the whole matter of education as regards the disposition of Administration schools, their inspection, staffing and so forth. The Director regrets that he is not able to spare an officer for such a conference in the foreseeable future.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

If the M'BUNAI people wish a road to extend as far as their village from Lorengau it will be contingent upon them, in the first instance, to locate the route from M'BUNAI to a point near SIRRA. A preliminary survey has already been made by an officer from this Headquarters who is satisfied that a suitable vehicular road can be established between SIRRA and M'BUNAI. No road will be established until the M'BUNAI natives have determined an acceptable location. The Officer-in-Charge of the Baluan Council area will be responsible for this work. No officer will be made available from this Headquarters.



W. H. English
ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c.
A/Assistant District Officer,
BALUAN.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

DISTRICT	MANUS DISTRICT
REPORT NUMBER	BAL 1 - 55/56
CONDUCTED BY	W.G. MURDOCH a/A.D.O.
AREA PATROLLED	BALUAN-BUNAI CENSUS DIVISION
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY	
EUROPEANS	NIL
NATIVES	NIL to EIGHT
DURATION	
FROM	26/10/55
TO	2/ 1/56
DAYS	37
DID MEDICAL ASSISTANT ACCOMPANY	NO
LAST PATROL	
NATIVE AFFAIRS	July 1955
MEDICAL	9/2/54 part 25/4/55 part
MAP REFERENCE	MANUS DISTRICT CENSUS DIVISION MAP
OBJECTS OF PATROL	General Administration "First visit" by O.I.C. BALUAN

INTRODUCTION:

This being an orientation Patrol for the writer, no statistical information is included in this Report.

Similarly, the observations in the body of the Report are no more than the first impressions of a newly arrived Officer.

Considerable delay was caused by the absence of powered watercraft. A workboat was not made available until early December. Full use of calm periods is the only way to patrol this area and during calms even a canoe manned by "salt-water" MANUS is maddeningly slow. Using a workboat and picking the less turbulent days or the dawn hours much useful travelling can be done even on the longer stretches. One is also hesitant about risking records and equipment on a canoe journey.

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DIARY

- 1 Wed. 26/10/55: To PAUN by canoe. Inspected thermal area. Meeting of villagers to explain objects and advantages of Councils.
Disputes.
- 2 Thurs 27th: To PEI and LAKO. Meetings re Council. Votes taken. Visited S.D.A. Mission. Returned to PAUN and took vote.
- 3 Fri 28th: Returned BALUAN via PAM.
- 4 Mon 31st: To BUNAI by canoe calling at NDROVA Pln, en-route. Called on O.I.C. Area School.
- 5 Tues 1st November: Preliminary clearing of Council land boundary.
- 6 Wed 2nd: Chain and compass traverse of land. Disputes heard. Mail from LORENGAU.
- 7 Thurs 3rd: Council meeting in morning. Lecture on preparation of estimates in afternoon.
- 8 Fri 4th: Dealing with correspondence.
- 9 Sat 5th: ditto
- 10 Sun 6th: As such.
- 11 Mon 7th: Be-calmed on NDROVA reef until 1100 hrs. Thence with a light breeze towards RAMBUTYO.
- 12 Tues 8th: Arrived NDRIOL 0845 hrs and paid off canoe. Visited LOAMAT.
- 13 Wed 9th: By canoes to PERCHAT calling at the NDRIOL cacao plot en-route. Paid teacher. C.N.A. and complaints.
- 14 Thurs 10th: Examined SOUTH Coast of RAMBUTYO and part of hinterland.
- 15 Fri 11th: To NDRIOL and return.
- 16 Sat 12th: Complaints. Workboat "HABOB" in pm. with mail. Returned BALUAN and prepared mail for LORENGAU.
- 17 Wed 2th December: Left BALUAN per trawler "EROS". Lively crossing to MOMOTE. Tied-up overnight in HYANE Harbour.
- 18 Thurs 8th: To PAK Island. Called at PAK Plantation. To TANDUAL Village. Inspected MOKERA and MULIREWA Villages.
- 19 Fri 9th: Visited HAHAI. Disputes. "HABOB" in after rough trip.
- 20 Sat 10th: Weatherbound. Moved to MOKERA R.H.

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Sun 11th Dec:

To BALUAN.

19 Wed 14th:

To PENCHAL per "HABOB", returned ~~xxxx~~ schoolboys, picked up teacher. To BUNAI.

Thurs 15th:

To LORENGAU with O.I.C. Area School as passenger.

Fri 16th - Sat 17th:

At LORENGAU.

20 Sun 18th:

To NDROVA. "HABOB" on to BALUAN.

21 Mon 19th:

To LONDRU calling at BUNAI, PERI/POINCHAL and PATUSI/NOHANG en-route.

22 Tues 20th:

To PELIKAWA via LOICHA, LOI and PATU Mission.

23 Wed 21st:

Sailed to MBUKE.

24 Thurs 22nd:

At MBUKE.

Fri 23rd:

Left for JOHNSTON Islands by canoe. "HABOB" arrived mid-morning. Called JOHNSTON Islands and returned BALUAN.

25 Mon 26th:

To LONDRU by "HABOB".

26 Tues 27th:

To TAWI. (Canoes to METAWARI, then up the ridge.)

27 Wed 28th:

Gear to BUNAI via METAWARI and LONDRU. Walked up old road to TINGAU Villages thence to PAU. Arrived BUNAI 2000 hrs. "HABOB" in from PAK and RAMBUTYO with Councillors.

28 Thurs 29th:

Preliminaries to New Year sports. "HABOB" to LORENGAU for O.I.C. Area School.

29 Fri 30th:

20 BALUAN canoes arrived during morning. Waited in vain for "HABOB" so started sports 1500 hrs. Suspended sports 1800 hrs in deference beliefs of visiting S.D.A. adherents.

30 Sat 31st:

"HABOB" arrived. Discussions with Village Officials. Watched dancing at night.

31 Sun 1st: January 1956:

Day off.

31/1 Mon 2nd:

Sports meeting resumed. Meeting ended at dusk.

END OF PATROL BALUAN 1 - 55/56.

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NATIVE SITUATIONS

Overall the Native Situation seems to be satisfactory.

COUNCIL:

In general the Councillors are assisting the Council and Administration in maintaining a steady, if slow, raising of the standards of the people. They are supporting the Co-Operative movement.

It was brought to the notice of the Patrol that Councillor KAS of TANDUAL (PAK) had or has been in the habit of decrying old arts and customs. KAS has been advised that the preservation of old crafts has the official approval of the Administration and of his fellow Councillors.

On PAK the people of MCHERA and MULLIREWA are joining the people of the "Council" village of TANDUAL in the forming of a Co-Operative Society. It is quite likely that if these people were told that they were members of the Council they would accept it. HAHAI is still antagonistic to TANDUAL due mainly to old established quarrels over sago.

A poll of the LOU islanders was taken resulting in four "FOR" the Council and the rest "AGAINST".

Following the visit of His Honour the Administrator, the LULUAI of PAUN MARON, visited BALUAN to advise that a body of men in that village were desirous of joining the Council. When LOU was visited the three villages were visited and after discussion votes were taken with the above result. The men were cross-examined after the votes were taken and all admitted that there was nothing wrong with the Council system or idea. When pressed for their reason for not wishing for a Council the reply was mostly "When everybody wishes to join the Council, I will join".

LANDMAN 8/1/51 records the same attitude.

WHITE 3/7/51 records 26 for 58 against.

ROSS May-June '52 All against.

Other Officers - no record.

It would seem that in spite of the constant urging of all Officers who have visited LOU, the people will never show any enthusiasm for joining the Council and that the only way to have them enter the Council is to Gazette LOU as in the Council area and carry on from there. It will be remembered that the "Adventist Villages" of BALUAN were forced into the Council.

Mr. TONKIN, lately the Missionary-in-Charge, S.D.A. Mission REI, assured the writer that he had supported the Council when the matter had been raised with him. (At BUNAI, 1/1/56, the TULTUL-elect of REI, KOAMBIL, ~~xxx~~ advised that Mr. TONKIN had spoken strongly for the Council just before his departure.)

KOAMBIL and MARON reported at BUNAI that support for the Council was growing and that if they could induce several other head men to endorse the Council, then the majority of people would follow.

The matter will be gone into again during the Census Patrol but should the people of LOU not have applied to join the Council before the 30th June then it is recommended that they be brought into the Council regardless of their expressed opinions. It is now intolerable that such a large group still remains outside the Council system when all around have already joined.

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NATIVE SITUATION: COUNCIL; (cont)

A chain and compass traverse of the ground for the Area School at BUNAI was made. When the appropriate legislation has been passed, the Council will buy this land for a Council Centre.

Council meetings are held on alternate months at BALUAN and BUNAI. The November meeting at BUNAI was held during the visit of the Patrol.

Council Buildings;

Aid Post buildings at BUNAI, LOAMAT, MBUKE, PELIKAWA and LONDURU were inspected, and TANDUAL

BUNAI, MBUKE and TANDUAL are now being used. PELIKAWA and LONDURU still require completion of woven sago mid-rib wall sections.

EX TANDUAL and LOAMAT only, have been painted.

LOAMAT Aid Post is situated one half hours walk from the village. The siting of this Post has been the subject of considerable discussion among the villages of RAMBUTYO Island. The three villages of RAMBUTYO are: LENKAU on the Southern end, PENCHAL one hours walk along a good track from LENKAU and situated on the Western side, and NDRIOL two to three hours by canoe from PENCHAL and situated on the Island of NDRIOL off the N.W. tip of the main island. LOAMAT, the Aid Post site, is half an hour over an indifferent track to the N.W. of NDRIOL Village.

The disadvantages of the Aid Post at LOAMAT are; 1 It is not in a village - thus defeating the purpose of establishing Aid Posts.

2 It is not central to any two or more villages.

3 It is liable to be cut off from the village at high tides, especially in the N.E. Season.

Its "advantages" are;

1 It is situated near an anchorage. - Not essential.
2 The inhabitants of RAMBUTYO voted (153 to 59 - Monthly Report for Nov./ Dec. 1954) in favour of LOAMAT as against PENCHAL as the site of the Aid Post. This is not a valid reason for allowing the Aid Post to be built there considering the disadvantages and para. 2 of N.A. 14-7-7 of 1/8/55.

The villagers of NDRIOL have been told that until they either move their village to LOAMAT or the AID Post to the village, they can expect little further assistance from the Council or the Administration. (The RAMBUTYO Co-Op. has also built its store at LOAMAT.) There is sufficient good ground nearby for a village.

The Aid Posts at LONDURU and PELIKAWA have no provision for visitors' accommodation. Both these posts service villages some distance away.

CO-OPERATIVES.

PAI: This Society is in the process of formation. It appears to be a unifying influence on the three villagers of MULIKAWA, MOKERA and TANDUAL. HANAI villagers support the LOLAC Society.

LOU: The Society has built a trade-store at PAUN. At the time the Patrol was visiting LOU there were over 56 bags of copra awaiting shipment. The establishment of this Society at PAUN has only intensified inter-village rivalry. I suggest that another store be built at REI or LAKO, the latter has an anchorage, and that each store be opened on alternate weeks.

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NATIVE SITUATION: CO-OPERATIVES (cont)

BALUAN: This Society has the greatest turnover of the Societies in the Council area. Weather permitting, canoes are constantly moving between BALUAN and LORENGAU with loads of copra, shell and goods. On the 28th November 33 bags of copra and 16 bags of shell were awaiting movement. Most was cleared next day when a fine spell started. The Society is still housed in Council buildings. When the Co-Operative Officer returns from leave an effort will be made to have the Society set up its own buildings.

MBUKE: A store building was being completed when the Patrol visited the island. The status of the Society is not known.

FELIKAWA: The store has been built. Status not known.

BUNAI: This Society is ostensibly supported by all villages from LOI to BUNAI. Activity appears to be mainly that of trading. A casual inspection of the South Coast does not show any great copra potential. No figures are available at BALUAN on the activity of this Society.

RAMBUTYO: This Society has been registered and a store has been built at LOAMAT. Trading had not commenced mid-November.

ASSOCIATION: The MANUS Association is co-operating very satisfactorily with the Council often acting as shipping and purchasing agent.

It seems (particularly on the North Coast) that when new Societies are being established, not enough attention is paid to the effect of such actions on nearby villages, or the local situation. Unless all villages which the Society will serve are concerned in its establishment the hope that it will act as a unifying influence is a barren one.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:

CACAO

Experimental plots have been planted on RAMBUTYO, IOU, BALUAN and at METAWARI. The METAWARI plot was not inspected. Of the other three, it seems that the most successful planting will be on LOU, this being the only island where there is sufficient depth of soil to accommodate the cacao taproot.

COPRA

Seed coconuts from SAMARAI have been purchased for distribution by the Council and individual purchases have been made by the villagers. Currently, plantations are being cleared by PATUSI/NOHANG and LOWAIA. Considerable (and LOU) effort is being put into the clearing of existing groves of BALUAN, PAM and LOU. If extra staff was available, more attention could be given to the South Coast. The Natives are being constantly encouraged to clean their groves and start new plantations but unless close supervision can be given, there is little result. Unless a firm decision on the planting of cacao is arrived at soon, all those Natives of BALUAN who have cleared cacao areas over the last two years will be advised to plant the areas with coconuts.

LIVESTOCK

PAK continues to be the pig-raising centre. Other coastal villages keep a few pigs in pens over the water. The inland villages each have a quota of pigs in or near the village.

A small herd of goats is established on MOK Island.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

No noticeable outbreaks of any one sickness have occurred.

The last recorded Medical Patrol to the South Coast appears to have been on the 9/2/54. PAK was patrolled on the 25/4/55.

A party of people from PENCHAL was seen at the Aid Post at NDKIOL. They had been making sago on the EAST Coast of RAMBUTYO and had been heavily infected with malaria. Two children had died. The PENCHAL villagers were advised not to take children to the East Coast and not to remain in that particular area for more than a week at a time.

Many of the children throughout the area were noticed to have swollen abdomens. Some of these also appeared to be under-nourished. A hookworm patrol should be considered.

Supplies for the Aid Posts have been short. When the E.M.A. LORENGAU was approached on this matter he advised that supplies at the Native Hospital were also low. Out of 21 items asked for, he was able to help with two. Eventually supplies of eight items were bought by the Council from a private firm and distributed to the Aid Posts during late December. The shortage of medical supplies is not of recent occurrence, it has been reported previously.

During the absence of the A.P.O. at LORENGAU the writer ran the Aid Post at BALUAN for a week. In spite of ~~the~~ practicing the utmost economy, the consumption of anti-malarials and materials for dressings was alarming when viewed in regard to the supplies available. Upon the return of the A.P.O. it was noticed that he was not keeping his records as the treatments were given. With the co-operation of the Teacher-in-Charge BALUAN V.H.S. senior pupils assist each morning in making out the records and bandaging. It was found that patients attending on any one day fill four Daily Roll sheets. (This Aid Post caters for 1,200 people. The Council will eventually build another Aid Post on BALUAN).

EDUCATION:

PAK: Three Missions maintain schools on PAK. These are of Village School standard. Attendance is irregular. Village Officials have been told that it is their duty to see that pupils attending a school do so regularly.

RAMBUTYO: An Administration Village School is established at PENCHAL. Classes to Std. III are taught and Std. IV classes will start during 1956. An inspection of the School requisitions and stocks show that the school is badly supplied with materials.

LOU: Village, Village Higher and an Area School is maintained by the S.D.A. Mission. The schools were not inspected.

PAM: A Village School run by the S.D.A. Mission is established on the island. It has not been inspected.

BALUAN: Village Schools run by the S.D.A. and Catholic Missions are established here. They have not been inspected.

A Village and Village Higher School staffed by Administration Native Teachers is well established. Std. VI is taught and pupils are sent on to LORENGAU Central School.

PATU: The Catholic Mission has a school for 60 pupils here and sends older pupils to BUNDRALIS. The school is in charge of a European.

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EDUCATION: (cont)

BUNAI: An Administration Village, Village Higher and Area School. Staffed by one European and one Native teacher. There is an enrollment of 115 pupils to Std. IV:

If this establishment is to be an Area School to serve the South Coast, then it is most peculiarly situated. BUNAI is at the extreme end of the South Coast area; there is no ground suitable for school gardens; there is no safe anchorage for any type of vessel; The school is built on a swamp which in places is below High Water Level and is backed by a limestone ridge honeycombed with caves; there is no safe, clean or reliable water supply; malarial mosquitoes and sand-flies breed freely in on and near the site. Its only advantages are that the Council has marked the area for a school (no criterion of its suitability) and it is on the route commonly taken by vessels travelling between LORENGAU and BALUAN.

The low ridges near PATUSI/NOHANG would seem to be a much better site.

Information has been received that a further eight Native teachers from the LORENGAU Training School will be posted to the area during 1956. Little is known of them and they are the subject of separate correspondence.

In spite of the large number of children without schools, the area is very well off when compared with some of the mainland Districts.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The ROSSUM to South Coast Road is being built from the Northern end. The Council has volunteered to send one tenth of the resident manpower to assist until the road enters the Council boundary when each village will in turn turn out in full force to build its share of road. It is hoped that an Officer will be available soon to decide on the final route of the road and to put in the trace. No good purpose will be served by sending parties out to build their section of the road if the route has not been marked. These people are not road builders.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

All appear to be carrying out their duties satisfactorily.

The people of REI again advised that they wish KOAMBIL to be their TULTUL. It is recommended that his appointment be confirmed.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL:

It may be of interest that these people are apparently creating a new dance form. To the music of guitar "bands", (in one instance playing and singing "When the roll is call up Yonder") solo performers, small groups or large parties dance in a cleared space. The movements can only be described as a synthesis of "Negro Minstrel 'steppin' ", "Hollywood hula" and dancing as exemplified by (Misses) GRABLE, VERNON, GAYNOR and Co.

POLICE:

Police did not accompany the Patrol.

MAP:

Reference the MANUS District Census Divisions Map. An overlay showing the Patrol Route will be forwarded after the writer returns to BALUAN.

MISSIONS: Mr. TOMKIN of S.D.A. Mission LOU has returned to AUSTRALIA. His relief is expected during January 1956.

W. J. Woodcock
1956

Amount Returned to Store

4

*Cleared
Dy 12/1/69*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

LORENGAU

MANUS DIST.

PATROL REPORT

District of MANUS Report No. 6/55-56

Patrol Conducted by I.D. Burnet, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled LORENGAU-SAU Census Subdivision

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Const. POWAU No 6242

Duration—From 24/11/1956 to 24/12/1956

Number of Days 77

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference 4 miles to Strat. Series Manus and Adjacent Islands

Objects of Patrol To check census, deliver Native Local Government Propaganda, and to compile statistics as per instructions.

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.F. Trust Fund £.....

Village Popul

Year.....1955-56.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												MIGRATION			
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				Females in Child Birth	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
ANDRA	16.2.56	5	3	I											I			2	4
BADLOK	12.1.56	5	5												I	2			3
BAPI	10.2.56	2				I										1		I	2
BATRO	5.1.56	6	7	3	I										4	I			I
BOWAT	1.12.55	5	3									I			2				
BONAT	28.1.56	7	I	I						I					I			4	4
BULIHAN	6.12.55	I						I							I				2
BULIHAT	3.2.56	2				I													
BUYANG	4.1.56	3	I									I						2	I
DERIMBAT	24.1.56	7	2	I															I
DRANKOT	28.1.56	2												I		I			
DRANO	2.12.55	I	I			I									2				I
HUS	14.2.56	12	12			I		I							5	2			
KABOR	9.12.55	I	I												I				
KARRON	7.12.55	2	5							I		I			I	I			
KAWA-LIAP	- - -																		
KABAHAN	28.1.56	I	3																
LAUIS	28.11.55	I	3												I	2			
LIAP	26.1.56	7	4									I				I			
LONIU	3.2.56	9	9	3	I	I	I								4			3	
LOWA I	28.1.56														I				
LOWA II	27.1.56	2	I	I												I			
LUNDRET	3.11.55	3	I					I											
MALABANG	29.1.56	2																	2
MOKERANG	22.12.55	6	2							I						I			
MUNDUBURIO	1.1.56	2														2			
MUNDRAU	13.1.56	3	2			I									I				I
PAKERANG	10.2.56	11	6	I												4			2
PAPITALAI	23.12.55	4	3							2						I			I
POJUSO	2.2.56	12	I												21	2			
PONDRU	9.1.56	6	3												2	I			
ROSSUN	24.11.55	2	3							I						2			
		111	86	11	13	25	23	13	6	2	3	I		29	27			17	