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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1961/62

MISIMA

FIFE BAY

SAMARAI ISLANDS

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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# PATROL REPORT

District of..... MILNE BAY ..... Report No. MISIMA 1-61/62

Patrol Conducted by..... F.J.L.HAYNES Cadet Patrol Officer .....

Area Patrolled..... CALVADOS CHAIN and DEBOYNE LAGOON CENSUS DIVISIONS .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Mr.C.G.Littler- Assistant District Officer .....

..... ( 5 days )

..... R.P.&N.G.C. - 1

Natives..... D.N.A. - 1 .....

Duration—From..... 1 / 8 / 19 61 to..... 11 / 8 / 19 61

..... Number of Days..... ELEVEN .....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... March 61 /..... /19.....

..... Medical ... .. June 61 /..... /19.....

Map Reference..... Nautical Chart No. 2124 Bramble Haven to Rossel Is.

Objects of Patrol..... Conduct Census, General Inspection, Routine Admin.

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 ... .. £.....

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67-4-3

26th October, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
TAMAKAI.

NISIMA PATROL NO. 4-61/62:

In the past there has been little difficulty in contacting the population of the Calvados Chain if adequate notice of the patrol's advent is given.

2. Mr. Haynes does not state from where the rumour originated concerning the death by sorcery. I presume it would have come from the Eastern end of the Chain where such talk has always been rather common. The more virile seamen of the Western end seldom indulge in such fantasies.

3. Neighbouring groups to Motorina Island do not experience great difficulty in getting housing materials. This group have always been rather synthetic, probably due to the unfortunate affair during the last war when numbers of the influential men were rather smartly depleted. However, I think it is about time that we insisted on their doing something for their own welfare.

4. The Department of Public Health has been advised of the report on the existence of poliomyelitis just in case the Officer happens to mean what he says. They are already enquiring from the Regional Medical Officer, Milne Bay District. If such statements as these are made in reports it is always much appreciated if advice is included as to what action is being taken to remedy the situation. As far as I know there is no qualified Medical Officer based at Nimoa.

5. Mr. Haynes rather confuses me when he advises of the manoeuvrability of the "Tava" in fairly shallow waters and yet in the next paragraph states that a light outboard motor is necessary. These engines have proved a dead loss throughout the Territory. Heavy duty types - over 40 H.P. - can be utilised more gainfully in the Delta areas in conjunction with aluminium dinghys.

(J. V. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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

28th September, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Misima Sub-District,  
BWAGAOIA

MISIMA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1961/1962.

Thank you for the report on this patrol conducted by Mr Haynes, G.P.O., and your covering memo 67-1-1 of 19th September.

Mr Haynes appears to have conducted and reported his first patrol quite well. The main criticism is the very brief duration of time spent in each village; although the object of the patrol was census, it is still desirable to stay at each place long enough to discuss local affairs and listen to the small talk.

The census paragraph in the summary could well have contained some brief comments on the population trend.

The question of a small outboard motor will be taken up with the Director. Other points arising out of the report are covered in your accompanying memo.

Future reports are to contain a copy of your written instructions to the Officer conducting the patrol, also please ensure that camping claims are certified by yourself, where applicable, before submission.

Allowance claims are returned herewith.

(L.J. DOOLAN)  
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information, please.

Could the matter of a 3-5 horsepower outboard motor for the Misima dinghy be given consideration, please.

(L.J. DOOLAN)

*Handwritten notes:*  
D. Haynes  
Misima  
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submission  
Future reports  
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patrol  
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submission  
Allowance  
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returned  
herewith  
L.J. DOOLAN  
District Officer  
c.c. The Director  
Department of Native Affairs  
KONEDOBU  
For your information, please  
Could the matter of a 3-5 horsepower outboard motor for the Misima dinghy be given consideration, please.

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Misima Sub-District,  
BUNAGAIA.

19th September, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 61/62.

Please find enclosed a report of a patrol written by Mr. Haynes, Cadet Patrol Officer.

This is Mr. Hayne's first patrol and his report indicates that it was well conducted and that he was observant in his writing of the report.

I have the following comments to make:-

Native Affairs.

During the period I accompanied Mr. Haynes I found both the councillors and the people cooperative. I feel that Mr. Haynes has mistaken the natural passiveness of the Island people as lack of cooperation.

Poor attendance at census throughout the Calvados Chain has always been a problem. The people live on many small and scattered islands and are often away from the central islands weeks at a time gathering shell and on trading ventures. It is extremely difficult to notify every individual of the advent of a patrol.

Villages & Housing.

On Brooker Island it was possible for the Misima Local Government Council to improve the water supply and this was done. On some of the other islands there is a more urgent need to improve the water supplies but the technical problems have not been solved as yet. It is hoped to put down test wells to locate suitable sources of water. Catchment Tanks throughout the 'Chain have proved unsuccessful as the cost of such installations are prohibitive when considered against the amount of water available from them.

I have discussed all aspects of this report with Mr. Haynes.

For your information, please.

*Erroll Little*  
(G. G. LITTLE)  
District Officer.



Sub District Office,  
Bwagaia,  
26th August, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Bwagaia.

Patrol Report No.1-61/62

Calvados Chain and Deboyne Lagoon Census

Herewith is the report of the Census Patrol conducted in the Calvados Chain and Deboyne Lagoon Census Divisions during the period 1st August, 1961 and the 11th August, 1961.

The objects of the patrol were to conduct a Census of the area patrolled, general inspection of villages and routine Administration.

Those who accompanied the patrol were; Mr. C.G. Littler, first five days only, R.P. & N.G.C. Constable Kaove, and D.N.A. clerk Manasa Tauiu (interpreter).

For your attention please.

*F. J. L. Haynes*  
(F. J. L. Haynes)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

Misima Patrol Report No. 1/61-62

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the recent Census Patrol of the Calvados Chain and Deboyne Lagoon Census Divisions. The last Census of these areas was conducted between the 16th August, 1960 and 27th August, 1960 by C.G. Littler, Assistant District Officer and W. Graham, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The object of the patrol was to complete an accurate Census of the peoples living in the Census Divisions as owing to unforeseen circumstances in the past two years, all peoples such as those at Dadahai, Panaman and Kimuta Islands, have not been visited for Census purposes.

Hereunder is a complete diary covering the day by day activities of the patrol.

DIARY

Tuesday 1st August, 1961 : 1325hrs. Departed Bwagaia accompanied by Assistant District Officer aboard M.V. Tava arriving Panaeati Is. 1735hrs. Anchored night.

Wednesday 2nd August, 1961 : 0800hrs. Census conducted and complaints heard, inspected village. To Panapompom Is. arriving 1640hrs.

Thursday 3rd August, 1961 : Census conducted Panapompom village inspected. 0845hrs departed Brooker Is. Census conducted at Brooker, complaints heard and village inspected, water supply installed.

Friday 4th August, 1961 : 0750hrs. From Brooker to Motorina Is. Census conducted and village and Aid Post inspected, complaints heard. 1300hrs. Departed Motorina Is. for Bagaman. Census completed 1650hrs complaints heard and village inspected. Anchored night.

Saturday 5th August, 1961 : 0700hrs. Departed Bagaman Is. for Bwagaia arriving Misima 1130hrs.

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Monday 7th August, 1961 : 0600hrs Departed Bwagaia for Panamara-very rough seas- Census conducted and village inspected. 1255hrs to Kuanak Census completed and complaints heard. 1510hrs. To Panawine Is. arriving 1610hrs. Anchored night.

Tuesday 8th August, 1961 : 0800hrs. Census conducted and gardens inspected. 0920hrs. Departed to Sabari Is. 1025hrs. Arrived Sabari Is. village deserted although people had six days notice of our arrival. 1205hrs. Arrived Nigahau Is. Census conducted Aid Post and village inspected. Returned Sabari 1405hrs Census conducted and complaints heard. Discussion with villagers.

Wednesday 9th August, 1961 : 0600hrs. to Grass Is. Census conducted and complaints heard. 0940hrs. To Dadahai Is. Strong winds, managed to land, Census conducted houses inspected. 1030hrs. To Bwalahina arrived 1205hrs. Complaints heard, village inspected. 1300hrs Arrived Nimoa, visited Catholic Mission. Arrived Nimoa village 1640hrs. and Anchored night.

Thursday 10th August, 1961 : 0800hrs. Conducted Census, heard complaints, inspected village and water supply. 0930hrs. Departed to Panaman Is. 1100hrs. arrived Panaman Is. in good weather and managed to land, Census conducted and departed for Kimuta Is. via Sabari Is. arriving Kimuta Is. 1755hrs.

Friday 11th August, 1961 : 0800hrs. Census conducted complaints heard and village and Co-operative store inspected. 0930hrs. Departed Kimuta Is. for Bwagaia arriving Bwagaia 1330hrs.

----- Patrol Completed -----

TRANSPORT

The patrol was conducted from

TRANSPORT

The patrol was conducted from the Administration workboat M.V. Tava. This boat seemed quite adequate for the purpose of patrolling in the Deboyne Lagoon and Calvados Chain areas. In heavy seas the boat will take seas over the side but this inconvenience is counted by the manoeuvreability of the Tava in fairly shallow waters, such as those encountered in the area patrolled.

There was a fair deal of time wasted during the patrol in the transporting of equipment from ship to shore and back to the ship. Often it was necessary to spend up to three quarters of an hour in the dinghy before reaching shore. The answer to this problem, I believe, could be solved with the provision of an out-board motor (approximately five and a half horsepower) which would provide fast and safe transport to and from the workboat.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

As this was my first patrol, and as there have been few recent patrol reports written on the Deboyne Lagoon and Calvados Chain areas, I was not too sure as to what to expect from the people.

Throughout the patrol I found rather poor attendances at villages even though the people had at least one weeks notice of the arrival of the patrol.

It seems that it is necessary for these people to visit their gardens every day. At Sabari Is. and Dadahai Is. it is essential for the people to travel to islands miles distant to obtain fresh water. These peoples may need up to ten days notice of the arrival of a patrol if they are to be present when a Census is conducted.

When people were present for the the Census they showed very little interest and less

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*Good attendance  
in Sabari - the only  
one from this area  
was in canoe  
for census  
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and tidiness were good and appear to remain so at all times.

An exception to the above was the village at Motorina Island. Houses here were in very poor condition and instructions were given for the immediate repair of many houses.

There is some difficulty experienced by these people in obtaining the necessary materials for house construction as there is no Sago on the island (all Sago is brought by canoe from Misima or Sudest Island) for house construction. I feel it is necessary for these people to be encouraged to plant on their own island if they are to keep their houses in a habitable condition. If Sago will not grow on Motorina, some effort should be made to provide a scheme where by Corrugated Iron or some other suitable material could be bought by the people, with the assistance of a subsidy from their Local Government Council.

A new water supply was laid for the people at Brooker Island and they seemed very pleased with the results. Whether these people were in urgent need of the supply is questionable.

CENSUS

During the course of the patrol a full Census revision was made at each village. This proved necessary, especially on the islands which had not been visited for Census purposes in the last two years.

AGRICULTURE

There were no gardens inspected as in most villages the peoples gardens were on islands sometimes three miles distant from the village in which the Census was conducted.

Inquiries were made as to the availability of food and in all cases it seemed there was

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no shortage.

At present few people in the Calvados Chain seem to be relying on their land to provide them with an income, most money is earned from the sale of Trochus shell. In the future I feel that their land will be their money earner as at present much of the land in the area remains untouched and it is on this land that these many people have the opportunity of earning an income through Agriculture.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

Throughout the patrol the general health of the people was noted and Aid Posts were inspected.

Generally people were in good health, although there was some occurrence of skin complaints at Panaeati and Kimuta Islands, all were being treated by the respective Aid Post Orderlies in the villages concerned.

A number of cases of Polioy-<sup>MELE</sup>melitis<sup>WERE</sup> noticed, and one person suspected of the having complaint is now under hospital treatment in the Nimoa Mission hospital.

The Aid Posts inspected were in excellent condition, being very clean and tidy. The Aid Post Orderlies are obtaining good co-operation from the people and the lack of sickness amongst the people shows that they are rendering effective services to the sick.

CONCLUSION

As this was my first patrol, I tried as much as possible to see the different aspects of every day life in the villages. Being a Census patrol I did manage to see most of the people living in the Calvados Chain and Deboyne Lagoon areas as

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well as learning something of what to expect from these people on future patrols.

The Assistant District Officer, Mr.C.G.Littler, accompanied me on the first five days of the patrol giving me advice on the general conduct of a patrol and Census patrols in particular.

*F. J. L. Haynes*  
( F.J.L.Haynes )  
Cadet Patrol Officer

Attch: 1) Appendix 'A' Deboyne Lagoon Census.  
2) " 'B' Calvados Chain Census.  
3) " 'C' Report on R.P.& N.G.C. Personnel accompanying.



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APPENDIX 'C'

REPORT ON R.P.& N.G.C. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING  
PATROL

Reg. No. 7712 - KAOVE - Constable 5th. Year.

Well disciplined, with average efficiency,  
conduct, dress and bearing excellent, command poor.

*F. J. L. Haynes*  
( F.J.L.Haynes )  
Cadet Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. MISIMA  
5 of 61/62

Patrol Conducted by I. McLachlan, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Calvados Chain and Misima Island Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

2 members of R.P. & N.G.C.  
Natives 1 Interpreter. 1 Local Government Assist.  
3 Medical Orderlies.

Duration—From 24/4/1962 to 28/4/1962; 21/5/62 to 30/5/62  
7/6/62 to 21/6/62.

Number of Days 28

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20/3/1962

Medical Recent visits

Map Reference Fourmil Deboyne; Milnech Misima

Objects of Patrol Census revision; Routine Administration; Election

Propaganda; Revision of Tax Registers; Assist Tax Collectors; works projects.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/8/1962

  
District Commissioner  
OH

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

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

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

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67-4-23

2nd October, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5/61-62 MISIMA

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The only thing to do with Councillors who do not appear to benefit from instruction, is to keep repeating the instruction which will no doubt in due course seep in.

I am pleased to note that a further training course for a fortnight's duration is contemplated.

I think you should stimulate at every opportunity the village community system.

I am pleased to note that the economic situation throughout the Sub-District has greatly improved with the posting of an Extension Officer at Misima.

It is fairly normal, even in our own society, for enthusiastic committee members to carry the burden of any major improvements for the Committee in general.

I shall be interested to know what prices are paid for the beche-de-mer at Nivani Plantation.

Is action in hand to remedy the water supplies where the piping has not been properly laid.

A very interesting report indicating that the people are indeed making progress.

  
(W.R. DISHON)  
A/Director.

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

17th August, 1962

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-district Office,  
BWAQAOIA.



MISIMA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1961/1962.

Thank you for the report on this patrol conducted by Mr I. Mchachlan and your covering memo 67-1-1 of 13th July.

Points raised in the report have been fairly adequately covered in your memorandum. In the matter of copra rejections, I disagree very strongly with your contention that there is no one to blame but an "act of God"; adverse weather conditions can certainly hamper the production of copra, but it is inadequate drying and lack of proper storage which causes most of the trouble and not high humidity. Producers must learn to process and handle copra more efficiently if they wish to get a reasonable return for their efforts, and compete with other sources of vegetable oil.

As instructed previously, please ensure that name spelling corresponds with that in the village directory.



c.c.  
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KORIEDOBU.

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

For your information, please.

(W.W. CRELLIN) *[Signature]*

67-1-1

Sub-District Office  
BWAGAOIA  
Milne Bay District  
13th July 1962

The District Officer  
Milne Bay District  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 61/62.

The attached report refers.

I have the following comments to make:-

Diary 26th May.

The store mentioned at Nigahau was commenced approx, 18 months ago by one David Kevin. His idea being mainly to provide the people of Nigahau with a ready means of obtaining a stick of tobacco on a pound of rice.

It was carefully explained to him that it should be an individual effort and not a communal one. It now appears that the people of Nigahau are desirous of developing the store into a co-operatives.

I strongly recommend that the Co-operative Officer, Misima visit the area to assess the situation and also explain to the people the machinery of a cooperative.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

There is no excuse for the apparent lack of understanding of their duties by some councillors. They have all received training but admittedly some of the councillors are not bright and are unable to absorb or benefit from instruction. On completion of the forthcoming elections I intend holding a further training course of a fortnight duration.

The pre-selection of a councillor by a village is common throughout the Territory in the early stages of Local Government, Time and experience of the Local Government system by the people will remedy this.

I see a slight danger in the younger generation replacing the experienced elders and it will be essential that we do not allow the older leaders to fall completely into the background. This shall be combatted by ensuring the full working of the village committee system.

PUBLIC HEALTH

It is extremely pleasing to note the health conditions throughout the area and credit for this must go to Mr Bell E.M.A. and his staff.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

The matter of a suspension bridge across the Gulewa River will be taken up with the District Commissioner.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The economic situation throughout the Sub-District has greatly improved with the posting of a Extension Officer at Misima.

The Co-operative Societies must be put on a sound footing and the members taught the facts of life. These people may be disappointed with the amount of rejections this year but this has been District wide and is due the abnormal rain throughout the District. Much copra being damaged through the delay's in shipping and rain damage on the wharves. No one to blame but an "Act of God"

These people fully understand this and the reason why a share of the Lillivase was sold to Milne Bay Societies.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

It is pleasing to see the progress in this field. I will ask the Bvagaia Womens Club to assist the Bolo women with their sewing machine and have already discussed with Miss Marteneau the possibility of the Bvagaia Station women assisting the club in the local villages.

An informative report and as well conducted patrol.

*C. G. Littler*  
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(C. G. LITTLER)

Assistant District Officer



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In Reply  
Please Quote

No.

Sub-District Office,  
EWAGAOTIA.

24th April, 1962.

Mr. I. McLachlan,  
Patrol Officer,  
MISIMA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MISIMA NATIVE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA.

Please prepare to patrol the Council area and  
undertake :-

- 1) Census revision,
- 2) Revision of Council Tax Registers,
- 3) Aid Council Tax Collectors and instruct the  
Tax Tribunal where necessary,
- 4) Check on Council works projects, and
- 5) Undertake extensive pre-election propaganda.

Much material on Council elections can be found  
in the Local Government Bulletins and there is other relevant  
material on file.

Explain carefully to the people the system of  
nominations paying particular attention to electorates where  
more than one Councillor is to be elected.

Time is not the essence of this patrol and you are  
free to take as much time as necessary to thoroughly explain  
the forthcoming elections to the people.

I will personally discuss the patrol with you  
before your departure.

*G. G. Littler*

(G.G. Littler)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-1

Sub-District Office,  
BWAGAOIA.

2nd July, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Misima Sub-District,  
BWAGAOIA.

Misima Patrol No. 5 of 61-62.

Herewith a report on a patrol to the Calvados  
Chain and Misima Island Census Divisions conducted in May  
and June, 1962.

Officer Conducting: I. McLachlan, Patrol Officer.

Personnel Accompanying: No. 8720 Const. Sikai (Part)  
No. 7712 Const. Keove (Part)  
Moimoi Ravenesi - Interpreter.  
Lester Giponga - Local Govt. Assist.

Duration: 26/4/62 to 28/4/62  
21/5/62 to 30/5/62  
7/6/62 to 21/6/62.

Number of Days: 28.

Last D.N.A. Patrol: 20/3/61 to 28/3/62. L. Valaris, C.P.O.

Last P.H.D. Patrol: Recent and various Aid Post Visits.

Map Reference: Fourmil Deboyne; Milinch Misima.

Objects of Patrol: Conduct Census for 1962.  
Routine Administration.  
Election propaganda.  
Revision of Council Tax Registers.  
Assist Council Tax Collectors.  
Check on Council Works Projects.

(I. McLachlan)  
Patrol Officer.



DIARY - MISIMA PATROL No. 5 of 61/62.

Thursday 26th April. Departed Bwagaia Station 0645 per M.V. Tava for Panapompom arriving at 1030. Census revision. Council tax collected by clerk and Tax tribunal. Talk on Local Government and election propoganda. Inspected village which was satisfactory and also wells. No complaints. Departed 1530 for Panaeati arriving at 1630 there being no Rest House at Panapompom. Inspected the school building erected by the Council - in reasonable condition but some minor repairs needed. No complaints by the teachers and good relations appear to exist between them and the village people.

Friday 27th April. Census revision of Panaeati. Talks on L.G. and elections. Council tax collected, which took approximately five hours. Inspected village and Aid Post. Village satisfactory but Aid Post could be much improved especially with a village population of some 700. Councillors agreed and minor repairs are to be carried out immediately. In the evening a meeting was held of the various village committees. Their purpose was explained and also their relationship in regard to Local Government. It was explained that to be successful they must work together and with this in view should hold a general meeting at least once a month.

Saturday 28th April. Book work whilst waiting for Agricultural Officer and Co-operative Officer. One complaint settled. Proceeded to Nivani Plantation per Tava and spoke to agreement workers at request of native in charge. Returned to Panaeati. Departed again at 1200 and returned to Bwagaia station arriving at 1615.

Wednesday 2nd May. 0730 departed station for Kimuta per M.V. Tava arriving at 0900. Census revised and talks on Local Government. Tax collection by clerk. Two complaints. Outlined work of village committees and also that of the people in relation to their committees - the committee members doing all of the work themselves and the rest of the village practically nothing. Inspected village - satisfactory with some excellent housing. One of the tanks supplied by the Council has holes in it and is useless. Departed at 1515 and returned to station arriving at 1730.

Monday 21st May. Departed Bwagaia per M.V. Tava at 0845. Co-operative Officer disembarked at Awaibe thence to Brooker Island via Panapompom arriving at 1515. Village inspection. Inspected water pipe line constructed by Council, maintained and in good order but reported to dry up in dry periods. Inspected Co-operative store and copra on hand. Both satisfactory. People also collecting Beche de Mer, drying it and selling it to Nivani Plantation.

Tuesday 22nd May. Census revision and L.G. talks at Brooker. Tax collection by clerk. Talks also on economic development and by Medical Orderly. Departed 1100 for Motorina arriving at 1300. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks on L.G. and medical. Tax collection. Inspected Aid Post, School and village. No complaints from Medical Orderly or school teacher. Aid Post in good order but school not so good but as a new permanent building is to be built this year by the Council there was little point in repairing the old building. The site for the new building in the process of being cleared and the Councillor urged to get on with the job.

Wednesday 23rd May. Council tax collected at Mr. H. Hunt's Plantation and two complaints heard. Departed 0930 for Bagaman. Inspected halets of Keiu and Carawan en route and found them both satisfactory. Census revised and talks given. Tax collected. Inspected Bagaman Society store. No complaints. Councillor not in attendance here but was at his own village of Panamaura.

DIARY 2.

Thursday 24th May. Departed Bagaman 0700 for Panamaura arriving at 0830. Census and talks on N.L.G.. Tax collection. One complaint which was settled later in patrol. Inspected village - housing only fair and not up to the standard of the other villages already seen. Departed 1100 for Kuanak calling at Taipa where a small hamlet of four houses has been constructed by Kimuta people for gardening purposes. Arrived Kuanak 1230. Census and talks on Local Government and by Medical Orderly. Inspected village which was also not as good as other villages seen. The village is under the control of the Panawina Councillor who was in attendance, but it appears that this was one of his few visits to the village. The water situation at these two villages, Panamaura and Kuanak is very poor particularly in dry periods and the people at Panamaura were using a green slimy well in a dried up creek bed. Departed for Panawina and arrived at 1515. Census revised and talks given. Medical Inspection. Tax collection.

Friday 25th May. Inspected hamlet of Mon... and heard two complaints. Departed 0945 for Panawina. Examination and paid courtesy call on Miss L. Burnett. Left again at 1030 for Sabari arriving at 1145. Census revised and talks on Local Government given. Medical inspection and talk by Medical Orderly. No complaints. Inspected hamlet of Hebanahina, which was satisfactory. People of Sabari garden on a neighboring island which appears to be suffering greatly from erosion. People told to watch this as they may find that it will become unuseable. Councillor said that the people realise this but he is having a difficult job getting the people to do anything about it.

Saturday 26th May. Departed Sabari at 0800 for hamlet of Mamu, which was inspected and found satisfactory. Left again at 0900 for Nigahau arriving at 0945. Census revision and talks on Local Government. Medical inspection. Tax collection. No complaints. Inspected village which was very good with the housing above average. Inspected Council Aid Post which had only recently been completed and was in good condition. People of this village have started a small store. The books were inspected and all appeared in order, however the storeman's accounting procedure was very confusing and a new and simpler method was introduced and explained fully to him. The people have started the store with a view to a Co-operative later on. Departed 1300 for Grass Island arriving at 1400. Commenced tax collection.

Sunday 27th May. Observed.

Monday 28th May. Completed tax collection. Census revision of Grass Island, Dadahai and Panaman Is. Talks on Local Government and elections. Medical inspection and talks. Two complaints settled without Court action. Inspected village of Bunbun which was satisfactory. Departed at 1100 for Madaua via Dadahai and Panaman. Inspected both villages. The housing at Dadahai to be improved and orders given for same, otherwise both in good order. Arrived Madaua 1500 and called on Mr W. Callanan. Council tax collected from Plantation labour.

Tuesday 29th May. Departed Madaua at 0715 arriving at Galanga - Malalaika at 1030. Census revised and talks as usual. Medical inspection and talks. Council tax collected. The first and only man from the Calvados again prosecuted here for non-payment of tax. No complaints. Village inspected. Pipe line provided by Council also inspected - not very satisfactory because the cement tank at the head of the pipe line is not high enough and there is too little fall. P.M. Visited Catholic Mission at Nimoa.

DIARY 3.

Wednesday 30th May. Departed Nimoa 0745 for Bwailahina arriving at 0820. Census revised and talks on Local Government and elections. Medical inspection and talk. Council tax collected. Two complaints settled. Inspected village which was in good order. Departed 1200 for Bwagaioia station via Panawina arriving at 1915.

Thursday 7th June. Departed Bwagaioia station at 0800 and walked to Hinauta arriving at 0900. Inspected hamlet of Baramatana en route. Census revision and talks on Local Government and elections. Medical inspection and talk. Heard complaints which were all settled except one, which was finalised at Ewena. Inspected Hinauta. At 1200 walked on to Kaubwaga arriving at 1240. Census revised and usual talks. Medical inspection - one man to Bwagaioia Hospital. Inspected the new Council Aid Post in the course of construction. Work proceeding at a good rate and satisfactorily. Inspected the existing Aid Post building, ward and Orderly's house which were all in good order. Heard numerous complaints, mainly about pigs, all of which were settled where both parties to the dispute were in attendance. The others to report to the station with all parties in attendance.

Friday 8th June. Departed Kaubwaga at 0745 for Boicu arriving at 0830. Inspected coconut plantation, coconut nursery, and hot air drier and also coffee plots and nursery. All in good condition and obviously a lot of interest and time given them. Census and medical inspection and talks on Local Government and election propaganda. Spoke also to Women's Club and looked at some of their work. This is an active women's club and working quite well and have recently purchased a sewing machine.

Saturday 9th June. Departed Boiou at 0715 and walked to Siagara arriving at 0945. Inspected two hamlets en route which were both good despite their surroundings of stones and boulders. Inspected Aid Post with Infant Welfare Nurse, Naomi in charge. All satisfactory. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks on L.G. and election propaganda. Inspected hot air drier and also some sun-dried copra which was of very good condition. Heard two complaints.

Sunday 10th June. Observed at Siagara.

Monday 11th June. Walked from Siagara to Gulewa ~~xx~~ 1 1/2 hours. Inspected hamlets and Co-operative Store en route. Census revised and medical inspection - one small child to Aid Post. Talks as usual. Inspected the water pipe line installed by the Council. Not in working order except after heavy rain, mainly because of poor work and poor technical knowledge by the person responsible for putting it in. Can be made to work but will require two or three days work. Discussed and also inspected a site for a suspension bridge across the Gulewa River with the councillor and committee members. They decided that it would be a very good thing but were not capable of doing the work without someone on the spot to advise them. Therefore the idea must be shelved until some future date.

Tuesday 12th June. Left Gulewa at 0720 for Liak, arriving 0810. Heavy rain. Census revision and medical inspection. Talks on Local Government and election propaganda. No complaints. Inspected village and hamlet of Aia. In good condition but some housing to be improved and instructions given to that effect. Inspected Primary I school - no complaints from the teachers and all satisfactory. Inspected Aid Post. Hence again no complaints and in good order.

DIARY 4.

Wednesday 13th June. Departed Liak 0730 for Bagalina, arriving at 0845. Inspected hamlets and Liak Co-operative Store enroute - all satisfactory although some improvement could be made in housing. No orders were given but the people were told that when rebuilding better efforts were to be made. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks on Local Government generally and election propaganda. No complaints.

Thursday 14th June. Walked from Bagalina to Ewena departing at 0750 and arriving at 0935. The road not good but the best possible considering the rocks and boulders. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks as usual. Heard complaints. The condition and housing of this village not up to the standard of other villages and orders were given to correct this.

Friday 15th June. Departed Ewena at 0715 and walked to Ehora, arriving at 1000. Inspected hamlet en route. The road was very bad and in some places dangerous, unfortunately it cannot be improved and the only alternative is to use a canoe, weather permitting. Census revision and medical inspection. Talks on Local Government and election propaganda. Heard complaints. Inspected village which was in good order and also Council built Aid Post. M.V. Tava arrived at 1200.

Saturday 16th June. Departed Ehora at 1600 per M.V. Tava for Bwagabwaga arriving at 1230. Tava returned to Bwagaioia. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks as usual. Inspected village in which there was some excellent housing. One man ordered to rebuild his house because of overcrowding otherwise a very satisfactory village.

Sunday 17th June. Observed at Bwagabwaga.

Monday 18th June. Walked from Bwagabwaga in one hour to Awaibe. Census revision and medical inspection. Talks on Local Government generally and Council elections. People here appeared to be much more attentive than most and also much more orderly. Inspected village which was in good order and also the Council built Aid Post. Aid Post badly in need of painting and other general maintenance but otherwise well kept by the Aid Post Orderly. No complaints.

Tuesday 19th June. Departed Awaibe at 0715 and walked to Alhoga arriving at 0845. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks as usual. Two complaints heard but not settled because only one party present in each case - to be settled when the other party can be brought to the station. Inspected the village and its hamlets and all were in good order. Departed again for Eiaus at 1145 and arrived at 1245. Census revised later in the afternoon because of the absence of a lot of people. Talks on Local Government and election propaganda. No complaints. Inspected village which was satisfactory.

Wednesday 20th June. Departed Eiaus at 0645 and walked to Narian, arriving at 0745. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks as usual. Inspected village of Narian and hamlet of Gaibobo both of which were satisfactory. No complaints. Departed again at 1100 for Bwagaioia station arriving at 1150.

Thursday 21st June. Departed Bwagaioia station at 1300 and walked to Bwagaioia village. Census revised and medical inspection. Talks as usual. No complaints. Inspected village which was satisfactory except for one house. Returned to station.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol covered two census divisions, the Calvados Chain (including Deboyne) and Misima Island and lasted for twenty-eight days. The main purpose of the patrol was election propaganda for the coming Misima Native Local Government Council elections. A census and other routine administration were carried out at the same time. The patrol was very well received in all villages, especially around Misima Island and the people helpful and co-operative at all times, and seemingly not afraid to say what they thought. This last aspect being a surprising and pleasing one considering that this was the first patrol by this officer to any of the villages. This was more so around Misima than in the Calvados Chain.

The native situation throughout the area is good and the people's attitude to the Administration more than satisfactory.

The labour position remains practically the same as at the last census, with 27.2% of able bodied males at work inside the District and 8.2% outside the District in the Misima Census Division, and 11.6% at work inside the District and 1.0% outside the District from the Calvados Chain. This can be considered reasonably satisfactory and apparently is not causing any hardship in the villages.

Many complaints were brought before the patrol, the majority of which concerned pigs and bad debts. Where both parties were present the complaints if possible were settled on the spot. A few required civil proceedings in the Court for Native Matters, but these were limited. No other serious complaints were forthcoming.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

In every village a talk was given explaining briefly what Local Government is and a short history of it. The two Council rules so far passed were explained and with reference to the Tax Rule the purpose and reasons for taxation. The main purpose of the talk however was election propaganda. The duties of Councillors were explained and their importance to the Council and the people stressed.

The necessity and reason for elections and voting were also explained and with regard to the later it was impressed upon the people that each individual should vote according to what he or she thinks and not necessarily follow what others do. The system of nominations was also explained, special emphasis being given to villages where there is more than one Councillor.

The reaction of the people to the election propaganda is hard to judge and whether there will be any changes to the good will only be seen after the elections. In a large number of cases it is hoped that there will be some changes because it is obvious that a lot of the present Councillors have very little idea of what it is all about. In fact in one case the Councillor himself had no idea that a Births, Deaths and Marriages Rule existed or if he did he had no idea of its purpose - he being one of the people that discussed and passed the rule. Fortunately this was the only such case but other Councillors although knowing the rule passed and what had to be done so as not to be in trouble knew little else.

In some villages it appears that the people have already discussed the elections and are agreed on who the new Councillor will be. The trend is apparently the replacing of the older men with younger educated ones, and more particularly English speakers. I do not think however that

the younger generation are taking over control and leaving and forgetting the older people. In fact in a lot of cases the older men are sponsoring their educated juniors but still retaining a certain amount of say and keeping a check on them. It would seem therefore that this may be a good thing and perhaps give a needed boost to the Council.

The explanatory talks on taxation on the other hand brought more obvious reactions and it was expressed informally by a few people that before they were not sure of what they were paying the tax for, and were obviously much happier to know where the money went, who used it and what for.

The Council Clerk and the Tax Tribunal accompanied the patrol to the Deboyne Group and the Calvados Chain and collected tax. In the whole area there was only one man, apart from those absent at work, that did not have the money with which to pay.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The medical and health situation throughout the Council area appears to be exceptionally good, and the people are more than adequately served by ten Aid Posts, an Aid Post cum hospital at Nimoa Catholic Mission, and a hospital at Bwagaia.

Frequent visits by Public Health Department staff to all the Aid Posts are keeping all the orderlies up to the mark and Aid Posts were clean and tidy inside and had good well kept gardens outside. There were no complaints received from either the Aid Post orderlies or the village people about each other and co-operation and goodwill is maintained by both. The infant welfare nurse at Siagaga Aid Post, Naomi Namuri, continues to do a good job as can be seen from the low infant mortality rate and the fact that practically all the women in the area, if not going to her during confinement, consult her during their anti-natal periods.

There was a 3.6% annual natural increase in population on Misima Island and a 3.3% increase in the Calvados Chain. This is quite satisfactory and shows the medical and health position as good. The infant mortality rate on Misima is 5.3% and in the Deboyne Group and Calvados Chain 1.0%, once again quite satisfactory.

Two medical orderlies accompanied the patrol in the Calvados Chain and one around Misima. A talk was given in each village by the orderly on hygiene, the use of Aid Posts and hospital, etc. and a brief medical inspection was carried out. No serious cases were found and any minor cases were sent to the Aid Posts - no medical treatment being given by the patrol.

#### Villages and Housing:

All main villages and most hamlets were visited. The exceptions were some of the small hamlets in the Calvados Chain. The majority of villages were clean and well kept and no complaints could be made about this aspect. However housing standards varied. Generally speaking it was satisfactory but in a number of hamlets it could only be considered poor. This is due in a number of cases, mainly in the Calvados Chain, to the lack of suitable building materials, which have to be transported long distances by canoe. But in other villages particularly on Misima Island there was no excuse and orders were given to correct this. In some villages such as Bwagabwaga there were some excellent houses and there was an obvious pride in having a decent houses.

The last Native Affairs patrol around Misima had paid particular attention to housing and, although all orders issued were carried out the position is only slightly improved, the people doing exactly what they were told to do and no more.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

The roads around Misima Island were generally quite good. The only exceptions were from Bagalina to Ewena and Eboru on the North Coast. The road in this part is just a scramble from rock to rock or boulder to boulder, and is in some places very dangerous especially after rain. However nothing can be done to improve it and the only alternative is to use canoes. This is not always possible because of the weather, such being the case during this patrol.

All in all the people are doing a good job in maintaining the roads over some very difficult terrain.

The patrol used the Administration workboat, M.V. Tava, throughout the Calvados Chain and walked around Misima Island. On Misima carriers were supplied readily and the people very co-operative in this respect.

Bridges throughout were also good. On the North Coast, the Gulewa River provides an annoying obstacle. There is no bridge because the river is too wide for a conventional type bridge and must be waded - the water being waste deep at the best of times. A suspension bridge could easily be constructed but the people, although enthusiastic, have no idea of how to build it. It is hoped that later some supervision can be given.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Agriculture was not dealt with to any great extent by this patrol as an Agricultural patrol had visited most villages only a week or so previously. However a short talk on the need for economic development with regard to Local Government and Co-operatives was given in each village, and some plantations of coconuts and coffee were inspected.

There appears to be much more interest in agriculture and an increase in copra production throughout the area in recent months, possibly due to the presence and patrolling of an Agricultural Officer, and this is very pleasing.

It was also noted that new plantings of coconuts were taking place in a number of villages and the people are beginning to realise that although they have enough trees at present there is a need for more, especially as their present plantings are getting old and will not last indefinitely. In this respect the system of Agricultural Committees is having a marked effect, especially with the organisation of the people and the work. However in some villages the committee members complained that they were doing all the work and the people nothing. Whether the people were misinformed as to the ~~idea~~ functions of the committees or purely lazy, probably the later <sup>is not known</sup> in such cases the committee system was explained.

From informal talks with odd people it appears that one of the reasons for poor copra production is the amount of reject copra attributed to these people. The people state that they are continually being blamed for making bad copra but say that this is not so. They claim to know how

to make copra and when it leaves the drier it is quite good. They are blaming the co-operatives and its poor organisation of shipping and state that it is unreliable and copra must be kept in the villages and the ships for long periods - so becoming bad and unacceptable in Samarai. Therefore the people are only making copra when they can be certain that a boat is due. In this respect another grievance is the selling of a half share of the M.V. Liliwaso to the Milne Bay Association. On the other hand this half share was sold because these people could not make it pay with their low copra production. I consider that it is now up to the people to show that they can increase their copra production and maintain it and thereby prove that they need and can pay for a ship.

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND COMMITTEES:

In nearly all villages there is a women's committee, in some there are functioning much better than in others and are developing into good active women's clubs. The status of women throughout the area is generally good and they are participating much more in village affairs.

The most outstanding example is the women's club at Boiou. The club is active and conducts meetings once a week. The women have small plots of rice and peanuts which are growing well, and harvest and process coffee from their husbands' gardens. They have recently bought a sewing machine, but unfortunately know little about how to use it. It is hoped that some of the women from the closer villages, such as Boiou, can be given a one or two day course by the Swagacia Station Women's Club in the near future, in an effort to assist them with such things as sewing and organising their club.

CONCLUSIONS:

The main purpose of this patrol was election propaganda for the forthcoming Council elections. Whether it was successful in this respect remains to be seen after the elections. However even if the people only took in a very little of the election propaganda and the general explanation of Local Government it will be a great improvement because it appears that they were very much 'in the dark' before. Much more needs to be explained before the people fully realise what the Misima Native Local Government Council is trying to do any why it needs their support.

From the routine point of view all objects of the patrol were accomplished. Many complaints were left unsettled because of the absence of one of the parties but some of these have already been attended to since returning to the Station.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

Report on R.P.& N.G.C. members accompanying patrol.

Reg. No. 8720 Constable SIKAI.

An average constable who knows his job and can sometimes use his own initiative. Conduct good, dress and bearing above average.

Reg. No. 7712 Constable KAOVE.

A well disciplined member but entirely lacking in initiative. Can carry out duties assigned to him but when he has to make a decision he is lost. Conduct good, dress and bearing satisfactory.



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