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PATROL REPORTS

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| 2-71-72 | F.J. WAFINGIAN | Part Tewae Council Area |

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| 1-71-72 | B. COTTINGHAM | Siassi C.D. |
| 2-71-72 | N. LARI | Siassi C.D. |
| 3-71-72 | P.O. LUSCOMBE | Siassi C.D. |
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| 1-71-72 | P. WILSON | Hube C.D. |
| 2-71-72 | P. RUSSELL | Lower Kua Valley |
| 3-71-72 | P. RUSSELL | Part of the Hube and Dedua C.D. |
| 4-71-72 | P. RUSSELL | Lower Kua and Bulum Valley |
| 5-71-72 | P. RUSSELL | Kua Valley |
| 6-71-72 | B. EDE | Hube C.D. |
| 7-71-72 | B. EDE | Gemaheng Area |
| 8-71-72 | B. EDE | Hube C.D. |
| 9-71-72 | B. EDE | No report |
| 10-71-72 | S.G. COTTINGTON | ? C.D. |
| 11-71-72 | B. EDE | Pindui Mindik Area |
| 12-71-72 | S.G. COTTINGHAM | Part of the Pindui Council Area |
| 13-71-72 | S.G. COTTINGHAM | No report - at District H.Q. |



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Siassi Patrol No. 1 of 1971/72

Subdistrict..... Finschhafen

District..... Morobe

Type of Patrol..... Annual Census/Area Study

Patrol Conducted by..... S. Cottingham (Patrol Officer)

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| Area Patrolled | } | <u>Siassi Census Division</u> |
| (Council and/or | | |
| Census Division/s.) | | |

Personnel Accompanying Patrol..... Const. 1/c. Naki. No. 1435 RPNG

Duration of Patrol—from 3/8/71..... To 4/9/71.....

No. of Days..... Thirty-Three

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : Patrol No 2 of 70/71 (Annual Census)

Date..... 19/3/71 to 8/9/71..... Duration..... 21 Days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....

1. Conduct Annual Census.
2. Update Area Study.
3. Conduct Political Education Talks.
4. Ensure the people that the D.D.A. office is back to normal (after 8 months without a District Officer).

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 8,603 -Sept 1971

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Area study on file

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-6-51

7th February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

SIASSI PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-2-13 of 11th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census,
Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. S. Cottingham of the
SIASSI Census Division.

If the people feel so strongly about the adultery
question they should properly raise it through their local
Member of the House of Assembly.

The Area Study should have a new folio per heading
and be complete in itself instead of making reference to the
Situation Report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
LAE.

11th January, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU

SIASSI Patrol Report No. 1 .. 1971/72
Mr. S. Cottingham, Patrol Officer.

Herewith two copies of Mr. Cottingham's report.

This patrol from SIASSI visited all villages on the main island and offshore islands. Population now recorded is 8,603. This, however, includes a large proportion of absentees. More particularly the number of absentees in the 16-45 age bracket is 55%. Many absentees form part of the floating urban population in Lae and Rabaul.

One reason for migration is normal education. There are 13 primary schools and one high school on the island. Students graduating find no attractive employment at home and commence to drift towards the colourful urban situation. The villages are thereby denuded of the productive work force and the village economy commences a decline.

One consequence of unbalanced migration is an increase in the number of deserted wives and the occasions of adultery. It is doubtful if any law could prevent this. The problem rests in an imbalance between males and females, particularly young females. Enforcement of penal legislation would probably have the effect only of making the parties more cautious.

The principle source of income to the island is from wages of employment. Forty four teachers earn almost half the total revenue. Cixerum Plantation contributes in a more productive capacity and the Local Government Council returns part of the internal revenue in wages.

The "productive" sector of the economy is copra. Sales are estimated at \$22,000 p.a. There are four buyers - the local co-operative (principal buyer), two missions and one expatriate. The copra purchased is generally inadequately cured and has to be further dried by the buyers. Sales of fine carvings (fish bowls and plates) also contribute to the local income.

The level of knowledge of political administration is low. Talks were given on the subject and although interest was shown, it is felt that overall appreciation will not be lasting.

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The people have chosen to support the Pangu Party through various "committeemen" active in the area. It seems that support for this Party has given the people something to be identified with. Mr. Cottingham says that there is no evidence of any cargo cult at present.

Comments concerning the election in Ward 3 have been passed to the District Local Government Officer. The Council Tax Collectors accompanied this patrol and the response to tax collecting was "very good".

An application by a European for a General Mercantile Licence to trade has been refused by the local issuing authority. There appears to be some fear that expatriate trading would prejudice the success of the island's co-operative. At the moment this society is in a sound trading position.

This report is comprehensive and well presented. Mr. Cottingham has done a thorough job of field work.

Comments by the Assistant District Commissioner are attached.

R. T. Galloway
(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHAHFEN.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

SIASSI PATROL No. 1 of 1971/72

SIASSI CENSUS DIVISION

Attached are three copies of the report on the abovementioned patrol submitted by Mr. S. Cottingham P.O.

The patrol was mounted mainly to regain contact with the Siassi people, who as a result of the introduction of the Office of Local Government, were left for some considerable time without a 'Kiap' and consequently showed symptoms of disallusion with the Administration.

Mr. Cottingham appears to have achieved his objects and his report and area study are informative. Specific comments are as follows:-

Situation Report

Political :

The Siassi people have to date not been affected by the 'cult' aspects of the Pangu Party as other people in the Sub-District have been. It is pleasing to hear of the interest taken in the Political Education talks.

The Siassi Council is developing into an effective instrument for development. Consideration is being given to the purchase by the Council of Gizerum Plantation from the Lutheran Mission. If this is a sound economic proposition and the finance can be raised, the Council will have a good business venture behind it.

Complaints against Councillors have been referred to the Council.

The introduction of the trial separation period was a disaster in Siassi. The people gave up bringing their troubles to the station and the morale and discipline of the Police detachment suffered badly as they considered they had been left without any one to look after them - perfectly natural melanesian reaction - one of many which were, and are not, being taken into account in our present-day desire to sacrifice sound administrative principles for political expediency.

Economic :

The new Siassi Co-operative Society is one of thirteen being formed from the old Finschhafen Marketing and Development Co-operative. FMDC will become an Association of Co-operatives in this area. I think both the MV Siassi and MV Vitiaz will remain the property of FMDC.

The Siassi people have had problems with their copra for some time. Other people have succeeded in operating hot air driers the Siassi problem has been said to be caused by a traditional fear of being aboard at night. I would suggest that the real reason is a lack of incentive for constant and consistent toil in this land of abundant wildlife and fish.

Social:

The Siassi people are most fortunate in having sufficient schools for their children. This is, however, a mixed blessing in that the surplus of 'educated' people have to go elsewhere to find work and make use of their education. The 34.9% able-bodied male absentee rate is high; unless these men take their families with them, considerable strain is placed on the village labour resources.

This high absentee rate probably has something to do with the 'numerous adultery cases' mentioned by Mr. Cottingham.

One can only agree with Mr. Cottingham's plea for a just Adultery Law. Field staff everywhere are plagued by insoluble marriage problems because of the unsatisfactory state of the law in relation to customary marriages.

Section 84 Native Administration Regulations is claimed to have been 'retained at the express wish of the native people' - this is not true. The native people expressed the wish to have the adultery law retained as it was understood when the question was put to them; the interpretation put on the section by the Supreme Court in Aielas Gaudaida V. Mori Damanapu (1964) P. and N.G.L.R. 253, left spouses without a remedy against each other, the village people and I am sure the Members of the Court for Native Affairs of the day assumed that such a remedy existed.

Section 8 of the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1963 effectively excludes native customary marriages from its provisions. The result is that for the last seven years a wronged village wife has been denied any remedy - civil or criminal against her errant husband in this country. This is even contrary to our western, fairly liberal, views on the matter.

If we are to recognise customary marriages (and we have no alternative) our law must contain provisions to maintain them by ~~xxxxxx~~ means which are accepted and understood by the people whose social stability depends upon them. Traditional means of maintaining the sanctity of marriage by violent reprisal are illegal - all that is left is a divorce by native custom. In most cases wronged spouses do not want a divorce - they do want satisfaction and a legal sanction to replace the traditional axe and spear remedies. Concepts derived from our common Law heritage are irrelevant and incomprehensible to the village people.

We have left a vacuum which has contributed greatly to the social deterioration of village life; made a mockery of both traditional custom and our claims that the 'Government Law' provides better remedies than traditional sanctions; and by our license allowed the basic foundation of village society to be eroded away because we deny the people any means of maintaining the obligations of marriage as they interpret them.

Section 84 NAR requires amendment to give effect to the 'express wishes' of the people, which are that spouses have a remedy against each other in court, preferably a penal one.

Area Study:

Mr. Cottingham has provided some useful information on the area. The road extension work is progressing and with Rural Development Fund assistance will provide a much needed communications system on Umboi Island.

The Officer-in Charge, Siassi, is investigating the requirements for repairing Tuam wharf.

There is great potential for development, particularly on Umboi Island. It is limited by its relative isolation and transport problems together with a lack of any real incentive for the people to exert themselves.

Census:

The delay in the onforwarding of this report was caused by the omission of the details required on the Village Population Register when it was first submitted. These details are now available. The Officer-in-Charge, Siassi, has submitted the following comments:-

'...The balance on the back of the forms is far from satisfactory. On my instructions Mr. Cottingham censused the Yaga and Salaboran resettlement areas as villages. These had not been done at all by Mr. Elder. Total population is 196. This partly explains the huge discrepancy of 482 between the statistical balance and the actual balance.

'On comparing the 1971 figures with the 1970 figures the following unexplained differences occur which are not borne out by the Births M/O deaths etc.

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'I suggest Mr. Cottingham's figures be accepted as correct. They are more in line with projections using Mr. White's figures of 1969.'

It would, from this, that the 1970 census was misleading and inaccurate. The enclosed figures are submitted as being correct.

Claim for camping allowance for Mr. Cottingham is attached. A claim for Constable l/c Haki was submitted to the Divisional Superintendent from Siassi.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

F.E. Haviland
(Assistant District Commissioner)

c.c. Mr. S. Cottingham
Finschhafen
OIC Siassi.

67-1-1.
Department of the Administrator
Division of District
Administration,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI.
MOROBE DISTRICT.

3rd August, 1971.

Mr. C.G. Cottingham,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI.

SIASSI PATROL 1-71/72.

Dear Mr. Cottingham,

Please be prepared to depart on Patrol tomorrow morning for about one month. You will visit every village in the Census Division, weather and sea transport permitting.

Your formal instructions about from routine Administration are, as already discussed.

1. Complete Census revision.
2. Political Education mentioning.
 - (1) House of Assembly Elections 1972.
 - (2) Approaching internal Self-Government.
 - (3) Power of ministers in the House and the A.E.C.
 - (4) Operation of the Siassi Council.
3. Inform the people the D.D.A. Business is as usual, Office of Local Government notwithstanding. This is most important.

Yours Faithfully,
[Signature]
P.O.S. LUSCOMBE.
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.



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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District/
Administration,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI.
7th. September, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
Finschhafen.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT NUMBER 1 of 1971/72

Herewith the original plus three copies of the above report, together with my claim for camping allowance.

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| Report No. | Siassi Patrol Report No.1 of 71/72. |
| Sub-District. | Finschhafen, |
| District. | Morobe. |
| Council Area | Siassi Local Government Council. |
| Patrol Conducted By. | S.Cottingham. |
| Designation. | Patrol Officer. |
| Area Patrolled. | Siassi Census Division. |
| Personnel accompanying Patrol/. | Const.1/c.Haki No.1435. RENG. |
| Duration of Patrol. | |
| Date Out. | 4th. August, 1971. |
| Date In. | 4th. September, 1971. |
| No. of Days. | Thirty-Three (33). |
| Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. Patrol. | 19/8/70-8/9/70 21 Days. |
| Objects of Patrol. | 1. Census Revision. 2. Update Area Study. 3. Conduct Political Education Talks 4. Inform the people that the D.D.A. office at Siassi is back to normal. |
| Population of Area Patrolled. | 8,603. Sept. 1971. |
| Patrol Map. | Attached. |
| Village Population Register. | Attached. |

S. Cottingham
S.Cottingham.
(Patrol Officer)

Introduction.

The main aims of this patrol were as follows;
(1) Conduct Annual Census for Siassi Census Division.
(2) Update Area Study.
(3) Conduct Political Education Talks.
(4) Ensure the people that the Government Patrol Post at Siassi has a Patrol Officer/Magistrate resident again, and that the situation is back to normal.

The Patrol was conducted at a leisurely pace completing the villages on Umboi island, with the exception of Sanpanam and Barim, first. Then, as arranged, meeting the Finschhafen Sub-District Trawler (M.V. Soroko) at Lab Lab to continue the patrol to the smaller Islands and Barim and Sanpanam villages.

There are 39 villages in the Census Division, and a total population of 8,603.

Patrol Diary.

4-8-71 Departed Patrol Post for Obongai (1hr.)
Census completed, on to Tarawe (1/2hr.)
Census completed. Slept Tarawe Rest House.

5-8-71 1 hour to Gomlongan. Opai villagers
assembled at Gomlongan. Both villages
census completed. returned to Tarawe.
Slept Tarawe Rest House.

6-8-71 Left for Patrol post (1 1/2) hrs. Tabulised
census figures. Slept Patrol Post.

7-8-71 Tabulising census figures.
Slept Patrol Post.

8-8-71 Sunday Observed. Slept Patrol Post.

9-8-71 to Barang and Com village (10min.)
census complete. To Com village by car
5 min. Census complete, returned and
slept at Station. Slept Patrol Post.

10-8-71 ADC. arrived, Discussed my transfer to
Mindik. Slept Patrol Post.

11-8-71 Left Patrol Post by car for Gasam vill.
Census complete on the village, to
Oropot village. Census done, on to end
of car track. 1/2hr. walk to Mararamu village.
Slept Mararamu Rest House.

12-8-71 Mararamu and Aiyau villages censured.
1/2hr. walk to Arot. Census complete on to
Aupwel village (1hr. 10min).
Slept Aupwel Rest House.

13-8-71 Aupwel village census completed. Figures
tabulized. Slept Aupwel Rest House.

14-8-71 Aupwel to Kabip (1 1/2 hrs walk, then 2 hrs Canoe)
Census completed, on to Kampalap (1 1/2 hrs).
Slept Kampalap Rest House.

15-8-71 Sub Totals and other figures completed.
Sunday Observed. Slept Kampalap Rest House.

Patrol Diary Cont.

- 16-8-71 Kampalap village censused. one dispute settled. Slept Kampalap Rest House.
- 17-8-71 To Marli village, 3 1/2 hrs walk. Village census completed, on to LabLab, 1/2 hr. Slept LabLab Rest House.
- 18-8-71 5 mins to Yaga, Village census done, on to Lirik. Census completed on to Yangla. Slept Yangla Rest House.
- 19-8-71 Census figures tabulised. Some minor disputes settled by mediation. Slept Yangla Rest House.
- 20-8-71 To Gauru, 1 hr. Village census complete returned to Yangla. Yangla census completed. Slept Yangla Rest House.
- 21-8-71 To Aramot Is. 1 1/2 hrs. by canoe. Mutumalau islanders also present at Aramot. Both villages censused. Slept Aramot Rest House.
- 22-8-71. To LabLab per M.V. Spray (Madang trading boat). Sunday Observed. Slept LabLab Rest House.
- 23-8-71 Waiting Government Trawler to continue patrol to islands. Slept LabLab Rest House.
- 24-8-71. As per yesterday. Census figures Tabulated. Slept LabLab Rest House.
- 25-8-71. As per Yesterday. Slept Lab Lab Rest House.
- 26-8-71. To Mandok Is. per mission boat MV Karapo. Village censused, returned to LabLab by same boat. Government trawler MV Boroko arrived. Slept LabLab Rest House.
- 27-8-71. To Sakar Is. per MV Boroko (2 1/2 hr). Village census done ship returned to Umboi Is. anchoring at Kabip village. Slept on Boroko, Kabip.
- 28-8-71. To Tuam Is. 4 hrs. Census completed. Inspected damage towarf after heavy seas. Slept on Boroko, Tuam.
- 29-8-71. 2 disputes heard, one settled and one to go to the Patrol Post. on to Malai Is. Slept on Boroko, Malai.
- 30-8-71. Malai census completed. 1 hr. to Aronai - Motu island. Census complete, on to Sanpanam, (1/2 hr). Census completed, on to Barim village. Slept Boroko, Barim.
- 31-8-71. Barim village census completed, on to Gizarum. Took people for court hearing up to the patrol post, then returned to Gizarum. Slept on Boroko, Gizarum.

Patrol Diary Cont.

- 1-9-71 To Tolikiwa Is. (3hrs), to Bun village. Siassi L.G. Council Tax team accompanying patrol. Bun census completed, and Tax collected. Slept on Boroko, Bun.
- 2-9-71 To Awar village (1hr). Villages Tul and Mulau assembled at Awar. Census completed for all three villages and Tax collected. Slept on Boroko, Awar.
- 3-9-71 Seas too rough to attempt crossing. Left 4pm. and anchored at Matagen, on Umboi Is. overnight. Slept on Boroko, Matagen.
- 4-9-71 To Gizarum (1 1/2 hr.). then by truck to the Patrol Post.

Patrol Ended.

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Introduction.

The Siassi Census Division is made up of the Siassi Islands Group. This is situated approximately 65 miles due North of Finschhafen, on the Huon Peninsular; and approximately 15 miles due west of New Britain's western most end.

The largest island in the group is called Umboi island (also known as Rooke or Siassi island), which is approx. 33 miles in length and 18 miles across at its widest points. The next in size are two smaller islands; Tolikiwa (also known as Lokep) which is approx. 5 miles in diameter, and 14 miles N.W. of Umboi Is. And Sakar island, which is about 4 miles in diameter and 10 miles N.E. of Umboi's north coast.

The rest of the group is made up of numerous coral atolls, mainly off the southern most end of Umboi island. Of these, only 6 have permanent villages on them.

Umboi island has a mountain range down its centre running basically, S.E.-N.W. . The highest mountain is approx. 5,200 foot above sea level. This range influences the weather so much that each side of the range has an entirely different season. On the Eastern side there is an average rainfall of 150" a year falling mostly during the S.E. season from May to October. While the Western side also receives approx. 150 inches of rain, but during the N.W. season from December to April.

Please note, that in the last Area Study, 1970, the seasons and months were totally incorrect.

Vegetation varies throughout the area. The majority of Umboi, Tolikiwa and Sakar islands are covered with tropical rain forest. There is a large mangrove swamp area on Umboi's south-eastern end; roughly from Sanpanam village to Marli village and extending inland for approximately five miles. The smaller islands are flat coral atolls, covered with palms and tropical forest.

The Siassi Census Division has been administered from a one man Patrol Post on Umboi Is., since 1963. This patrol post is directly responsible to Finschhafen Sub-District Headquarters, Morobe District. Pre War days Siassi was administered from New Britain.

The Siassi Census Division has a total population of 8,603. and 33 villages.

The aim of this patrol was to update the last area study.

Population - Distributions and Trends.

The Annual Census for the area was completed during this patrol. For details see the Village Population Register sheets attached.

There is a 54.9% absentee rate for able bodied males. (16-45 yrs). The major factor explaining this is lack of employment. Most of the children are educated to at least standard 6, and are not satisfied to stop in the village when they can go to the towns and earn money.

Also for the smaller islands there a lack of land for cash cropping. This tends to send the people to towns and plantation.

Social Groupings.

Unchanged from 1970 Area Study.

Leadership.

This remains unchanged from the last Area Study. It is noticeable that the younger and more educated men of the village are being nominated and elected into such positions as Councillor and Committees. They appear to have the support of their people, including the older men.

Land Tenure and Use.

A. Traditional land ownership is by way of a clan system, with a clan leader who distributes the land to the clan members. When the clan leader dies he is succeeded by his closest kinsman.

B. At present there are five land resettle ment schemes in the Siassi area. All are on the Umboi is. These are. 1. Yaga- This is a resettlement for the Tim islanders, where land is short. There are Eight settler blocks and one village block.

2. S. Liboran- This is mainly Malai islanders. There are Six blocks.

3. Wardot- Three blocks

4. Kendau- One block.

No. 3 and 4 are very isolated and virtually useless, due to their size. The above blocks are approx. 20 acres in size, and are for basically one family. There are, however, many other people at Yaga, - Than lease holders.

5. Bunsil. This is approx. 600 acres. It was purchased in 1956/67, but as yet has not been gazetted or sub divided. This area will be open to all people, however, island people would probably be given preference.

The Mandok islanders have purchased a large section of land from the Gauru people, on Umboi Is, by native custom. At present there are many Mandok families living there, already. The Mandok people want the Land Titles Commission to officially rule the ground in their favour.

With the land shortage at the smaller islands there are quite a few individuals interested in resettling. However, as a whole, it would accurate to say that the island people are migrating to the main island (Umboi). The people with blocks are quite satisfied with them.

6. Cash cropping in the area is mostly devoted to copra, although there is some cocoa and a small amount of coffee being grown as well.

Most of the copra is individually owned, however the trees are worked on a community basis, where every one helps each other.

There are four cattle projects on Umboi Is. All of these are communally owned. The herds are small and provide meat for each of the villages concerned. They are not raised for any economic market. For further details on cattle see Situation Report No. 1 of 71/72 under heading Economic-Cattle.

Literacy.

A. See appendix "B" for figures on schools and pupils in the Siassi Census Division.

The Aust. Lutheran Mission has 11 P.T. Schools, and one High school in the area. The Catholic Mission has two Primary Schools.

The latest census figures on absent students from the area shows;

The students Absent Inside the District.

| <u>Mission School.</u> | | <u>Government School.</u> | |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. |
| 309 | 228 | 47 | 7 |

The students Absent Outside the District.

| <u>Mission School.</u> | | <u>Government School.</u> | |
|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Male. | Female. | Male. | Female. |
| 11 | 4 | 7 | 2 |

B. Approximately 85% of the adults are fluent in speaking Pidgin English. Of these, about 50% can read and write in it as well.

There would be approximately 60 people in the census division literate in English.

C. Nil.

D. There are two students studying at high-schools in Australia, and three away at the University at Port Moresby.

E. Unchanged.

Standard of Living.

Unchanged from last Area Study.

Missions.

The Catholic mission has a replacement boat for the M.V. Kolomb which was lost on a reef near Aramot over a year ago. The new vessel, called M.V. Juani, is of similar size.

Otherwise this section is unchanged from the last Area Study, 1970.

Non Indiginous People.

Unchanged from last Area Study.

Communications

Roads. The major road on Umboi island goes from Gizarum plantation, at the wharf, for five miles to the Patrol Post, then on another 1 1/4 miles to the Aust. Lutheran mission at Awelkon. This road is maintained by the local people who work every Tuesday cutting the grass, clearing drains etc. There is also a government labour line of 10 men who work on the local roads, mainly surfacing with gravel. The Siassi L.G. Council provides a tractor and trailer to cart gravel, etc.

Another major road runs from the patrol post to the airstrip, at Gom village, a good track, for a total distance of 1 1/2 miles.

There are also three other vehicular "tracks" under construction.

1. Gom to Aupwel. At the time of the last Area Study this road had reached cropet village, it is now almost up to Mararamu, an extra 3 miles. It is expected to complete this road this financial year.

2. Awelkon to Gomlongen. This is a distance of approximately five miles. This track has been neglected and is overgrown and washed away in many places. I have advised the Siassi Council road's inspector to investigate, and prosecute the local villages under the Council Road Maintenance rule if necessary. Mr. P. Luscombe (OIC) has been blasting many of the large boulders in the road here and also on the patrol post side of Awelkon. This will enable proper side drains to be dug, and also for the mission grader, (pulled behind the tractor), to work more effectively.

3. Lab Lab to Birik, Yangla and Gauru. From Lab Lab to Birik the track is cleared of bush and levelled however, the ground is very marshy in places, and proper side drains will have to be dug and the road cambered. Between Birik, Yangla and Gauru, bits and pieces of the road have been completed, but as yet none of it has joined up. There are three fairly large ditches and creeks that will have to be bridged.

All of the above mentioned roads are for four wheel drive vehicles only. During the wet season it is necessary to carry chains.

Sea. There are wharves at Gizarum and LabLab on Umboi Is., and one at Tuan Is. The new permanent wharf at LabLab is now completed. This is the permanent anchorage of the Australian Lutheran Mission ship the M.V. Karapo. The wharf at Tuan Is. was almost completely destroyed during the last NW. season. The sea undermined it and carried away a lot of the filling. The people have been instructed on how to repair and save the remaining part of the wharf.

The Siassi L.G. Council plans to build a wharf at the Catholic Mission station at Aupwel. A definite date to start this wharf has not been set.

Air. Unchanged from last Area Study. It is planned to extend the airstrip at Gom, however work on this has not been commenced yet.

Technical and Clerical Skills.

There are 44 Primary teachers working in the Census Division. All of these are Siassi people.

Most Skilled and semi Skilled workers are away in the towns and plantations.

Other comments remain the same as in the last Area Study, 1970.

The Stage of Political Development.

The Siassi people have a good understanding of the Local Govt. set up and how a council operates. I would say that the Siassi L.G. Council is well supported by the people. This is especially noted at tax collecting time, when most of the estimated tax is collected.

A fair percentage of the people know about the House of Assembly, and what it is. Most of the people knew who their local member was, but only a few knew what his actual work was.

It was gratifying to note how many questions were asked after I finished some of my Political Education talks. These showed that not only were the people listening, but also that they were interested in what I was saying.

The attitude towards the Administration is generally good. However, the people were quite upset about the fact that there hasnt been a Patrol Officer /Magistrate at Siassi for the past 8 months, approx. This was caused when Local Government was made into a separate department, on trial basis. The then Patrol officer was made into a fulltime Council Advisor, leaving the area without a "Kiap".

At the arrival of Mr. Luscombe (OIC/ADO) to Siassi, last month, he was flooded with court cases that had built up during this period. (See also Situation report no.1 of 71/72, heading Political-Government General.)

During this patrol I impressed upon the people that the Patrol Post was back to normal again.

Economy of the Area.

See appendix "C" for a list of economic trees per village in the census division. Grand total of trees are as follows:-

| | | |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Coconuts (Copra) | 85,047 Mature. | 76,037 Immature. |
| Coffee | 4,898 " | 864 " |
| CoCoa | 2,315 " | 9,037 " |

The above figures vary greatly, especial Cocoa, from the last area study, of 1970. Last Area Study figures for cocoa were 11,173 mature and 13,000 immature. These figures are totally inaccurate, to say the least. As for coffee, only five villages were named out of fifteen that has had coffee for over a year. Also the number of trees per village is incorrect.

The figures used in this area study are taken from The Agricultural Dep't files on their last census of the trees done late 1970. The Agric. Officer here at Siassi says that the last years Area Study figures were not obtained from him and that they are inaccurate.

The approx. total annual production from the above trees, expressed in both volume and value, is as follows:-

| | | | |
|---------|---|------------|------------|
| Copra. | 695,061 lb. | bought for | \$22,123. |
| Coffee. | 1,507 lb. | " " | \$ 180.90¢ |
| Cocoa. | First Mature, economical, crop due 1973-74. | | |

The approx. total possible of copra, based on-
 50 nuts per tree per year.
 5 nuts per pound of copra.

should be 850,470 lb. This is an increase of 155,409 lb. an approximate value of \$4700.00. That is 155,409 lb of copra left on the trees unproduced.

The approx. total possible produced of coffee, based on 21lb dry beans coffee per tree.

should be 9,796 lb. This is an increase of 8,289 lb. an approximate value of \$1,300. However coffee is a relative new venture and the people are concentrating on increasing their plantings. Also there is only one buyer of coffee at present.

As yet the cocoa produced is not of any great

economical value, due to its small amount. It takes approximately 3 to 4 years for the trees to mature. The first major crop is expected during 1973-74.

The income received from wage labour is estimated as follows:-

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|
| Gisarum Plantation. (inc. Sawmill) | 60 | employees | \$ 470.00 | per | wk. |
| Gelen. | 5 | " | \$ 50.00 | " | " |
| Patrol Post. | 14 | " | \$ 70.00 | " | " |
| Aupwel.(Cath.Miss). | 2 | " | \$ 4.00 | " | " |
| Awelkon. A.L.M. | 7 | " | \$ 30.00 | " | " |
| LabLab...L.M. | 8 | " | \$ 50.00 | " | " |
| Council. | 4 | " | \$ 32.00 | " | " |
| Teachers. | 44 | " | \$1420.00 | " | " |
| Aid Post Staff. | 20 | " | \$ 300.00 | " | " |
| | | | ----- | | |
| Total Wages. | | | \$2426.00 | " | " |

Annual wages earned on Siassi - \$ 126,152.00

Cash earnings from other sources..

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Council Road Building | \$2,500.00 |
| Copra. | 22,123.00 |
| Coffee. | 180.00 |
| Patrol Carriers. | 120.00 |
| Sale of Carvings. | 4,000.00 |
| Trochus Shells. | 200.00 |
| Pensions. | 960.00 |
| ----- | |
| Total. | \$30,083.00 |

Wages earned on Siassi. 126,152.00

Income from other sources. 30,083.00

\$156,235.00

Estimated total cash income equals \$ 156,235.00

As mentioned in the last area study, the Siassi people were most dissatisfied with the operation of the Finschhafen, Marketing and Development Co-op in the area. This has now been dissolved, and a new Co-operative has taken over. This is simply called the Siassi Co-operative Society. It has a total number of members of 1,630. It is the only market for coffee on the Island, and bought over 2/3rds. of the copra produced last year.

The Co-op. has its own boat, for patrolling and collecting the produce they buy. The boat came into service in September, 1970. However, during its first trip around the Islands it developed engine mounting troubles, and had to be towed to Madang Ship yards for repairs. It is now on its way back to Siassi after an absence of almost one year.

The people are much happier now, with their own co-operative, and it appears to be running quite well.

There is only one outstanding entrepreneur in the census division. He is Mr. Darus Nako, of Yangla village. He has a copra plantation (called Gun) of 11,058 trees, of which only 60 are mature. He also has 700 cocoa trees, all immature. In the future he.

intends to start a cattle project and erect a trade store. However he has a development Bank loan on the copra plantation to pay back first. He employs ten men on the plantation. The name of the plantation is Gun.

There has been no cases of difficulty in meeting Tax obligations brought to my notice. The Council Tax Team accompanied me to Tolikiwa Is. and collected the tax from the four villages. Everyone present, except those with official exemptions, paid without complaints or comments.

A realistic figure on per capita income of the Siassi people would be approximately \$ 24.00

There is a large amount of money sent by private post, to Siassi from Siassi people working outside the area. However, it is impossible to estimate, with any degree of accuracy, what this amount would be.

Possibilities of Expanding the Economy.

There is ample land available on Umboi Is. to increase plantings of coconuts, however, as shown on page 5, under "Economy of Area" approximately 1/6th. of the nuts are left on the trees. Until all of the copra possible to be produced from the existing trees is made, it is not economical to increase plantings at present.

Cattle is a good choice for expanding the economy. At present there are only four cattle projects operating in the area. There is ample suitable ground available to increase existing herds and to start new ones. The four existing projects are as follows:-

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 1. Aiyau. | 1 bull | 1 cow | 1 heffer. |
| 2. Barim. | 1 " | 2 " | 1 " |
| 3. Gauru. | 1 " | 2 " | 1 " |
| 4. Obongai. | 1 " | 1 " | 1 " |

These are very small herds and are almost uneconomical to keep. The villages concerned slaughter the cattle for their own needs only. The Agric. Dept. have never encouraged the people to increase herds with the idea of exporting them to the Lae market. If the herds reached around 20 head it would be practical to consider exporting to Lae.

A, Mr L. Thomas was considering setting up a trade store at Kabip village on Umboi Is. He intended to install a deep freeze unit, with the idea of buying fish and crays, as well as copra from the people. However, the Siassi Local Government Council refused his application for a licence on the grounds that they wanted to give the Siassi Co-op. every chance of going ahead. Mr. Thomas is from Madang. He visits the area once every two months buying Shells, copra, and carvings. It was the Kabip people who approached him re the store not vice-versa.

Attitude towards Local Government.

See Situation Report No.1 of 71/72 under Political. Also "The Stage of political Development" in this report.

Attitude towards Central Government.

See "The Stage of Political Development" in this report. And Situation Report No.1 of 71/72 under

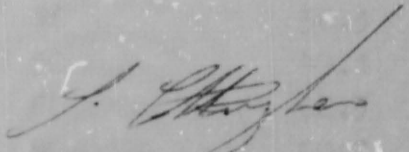
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Accomodation Services and Facilities.

Transport. The Aust.Lutheran Mission have two ships operating in the area. The M.V.Kalapo is permanently stationed at Siassi, Anchoring at LabLab. It is approx.29foot long. It runs cargo and passenger trips round Umboi Is.and the smallislands.

The other ship is the M.V.Umboi, a cabin/ cargo ship,48 foot long. It runs cargo and passengers within the Finschhafen sub-district, and to Iae.

The Lutheran Mission Church Circuit at Awelkon have recently acquired a Passenger Motor Vehicle licence for their 4 wheel drive Misson. They will provide a passenger service along all the roads , but mainly from Gizarum Plantation to Awelkon.


B.Cottingham.
(Patrol Officer)

APPENDIX "A"

Able Bodied Male - Absentee Rate.

| <u>Village.</u> | <u>No. of Able Bodied Males on Census.</u> | <u>Absent.</u> | <u>Percentage.</u> |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| AIYAU. | 20 | 46 | 69.7 |
| ARAHOT. | 73 | 28 | 27.7 |
| ARONAI. | 11 | 17 | 60.7 |
| AROT. | 14 | 10 | 41.6 |
| Aupwel. | 30 | 21 | 41.1 |
| AWAR. | 14 | 9 | 39.1 |
| BARANG. | 21 | 21 | 50.0 |
| BIRIK. | 26 | 28 | 51.8 |
| BUN. | 11 | 15 | 57.6 |
| Gasam. | 28 | 46 | 62.2 |
| GAURU. | 39 | 30 | 43.4 |
| GOM. | 19 | 21 | 52.5 |
| GOMLONGAN. | 50 | 33 | 39.7 |
| KABIP. | 28 | 16 | 36.3 |
| KAMPALAP. | 58 | 56 | 49.1 |
| MALAI. | 52 | 86 | 62.3 |
| MANDOK. | 39 | 59 | 60.2 |
| MARARAMU. | 34 | 73 | 68.2 |
| MARELI. | 25 | 13 | 40.0 |
| MUTUMALAU. | 8 | 7 | 46.7 |
| MULAU. | 19 | 30 | 61.2 |
| OBONGAI. | 12 | 23 | 65.1 |
| OMOH. | 15 | 23 | 60.5 |
| OPAI. | 12 | 21 | 63.6 |
| OROPOT. | 24 | 22 | 47.8 |
| SAKAR. | 34 | 6 | 15.0 |
| SALABORAN. | 9 | 3 | 25.0 |
| SANPANAM. | 9 | 3 | 25.0 |
| TARAWA. | 21 | 89 | 80.9 |
| TUAM. | 47 | 107 | 69.5 |
| TUL. | 23 | 17 | 42.5 |
| YAGA. | 19 | 15 | 44.1 |
| YANGIA. | 40 | 71 | 63.9 |
| TOTAL. | 914. | 1116. | |

$$\frac{1116}{2030} \times \frac{100}{1} = \text{Average Percentage} = 54.9\%$$

Appendix "B"

Schools in Biassi Census Division.Australian Lutheran Mission.

| <u>High School.</u> | <u>Forms.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Gelem. | 1 | 18 | 62 | 80 |
| | 2 | 23 | 51 | 74 |
| <u>Primary Schools.</u> | <u>Grades.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
| Awelkon. | 1 | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| | 2 | - | - | - |
| | 3 | 25 | 24 | 49 |
| | 4 | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| | 5 | 38 | 16 | 54 |
| | 6 | 39 | 23 | 62 |
| Gelem. | 1 | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| | 3 | 14 | 14 | 28 |
| Gune. | 1 | 27 | 14 | 41 |
| | 2 | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| Lab Lab. | 1 | 17 | 24 | 41 |
| | 2 | 17 | 8 | 25 |
| | 3a | 22 | 9 | 31 |
| | 3b | 21 | 9 | 30 |
| | 4a | 17 | 11 | 28 |
| | 4b | 16 | 13 | 29 |
| | 5 | 28 | 9 | 37 |
| | 6 | 16 | 19 | 35 |
| Majong. | 1 XX | 27 | 15 | 42 |
| | 2 | 6 | 20 | 26 |
| Malai. | 1 | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| | 2 | 25 | 15 | 40 |
| Molomol. | 1 | 17 | 18 | 35 |
| | 2 | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| | 3 | 19 | 9 | 28 |
| | 4 | 7 | 18 | 25 |
| | 5 | 13 | 18 | 31 |
| Samanai. | 1 | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| | 2 | 20 | 10 | 30 |
| | 3 | - | - | - |
| | 4c | 21 | 13 | 34 |
| Tagop. | 1 | 22 | 13 | 35 |
| | 4 | 20 | 7 | 27 |
| Tatan. | Prep. | 12 | 18 | 30 |
| | 1 | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 11 | 17 | 28 |
| | 3 | 24 | 17 | 41 |
| | 4 | 18 | 16 | 34 |
| Tuam. | 1 | 14 | 20 | 34 |
| | 2 | 14 | 20 | 34 |
| | 3 | 21 | 14 | 35 |
| | Totals. | 734 | 665 | 1399 |

Schools in Siassi Census Division.

Catholic Mission Schools.

| <u>Primary School.</u> | <u>Grades.</u> | <u>Male.</u> | <u>Female.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aupwel, St.Patrick's. | 1 | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| | 3 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| | 4 | - | - | - |
| | 5 | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Handok, St.Finbare. | Prep. | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| | 1 | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| | 2 | 9 | 14 | 23 |
| | 3 | 1 | 12 | 13 |
| | 4 | 18 | 9 | 27 |
| | 5 | 19 | 21 | 40 |
| | 6 | 19 | 20 | 39. |
| | Totals. | 110 | 120 | 230. |

| | | | | |
|-------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| Grand | Totals | 110 | 120 | 230 |
| | | 734 | 665 | 1399 |
| | | 844 | 785 | 1629 |

There are 1,629 children attending school within the Siassi Census Division.

APPENDIX "C"

Number of Economic Trees in Siassi C/D.

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Coconut Trees (Cobra).

| <u>Village.</u> | <u>Mature.</u> | <u>Immature.</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| Aupwel. | 4938 | 3803 |
| Aiyau. | 937 | 1037 |
| Aromot. | 660 | 103 |
| Aronai-Mutu. | 1674 | 902 |
| Arot. | 1321 | 2211 |
| Awar. | 2052 | 1595 |
| Barang. | 3314 | 2714 |
| Barim. | 4617 | 6922 |
| Birk | 1103 | 1236 |
| Bun. | 2070 | 569 |
| Gasam. | 2724 | 3242 |
| Gauru. | 4860 | 6076 |
| Gon. | 2447 | 1230 |
| Gomlongan. | 4282 | 4282 1571 |
| Gun Plantation. (Mr. Darus Nako of Yangla) | 60 | 10998 |
| Kabip. | 2565 | 3238 |
| Kampalap | 2480 | 2611 |
| Kendau (Resettlement area) | -- | 115 |
| Mandok. | 1617 | 1799 |
| Malai. | 6711 | 5789 |
| Mararamu. | 3338 | 2438 |
| Marli. | 295 | 3367 |
| Mulau. | 4443 | 2574 |
| Obongai. | 738 | 1072 |
| Omom. | 2558 | 543 |
| Opai. | 2496 | 1419 |
| Oropot. | 714 | 1154 |
| Salabcran. | 108 | 916 |
| Sampanam | 1052 | 623 |
| Tuam. | 5845 | 3639 |
| MazmazIs. (Tuam) | 66 | 45 |
| Nizuv. (Tuam) | 140 | 104 |
| Sirig. (Tuam) | 299 | 150 |
| Tambiu. (Tuam) | 401 | 53 |
| Tamung. (Tuam) | 523 | 104 |
| Tul. | 6895 | 1839 |
| Wasei. (Tuam) | 175 | 93 |
| Yangla. | 4395 | 5994 |
| Wardot. (Resettlement Area) | 17 | 300 |
| TOTALS. | 85047 | 76037 |

APPENDIX "C"

Number of Economic Trees in Siassi C/D.

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Coffee Trees.

| <u>Village.</u> | <u>Mature.</u> | <u>Immature.</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Aiyau. | 1277 | 341 |
| Arot. | 180 | 226 |
| Barang. | 488 | - |
| Barim. | 690 | - |
| Birik. | 301 | - |
| Gasan. | 112 | 24 |
| Gauru. | 122 | - |
| Gom. | 213 | 8 |
| Gomlongan. | 70 | - |
| Mararamu. | 476 | 149 |
| Omom. | 488 | - |
| Opai. | 98 | - |
| Oropot. | 56 | 126 |
| Tarawe. | 109 | - |
| Yangla. | 218 | - |
| TOTALS. | 4898. | 864. |

Cocoa Trees.

| <u>Village.</u> | <u>Mature.</u> | <u>Immature.</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Aronai-Mutu. | 7 | 431 |
| Barang. | 19 | 408 |
| Barim. | 325 | 480 |
| Gasam. | 38 | 658 |
| Gauru. | 466 | 557 |
| Gom. | 7 | 499 |
| Gomlongan. | 81 | 413 |
| Gun Plantation.(Yangla). | 21 | 632 |
| Obongai. | 40 | 480 |
| Omom. | 39 | 301 |
| Opai. | 828 | 1905 |
| Oropot. | 13 | 434 |
| Sanpanam. | 56 | 454 |
| Tarawe. | 72 | 1204 |
| Yangla. | 13 | 591 |
| TOTALS. | 2015 | 9037. |

SITUATION REPORT.

Political.

Political Education.

Political education discussions were held at most villages. Generally, these were well accepted by the people and they participated by asking some very relevant and thoughtful questions. Although their knowledge on "Independence and Self Government" was limited, almost inexistant at some places, they had a reasonable idea on the House of Assemble, and the work of its members, and a good knowledge on the Siassi L.G. Council and the way it operates.

The Pangu party is very previlant in the area, and the local branch President is the Siassi L.G. councils' Road Supervisor. There are also numerous Pangu Party Committee run all over the islands. I am not aware of the methods they use recruiting new members, but I had a lot of people ask me what exactly the Pangu Party was. It seemed evident to me that these Pangu Committee people merely ask for members and don't explain to the people the party's "Political Platform", or the reason for having a party. During my discussions I went to some length to explain the "Party" set up of such a government as in Australia, and also the role of the parties in Papua New Guinea to these people. Most of the people able to comerehend the system to a certain degree.

I also had people visit me in the evenings at the village rest house to ask questions, or to get me to explain some things, that I said at the meeting, in more detail.

It is pleasing to see the people taking some interest in these talks, and not just listening because it is the "Kiap" talking.

Siassi Local Govnt. Council.

The Siassi L.G. Council has been well represented by the people over this past year. Such Projects as the Lablab wharf (now completed), the Tuan wharf, and the Com-Aupwel road which is 5/8ths completed, has given the local people confidence and enthusiasm in their Council.

It was unfortunate that the new Tuan wharf was half washed away in the last NW. season. However 2-3 weeks work would restore it fully. The people have been advised on the method of reconstruction and will start work immediately, while the seas are SE. and the wharf is sheltered.

I had only two complaints against Councillors during this patrol :-

1. Ward 6. This is made up of Kebip and Kampalap villages and Sakar Is. Previously Sakar island was a ward of its own, however in the 1970 elections there was ward reshuffle and Sakar joined with the other two villages to form Ward 6.

The Sakar people complain that the Councillor, who is resident at Kampalap, never visits them. This is mainly because of lack of transport, as Sakar is 10 miles overseas to Kampalap. At the time of the 1970 election it was agreed to try the ward, and if things didn't work out, Sakar would revert to being a ward on its own.

2. Ward 3. This is made up of Opai, Gomalorgan and Tarawe villages. The complaint came from the Tarawe people who say the 1970 election for their ward was false and rigged in favour of the present

councillor, Jacob Kon of Gomlongan.

The above two complaints and other relevant council matters from this patrol have been forwarded by way of letter to the Council President.

The Council Tax collecting team accompanied the patrol to Toliliwa Is. The response was very good with only a very few people unable to pay their tax.

Government -General.

It was indeed unfortunate for the Siassi people when the government introduced this trial period by which Local Government was made a separate dep't, and that the council advisor was to do no other work than council work. This left the Siassi's without a Patrol Officer or Magistrate for approximately eight months. The members of the Police detachment became lazy and towards the end of this time didn't bother to hold the morning parades. Also when the people realised there was no-one to conduct the court hearings, or mediate in their minor disputes, they felt badly towards the Government as their troubles had to go unresolved.

With the return of Mr.P.Luscombe(ADO) last month to Siassi, after an absence of almost nine months, his first two weeks were virtually fully occupied with hearing court cases that had built up over the last 7-8 months.

During the patrol it was emphasised at every village that the administration system at Siassi Patrol Post was back to normal, and to bring their court cases in to the Post. There were several irate people who complained of having walked 8 hours from their village to the patrol post three times for a court hearing, to be turned away each time because there was no one there.

Also such things as Police pensions, renewal of licences, payment of R.M.T.A. etc. had to go unpaid as there was no-one to run the Treasury Cash Office.

All of the above things have damaged the Administration's image at Siassi, and it will take a while before things are running smoothly again.

Mr.Luscombe plans a short patrol to the most outlying regions, conducting court hearings and just generally showing the people that the situation is as before.

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ECONOMICAL.

Co-operatives.

A new society has been formed replacing the Finschhafen, Marketing, and Development Society, it is simply the Siassi Co-Operative. It is, however, still largely affiliated with the F.M.D.S. at Finshhafen. In September, 1970, the co-operative's new boat came into service, called the M.V. Siassi. Its first run was around the islands and coastal villages to show the people "their boat". However on its return to Finschhafen it broke down at Toliliwa Is., with engine mounting trouble. It was towed to Finschhafen, then to Lae, and finally to the shipyards in Madang. It has now returned to Lae and is expected to arrive at Siassi this month to start work again after an absence of almost a year.

The CoOperative buys most of the copra in the area, some coffee and at the beginning of the year were buying Trochus shells.

Figures paid by the Co-operative over the past year are as follows.

| | | | |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Copra. | 546,428lb. | bought for | \$16,392.00 |
| Coffee. | 1,507lb. | " " | \$30.00 |
| Trochus. | 14,560lb. | " " | \$435.00 |

There are a total number of 1,603 members in the Siassi Co-Operative. The people are generally happy with the operation of the co-operative, however they would like to see more of their copra being collected and bought. The main problem to this has been lack of shipping transport around the islands. Now with the M.V. Siassi on its way back things in this aspect should improve.

Cash Crops.

The major cash crop for the Siassi islands is copra. The price paid for good copra at present is 3-4 cents per pound. However the people do not dry their copra sufficiently, and consequently get an average of 2-3 cents per pound. All copra bought by the Australian Lutheran Mission is shipped to their own copra plantation at Gizarum, where it has to be dried again before being shipped to the market. A European businessman from Madang, who buys some copra from the people, says that the majority of the copra dryers on Siassi are the "Hot Air" type, and these require an experienced and expert fireman to operate it successfully. This, he says, is the main reason for the poor quality of the copra. He recommends smoke drying the copra, as it is simple, economical and doesn't require a fulltime fireman. The difference in price between the two types of dried copra is only \$3 per ton. I would suggest that Agriculture Dep't. look into this.

At present there are copra buyers in the area. These are; 1. Siassi Co-operative 2. Australian Lutheran's Mission. 3. Mr. L. Thomas (Madang) 4. Catholic Mission. At present there are approx. 85,047 mature trees in the area. At 50 nuts/tree/year, and 5nuts -one pound of copra, bought at 3cents a lb., the approx income per year from copra should be, \$ 25,514.00 .

Other Cash Crops.

Mr L. Thomas, a business man from Madang, visits all the small islands and Umboi island about once every two months in his ship the M.V. Spray, buying copra, carvings and Trochus shells. These shells have an overseas market only. The people are paid around 3-4 ¢ a pound for the shells.

For the small islands shells and carvings is their main source of income. Mr. Thomas is also thinking of setting up a copra/Tradestore at Kabip village. He will equip it with a deep freeze unit and buy fish and crabs as well as the copra. The store will be constructed of bush materials first, and if the store is a profitable venture at the end of a year, he will erect a permanent ~~main~~ materials building.

The other buyers of carvings are the Australian Lutheran Mission at Lab Lab, and The Catholic Mission at Mandok island. There is an approximate income of \$4,000. a year brought in to the island people by carvings.

At present Mr. Thomas is the only person buying Trochus shells.

Cocoa is a new venture by the people, and as yet there are not enough economic crops from them to warrant commenting on. The first major crop is expected in 1973-74. At present there are 2,015 mature trees and

approximately 9,037 immature trees. The mission plantation at Cizarum is the only centre buying cocoa at present. The price paid is 4-6cents/lb. for wet beans, however over the past year not more than \$100 has been paid.

There is also a limited amount of coffee on Umboi island. Approximately 4,893 mature trees and 864 immature trees. The Siassi Co-operative is the only business buying coffee. They pay between 10 and 14 cents per pound. Over the past year 1,507 lb. of coffee was bought for \$180.90.

Cattle.

There are four cattle projects in the Siassi Census Division. These are situated at the following villages:-

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|----------|---|------|---|-----|---|---------|
| Aiyau. | 1 | Bull | 1 | Cow | 1 | Heffer. |
| Berim. | 1 | " | 2 | " | 1 | " |
| Gaura. | 1 | " | 2 | " | 1 | " |
| Cbongai. | 1 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " |

As can be seen these are very small herds. According to the Agric. office here at Siassi, these projects were started in 1966-67. They are communally owned, and provide meat for the village only. No great effort has been made on the behalf of the Agric. Department to encourage the people increase their herds for an economic market. If the herds reached around 20 head, then it would be economical to arrange some sort of transport to the Lae market.

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SOCIAL.

Education.

Education in the Siassi census division is provided by the Australian Lutheran Mission and the Catholic Mission. For details of these schools see appendix "A". There are 13 Primary, and one High school. Every child in the area has the opportunity to have at least a primary education. Many go on to the high school at Siassi and others to the secondary schools outside the area.

As there is little opportunity for work at Siassi, many of these educated locals have to go to the towns for employment. This is the major factor causing the high percentage of absentees.

Of the able bodied men (16-45 yrs old) in Siassi, there is a 54.9% absentee rate.

Health.

The health of the people is generally good. There is a government Aid Post within a half days walk, at the most, of every village. The Australian Lutheran Mission has two hospitals, one at Lab Leb, and the other one at Awelkon. The Awelkon hospital is run by a European Sister.

The Catholic mission have two Aid posts. One at Aupwel and the other at Por (Mandok) island.

Groupings.

There are three definite social groupings in the Siassi Census Division. These are:-

1. Kowai. comprising of; Opai, Gomlongan, Tarawe, Obongai, Barang, Omom, Gom, Oropot, Mararamu, Aiyau, Arot and Aupwel villages, all on Uboi island.
2. Kai-Manga. comprising; Kabip, Kampalap, Marli, Birik, Yangla, Gaura and Sarpanam villages. All on Umboi Is.

3. Islands. comprising all of the small islands and Barim village on Umboi island.

Each group has its own language, but all can understand each other. Relationships between the groups is very harmonious, and inter-marriages are common.

Religion.

There are only two religious bodies in the Siassi Census Division. These are; the Australian Lutheran Mission and the Catholic Mission.

The A.L.M. have a following of approximately 80% of the people. There are two European Reverends on Umboi island, one at Lablab and the other at Awelkon. These are the headquarters for the A.L.M.

The Catholic Mission have the remaining 20% of the people, with its centres at Por Is. (Mandok) and Aupwel, on Umboi Island. There is a Father and two Sisters at Aupwel, and one Father at Por. All are from Holland.

Law and Order.

Many minor disputes were settled by mediation. only three were referred to the Patrol Post for court action.

There were numerous adultery cases brought to me. It would be accurate to say at least one case per village. The general situation was where the husband is sick of his old wife and gets a new young bride.

One reason for the large number of cases as above, is that there is no deterrent by law for it. The law covering adultery, N.A.R. sec. 84., is inadequate. As for the case above; the husband's wife can charge the new woman under this section, but as the new girl is single, the husband cannot be charged, although he is guilty too. 99% of the time it is the Husband who entices the new woman to him, not the other way around.

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The Missionary bodies are helpless as these people are only Christians when it suits them. The people of Siassi are very worried at the increasing number of broken marriages, which eventually leads to disrupted villages. The people can't see why the man always goes free in these cases.

Would it be possible to have this law amended, or reworded so that the real "guilty" party was covered too?

The fact that there has been no Patrol Officer or Magistrate resident at Siassi for the past 8 or so months has not improved the Law and Order situation any. For details of this see "Political" of this Situation report under Government General.

In regards to Cargo Cult activities, there was no evidence of any operating in the area.

S. Cottingham.
(Patrol Officer)

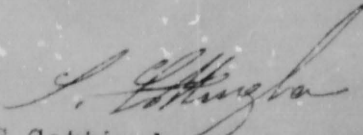
Siassi Patrol Report Number 1 of 1971-72

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Report on Personnel Accompanying Patrol.

Const. 1/c Haki. Registered No. 1435. R.P.N.G.C.

A reliable and conscientious policeman.
Very efficient in patrol matters.


S. Cottingham.
(Patrol Officer)

OA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-6-52

15th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

SIASSY PATROL NO. 2 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-2-13 of 29/2/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Situation Report arising out of the above Patrol of the Siassi Census Division, together with the appropriate assessment as submitted by Mr. N. Laxi, T.P.O.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



DM 57-6-52.
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67-2-13

Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
LAE.

20th February, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINCHHAFFEN

Patrol Report: SIASSI No. 2 - 1971/72

Thank you for Mr. Lari's report and your comments.

The Officer-in-Charge should assist Mr. Lari with the preparation of his reports; I am sure that if Mr. Lari tried really hard he could improve the style and presentation of the narrative.

I have formed the opinion that sometimes local officers display a superior ability to communicate and obtain information on local attitudes. They should, therefore, be encouraged to be observant and to report fully on the problems of the area. They should also make an assessment of how these problems can be solved.

I am concerned that a lot of copra bought by the co-operative "were left in the local shed for about a year without any shipment". Mr. Lari should determine the reason for this and offer reasonable suggestions that will remedy the situation.

I also note the opinion that "it would be good if the Councillors should mediate these minor disputes rather than for court actions". In Mr. Lari referring to matters for compensation, and if so, how far does he consider the councillors should become involved - for example, in cases of assault, injury, adultery, damage to property, etc. What are the local attitudes on "criminal responsibility" associated with accidents (commissions or omissions). Mr. Lari might also examine local attitudes towards the courts, especially as to whether the people consider that justice is seen to be done.

I expect Mr. Luscombe will assist Mr. Lari with the preparation of future reports.

T. GALLOWAY
District Commissioner

c.c. Mr. Lari,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

(R. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

- Copy for your information.
No particular Situation Report
has been submitted. However,
this patrol was very routine
and lasted only three days.

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHAFEN.

7th February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
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SIASSI PATROL No. 2 of 1971/72

Attached are Headquarters and District Office copies of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Lari IPO who accompanied Mr. P. Luscombe ADO.

Claims for camping allowance are attached.

Comments on Patrol Report

The patrol was a routine one and appeared to have achieved its objects.

Mr. Lari should take more care in setting out his written work - improvement in typing should come with practise.

It is unfortunate that the Co-operative copra has been left so long. From all accounts the MV Siassi which was purchased to help solve the transport problems in the Siassi area is quite unsuitable for the job.

Mr Thomson of the MV Spray claims to have contacts in Europe for the sale of shells, if this is true, shells could be a valuable local industry for the people.

The excellent education coverage of the Siassi area will create its own problems through the surplus of semi-educated, ambitious young people who will have to go elsewhere for work.

Mr. Lari should have given more information on the Lazen Welfare Society; its aims and objectives; support and leadership. The Officer-in-Charge Siassi will be requested to supply more details.

A list of firearms, owners and Certificate of Registration should have been attached to the report as required by my 38-1-1A of 1st October 1971 to enable the Finschhafen Police station to bring its records up to date.

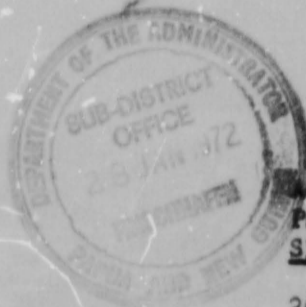
The Officer-in-Charge will be requested to supply this.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

cc. Mr. N. Lari,
SIASSI.

Officer-in-Charge,
SIASSI.

67-2-1.



Division of District-
Administration,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI. Moreba District.

26th January, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KINSHAPEN.

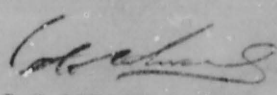
SIASSI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1971/72.

Your 67-1-6 refers.

Please find attached four (4) copies this report, four (4) copies each F.O.J. for LARI and LUSCOMBE and a claim for Camping Allowance for LARI and LUSCOMBE.

There is no report on Area Study, updating of Area Study and no Patrol Map required.

Your comments in due course would be appreciated.


P.G.C. LUSCOMBE.
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

SIASSI PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1971/72

REPORT NUMBER: 2 of 1971/72
 DISTRICT: Moresby
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: P.C. Luscombe (A.D.C.)
 AREA PATROLLED: Part of Siassi C/A
 DURATION OF PATROL: 30 days. 16/12-19/12/71.
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 4/8/71-4/9/71. 33 days.
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: Nil
 MAP REFERENCE: Milbach Roete Forail Sagsag

OBJECTS OF PATRO: See attached page for objects of patrol.
 STATION: Siassi Patrol Post.
 SUB-DISTRICT: Finschhafen
 DESIGNATION: ~~Business Patrol Officer~~ AOC
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Nelson, Lari + 10
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 3 Days
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 1,310.
 COUNCIL AREA: Iaga, Lari, Sirikand Yangala and Gauru.

The District Commissioner,
District,

- In respect of this patrol I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 1 TO 4 ()
 - PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
 - THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, ()
 - AREA STUDY, No area study was required. ()
 - UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, No updating of area study required. ()
 - SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1-1, Only patrol report ()
 - PATROL MAP, No map patrol map required for this patrol ()
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DATE: 31 12 / 1971.

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Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY, No area study was made during this (N/A)
 - UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, No updating of area study during this patrol (N/A)
 - SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 study during this patrol
 - Only patrol report.
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DATE: 31 12 / 19 71

..... R. Galloway, P.O. District Commissioner

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SUBJECT: POLITICAL

During the patrol the villagers were told about the 1972 National Election. The names of candidates who are standing for the election were mentioned and political parties which each of them were standing for. It seemed that people are understanding the House Of Assembly. I understand that people are willing to participate the coming election and will be looking forward to vote the right person. There was no influence of Kiaps when telling them about the National Election.

Council Committee at Yaga Resettlement gave up his duty as a committee and there was no committee when we arrived. However, the committee problem was settled and a new committee was elected at that time.

ECONOMICAL:

There has been a lot of copra buying by the co-operatives but there was one unfortunate thing that I noticed was some stacks of copra which were bought by the co-operatives were left lying in the local shed for about a year without any shipment. This may be due to the lack of sea transportation.

The Resettlement Scheme at Yaga is going on very well, that majority of the coconuts planted on these blocks are bearing nuts. It seemed that there is a great opportunity for the rapid growth of the crops. However, according to my observations it is a fact to say that people around that side of the island are tending to concentrating on the individual cash cropping enterprises.

On the way back to the Patrol Post we met Mr. Thomson at Aramot Island. He was travelling on his ship M.V. Mazata Spray buying Trochus shells. He said that he is doing very well with the marketing of trochus shells. I assured that people on the islands here at Siassi make or earn money from the selling of trochus shells.

SOCIAL:

I was introduced by Mr. P.C. Incombe an Assistant District Officer to the villages that were visited, this was done successfully.

EDUCATION:

Most of the children are tending to have Primary Education. Many are going to Gelsen High School on this island. There are majority of Standard Six dropouts which are staying in villages doing nothing. Most children are very interest to have education both at Primary and High School level.

One standard six dropout was recruited to join as Aid Post Orderly at Mt. Hagen. The traineeship is sponsored by the Siassi Local Government Council. The course lasts two years. This student was picked amongst several other standard six dropouts, he had better results amongst those were interviewed.

HEALTH:

The health of people are generally good. The Australian Lutheran Mission at Lablab is providing the health services.

GRASSROOTS:

The Lason Welfare Society movement was reported known to us at Yaga Resettlement. However, the people around that area are willing to form this Society.

LAND:

The payment of the Gun Area School was made during the patrol. There were no land problems reported then.

ROAD:

The road development is too slow but will work on roads as soon as there is enough funds allocated cover these road projects during 1971/72 financial year.

LAND LAW AND ORDER:

There were many minor disputes were heard but all of them were settled by mediation. Here are the list of cases which were heard during the patrol.

1. Husband deserting his wife and two children, heard at Marli village.
2. The dispute over a community drinking water, heard at Marli village.
3. Adultery cases heard at Yaga Resettlement.
4. Dispute between Yaga and Aramot people for the right of collecting the coconuts which float to the shore at Yaga, heard at Lablab Mission Station.
5. Dispute between Yagala and Aramot over a pig and canoe, heard at Yagala.

It would be good if the Councillors should mediate these minor disputes rather than for courts actions.

Firearms licences were checked. Two firearms owners were brought before the court because of the overdue licences. One from Yagalaxi village and the other one from Birik village, however, each was fined Two Dollars (\$2.00) and then renewed their licences. One firearm owner at Marli village was also had overdue licence, however, the Magistrate was satisfied the reasons of his lateness. He also renewed his licence. We advised the firearm owners strictly to check their licences and must be in time for renewal of their licences.

The names of all the Iuluais and Tultuls was compiled for that side of the island. All these people were holding the positions as Iuluais and Tultuls before and after the Second world war right up till 1964. Iuluais and Tultuls were informed how much they would get,

according to the years of service.

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There was no GAF's Cult or Youth activities brought to notice.

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Hansen, Carl,
(Trinidad Patrol Officer.)

JAW:JB

P.O. Box 2396, KORDOBU.

67-6-64.

16th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
KORDOBU.

SIASSI PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute 67-2-13 of the 5th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification of the above patrol of the SIASSI Sus Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and reports, as submitted by Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe, Assistant District Officer.

(T.W. Ellis)
Assistant.

67-2-13

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Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

5th May, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
PINSONIAFEN

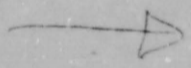
SIASSI Patrol Report No. 3 - 1971/72
Mr. P. Luscombe, Assistant Patrol Officer

Mr. Luscombe's report is acknowledged with thanks.
The patrol was well conducted.

In view of the difficulty of identifying the people
with the Common Roll, does Mr. Luscombe have any suggestions
on how voting may be simplified and efficiency improved?

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.



Copy of extracts from the patrol report and
assessments are attached for your information.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NO. 3-71/72
DISTRICT - MOROBE
PATROL CONDUCTED BY - P.C.C. LUSCOMBE, A.D.O.
AREA PATROLLED - SIASSI CENSUS DIVISION
DURATION OF PATROL - 17 DAYS 3 FEB. 19TH. TO MARCH 6TH., 1972.
LAST D.D.A. PATROL - AUGUST 1971.
LAST O.L.G. PATROL = NIL
MAP REFERENCE - FOURMIL SAGSAG.
OBJECTS OF PATROL - Conduct HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
STATION - SIASSI PATROL POST
SUB-DISTRICT - FINSCHHAPEN
DESIGNATION - ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING - N. LARI, T.P.O., H. AIPOKE, COUNCIL EMPLOYEE, CONST?
EPCA PUMONEA, POLICEMAN.
NUMBER OF DAYS - 17
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA - 8603
COUNCIL AREA - SIASSI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
MOROBE DISTRICT,
LAE.

In respect of this patrol I attach

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL, FOLIOS

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS?
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,
AREA STUDY,
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S
PATROL MAP,

[Signature]
.....
Assistant District Commissioner

DATE: 7/4/1972

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR,
DIVISION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In respect of this patrol I attach

AREA STUDY,
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,
SITUATION REPORTS NOS. *EXTRACTS*

..... *and comments*

[Signature]
.....
District Commissioner

DATE: 5/5/1972.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3- 71/72

STATION SIASSI PATROL POST OFFICER COMPILING ... P.C.C.LUSCOMBE
DISTRICT.... MOROBE SUB-DISTRICT FINSCHHAFEN
CENSUS DIVISION ... SIASSI L.G. COUNCIL SIASSI

(Information not of a situation report nature)

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS:

The polling in my area was carried out as per your instructions. Due to the weather and work load we were forced to poll at Arot a half day late as was the case with Kampalap and Lab-Lab. In all cases enough notice was given to the constituents and nobody was denied a vote for this reason.

The patrol rendezvoused with M.V. Lakanai on February 26th. at Lab-Lab. Prior to this date the M.V. Karapa was chartered from Lab-Lab for two days at \$30 per day. The Mission will submit an account in due course.

There was only one spoilt ballotpaper. This was marked by a constituent who heard his name called twice and actually voted twice. There were actually two similar sounding names called out, and he was stopped by the V.I.T. before he could deposit the second ballot-paper in the box.

On the first day of polling I mistakenly gave a local regional ballot-paper to a girl from Huon Gulf Open Electorate. She then marked one green paper and one yellow paper instead of two green (Absent) papers.

Candidate Simor Baur preceded the patrol by half a day for most of the Kowai area. He put up how-to-vote stickers and Pangu Parti stickers in the villages but did not contravene the provisions of the Electoral Ordinance. His scrutineer who accompanied the patrol on the boat also performed this task on behalf of the Pati. Mr. Baur himself was refused permission to accompany the patrol as I felt it would give the patrol a political bias.

Response to the polling was very good. I would estimate about less than 1% did not vote through lack of interest. Many people are absent from the area, a few were sick and a few did not understand what was going on.

Many young people tried to vote but were refused permission when the V.I.T. advised me that they were too young.

The V.I.T. was quite useful for its purpose. There were 189 Section 130(1) voters which makes the use of the Roll redundant in my opinion. Section voting is time-consuming and tiresome. I think that come 1976 it would not be too difficult to find suitable members for V.I.T.'s to circumvent the use of the Roll. A fair, less time-consuming, cheaper Election would result.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS:

With reference to recent circulars on this subject and a recent discussion with the A.D.C. Finschhafen I am pleased to be able to report that the matter is close to being finalised.

I am holding at this office a list of all former Tul-Tuls, Luluais and M.T.T.'s who are eligible for payment. The total amount owing is \$995. If authority can be sent here I shall pay them and obtain necessary signatures so that no correspondence will be entered in the future.

MATTERS OF A GENERAL NATURE:

- (i) A late claim for goods lost on the M.V. Blanche has been referred to the A.D.C. at Finschhafen.
- (ii) An allegation by a former resident of Tolokiwa Is. (Mulau Village) that a woman recently suicided due to mal-treatment by her husband. x̄ is being in-

SIASSI Patrol Report No. 3 - 1971/72
Mr. P. Luscombe, Assistant District Officer

Situation Report - Extracts, "Elections"

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Assessment - Assistant District Commissioner

Mr. Luscombe found the Voter Identification Tribunal useful.

The Electoral Roll was again the major difficulty in this area as it was in other parts of the electorate.

Assessment - District Commissioner

The main problem of the elections lay in the Common Roll. Voters could not be easily identified from the names listed. Consequently many Section voters had to be entered. These voters required special assistance and the process was slow and costly.


National voting procedures should be amended now before they become completely chaotic and invalid in future elections.

Urban migration will contribute to the problems of the Common Roll during the next four years.

The cost of voting and maintaining a national Common Roll is more than this country can reasonably afford.

Dedicated staff will probably be in insufficient number to maintain the Common Roll in future.

A hard look should be taken now to examine the present efficiency and cost of the existing system, its defects, duplicity and its future.


(R. T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner

JWK:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

67-6-104

3rd August, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

SIASSI PATROL NO. H-OF 1971/72.

Reference your 67-2-12 of 11th July, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your comments
arising out of the above patrol of Siassi Census Division,
by Mr. P.C. Luscombe, Assistant District Officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

67-2-12



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Morobe District,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.

11th July, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
FINSCHHAFEN

Patrol Report SIASSI No. 4 - 1971/72
Mr. P. C. Luscombe, Assistant District Officer

Your comments deal with a very inadequate report. The responsibility for the report rests with Mr. Luscombe who, if he wished Mr. Arabata to write the report, should have assisted him with its preparation.

I am sure Mr. Arabata would have made many personal observations during the 11 day patrol. In particular I would appreciate his assessment of attitudes towards the council and the elections.

It seems that Mr. Luscombe failed to make any personal assessment of the patrol, except for the Election Report which I have not seen. Surely it is unnecessary for me to spell out the need for information and communication.

(G. G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
SIASSI

I expect to be better informed in reports in future.

(G. G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Copy for your information. No Situation Reports accompanied the narrative of the general report.

(G. G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Report No: 4 of 1971/72.
District: - Morobe.
Patrol Conducted By: - P.C. Luacombe, A.D.O
Area Patrolled: - Siassi Census Division
Duration of Patrol: - 11 days; 10th. May, to 26th. May, 1971/72.
Patrol Type: - February 1972.
Patrol Reference: - P.M.
Patrol Reference: - Fourmil Sagsag.
Objects of Patrol: - Conducted Siassi Local Govt. General Election.
Routine Administration.
Station: - Siassi Patrol Post.
Sub-District: - Finschhafen.
Designation: - Assistant District Officer.
Personnel Accompanying: - S. Arabata-T.P.O; Gasper - Council clerk;
Const. Fama- Policemen.
Number of Days: - 11 Days.
Total Population of the Area: - 8603.
Council Area: - Siassi Local Government Council.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

In respect of this patrol I attach
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENT
AREA STUDY
SITUATION REPORT NO'S
PATROL MAP

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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE: / / 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of the District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol I attach

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AREA STUDY
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY
SITUATION REPORT NO'S

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE: / / 1972.