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1967-1968

POPONDETTA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of AFORE NORTHERN D. Report No. 1-67/68

Patrol Conducted by C. VINER - SMITH PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled MANAGALASE AND MUSA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives THREE

Duration—From 3/3/1967 to 9/9/1967

Number of Days THIRTY EIGHT

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 30/4/1967

Medical 10/1966

Map Reference FOURMIL OF MORESBY

Objects of Patrol INITIAL TAX COLLECTION OF THE AFORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL? PRE-ELECTION TALKS FOR THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 1968.  
SURVEY OF AIRSTRIPS IN THE AREA, SECT GUN CENSUS, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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January 17th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL REPORT NO. 1/67-68

Receipt of the above report with the very lengthy comments by yourself and Mr. Baily is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I concur with your remarks about these Afore Councillors and their twisted ways of thinking. More education at Council meetings is indicated.

3. Mr. Vincor-Smith would be well advised not to generalise concerning matters with rather serious implications.

4. His spelling is atrocious and needs attention. However it can be rectified with the constant use of a dictionary.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director





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Telegrams.....  
Our Reference... 67.1.1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
POPONDETTA, Northern District.  
11th December, 1967.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT: AFORE No. 1/67-68

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the Managalase and Mus Census Divisions carried out by Mr. C. Viner-Smith, Patrol Officer.

The patrol was of a routine nature and it was carried out in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Viner-Smith has submitted an informative report which unfortunately has been marred by his generalisations and false conclusions. He should have realised that in a society such as the Managalase it is to be expected that opportunists will endeavour to capitalise on their position as Councillors in a newly established Council. People who have never had any formal schooling quite often consider that it is possible to learn the secret of the Europeans' success simply by discovering some magical formula. The attendance at the Higaturu Councillors' Course would enhance the prestige of the councillors attending and in a classless society it is a great temptation for certain individuals to exploit the ignorance of their fellows once they are given what they consider the means to achieve this goal. The course per se cannot be held responsible for this result. It is his responsibility as the Officer in Charge of the area to curb this tendency by making it clear to the people what the duties of a Councillor are. I am sure that Mr. Viner-Smith has been doing this, however he may be handicapped by his Interpreter who is also the President of the Council. I have never been completely satisfied as to the altruistic motives of this man.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta in his covering memorandum, a copy of which is attached, covers the situation in respect of the objection to pay tax so that further comment is unnecessary. Apart for the lack of guidance to the Tax Review Committee Mr. Viner-Smith appears to have handled the situation quite satisfactorily.

(H.L. Williams)  
District Commissioner.


assume responsibility for running their own Council, and are to correctly interpret the functions of local government, and decisions of their Council to their people. Because of almost 100% illiteracy and the low degree of comprehension of these Councillors the talks were simplified by leaving out other than important detail, and there was much repeated explanation of the main points. Mr. Viner-Smith was told that he would have to take the opportunity at each Council meeting and other suitable occasions to refresh the memories of the Councillors, and correct false interpretations.

As to specific points raised by Mr. Viner-Smith:

1. The use of the word "power". There was a lengthy talk and discussion on the powers of the Council and the duties of the Councillor, and Mr. Viner-Smith was present. Considerable stress was given to ensuring that the Councillors understood that they did not have the power to hear "Courts", and in fact had no powers other than as a body when the Council was meeting. Several actual examples of prosecution of Councillors who abused their position were quoted.
2. Certain Councillors advising their young girls to prostitute themselves to raise money for tax. It is not clear as to whether or not this is blamed on the course, however the statement is not in accordance with the facts known to me. Unless some more information of which I am not aware has become available there was only one Councillor involved and it appears from the evidence available that he attempted to use his position as Councillor for his own immoral purposes and not for the purpose of getting young girls to prostitute themselves to obtain tax money. In any case unless further evidence is forthcoming there is insufficient evidence to prosecute the Councillor.

As to the statement that "most Councillors" arrived at certain erroneous conclusions concerning the course at Higaturu, in view of the illiteracy of all but one of the Councillors and their low degree of comprehension, I have no doubt that this is the case. It is precisely for this reason that Mr. Viner-Smith was told to devote some time at each Council meeting going over the more important matters covered in the course. He appears to have now come to the belated conclusion that he should have been doing this. With regard to his having "erradicated" "Eronious" conclusions, if they are as serious as he asserts then I doubt very much if one talk by Mr. Viner-Smith would achieve what he claims. However, I consider that he has used a certain amount of journalistic license in reporting what the situation actually was when he conducted his patrol.

The patrol itself appears to have been generally reasonably well conducted although it is unfortunate that the report of it should be marred by the use of generalisations concerning matters with rather serious implications, and also by bad spelling.

  
(L.W. Bailey)  
Assistant District Commissioner.



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POPOWDETTA. Northern District.  
28th November, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPOWDETTA.

AFORE PATROL REPORT No. 1/1967-68

Report of a patrol by Mr. Viner-Smith of the Managalase and Musa Gensus Divisions conducted principally for the purpose of assisting with the initial tax collections of the Afore Local Government Council, and publicising the forthcoming House of Assembly elections is forwarded, please.

It was unfortunate that the opposition of some people to the payment of \$4 tax in the Fahama/Uwate area marred what appears to have been otherwise a good response to the payment of tax throughout the Council area. It appears that these people were given the opportunity to apply for an exemption, and when they stated that they wanted to pay \$2 only, their application was refused. However, under "conclusion" in his report Mr. Viner-Smith states, "Perhaps the tax rate for next year could be changed as it was obvious in the villages of Kokora, Fahama, Umbowore, Kuali, Uwate and possibly Itogama and Uria that they had insufficient money to pay their \$4 tax each. I would suggest a rate of \$3 each for these people". It would appear from this statement that Mr. Viner-Smith is a bit vague as to the function of the Tax Review Committee, although I know that he does fully understand its function, and it is possible that if the Committee had been advised as above, the trouble which occurred could have been avoided. He was also well aware that the Councilors from this area were quite adamant when the tax rule was being debated that their people could not afford a \$4 tax rate. I have asked Mr. Viner-Smith to arrange for the Council Tax Review Committee to reconsider applications for part exemptions from tax defaulters in this area before any proceedings are instituted. The foregoing would almost certainly have some bearing on the people's attitude to the Council and tax, see under the heading "People's Attitude Towards the Council and Tax".

Mr. Viner-Smith seems to be rather sceptical of the value of the two weeks instruction course held at Higtarna for the newly elected Councilors, and has made some, what I consider to be, rather sweeping statements as to the outcome of explaining "things far above their heads". Most of the talks on matters which they found very difficult to comprehend concerned the principles and practices of democracy and functions of government. These talks would not appear to have had any bearing on the situation in the Managalase as reported by Mr. Viner-Smith. The talks which presumably would have had some bearing on the situation concerned those on the Functions and Powers of the Council, Duties of Councilors, Making of Rules etc. It is surely essential that the Councilors develop an understanding of these matters if they are to gradually

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AFORE PATROL POST,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT,  
20th. October, 1967.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,  
POPOWETTA SUB DISTRICT,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Subject: AFORE PATROL REPORT No.1. 1967/68.

Please find attached Afore Patrol Report No. 1 , 1967/68. There are four copies attached as I have kept one at this Post.

Attached also please find camping allowance claims for myself, and Nenai Kora, (Local Government Officer, Trainee) and Interpreter Paulas Oraia for your approval.

This patrol spent \$195.55 in carrier payments and my total allocation to date has been \$200.00.

For your information, please.



C. V. Smith  
IN CHARGE



PATROL REPORT.

District of ....NORTHERN..... Report No. 1 - 67/68.

Patrol conducted by.. C.VINER-SMITH PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled.. HANAJALASE AND MUSA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol accompanied by Europeans.. Nil.  
Natives.... Muzai Kora (Trainee Local Government Officer).  
F. Oria (Interpreter).  
En (Member R.F.N.C.C.)

Duration - From.. 3/8/67 to 9/4/67  
Number of Days... Thirty eight.

Did Medical Assistant accompany... No.

Last Patrol to Area by District Administration... 30/4/67.

Medical..... 10/66.

Key References.. Journal of Forestry.

Activities of Patrol.. Initial Tax collection of the Afore Local Government Council, Pre-Election talks for the House of Assembly Elections, 1968. Survey of Activities in the area, Shot Gun Census, Routine Administration.

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- 3.8.67 Due to C.S.I.R.O party here sent carriers off at 0900hrs. Self departed 1430hrs. arriving 1630 hrs. Tax collection conducted, House of Assembly talks given, shot gun census completed.  
Slept Toma.
- 4.8.67 Continued talks in AM, carriers departed for Gesola 0800 hrs. Departed for Gesola 0900 hrs. and met Gesola people 1030hrs. on track. Returned to Toma in company. Tax collection completed and H of A. talks given. s/c census taken.  
Slept Toma.
- 5.8.67 Departed for Afore 0900 hrs. arriving 1200 hrs. AFORE, KOROKORO, SIKARI & MINIMIRE Villages assembled Afore station. Tax collection H. of A. talks and s/c Census completed.  
Slept Afore.
- 6.8.67 Observed Afore.  
Departed for Uolwe 0930 hrs. arriving 1130 hrs. Tax collection, talks and Census for Ondoro, Uolwe, Bus and Harusi, completed.  
Slept Uolwe.
- 8.8.67 Departed Uolwe for Afore 0730 hrs. arriving 0900 hrs. Spent day in office. Police, Labour etc. paid.  
Slept Afore.
- 9.8.67 Departed for Kawonki 1000 hrs. arriving 1100 hrs. Tax collection, s/c. Census, Hof A. Election talks completed.  
Slept Kawonki.
- 10.8.67 Departed Kawonki 0900 hrs. arriving Awagla (DASF stn.) 1115 hrs. Courts, discussions on Council and coffee.  
Slept Awagla.
- 11.8.67 Departed for Kaura 0800 hrs. arriving 0815. Tax collection, s/c census H. of A. talks given. Returned Awagla. Slept Awagla.
- 12.8.67 Departed for Numba 0800 arriving 0830 hrs. Tax collection etc. conducted. Returned and slept Awagla.
- 13.8.67 Tax collection and talks Sahrina Mission station. Patrol played the Mission football and 1400 hrs. departed for Kuma arriving 1530.  
Slept Kuma.
- 14.8.67 Tax collection Kuma and sile. Investigated alleged prostitution  
Slept Kuma.
- 15.8.67 0730 departed for Dea arriving 0900 hrs. Tax collection, Hof A. talks s/c census completed for Sillimbo, Dea and Tabund. Slept Dea.
- 16.8.67 Departed 0800 for Kauru arriving 1030 hrs. Discussions on Tax given. All refused to pay \$4.00. Departed for Afore 1415 hrs arriving 1715.  
Slept Afore.
- 17.8.67 Slept Afore.  
Contacted Mr. Bailey by radio on the trouble. Departed for Kauru 0900 arriving 1200 hrs. Tax collection and talks given. Slept Kauru.
- 18.8.67 0700 departed for Nalang, Kiana and Jorosa. Slept Nalang.  
Given for Nalang, Kiana and Jorosa. Slept Nalang.
- 19.8.67 0730 departed for Gora arriving 1015 hrs. Collection for Gora, Koro, Gombura ( Gombura men were there on arrival at Gora.) and talks given.  
Slept Gora.



(2) PATROL DAILY. A.P.R.No.1. 1967/68.

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- 20.8.67 Spent day in discussion on alleged 'Cult' activities. Slept Gora.  
Departed Gora 0900 for Netanga arriving 1115 hrs. Changed carriers  
and paid Gora's. Departed for Umbororo 1200 arriving 1430 hrs.  
21.8.67 Spent afternoon giving talks on tax and the Council. Slept Umbororo.  
Conducted further talks on the Council. Tax collected, H.of A,  
talks and S/Reenus completed. Slept Umbororo.  
22.8.67 Departed for Kokora 0800 arriving 0900 hrs. After quietening the  
near riot collected tax and gave talks. Slept H Kokora.  
23.8.67 Departed for Itogom/Ufia rest house arriving two hours later.  
Gave talk on Council. Attempt to collect tax ended in a near free for  
all. Talked some more on the subject of tax and let people come and  
pay when they pleased. Got about 60% of tax. Gave pre Election talks  
and did s/c census. Mr. P. Kooka on medical patrol arrived late P.M.  
Slept Itogoma.  
24.8.67 Departed 1000 after some trouble with carriers, for Alara arriving  
1700 hrs. 1/2 hr. spent at Umanta on route. Paid carriers. Slept Alara.  
25.8.67 Tax collection laura, Alara, Sumari. Gave talks and did census.  
26.8.67 Inspected 4 complete airstrip. Slept Alara.  
27.8.67 0700 departed for Sibla arriving 1300 hrs. River crossings had due to  
floods. Discussions on Council. Slept S Sibla.  
28.8.67 Completed tax collection and talks. Departed for Namadi 1400 hrs.  
arriving 1600 hrs. Slept Namadi.  
29.8.67 Tax collection and talks completed. Inspected airstrip. Slept Namadi.  
30.8.67 Departed Namadi 0800 for Ambla arriving 1100 hrs. Court cases  
re land heard talks on Council, H.of A talks. Slept Ambla.  
31.8.67 Tax collection, further talks on Council. Prepared rafts for trip  
to Hono. Slept Ambla.  
1.9.67 Carriers with money and Policeman departed per foot for Hono 0630  
arriving 1430 hrs. Rest of patrol departed by raft 0900 arriving  
Hono 1215 hrs. Gave Council talks & Hof A. talks. Slept Hono.  
2.9.67 Tax collection completed. Talks for H. of A. Discussion on Trade  
store with people and S.I.L.Worker. Slept Hono.  
3.9.67 Departed 0800 for Bihira No.1. per raft. arriving 1000 hrs. chance by  
foot to Safia arriving 1200 hrs. Land party with money arrived Safia  
1315 hrs. Paid carriers. General talks with Councillors. Slept Safia.  
4.9.67 Tax collection for Safia and surrounding Villages. Talks given.  
Slept Safia.  
5.9.67 To Mykra No.2. 0900 to 1000 hrs. Tax collection and talks given.  
Returned to Safia in P.M. Slept Safia.  
6.9.67 General discussion on Council. Courts etc. at Safia. Slept Safia.  
7.9.67 0700 to Obola arriving 1000. Tax collection and talks given. left  
at 1500 for Safia arriving 1730 hrs; Slept Safia.  
8.9.67 Meeting of all near to Safia villages for general discussions. Talked  
of Mission trouble, trade store problems and new flights to Safia.  
Slept Safia.  
9.9.67 at airstrip 0730 with gear. Patrol arrived 1230 hrs. To Afora.  
and of patrol

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**A. INTRODUCTION.**

As per instruction, a Patrol departed from Afore Patrol post on the third of August, 1967, to carry out the initial tax collection patrol for the Afore Local Government Council in the Managalase and Musa Census Divisions.

The patrol was accompanied by Trainee Local Government Officer Nanai Kora, acting Clerk of the Council, P. Oreia, Interpreter, Constable EN, R.P.N.G.C. and members of the Tax Review Committee who were as follows; Toma Village to Evena Village, Crs. GABUA (Moro Ward), and MAKAI (Sillimbo); Dea Village to AIARE Village, Crs. PAULAS (Numba Ward), and IAGI (Safia Ward); \* SIBIA Village to Safia Village, Crs. Paulas (Numba) and Huhurhi (Kawowoki Ward.).

Other objectives of the Patrol were to (1) Conduct a Census of all shot guns in the areas, (2) Conduct preliminary talks (pre-election) on the House of Assembly Election in 1968, (3) Conduct a survey of airstrips in the area and (4) Routine Administration.

Many receipts were issued for shot gun registration renewals and use was made of the Commonwealth Savings Bank which was carried by the Patrol.

The tax rate, set by the Council at their first meeting in May, 1967, was \$4.00 for males in the Bifiji Managalase and Managalase areas, with no tax for females, and \$2.00 for males in the Musa area, also with no tax on females.

The Patrol was completed at Safia Village on the ninth of September, 1967 and was flown out to Afore Patrol post on that date.

The patrol was out for a total of thirty four days.

**B. TAX COLLECTION.**

A total of \$4,889.00 was collected by the Patrol which was \$1,149.00 over the estimated revenues of tax of which was \$3740.00. There is a total of \$2,653.00 outstanding in unpaid tax, mainly from workers outside the District (1). Individual Village figures can be found at appendix 'A'.

The first Villages visited were those of Toma and Gevoia where many of the people did not have their \$4.00, (2)

(1) Of this there has since been \$440,20. collected to 5/10/67.

(2) See Appendix 'A'.



(cont.). but from there through to the Villages of NAZANGA and GORA, most of the people had sufficient and were in no way upset by the Patrol and collection.

Resistance was first met at Kwarue Village where upon arrival a meeting was in progress. After waiting at the rest house for about ten minutes, the Councillor arrived and informed me that they had decided not to pay the \$4.00 tax but to pay \$2.00 instead. I called everyone together and told them that if they had a valid reason, they might be exempted from paying tax but if not, they would each have to pay the total amount. This met with an overall refusal from the hundred or so people gathered and I decided to return to Afore and call Mr. Bailey (D.O. Local Government) to see if there was any other way of handling the situation. I was advised that there was not and informed the Kwarue people of this, on my return. After calling out all the names of listed taxpayers, only one man from a taxable population of 122 had paid and he was being threatened by the rest. I decided to break the meeting up into small groups and discuss the Council and its financial set up with them. P. Oreia, Council President and Interpreter took one group, Nenai Kora, the Local Government trainee another and I took the last group. We talked and answered questions for about two hours and then left the people to talk amongst themselves. It was about 4 o'clock when the first of them came up to pay their tax and they continued to arrive at the rest house until about 1000 hrs. that night. There was \$180.00 out of a possible \$488.00 collected but this later figure includes absentees and there was only about 30 people who did not pay, mainly young men. I was told that the Anglican Mission teacher at Tahama Village was responsible for the trouble but on questioning he denies having anything to do with it.

The same trouble was experienced at TAHAMA, UMBOWORO, KOKORA, SAGAMAISI, KUIA, ITOGOMA, UFIA, and UMWATE. At most of the villages terms of violence were used such as, 'you will have to fight us to get your money', and, 'if you make us pay you had better not come back', but after the tax was explained to them all became friendly. The only place where actual violence could have taken place was at the Ufia / Itogoma Rest house where collection was being conducted for those villages.

Tension was initially high even after a long talk by myself on the subject of tax. This was elevated by a dubious decision of the Tax Review committee at the start of the collection and people began to stand up and shout, waving their arms about and suggesting that our clothes be torn from us to see if we had money in our pockets to pay their tax. Unfortunately, at this stage an indiginous member of the patrol in an attempt to control the meeting, told the Councillor to 'shut up' as he was probably doing the most shouting.

(Cont.) The Councillor became enraged at this, and was literally jumping up and down on the spot, screaming that he was 'power' and no one with skin the same as his could tell him to shut up. He was inciting the rest of the meeting and most of the women and children I noticed running off into the bush around the rest house, which is in a clearing surrounded by jungle. After putting the Councillor into a sitting position, and enlarging the circle of shouting villagers who had crowded in upon us, order was restored with the aid of three old men whom the people evidently respected to some degree. I split the meeting up into three groups as before and talked to them for some time on the Council. Of the 71 persons present 43 had payed their tax by the time the patrol departed. The remaining 28 were all young men in the 20 to 30 year age group who refused to pay or said they had no money.

From Aiare to Safia, the \$2.00 section, no trouble was encountered.

There was a total of 289 exemptions issued, (3) mainly for aged persons.

#### G. PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE COUNCIL AND TAX.

In the Afore area, or the majority of the Managalase Cesus Division, up to Dea, Natanga and Gora Villages (4) the people seem to have a good understanding of why tax was being paid and to whom it was being paid. The people in this area have been visited by myself by motor cycle from Afore on numerous occasions (with the exceptions of Natanga, Gora, Gewoia, and Tena), and talks on the Council and tax have been held on most visits. The area was patrolled by myself for the election of Councillors and also on the pre-election and patrol and I feel that the people, numbering some 4,500 overall population have a good idea of basic Council principles.

However, the lower half of the Managalase, where trouble developed during the last patrol, had little idea of what the tax or the Council was all about even though Mr. Bailey on his election patrol, talked to them on the subject. They feel that tax is a type of fine and their monies would go to the Government and they would hear no more of it until next collection time. I attempted to explain the Estimates to them and the Council works programme, pointing out that the Council may not be able to provide services to so much of the area for some years or at least until the initial 'setting up' of the Council Headquarters was completed. A few people understood some of these talks but the majority are still finding it hard to accept.

(3) See Appendix 'B'.

(4) See Patrol map Appendix 'F'.



(Cont.) The Councillors of all Wards in this area, with the exception perhaps of the Umbowo Councillor, are very backward people and are not at all clear on what their duties entail even though they have been explained to them in the simplest form and on many occasions by various Officers. There is not much that can be done about this, other than repeated lessons and schooling and it may take up to five or so years before any real idea has seeped through. Once Councillors gain some idea of Council procedure then the ill-feeling, which has sprung up in this pocket, towards the Council, will gradually fade.

#### D. COUNCILLORS.

In an attempt to raise tax money, certain Councillors in the Managalase have advised their young Village girls to prostitute themselves and the money collected to be used in paying the tax of those unfortunate enough not to have any money.

This was first brought to my notice by the Priest in Charge of the Anglican Mission at Sakarina, during my visit there. He stated that in one Village, a Councillor lined the girls up in the Rest House and gave them a talk on how much to charge for intercourse and also on how to go about it, stating that the money gained was to go to him for distribution. I managed to stop the prostitution before it really began and it is at the moment being fully investigated.

Most Councillors arrived at very erroneous conclusions after their two weeks course at Higaturu and the attempt to explain things far above their heads has done a lot of harm. I have spent much time with them correcting such ideas as, (a) That they are the makers of all law in the area, (b) that they are able to hear Courts in their Villages and hand out punishments including fines which go to them, (c) that their Village Committees are a group of 'henchmen' there to carry out the orders and enforce the laws made by the Councillors (such as getting the villagers to build a new house for the Councillor, bringing him food and water, carrying his gear and so on), (d) that marriages can only be performed by him. The list is long but most of the major points have been discussed and eradicated.

The meaning of the word 'Power', used at the Course, has become a symbol to them and many call themselves, not Councillor, but 'power'. This is mainly used in the Managalase area where trouble was found during the Patrol.

In addition to the normal Council meetings, time has been set aside for general discussion on Councillor duties and this will continue until such time as all the wrong ideas have been removed and they have a true picture of their duties as Councillors.

E. AIRSTRIPS.

A survey of all airstrips in the Managalase and the Musa was carried out due to their increasing number, especially in the Musa.

There are now seven airstrips in the Managalase and Musa area five of which are commercial and two private. The commercial strips are at, AFORE PATROL POST, GOMA Village, HAMUDI Village, SAFIA Village and at SILA the Sakarina Mission Station airstrip. At ITOGOMA Village in the Managalase there is a private Anglican Mission airstrip and at MORO Village in the Musa there is a private S.D.A. Mission airstrip.

At the moment there are two more under construction, one at AIARE Village<sup>(5)</sup>, at the lower end of the Managalase, and one at AWALA Village<sup>(5)</sup>, in the Musa. Both of these, when completed will be private Anglican Mission airstrips, although the Council is to provide the Villagers with a number of tools. The airstrip at Aiare will be of great help in the economic development of coffee cash crops in that area.

A list of Airstrips and information on them can be found at Appendix 'C'.

F. SHOTGUNS.

A Cens<sup>iv</sup>us of all Shotguns in the Managalase and Musa Census Divisions was carried out. There are 133 personally owned shotguns and 28 Government guns on loan to the Musa. The total male population over the age of 14 years is 3,700, giving a figure of one shotgun per 22.9 men.

In all areas, requests to purchase new guns were received and it is possible that by the end of 1968 there may be one shotgun for every 15 to 20 males, over the age of 14 years, or even more as contract workers return home.

This will have a reducing effect on game worthy of note, especially in the Musa.

Figures for individual Villages can be found at Appendix 'D', and names and shotgun numbers can be found on file.

G. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION TALKS.

Talks were given in all areas on the coming House of Assembly Elections in February, 1968.

The main points discussed were the new electoral boundaries in the Northern District, SONE and IJIBITARI.

The people seem to have a good grasp of election procedure and what it means, mainly due to the recent Council Elections. Many people can remember the last Election in 1964 and many were pleased to hear that Mr. Bupu won.

Interest was not very great in the talks and the candidates are not known at this stage, however all have an understanding of what the two electorates are and know that they are on again next year.

(5) See Appendix 'F'.



**I. MISSIONS.**

Whilst I was at the Anglican Mission Station at Sekarina, the priest in charge, Father B. Houghton, told me of trouble in the Sofia area, being caused by the Roman Catholic Mission from Abu coming into a few Villages.

On my arrival at Sofia I investigated this matter and it seems that on two occasions an European had been into the area from Abu, and had told the people of Avikaro, Sibira No.2 and Juri Villages, that he was going to set up schools there.

I held a meeting at Sofia and the matter was discussed by all Village concerned and other Villages and they decided that it would be best if there was only one Mission in the area.

I believe that Father Houghton has been in touch with the Roman Catholic Bishop on the matter.

Owing to the very poor state of health in the Barji area, looked after at the moment by the S.D.A. Mission, the Anglican Mission from Sekarina has been into the few Villages in the Census Division on a Medical Aid Patrol. I do not know if this practice is to continue but I'm sure the Villagers would benefit from regular Medical Patrols.

An investigation was conducted into alleged 'cult' activities in the Gorn area and my findings are forwarded in my 51-1-2 of 20/9/67.

**I. CONCLUSION.**

The Patrol was a success in that it achieved all of its objectives. Tax collection exceeded the estimates and the attitude of the people towards the Council was seen in its true light and steps can be taken to patch up the weaker areas of ill-feeling.

Perhaps the tax rate for next year could be changed, as it was obvious in the Villages of KOKORA, TALAWA, UBUOWONO, KUALI, UMATU and possibly ITUOWA and UFLA (although they are both near airstrips), that they had insufficient money to pay their \$4.00, each. I would suggest a rate of three dollars for these people. In other cases it was seen that people could afford to pay more, as at Sofia and surrounding Villages where the rate is \$2.00. A look at the shotgun register (6) will show that a rate of \$3.00, each would probably be more nearer the mark.

Resettlement in the Mau should be completed as soon as possible as it has been waiting for over a year now to be finalised and the people are beginning to argue and will perhaps return to their Upper Mau Villages unless the O.I.C. has some authority in their land disputes. Roads are being constructed in the Mau area and at the moment there is over thirty miles of motor cycle track, and there is a tractor road under construction from Afere to the Mission Station at Sekarina.

The Council is able to spend very little in the way of services this year mainly due to the low revenue and cost of establishing its headquarters. However next year, the estimates will probably be up to 70% on services such as roads, agriculture and schools assistance. It is planned to build a road from the Mau area to connect with the Oro Bay

(6) See Appendix 'D'.

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(cont)..

Council road from Oro Bay to Pongani.

The Council has begun on a fairly good note, and once Councillors understand their duties and the point and purpose of the Council, the area, especially the Managalase, will begin to take long steps in the right direction of becoming a sophisticated Council, as the economic potential is there, it just needs to be developed.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

No.	VILLAGE	Taxable Population	Maximum tax of Taxable Population.		Amount Collected	Outstanding.
			\$	¢		
1.	TOMA	16	64.00		28.00	36.00
2.	SAMGA	12	48.00		20.00	28.00
3.	BIRIRI	9	36.00		24.00	12.00
4.	GEVOGA	33	132.00		53.00	79.00
5.	MAHANA	10	40.00		20.00	20.00
6.	AFORE	55	220.00		200.00	20.00
7.	MININURK	49	196.00		180.00	16.00
8.	MARASI	33	132.00		82.00	50.00
9.	UOVE	69	276.00		196.00	80.00
10.	SUA	22	88.00		84.00	4.00
11.	KAMAVOKI	39	156.00		116.00	40.00
12.	BAREKI	29	116.00		52.00	64.00
13.	WAARO	39	156.00		140.00	16.00
14.	KABBA	43	172.00		168.00	4.00
15.	MURBA	45	180.00		172.00	8.00
16.	SUKANI	38	152.00		144.00	8.00
17.	KUNA	63	252.00		216.00	36.00
18.	SILA	20	80.00		72.00	8.00
19.	TAMUNI	56	224.00		152.00	72.00
20.	SILINDO	66	264.00		196.00	68.00
21.	SEA	78	312.00		216.00	96.00
22.	KHARUE	67	268.00		76.00	192.00
23.	TARANA	55	220.00		104.00	116.00
24.	KIARA	53	212.00		48.00	164.00
25.	MATANGA	74	296.00		148.00	148.00
26.	GORA	50	200.00		148.00	52.00
27.	HERO	54	216.00		136.00	80.00
28.	GORABUVA	34	136.00		84.00	52.00
29.	SAVARIHAMBO	20	80.00		60.00	20.00
30.	UMBOMORO	82	328.00		120.00	208.00
31.	SABAMASI	34	136.00		48.00	88.00
32.	HOKORA	40	160.00		80.00	80.00
33.	HEAI	28	112.00		76.00	36.00
34.	ITOKAMA	31	124.00		84.00	40.00
35.	UFIA	33	156.00		64.00	92.00
36.	UMATE	22	88.00		24.00	64.00
37.	<del>HEA</del>					
37.	ALARE	88	352.00		118.00	234.00
38.	SIBIA	40	160.00		62.00	98.00
39.	HANUDI	94	376.00		130.00	246.00
40.	AMALA	108	432.00		176.00	256.00
41.	KORO	83	332.00		110.00	222.00
42.	ABANGA	22	88.00		30.00	58.00
43.	UMARUA	19	76.00		24.00	52.00
44.	SAFLA	176	704.00		226.00	478.00
45.	OBELA	55	220.00		74.00	146.00
46.	BIBIRA No.2.	72	288.00		108.00	180.00
		<b>2,264</b>	<b>7,542.00</b>		<b>4,809.00</b>	<b>2,653.00</b>

Note: Figures of taxable population include those people absent and a reasonable percent of the outstanding figure would be money held by absent persons.

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APPENDIX 'B'

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

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VILLAGE	TAXABLE POP.	No. EXEMPTIONS ISSUED.	RECEIPT Nos.	
TOMA	16	3	66001 to	66005
SAMAGA	12	2	66006	66007
BIRIRI	9	3	66008	66010
GENOIA	33	4	66011	66014
MARANA	10	2	66015	66016
AFORÉ	55	8	66017	66024
KIKIMURE	49	9	66025	66033
MARASI	33	3	66034	66036
UOIVE	69	3	66037	66039
NEA	22	4	66040	66043
KIMWUKI	39	6	66044	66046
BAREKI	29	1	66050	
ANARO	39	3	66051	66053
KARA	43	4	66054	66057
KURA	45	6	66058	66063
SIRANE	38	6	66064	66069
KINA	63	10	66070	66079
SILA	20	4	66080	66083
TAMUNI	36	9	66084	66092
SILIPHO	66	3	66093	66095
NEA	78	8	66096	66103
KIMARE	67	3	66104	66106
TAMANA	55	5	66107	66111
KARA	53	8	66112	66119
KATANGA	74	10	66120	66129
OGA	50	4	66130	66133
KIRO	54	2	66134	66135
OGARINA	34	3	66136	66138
SAVARINANGO	20	2	66139	66140
UMONORO	82	11	66141	66151
SAGANLISI	34	11	66152	66162
KURRA	40	10	66163	66172
KHAY	28	6	66173	66178
KYOGAMA	31	8	66179	66186
UYZA	39	7	66187	66193
UMATE	22	4	66194	66197
AIARE	88	16	66198	66213
SIRIA	40	2	66214	66215
KANUDI	94	11	66216	66226
ANALA	109	9	66227	66235
KIRO	83	11	66236	66242, 66250-66253.
ARANCA	22	6	66243	66248
UMARA	62 19	1	66249	
SAFTA	176	22	66254	66275
GENIA	35	4	66276	66279
BIRIRA NO.2.	72	10	66280	66289

2,264.

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APPENDIX 'C'.

AIRSTRIPS - MANAGALASE - MUSA CENSUS DIVISIONS..

No.	PLACE	CAT/GORY	LENGTH	WIDTH	REMARKS.
1	AFORE	COMMERCIAL CAT. D.	2,000	200	cut - open.
2	AIARE	---	APROX 1,500	150	under construction
3	AMALA	---	---	---	" "
4	OGRA	COMMERCIAL CAT. D	1800	200	cut - open.
5	ITOGOMA	PRIVATE ANG.MISSION	1500	150	not cut.
6	MORO	PRIVATE S.D.A.MISSION	1800	150	open & cut but very rough.
7	THANUDI	COMMERCIAL CAT. D.	1800	150	partially cut open.
8	SAFIA	COMMERCIAL CAT. B	EXE 3000	200	cut - open.
9	SILA	COMMERCIAL CAT D.	1800	150	cut - open.

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APPENDIX 'D'

SHOT GUN CENSUS.

VILLAGE	TOTAL POPN.	OWN GUNS	GOVT. GUNS	No. GUNS PER 10 PERSONS.
AFURE	183	3	.	.16
AFURE STN.	-	4	.	.
AIARE	86	4	2	.69
ASANGA	77	4	.	.52
AVIZARO	112	6	1	.62
AWALA	357	10	4	.39
AMARO	157	3	.	.19
BIRIRA No.1.	97	4	.	.41
BIRIRA No.2.	107	5	2	.65
BAREKI	89	3	.	.34
BEA	268	4	.	.15
BOMARA	106	2	.	.18
GENOLA	53	3	.	.56
GEBERA	26	2	2	1.60
GORA	111	9	.	.82
GORABUNA	110	3	.	.27
ITOSAMA	153	1	.	.07
KARA	184	2	.	.11
KANOUKI	166	4	.	.26
KIRO	182	5	.	.27
KIARA	200	5	.	.25
KUMORA	166	2	.	.12
KHARIE	216	9	.	.42
KHENA	268	2	.	.07
KIRO	476	11	1	.25
KANDEI	263	3	2	.19
KATANGA	281	5	.	.18
KHAKURE	190	4	.	.21
KHENA	131	2	.	.15
KHENA	150	4	.	.26
KHORO	131	2	.	.15
KAZA	51	7	.	1.40
KAGANAISI	161	2	.	.12
KHENA	106	4	3	.66
KHENA	92	1	.	.10
KHINDO	205	3	.	.14
KHARI	115	1	.	.09
KHARIE	230	2	.	.09
KHANA	172	2	.	.11
KHANA	57	3	.	.53
KHANA	150	2	.	.13
KHANA	150	1	.	.03
KHANA	301	1	.	.03
KHANA	89	2	.	.22
KHANA	142	2	.	.14.

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Amount  
Returned  
to Store

675.14



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. Nº 2 (AFORE) 67/68

Patrol Conducted by MR C VINER - SMITH

Area Patrolled MANAGLASE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. D. LUDBROOK

Natives 2 R.P.N.G.C. 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 7/12/1967 to 13/12/1967

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nº

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/8/1967

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

Map Reference FOURMIL MORESBY

Objects of Patrol POPULATION CENSUS, TAX COURTS,  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-5-14

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

7th March, 19 68.

~~Northern District,~~  
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL NO. 2 of 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

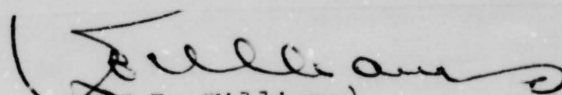
- \* Memorandum of Patrol No.
- \* Patrol Report No. 2 of 1967/68.

Mr. C. Viner-Smith to the Managalase  
~~Census Division~~ covering patrol by on Census and Local Government Council  
Taxation work.

(T. W. Ellis)

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

\* Delete as necessary.

  
(H.L. Williams)  
District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File 67.1.1

Department of District Administration,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

7th February, 1968.



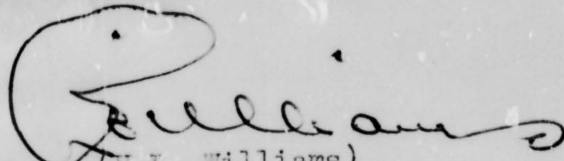
The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 2-67/68 AFORE

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the MANAGALASE Census Division carried out by Mr. C. Viner-Smith.

The patrol was of a routine nature and it was carried out in a satisfactory manner. A copy of a covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta, is also attached.

The matter of the land dispute between the Sewa and Gora people is one that cannot be given a very high priority as the settlement of this dispute will be a prolonged affair and no benefit will accrue to either side when it is settled as both sides have ample land apart from the area under dispute which is also situated in an area where at the present time no economic development would take place. The dispute rises from prestige rather than economic reasons and I feel that there are a number of other matters more worthy of our time and efforts at this stage.

  
(H.L. Williams)  
District Commissioner.

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LWB.NJ

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POPONDETTA, Northern District.  
30th January, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

AFORE PATROL REPORT 2 of 1967/68

Attached please find report by Mr. Viner-Smith, Patrol Officer, of a patrol of the Managalase Census Division, conducted principally for the purpose of census revision and dealing with Council tax defaulters. Supplementary report by Mr. Ludbrook who accompanied Mr. Viner-Smith for portion of the patrol is also attached.

The patrol appears to have been well conducted.

Could the matter of the Sewa/Gora land dispute be referred to Mr. Hannan for attention, please.

*L.W. Bailey*  
(L.W. Bailey)  
Assistant District Commissioner.



(12)

Department of District Administration,  
APORE PATROL POST..... N.D.  
28th. December, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
POPONDETTA



Patrol conducted by : C. Viner-Smith (P.O.)

Area patrolled : Managlass.

Patrolled accompanied by ; D. Ludbrook.  
: 2 R.P.N.G.C.  
: 1 Interpreter

Number of days : Seven.

Last patrol to area : 3/8/67

Map reference : Journal of Moresby.

Objects of patrol : Population census.  
: Tax defaulters courts.  
: Routine administration.

.....D. J. Ludbrook.....

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AFORE PATROL No. 2 - 68/68

PATROL DIARY

- 7.12.67 Prepared for patrol however patrol delayed owing to fact that we had to wait for Pilatus Porter to bring my patrol gear to AFORE. 1010 departed AFORE and arrived at NATANGA 1545. 1600-1715 conducted census for KIARA. Overnight NATANGA rest-house.
- 8.12.67 0715-0830 conducted census for NATANGA. 0845-1145 walked to GORA. Conducted census for GORA and KERO and finished at 1615. 1900-2100 census figures compiled. Overnight GORA rest-house.
- 9.12.67 0815-1330 walked from GORA to UMBOOWORO and (via NATANGA). Conducted census for UMBOOWORO and SAGAMAISA work delayed by heavy rain - finished 1730. Overnight UMBOOWORO rest house.
- 10.12.67 0800-0900 compiled census figures for UMBOOWORO and SAGAMAISA. 0930-1030 walked to KOKORA. 1300 conducted census for KOKORA and KUAI VILLAGES. Complaints heard. 1500-1700 census figures compiled and village books written up. Overnight KOKORA rest house.
- 11.12.67 0830-0910 walked from KOKORA to ITOGAMA and conducted census for ITOGAMA, UFIA, and UNWATE. 1330-1410 walked to KOKORO. Compiled census figures until 1550. Overnight KOKORA rest house.
- 12.12.67 0815-0900 walked from KOKORA to TAHAMA. 0915-1000 conducted census for TAHAMA. Departed TAHAMA arrived KWARUE at 1115. 1300-1500 revised census for KWARUE. Tax courts heard and census figures compiled. Overnight TAHAMA rest house.
- 12/12.67 0700-0945 walked from TAHAMA to AFORE patrol post.

PATROL COMPLETED.

AFERE PATROL REPORT No 2 ... 67/68INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was conducted to carry out a population census of part of the Managlasé Census Division.

As new O.I.C., of the station I accompanied Mr C. Viner-Smith on the patrol to enable me to establish views on this area and to familiarise myself with the people and their Councillors.

The patrol was carried out on foot and lasted for one week. During the course of the patrol tax defaulter courts for the Afore L.G.C., were heard and minor disputes were settled.

Two members of the R.P.N.G.C. (Pepondetta) accompanied the patrol as the police detachment at Afore is at present under strength owing to District staff shortages.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

This was good in all villages visited and because Councillors had distributed timetables of the patrol attendances were good.

POPULATION CENSUS:

I refer to Mr Viner-Smith's report on the same patrol of the entire Managlasé Census Division.

A total population of 5,727 was found and thus there was an increase of 227 on last year's figures.

The birth rate of 4.24% and the death rate 1.50% giving a natural increase of 2.74%. The majority of deaths were in the 16 to 45 age group.

SCHOOLS:

Most of the children in the area attend mission schools inside the district. At the Anglican and S.D.A. Mission schools there are 306 male children and 219 female children. As well as 102 male adults and 24 female adults.

At the one Government School there are 17 male children and 16 female children. Thus there are 30.76% of the children going to either Mission or Government Schools.

VILLAGES:

In general most villages were in good order and the surrounding area of the villages were well cleared.



AFORE PATROL REPORT No 2.... 6E/68

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COMPLAINTS:

Complaints of minor matters were settled during the course of the patrol. However in general most village people were content. This could be due to the fact that many minor disputes are brought into Afore to be settled before more serious things result from these. Much time is consumed hearing minor complaints at Afore however this tends to keep the peace as well as minimise complaints on patrol.

AGRICULTURE:

Throughout the area visited there was an abundance of European potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage and other vegetables.

The main cash crops in the area are potatoes and coffee. Both of which are carried into Afore and purchased by D.A.S.F., Pepondetta.

HEALTH:

In general was fairly good except for numerous cases of Sâpoma especially in children. Odd cases of yaws were observed.

CARRIERS.

Were easily obtained and were paid at the rate of fifteen cents per hour.

ROADS:

Were well cleared in the area visited however mountain slopes were very slippery as heavy rains fell continually. Some tracks were badly leech infested.

CUSTOMS:

In some Managlase villages pigs are intentionally blinded to prevent them from wandering from the village. The people were told that this practise is cruel and should be replaced by the less practical (and less cruel) way i.e. by building pens to keep them from wandering.

CONCLUSION:

This patrol (although short) gave me a good insight into the problems in the area and also gave me an idea of the potential the Managlase has agriculturally providing it can be opened up by the construction of good roads. At present the Afore Council is planning to put a road right through to Pongani on the Nth. Coast of Papua. If this can be successfully done it will make a vast difference in the area.

After going on this patrol I realise that a great deal of patience will be needed to help develop this area.

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APPENDIX "B"

Extract from Mr Viner-Smiths report. )

Two constables were sent to Afere from the Popenetta Detachment to accompany the patrol. The Afere Detachment is at the moment only quarter strength.

Constable SAPUNA: Satisfactory although requires pushing before doing anything.

Constable WANU: A good patrol policeman, who seems to have plenty of initiative.



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PATROL REPORT AFORE No.2. 1967/68..

A. INTRODUCTION.

As per verbally instructed, a Patrol was conducted to carry out a Census of the Managalase Cesus Division.

The patrol was broken due to a visit to the Station by His Honour the Administrator, and to the arrival of the new O.I.C. Mr. D.Ludbrook to take over the Station.

The first section of the patrol was done per motor cycle, owned by the O.I.C., and the second section by foot with Mr. Ludbrook accompanying.

During the patrol tax defaulter courts for the Afore Local Government Council were heard.

The patrol took a total of seventeen days, the first ten without Police as the Detachment strength at Afore is now only two. The last seven days was accompanied by two Constables on loan from the Popondetta Detachment.

The patrol was completed on the thirteenth of December, 1967.

B. POPULATION CENSUS.

The whole of the Managalase Census Division was censused and a total population of 5,727 was found. This is an increase of 227 on last years figure.

The birth rate was 4.24% and the death rate 1.50% giving a natural increase of 2.74%. The majority of deaths were in the 16 to 45 year old age group.

Appearance was good and a timetable, sent out to all villages through the Councillors, assisted greatly in getting maximum attendance.

2. Afore Patrol Report No. 2 1967/68. (6)

The number of adult male absentee workers is 452, which is 30.6% of the total male population between 16 and 45.

The number of people at school in the Managalase is. (1)  
At Anglican and S.D.A. Mission schools, 306 male children, 219 female children, 102 male adults, and 24 female adults.  
At the one Government school there are 17 male children and 16 female children. This represents a total of 30.76 % children under the age of 16, going to either Mission or Government schools.

The Census was made difficult due to the heavy rain every afternoon and the fact that many rivers were flooded and hard to cross.

Figures may be found at Appendix 'A'.

#### C. COUNCIL TAX DEFAULTERS.

Courts were heard in some villages for tax defaulters, and exemptions were issued where necessary, others being fined for late payment. There are still many people who have found work outside the area in the last six months, who have not paid tax.

#### D. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Numerous complaints of a routine nature were heard.  
At GORA Village, complaints were again heard on the land dispute between the 'NAUGI' Clan of Gora and the SEWA People. I investigated the Gora side of the dispute in June, and my letter 35-1-1 of 11th. June, 1967 to the District Commissioner states all the facts and requests that some action be taken from Popondetta to investigate the Orikaiva side of the trouble. I am told by the Gora people that nothing seems to have been done as yet. The Sewa people have evidently issued a warning to the Goras to keep away from the area in dispute or trouble will develop.















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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 3 - 67/68  
67/68

Patrol Conducted by D. J. LUDBROOK (P.O.)

Area Patrolled MUSA AND MANABLASE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans G. WATTS (C.P.O.)

Natives THREE

Duration—From 16/2/1968 to 14/3/1968

Number of Days TWENTY NINE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services -/12/1967

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

Map Reference FOURMIL MORESBY

Objects of Patrol CONDUCT HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS  
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	....	£.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	....	£.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund	....	.....
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67-5-23

20th June, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT - AFORE NO. 1 OF 1967/68

Receipt of the above report and your 67-1-1 dated 21st May, 1968, are acknowledged with thanks.

2. A satisfactory report of a routine patrol which indicates a satisfactory situation in the Afore area.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

c.c. Mr. D. J. Lucbrook,  
Patrol Post,  
AFORE.  
Northern District.





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Sub-District Office,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

14th May, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT AFORE.

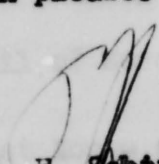
Attached please find report of above Patrol conducted by Mr. D. J. Ludbrook Patrol Officer. Claims for camping and electoral allowances also attached.


The patrol was mainly of an electoral nature but Mr. Ludbrook has some interesting comments on other aspects of the area.

TRANSPORT: I agree that there is a pressing need for a Motor bike at Afore, there being 34 miles of road suitable for motor bike traffic at present and a good chance of extension if one is provided. Much time would be saved on routine enquires and inspections of works both to the Officer in Charge and visiting officials if such transport was available.

Although not mentioned in the report the Afore tractor has also been out of action for 8 months. And at present apparently needs a short visit by a mechanic with a generator and the generator and pulley necessary are reported to be held by Public Works at Popondetta.

For your information please.

  
(P. F. Sebire)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

  
(D. J. Ludbrook.)

Dept. District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
AFORE.....N.D.

22nd April, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
POPONDETTA.

Patrol conducted by : D.J.Ludbrook P.O.

Area patrolled : Musa and Managlase.

Patrol accompanied by : G.Watts. (C.P.O.)  
: 2 R.P.N.G.C.  
: Interpreter.

Number of days : 29 days

Last patrol to area : December 1967.

Map reference : Fourmil of Moresby.

Objects of patrol : Conduct House of Assembly Elections.  
: Routin e Administration.

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AFORE PATROL No. 3 - 68/9

PATROL DIARY.

- 16.2.68. Departed AFORE for SAFIA at 1130 on Pilatus Porter. Spent afternoon at Safia carrying out official duties. Overnight SAFIA.
- 17.2.68. 0730 prepared for polling at SAFIA. 0800 polling commenced for SAFIA, DOMARA, GOBERA, AVIKARO, BIBIRA No. 1 and NWAUKA. Polling finished 1730. Overnight SAFIA.
- 18.2.68. Packed and departed for OBEIA at 0900 arriving at 1100. Gave instructions on voting procedures and prepared polling materials for following day. Overnight OBEIA.
- 19.2.68. 0730 prepared for polling and commenced at 0800. Polling completed at 1130. Packed gear and proceeded to SAFIA arriving at 1430. Collected remainder of patrol gear and got more carriers and proceeded to BIBIRA No.2 at 1600 and arrived at 1730. Overnight BIBIRA No.2.
- 20.2.68. 0730 prepared for polling and commenced at 0800. JARI people gathered at BIBIRA No.2 to vote. Finished polling at 1100 and walked to MORO arriving at 1300. Set up camp. Overnight MORO.
- 21.2.68. 0730 prepared polling. Voting commenced 0800 for MORO, ASANGA, and UMAUMA. Finished at 1200. Departed MORO at 1300 and arrived at AWALA at 1900. Overnight AWALA.
- 22.2.68. 0730 prepared for polling. Commenced 0800 and finished AWALA at 1330. Departed AWALA at 1400 and arrived at NAMUDI at 1600. Overnight NAMUDI.
- 23.2.68. 0730 prepared for polling at NAMUDI and commenced at 0800. Finished polling at 1300 and at 1500 departed in heavy rain for SIBIA, arriving at 1600. Overnight SIBIA.
- 24.2.68. 0800 commenced polling at SIBIA and finished at 1000. Departed SIBIA 1030 and walked to AIARE arriving at 1445. Overnight AIARE.
- 25.2.68. 0800 began polling and finished at 1130. At 1230 departed AIARE for UMWATE arriving at 1530. Overnight UMWATE.
- 26.2.68. 0800 commenced polling at UMWATE, finished at 0930 and at 0930 departed for ITOGAMA and UFIA. Arrived at rest-house between the two villages at 1200. 1300 commenced polling and finished at 1500. Departed 1530 and arrived at KOKORA at 1600. Overnight KOKORA.
- 27.2.68. 0800 commenced polling for KOKORA and KUAI finishing at 1100. At 1130 departed for UROWORO arriving at 1230. Set up camp. Overnight UROWORO.

PATROL DIARY CONT.

- 28.2.68. 0800 commenced polling at UMBOWORO. Heavy rain fell thus polling adjourned until 0930. Rain perservered and completed remainder of people under shelter of a large house. SAGAMAISA people also voted. Completed polling 1200. Went to KWARUE via TAHAMA. Polled TAHAMA at 1500 finished at 1600 and 1615 departed for KWARUE arriving at 1730. Overnight KWARUE.
- 29.2.68. 0800 commenced polling at KWARUE and finished at 1030. Departed for AFORE at 1100 arriving at 1330. Attended to election matters. Overnight AFORE.
- 1.3.68. Paid salaries AFORE. Overnight AFORE.
- 2.3.68. 0800 commenced polling for AFORE, NINURE, KOROKORO and SEMARI. Station people also voted. Finished 1200 Prepared ballot papers etc, for next day. Went to bed with heavy Flu. Overnight AFORE.
- 3.3.68. Departed AFORE 1200 and walked to TOMA. This took 3½ hours as I was still feeling ill. Arrived 1530 and went to bed. Overnight TOMA.
- 4.3.68. 0800 to 1100 polling TOMA, BIRIRI, and SAMAGA. Went back to bed still feeling ill. Overnight TOMA.
- 5.3.68. GEWOIA people gathered, MANANA, ORALA and SASARU people gathered. 0800-1000 polling. 1030 departed TOMA and arrived AFORE at 1330. Overnight AFORE.
- 6.3.68. Departed AFORE 1000 arrived UOIVE 1200. Began polling UOIVE, MARASI and ONDORO at 1400 finished 1600. Overnight UOIVE.
- 7.3.68. Departed UOIVE 0900 via NINIURE - goog road. NINIURE to KAWOWOKI bad road - 2 hours walk altogether. 1400 began polling KAWOWOKI and DAREKI finished 1600. Overnight KAWOWOKI.
- 8.3.68. 0830 departed KAWOWOKI for AVEAGIA arriving at 0945. 1045 - 1430 polling for AVEAGIA, NUMBA, KAURA, SAKARINA (Mission Station) and AWARO. Departed 1500 and walked to KWENA arriving at 1545. Overnight KWENA.
- 9.3.68. 0800 commenced polling at KWENA (SILA people gathered). Finished 1030. 1100 departed for DEA arriving at 1300. 1430 - 1815 polling SILIMDO, TABUENI, UNGONOMBA and DEA. Overnight DEA.
- 10.3.68. 1100 departed DEA for NATANGA arriving at 1300. Overnight NATANGA.
- 11.3.68. 0800 - 1000 polling NATANGA, JORORA, and KIARA. 1100 departed NATANGA for GORA arriving at 1330. Overnight GORA.
- 12.3.68. 0800 - 1030 polling GORA. Departed for GORABUNA arriving at 1230. Overnight GORABUNA.



PATROL DIARY CONT.

- 13.3.68. 0800 - 0900 polling at GORABUNA. Departed for GORA arriving at 1100. Collected remainder of gear and departed for SEWA after having trouble getting carriers. Walk from GORA to SEWA took 6 hours following river as other track destroyed by severe wind storm. Arrived SEWA 1800. Overnight SEWA.
- 14.3.68. 0800 commenced polling for SEWA (SOHE ELECTORATE) completed 0930. Departed for GIRUA BRIDGE and arrived at 1130. Landrover to POPONDETTA.

PATROL COMPLETED.



INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was conducted to collect votes for part of the IJIVITARI electorate for the House of Assembly Elections and it lasted for a period of twenty nine days.

On the 16th February myself and five other members of the patrol were flown to Safia on a chartered plane. On the 17th polling commenced at Safia and from there on we conducted polling at other polling places en route to the Managlase area. After completing polling for all of the villages in the Musa and Managlase we conducted polling at Sewa village, in the SOHE electorate and then proceeded to Popondetta.

Accompanying the patrol were the following :-  
Mr G Watts (C.P.O.) who acted as Assistant Presiding Officer, two members of the R.P.&M.G.C. and Mr Makai Bui, Interpreter.

The patrol was completed on the 14th March, when a land rover took patrol members from the Girua Bridge to Popondetta.

MANNER OF ELECTIONS:

The elections were carried out according to a time table, sent out prior to the commencement of the patrol. The mobile booth party conducted polling at villages which were marked on the programme as polling places and surrounding villages gathered to cast their votes.

At the commencement of polling at Safia the two empty ballot boxes were shown to the people present and the locks were fastened in their presence. It was then explained to them that the keys were held by the Returning Officer in Popondetta.

As voters came forward their names were checked on the certified list of voters along with other relevant details and the sex tally sheet was marked accordingly. The voter was then issued with two initialled ballot papers - one being for the Open electorate (a white paper) the other being for the Regional electorate (a blue paper).

After "absent voters" had voted according to the method set out in the Instructions, people whose names were not on the certified roll voted under the heading of Section 130(1) and put their ballot papers in the relevant envelope after making out a declaration.

About 95% of the voters required assistance due to illiteracy. To enable these people to vote the whisper system of voting was used.

A list of polling places can be seen in Appendix A and statistics of voters may be observed on Appendix B.

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SCRUTINEERS:

Scrutineers were appointed by various candidates and they observed the voting procedures at each polling place. As previously instructed scrutineers travelled either ahead of patrol or after patrol. This was to avoid connecting them with the Government party.

INCIDENTS:

There were no real incidents during the time of the ~~poll~~ polling and everything went off according to schedule.

Some people were a little confused by the issue of the two ballot papers, however in most cases people had their minds made up as to which candidate they wanted to vote for in each electorate. Most people did not wish to give preference votes even after various candidates had been through the Musa and Managlase campaigning for votes. As this was only the third election to be held in the area the people are still a bit reluctant to give preference votes. This is probably due to the fact that they still do not understand this system fully.

ABSENTEEISM:

Of the males absent most were found to be working outside the district on plantations or employed as teachers or police. The women absent were mainly those women who were with their husbands outside the district. There was the usual few absent because of sickness or old age.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

This was good in all villages as the people knew the exact date of the arrival of the patrol at each polling place as Councillors had been instructed to inform the people of the programme before hand.

In most villages visited members of the patrol and carriers were given food.

VILLAGES:

In general most villages were in good order however some houses were found to be too small and the people were advised to build larger ones. I think that SIBIA was one of the worst villages visited as the houses were very small and the village is completely devoid of vegetation. TOMA was the most impressive village as it was well kept and the whole village area is well grassed (just like a lawn).



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CARRIERS:

Were willing to carry in most instances however at Dea and Gora departure of the patrol was delayed by unwillingness to carry. The Gora people probably had a valid reason for not wanting to carry because the walk to Sewa was a rough one. It took the carriers seven and a half hours as the normal road had been blocked by a windstorm thus we had to follow the course of the Girua River. On arrival at Sewa the carriers were paid twenty cents an hour to compensate them for the hard walk.

In the Musa quite a lot of carriers were paid with tobacco and some even wanted salt for payment.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

Roads in the Musa and the Managlase were dry and well cleared. With the exception of the road to Umboworo where the grass was waist high. The Uoive, Afore, Sakarina road was found to be well cleared. During the past year the Afore Local Government Council has spent \$1,000 on the construction of this road. Both the Council and the people are rather concerned about the fact that the road is not being utilized by the Government.

In the Managlase area there are thirty four miles of road on which a motor bike could be used. Correspondence on the subject of a station motor bike for Afore has <sup>written</sup> been by Mr Viner-Smith (previous O.I.C.) and myself however as yet no result has been obtained.

I feel that this situation is an undesirable one because the people will lose interest in maintaining these roads and at present much valuable time is wasted walking to and from these villages. For instance it takes three hours to walk from Afore to Sila Agricultural station whereas it would only take half an hour on a motor bike.

The two cane bridges over the Musa River between Namudi and Sibia and Sibia and Aiare were in good condition. However the bridge between Aiare and Umwate is lacking wire rope supports.

In the Managlase the cane bridge between Afore and Toma was found to be in good condition.

REST HOUSES:

All of the rest houses used by the patrol were in good condition with the exception of those at Uoive and Umboworo where instructions were given for repairs to be made.



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**CONCLUSION:**

On the whole the patrol went off smoothly and according to schedule. As it was conducted during the wet season we were extremely lucky that the usual heavy rains did not fall and hamper progress of the patrol by flooding the larger rivers such as the Musa and the Adau.

As the people in the Musa and the Managlase have only been involved in two House of Assembly Elections and one Local Government Council Election they still have understanding the voting system. It is hard enough for them to vote for people they have known for years (on one Ballot paper) in the Council elections let alone having to vote for candidates in two electorates. Especially when most of them had never seen the candidates before, up until the time they started campaigning for votes.

I realise that these people have to start some where and I can fully understand them finding it difficult to have to vote in two electorates especially when preference voting can be used. It is hard enough more sophisticated understanding the present voting system. I feel that with more concentrated political education patrols linked with more involvement in Council elections the people will gain a much better understanding than they display at this early stage.

*D. J. Ludbrook*

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Patrol Officer.

IJIVITARI ELECTORATE.

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ROLLING PLACES - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 1968.MOBILE BOOTH No. 2.February

17th	SAFIA
19th	OBEIA
20th	BIBIRA
21st	MORO
22nd	AWALA
23rd	NEMUDI
24th	SIBIA
25th	ABARE
27th	UMWARE
	ITOGAMA
28th	KOKORA
29th	UMBOWORO

March

1st	KWARUE
2nd	AFORE
4th	GEWOIA
6th	UOIVE
7th	KAWOWOKI
8th	D.A.S.F. AVEAGIA
9th	KWENA
	DEA
11th	NATANGA
12th	GORA
13th	GORABUNA
14th	SEWA ( SOHE ELECTORATE.)

APPENDIX "B"

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VOTING STATISTICS

People who voted and whose names were on the roll : Males = 1229  
Females = 1167  
Total = 2396

Absent Voters : Males = 9  
Females = 5  
Total = 14

Section 130(1) voters : Males = 91  
Females = 140  
Total = 231

Total number of voters..... = 2641



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APPENDIX "C"

REPORT ON PATROL POLICE:

**CONSTABLE SAGA;** - came from the Popondetta detachment to accompany the patrol. Const. SAGA carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner and was very helpful throughout the patrol.

**CONSTABLE MELARE (1760)** from the detachment here at Afore also accompanied the patrol. Const. Melare also carried out his duties well and was always ready to help where possible.

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