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PALAKAU

PATROL REPORT

1970/71



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. PALAKAU 1 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by N.T. ROBSON, Asst P.O.

Area Patrolled Mussau and Emira Census Divisions (Mussau-Emira L.G. Council)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives M.M. TAWIA, P.O. (EMIRA ONLY)

Duration—From 21/9/1970 to 1/10/1970 (Mussau); 15/10/70 to 18/10/70 (Emira)

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEPT 69 / 1970 (Mussau) ; FEB 1970 (Emira)

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Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Annual census revision, compilation of Area Study, assistance to Mussau-Emira Council in tax collection.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*Area Study
filed*

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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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KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

29th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PALSAU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

Your reference PAL. 1/1970-71 of 21st January, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study Report by Mr. N. Robson, Assistant Patrol Officer of MUSSAU and EMIRA Census Divisions.

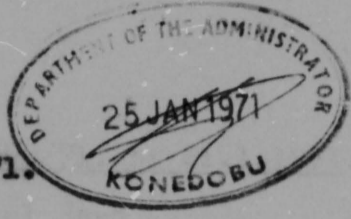
Mr. Robson states he is unable to estimate cash earnings from copra production on Mussau. If he, after spending 15 days on the island can't give a reasonable estimate, then who can? Mr. Robson should try to be more objective.

The Mussau-Emira Council appears to be functioning well and has the support of the people.

A good patrol and an informative report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG. New Ireland.
21st January, 1971.

Asst. District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

Report of Palakau Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71
Conducted by Mr. Asst. Patrol Officer N.T. Robson
Mussau/Emira Census Division
Census and Routine Administration.

Receipt of the above report with your comments,
and Village Population Register is acknowledged.

Mr. Robson has reported well and brought out personalities and points of interest, particularly the deteriorating relations between the younger people and the S.D.A. Mission. The all pervasive and exclusive doctrines to morals and health in which Mussau/Emira society is sealed is being notably resented by the younger people. It is quite apparent that in the not too distant future, the S.D.A. Mission will pay a price for their excessively over-protective domination of the people in this area. The younger educated people want some choice. The Mission would be well advised to open a few windows and be prepared to submit their people to the temptations of the world. Such an action would not have the disastrous effect that the Mission fears. I often consider that the large number of Mussau people always to be found in Kavieng serves as a relief valve from the extreme pressures of life at home and has delayed what is about to happen. Ben Amos is only the first and most vocal, unfortunately foolishly so, but what he is expressing is widely felt, but not as yet stated by the people of Mussau.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Parsons mislaid the Village Population Register of the previous census. He should have carried out the amendments required and returned it to you before his Camping Allowance claim was processed. It appears to me that this is the only effective hold we have over such officers. Please adopt this attitude in future.

There is no reason for us to believe that the population trend should be different to that of previous years. The people are a healthy lot and anything unusual in this regard would, without doubt, have come to our notice before the census.

Mr. M. Tawia should have submitted a report for the period he was with the patrol. His Camping Claim will be processed.

H.L. Williams
(H.L. WILLIAMS)
District Commissioner.

c.c. Departmental Head,
Dept. of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MINUTE: PAL. 1/1970/71. of 21.1.1971.

Copy: Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The original and duplicate of the above report with Village Population Register are forwarded herewith.

Mr. Robson has now proceeded on leave and transfer to the West Sepik District.

Enc: (H.L. WILLIAMS)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

24th December, 1970

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG.

PALAKAU PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1970-71
MUSSAU AND EMIRA ISLANDS


Forwarded herewith in triplicate Mr. N.T. Robson's report on a patrol to all villages in the Palakau administrative area except TENCH Island.

Mr. Robson's report is in the form of an Area Study and a Situation Report. The report is very comprehensive and covers all subjects required. The information supplied on the changing attitudes of the Mussau and Emira people is interesting. However it is not altogether surprising that there are murmurs against the S.D.A. mission at Mussau. Visiting villages on Mussau one gets the impression that every aspect of traditional life has been swept aside and replaced by a mission teaching. The frustration now of not having a choice of education, religion and medical aid are becoming more manifest. A certain amount of rebellion amongst the members of a closed society must be expected.

It is to be hoped that a complete agricultural survey may be conducted on the island some time in the near future as the reliance on a single crop economy has considerable drawbacks. The exploitation of the crayfish which abound on the reefs could satisfy the local demand at least. However as the local people are forbidden by their religion from even handling the animals then future exploitation by the Mussau people is unlikely.

The census figures provided do not show a balance on the reverse as required by circular instructions. The reason being for this is that no copy of the 1969 census figures could be found at either Kavieng or Palakau. The 1969 census figures were returned to a previous O.I.C. for correction. That officer left the district without first correcting the figures and resubmitting them. Without the previous years census figures it is not possible to balance these census figures with those of 1968. It has been noted that Mr. Robson misspelt four village names in his census sheets. They were BAI instead of BAIA, KATALUSAI instead of KATALUSA, LAMAKUNAURO instead of LAMAKANAURO and LAVORANG instead of LAVORANGA.

Taken as a whole Mr. Robson has submitted a very creditable report providing much useful information. Mr. Matthew M. Tawia accompanied the patrol and his claim for camping allowance is attached. Mr. Robson's claim was submitted prior to his departure on leave.


(M.J. COCKBURN),
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

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Department of the Administrator,
Patrol Post,
PALAKAT.

13th November, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
KAVIENG.

PATROL REPORT 1 OF 1970/71 - MUSSAU AND EMIRA

CENSUS DIVISIONS

Enclosed please find four copies of the above report, together with claims for Camping Allowance for myself and Mr. P.O. Tawia for your signature please.

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According to the Village Directory there are only four villages on Emira - Tasingina, Eleoa, Tabilu and Pakene. However, in the Census Register two additional villages, Elonusa and Buliale, are listed. In compiling the census statistics for Emira I have/Elonusa with Tasingina and Buliale with Tabilu.

I have not included a map, since there is no map held in this office suitable for copying. If required I shall draw a map in Kavieng prior to going on leave.

(N.T. Robson)
Officer-in-Charge

PALAKAU PATROL REPORT 1 OF 1970/71
MUSSAU AND EMIRA CENSUS DIVISIONS

PREAMBLE

STATION: PALAKAU

SUB-DISTRICT: KAVIENG

DISTRICT: NEW IRELAND

PATROL NUMBER: PALAKAU NO. 1 OF 1970/71

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: N.T. ROBSON, ASST. P.O.

AREA PATROLLED: MUSSAU AND EMIRA CENSUS DIVISIONS

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: M.M. TAWIA, P.O. (EMIRA ONLY)

DURATION: 21/9/70 to 1/10/70 (MUSSAU); 15/10/70 to 18/10/70 (EMIRA).

LAST PATROL TO AREA (CENSUS): SEPTEMBER 1969 (MUSSAU); FEBRUARY 1970 (EMIRA)

OBJECTS: REVISION OF CENSUS - COMPILATION OF AREA STUDY - ASSISTANCE TO COUNCIL

WITH TAX COLLECTION

21/9/70 Patrol to Mussau, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

22/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

23/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

24/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

25/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

26/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

27/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

28/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

29/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

30/9/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

1/10/70 Patrol to Tahiti, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Tahiti, where overnight.

15/10/70 Patrol to Emira, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Emira, where overnight.

16/10/70 Patrol to Emira, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Emira, where overnight.

17/10/70 Patrol to Emira, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Emira, where overnight.

18/10/70 Patrol to Emira, carried out patrol, carried out village visits and moved to Emira, where overnight.

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PALAKAU PATROL 1 OF 1970/71 - MUSSAU AND EMIRA CENSUS DIVISIONS
PATROL DIARY

- MONDAY 21/9/70 Left Palakau 0930 by speedboat, arriving Malakat 1030. Revised census, collected Council tax, paid gratuities to former village officials, inspected village. 1330 walked to Loliang, arriving 1400, having inspected school and aid post en route. Carried out the various objects of patrol. Overnight Loliang.
- TUESDAY 22/9/70 By canoe to Lamusmus, inspected village and walked to Lavorang. Carried out objects of patrol for Lamusmus, Lavorang and Tanaliu, which are accustomed to gather at Lavorang because they are close together and traditionally one village. Overnight Lavorang.
- WEDNESDAY 23/9/70 Walked to Magien, inspecting Lavorang school and Tanaliu village en route. Carried out patrol objects and overnighted at Magien.
- THURSDAY 24/9/1970 Walked to Bai, carried out patrol objects. 1300 walked to Tabolo, arrived 1530, carried out patrol objects and there overnighted.
- FRIDAY 25/9/70 Walked to Katelusai, investigated alleged rape, carried out patrol objects and moved to Tasitel, where overnight.
- SATURDAY 26/9/70 SDA Sabbath observed at Tasitel.
- SUNDAY 27/9/70 Carried out patrol objects at Tasitel, then moved to Roitan where likewise and overnighted.
- MONDAY 28/9/70 Walked to Nai, carried out objects of patrol. 1400 returned to Palakau by speedboat.
- TUESDAY 29/9/70 By speedboat to Lamakunauro and Marof to carry out patrol objects. Overnight Palakau.
- WEDNESDAY 30/9/70 By speedboat to Emananusa, Eloaia and Boliu Islands, carried out patrol objects and returned to Palakau, where overnight.
- THURSDAY 1/10/70 Census etc of Tangaitutu village, completing Mussau section of patrol.
- THURSDAY 15/10/70 Left Palakau per M.V. 'Theresa May' to begin Emira section. Reached Emira about 1100. Hired vehicle and moved to ^{Elean}Tasingina village, where carried out patrol objects in afternoon. Overnight Tasingina. ^{Elean}
- FRIDAY 16/10/70 Carried out patrol objects for ^{Eloansa}Eloansa, ^{Tabilu}Tabilu and Pakene villages. Overnight Tabilu.
- SATURDAY 17/10/70 SDA Sabbath. Inspected aid post, school, airstrip and road system on motorcycle.
- SUNDAY 18/10/70 Left Emira 1300 by M.V. 'Malalang'i' in company with various mission personnel who had arrived by air. Arrived Palakau 1600, observed welcoming ceremonies for SDA President, end of patrol.
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