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1967-1968

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. 1 of 1967/68.
Patrol Conducted by D. J. YOUNG PATROL OFFICER
Area Patrolled Duau L.G.C. area or Southern Normanby Island Census Division
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans
Natives3
Duration—From. 17/4 /19.68 to 2 /5 /1968
Number of Days. 15
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?
Last Patrol to Area by-District Services. 17./2/1958
Medical
Map Reference Milinch (Cape Vetenant , Sewataitai and Esatela , Fourmil Samars
Objects of Patrol.
Conduct of Elections of Duau Local Government Council
Director of Native Affairs,
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Forwarded, please.
/ /19 District Commissioner
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District Headquarters, Milne Bay District, ALOTAU

10th September, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONFDOBU

PATROL REPORT SEHULEA 1/67-68

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M. J. Denehy)

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A/District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-4-31

Department of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

October 7th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,

PATROL NO. SENULEA BO.1 OF 1967/68

Your reference 67-1-10 dated 10th September, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol

Mr. Loung can improve his reporting with

Sub-District Office, ESA'ALA, Milne Bay District. (W.R. DISHOU)
Director

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M-J. De (M.J. Deneny) A/District Commissioner. DISTROFF 67-3-1

> ESA'ALA Milne Bay District. 26th June, 1968

The District Commissioner, Milne Bay District,
SAKARALA

OFFIJER CONDUCTIES - D.J. YOUNG P.

Council elections is submitted together with cappy allowance claim. Comping Allowance claims in respect. Puritals and Constable Puiyu are not to hand.

- Whilst I realize that the officer concerned is a newly appointed Patrol Officer and that he is keen, energetic and inexperienced, I am in two minds as to whether I should return the report for re-submission or forward same to your office. During a recent inspection visit of Shaulea Patrol Post I drew Mr. Young's attention to the necessity of submitting accurate and next documents. He continues to mis-spell village names despite previous comment from myself.
- 3. Punctuation, spelling and grammar are poor and Toonsider the report to be sub-standard.
- appreciation of the problems obtaining in the area patrolled. It is unfortunate that the Duau area has suffered greatly in the last year from staff changes and the posting of inexperienced Cadets to SREULEA.

5. Further comments:

Outline of Political Situation: Mr. Young has had little or no experience in road work and is not qualified to comment to any great extect on the feasibility of road construction in the SEWATAITAI to SEWA BAY area. I know nothing of the promise of a Public Works team plus tractor for this particular project. In the whole Sub-aistrict at the moment there is a definite need for D.D.A. staff to ensure that road projects commenced are completed within a period of months. What inventive and enthusiasm the local people possessed has been negated by lack of fellow up action and staff shortages.

From diverse sources I hear that there is a gradual swing away from the matrilineal system in favour of a patrilineal system. A further report will follow as a result of the Sub-district wide patrols to be undertaken in July and August

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Agriculture. Commerce & Industry: This section in Mr. Young's report provides a fair assessment of the current situation.

The fact that individual ownership is not recognized is expressed in language usage: e.g. Dob's language-if someone has a betel nut and I want it, my request takes the form of already ewning it, "Gosiyagu, agu magi nina" (My friend, my betel nut.).

The European residents in the area with, perhaps, the exception of Mr. Wilkinson at Sews Bay, appear to contribute proportionately less than those in other Districts.

DUAN L.C.C. Elections: Regarding the statement of 23 polling places for 27 Wards the following is extracted from the Diary section of the report:

Conducted at SEHULEA P/P..... SIPUPU'& WEIOKO Wards
Conducted at DAWADA R/H DAWADA, SIGASIGA,
SIAUSI & LOMITAWA Wards

Gulaguleu Ward has two Councillors

It would possibly have been more convenient to all if the LOWITAWA and SIGASIGA people had assembled at MEUDAWA. The average absenteeism figure of 43.76 for the seven Wards in which elections were contested denotes a lack of interest in Council affairs. It should be remembered here that Council elections closely followed House of Assembly elections.

of future reports will show a considerable improvement and i feel that, if Mr. Young is permitted to spend a full term at SEHULEA, the area will benefit greatly from his enthusiasm and application to Council and other developmental projects.

For your further comment and action, please.

(J.A.EDWARDS)
Assistant District Commissioner

A PREAMBLE

Station. Schulea.
Sub-District. Esa&Ala.
District. Milne Bay.
Patrol Report No, Schulea No .1 of 1967/68/,
Patrol Conducted by .D.J.YOUNG , Patrol Officer.
Area Patroled . Southern Normanby Island Census Division .
Personal Accombaning Patrol .
... 1/ Constable Pulyu 1448.
2/ James Puritala ,interpreter Schulea.
3/ Issacc Hanana ,Clerk Duau L.G.C.

Duration of Patrel - 17/4/68 to 2/5/68 . 15 Days .

Iast Patrols into Area.
... DDA 5/8/67.
& February 1968 (House Assembly Elections).
D.A.S.F. 10/4/68
P.H.D April 1968.

Objects of Fatrol .

The main object of the Patrol was to conduct the Elections for Duan Local Government Council. Map Reference: Milinch: Cape Ventanant, Sewataitai and Esa'ala.

: Fourmil . Samarai and Ferguson.

B/ DIARY

At Sehulea

Wed. 17/4/68.
Conducted Elections Duau L.G.C. for Wards Sipupu and Weioko. In both Wards there was only one candidate thus they were elected unanimously 1.Sipupu Ward. Lasam Kedodoiai, 2Weioko Ward Mesigudi Dalemome. Lasam is a new councillor whilst Mesigudi has been relected.
Departed Schulea at 11-30am and walked to Meudana arriving 2pm. Held election for Meudana Ward at 3-20 pm and only one Candidate was nominated thus he was elected unanimously named Kelebi Neiawolele (new councillor). Overnight at Meudana village.

Thurs. 18/4/68 .

Departed Meudana at 7-30 am and walked to Kerorogea village arriving at 10-15 am. Conducted elections for Kerorogea Ward and a man called Subweta Subweta was elected from one other candidate on a first count (New Councillor). Departed Kerorogea village and walked to Sawatupwa village arriving 3-20 pm (Dep. Ker.2-45pm.). Conducted election at Sawatupwa Ward and a man named Timothy Leidimo (new Councillor) was elected from one other candidate after the first count of ballot papers. Overnight at Sawatupwa village.

Frid. 19/4/68.

Departed Sawatupwa at 7-30 am aand walked to ***********
village Mwatebu arriving 9-45 am . Conducted election
for Mwatebu Ward and a man named Koibi Kerisiani was elected
Councillor (new) unanimously as only candidate . Departed
Mwatebu village at 11-15 am and walked to Sawataitai village
arriving at 2-30 pm . Overnight at Sawataitai village .

Sat. 20/4/68.

/c/ Conducted election for Sawataitai Ward and a man named
Niwala Bwaioiodi was elected Councillor (new) unapposed.
/c/ Departed Sawataitai village at 11am and walked to Pwanapwana village arriving at 1-20 pm . Overnight at Pwanapwana.

Sun. 21/4/68 .

Observed at Pwanapwana

B/Diary cont ...

Mon. 22/4/68.

Conflucted election Sapioa Ward (Pwanapwana village) and a man named NIWALLEMAN Niyema Manuguigui was elected councillor (new) from one other candidate after a first count of ballot papers .Departed Pwanapwana village at 12-15 pm and went by cance and on foot to Isumaiamaiu village arriving at 1-45 pm. Conducted election for Isumaiamaiu Ward and a man named Dikuya Loku was elected as councillor (new) from two other candidates. Overnight at Isumaiamaiu village

Tues. 23/4/68 .

Departed Isumaiamaiu at 8 am per cutter to Sibonai village arriving 9-15 am. Conducted election Sibonai Ward and a mamed Omeni Seluselu was relected Counciller unapposed. Departed Sibonai village at 11am and walked to Bwasiaiai village arriving at 2 pm. Conducted election Bwasiaiai Ward at 3pm. and a man named Luka Milio was relected Councillor unapposed. Overnight at Bwasiaiai village.

Wed. 24/4/68 .

Departed Bwasiaiai village at 8 am. and walked to Kurada village arriving at 11 am. Conducted election Kurada Ward and a man named Makidonia Kalego wasrelected as councillor **MARKAMAN** from one other candidate. Departed Kurada village at 2-30 pm and walked to Barabara village arriving 5-30 pm. Overnight at Barabara village.

Thurs. 25/4/68.

Observed . Anzac Day . At Barabara.

Frid 26/4/68.

Conducted Election for Barabara Ward and a man named Biri Toaniu—tu was relocted as councillorfrom one other candidate .Departed Barabara at 12 noon and walked to Burama villagearriving 1-30 pm Conducted election for Bunama Ward where Iona Walaulu was relected as Councillor (previous President) unapposed . Departed Bunama village at 2-15 pm and walked to Gudumuli village arriving 3-30 pm . Conducted election Gudumuli Ward and a man named Kailedi Mwagolobuna was relected councillor unapposed . Overnight at Gudumuli village

Sat. 27/4/68.

Departed Gudumuli village at 7-30 am and walked to Kasikasi village arriving 9-15 am. Conducted election at Kasikasi Ward and a man named Kesoli Simuleta was relected CounKillor unapposed Departed Kasikasi village at 10am and walked to Kumarau village arriving 11-30 am. Conducted election Kumarau village, and a man named Sailosi Dolohegu was relected as councillor unapposed. Departed Kumarau village at 12-30 pm and walked to Guleguleu village arriving at 2-30 pm. Overnight at Guleguleu village.

Sun 28/4/68 .

Cserved Guleguleu village .

Mon 29/4/68 .

Conducted elections at Guleguleu Ward and the two previous councillors were relected unapposed (2 seats) ic. Iaberoi Walaulei and Lanadi Dasmani . Departed Guleguleu village and walked to Biaua village arriving 12-30 pm . Conducted electione Biaua Ward and a man named Jerico Kamodewa was relected councillor

Diary conto....

Mon 29/4/68 cont ...

unapposed. Departed Biaua village at 12-55 pm and walked to Somwadina village arriving at 1-40 pm. Overnight at Somwadina.

Tuesday. 30/4/68.

Conducted election Somwadina Ward and man nemed lobe Pesauyo was elected councillor (New)unapposed. Departed Somwadina village at 9-30 am and walked to Mwalukwasia village arriving 11am. Conducted election Mwalukwasia Ward and a man named John Nemia was elected councillor (new) unapposed. Departed Mwalukwasia at 11-15 am and walked to Kwanaula village arriving 12-50 pm. Conducted election Kwanaula Ward and Tausealu Sabwaleta was relected councillor unapposed. Overnight at Kwanaula.

Wed. 1/5/68 .

Thurs 2/5/68.

Conducted election for Lomitawa Ward (at Dawada village) and a man named Paulo Dabuyebuye was elected as councillor (new) unapposed. Departed Dawada village at 1pm and walked to Schulea Patrol Post arriving at 3pm.

END OF PATROL.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS .

1. Reception of Patrol .

The Patrol received a friendly reception from all villages Some rest, being colourfully decorated with flowers.

2. Standard Type of housing.

Generally the standard of housing in the area was very poor with the exception of a few villages on the South Coast of Southern Normanby Island between villages of Sibonai and Kasikasi where the houses are of a fairly good standard.

Water Supply

Generally water supplies in all villages were very good with fresh water being readily available from fast flowing streams. Even villages who are exceptions to this, fresh water is available but must be fetched from the source to the villagers houses which are situated in different hamlets which are at vering varying distances from the water.

4. Outline Of Political Situation .

The current situation in the Duau area is that the people

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Outline of Political Situati

The peoples attitude towards local government councils is generally very good with interest shown in elections by all people. Although there is a tendancy of people to be frightened of the positio—n of councillor especially the younger people who are apparently still frightened of black magic. However at the last general election of the Duau L.G.C. (April 1968) six young people under thirty years of age were elected showing a change from people electing older people to the position of councillor(decline in old influencial leaders).

In regard to interest shown by people seeking election in House Assembly . There was one candidate from the Duau area a Mrs.J. Wilk-inson a mixed race woman from Sewa Bay who however was unsuccessful

The effects of Europeans and Missions to the Duau area has brought two noticeable Social problems. One is the problem of Adultery which is very prominent throughout the Duau area. In older times before the advent of Missions and Government Law introduction committing this offence would mean the penalty of death. But now a sma-all jail sentence or fine has replaced this penalty and people are no longer frightened of committing adultery. Divorce usually occurrs after adultery has been committed by either spouse and quite often the care of the children is left the mother (Matrilineal).

The other problem is that of land again due to the influence of europeans and missions. There are many disputes today over land mainly due to people squatting on other peoples land during the last 50 or 60 years. Again the old traditional penalty for this would mean death or warfare between clans. AS the government law prevented this happening the people resorted to Black magic to rid these squatters which sometimes took a number of years and possibly some of the



squatters had died and where buried on that land thus relatives of the squatters today are claiming ownership of this land due to this fact against the original owners relatives .

Another reason for the land problems is that 30 or 40 years ag -0 the Duau area was patrolled by a Mr. Bibian and later another Patrol Officer who apparently tried to charge the land system from Matrilineal to Patrilineal . The majority of people did not do this -s but a few did thus conflicts occurrover land due to this misunderstanding .Also several years ago an agriculture officer app -arrently visited some villages and told the people grow more cash crops (Coconuts) telling them that if a man was not using his land (ie. growing cash crops) the other people could go and grow their eash crops on this land (Contrary to the Law), thus more land problems .

The attitude of the people towards missions, europeans and othe -r netives from outside areas is good . However these people are not completely excepted or adopted into the Duau society as if any problems social or economic arise immediately these foriegn people are rejected whether they be from outside areas or from outside clans in the Duau area .

5. Agriculture & Commerce & Industry.

In the Duau area the main cash crop is Copra, with a little coffee grown mainly in the mountain region. The majority of peoples attitude towards growing cash crops is very laxidasive. With people only wishing to produce sufficient cash crops to buy a few neccessary items from the stores. There are possibly two reasons for this attitude. One is that by custom these people use to a rather easy EMEXX going life, that is that they do as much work that is necessary for their every day needs and much time is spentin the custom of chatting and chewing beetle nut. Occassionally they shall spend a day working their garden crops or fishing butonly when neccessary. The other reason is that if people were to work harder on their cash crops thus getting more money; most of this money would be drained away by relatives who live by theold customs (refer previous reason) in which they have a right to each others belongings (money, food and land etcetera) Thus the people would be doing all that extra work for nothing. The above attitudes are slowly changing as the younger people with education are gradually discarding old traditional ideas and are trying to better themselves by planting more cash crops.

In some areas also there is a problem of transporting cash crops to main centres for selling. This is prominent on the South side of Normanby Island (Duau), which for several months of a year the South East season prevails (rough seas) thus most villages are out of reachof coastal vessels for this period thus people do not produce much cash or cops for fear of not being able to sell them.

The attitude of the people towards the organization of stores and other types of business is that much interest is found to be in the formation of Co-Operatives and other group enterprises (Agriculture Societies). There however a number of private businesses in the area which are mainly run on a family basis. The attitude of the people towards businesses organized by Europeans is minimized businesses organized by Europeans is minimized concerned. But on the whole the people believe that the europeans are extracting great wealth from this area and will delittle to help them unless they receive payment (even for the smallest jobs).

5. Rest Houses

Most rest houses were in very good condition and some to colourfully decorated with flowers for the occapsion. The exceptions to this were at Guleguleuvillage (where new rest house is to be built) and labuda village (where rest house needs repairing).

7Roads& Bridges

There is one vehicalar road in the area that is between Pwanapwana village (J.Wilkinson Plantation) to Saribala Saw mill (both in Sawa Bay area) a distance of approximately 8 miles. Roads under construction are, one from Sawataitai village to Bunama village via Sawa Bay (see Political section)

3 Carriers

Carriers used on the patrol were very easy to hire and voluntered freely the rate of pay was 1/- per hour .

9. Health

The health of the people in general was very good possibly due to the good haspitization hospitalization services .

Methodist Overseas Mission , Hospital at Bwaruada , Staffed with European Sister and local nurses . They also have one Aid centre at Bunama village staffed with one local nurse. b/ Roman Catholic, Hospital at Kurada village staffed with local nurses.

c/ Seventh Day Adventist , Aid Post at Binos (Sewa Bay) with Aid Post Orderly .
d/ Administration Council Aid Posts, with A.d Post Creerly .

- 1. Kerorogeia villaga.
- 2. Pwanapwana
- 3. Parabara.
- 4. Kasikasi.
- 5. Guleguleu.
- 6. Mwalukwasia.
- 7. Dawada.

In the Sews Bay area many cases of whooping cough were reported to me mainly at Villages Pwanapwana (where two children were reported to have died) and Sibonai . This epidemic was reported to Hospital Assis -tant Thomas Andrew at Esa'ala who immediately went to Sewa Bay to treat

At Dawada village there are several families who have shifted to the foreshore in the past few years contrary to advice given to them by a doctor in approximately 1950 and by previous Patrol Officers. The advice was for them to shift their houses inland about to a mile due to the presents of Philera carrying mosquitoeson the foreshore area watk (class of the high death rate 50 deaths to 22 births between 1950 and 1956 total population being 140) then). These people will be shifting as advised very shortly.

10. Education

There are seven recognized mission schools and one Administration school in the area.

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11. Missions .

There are three denominations in the Duau area. The Methodist Overseas Mission main staionsat Bwarvada, and other at Bunama village. At Bwarvada there is a theological college and Hos Ital and also a shool. The Raman Catholic Mission has one large establishment at Kurada with school and medical services. There other establishments are at Gesiwe (school), Kerorogeia village (school) and Barabara (school The Seventh Day Adventist mission has two establishments in the Duau area one is at Binoa (Sewa Bay) where there is a school and aid Bost, the other is at Sawataitai (mission only).

12. Personel

Constable Puiyu (1448) conduct was excellent throughout Patrol and he was very efficient in his work .

13. Conclusion.

Duau L.G.C. Elections .

There were 23 polling places used during the elections for 27 Wards and the elections were held over a period of 16 days (17/4/68 to 2/5/68). The reason for the elections being conducted so quickly was that in 20 of the 27 Wards there was only one candidate, thus duly electedunapposed (at Guleguleu Ward 2 candidates were nominated for election for two seats inthe council thus again uncontexted election). Approximately 32.5% of Males against 68.3% of females required assistance in voting. In all Wards that elections took place scruitineers were nominated.

In regards to absenteeism, the omly figures that were able to be taken were during the 7 elections that took place, (in the 20 other Wards columns 4 to 11 inclusive on Form 10 were not completed as the elections were uncontested) thus no figures obtained). In the 7 Wards where elections did take place these were the absenteeism figures, 40.5% males against 46.8% females were absent from the elections.

In the elections 15 of the old Councillors were relected(14 unapposed and 1 successful after an election). There were 13 new councillors elected with a trend towards younger men quite evident as 6 of thenew councillors are 30 years or younger and 4 in their thirties.

(D.J. YOUNG)

PATROL OFFICER.



