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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

MILNE BAY, BANIARA, CAMERON PLATEAU, SUAU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>MILNE BAY</u>		
3 - 1964/1965	P.W Harrison	Buhutu and Malaba Census Div.
<u>BANIARA</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	D.S. Leslie	Part Cape Vogel N.L.G.C. Area
2 - 1964/1965	G.J. Reid	Daga Census Div.
<u>CAMERON PLATEAU</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	R.J. Andrews	North East Coast Census Div
2 - 1964/1965	R.J. Andrews	North East Coast Census Div. Nuakata & Iabam Is.
<u>SUAU</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	R. B. Creagh	Suau Census Div.
2 - 1964/1965	R.B. Creagh	Upper Reaches of Mullins Harbour, Suau Census Div.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MILNE BAY..... Report No..... 1 of 1964.....

Patrol Conducted by.....R.J.ANDREWS,..... Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by F. means..... 1.....

Names..... 3.....

Duration—From 19/ 8/19 64 to 28/ 8/19 64

Number of Days..... 32.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... June /19 62

Medical Not known....

Map Reference..... Milinch of Gehua..... Formil of Samarai.....

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision 2. N.L.G. Activities.....

..... 3. Land Investigation..... 4. Routine Administration.....


Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

→ HONEDOBU. PAKA.

Forwarded, please.

741 10/19 64


District Commissioner OFFICER

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

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

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

Pd
Females
in Child
Birth

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23rd November, 1964

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

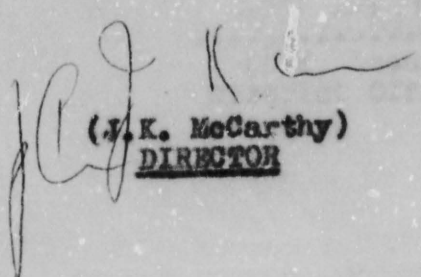
PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1964/65 - CAMERON PLATEAU

Receipt of the abovementioned report and
accompanying comment is acknowledged with thanks.

I am gratified to note that you have
carefully dissected the report and are asking for
statements to be substantiated.

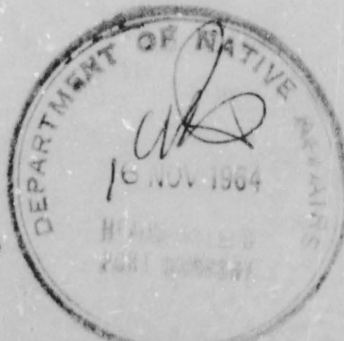
It is also gratifying to note that you
are expecting a more positive role from your
officers in developmental aspects. However, this
positive role should not take away, or tend to
take away, responsibilities from Councils - they
should, so far as is practicable, stand on their
own feet even if they make mistakes from time to
time.

It is obvious that the Technical Depart-
ments just have not the resources to satisfy the
demands from these people. They must be patient.


(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

MINUTE TO : -

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.



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Original Report and my covering comments forwarded herewith.

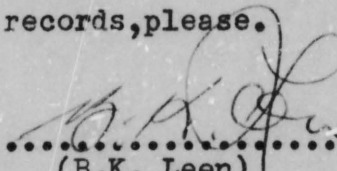
It is regretted that Mr. Andrews so obviously and readily supported submissions made by a few people of the area without pausing to consider broader administrative concepts, i.e., -

- (i) Councils are supposed to accept responsibility, and the establishment of a Patrol Post in a Council area would be quite contrary to what we hope Councils will accomplish.
- (ii) The general aim of administration is to get the people to pull together for their overall advancement; not one group against another as is evidenced in the demand that the Woodlark Is. people be denied any form of Government School (there being no schools whatever in the group) to enable the North East Coast area to have extra or supplementary education services.
- (iii) Mr. Ronald Toleau previously brought this matter up at a District Advisory Council Meeting early last year and Mr. McCarthy wrote to him directly on the matter. The correspondence is on file at Cameron Plateau.

Copies are also attached of replies from the District Medical Officer and District Education Inspector.

I shall be visiting Cameron Plateau in the near future and have discussions with Mr. O'Farrell and Mr. Andrews.

For your information and records, please.


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(B.K. Leen)
District Officer. M.B.D.

District Officer.

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B.K. LEEH/bs.

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

30th September, 1964.

A/Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

PATROL REPORT CAMERON PLATEAU: No.1 of 1964/1965
MR. R.J. ANDREWS.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report, together with your covering memorandum 67-1-1 of the 16th September, 1964.

The correspondence detailed on the Appendices and addressed to Distroff have not been received at this office, only unsigned copies duly returned for correct submission.

My comments are as follows :-

- (1) There is no comment that Mr. Harrison was trained and instructed during the course of the patrol, as requested by you. Was he instructed to write a report as an exercise?
- (2) If there are still outstanding court matters to be attended to, have Mr. Andrews return to effect them on the spot; bringing court cases to Cameron Plateau from an area recently patrolled is a most unsatisfactory procedure. further, why cannot such court cases be attended to during the Supervising Officer's visit to the area on Council business. You are instructed to see that there are sufficient visits to the area to attend to court cases and land matters between annual census patrols.
- (3) The subject matter of Co-operatives will be taken up with Mr. G... on his return from Australia and you will be duly advised.
- (4) Representation cannot be made from this District H.Q., for a visit by a Forestry Officer unless I am in receipt of at least some details; i.e., location of the area; size (approximately) of the area; locality sketch map; access, together with a possible list of other areas in the vicinity.
- (5) The information requested on sawmills will be forwarded under separate cover.
- (6) I am still awaiting official advice from H.Q., on the position of, Village Constables; in the interim they are to carry on their normal duties.
- (7) Paragraph 46 (Roads & Bridges): Was there any plan ever submitted for consideration by the District Commissioner to have this project considered for the estimates; design and priority lists; funds cannot be expended unless full details and a covering submission is tendered

for consideration. Was this explained to the Council by Mr. Andrews.

- (8) Health and Education services can only be implemented by 'staff availability' and in each Department there is an acute staff shortage which necessitates strictly limited priorities. From the information given in this report, the area is well covered for in both aspects by the Anglican; Methodist and S.D.A. Missions; however desirable it may be for the people to require a Government school due to 'higher scholastic' standards, it should have been pointed out to them that other areas, such as Woodlark Is. Group and Sudest have neither, and when staff becomes available will have the priority.
- (9) With reference to paragraph 38 it is encouraging to see that the people (Council) contemplating building and staffing their own Aid Posts: 'the call in the area for additional Aid Posts - in the form of Government Aid Posts' seems to my mind to be quite self-contradictory. The whole concept of a Council is to provide services to the people. What measures has the Supervising Officer taken to recommend suitable applicants from the area to be trained by P.H.D. to staff the Council operated Aid Posts.

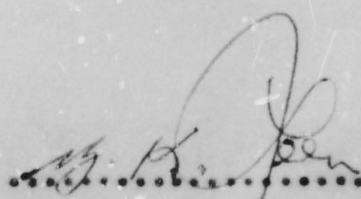
(10) Appendix B.

I do not intend to present a lengthy administrative justification for the present SUAU; BANIARA and WOODLARK IS. GROUP Patrol Posts and the possibility of a Patrol Post at SUDEST next year; other than to comment that it is obvious to me that your staff sadly lack guidance and elementary training which is your responsibility; for an Officer to sit in on an Annual General Meeting of the Maramatana Council and agree and support a mass of contradictions and illogical assumptions, is clearly indicative he is quite incapable of balanced administrative judgement; there was no attempt to balance out the submission placed for discussion or explain Government policy; if there was, it is not mentioned in the report, which of 14 pages, 6 are a clear case for a Patrol Post at Maramatana supported by the Officer concerned.

SUMMARY.

Your area Sub-District was until last year a Patrol Post, still with two Councils, and efficiently run by one Patrol Officer; notwithstanding some increased administrative activity there is no increase of population; or other concrete factors to consider a Patrol Post at Maramatana. You have presently more water and land transport and staff than last year; yet Mr. Andrews states 'The patrol was faced with a barrage of countless complaints and disputes'. I request more visits to the North East Coast area and immediate rectification of outstanding court cases; complaints and guidance to the people in Council and general matters towards their overall advancement. I am not impressed by the statement in paragraph 4 of Appendix B that 'its a two day journey to walk across the divide; don't Patrol Officers walk anywhere in your Sub-District.

The report is well presented, however I am not impressed by the contents.


(B.K. LEEN)
District Officer.

(29)

C O P Y.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

14-1-7/123.

Department of Public Health,
SAMARAI,
Milne Bay District.
2nd October, 1964.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Subject: AID POSTS - MARAMATANA COUNCIL AREA.

(1) The only Administration Aid Posts in the Maramatana Council area is at Huhuna.

However, there are six Mission Aid Posts in the council area. These are at :-

TOPURA	-	Anglican.
TAUPOTA	-	Anglican.
AWAIAMA	-	Anglican.
IAPCA	-	Anglican.
WAKAIUNA	-	Seventh Day Adventist.
EAST CAPE	-	Methodist.
NUAKATA	-	Methodist.

A subsidy is paid to the respective missions in the case of Topura, Taupota, East Cape and Nuakata.

The other three Aid Posts have been established in the last year and no subsidy is paid.

In all cases nearly all drugs come directly or indirectly from the Public Health Department.

The population of the Maramatana Council area is about 3,700.

On the basis of one Aid Post per 1000 people then the area appears oversupplied with Aid Posts.

(2) (a) LAVORA. For a short time in the 1950 there was an Administration Aid Post at Lavora. This was transferred to the more suitable situation at Topura. Subsequently the Anglican Mission had an Aid Post at Topura. In 1961 after discussions with the Anglican Mission, the Administration Aid Post was withdrawn.

Topura Aid Post at present serves :-

TOPURA	-	population 289.
IAPCA	-	population 272.
LAVORA	-	population 232.
		<hr/>
		Total 793

Lavora is about three hours walk from Topura. It can also be reached by canoe.

I consider an Aid Post at Lavora is not warranted.

(2) (b) NUAKATA is already a Methodist Overseas Mission Aid Post. It has been temporary unstaffed following the resignation recently of the orderly who was posted to Nuakata.

The population of the Nuakata group of islands is only about 207. This is the only population that would be served by the Aid Post.

East Cape Aid Post is only a short distance away and is easily reached except in rough weather.

A second Aid Post at Nuakata is completely unnecessary.

(3) (a) No Aid Post Orderlies are available at present. This situation will not improve until the orderlies at present being trained at Saiho graduate.

(b) and (c) These Aid Posts would not be approved for drugs or staff as they would represent duplication of services.

As this is a stage 0 Council and entitled to 100% subsidy, any staff employed by the council would have to be added to the orderly strength for the Region. This is set at a limit. In fact recently we have been ordered to cut staff to save funds. If the council were stage 1 or 2 this limit would not apply.

(d) and (e) The Orderly at Iloilo at present receives no salary as she does not wish to receive one. She receives drugs from Public Health Department. As she receives no salary, no wage subsidy is paid.

(4) As stated above LAVORA has already access to medical facilities at Topura by land or sea.

NUAKATA is only temporary unstaffed and nearly always is within easy reach of East Cape medical facilities.

(5) Do the Council wish to replace rather than duplicate the Aid Post facilities at Nuakata? If so they would require the approval of the Methodist Overseas Mission before any such proposal could be approved by Public Health Department. In any case this might be limited by staff and funds as in 3 (a) and 3 (c).

(6) I note that no one has ever been sent from the Maramatana Council area for Aid Post Training.

Is there are suitable person who has passed Standard 5 (or preferably Standard 6) that could go to the next Aid Post Training School at Saiho next January?

It would be more satisfactory than at present if any Maramatana Council Aid Posts (such as Huhuna) are staffed with Aid 0 Post Orderlies from the Maramatana Council area.

(Sgd) J.C. Mairden
DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER.

c.c. R.M.O. Port Moresby.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams—

Telephone.....

Our Reference.....17-1-1.

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of Education,

SAMARAI

9th October, 1964

District Officer,
SAMARAI

Reference Patrol Report R.J. Andrews

Sections 42-45 and Section C of Appendix D have been read with interest.

My comments on each Section are as follows:-

Section 42

Missions operating in The Council area are Anglican, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist. The Anglican Mission maintains a number of Recognised Schools supplied with free educational equipment and with Staff subsidised financially by the Dept. of Education. The Methodist Overseas Mission has one Recognised School at East Cape while S.D.A. Mission has one at Woukara. I cannot agree that all Administration Schools have a higher scholastic standards.

Section 43 Provision exists for a Mission to operate a school in a Council owned building until such time as The Dept. of Education can provide teachers to staff the school. Any new school must have the authority of The Director to open. At the present time no Mission in this District has staff to spare to open new schools.

Each Mission is attempting to replace untrained teachers in existing schools with qualified teachers.

The Dept. has one Supervisory Teacher stationed at Rabe. He is responsible for supervision and guidance of 20 schools within the area to which he was appointed and could not provide guidance at the level required if he had to accept schools outside his designated area.

Section 44 I do not consider that plans for development in places outside the Council area are the concern of either The Council or The Supervisory Officer unless such development envisages the removal of some existing facility which the Council has.

It must be pointed out that the Maramatana Council area has had schools for many years. Woodlark has none, Rossel/Sudest & Calvadas Chain has four.

Section 45 My comments on Appendix D apply.

Section C Appendix D Mr Andrew's figures on the number of children in the area and at school are misleading. In a survey I conducted with Mr. Crellin, then A.D.O. Samarai in 1963, it was estimated that 25% of the population comprised children at school age, were aged i.e., from 5 to 16 years.

Maramatana has a population of 4034 which gives a school population of 1,008. Of these he shows 641 or 64% at school age.

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Comparative figures for Woodlark and Rossel/Sudest/
Calvados Chain are : 527 and 1090 children of school age,
0 % and 42% at school.

An analysis of District enrolments shows approximately
50% of children of school age receive some form of academic
education. When one considers that Maramatana has 64% at
school, it is obvious that many other areas have at school
far less than the average 50%.

At present this Department has no plans for developing
schools within the Maramatana area. Staff shortage preclude
any expansion anywhere in the District, in 1965 as any new
teachers coming into the District will be absorbed in exist-
ing schools. M.O.M. has recently transferred an expatriate
teacher to East Cape and that school may be able to take in
extra pupils. N.G.A.M. intends to expand its facilities at
Awaiana to take in 400 boarders.

The Commissioner on Higher Education reported that,
by expanding training facilities as widely as prac ticable,
it should be possible to obtain staff to enrol 50% of all
Territory children by 1973.
Ma ramatana already exceeds this goal.

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(L.A.CASS)
DISTRICT INSPECTOR

67-1-1.

Subdistrict Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

16th September 1964.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. CP 1 OF 1964/65.

Please find enclosed the original and two copies of the above report with appendices and copies of relevant correspondence.

(a) I am glad to see that the people of the North East Coast are taking an interest in Village hygiene and housing. This usually indicates a healthy and industrious outlook especially if carried out in co-operation with councillors' instructions.

(b) Payment was made to the Village Constables as a result of your instruction made verbally to me over the radio on 14th of August. I feel that it is important that the Village Constables should be retained until such time that the Regular Police can exercise a closer supervision on law and order, ie until they can increase their staff so as to maintain police posts (see Derham Report). Furthermore it enables the Local Government Councillors to divorce their social and political activities from the police functions that their counterparts in other Council areas are, of necessity, being forced to conduct.

(c) The election of mixed race people as Councillors is a good sign that they are accepted members of the community. As office bearers they will be in a position of guidance.

(d) With reference to Robert Toleau you should consult your Confidential files at 41-5-6 for correspondence addressed to the Officer-in-Charge, Patrol Post, Cameron Plateau on 18/4/65.

(e) Trawler requisition has been approved for 22nd to 26th of September to enable Mr Andrews to proceed to the North East Coast to finalise outstanding complaints and small debts.

(f) I believe that there is information on your Local Government files dealing with sawmills. I would be grateful if you would be so good as to arrange for a summary of this information to be forwarded to this office.

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Appendix B.

Mr Andrews has submitted a well presented summary of the case for an Administration Base Camp on the North East Coast. In para 12, he states, "...If approved the officer would have the splendid opportunity to develop a potentially keen and willing group of people.....". However, I am dubious whether such an action can be justified in the light of the aerial (A10-2-5 of 8/9/64) and ground (A10-2-5 of 10/9/64) surveys of the Watounou/Huhuna road. There are ample grounds to believe that such a road may well be under construction within the next five or six years, and unless the staff situation ameliorates to allow the posting of an officer to the North East Coast until the road is opened then I cannot agree with this proposal.

I would refer you to Page 12 of the minutes of the District Advisory Council meeting held on the 20th of February, 1963.

Should the staff situation improve I would ask you to give sympathetic consideration to this request by the people of Maramatana.

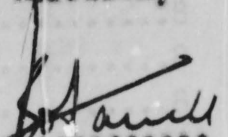
APPENDIX C.

I understand from the Co-operative Officer in Samarai that it is their current policy not to open any more Societies until their staff situation is increased. The larger problem on the North East Coast is the producer marketing difficulties. Consumer activities will naturally follow when the former have been alleviated. Would you ask Mr Garske whether he would consider the opening of a small producer society which the Supervising Officer of Maramatana Council would be prepared to assist in supervising. The only other alternative would be to combine the interests of the Goodenough Bay, Cape Vogel and Maramatana Councils in the purchase of a communal boat.

APPENDIX D.

Please see my 26-1-2 of 16/9/64.

Mr Andrew's report has been well presented and shows that his patrol was conducted in an energetic and keen manner. Please find enclosed a Confidential memo by Mr Andrews on Mr Harrison, C.P.O.


G.E.O. Farrell, a/A.D.O.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Reference: 67 - 1 - 1

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

1st September, 1964.

NORTH EAST COAST PATROL - 1964.

PREAMBLE

1. Station - Cameron Plateau,
Sub-District - Milne Bay,
District - Milne Bay.
2. Patrol Conducted by:-
R. J. ANDREWS, Patrol Officer.
3. Area Patrolled:-
North East Coast Census Division
(including NUKATA and IABAM Islands).
4. Personnel accompanying Patrol:-
Mr. P. Harrison, C.P.O.
Timothy-Tatauro. Interpreter.
Const./Bugler Bolihau-Paulis.
No. 8682.
Harrison-Giriseni. Land Tenure
Assistant (Tr.)
5. Duration of Patrol:-
19th July, 1964 to 28th August, 1964.
NOTE- Patrol broken from 6/8/'64
to 14/8/'64 inclusive when the writer
was required to perform special L.G.
duties at SUAU for Distroff.
Mr. Harrison remained at Taupota to
care for the camp during this period.
6. Last Patrols in area:-
D.N.A. - June/July, 1962.
D.A.S.F. There is an agricultural
post in the division staffed
by a field assistant.
P.H.D. - Unknown. 90% of health
services are provided by the
missions, predominantly Anglican.
NOTE- The election patrol was performed by
the Agricultural officer from SINAEADA.
7. Objects of Patrol:-
 - (a) Census Revision.
 - (b) Local Government Activities.
 - (c) Outstanding Land Matters.
 - (d) Routine Administration.
 - (e) Law and Order.

8. Map Reference:-

Milinch - GEHUA
Formil - Samarai

As this patrol is now "standard" a sketch map of the route has not been included.

INTRODUCTION:-

1. The patrol covered that North East Coast Census Division which, together with the Islands of IABAM and NUAKATA (formerly in the Samarai Local Islands Division) make up the Maramatana Native Local Government Council area. It extends from East Cape to Cape Frere and enjoys a dryer and more equitable (almost insular) climate than the rest of the Sub-District.

2. The main purposes of the patrol was to attend to the long overdue census and to attempt to cope with the mass of general administrative and legal work that has banked up since well before the election campaign. In addition it allowed the writer to attend the Annual General meeting of the Council and act in regard to much of the outstanding Council business.

3. Also it was intended to gain some insight into the feelings and attitudes, requirements and wishes of this somewhat "forgotten" group of people wedged between two Sub-Districts, and isolated by a mountain range.

DIARY:-

Attention is drawn to Folios 18 to 26 of my Field Officer's Journal (Paras. 131 to 173).

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS:-

4. General comments and aspects are as follows:-

RECEPTION:-

5. The patrol received an excellent reception at all villages. Several villages turned out in traditional dress giving displays of traditional dancing and "modern" traditional dancing as influenced by the Samoans and other mission emigrants. Three villages gave quite magnificent traditional feasts for the patrol.

6. Special reference was made by leaders that it was pleasing to see a patrol that was on foot and intended, after such a long time, to stay for a considerable period in the area and attend to long outstanding village problems.

7. In other words the reception could not have been better.

VILLAGES:-

8. a. Housing - Housing is covered adequately by the Council Hygiene Rule and is rapidly improving, in fact this division at present probably has the best housing in the district. Two things contribute to these factors. Firstly, an energetic Council that follows up and enforces its rules and a people that willingly support and co-operate with the Council in its endeavours for social improvement.

b. Siting - In its plans for the development of communal villages as far as I observed the best and most suitable sites had been selected from all aspects. I will not enlarge as I think this is self explanatory.

c. All villages obtain water from either one or two sources. Firstly from clear mountain streams that run down from the unpopulated mountains and therefore are unsullied. The second source is from springs. Much care is taken to make drawing points for drinking water and washing points below to prevent pollution. Again care is taken in the selection of latrine sites.

d. Hygiene and Sanitation - Again is good through the efforts of the Council and the co-operation of the people. The Council in the next month hopes to implement and pass its pig rule although in the majority of villages pigs are already fenced or kept out of the villages.

VILLAGES OFFICIALS:-

9. All village Constables in this area have been retained as they are the only means of law enforcement in the area. All are performing their duties satisfactorily and have been paid up to the 30th June, 1964. They give considerable assistance to the Councillors and retention has proven most successful and important.

10. Two replacements however are necessary for reason of illness etc. This matter will be dealt with under memo, a copy of which is enclosed in Appendix "A" of this report.

11. The Council situation is best dealt with under the Political situation.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION:-

11. The Maramatana peoples are a friendly, somewhat lethargic people however, with a sense and appetite for progress and development. The reasons for their attitudes depends on two major points, firstly, the Anglican Mission and secondly the emerging force of the Guise family.

12. The people seem to suppress their dislike (if it exists) for mixed race people to the extent that the Council President and the Chairman of the T.A.T. are both of mixed race, namely Vernon Guise and Cecil Marks.

13. The Anglican Mission enjoys prestige and power in the area through its network of ecclesiastical, educational and medical institutions. Its influence extends well into the Methodist area whose followers rely much on Anglican medical aid. Much of its strength lies in the fact that many of its ordained priests are Papuans from the area, the odd one who is a big man in his own right. I feel that Mission enjoys a certain sway over local politics in the area but not as strong as it might have been in the past years.

14. Emerging through the Council as a new force in the area, and most likely the ultimate political force are a group of men who are ambitious entrepreneurs in their own right and I feel are they are destined to control the future of the area. I name these men and make a brief comment on each:-

VERNON GUISE - A shrewd business man and hard working Council president who is imitating his brother's diplomacy and politics and capitalising on his brother's immense prestige.

CECIL MARKS - Again a mixed race, ambitious and capable but perhaps lacking the diplomatic shrewdness of the Guises.

JUSTIN of KEIO - Again an ambitious, hard working Councillor with a business head.

WENCELAUS of TAUPOTA - Ambitious entrepreneur whose work is good but whose actions are sometimes unpredictable to the writer and Councillors.

TIMOTHY-TATAURO - A government Interpreter who seems to be quietly building himself up a following in the Lavora area. Again this man has a business head.

There are other men who enjoy strong localised prestige but the few mentioned above are the group of men who I feel are destined to remain the leaders in the area.

15. A notable exception from the list is ROBERT - TOLEVE whose disinterest in the Council and its formation, combined with other political discretions cost him much of his former influence. He committed further mistakes by attempting to win support by promising the people of various villages that "he would see that the council would do certain things for them". He was rather ignominiously crushed at the Annual General Meeting by members of the public present. Here is a man I feel who was a Mission "bright boy" but no politician and as such is slowly tearing to pieces what reputation he has left in a wild effort to regain his former prestige. His influence is now centred, I feel, only in his own village of Rohana.

16. Despite a lack of administration activity in the area, the people are looking to the administration for better things. The people in discussions openly stated that they felt that administration public facilities such as aid posts and schools were of a better standard than those provided by the missions. They themselves together with the council, indicated their aspirations of the central government. This is as follows.

17. The programme they seek in a summary is as follows:-

- (a) A permanent base camp and P.O. at N.E.C.
- (b) A government/Council school.
- (c) Government/Council Aid Posts.
- (d) Co-operatives.
- (e) Women's welfare training.

Each of the above topics are dealt with under separate memo or as an appendix to the report as it is not possible to deal with the large issues in this section.

18. A trend of entrepreneurship is developing with at least 4 loan and native land applications to come in the near future.

19. The people expressed their thanks to the patrol for efforts being made to clean up the huge amount of outstanding law and administrative matters in the area.

20. Despite large absenteeism in some villages close contact is kept and tax is invariably paid either voluntarily or to the council on the visit of the tax representative to Lae or Popondetta. This is an area of high sophistication, the people showing a distinct interest in personal farming, or seeking of employment. I feel that village life as it was is fast giving way in the area in what is really that pattern of ruralised community. I will deal more thoroughly in the statistical summary with absenteeism percentages.

21. Adequate provision is made for the aged and dependence of absentees and due to the years of strong mission influence bride price is no problem.

22. The political situation is good and developing along the right lines with local leadership emerging and the council having the support of the people. However, it is expected that the administration will make some efforts on behalf of the Maramatana area in future years.

AGRICULTURE:-

23. Agriculture is controlled from the SINAEADA Centre and there is an Extension Centre at IAPOA staffed by a field assistant. Therefore I will just give an outline of agriculture in the division.

24. Subsistence pattern is still basically unchanged Kau-Kau, Yams, Taro, Pumpkins being the main crops supplemented by Rose Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Beans, Bananas and Pineapples and coconuts.

25. Copra is still the predominant crop in the field of cash cropping with a small amount of coffee in isolated areas and also large quantities of birds eye chillies. The failure of coffee in some villages has resulted in certain amount of resentment and I have indicated this to the A.A.O. at SINAEADA who has the matter in hand.

Certain problems that were noticed in regard to the IAPOA Extension centre are also covered in the memo.

LIVESTOCK:-

26. Still only fowls and pigs and these are used mainly for celebrations or exchange reasons. One wonders if cattle would do any good on the small stretches of grassland around the two IAPOAs both of which are 4 miles or so inland.

FORESTS:-

27. One Papuan from WAMAWAMANA inquired whether a forestry officer could visit them to advise whether there was adequate timber for the village to invest in and set up a small sawmill. This also will be handled by memorandum, a copy of which is attached to appendix "A" of this report.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:-

28. Your attention is drawn to Appendixes "B" and "C" which deal with this matter especially in regard to the possibility of co-operatives in the area.

LAND:-

29. All outstanding land matters were attended to by the patrol. In regard to an administration block, I refer you to Appendix "B" dealing with the possibility of a Maramatana Patrol Post.

COMPLAINTS - AND COURTS:-

30. The patrol was faced with a barrage of countless numbers of complaints and disputes. As many as possible were settled. However, it was beyond the time and capability of the patrol to attend to all. Therefore, the court papers (complaints) are being prepared and persons involved summoned to the Court of Native Matters which is to preside at the Council House at BIWA for 2 days plus at the end of September and will deal with all outstanding disputes and Courts.

31. Only two criminal convictions were made on the patrol both for stealing, resulting in fines of £2 in each instance. Numerous minor disputes were arbitrated.

32. Many of the disputes have been waiting over two years for hearing and the only reason I can think of is that they were not heard before because of the elections.

REST HOUSES:-

33. One at every village. All good and many new ones. Several of the poorer rest houses are in the throes of being replaced. Although the old house is still in quite reasonable condition.

CARRIERS AND BOATS:-

34. Carriers were extremely easy to hire and it was more often the case that excess presented themselves and had to be turned away. A native owned cutter was hired for one day to visit IABAM island, the service again being given freely and willingly.

HEALTH:-

35. As stated previously the vast percentage of medical services in the division are provided by the missions. The following indicates an outline of the services provided by the respective missions.

MISSION	TYPE OF EST.	LOCALITY	STAFF
ANGLICAN	Hospital	Taupota	E.M.A. + A.P.O's & Nurses
	Aid Posts	Iapoa 2	A.P.O's
		Wamawamana	"
		Topura	"
METHODISTS	Aid Centre	East Cape	Nurses & A.P.O.
S. D. A.	Aid Post	Iapoa 2	A.P.O.

36. Serious cases are usually referred to Dogura Hospital or Samarai Hospital according to which direction the first boat might be headed.

37. The Adventists are only new to the area and it is only fair to say that the cleanest people and hamlet in the division was the tiny S.D.A. Group at Iapoa 2.

38. The only Administration aid post the whole length of the coast is at HUHUNA for which the Council is erecting a permanent building. There is a call in the area for additional health services especially in the form of Government aid posts. The Council hopes to programme several new aid posts in the coming years which if necessary, it will staff immediately.

39. The immediate need the Council feels is as follows:-

HUHUNA (being erected)	1964
NUAKATA & IABAM	1965
LAVORA	1965

The matter is covered much more fully in memo to be directed to the D.M.O. at Samarai, a copy of which is included in Appendix "A" of this report.

40. The council this year is installing a water service at IABAM Island, the materials for which have been ordered.

41. Generally health in the area is good with a minimum of sickness. I feel the statistical analysis will reveal a better picture to support this statement.

EDUCATION:-

42. All schools in the area are either Anglican or Methodist. The populace are pressuring for at least one Government school in the division. They feel the Government schools have a higher scholastic standard.

43. The Council is willing to erect a school at HUHUNA if staff can be found, if necessary mission staff, as long as the school is oversighted by the A.E.O. from Rabe or elsewhere.

44. The people feel somewhat irritated that Woodlark and Rossel, smaller than Maramatana by far, are being favoured for Government Stations and School when they themselves have been waiting for longer with perhaps a greater need.

45. Their case is covered far more fully in memorandum, a copy of which is included in Appendix "A" of this report. A statistical analysis of Education - see Appendix "D".

ROADS AND BRIDGES:-

46. Except for a small stretch which the Council had built from TAUPOTA to GARUWAI, there are no vehicular roads in the area. The Council had to abandon the project as it was too expensive, combined with the fact that P.W.D. will not give even moderate material assistance in the way of spades etc., for the maintenance and construction of new, or as they describe them "undesigned" roads and bridges.

47. The foot tracks in the division are in an excellent and extremely well kept condition, constantly maintained in good order. A credit to the Council and the people.

MISSIONS:-

48. This I feel has been more than adequately covered under other headings.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL:-

49. Some feeling for the traditional still exists and two villages turned out and gave rather excellent displays of dancing in traditional dress.

50. Sorcery is still a force in the area. Certain men are still reputed sorcerers and are feared as such. I can say little more than this. There were certain circumstances that indicated possible sorcery observed by the writer without proof, however, there is little purpose in one stating them. Two individuals are, however, being kept under surveillance.

CENSUS:-

51. In many cases the writer could not reconcile with previous figures. A major reason was alterations to the registers between census, duplications etc. A statistical analysis of the census is included in Appendix "D" of this report.

PERSONNEL:-

52. Dealt with under separate memorandum. See Appendix "A".

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CONCLUSION:-

53. This patrol was one of personal satisfaction having earned, I feel, the confidence of the people. However, I do feel that the people are right when they express the view that it is high time that a more concentrated form of Government development came into their area.

54. The people realise all their wishes cannot be met but they are willing to go half way and assist through their Council and I feel that their demand could be partly met to avoid an attitude and feeling of neglect and disappointment arising in this rather promising area.

END OF REPORT.

R. J. Andrews

(R. J. ANDREWS)
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

NORTH EAST COAST PATROL - 1964

CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL :-

FILE REF.	TO WHOM	SUBJECT
1. 92-1-1	Distroff	Village Constables - New Appointments
2. 68-6-0	Distroff Vigilance	R.S. Constable Bolehau
3. 87-2-1	A.D.O.	Mr. P. Harrison, C.P.O. (Confidential - not included).
4. 87-5	A.D.O.	Mr. Harrison-Giriseni. TRN.
5. 87-5	A.D.O.	Mr. Timothy-Tatauro. Intpt.
6. 49-1-2	Distroff	Aid Posts and Medical Facilities. N. E. Coast C.D.
7. 14-1-1	Distroff	New Census Division of POLOTONA
8. 26-1-2	Distroff	Council School - HUHUNA. N. E. Coast Census Division.
9. 15-1-2	Distroff	Co-operatives - N. E. Coast Census Division. (Covering memo to Appd. "C")
10. 1-8-1	Distroff	Maramatana Patrol Post ø

NOTE:- In addition correspondence dealing with various land matters have been dealt with separately to this report.

Likewise additional applications for land and Grant under the Native Loans Board have been dealt with separately.

Copies of the above correspondence included in the original of the report only.

ø Covering letter to Appendix "B" of this report.

11. 33-1-1	Distroff	Forest Potential-Native Mill - WAMAWAMANA-TOPURA.
12. 16-1-1	Distroff	Community Development, Maramatana - Formation of a programme.

Numerous minor litigations from other sub-districts were attended by the patrol. Replies will be forwarded on the relevant files, and copies not included here as they are not relevant to the patrol.

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APPENDIX "B"

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION PATROL - 1964

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BASE CAMP OR PATROL POST IN
THE MARAMATANA NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

1. In the course of the 1964 Maramatana Patrol, representations were made on several occasions for the establishment of a Patrol Post at Maramatana or perhaps at least a Government Base Camp that could be staffed for portion of the calendar year from Cameron Plateau. The representations were made as follows:-

- (a) At the Annual General Meeting by the Council and the Taxpayers as a co-operate body.
- (b) By villagers and groups in discussions during the course of the patrol.
- (c) By leading citizens of the area, namely Vernon Guise, Cecil Marks, Wenscelaus, Robert Toleveu, Timothy Tatauro, Father Nicodemous etc., and others.

2. An effort will be made to present the case under the following headings:-

- (1) A brief presentation of facts applicable to the Maramatana Coast.
- (2) Conclusion drawn by the people in pressing their claim for a station.
- (3) Administrative factors that support the necessity of a patrol officer being stationed full or part time in the division.

In addition a section including map of possible sitings also indicating problems and matters arising out of Para. 2, Section 3.

Section "A"

Brief Presentation of facts applicable to the N.E.Coast:-

3. Area - 360 Square Miles (Approx.)

Population - 4,034 (1964)

Coastline - Approx. 65 - 70 Miles
(East Cape to Cape Frere)
Plus Nuakata and Iabam Etc. Islands.

4. The division is separated from the rest of the Milne Bay Sub-District by a high mountain range which only has one easy point of transit, the Divinal/Huhuna track. To reach the division from Cameron Plateau is a hard day's walk and to reach a given point could be counted as a two day journey. By boat the journey from Cameron is between 5 hours to East Cape to 15 hours to Cape Frere. There is no access by vehicular road, although there has been much talk on the subject. However, nothing concrete has yet materialised.

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5. Therefore, one can say that the division is relatively isolated from the Sub-District headquarters and visiting necessitates the mounting of a patrol. It tends therefore to be a self contained division of the sub-district geographically and politically separate from the Milne Bay portion of the Sub-District.

Section "B"

Case presented by the Maramatana people for a patrol or part time base camp in the Division:-

6. The peoples drew a comparison between Maramatana and two other areas that have patrol posts, namely SUAU and BANIARA. The comparison they drew is indicated in the following table:-

Station	Area	Population	Council
Maramatana	360 S.M.	4034	Yes
Suau	1030 S.M.	4700 (App.)	Yes
Baniara	670 S.M.	4200 (App.)	Yes

It is worth mentioning that Suau's area is bolstered by the relatively underpopulated area West of Mullins Harbour.

7. The attempted comparison is the similarity between the three areas, two of which have a static. It is noted also that all three are approximately the same distance in travelling time from their Sub-District headquarters. I personally agree with the people on the similarity of the three cases.

8. Also comparison is drawn between Maramatana and Woodlark which already has a base camp and Rossel-Sudest where a base camp is proposed.

STATION	Area	Population	Council
Maramatana	360	4034	Yes
Woodlark	430	2109	No
Rossel/Sudest	440	3162	No

9. Whilst appreciating the backwardness of the latter two stations, various leaders pointed out that Maramatana has been poised for a considerable period awaiting concerted development. The lacking quantity was an able guidance officer readily at hand. The aspects of development of which they speak are as follows:-

Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

- (a) The growth of private indigenous enterprise in the division. At present there are three native owned plantations in the division, two more being developed, and applications being made by three at least natives. Applications are to be made to the loan board for finance by several of the "entrepreneurs".
- (b) An officer who can either supervise and prepare for submission to the Native Lands Commission the subject matter for the innumerable native land disputes in the area, and, in addition, pave the way for registration of all native land within the division.
- (c) The area is showing an interest in Community Development and wishes to have an officer assisting in this facet as well as supervising the Local Government Council, and accelerating Council, Social and works programmes.
- (d) To have a Law and Order authority in the area and to have police and court facilities, on the site as it were.
- (e) To assist and advise both the village as a group and the private entrepreneur in his development and problems.
- (f) To assist in the general economic, marketing development of the area including co-operatives.
- (g) To bring standard government facilities such as banking etc., to Maramatana.

10. The people feel and the writer feels with them that Maramatana is on the threshold of rapid progress and that they require the assistance of a permanent guidance and supervisory officer to assist in development as listed above. The people are entering an era of transformation and as stated in the report, the writer feels that the area is changing into an economic rural community. For this reason they feel their need for an officer is as great as a backward area just entering the first stages of economic development, to avoid possible stagnation of an excellent situation.

Section "C"

Administrative Factors in support of a Patrol Post or Base Camp:-

11. A brief outline of Administrative reasons for the posting of a P.O. full or part time to Maramatana area is as follows:-

- (a) Closer supervision and aid to the Local Government Council.
- (b) Social growth and development of the Community Development approach in the area. An attempt will be made to implement a programme along these lines.
- (c) To deal with the land matters of the area.
- (d) To provide law and justice and other government services needed by the people of the area.

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- (e) To provide a technical assistance to the growing economy of the area on aspects including marketing especially to both the village communities as a whole and the growing group of local private enterprise
- (f) Establishment of co-operative in the area, the patrol officer supervising the co-operatives as an agency function. (See Appendix "C"). I feel that such an Agency will be closer and nearer to our department's duties and interests than the commonly performed agencies lorded onto us with bureaucratic zest by Treasury and similar departments.

12. I feel that there is more than adequate work for a Patrol Officer at Maramatana. If approved, the officer would have the splendid opportunity to develop a potentially keen and willing group of people into a modern economic rural society as suited to this part of the world.

PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SITING:-

13. There are two alternatives to the scheme if approved, These are:-

- (i) The establishment of a full time patrol post staffed by a Patrol Officer, two police and an interpreter.
- (ii) A permanent base camp to be staffed portion of the year by an officer from Cameron.

14. Whichever station is established it should not have a corrective institution, nor a cash office (with the possible exception of a bank agency). The station could work on an advance from Cameron cash office. This would allow the officer full time to attend to the developmental matters of the area. Also such an approach might allow the introduction of the experimental base camp to attempt to prove in practice if the station is warranted.

15. In the event of staff not being available for such a scheme perhaps the base camp idea might be introduced and staffed part time (say two months on and two months off) by one of the junior staff from Cameron.

16. A highly suitable site is located at Wamawamana (see attached map). It has

- (a) Adequate flat land,
- (b) Good anchorage,
- (c) Adequate water by an unpolluted mountain stream
- (d) Good access to population
(2 day's walk to East Cape,
1 Day's walk to Lavora
1 Day's walk to the Council
Headquarters)

Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

(e) The people are willing to sell land for the purpose but this factor is common the length and breadth of the coast.

17. The purpose of favouring the Cape Frere end of the division is that these are the peoples that are furthest from the Sub-District headquarters and in reality this site provides a happy medium.

18. In addition it should be noted that there is one large plantation (Puni Puni) and two Mission stations in the division staffed by Europeans, namely East Cape and Taupota.

19. A map is attached for your information, please. Could prints be made and a copy forwarded to this office, please.

20. The matter is referred for the consideration of my senior officers under cover of memorandum 1 - 6 - 1 of 6th September, 1964.

R. J. Andrews

(R. J. ANDREWS)
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "C"

NORTH EAST COAST PATROL - 1964

INTRODUCTION OF CO-OPERATIVES INTO THE MARAMATANA AREA.

1. The purpose of this short appendix is to present the need for co-operatives in the area, requests and localities for co-operatives, problems associated with the introduction and how possibly these problems might be overcome.

Section "A". The need for Co-operatives:-

2. These are twofold. Firstly, to provide the area with a regular and reliable service for disposal of their copra and other miscellaneous produce. Secondly, to provide retail services in this somewhat isolated area to allow the people to purchase goods in their own area at reasonable and competitive prices.

3. At present the area disposes of its produce through irregular services of small mission and one private craft all of which provide a completely inadequate service. Even when the council obtains its craft I still feel it will be inadequate. The need for services such as the Federation provide is urgently needed in an area that has long been waiting for such services. The need for retail services in the area are apparent. It is completely illogical to expect over 4000 sophisticated peoples to continually obtain their needs from remote Samarai.

4. A third and vital reason is that Co-ops would provide the economic stimulus in the village that the people are seeking but are somewhat uncertain from whence they can obtain it.

Section "B" - Requests for Co-operatives:-

5. Two groups are seeking co-operative organisations immediately. These are:-

GROUP "A" - Lavora/Topura/Iapoa 1. Located in the extreme West of the division.

Group "B" - Keio/Iapoa 2/Aiwai'ama/Garuwai in the central portion of the division.

In addition thought is being given to the matter in a third group, namely - East cape/Rohana/Biwa.

Section "C" - Problems associated with the establishment of Co-operatives:-

6. The problems are purely on the administrative side as the people have both the inclination and willingness to "get up and go".

7. Co-operative officer, due to shortage of staff, and excess of work, is completely, I am led to understand, unable to commence the establishment of any further co-operatives. The second real problem is staff to control and run the Maramatana stores. These are both real and big problems.

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Section "D" - Possible Solution:-

8. As suggested in Appendix "B" the possible solution to the first problem, that of supervision may best rest in the running of the co-operatives as an agency function by a patrol officer located at Maramatana. Such an agency would be a true and suitable one, and a more satisfying job than the petty tyrannies poured onto us in innumerable circulars by Treasury officials and their like colleagues.
9. This would be a true field agency and one that I feel many P.O's would be pleased to perform. I am led to believe that such an agency function is already operative within the Bouganville District.
10. In regard to staff for the Co-operatives, there are at least two storemen from Maramatana employed in co-operatives elsewhere, including one from LAYORA, one of the keenest villages. Also I believe there is another person in training. These names can be supplied if necessary. Maramatana has no co-operatives and is in need of them to bolster the economy of the division. In regard to staff, that is best summarised in the old cliché that "charity begins at home".
11. Your attention is drawn to the matters mentioned in this appendix per medium of my memo 15 - 1 - 1 of the 6th September, 1964, to A.D.O., Cameron Plateau for onward forwarding to the District Officer, Samarai.
12. I would be pleased if this matter could be considered with those matters brought up in Appendix "B".

R. J. Andrews
(R. J. ANDREWS)
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "D"

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION - 1964.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

Please note that since the last Census Patrol in this division the units KWABUNAKI, MAINAVA and GAVI have been transferred to BANIARA Sub-District and the units of NUAKATA ISLAND and IABAM Islands have been included in the North East Coast, the latter formerly being part of the Samarai Local Islands Census Division.

Section "A" - VITAL STATISTICS:-

1.	Population 1962 Census	-	3,847
	Population 1964 Census	-	4,034
	Increase since 1962	-	187 or 4.86%

% increase per annum since 1962 = 2.43%

2. Births

Number of Births since 1962 243

Males 128 or 52.67% of births.

Females 115 or 47.33% of births.

Birth Rate since 1962 = 6.32 or 3.16% p.a.

Crude Birth Rate = 63.18 births per 1,000.

3. Deaths

Number of Deaths since 1962 88

Male deaths 45 or 51.14%

Female deaths 43 or 48.86%

Child deaths 8 or 9.09%

Deaths in child birth 2 or 4.76% of female deaths.

Death rate since 1962 = 2.29% or 1.15% p.a.

Crude death rate = 22.87 deaths per 1,000.

4. Natural increases:-

	Births	243
	Less Deaths	88
	Natural Increase	155

Or 4.03% or 2.02% p.a. a natural increase of 40.3 per 1,000.

Increase due to migration 32 or 0.83%

Section "B" - LABOUR STATISTICS:-

Breakup of Population into age.

Groups	Males		Females	
0 - 10	537	or 13.3%	491	or 12.3%
10 - 16	25	or 7.6%	280	or 6.9%
16 - 45	980	or 24.3%	806	or 20.2%
Over 45	339	or 8.4%	296	or 7.3%
	2,161	or 53.6%	1,873	or 46.4%

Adult Labour Potential.

Absentee Labour:-

In District:-

148 Males or 15.1% of Adult Males Labour Potential, of which -

- 31 are employed in the Division
- 72 are employed in the Milne Bay S.D. and Samarai.
- 39 are employed elsewhere in the Milne Bay District.

18 Females or 2.2% of Adult Female Labour Potential.

- 2 are employed in the District.
- 16 are wives of absentee labour.

Out of District:-

129 Males or 13.2% of Adult Male Labour Potential.

This labour is predominantly employed in the towns of Lae, Popondet'a, Port Moresby, Rabaul and Goroka in that order. It is estimated that over 55% have permanent positions. This would be a conservative estimate as it is somewhat difficult to gauge such a figure. Of these absentees there are 5 who are youths engaged in higher education.

19 Females or 2.4% of the adult female labour potential of which -

- 2 are in employment.
- 17 are wives of absentee labour.

SUMMARY.

277 Males (of which 31 live locally) are in employment or 28.3% of the Adult Male Labour Force.

37 Females are absent or 4.6% of the Adult Female Labour Force.

It should be noted however, that the villages of LAE, TOPURA, WAMAWAMANA, TAUPOTA 1 and 2 account for 66.5% of Male absenteeism and 75.9% of female absenteeism. TAUPOTA No. 1 alone accounts for 21.3% of all males absenteeism, the highest in the division. There is relatively little absenteeism in the Eastern part of the division.

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SECTION "C"

EDUCATION STATISTICS:-

	Male	Female	Total
TOTAL CHILDREN -	852	771	1623
Less Children at School -	351	290	641
Not at School -	501	481	982

Schools Attended:-

	Mission Schools				Admin School
	CofE.	M.O.M.	S.D.A.	R.C.	"
Male Children	168	134	7	4	33
Female Children	148	101	6	11	24
TOTALS	136	235	13	15	62

Of children attending school in the division 55.64% are boys and 44.36% are girls. Of the total child population under 16 years, 39.05% are in attendance at schools, of which 34.6% are in attendance at Mission schools and 4.45% at Administration Schools.

Of children attending schools from the division % attendances are as follows:-

C OF E	M.O.M.	S.D.A.	R.C.	ADMINISTRATION
49.3%	36.7%	2.0%	2.3%	9.7%

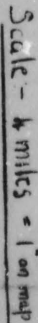
ADMINISTRATION SCHOOLS:-

As there are no administration schools in the division the following figures are an approximate indication of which schools are being attended. (It is stressed that these figures are approximate only and are only an indication, not exact statistics).

Of the 62 children attending Government schools the following is a % indication of their location.

Children of absentees attending school in Rabaul, Lae etc.	50%
Children of absentees attending school within the district (includes Rogiea and Samarai)	35%
Advanced to Secondary Education at Technical and High Schools	10%
Rade Council School, Milne Bay	5%

Indicating:- Proposed Development Sought



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10th February, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI

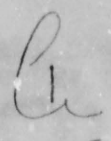
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PATROL REPORT NORTH EAST COAST - CAMERON PLATEAU

Receipt of the above mentioned report together
with covering memoranda is acknowledged with thanks.

This report has not been numbered. Will you
please have this oversight rectified.

I agree with your covering comments - delayed
reports become worthless.

Mr. Harrison has presented his report in a
neat and interesting manner.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



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B.K. LEEN/bs.

Dept. of District Administration,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

12th November, 1964.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

PATROL REPORT - NORTH EAST COAST
MR. P.W. HARRISON, C.P.O.

The above report together with your covering memorandum 67-1-1 of the 3rd November, 1964., is acknowledged.

Please impress upon Mr. Harrison the need to submit reports immediately after the conclusion of a patrol to enable our Headquarters to be up to date with current affairs in this District : late submission defeats this essential purpose.

I concur the report is neat and well presented, please ensure that Mr. Harrison has every opportunity to sit in on Court cases on the station and on patrol, and is out in the field as much as possible.

For your information, please.

(B.K. LEEN)
Deputy District Commissioner.

Minute to:-

Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU ... PAPUA.

For your records, please.

Att.

(B.K. LEEN)
Deputy District Commissioner.

67-1-1.

Subdistrict Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

3rd November 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

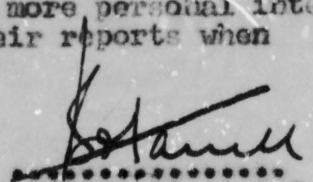
PATROL REPORT - NORTH EAST COAST
MR P.W. HARRISON, C.P.O.

Please find enclosed three copies of
the above report, with maps attached.

The delay in submitting this report
is sincerely regretted.

Mr Harrison's report is well presented
and neatly typed but does not contain a great
deal of information. I have explained to him
that patrol report should, of necessity, show
what the writer has observed and, when required,
details of any action taken. He should also
explain and support general statements, viz,
para 37 with some detail and statistics which
in this case could easily be obtained from A.R.O.'s.

This is Mr Harrison's first report
and, as such, represents a good effort. It is
usual for officer's to take more personal interest
in the subject matter of their reports when
conducting solo patrols.


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G.B.O. Farrell, A.D.C.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Reference: 67-1-1

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

29th October, 1964.

NORTH EAST COAST PATROL - 1964.

PREAMBLE

1. Cameron Plateau,
Milne Bay Sub-District,
Milne Bay District.
2. Patrol Conducted by:- R.J. Andrews, Patrol Officer.
3. Area Patrolled:- North East Coast Census Division.
(including NUAKATA and IABAM Islands).
4. Personal Accompanying Patrol:- P.W. Harrison C.P.O.
Timothy-Taturo. Interpreter.
Const./Bugler Dolihau-Paulis.
No. 8682.
Harrison-Gilisen. General Laborer.
5. Duration of Patrol:- 19th July, 1964 to 28th August, 1964.
Note-Patrol broken from 6/8/'64 to 14/8/64 inclusive when Mr. Andrews was required to perform special L.G. duties at SUAU for Distroff. The writer remained at Taupota to care for the camp during this period.
6. Last Patrol to the Area:- D.N.A. - June/July, 1962.
D.A.S.F. There is an agricultural post in the division staffed by a field assistant.
P.H.D. Unknown. Health services are provided mainly by the missions.
Note:- The election patrol was performed by the Agricultural Officer from ST ARADA.
7. Objects of the Patrol:-
 - (a) Census Revision.
 - (b) Local Government Activities.
 - (c) Outstanding Land Matters.
 - (d) Routine Administration.
 - (e) Law and Order.
8. Map Reference:- Milinch - GJHUA
Fourmil - SAMARAI

INTRODUCTION:-

1. The area patrolled covered the entire North East Coast of the Milne Bay Sub-District, extending from Cape Frere to East Cape, TABAM and NUAKATA Islands inclusive. This formulates the Maramatana Native Local Government Council's area.

2. The census division covers the north coast of the Stirling Range, an extension of the Owen Stanley Range, therefore, as one can expect, the topography is quite steep. The narrow coastal fringe gives way to grass covered mountain slopes, an indication of the lack of adequate flat land for cultivation.

3. Climatic conditions during the patrol were excellent as this area was experiencing its dry season while other parts of the sub-district were having their wet season brought by the South East Trades. The north east coast receives its rain from the North West Monsoons.

4. The main duties of this annual patrol was the revision of the long overdue census, the hearing of numerous minor courts and complaints that have banked up for some considerable time; and to attend the annual general meeting of the council. The writer also attended to the numerous land surveys and investigations that were to be compiled during the course of the patrol.

DIARY:-

5. Attention is drawn to folios 8 to 13 of my Field Officer's Journal (Paras. 62 to 104)

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS:-

Reception of the Patrol:-

6. The patrol was received well at all villages with exceptional welcomes at LAVORA and TOPURA. These villages gave excellent displays of traditional and "imported" styles of dancing in full traditional dress.

7. Village leaders expressed their feelings in seeing a patrol remain in their area for such a long time.

VILLAGES:-

8. Over all, the villages were quite clean and well kept which shows that the people do take some interest in their villages.

(i) The standard of housing in the area was noticeably good due possibly to the energetic councillors who mount village inspection and follow up patrols to enforce the council's housing laws.

(ii) All villages are situated on well chosen sites along the coast with the exceptions of Iapoa No. 1 and 2 which are inland. The councillor from Keia village expressed his ideas in re-organizing the housing to improve the villages layout.

(iii) All villages are in close proximity to clear uncontaminated water either drawn from swift flowing mountain streams or from springs. Iabam Island is receiving from this years council estimates a water tank and pump fed from a well, to improve its water supply.

(iv) Hygiene and sanitation is good, due again possibly, to the councils efforts in enforcing their laws. The council expects to pass its pig rule in the near future although it was noticed that in the majority of cases the pigs were already housed or kept out of the village.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:-

9. Village constables are being retained to maintain law and order as there is no other form of law enforcement in this area. They are also co-operating with the Native Local Government Councillors in the performance of their duties.

10. All village constables are working quite efficiently. The writer gained the impression that most took an interest in their work from the smartness of their dress and salute. The constables still maintain some influence but with the introduction of the council this has diminished slightly.

11. Replacements for two village constables are necessary because of illness.

12. Native Local Government Councillors maintain a considerable amount of influence over the village scene. All are very interested and enthusiastic in carrying out the job they were chosen to perform.

OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION:-

13. The people of the MARAMATANA census division are friendly, co-operative and enthusiastic. They are friendly and co-operative in the way they receive and help administration personnel in carrying out their work, one gains the impression that they want to make the most of and get the most out of these visits. Their enthusiasm for development was clearly displayed by the way they expressed their ideas at the council meeting.

14. Mission influence in the area is very strong as both the Methodists and the Anglicans have been long established.

15. Mixed-blood people have been accepted into the community, a few by their ingenuity have become citizens of considerable standing, namely the Council President and the President of the Tax Appeal Tribunal.

16. Agricultural organizations and men's and women's committees (a combination of the two forms the Maramatana Association) are found in nearly all villages. There is also a scout troop at Taupota and a guide company at East Cape.

17. The principal thought of these people run along the lines of development. During the course of the council meeting and in village discussions the people expressed their desires to have combined Council / Government public facilities, that is, a school and aid posts, built in the area. They also feel the ultimate in development would be the establishment of a patrol post.

18. There is a strong inclination among the more go ahead persons to lease large portions of land for the establishment of plantations and trading businesses.

19. A high percentage of absenteeism and migrations out occurs in villages between Taupota and Cape Frere. These seek employment mainly in the Northern District and Rabual. Some have taken up farming plots on the Popendetta resettlement scheme.

20. In accordance with traditional custom the aged and infirm and families of absentee workers are adequately provided for. Bride price is of no problem.

AGRICULTURE:-

21. Agriculture comes under direct control from the Sinaeada Agricultural Centre; this department has established an Extension Centre at Iapca No.2 village and is staffed by an agricultural assistant.

22. Subsistence agriculture and fishing are the main sources of food supply; yams, taro, kau kau and pumpkins are the main subsistence crops; fruits such as bananas, pineapples, oranges, lemons and rose-apples supplement the diet.

23. Copra predominates as the major cash crop of the division. The growing of coffee as a cash crop has been of little success. Oranges, lemons and chillies could possibly be grown on a cash crop basis having ready markets in main district centres.

24. Individual farming and planting predominates along this part of the coast. As mentioned before a few people have applied for or have enquired

re loans and land applications with the idea in mind of establishing coconut plantations.

25. Copra is marketed through the Copra Marketing Board at Samarai. The only problem that confronts these people is the irregular transportation of their produce to its place of sale. This has been carried out in the past by unreliable private shipping. To overcome this problem the people passed through the council the proposal of a council boat to carry out this work in the future.

LIVESTOCK:-

26. The only livestock now in the area are pigs and fowl, kept mainly for celebration and exchange purposes. During a discussion with the people of Keia village it was stated that cattle had been run on the undulating plain area between Iapoa no. 2 and Keia but these had been killed off during the last war. If this were true there would be a possibility of running a small herd in this area.

FORESTS:-

27. Very little use is being made of forest land at this stage but it was noticed that a small saw mill existed only a few years ago at Awaiama. Interest was shown by the WAMAWAMANA people who enquired as to whether a Forestry Officer could visit and advise them re the development of a small timber mill in the village.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:-

28. Trade stores are not numerous along this part of the coast; with the exception of the mission stores all are ill stocked.

29. People from two areas, one around Keia, the other around Topura, expressed their wishes to establish co-operative societies.

LAND:-

30. In at any future date the Administration wanted to acquire land it could possibly be purchased at any of three localities, at AWALAMA, in the TAMBO River valley or near HUHUNA. HUHUNA has an exceptionally good anchorage as it is situated in Bentely Bay.

COMPLAINTS:-

31. Complaints and disputes (mainly over pigs and money debts) were numerous from one end of the coast to the other. Mr. Andrews, Patrol Officer, heard as many as possible during the course of the patrol.

REST HOUSES:-

32. Rest houses were quite good in all villages. Many were new, the old ones were either being reconditioned or were going to be replaced in the near future.

CARRIERS AND BOATS:-

33. Carriers volunteered freely and in many cases there was an excess. A cutter was hired to proceed to IABAM Island to compile the census.

HEALTH:-

34. Most medical and health services are provided by the missions. The Anglican mission maintains regular medical patrols in its area as well as aid post facilities. Serious cases are transported by first boat to either DOGURA or SAMARAI hospitals for treatment.

35. Below is an outline of the various medical facilities and locality on the North East Coast.

	TYPE OF EST.	LOCALITY	STAFF
ANGLICAN MISSION	Hospital	Taupota	F.M.A. +A.P.O's & Nurses
	Aid Posts	Iapoa No.2 Wamawamana Tapura	A.P.O. " "
	Aid Centre	East Cape	Nurses & A.P.O.
METHODIST MISSION	Aid Post	Iapoa No.2	A.P.O.
S.D.A.	Aid Post	Huhuna	A.P.O.
ADMINISTRATION	Aid Post		

36. The Administration aid post at HUHUNA is not a permanent structure at the present time but the council are providing one in the near future.

37. The general health of the area could be termed as satisfactory but there is still room for improvement.

EDUCATION:-

38. All schools in the area are run by the missions, both Methodist and Anglican. The people stated that they feel the need for a government school in the division.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:-

39. The only stretch of vehicular road along the whole of the divisions coastline is between GARUWAI and TTAUPOTA but this project has been abandoned through lack of council finance.

40. Foot tracks between villages are of a good standard and are kept reasonably clean.

MISSIONS:-

41. ANGLICAN MISSION. The main mission station is situated at TAUPOTIA but in the near future will be moved to the better site at ANKIAMA. Its influence extends from IAPOA No.2 to LAVORA, it has a considerable number of adherents.

42. METHODIST MISSION. Its main mission station is located at EAST CAPE and its influence extends from EAST CAPE to HUHUNA, as with the Anglicans this mission has a large number of adherents.

43. S.D.A. MISSION. Situated at IAPOA No.2. Its influence is only centered around its station and has therefore only a small following. These people stood out from the rest of the villagers in so far as their cleanliness of dress and habits were concerned.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL:-

44. As mentioned before, only two villages gave displays of traditional dress and dancing. Dancing and singing in some villages were derived from the Northern District and RABAU and were taught to them by plantation laborers from those areas.

LABOUR:-

45. The demand for labor on the only large plantation, Puni Puni, owned by Steamships Trading Company, are met from sources outside the district. On smaller plantations owned by mixed-blood people local labor is used.

CONCLUSION:-

46. The patrol was well received by the people of this somewhat forgotten division. Their enthusiasm for development must be partially met to satisfy their desires and needs.

47. As it was the writers first patrol it was an excellent introduction to the field work of our department. Much valuable experience was gained in land tenure work and in general administration of a patrol.

END OF REPORT.

Peter W. Harrison
(P.W. HARRISON)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION



LEGEND

- MISSION CENTERS
 - VILLAGES WITH AIRPORTS
 - >-- ROUTE FOLLOWED BY AIRTEL
 - COUNCIL ROAD
- Scale - 4 miles to an Inch. (1:62,500)