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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

BOLUBOLU, SEHULEA, ESA'ALA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>BOLUBOLU</u>		
1-67-68	J. Balderson	Goodenough Island
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<u>SEHULEA</u>		
1-67-68	D.J. Young	Duau L.G.C. area
<u>ESA'ALA</u>		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 1-67/68

Patrol Conducted by J. BALMERSON (CADET PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled GOODENOUGH ISLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 Interpreter 1 member R.P.N.G.C., 1 Council Clerk (part)

Duration—From 10/7/1967 to 28/7/1967

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services August/1966

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

Map Reference GOODENOUGH 1 INCH SERIES

Objects of Patrol As per attached instructions

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	£.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	£.....
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-4-13

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

30th April, 19 63

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI

PATROL NO. BOJUBOLU 1 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* ~~of Patrol~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by J. Balderson C.P.O.
to Goodenough Island..... Census Divisions.

Why was the report held 9 months before
submission to this H.Q. ?

Why has no comment been made by yourself or
the Assistant District Commissioner?

What has been done about the recommendation for
a co-operative at Lauwela?

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director *fls*

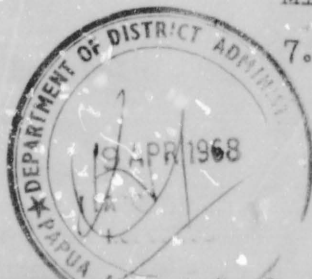
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Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU.
Milne Bay District.

7.7.67

Mr. Balderson,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Bolubolu Patrol Post,
Milne Bay District.



Please prepare to leave on a patrol of Goodenough Island on ~~Monday~~ 10th July 1967. The purposes of the patrol are as follows.

1. To conduct pre-election talks for the forthcoming Goodenough Island. Local Government Council Elections.
2. To assist in the collection of council tax and to audit daily the tax tickets and money collected. The clerk is to amend any discrepancies.
3. Revise the Common Roll for the House of Assembly elections.
4. Check on all Certificates of Registration for shot guns. If any are found without current registration in-form the owners to report to Bolubolu immediately.
5. All L.T.N's are to be checked as to whether they are valid and if any are found that have not been renewed for this financial year ask the trade store owners to reports to Bolubolu or Esa'ala immediately.
6. Check all villages for village held accounts and discuss with the villagers what they wish to do with any money being held in their passbooks. This is especially important at Lauwela and Eweli as inquiries have been received as to the best way to use their account.
7. Check on a possible route for a road between Abolu and Kilia which would take you away from the coast, which is to impracticable for the construction of a road. A possible route would be to go up one of the valleys behind Abolu and cross the ridge down in to the LALOAIWAU creek. Please give a full report on the possibility and practability of putting a road through this area.
8. Visit all hamlets and check on housing, hygiene, and general tidiness.
9. Carry out general administrative duties and refer all courts to Bolubolu.
9. Please take note of the District Commissioner 67.3.1 of 14th June 67 and comply accordingly.

Wishing you a successfull and enjoyable Patrol.

G. J. Mathews
.....
G. J. Mathews, Patrol Officer in Charge.

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Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 1-67/68.

PREAMBLE

STATION Bolubolu

SUB-DISTRICT Esa-ala

DISTRICT Milne Bay

PATROL NUMBER 1-67/68


CONDUCTED BY J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

NATIVES ACCOMPANYING PATROL 1 Interpreter, 1 member R.P.N.G.C.,
1 Council Clerk (part)

DURATION 10/7/67 to 28/7/67 (19 days)

LAST PATROL TO AREA August 1966

OBJECTS OF PATROL As per attached instructions


J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

PATROL DIARY

As recorded in F.O.J. Folio No. 2, Para No. 10, to Folio No 4, Para No. 28.

INTRODUCTION

This being the patrolling officer's initial patrol of this area, familiarization was an important aspect of the patrol, and due to the lapse of over twelve months since this area was previously visited by a Department of District Administration patrol, this and various other activities, centered around the main object of disseminating Local Government Council pre-election propaganda and revising the Electoral Roll for the House of Assembly, were carried out. (Refer attached patrol instructions).

It was unfortunate that Instruction No. 6 could not be carried out to its fullest capacity, but limited time and more important commitments forced the patrolling officer to abandon inspections of various hamlets, however this fact will be brought to the following patrol officer's notice.

No emphasis was placed on House of Assembly propaganda at this stage as the dissemination of this is intended during a future patrol in November. It was also thought that the combination of House of Assembly and Local Government Council propaganda might cause some confusion.

All other instructions were carried out successfully, whilst nominations for the forthcoming Goodenough Island Local Government Council elections were also taken. All told the patrol seemed a success, and this can be confirmed by the succeeding paragraphs.

NATIVE SITUATION

With the third Goodenough Island Local Government Council elections geared for commencement on the 15th August interest is increasing as this date draws closer. Already 54 nominations have been received and no doubt more are to come, as Mataitai No. 1, Mataitai No. 2, Ufufu, and Belebele have not, as yet, rendered nominations, however this could be due to the fact that these wards, except Belebele, were the first three visited by the patrol, and with still six weeks at the time before election commencement, only a limited amount of thought and discussion had been put towards this topic, nevertheless I have little doubt that nominations will come from these wards before the due date of elections.

Although no actual propaganda talks were delivered concerning the House of Assembly elections in 1968, it seemed a perfect opportunity to compare the two elections following the Electoral Roll revision, as, on several occasions, people had misinterpreted the Electoral Roll's purpose, identifying it with council elections. With no 1966 Census figures to hand, the Electoral Roll revision proved to be a larger task than at first expected, but the absence of these figures had no bearing on the accuracy of the roll's compilation.

Only 12 present Local Government councillors have rendered nominations, the common excuse being that after three years of council participation, "One is tired and must improve one's garden". This will undoubtedly set the council back on its feet for a

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period, however some of the more efficient councillors who have not nominated will be approached within the next month with the hope that their mind can be changed, ~~however~~ ^{although} potential council material appears superfluous within the ranks of the nominees.

It is amazing that the Mataitai No. 2 villagers appear to be on a par with the average Goodenough Islander, not only on general bearing in the community, but on such things as hygiene, health, and to an extent, wealth. This amazement is because this village had no representatives to listen to the patrol, which apparently has been the trend over the years, not only with government patrols, but with general welfare and mission also, thus it can only be assumed that first impressions, (which were those of the patrolling officer), were deceiving.

Wagifa, Lauwela, and Eweli each possess a village banking account, with amounts of \$180, \$210, and \$295 to their credit respectively. Discussions were held at these centres concerning the accounts' future, and it was explained that it was up to the people themselves to decide, but if a withdrawal was wished the patrolling officer would assist and advise them on the best method of investment or spending.

The Wagifa village account has been operational for fifteen years and as yet the depositors are undecided about their account's future. It was agreed that a general meeting would be conducted prior to the next officer's visit and their findings and decision referred to him. The benefits of such things as a suitable small ships wharf and the possible purchase of a small dingy were pointed out for future discussions.

The Eweli village account has been a topic of deep discussion amongst its contributors for some months now, ending with a decision that a Social Club would be most beneficial. The advantages and disadvantages of this venture were pointed out, and thus with the latter outnumbering the former, they too decided to meet again prior to the following patrol's visit with various new topics to discuss.

A host of enthusiastic depositors from Lauwela have brought the total of this third account to a reasonable sum over its eleven year existence. The decision put to the patrol was that of commencing a Co-operative business, a unanimous decision by all depositors which I think warrants a visit by the Co-operative assistant at Esa-ala. The people were told to wait for this visit - it is hoped - in the near future.

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS

Approximately 52 complaints were heard and 6 courts referred to the Magistrate at Bolubolu during the patrol's nineteen day duration.

This abnormally high number, in my opinion, has no significant trend towards increasing violence and lawlessness in the area but is only proportional to the lapse of time (15 months) since the last patrol visited all barracks on Goodenough Island.

Most of the 52 complaints were of the trivial but none-the-less important matters concerning bride-price, payment of outstanding debts, and personal arguments. Practically all were arbitrated on the spot with little difficulty and appropriate remarks inserted in the Village Book on occasions for the following officer's perusal and checking. Of the remaining complaints which were mostly of a customary nature, all were settled without difficulty, none being referred to the patrol officer at Bolubolu. Lawrence Iaubihi, the Government Interpreter, made this possible with his excellent knowledge of local customs and laws.

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The six courts referred to the Magistrate at Bolubolu were as follows-

- (1) One man from ^{Kila} ~~Kalauna~~ in possession of a knuckle-duster, sentenced to 3 months prison.
- (2) One adultery case from Kalauna obtained the culprits two months each.
- (3) Four adultery complaints from Kalinatabutabu brought fines of \$2, \$2, and \$3 respectively to the parties concerned whilst the remaining accused were acquitted.

With the Goodenough Island fire danger period now well into its first month at the time of the patrol it was indeed pleasing to say that no culprit had to be apprehended for lighting fires during the patrol's sternity. All local government councillors are to be praised for their constant vigilance and instructions concerning fire lighting, but unfortunately, after the patrol's completion fires became numerous, but still only a minority when compared with 1966's fire total.

CARRIERS

Due to the unserviceability of the Government landrover and tractor, practically all patrolling was done by footwork, nevertheless no trouble re carriers was experienced whatsoever, probably because of the limited number of carriers required, the flat terrain of the area covered, and the excellent (at the time) walking tracks and vehicular roads.

The considerably important point of welfare patrol carriers was discussed fully at all barracks. As is common knowledge locally, welfare patrols on this island receive little assistance from the people in the way of carriers, and on occasions patrolling nurses have returned to Wailagi Methodist Mission Station in tears. This patrol set out to attempt to rectify this matter and short but informative preambles, centred around the assets of welfare patrols, were delivered at all meeting points. The patrol asked if the people could provide valuable assistance to these patrols by carrying for free, and it was further explained that if all able bodied people took turns, no man or woman would carry without pay for more than once a year. All seemed to think this a reasonable proposition and the answer was an unanimous affirmative. However unknown to the patrol at the time it was decided at the same time at the Goodenough Island Local Government Council to allocate \$ 200 to Wailagi for patrol expenses for this financial year. The allocation of this money, excellent in itself with respect to the future of welfare patrols, did certainly bear comment after returning to Bolubola.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Inheritance, descent, and succession on Goodenough Island are patrilineal. The average hamlet is composed of a number of patrilineages which form a small clan, and membership of this is through the father with whom a man resides. Once married he brings his wife from outside the hamlet to live with him, but although this is the basic rule many other marriage rules make the system more complex.

Land is the most important resource to these people and rules for its inheritance are clear cut and simple. Clans of a village have permanent rights to sections of land within their village area, and all members of the clan, women included, have the right to garden on their land, however alienation or loan cannot take place without the clan leader's consent.

HOUSING, HYGIENE, AND HEALTH

With only one policeman at my disposal, and the variety of purposes the patrol took in, a complete inspection of all houses was impracticable, but where possible instructions were issued accordingly to those people with inferior houses and hygiene. Generally the overall impression was fair, but far above expectations, considering some hamlets had not been visited for over two years. All told approximately 25 new houses are to be completed within periods of from one to six months. Houses of Eweli, ~~WXXXXXXXX~~, EWA Moratau, and Faiava impressed with their superiority, as against the below standard housing of Kilia and Abolu. Inferior resthouses warranted several instructions and all written orders will be checked out by the next patrol.

It is too recent since the last malaria spraying patrol to observe any noticeable results, but surely this must have been one of the most efficient spraying patrols to visit this area. Every house of every hamlet visited still showed the signs of recent spraying, and this must thrust forward the assumption that complete eradication from malaria will be with us in the not too distant future.

STORES AND SHOTGUNS

Practically all shotguns on the island were inspected and passed by Senior Constable Havia, who is familiar with all workings and aspects of the weapon. Where appropriate owners were requested to proceed to Bolubolu immediately for renewal of Certificates of Registration. Few old shotguns now exist, as most have been confiscated for being of a dangerous nature. Birdlife is hunted extensively on the island, and this seems a most popular sport, as with an unlimited supply of birdlife, especially on the western coast, most owners put their weapons to efficient use.

A similar procedure of inspection and instructions was adopted in connection with all trade stores, and again most owners were directed to Bolubolu immediately for renewal of their Licences to Trade with Natives. All L.T.N.'s collected at this office have been or will be forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner at Esa-ala for renewal and recording.

PERSONAL TAX

The patrol was accompanied by a council clerk for only five days after which the Senior Local Government Officer's visit to Bolubolu forced his return. During this time \$302 in outstanding personal tax for 1966/67 was collected from the Ufufu, Faiava, Ewaidoga, Wagifa, Abolu and Kilia people. Approximately 113 defaulters were warned that court proceedings would commence if they failed to pay.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The feasibility of a vehicular road from Abolu to Kilia was ascertained by the patrolling officer with the following comments and observations to be made.

On the southern most point of Goodenough Island the topography is one of sheer rising cliffs forming a large coastal hill, and a succession of similar hills, with varying depressions between them, inland. The patrol detoured by the first and deepest depression behind the coastal hill between Abolu and Kilia, a distance of five and a half miles, as there was no other possible route but this for a vehicular road. This was confirmed by Patrol Officer Mathews after viewing the area by air some weeks after my visit.

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The possible site follows Abolu Creek for approximately two miles, and with scattered outcrops of immense rocks situated on either side of the creek, this stretch will prove the most hazardous of the five and a half mile course as I feel it can not be overcome with blasting. With either bank of this creek rising steeply at about 45 degrees, and strewn with these rock outcrops, there is no possible alternative route to bypass this rock formation which extends for about a mile. The road at this stage could possibly wind about 100 feet above the creek bed on the Western bank, but consequently would have to swing down to the creek on four occasions for fording. The Eastern bank was periodically investigated for a possible route, but although less rock is encountered, the steep incline of over 50 degrees would make construction work nearly impossible.

Except for occasional smaller rock outcrops, and one poorly drained area, the remaining three miles, which then swing Westward towards Kilia, would render no trouble to local constructors. Such advantages as reasonably flat terrain, excellent foundations, light to moderate undergrowth, and in most places, quick drainage, would all be ingredients for an economical and easily constructed trafficable highway. The route traversed then skirted a large lagoon adjacent to Kilia, before connecting with a half mile completed stretch of road to Kilia except for the absence of one bridge.

Discussions will be carried out with the Officer - In - Charge at Bolubolu re the dynamiting of this difficult section close to Abolu, with the hope that arrangements can be negotiated with the next blasting authority who visits the island. If this obstacle can be overcome, I see no reason why the Abolu Kilia road can not be opened up.

The recent acquisition of \$ 1400.00 for road construction and maintenance on Goodenough Island has been the boosting factor towards the recent maintenance and extensions of the islands vehicular roads.

Work on the Wailagi-Bwaidoga stretch has been proceeding briskly, and only the bridging of one creek and levelling of occasional irregularities need to be done for completion. At the moment emphasis is placed on this road, as nearly three miles are constructed between Bwaidoga and Abolu, and waiting to be connected with the island's main eastern carriageway. It is a pity that the recent visit to this area by the Alatau road master, Mr. J. Rice, did not result in any rock blasting, as the people had worked strenuously in preparation for his arrival. At present work is at a stand still, and it is little wonder that these people are dismayed, however it is with anticipation that we look forward to his return. The work completed within the last threemonths has been tremendous and a great deal of excavation has been engineered by simple hand tools.

The main vehicular road in the opposite direction is also creeping forward slowly and a tractor/trailer can now proceed to within three miles of Waibula. The remaining distance will not prove too difficult if the constructors keep to that path already marked out by the previous officer-in-charge. A small swamp has to be skirted and two minor creeks crossed before reaching Waibula however it is now possible for a motor-bike to travel a distance of 45 miles from the south-east to the north-west corner of the island.

Six new bridges completed in the Kalimatabutabu-Wataluma area by Father Young and local labour are the main factors which have raised the cruising speed to a comfortable 30 m.p.h., and this 10 mile stretch would now be one of the safest and well constructed on the island. A $\frac{1}{2}$ mile branch road from Faiava to the beach front was inspected by the patrol. This partly constructed road with an adjoining wharf to be completed, was originated by the Government schoolteacher, Mr. T.N. Muller, and should prove a future economic outlet for the surrounding people upon its completion.

The Mataitai-Nounou stretch of road seems to have had suffered the most from the recent prolific rains, but luckily all bridges have kept intact. Drains adjacent to the road have been widened and deepened and a recent inspection has shown that these are, once again, a sufficient outlet for the stagnant water which once previously covered three miles of road. With the recent completion of four bridges, one culvert, and the above, this particular part has become of a sufficient standard to satisfy all transport needs.

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AGRICULTURE

A rendezvous was established with Entomologist Baker at Lauwela and all observations concerning the aftereffects of the November-March locusta migratoria plague of 1966-67 agree with and are covered by his 8-1-U(1) of the 18th August. This plague has certainly left its mark on the Island's palm trees, but it is hoped, especially after this year's prolific rains, that copra production will be in full swing within another 12 months. Approximately 40,000 palms were defoliated by the locust out of a total of approximately 60,000 mature and 164,000 immature coconut trees.


J. Balderson
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J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

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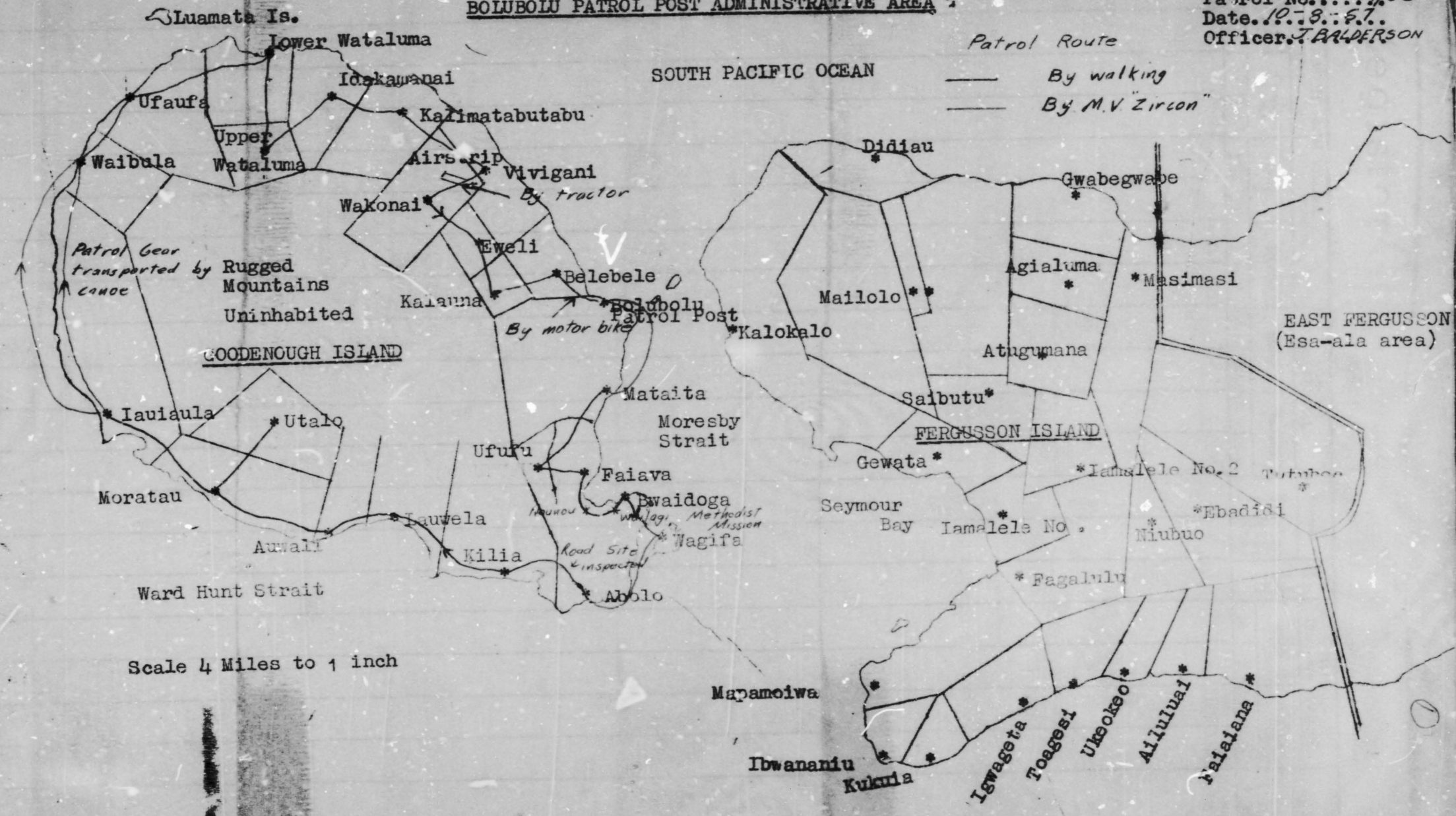
Report On Members R.P.N.G.C. Accompanying Patrol.

Senior Constable HAVIA, 7138, proved a reliable and efficient policeman. With an excellent but well controlled power of command, he was a great asset to the patrolling officer.


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C. Balderson (C.P.O.)

BOLUBOLU PATROL POST ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Patrol no. 1-67/68
Date. 10-8-67.
Officer. J. BALDERSON



Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **HEPHER BAY** Report No. **2-67/68**

Patrol Conducted by **J. Balderson (Casual Patrol Officer)**

Area Patrolled **Coodenough Island**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **H. Young, Anthropologist (part)**

Natives **1 Interpreter, 2 Members R.P.N.G.O., 1 Council Clerk (part)**

Duration—From **15** / **8** / **1967** to **19** / **9** / **1967**

Number of Days **35 (broken)**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany **No**

Last Patrol to Area by —District Services **July** / **67**

Medical / / 19

Map Reference **Coodenough 1 inch series**

Objects of Patrol **To conduct the 1967 Coodenough Island Local Government Council elections.**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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17th April, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT BOLUBOLU 2-67/68

This report for a patrol conducted in August/
September, 1967, in Goodenough Island was received at this
Headquarters on the 9th April, 1968, more than 7 months
after the conclusion of the patrol. An explanation is
required.

The following deficiencies are also brought to your
attention:

- (1) No copy of the written patrol instructions
was received;
- (2) No comments by the Assistant District
Commissioner were received;
- (3) No comments by yourself were received;
- (4) A cadet must submit a full and formal patrol
report in accordance with standing instructions
after each patrol. The readings required by
these instructions were not included in this
report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 2-67/67



Preamble

STATION Bolubolu

SUB-DISTRICT Esa-ala

DISTRICT Milne Bay

PATROL NO. 2-67/68

CONDUCTED BY J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

NATIVES ACCOMPANYING PATROL 1 Interpreter, 2 Members R.P.N.G.C., 1 Council Clerk

DURATION 15/8/67 to 19/9/67 (35 days)

LAST PATROL TO AREA July 1967

OBJECTS OF PATROL To conduct elections for the Goodenough Island Local Government Council.

J. Balderson
J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

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Patrol Post Bolubolu,
Milne Bay District.
29/9/67.

BALDERSON

Assistant Returning Officer,
Bolubolu Patrol Post,
Milne Bay District.

ELECTION REPORT ON THE 1967 GENERAL ELECTIONS OF THE GOODENUGH
ISLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

(1) Type and Manner of Elections

A pre-election and nomination patrol was conducted from the 10th July to the 28th July, 1967, during which 54 nominations for election of councillor were received. All wards were visited and election propaganda talks delivered to large attendances at all barracks with the exception of Mataitai No. 2, of which the local government councillor was the only representative. With this the Council's third election the majority of would-be voters appeared quite familiar with election procedures, and few queries were put forward.

No nominations were received from Mataitai No. 1, Mataitai No. 2, Bolebole, and Ufufa, but all positions were filled prior to or on polling day. The former two wards also put forward no nominations during the corresponding pre-election patrol in 1965, and this coupled with the non-attendance from Mataitai No. 2, define a weak link in support of the island's council.

(2) Manner of Elections

The actual elections commenced on the 15th August, terminating on the 19th September 1967, comprising altogether 18 polling days.

Elections were conducted at 19 polling centres, voters from Mataitai No. 2 and Utalo polling at Mataitai No. 1, and Moratau booths respectively, whilst elections were un-contested at Kalimatabutabu, Wokanai, and Ufufa. With no more than a 45 minute walk to these centres, voters from these two inland wards were agreeable to walk the distance to cast their vote.

From observations the number of voters requiring assistance has decreased sharply since the last election with the wards of Faiava and Buidoga displaying this noticeably so. This is probably due to the close proximity of schools which are now producing more young people of voting age. It was encouraging to see the older students attending on polling day and students from Wailagi Methodist School officially visited to witness elections. This certainly must pave the way for the future unassisted voter.

On several instances at Moratau and Lauwela aged voters attempted to cast a vote for a member of the House of Assembly, but were quickly informed of their error. These people were few and far between, and being aged probably misinterpreted the purpose of the Electoral Roll revision during the pre-election patrol.

A good deal of hesitancy still exists concerning preferential voting, and it is doubtful that the average voter can grasp the idea of marking the names in preference although shown time after time. However the majority of people accepted it as an important aspect of voting.

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The idea of secret voting appears to be comprehended thoroughly, nevertheless several instances occurred where voters, whilst inside the polling booth, inquired from awaiting voters whom they should vote for. These people were advised that they could exercise their own choice and did not have to conform to public opinion.

Two candidates from Lauwola were absent in Samarai on election day but were represented by scrutineers, in this case the candidates' brothers. One of these candidates was successful.

(3) Feminine Interest

No females nominated for election of councillor. Of the 2218 women capable of voting on polling day, 1374 or 57% did so. Mataitai No.2 had the highest female attendance of 88%.

(4) Incidents

Nil.

(5) Absentees

6 of the 67 candidates were absent on their respective polling days but only one was absent without explanation. Nominations of two candidates were withdrawn in accordance with Division 5, Paragraph(e) of "Directions for the Conduct of Elections for Local Government Councils".

2735 voters attended the elections which is 560 or 17% less than in 1965, this being 53% of the total population eligible to vote (5133).

699 men and 152 women were unavoidably absent, the majority working on plantations, others at school, working in larger towns, or sick in the village. General disinterest accounted for 643 men and 904 women, i.e. 1547 or 22% were absent without explanation.


(6) Analysis of Statistics

Forms 10 and 11 attached.

(7) Summary

Although the elections were without incident and reasonably successful, it is disconcerting to see the sharp decline in attendances at certain wards. Utalo, Kilia, and Lauwola on the Moratan coast displayed little interest in election procedures and results, while at Ufufu the councillor, although not wanting the responsibilities again, reluctantly nominated after no other candidates would step forward. The majority of the present local government councillors refused to nominate again, and of those who did, only 3 were re-elected.

It might possibly spark some renewed interest in the Goodenough Island Local Government Council with a host of new faces and definitely a younger, more active group of new councillors.


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J. Balderston (Presiding Officer)

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES NOT PREVIOUSLY
A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

MAGIDOWA TAUMELU of WAGIFA

Married with one child, educated to Standard 3 at Wailagi Mission school. Aged 24 and has worked in his village since leaving school. Speaks and writes Motu, Bwaidogan, Dobu and English.

FADOGA LAKIMOKIMO of UFAUFA

Married with two children, educated to Standard 1 in village mission school. Aged 25 and has worked as a domestic servant, storekeeper at Nusumata, and an agricultural assistant for the council. Speaks and writes Motu, English, Bwaidogan, Pidgen and Dobu.

ADIKIMONE AVAIHEHEI of KALAUNA

Married with three children, completed Standard 4 at Sideia. Aged 27 and was a labourer in Port Moresby before becoming a Catholic mission teacher at Kalauna, his present occupation. Speaks and writes English, Motu and Bwaidogan.

HALUVEA KEHA, LA of KALINATAUTANI

Married with seven children, attended Wailagi Mission school until Standard 3. Aged approximately 33, worked as a labourer in Port Moresby and Sariha before returning to his village. Speaks Dobu and Bwaidogan.

MATAHEGA TAHEGOLA of EWELI

Married with three children, and schooled for 1 year at Wailagi mission. Aged about 35 and has had labouring jobs in Port Moresby and Samarai. Speaks Motu, Dobu and Bwaidogan.

VAIAHOGA KWAPAIATA of IDAKAMANAI

Married with one child and completed Standard 1 at village mission school. Aged about 28, has worked as a labourer in Rabaul and Milne Bay, but now working in his village. Speaks and writes Motu, Bwaidogan, Dobu and Pidgen.

BEKALA KWAYEMUTE of MORASU

Married with no children, attended village mission school to Standard 2. About 27 years old, previous jobs included plantation worker in Rabaul and malaria sprayman at Mapamoiva. Speaks Motu, Pidgen, Bwaidogan and Dobu.

LEGIA HANVEGA of NATAITAI No. 2

Married with no children, completed Standard 1 at village mission school. Aged about 34, a village worker now but has worked as a labourer at Samarai, Port Moresby, Milne Bay and Abau. Speaks Motu, Dobu, Bwaidogan, Pidgen and English.

MADANUA HIOKE of KILIA

Married with one child, has Standard 2 education from his village school. Aged 24, has worked in Samarai and Putipuni as a labourer. Speaks Motu, Bwaidogan and Dobu.

FADUNAMOIA DEKWOIALELE of AUWALI

Married with no children, has Standard 1 from his village mission school. Aged about 24 and has worked in his village only. Speaks Motu and Bwaidogan.

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ILQOI LOBHI TOMONAI of BELFABLE

Married with three children, attended Salamo up until Standard 3. Worked as labourer at Samarai and Port Moresby before returning to his village. Aged 36, and speaks and writes Motu, Dobu and Bwaidogan.

VIDABWA KABIA of LAUWELA

Married with three children, educated at Wailagi to Standard 1. About 25 years and has worked in Milne Bay as a plantation labourer. Speaks and writes Motu and Bwaidogan.

WALINEU WALINEU of PAIAYA

Married with three children, educated in mission school to Standard 1. Aged approximately 24 and has worked as domestic servant in Samarai and Milne Bay. Speaks Motu and Bwaidogan.

NARIANA WAKKWA of NATAITAI No. 1

Married with five children, completed Standard 1 in mission school. About 38 years old with previous occupations including labouring in Samarai and Port Moresby. Speaks Motu, Bwaidogan and Dobu.

KASINAKAVA GISAWALI of LOWER WATULUMA

Married with eight children with a Standard 3 education from Wailagi. Aged 47, a carpenter by trade, working in the Milne Bay, Central, New Britain, Bougainville and Southern Highlands districts before returning to his village. Speaks and reads Motu, Pidgen, English, Dobu and Bwaidogan.

NETHANIEL NEWADIA of BWAYDOGA


Married with 5 children, educated at Wailagi to Standard 1. About 40, has been medical orderly at Bolubolu, and worked as labourer on Goodenough Island. Speaks Bwaidogan, Dobu and Motu, and writes Dobu and Bwaidogan.

LANOITAUONA DALAWETA of UTALO

Married with two children, completed Standard 1 in village mission school. A village worker and has had only one outside job labouring in Milne Bay. Speaks Bwaidogan, Motu and Dobu. Aged about 28.

VALEAVA HUWAPANA of LAULAU

Married with one child, has Standard 2 education from local mission school. Aged about 30 with previous jobs including labouring in Samarai and Port Moresby. Speaks and writes Motu and Bwaidogan.


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J. Balderson (Presiding Officer)

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Salubolu Patrol Report No. 2-67/68

Report On Members Of R.F.N.G.'s Accompanying Patrol.

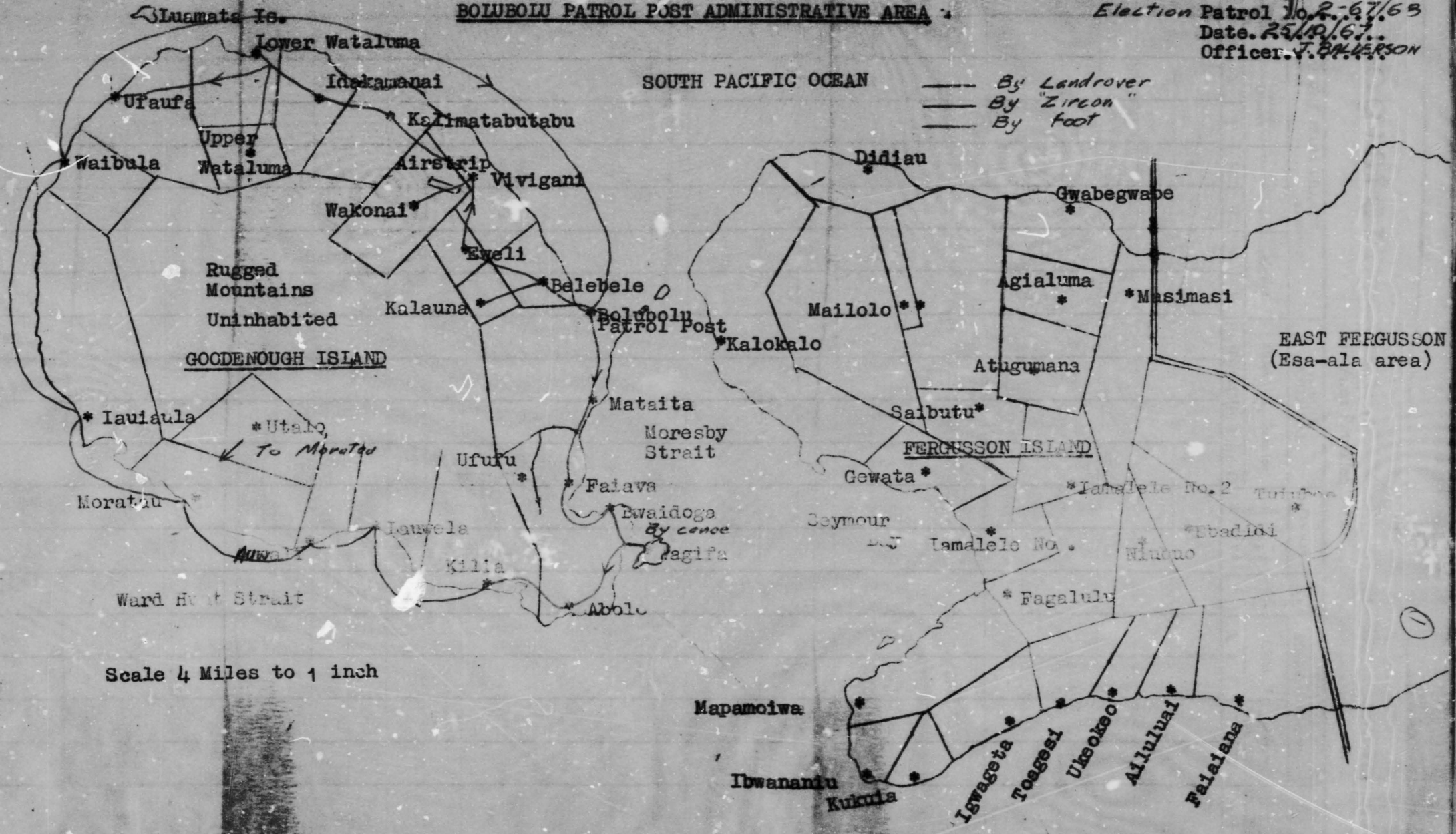
Constable 5th year Philip, 10760, due to his above average scholastic ability, proved a valuable asset to the patrolling officer. His assistance when required was both immediate and helpful.

Constable 12th year Namoi, 8903, ^{performed} proved his duties in a competent and reliable manner.


J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

BOLUBOLU PATROL POST ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Election Patrol No. 2-67/68
Date. 25/10/67.
Officer. J. BALPERSON





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 4 - 67/68

Patrol Conducted by J. BALDERSON (GADET PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled GOODENOUGH ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

1 Interpreter
Natives 1 Member N.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 17/1/1968 to 24/1/1968 and 20/3/68 to 4/4/68

Number of Days 25

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1967

Medical 19

Map Reference GOODENOUGH ISLAND MILINCH

Objects of Patrol To Conduct 1967 Census Of The Division And Disseminate House Of Assembly Pre-Election Propaganda.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-4-30

Department of District
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

October 7th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

PATROL NO. BOLUBOIN NO. 1 OF 1967/68

Your reference 67-1-4 dated 10th September, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

* ~~Annual~~/Annual/Census - ~~Summary/Statement~~ Report by
.. MR. J. HALDERSON .. C.P.O. to
.. Goodenough Island Census Divisions.

cc.

(W.R. DISON)
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A/ Director

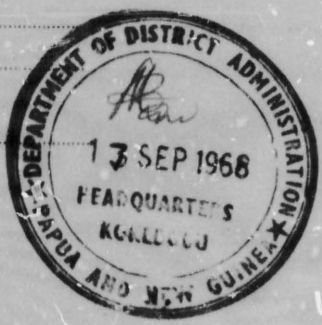
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr..... ERJ/emj



Department of District Administration.

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU

10th September, 1968

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

PATROL REPORT, BOLU BOLU NO. 4/67-68

Attached please find copy of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. J. Balderson, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with covering comments by both the Officer-in-Charge, Bolu Bolu and the Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala.

- 2. As Mr. Balderson is currently posted to these Headquarters; aspects of the report have been discussed with him.
- 3. For your information and records, please.

M. J. Denehy
(M. J. Denehy)
A/District Commissioner.

DISTROFF

67-3-1

E SA'ALA,
Milne Bay District.

29th June, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT - BOLU BOLU NO. 4/67-68

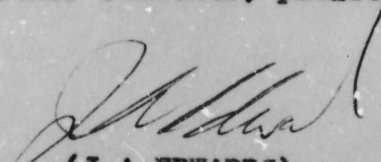
OFFICER CONDUCTING - J. BALDERSON, G.P.O.

The above report covering a full census patrol of the Goodenough Island Census Division (Goodenough Island Local Government Council Area) is submitted together with Camping Allowance Claim and covering comments from A.D.O. BOLU BOLU.

2. For a twenty five days patrol the report is a little brief and I feel that Mr. Balderson may have omitted comments on a number of matters for the sake of expediency.
3. Several errors have been detected in the recording and spelling of village names on the Population Register sheet. The village of DIONIO as recorded in the Village Directory 1968 has been omitted and the unrecorded village of MORATAU has been recorded. Village names have been recorded out of proper order. A comparison of 1968 and 1964 census statistics reveals the following:

	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Natural Increase
1964	5.72	1.64	4.08
1968	7.6	2.6	5.00

4. The current Natural Increase of 5 per 100 is the same as that recorded for the partially completed West Fergusson census. If this rate is maintained in conjunction with increased health facilities the population should double in less than twenty years.
5. Assistant District Officer, BOLU BOLU, will be asked to further investigate the reported spearing of a woman from MATAITA.
6. For your information and further comments, please.


(J.A. EDWARDS)
Assistant District Commissioner

67-4-1

Patrol Post,
Belu Belu.
20th May 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Esa'ala.

Patrol Report No. 4/67-68 - Goodenough Island

J. Balderson C. F. O.

1. Attached please find three copies of the (above mentioned report and relevant camping allowance claim.
2. Some observations are as follows:
(1) The report covers a split period. The reason for the split period is explained in the introduction.

(2) No diary is submitted. The use of Field Officers Journal as a diary should only be done for memorandum of patrol (paragraph 7 page 17 standing instructions).

(3) There are no paragraph or page numbers for easy reference purposes.

3. Point 3 under the Census heading is a good idea and the split will be instituted as of the next census.

Airfields

4. A D.C.A. party and Mr. ^{Belt} ~~Smith~~ inspected the air-strip in company with myself on 7th May. The work to date was examined and a further 7 full days work (estimate) on the northern splay area was pegged. This work is still underway at present.

5. More trees have yet to be cut on both approaches. Spraying of weeds along the edges of the Lituman is still underway as directed by P.W.D. and D.C.A.

Roads and Bridges.

6. The present situation is detailed in my 10-4-2 of 8th May 1968.

7. The Vivigani/Yalimatautabu division road is now completed.

Court and Complaints.

Wounding Case Falava.

8. The woman who was wounded has now completely recovered from the wound. Mr. Harrison's investigation could throw no further light on the subject. The woman probably is aware of who threw the spear and why it was thrown but she claims a complete lack of knowledge. The case is at a stand still and is not likely to be solved.

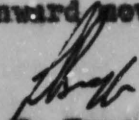
9. Mr. Balderson completed the patrol shortly before
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^{Conscientious} proceeding on leave. He has been sufficiently conscientious to produce this report during his leave and return it to Belu Belu within a reasonable time period of the patrols completion. The information contained is therefore still relevant.

10 For your information and onward movement, please.


L. H. Braggs,
Officer In Charge.


c.c. Mr. Balderson.

(8)

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 - 67/68.

PREAMBLE

STATION	BOLUBOLU
SUB-DISTRICT	ESA-ALA
DISTRICT	MILNE BAY
PATROL NUMBER	4-67/68
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	MR. J. BALDERSON (C.P.O.)
AREA PATROLLED	GOODENOUGH IS.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL	1 INTERPRETER, 1 MEMBER R.P.N.G.C.
DURATION OF PATROL	25 days- 17/1/68 to 24/1/68 and 20/3/68 to 4/4/68.
LAST PATROL TO AREA	AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1967
OBJECTS OF PATROL	TO CONDUCT 1967 CENSUS OF THE AREA AND DISSEMINATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PRE- ELECTION PROPAGANDA.
MAP REFERENCE	GOODENOUGH ISLAND SERIES.


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J. BALDERSON (C.P.O.)

PATROL DIARY

As recorded in F.O.J. Folio No. 25 Para 186 to Folio 26 Para 193 and Folio 31 Para 248 to Folio 34 Para 262.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was comprised of two periods- the first of nine days duration from January the seventeenth until January the twenty-fourth, during which time the patrol's objects were routine census conduction, together with the delivery of House Of Assembly Election talks, while the second period, totalling sixteen days effective from the twentieth of March to the fourth of April, was conducted specifically for census taking in order that the Division be fully censused before the patrolling officer's imminent leave.

Once again Sub-District staff shortages frustrated the officer's attempts to keep on schedule with his itinerary as an immediate temporary transfer to Esa-ala on January the twenty-fifth instigated an immediate cease in the patrol and a permanent cease on House Of Assembly Election discussions.

Included in this report are completed census figures on the Village Population Register.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

(2) These people had, at the time, participated in one House Of Assembly and three Local Government Council Elections, and the majority of my talks were greeted with enthusiasm, knowledgeable nods, but few questions. It is regretted that I was not included in the Goodenough Island Polling Team in order to compare the voting efficiency of the villagers who received my pre-election talks as against those who had not.

Comparison of the House Of Assembly with their own Council, as well as comparing the voting procedure for both, proved advantageous in connection with understanding as the recent Goodenough Island Local Government Council Elections were still fresh in their minds. All told approximately 45 minutes were spent disseminating election propaganda in ^{AREA OF} the relevant villages.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Although the culture of the island appears to be fairly uniform there is some difference in the customs, a basic one can be seen comparing the hill dwellers and the coastal people. The latter place extreme importance on canoe building and fishing as an economic

activity whereas the former naturally do not. Even this distinction however does not hold throughout the island for in many areas of coastal settlement there is little or no reef suitable for fishing, thus inhibiting the development of the customs associated with canoe-building, e.g. the food exchange which follows the completion of a new canoe. Furthermore hill groups are not generally found on the Western side of the island, nor is canoe building so important among the coastal villages owing to the unsheltered waters and the noticeable absence of rich fishing reefs. Goodenough Islanders build few sea-going canoes and rarely participate in inter-island bartering.

CENSUS

The census was completed without incident and a new grand total of 10375 was recorded.

The elapse of time (in some villages 25 months) since the previous routine census, with a consequent accumulation of births, deaths, marriages, and migrations to be recorded, coupled with the absence of a second officer primarily for assisting in compilation of census statistics, probably caused some delay in the patrol's completion, but, I am sure, had no bearing on its final accuracy.

A few interesting points emerge from these latest census figures:-

(1) Nearly one-third of the island's total population reside or census in the extreme south-east corner of the island. The four villages of Bwaidoga, Wagifa, Ufufu, and Faiava make up this the most densely populated region of the island.

(2) The near absence in the Village Population Register of absent students from Bwaidoga is accounted for by the fact that census was taken on a Saturday when practically all students from the local Government (Faiava) and Mission (Wailagi) schools were present at the Barracks. 301 students were absent at Mission schools within the District and the patrol was informed by a reliable source that approximately 180 of these attend Sideia Catholic Mission School which is represented by more Goodenough Island students per head of population than any other area.

(3) By far the biggest village, population wise, is that of Bwaidoga (37), being comprised of six hamlets- Banada (approx. 350), Folufolu'ia, Auligana, Waiekawala, Nikoko, and Kobube. The census of this group occupied around nine hours, as, together with its size, much difficulty was encountered tracing Mission personnel movements in and out of the area, and in fact, all over the District. It is suggested that Bwaidoga be split into two units, the first embracing the last four hamlets above, and the second, which would be called Banada, embracing that hamlet and also Folufolu'ia, all told about 500 people. A suitable site for a rest house is available at Banada hamlet situated on the foreshore, and through which the main vehicular road passes.

Kalimatabutabu and Ufufu both had one name not previously recorded, Moratau had three, and Kilia had one name recorded twice.

AIRFIELDS

Vivigani airstrip, the only air inlet to the D'entrescesteaux Islands, has probably received more attention in these past few months than it has in the last decade, and was the focal point for a thorough inspection by the patrol when stationed at the adjacent barracks of Vivigani, Wokanai, and Kalimatabutabu.

With the Government land rover at his disposal, a four day supervision was undertaken by the patrolling officer which allowed a close watch on the work parties and HD6 Bulldozer which were bringing the airstrip up to Department of Civil Aviation specifications for DC3 aircraft. The main operations in progress, (completed now and two-thirds accomplished at the time), were the widening of the fly-over areas to fifty feet at a gradient of not more than one in ten, and similarly the lengthening of the undershoot areas- although they required negligible work- to 5000 feet at a gradient of no more than one in forty.

The former operation entailed the tremendous task of moving hundreds of tons of rock and earth, while constant abney-level readings had to be taken to ensure that the machine was not working unnecessarily. Minor jobs required of the labour party such as painting and positioning markers, cutting grass, clearing rubbish and debris, chipping weeds off the biteman, and aiding the bulldozer, were all supervised, and advice given or corrections made on numerous occasions to concur with instructions given to the patrolling officer by Public Works Department officials during a previous visit.

A thorough inspection of the bitumen surface revealed that some difficulty was being experienced as algae growing through the surface was resisting attempts to have it removed, and finally when dislodged was breaking up the surrounding surface, however as much as safely possible was removed, and the larger and older algae remaining with strong spreading roots was left intact in readiness for the toxic weed killer held at Bolubolu pending arrival of wetting agent and dye from Port Moresby.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Little work has been carried out re road construction but the maintenance has been tremendous. At the time this was because the extremities of the roads were inaccessible because of lack of maintenance funds for existing vehicular roads, and thus no inspections could be carried out or advice rendered. Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 1-67/68 covers all recent minor new works (engineering) with the exception of that contained in the succeeding paragraph.

A two and a half mile stretch of trafficable highway has been constructed through virgin forest approximately a half mile to the west of the present Vivigani-Kalimatabutabu road. Similar devastating flash-floods as those which occurred during our last wet season are foreseeable during the next wet, and thus this necessitated the construction of an alternate route commencing at the northern end of Vivigani Airstrip and terminating one mile past Kalimatabutabu Rest House, where it merges with the original road. About one mile has been deducted from travelling distance now as well as there being a foreseeably safe and lasting crossing over two of the most troublesome creeks, due to (1) great width at these strategic crossings and therefor shallowness, (2) sound base, (3) gently sloping banks. It would be fairly safe in stating that these particular crossings will be able to handle any amount of water which might come hurtling down after torrential rain, without them becoming unserviceable as a vehicular crossing.

The people of Kalimatabutabu village are responsible for this quickly constructed carriageway with next to none outside supervision by the Government.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS

The patrol was approached on various occasions by people with minor complaints but all were settled with little difficulty.

One man from Kilia possessing a knuckle duster was taken to the Bolubolu Magistrate who sentenced him to one month imprisonment. Two adultery courts were also referred to the Patrol Officer but the outcome was not available as the unavailability of a witness (in Wailagi Mission Hospital) had delayed the trial commencement up until the patrolling officer's departure for leave.

An intense investigation was conducted at the villages of Mataita, Faiava, and Bwaldoga concerning the spearing of a female on Faiava beach just prior to the patrol's arrival. No one was charged over the incident although Patrol Officer Harrison was continuing with investigations centered around Mataita.

The facts of the case are:-

ON the night of the eleventh of March about 11a.m., a female native of Mataita village, together with her husband, were fishing from their canoe close to the beach between Mataita and Faiava. A man carrying a spear was seen walking towards them from the direction of Faiava, and when level with the victim's canoe, stopped, took a few quick paces towards it, and hurled the spear hitting the woman in the upper leg. He then disappeared in the direction of Sabuda hamlet in Mataita village to which his supposed tracks led. The husband was joined by two other fishermen, one of whose footprints

practically matched those of the fleeing man and by following the assailant's prints the pursuers thus deducted the statement contained in the previous sentence. (3)

A clear description of the attacker could not be obtained, however, upon investigations it was discovered that the weapon used had, up until the previous fortnight, belonged to a Faiava storeman before it was stolen. Eleven suspects from Sabuda hamlet were questioned but all supplied alibis, nevertheless the footprints of one of these men, whose description roughly fitted the one given to the investigating officer, matched those of the fleeing man, but he too had a solid alibi. Investigations were handed over to Mr. Harrison on the patrol's return to the station.

CONCLUSION

The majority of the Island's people were seen on this patrol- including the minute splattering of NewGuineans and fifteen albinos amongst their ranks- but as a group could be described as interesting although not exciting, however the beauty of this island stems from its natural attractions- towering mountains, coral reef, and golden beaches, to name but a few.



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J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

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BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 4-67/68.

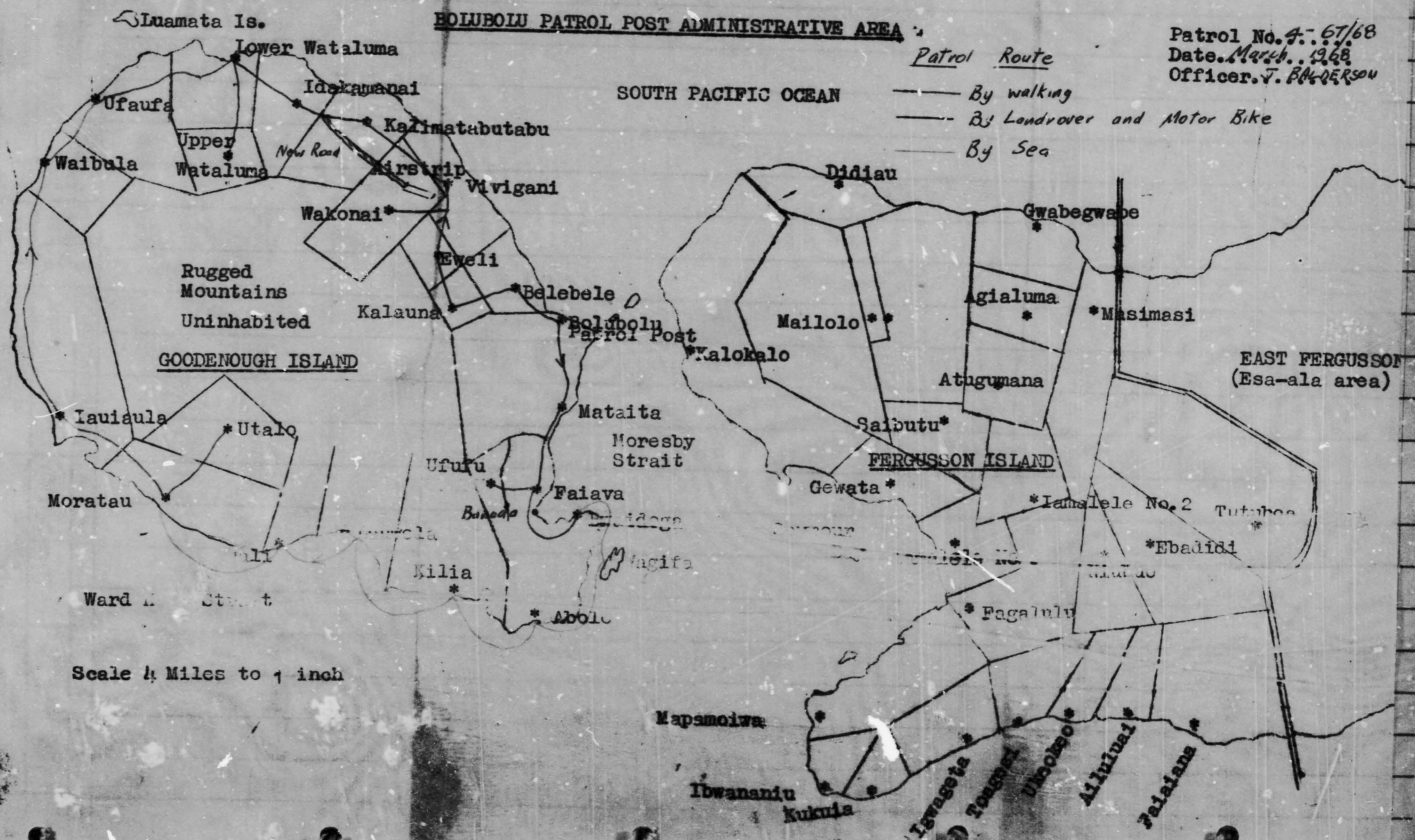
Report On Member R.P.N.G.C. Accompanying Patrol.

Constable 1st Class Jarada, a recent transferee to the Bolubolu detachment, proved a loyal and reliable policeman, and his initiative and crowd supervision had a big hand in the patrol's smoothness and earlier-than-expected completion.


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J. Balderson (C.P.O.)

HOLUBOLU PATROL POST ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Patrol No. 4-67/68
Date. March. 1968
Officer. J. BALDERSON



SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

Patrol Route

- By walking
- - - By Landrover and Motor Bike
- ~ ~ ~ By Sea

GOODENOUGH ISLAND

FERGUSSON ISLAND

EAST FERGUSSON
(Esa-ala area)

Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MILNE.....BAY..... Report No.....5.....1967/68.....

Patrol Conducted by.....Raymond F. Moore (Cadet Patrol Officer).....

Area Patrolled.....Part West & Inland Fergusson Island (MAPAMOIWA area).....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NO.....

Natives.....1 patrol interpreter.....

Duration—From.....19/3/1968.....to.....3/4/1968.....

Number of Days.....16.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....NO (P.H.D. stationed in the area).....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....24/1/1968.....

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

Map Reference.....West Fergusson Milinch.....

Objects of Patrol.....To attend General Meeting of West Fergusson L.G.C. in
capacity of Council Advisers and road development in the area.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-4-29

Ref: 67-4-29

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

August 6th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

PATROL NO. BOLUBOLU 5-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* ~~STATION~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by R. MOORE C.F.O.
to MR. W. AND ERLAND JACOBSON Census Divisions.

The matter of pack saddles for the donkeys should
be pursued with Department of Agriculture if they have not
yet been received. In the long run, it may prove more
appropriate for the Rural Progress Societies to take over
these animals from the Council.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

Mr. R. Moore,
Belu Belu Patrol Post,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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 Mr.



Department of District Administration.

District Headquarters,
 Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

4th July, 1968.

The Director,
 Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. BOLUBOLU 5/67-68

Attached Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R. Moore, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with covering comments from both the Officer-in-charge Bolu Bolu and Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala refers.

2. My comments are:-

(a) Donkeys:

During 1967 at the request of the then member for the Milne Bay Open electorate, the Assistant Administrator (Economic Affairs) approved the movement of six donkeys from Erap to the Milne Bay District - the eventual location of these donkeys to be determined between relevant Local Government Councils and the District Agricultural Officer. Men from the Weraura and West Fergusson Local Government Councils were also trained in husbandry methods.

Three sets of pack saddles for use by the donkeys were forwarded to Esa'ala late last year however they cannot be located. The Department of Agriculture is currently looking into this and is investigating the possibility of acquiring further saddles from one of their establishments in the Gulf District.

(b) Rural Progress Society:

Details of the proposed Rural Progress Society have been forwarded to the District Agricultural Officer for investigation and advice at his level. In this connection establishment of Rural Progress Societies have to carry the prior approval of Department of Agriculture Headquarters and the Registrar of Co-operatives.

(c) Roads and Bridges:

"Regimentation and excessive supervision" is not compatible with the idea of self help community effort. In fact such an atmosphere effectively destroys what local initiative is available and is against the concepts of modern Administration.

(d) General:

The Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala has been asked to advise why this report was delayed.

3. For your information, please.

E. R. Denehy a/dcc.
 for (M.J. Denehy)
A/District Commissioner.

67-4-29 (9)

DISTROFF
67-3-1

ESA'ALA,
Milne Bay District.

28th June, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SALARA.

PATROL REPORT BOLU BOLU NO. 5/67-68

OFFICER CONDUCTING - R.F. MOORE, C.P.O.

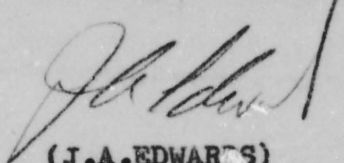
The above report of a sixteen day visit to the MAPAMOIWA area of the West and Inland Fergusson Census Division is submitted together with Camping Allowance Claim and ~~expenses~~ covering comments from A.D.O. BOLU BOLU.

2. The report calls for little additional comment from myself. The existing situation is depicted quite well and correspondence concerning the posting of an Officer full time to this area has been submitted under cover of my 1-1-9 of 28th June, 1968.

3. The promotion and supervision of road work in this Sub-district as a whole is an exasperating affair as the people do not take willingly to regimentation and excessive supervision which is quite necessary if maximum results are to be achieved from the pittances so far made available for development in this area.

4. The idea of a Rural Progress Society for IMALELE No. 1 is supported by this office and will no doubt be further investigated upon Mr. Harrison taking up full time residence at IMALELE No. 1, the site recommended for a minor base camp.

5. For your further comment and onwarding, please.



(J.A. EDWARDS)
Assistant District Commissioner

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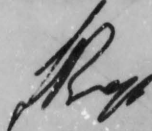
Patrol Post,
Bolu Bolu.
29th May 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Kea'ala.

Patrol Report No. 5 - 1967/68

West Fergusson Mr. R. F. Moore, C.P.O.

1. Three copies of the above mentioned report and relevant camping allowance claims are attached.
2. Some comments are as follows:-
 - (1) The minutes mentioned in para (1) have not yet reached this office.
 - (2) No map is submitted as for this patrol a map was not considered necessary. The patrol was at Mapamoiwa for the full period concerned.
3. The report is brief but neat and well set out.
4. For your comment and onward movement please.


L. W. Bragge,
Officer In Charge.

67. 4. 29. ①

PREAMBLE

Patrol Number	: Patrol Post BOLU BOLU
Patrol Conducted by	: Esa'ala Sub District
Area Patrolled	: Milne Bay District
	: Bolu Bolu No.5/1967-68
	: R.F.McCore Cadet Patrol Officer
	: Part West & Inland Fergusson Island (MAPAMOIWA area)

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol	: 1 patrol interpreter
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Duration of the Patrol	: 19/3/68 to 3/4/68
	: 16 days

Last Patrol to the Area	
D.D.A.	: January 1968
P.H.D.	: Stationed in the area
D.A.S.F.	: October 1967
P.I.R.	: None

Objects of the Patrol	: As stated in patrol instructions as attached
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Map Reference	: MILINCH West Fergusson
	: FOURMIL Fergusson Island



INTRODUCTION

1. One of the objects of this standing patrol was to attend a General Meeting of the West Fergusson Local Government Council, and to ensure that the books of the Council were up to date.
2. Another object was to establish a vehicular road as far as possible towards FAGALULU, \$200 being allocated for this purpose. This road was to be completed in the shortest possible time as the end of the financial year was approaching.
3. It was decided that the most expeditious way of obtaining this end would be to offer a contract to both MAPAMOIWA and FAGALULU of \$100 each to build the road from each end. However the outcome of this idea will be discussed in the body of the report under Roads and Bridges.
4. Since the patrol was of a standing nature, no patrol advance was taken from the station and no members of the R.P.N.G.C. accompanied the patrol as it was based on a P.H.D. station.

R. Moore

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Patrol Diary No.5 - 1967/68 BOLUBOLU

Tuesday 19th March : Departed BOLUBOLU per M.V.ZIRCON at 0900 hours and arrived at MAPAMOIWA at 1120 hours. President had not arrived at MAPAMOIWA, so spent the afternoon in discussion with the Council Clerk, Thomas Kanailom, and had a cursory glance at the records of the Council.

Wednesday 20th March: In the morning, the Executive Committee and Finance Committee held their respective meetings, and at 1130 hours M.V.SEAMIST arrived at the wharf with Mr.J.Kelly, DMALS, and Mr.J.Wright, AMALS on board. In the afternoon, the General Meeting of the Council was held, attended by Malaria Service and P.H.D. representatives.

Thursday 21st March: The day was spent working on the books of the Council, and instructing the Council Clerk in the correct procedures to follow. In the afternoon, word was sent for labourers to come to MAPAMOIWA if they wanted work, with special emphasis put on the fact that Tax defaulters should come to earn some money.

Friday 22nd March : The day was spent in dealing with the backlog of bookwork at the Council, and sending orders, and writing for quotes etc.

Saturday 23rd March :Morning spent in discussion with Councillors regarding agricultural and economic development in their wards.

Sunday 24th March : Morning attended radio to BOLUBOLU
Monday 25th March: and two(2) labourers arrived to start work. Hired the two men and began to assess a suitable route from the P.H.D. station to the Council Chambers. Concluded day at Chambers assisting Clerk with his paper work.

Tuesday 26th March : Started construction of the road to FAGALULU with 20 labourers, supervising ditch drain digging and construction of fords, and generally levelling the road.

Wednesday 27th March: Road supervision continues, with a visit from Mr.P.W.Harrison, Patrol Officer, O.I.C. BOLUBOLU.

Thursday 28th March: To BOLUBOLU with Mr.J.Wright(Malaria Service) by speedboat to do some office work. Departed BOLUBOLU at 1400hours and arrived MAPAMOIWA at 1600 hours. Very rough seas on the trip.

Friday 29th March : Started work on the 2nd Revised Estimates for the Council, and supervised roadwork in the afternoon.

Saturday 30th March: Road supervision and work at the Council Chambers on the Estimates.

Sunday 31st March : Observed

Monday 1st April : Administrative work at the Council and road supervision.

Tuesday 2nd April : The whole day was spent on the supervision of roadwork and tallying of labour records.

Wednesday 3rd April: Morning supervising cleaning up along the road and after in calculation of wages roster and preparation of the contingency. Departed for BOLUBOLU per M.V. ZILON at 1600 hours arriving at 1800 hours. Patrol completed.

End of Patrol Diary

R. F. Moore
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R. F. Moore (Cadet Patrol Office)

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

I. WEST FERGUSSON LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

1. The General Meeting of the abovementioned Council was held on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th March and was attended by 18 out of the 23 councillors. For full details of items brought before the meeting please refer copy of the Minutes.

2. However, three items were raised which are worthy of mention. Firstly, the Council was approached to allocate \$200 to the rebuilding of the R.P.S. wharf at AILULUAL, a further \$200 being put forward by the Rural Progressive Society. After some discussion it was agreed by the Councillors that both bodies should work together in the development of the area. It was decided that a more substantial wharf would be needed to withstand the heavy seas encountered along the Morima coast.

3. The second point brought forward was one of the old "bugbears" that crops up at every meeting. That is in regard to the Council donkeys. During the last year these animals have done nothing but destroy gardens nearby, and make a general nuisance of themselves. And it is costing the Council \$288 per annum to employ men to care for them. In late 1967 one of the beasts died, and in the writer's opinion it died of boredom. There are still 5 donkeys remaining but there seems to be some confusion as to who will supply the pack saddles for them. The Council decided to remove the donkeys to IAMALELE and construct a yard for them there, so that when the saddles arrive the animals will be in the area in which they are to be used.

4. Lastly, one of the councillors brought up the idea that a Rural Progressive Society be set up in the IAMALELE area, as this area is far from any available shipping point (6 hours walk from MAPAMOIWA). A suitable site is available for wharf construction and the councillors were in favour that the project be sponsored by the Council. An amount was allocated for inclusion in the Draft Estimates for 1968/69, in which period the feasibility of a R.P.S. would be investigated.

5. On this patrol a good deal of the Adviser's time was taken up showing the Council Clerk how to write up his books of account for it seems he has little knowledge in this field. If any type of re-training programme is envisaged for Clerks, this man should attend.

II. ROADS AND BRIDGES

6. Originally it was intended that two \$100 contracts be issued to FAGALULU and MAPAMOIWA respectively, and this information was communicated to the councillors from these wards with the stipulation that the work must start immediately in order to be completed before the end of the financial year. This idea was not met with enthusiasm so it was decided to start the job under supervision with labourers.

7. By the end of the patrol a road had been constructed from MAPAMOIWA P.H.D. station to the Council Chambers at PATANITANI and from there towards FAGALULU for a distance of approximately two miles. Further reconnaissance of the future road was not possible because the patrolling officer had to continually supervise the road gangs to ensure that they were working. This was made difficult because the gangs were spaced out over two miles at different tasks, some constructing fords, others digging drains etc.

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8. It was an all too common occurrence for the writer to crest a hill to find 80% of a work gang, supposedly digging drains, sitting down smoking and talking, only to burst into action on his arrival. Constant patrolling up and down the work line eased this problem but was extremely time consuming. Even so, it took one hard working fellow 4 hours to remove a stump 12 inches in diameter, and this using an axe and a crowbar.

9. Roadworking tools including 24 shovels, 10 picks, 5 mattocks, 3 axes and 4 crowbars were made available by the West Fergusson Council and it was indeed disheartening to note that all three axes had broken handles after three days work.

10. Overall, the patrol was not completely satisfactory, with the people showing little enthusiasm for the roads. I feel that this is due in part to the fact that many attempts have been made to build roads but as soon as the D.D.A. officer leaves the people lose their enthusiasm. Possibly a remedy would be to have an officer stationed on West Fergusson Island to give advice and help when necessary and to stimulate self help among the local people.

- The objects of the patrol will be as follows:-
1. To attend the General Meeting of the West Fergusson Local Government Council on the 20th March at the Council Chambers in your capacity of adviser.
 2. You will ensure that the books of the Council are up to date, and assist the Council Clerk where necessary.
 3. Construct a vehicular station to the Council Chambers at Batai, and a road towards Paganaku as far as possible. An allocation has been made for road development in this area.

R.F. Moore

R.F. Moore
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

Wishing you an enjoyable

W. Hamilton

P. M. Hamilton
Officer in Charge



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post,
Bolu Bolu,
Milne Bay District.
10th March 1968.

Mr. R. Moore,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
Bolu Bolu.

Patrol No. 5 - 1967/68.

You will be prepared to depart for Mapamoiwa per M.V. Zircon on 19th March 1968 to conduct a standing patrol at Mapamoiwa.

The objects of the patrol will be as follows:-

1. To attend the General Meeting of the West Fergusson Local Government Council on the 20th March at the Council Chambers in your capacity of adviser.
2. You will ensure that the books of the Council are up to date, and assist the Council Clerk where necessary.
3. Construct a vehicular road from Mapamoiwa station to the Council Chambers at Patanitani and thence towards Fagalulu as far as possible. An allocation of \$200 has been made for road development in this area.

Wishing you an enjoyable patrol.

P. W. Harrison

P. W. Harrison.

Officer In Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... MILNE BAY Report No. 9 BOLUBOLU 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by..... R. F. MOORE CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled..... Part WEST AND INLAND FERGUSON ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NO

Natives..... Patrol Interpreter, 2 members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 4.../6.../1968 to 14.../6...1968

Number of Days..... 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 7 /1967

Medical /...../1967 (stationed in area. MAPAMCIWA)

Map Reference..... West Fergusson Milnech

Objects of Patrol..... As stated in attached patrol instructions.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

From

Date

Folio 13 extracted &
placed on 12-2-4. It is purely
a census matter.

(By Project)

67-4-3/

30th December, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
ALCIBAU.

PATROL NO. BOLI BOLI 9 OF 1967/68

Your reference is 67-1-4.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Census Report by Mr. R.F. Moore, C.P.O., to West and Inland Fergusson Census Divisions.

Any changes in census units should be the subject of separate correspondence under the relevant file reference. My 14-1-0 to all District Commissioners requested a corrected list be made up from an alphabetical list of Census Divisions which you have supplied. However, further amendments should be notified as stated above.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

c.c. Mr. R.J. Moore C.P.O.,
Patrol Post,
BOLI BOLI
Esa'ala Sub-district,
Milne Bay District.

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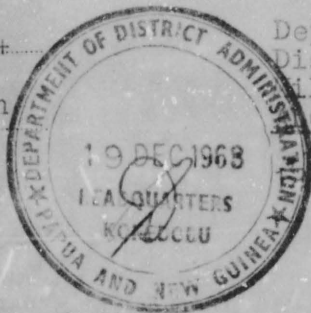
Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-4

If calling ask for ERJ/bh

Mr.



Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
ALOTAU.

19th December, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
K O N E D O B U.

PATROL REPORT NO. BOLU BOLU 9/67-68

Attached please find two copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R. Moore, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering his patrol to portion of the West Ferguson Local Government Council area.

2. The extreme delay in forwarding this report is regretted however the patrol report was completed on 12th July, 1968, though the Assistant District Officer, Bolu Bolu could not enforward it to Esa'ala until 25th September 1968 due to his absence on patrol. The Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala was similarly absent on patrol and the report was received at this office on 19th November 1968- whilst my Deputy District Commissicner was absent on station inspections.

3. The comments relative to crocodiles will be discussed with Department of Agriculture, Stock, and Fisheries staff at Alotau.

4. Forwarded for your information and records, please.

M. J. Denehy

(M.J. Denehy)

A/District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-3-1

Department of District Administration,
ESA'ALA,
Milne Bay District.

31st October, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
A L O T A U.

PATROL REPORT NO. BOIU BOLA 9/67-68

OFFICER CONDUCTING - R. MOORE, C.P.O.

The above report is submitted herewith together with Camping Allowance claims.

2. The report is brief and is to be superseded by a report of a patrol recently done of the same region by Patrol Officer P.W. Harrison.

3. The census unit of EBADIDI appears as such in a 1964 report. Could action be initiated, please, to have this name recorded in the 1968 Village Directory.

4. Delayed submission has been occasioned by both absences on patrol and communication breakdowns (vessels unserviceable).

5. The pilfering of potatoes on the Administration vessel N.V. BAGANA was long suspected and resulted from inadequate supervision and poor co-ordination of purchasing activities. The matter was rectified with the issue of a quarterly schedule of boat movements. The District Court at ESA'ALA is currently in receipt of a charge of theft laid against the skipper of the BAGANA by an Administration Officer.

6. The possibility of establishing a small scale crocodile skin industry at Lak LAVU has been referred to in previous correspondence. Transport, purchasing and disposal difficulties immediately come to mind not to mention the fact that the limited number of reptiles likely to be available hardly makes the effort worthwhile. If the people's endeavour in other fields is passed on to crocodile skinning then the whole project is better left as a matter of discussion.

7. For your information, please.

J.A. Edwards

(J.A. EDWARDS)
Assistant District Commissioner

*Recommended
M. J. Rowley
D.C.
2/11/68*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Patrol Post,
Bolu Bolu.

3rd June 1968

Mr. R. F. Moore C.P.O.,
Bolu Bolu,
Patrol Post.

Dear Mr. Moore,

Please be prepared to lead a patrol to the West Fergusson Division tomorrow, as previously discussed.

The objects of the patrol are as follows:-

1. Complete revision of Census in the villages not covered by patrol No. 3/67-68, i.e.:-

Agialumana
Iamalele No.2
Niubo
Ebadidi
Tutubea
Masimasi
Faiaiana

2. Interview tax defaulters at Atagamana and Agialuma. A Constable will be provided to accompany these men to Mapamoiwa where they will be met by Local Court Magistrate and tried on 6th and 7th June.

3. Visit the clay deposits where the Amphlett Islanders traditionally collected clay for pot making. Investigate the extent of the area involved in the Quarry area and describe it as accurately as possible with reference to area, boundaries and location in relation to fixed points. Attempt to talk some logic into the minds of the local people following roughly the ideas in my 7-2-1 of 29th April 1968.

4. You should explain that if a lands Titles Commission investigated this situation it would probably result in customary rights to these clay Deposits being granted to the Amphlett people, in which case no payment what so ever would be due to these West Fergusson people.

5. At Lake Lavu investigate the crocodile industry potential as follows:-

(1) Are Crocodiles still in numbers in and around the lake.

(2) Are the local people interested in crocodile hunting as a means of cash income.

(3) Do the local people know correct skinning and cleaning and salting procedures.

6. At the Sulphur lake near Iamalele No. 1 investigate the Sulphur lease as set out in file 35-2-2. See if any development has taken place on the lease.

7. At Tutubea inquire whether one Togiawet was the father and only next of Kin of Anailovoga of Tutubea.

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The latter died and this information is required so a Certificate of Dependency may be issued.

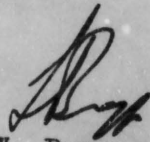
8. In the potato growing area publicise the fortnightly pick up of potatoes by the M.V. Bagana. See Esa'ala file 74-1-3 of 20th May 1968 on our file 74-4-1.

9. The M.V. Zercon will be available for your sea movement as discussed.

10. Select two members from the Bolu Bolu R.P.&N.G.C. detachment to accompany you.

11. Record your observations ^{CAREFULLY} completely throughout the patrol and report fully upon them when you return, your report will be expected to be completed within one week if your return.

12. I wish you a successful patrol.


L. W. Bragge.
Officer In Charge.

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Patrol Number : Bolu Bolu No.9 /1967/68
 Patrol Conducted By : R.F.Moore Cadet Patrol Officer
 Area Patrolled : Part West and Inland Fergusson
 Island Census Division

Personnel Accompanying : 1 Patrol Interpreter
 the Patrol : 2 members R.P.N.G.C.
 Duration of the Patrol : 4th June until 14th June 1968
 : 11 days

Last Patrol to the Area :
 D.D.A. : July 1967
 P.H.D. : Unknown (stationed in area)
 D.A.S.F. : October 1967
 P.I.R. : None

Objects of the Patrol : Conduct a Census of the
 Barracks not completed in
 BOLU BOLU Patrol No.3 1967/68
 : Other Administrative duties
 as outlined in the attached
 patrol instructions.

Map Reference : MILINCH West Fergusson
 : FOURMIL Fergusson Island

INTRODUCTION(a) Area Patrolled

1. The area covered by this patrol was, generally speaking, the inland and central plains region of West Fergusson Island, and the patrol crossed the island through the valley depression running roughly south to north, following the Bwinai river in the latter half of the patrol.

2. The first barracks visited were at about 4500 feet, and these people, from the villages of ATUGAMWANA AND AGIALUMA, seem the most under-developed economically by reason of the fact that outgoing produce is hard to transport in the steep mountains. All other barracks, with the exception of FAIAIANA on the Morima coast, were on the plains area, and these places appeared to have good prospects for future agricultural development if the local people are willing to work.

3. Following reports of recent successful expeditions by European crocodile shooters into the Lake Lavu area, the patrol was instructed to investigate the possibility of, and local interest in, the establishment of a crocodile skin industry on a small scale. It is fully appreciated that the financial return from this type of venture would be marginal in relation to the overall returns from other endeavours in the field of agriculture, but it is felt that it is better for the people to reap the benefits of any natural sources of income on a steady, controlled basis, than to have persons foreign to the area coming in every couple of years and taking out a few thousand dollars worth of skins in a week or so, the owners receiving only a token amount for the use of their land for the period.

4. Another object of the patrol was the publication of the monthly potato pick-up organised by D.A.S.F., applicable to the villages of SAIBUTU, ATUGAMWANA, and AGIALUMA. Typically, this new idea was greeted with a lack of enthusiasm, but it is to be hoped that the more go-ahead types will influence others when the jingle of silver coins is heard in these areas.

R. F. Moore

 (R. F. Moore)
 Cadet Patrol Officer

PATROL DIARY : BOLUBOLU No. 9 1967/68

- Tuesday 4th. June Departed BoluBolu per M.V.Zircon at 0830 hours, arriving at the beach near Iamalele 1 at 1015 hours. Arranged patrol gear to be taken to the barracks while I proceeded to the sulphur lake and then spoke to villagers living nearby. Slept night at rest house due to lack of carriers. Many of the men from this barracks were in gaol at BoluBolu for non-payment of Council tax.
- Wednesday 5th June Departed Iamalele No.1 at 0830 hours and arrived at ATUGAMWANA, via SAIBUTU, at 1400 hours. Held census in the afternoon of people at this barrack and sent word for AGIALUMA people to attend for census on the following morning. Slept night at ATUGAMWANA rest house.
- Thursday 6th June Morning, censused AGIALUMA group and then moved off to IMALELEN No.2 at 1300 hours, arriving at 1600 hours. Conducted census at IMALELE no.2 and evening spent compiling census figures and then slept at rest house.
- Friday 7th June Departed IMALELE at 0830 hours for NIUBO arriving at 1200 hours after looking over Lake Lavu. Held census and discussion with this group in the afternoon. Slept night at the rest house.
- Saturday 8th June Censused EBADIDI (HAGUMOIA) group at the NIUBO barracks, and then moved off to TUTUBEA at 1200 hours arriving 1400 hours to good reception. Heard minor disputes in the afternoon and referred one case to be heard by a magistrate at BoluBolu. Slept night at the rest house.
- Sunday 9th June Observed: Slept night at the rest house
- Monday 10th June Census of TUTUBEA group and slept at the rest house.
- Tuesday 11th June Departed TUTUBEA at 0800 hours for MASIMASI, arriving 1200 hours. Conducted census of this group and then departed at 1530 hours arriving at the beach at GWABEGWABE at 1720 hours to meet Zircon for return to BoluBolu, arriving there 2000 hours. Slept night at BoluBolu.
- Wednesday 12th June Departed BoluBolu per M.V.Zircon at 0800 hours to inspect clay pit areas and interview owners. No luck in locating owners, so sent word to assemble at PATAVI village late in the week to go to BoluBolu. Returned BoluBolu and slept night there.
- Thursday 13th June Departed BoluBolu per M.V.Zircon at 0930 hours with Miss B.Hadkinson, Welfare Officer on board. Proceeded to FAIAIANA via WAILAGI, MAPAMOIWA and AILULUAI. Rough seas and could not land at FAIAIANA so left word for census and returned to safe anchorage at MAPAMOIWA. Slept night at MAPAMOIWA rest house.
- Friday 14th June Returned FAIAIANA and conducted census, then returned to BoluBolu arriving at 1930 hours. Patrol stood down.

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 (R.F.Moore)
 Cadet Patrol Officer

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTSI. Reception of the Patrol

1. The patrol received a cool reception from barracks of ATUGAMWANA, IAMALELE no.1 and IAMALELE no.2. In the first case the attitude could possibly be explained by the fact that the people are wary of the Government due to the fact that they did not receive payment for english potatoes sold to Administration officers in late 1967. This situation arose because the potatoes are believed to have been pilfered in transit to ESA'ALA on the M.V.BAGANA, and the officers assumed that the people had not sent them. This situation will not arise again as D.A.S.F now buy the potatoes monthly on a cash basis from a vessel calling in at the beach on West Fergusson. This problem was discussed at ATUGAMWANA and all seem happy now.

2. The cool reception accorded the patrol at the other two villages is easily explained. Half the young male population of these villages is in gaol at BoluBolu for non-payment of Council Tax to the West Fergusson Local Government Council, thus increasing the work load of those left in the villages. There were no outward manifestations of antagonism towards the Administration, but the patrolling officer could sense a reservedness in their attitude when compared with other barracks visited on this patrol.

3. The patrol was met with a warm reception at all other barracks, especially at TUTUBEA, where the population lined the path shouting greetings to the patrol. This was due, in the writer's opinion to the fact that one of the councillors for this area is Andrew Kaipou, Vice President of the West Fergusson Local Government Council, a man who does his best for the people in his ward. With careful guidance this man could do a good deal towards the advancement of this inland area.

II. Outline of Political Situation

4. The first two barracks, ATUGAMWANA and AGIALUMA, seem the least interested in Council and Administration work, but many of the other villages have a keener interest and much more active councillors, resulting in better foot tracks and cleaner houses.

5. Mission activity was not observed in the mountain area in any form, and very few children from these areas attended any type of school. However around TUTUBEA there is a Catholic Mission school, (appx. 42 pupils), staffed by a local teacher, and also quite a large school run by the United Church (ex Methodist). This factor evidently contributes in some way towards the more receptive attitudes of the peoples of the central plains.

6. One of the objects of the patrol was to detain tax defaulters at ATUGAMWANA and AGIALUMA for the Local Court to be held at MAPAMOINU. However it was found that all had paid their tax the day after the patrolling officer had received the list of defaulters. It was thought in the best interests not to prosecute for non-payment by the prior day, as this would have confused this backward group. They were advised to pay their tax early in the year 1968/69 or be liable to face prosecution.

III. Agriculture

7. The monthly pick-up of english potatoes by D.A.S.F. was publicised at the barracks concerned, but when the writer asked for an estimate of how many pounds would be prepared for collection, the answer was 'none'. The reason given was that the new crop had just been planted and there would be no supply for a matter of months. However, when the patrol was leaving West Fergusson island on the 11th June, two men approached and informed the writer that they would have 12 to 14 bags waiting for the ship for sale. (These men were absent in their gardens when the aforementioned discussion took place). The writer has been informed that the men did keep their word and 12 bags were purchased. These two men do most of the growing and selling from this area and it is to be hoped that a more general enthusiasm is sponsored by their labours.

III. Agriculture (continued)

8. Agricultural development in the central plains area seems to have come to a standstill since the last patrol by D.A.S.F. Groves of coconut palms were observed in a very poor state, with no attempt at clearing having been made. Also coffee plantings were noted which had been neither pruned nor staked since being planted.

9. Coffee thrives in this area, and it seems a pity that no replacement crop has been instituted with the same soil and climatic requirements, but with a more stable future from the world market viewpoint.

10. These observations were made along the main walking tracks in all cases, in easily accessible country, so no comment can be made on plantings in the bush. Even so, one would imagine that those crops near the tracks would be inclined to be 'window dressed' to some extent. This was not the case.

11. Freshwater prawns and eels are common in the Bwinai river but it is believed that these items do not have a significant place in the diet of the peoples of the area.

IV. Commerce and Industry

12. Trade stores were few in the area visited by the patrol, (or at least those in an operating state), and only one L.T.T.W.N. was taken back to BoluBolu for renewal.

13. The potential of a crocodile skinning industry was examined by this patrol, and the idea seems agreeable to the owners of the land around Lake Lavu, who come from the village of NIUBUO. The patrol was informed that the European shooters (3 in number), who visited the lake early in the year, took 95 - 100 crocodiles, each averaging 5 - 6 feet, in four days of trapping and shooting. The lake was, at the time of the patrol, approximately 1000 yards by 500 yards and surrounded by swampy ground, but the patrol was assured that plenty of crocodiles are present even after the recent shooting.

14. As the writer has little knowledge of the methods of trapping crocodiles, it is suggested that someone, possibly through D.A.S.F., visit the area to examine the potential and best methods to be adopted. The owners of the land claim that they are conversant with skinning and salting procedures, but that they have no gun to shoot with.

15. The writer feels that the use of guns in this confined area would soon render the reptiles extremely wary and hard to catch, and feels that some system of trapping, in controlled numbers and size, would be of more benefit in the long run. However this opinion would need to be confirmed by a competent authority on the subject.

V. Land.

16. As instructed, the patrolling officer visited the sulphur lake and deposits near IMALELE No.1. There were signs of an old open cut in the side of one hill of sulphur, but the patrol was informed that this activity ceased in the early 1950's and natural manifestations, such as hot mud and steam issuing from the floor and sides of the cut, gave reason to believe that this was true. A considerable amount of sulphur appears to be present at surface level and the hot spring and steam seem to indicate that the deposit is also sub-terranean. No sulphur was stockpiled at the site, nor did boundaries appear to be marked.

17. As instructed, the patrol visited the clay pit area ~~xxx~~ traditionally used as a source of raw material for the Amphlett potters. Attempts to locate the owners of the clay pits were eventually successful, and they were interviewed at BoluBolu by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. L.W. Bragge, with a most satisfactory conclusion for all concerned.

V. Land (continued)

18. The pits seen were approximately 40 feet by 100 feet and appeared to have no marked boundaries, but were merely depressions in the ground at the base of a hillock. The area was 400 yards inland from the ~~high~~ high tide line and 500 yards west of the trade store at NAMANAMALETIA. (indicated on the attached patrol map)

VII. Courts and Complaints.

19. At only one barracks were any disputes and complaints referred to the patrol. This was at TUTUBEA, a notorious place for disputes being brought to the notice of patrols. Mainly they consisted of compensation claims for pigs killed by village dogs or speared mistakenly for wild bush pigs. All were settled amicably.

20. One court was referred to BoluBolu, a case of offensive language, but, as the Assistant District Officer and Patrol Officer both left for SAMARAI shortly after, the persons involved were returned home and the matter will be dealt with when a Patrol Officer visits the area in August 1968.

VII. Rest Houses.

21. All rest houses were in good condition, with new ones having been built at IMALELE No.2, NIUBUO and TUTUBEA.

VIII. Carriers

22. On this patrol, carriers were hard to obtain at IMALELE no.1, IMALELE No.2 and SAIBUTU, because many of the male population were in gaol at BoluBolu for non-payment of Council Tax. All carriers were able to return to their own villages within a day.

IX. Census

23. The figures on the attached Village Population Registers include those compiled on Patrol No.3 BOLUBOLU 1967/68. They indicate a good steady rate of growth and there would appear to be no significant variations worthy of comment. The new total population in this Census division is 65~~9~~⁴³ persons.

24. One point that does arise from this census is the fact that one of the villages is not listed in the current edition of the Village Directory. The village is known as EBADIDI, and it was formerly known as HAGUMOIA (as listed in the 1960 Directory as such). This village has been censused in this area for the last ten years and has been in existence for many more years.

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REPORT ON PATROL POLICE

- Constable 1/class KERI . This policeman is a steady, reliable worker,
No. 0395 but inclined to make a few mistakes in
carrying out orders which would be overcome
if he gave more thought to the task beforehand.
- Constable 1/class JARADA . Carried out his duties well, if not with a
No. 0715 great amount of enthusiasm.

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R. F. Moore
Cadet Patrol Officer

