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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1966-67

MISIMA

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3-66-67	William H. Bloxam	Galvados Chain Census Div.
5-66-67	William H. Bloxam	S.W. & N.E. Coast Sudest
7-66-67	M.A. Lynch & A.O.K. Turner	Misima Island

GUASOPA

1-66-67	H.W. Morris	Portion of Woodlark Island Census Div.
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IOSUTA

4-66-67	Kenneth A. Murphy	South Kiriwina Census Div.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MILNE BAY** Report No. **GUASOPA 1 of 66/67**

Patrol Conducted by **H.V. Norris, Patrol Officer**

Area Patrolled **Portion of Woodlark Island Census Division**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **nil**

Natives **nil**

Duration—From **12/11/1966** to **17/12/1966**

Number of Days **28 34**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **no**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **17/7/1966**

Medical **20/11/1966**

Map Reference **nil**

Objects of Patrol **Stage 1. General Administration; Stage 2. Investigation into various complaints at Laughlin Islands.**

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... **Discom**
Our Reference... **67-1-1**
If calling ask for **MJD/ek**
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.
13th June, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

PATROL REPORT - GUSOPA 1 of 1966/67.

Attached hereto please find a report of a Patrol submitted by Patrol Officer H.W. Morris of a portion of the Woodlark Census Division, together with Assistant District Commissioner Samarai's covering memorandum of 24th May, 1967.

2. The report is hardly adequate and much of its value is lost owing to late submission.
3. Extracts have been sent to the relevant Departments.
4. This patrol was completed on the 17th December, 1966, and reached my hands on 25th May. I am ascertaining the reason for delay from the Assistant District Commissioner, Samarai Sub-district.

J. Preston White
(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

Enclosure.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

DISTRICT

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HJM

Sub-District Office,
SAWARAJ.

24th May, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
SAWARAJ.

SUBJECT : PATROL REPORT No. WASOPA 1 of 1966/67

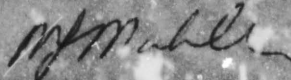
Please find attached three copies of subject report. Claims for camping allowance have already been submitted.

2. Loughry Island's situation is regularly covered by confidential memoranda and further mention is not proposed to be made on this file.

3. Now that the Kurua Local Government Council has been established in that area covered by the patrol, it is expected that finance will be made available over the following years for construction of wells in those islands.

4. Kula disputes normally occupy so much time of the normal village life and are so involved that it is expected that the new Kurua Council will soon seek legal advice as to whether Kula may be more properly regulated by Council rules.

5. The patrol appears to have been a success.



(M.L. Macfarlane)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Enclosures.

Gwasopa Base Camp,
Woodlark Island

General Sub-District,
Milne Bay District.

Patrol Report No. GVASOBA 1 of 66/67

Patrol conducted by : H.W.Morris, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled : Portion of Woodlark Census Division.

Personnel accompanying : nil

Duration of Patrol : 12.11.66 to 17.12.66 inclusive.
34 days

Last Patrols to area : D.D.A. 18th July 1966
D.A.S.F. Unknown
P.H.D. 20th November 1966

Objects of Patrol : (1) General Administration.
(2) Investigation into various complaints
at Laughlin Islands.

Map Reference : nil

Introduction: Initially it was intended the Patrol visit the Western Islands of the Census Division, the basic objects of the Patrol being further Local Government Council propoganda, investigation into several disputes and the investigation into the alleged land shortage at EGUM Island.

2. Whilst the Patrol was at EGUM Island, instructions were received to proceed to the LAUGHLIN ISLANDS to assist A.D.G. Mr. Quinn in the investigation of a number of complaints relating to thefts and "usurpation" of land. The nature of these complaints and the results of preliminary enquiries, are contained in this Office Confidential Report of 7.12.66 and 21.12.66.

Reception of Patrol: The Patrol received the fullest cooperation of the villages visited in the Western Islands.

4. The Patrol met with a cool reception when it arrived at the LAUGHLIN Islands. Enquiries made over the succeeding days revealed that MR. F. Veight of SABURAH had been telling the villagers that when the Patrol arrived at the LAUGHLIN Islands, those who were "usurpers" and "aliens" would be made to pack their belongings and leave the Laughlin Islands. During the period that the Patrol was at the LAUGHLIN Islands, the situation was fully discussed with the villagers and by the time the Patrol departed, the fullest cooperation was received from all sections of the village. The change in the villagers' attitude came when they saw that the Patrol had no intention of obeying Mr. Veight's instructions.

5. Since the Patrol has returned to GUASOPA, frequent contact has been made with the Laughlin Islanders and it appears that their altered attitude has so far remained unchanged.

Villages: The Patrol visited the following Villages -

ALGESFER (NESIKWABU)/ EGUM/ LAUGHLIN ISLANDS.

All villages were found to be clean and well maintained with adequate repairs being carried out to houses. New Houses are being erected in all villages visited.

7. As a result of the Patrol by the P.H.D. Water Survey Team some months ago, wells have been dug or relocated in the three villages visited.

8. A well approx. 25 feet deep has been dug at ALGESFER Island in the place recommended by the Water Survey Team. The water from this well is unpalatable and contains far more salt than the water from the well it was designed to replace.

9. New wells at EGUM and in the various hamlets at the LAUGHLIN Islands have been dug and provide adequate and palatable supplies of water.

10. New Rest Houses have been constructed at EGUM and ALGESFER Islands. These rest houses were requested of the villagers in order to provide accommodation for Patrols travelling by canoe as distinct to the usual overnight stop by Administration Trawlers.

11. Complaints and Enquiries: A number of complaints involving civil debts were received by the Patrol. Investigation into these complaints showed that the majority were long standing and involved KULA transactions between various Island groups. Three of these complaints were settled during the Patrol whilst the others have been deferred until either of the disputing parties decides to take the matter to court for determination. The impression was gained during the Patrol, especially in the Western Islands, that the Administration is regarded as a debt collector for various KULA transactions over which a dispute has arisen. In an attempt to rid the Administration of this task the villagers have been advised to take the disputes to Local Courts for settling. All disputing parties were given the opportunity to lodge complaints but as expected, none were lodged.

12. Land shortage at EGUM Id: Reports have been received from various Administration Officers visiting the Census Division, that a severe land shortage exists at EGUM Island and that the villagers there have little or no chance of obtaining cash whilst they remain at EGUM Island.

13. Enquiries over two weeks revealed the contrary. There is no land shortage in the community and in fact, the villagers have not yet utilized more than 40% of their total arable areas. Briefly, the land to which the EGUM Islanders lay claim is not confined to EGUM Island but includes half of LANABA Island and the following islands, SIMLAKITA, KADESE, IOBUTA, SAGEI, ABUGONIA, TABUNAGORA, NWAPAS, SIMWIAKU and SIMWADOIA. The ownership of this area is not under dispute. The majority of the outer islands of the group are planted with coconuts and a partial census revealed that the villagers own 592 trees on EGUM Island alone whilst there are approx. 1300 trees on the outer islands. A complete census shall be taken on the next Patrol.

14. The villagers practice a two stage rotation of crops between EGUM and the other islands. The actual rotation cycle on EGUM itself is between 3½ and 4½ years, intensive mulching and terracing permitting the short cycle. According to the villagers the rich volcanic soils are showing no sign of becoming exhausted and the present crops are sufficient to permit surpluses to be used various ceremonies and also in inter-island trade.

15. Political Situation: Further Local Government propaganda was disseminated during the Patrol. The reception to the propaganda ranging from mild apathy to complete disinterest. The general attitude in the villages visited towards Local Government Council appears to be one in which the people are prepared to accept Local Government Council if the Administration wants them to accept it. The majority of the Census Division has been

subjected to an intensive propaganda programme over the last two years. The reception in some villages to this propaganda has been quite favourable with individual men beginning to become enthused over the idea. However, especially in the outer islands of the Census Division, the impact of the propaganda has been nil. No opposition has been found in any of the native communities to the concept of Local Government Councils, rather this opposition has been confined to one of the few Europeans living in the Census Division.

16. As instructed, enquiries were made in the villages visited as to the name of the proposed Local Government Council for the Woodlark Census Division. The name chosen by the villages visited so far is "THE MUYUW LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL". The word MUYUW is the word describing those people who live in the South Eastern portion of Woodlark Island and is also used to describe one of the lingua francas of the Census Division.

17. Travel: The first stage of this Patrol was conducted from a Muryu Sailing Canoe. This form of travel whilst lacking some of the comfort of Administration Trawlers does permit the Patrol to have greater contact with the villages visited both in time spent at the village and also the intensity of the contact. In addition the cost of such travel is minimal, viz \$75.00 for a six week Patrol.

18. Conclusion: Several investigations and enquiries commenced on this Patrol were not completed due to the necessity of cutting short the Patrol ^{in order} to visit Laughlin Islands. In addition GAWA/IWA/IANABA/KWAIWATTA Islands were not visited. Accordingly it will be necessary to complete the Patrol early next year, before the commencement of the South-East Season.

19. Submitted.

H.V. Morris
Patrol Officer.

Att. Appendix A. - Patrol Map.
Claim for Camping Allowance.

PATROL DIARY

12.11.66 0600 departed GUASOPA in Sailing Canoe - arrived
ALCESTER Island 2345. O/N Alcester.

13.11.66 Sunday - observed.

14.11.66 At Alcester - discussions with villagers.

15.11.66 At Alcester - ditto.

16.11.66 0600 departed ALCESTER in Sailing Canoe - arrived
EGUM Island 1420. O/N Egun.

17.11.66 discussions with villagers O/D Egun.

18.11.66 ditto.

19.11.66 commenced enquiries into alleged land shortage.

20.11.66 Sunday - observed.

21.11.66 Continued enquiries into land situation.

22.11.66 ditto

23.11.66 ditto

24.11.66 ditto

25.11.66 ditto

26.11.66 MV. Managuna arrived 0830. Departed EGUM 0920 -
arrived ALCESTER 1430 - O/N Alcester.

27.11.66 0945 departed ALCESTER - arrived GUASOPA 1045 -
unloaded cargo and then discussions with ADC Mr. Quinn.

28.11.66 0920 departed GUASOPA - arrived LAUGHLIN Islands
1730 - unloaded Patrol gear and established myself
in Tent House.

29.11.66 At Laughlin Islands, investigations into thefts, then
to Local Court hearings - then commenced preliminary
17.12.66 enquiries into alleged land "usurpations" and "aliens".
inc.

18.12.66 MV. Managuna arrived 0800 - loaded patrol gear and
sailed to arrive at GUASOPA 1500.

Appendix A to GUSSONA 1 66/67 Patrol Report

WAIWAI ISLAND

WOODLARK ISLAND AND GENSIS DIVISION

Dugumenu Id.

GAWA/KWATAWATA IDS

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Kwalawata Id

Gawa Id.

EGUM/TANABA IDS

Tanaba Id.

Agum Id

Medhu

Boagis

Koniveio

Kauwai
Kwattawata
Pltn

Kulamadau
Pltn

Dikotas

Kaurai

ICESTER ID

Mepas

Unamata

Waburumu

Siamata

Ovial Id

LAUGHLIN ISLANDS

Ungozan

Kavatan

Gussaps str
Gusoids vge

Positions of outer islands not accurate.



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