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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

ALOTAU, SAMARAI

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<u>SAMARAI</u>		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. ALOTAU NO. 1-7/68

Patrol Conducted by A. SIAOA, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled MARAMATANA LOCAL GOVT. COUNCIL AREA, NORTH EAST COAST

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
Natives 2 Members of Constabulary Const/Evara 7427
" / B6lihau 8682

Duration—From 1/7/67 to 12/7/1967
19/7/67 to 27/7/1967
Number of Days 19 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 4/4/1967
Medical Unknown /19

Map Reference Milne Bay Series

Objects of Patrol To attend the Maramatana Council July Meeting
Routine Administration Duties

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 £.....

DISCOM

P/R

MJD/ej

District Headquarters,
Milne Bay District,
SAVARAI.

27th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KORIEDOBU.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1967/68

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

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
ALOTAU.

76-1-1



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
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ALOTAU.

76-1-1

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District,
13th September, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAWARAI.

ALOTAU PATROL NO 1 OF 1967-1968.

Two copies of the above report are forwarded for your information plus Camping Allowance claim by Mr. Siaoa.

2 Mr. Siaoa carried out all duties allotted to him.

3 Item (2) of the Patrol Instructions, Survey of Council extension land, is covered in other correspondence. Mr. Siaoa has completed much of the details required for the Land Investigation Report which can therefore be submitted as soon as the Director of Lands issues an instruction.

4 Page 2, para 10

The matter of the complaint by a ten year old girl against a worker at MAI MAI Plantation was well handled by Mr. Siaoa and the matter resolved in the District Court when the young man was committed for sentence before the Supreme Court.

5 Page 1 Para. 4.

Mr. Siaoa assures me the people near Garuai are spending much time on demarcation work and subject to the Land Titles Commissioner's agreement, I am considering transferring the field assistants to the Marumatana area unless there is a great improvement in co-operation shown to them by the Milne Bay people.

6 Page 1 para. 4.2nd sentence.

Mr. Siaoa actually means that these people are well behind other areas of the Sub District in the field of economic and intended to indicate this by the phrase "far beyond the ladder."

7 Page 2 Para. 5.

Mr. Siaoa advises that he requested Huhuna and Iapoa (No2) villagers to repair their rest houses.

8 Page 2 para. 9.

Refusal to carry is becoming more common in this Sub-District for Officers travel quickly from a base to a Council meeting when 3 to 5 sets of village carriers are required in the one day.

9 However, Officers report that they experienced no trouble when conducting slower census patrols.

10 I suggest that Mr. Siaoa was "had" at \$1-00 per canoe as reported at para. 22 and in future he should assess a rate on a time basis of 10 cents per hour for each paddler and each canoe at this point where canoes are so small.

11 Mr. Siaoa report is quite readable and indicates he carried out his duties. It was actually submitted on 8th September 1967.

D.N. Butler
D.N. BUTLER.
Assistant District Commissioner.

- 21/7/67 Council Office at 0800 hrs, completed checking the financial statement and other book works. Left Garuai at 3.30pm for Awaiama arrived 4.55pm. Slept overnight at Awaiama.
- 22/7/67 At 8.30am, commenced investigation the land problem, Awaiama with the owners, no decision was made as the Mission representative at the meeting, slept overnight at Awaiama.
- 23/7/67 Observed Sunday Awaiama. Spent night here.
- 24/7/67 At 0800hrs left Awaiama for Garuai, to assist the President with his annual report; President did not turn up; due to the fact that he had arranged with the people a meeting to go through the estimates. Returned to Awaiama. Slept overnight at Awaiama.
- 25/7/67 At 0800hrs, left Awaiama for Garuai to see the President and assist him with his annual report; returned Awaiama, after I found that he already came to Awaiama for the presenting of sports shield to the schools taking part in the sports carnival at Awaiama. Self with owners commenced compiling the number of trees chopped by the Mission. Slept overnight at Awaiama.
- 26/7/67 Departed Awaiama at 8.30am, arrived Iapoa at 9.30am, waited for carriers until 12.30pm, thence to Palotone at 2.30pm. Waited for carriers until 3.30pm, thence to Huhuna, arrived at Huhuna 4.30am. Slept overnight at Huhuna.
- 27/7/67 Departed Huhuna at 9.00am, for Watunou, arrived Watunou at 11.30am. Waited for vehicle until 3.30pm., left Watunou arrived Alotau at 4.30pm.

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PATROL DAIRY

- 1/7/67 Departed Alotau per Station Wagon for Watunou at 9.30 am., arrived Watunou, at 10.30 am. Waited for "M.V. Grace Lane" until 6.00 pm. Slept overnight at Watunou.
- 2/7/67 Observed Sunday at Watunou and waiting for the Grace Lane as well. Slept overnight at Watunou.
- 3/7/67 Left Watunou for Huhuna at 0900 hrs, arrived Huhuna, 12.30 am, proceeded to Palotana with carriers thence to Iapoa No.2, Waited for carriers for one hour. Thence left Iapoa at 3.45 pm., arrived Awaiaama at 4.45 pm. Slept overnight at Awaiaama.
- 4/7/67 Departed Awaiaama at 8.30 am., arrived Garuai at 9.30am., checked the monthly return for May, other Council duties whole day. Slept at Garuai.
- 5/7/67 Attended Council meeting, meeting adjourned till 9.30am. Wednesday 6th July. Self traverse and compassed the proposed Council Health Centre. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- 6/7/67 Meeting commenced at 9.30 am., discussed the agenda items, address by Dr. Key of St. Barnabas hospital Dogura concerning the health centre, visit by ADC Butler attended the meeting with ADC meeting adjourned at 6.00pm. Self slept at Garuai.
- 7/7/67 Attended the meeting until 2.30pm. Self continued the survey after the meeting completed traversing at 4.30pm. Slept overnight Garuai.
- 8/7/67 Council duties, and details of land investigation compiled with the assistance of the owners. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- 9/7/67 Observed Sunday. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- 10/7/67 Commenced compiling final financial statement, at 11.30pm investigated the attempted rape case at MAIMAI plantation. Self departed at 3.30pm. for Fapota Anglican Mission to contact ADC by radio concerning the matter. Arrived after 4.00pm., message passed to Mr. Wilson for transmission, returned to Garuai at 6.30pm. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- 11/7/67 Waited for advise at Garuai, received message from ADC, Alotau to proceed to Alotau per M.V. TAVA; afternoon surveyed the proposed site for Rural Health Centre. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- 12/7/67 Continued the survey, left Garuai per M.V. MAURI with witnesses and the dependant for Alotau at 11.30am., arrived Alotau at 8.30pm.
- 19/7/67 Office at 0800 hrs, ~~attended~~ left Alotau at 8.15am per vehicle for Gurney to see ADC, before proceeding to Maramatana per M.V. TAVA. Returned to Alotau, left Alotau per M.V. TAVA for Garuai at 10.30am, arrived Awaiaama at 5.45pm. Slept overnight at Awaiaama.
- 20/7/67 Left Awaiaama for Garuai at 8.30am, arrived Garuai at 9.50am. Consented Council duties and slept overnight at Garuai.

19. On the 3rd July, 1967, while on my way from Alotau to Casuai, I have to wait for three hours at Iapca Village for carriers for three hours from 12.30 pm. to 3.30pm. The Councillor Nedi and the people were working in their Church. I have given him instructions for carriers from this group, three times and his excuses were that they were ill and old people, off course this was not true.

20. This village in particular has not arranged carriers for my return trip and the Council and four other men have to carry twice the load to Polotana.

21. Huhuna people have refused to carry on the 3rd of July, 1967 and the Council Timothy of Polotana and his people voluntarily carried from Huhuna to Polotana, thence to Iapca No. 2.

22. The hire of canoes ^{are} ~~have~~ very hard, as the canoes are usually small and very few. These small canoes have been charged at high price and I have to pay \$1-00, each for two small canoes at Awaiama to load my patrol gear and Council goods from M.V. TAVA to the beach at Awaiama.

FIRMS

23. The expired Certification of Registration in the Maramatana area were instructed to come over to Alotau Sub-District Office for renewal.

24. Application to purchase .22 calibre rifle by Gerald Weuta of Taupota No. 1 village was not issued to the above as he has left Taupota and proceeded to Goroka.

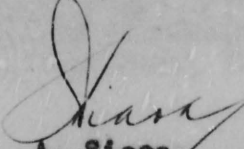
RECOMMENDATIONS

25. That the Council should be persuaded to purchase Council vessel which will stimulated the lack of shipping facilities for its tax payers, as this problem is undermining the people's faith in the Council.

26. That the officer with magisterial power should contact the long patrols in this area, as in case of complaints which need court action should be taken right on the spot instead of a officer as myself who has no magisterial power to either hold people in custody or forward them to Alotau for court action, which would mean two to three days delay.

CONCLUSION

This patrol was merely to attend monthly meeting of the Maramatana Local Government Council and check the Council books and more consideration was given towards this work. Although, little attention was paid to the other matters, they were attended immediately when it was permissible.


A. Siaoa
Patrol Officer.

REST HOUSES

9.. The rest houses in the villages where the patrol party visited were often of high standard; but the some rests houses needed repair or renewal. The Huhuna rest house will be unsafe for the patrol to stay overnight in the near future. The thatched sago roof needs renewal and woodwork of the building is dilapidating. The rest house for Iapoia (No.2) is in terrible condition, the walls and step are in need of renewal immediately.

COURTS

10. Complaints for court action was not taken on this patrol, as I have no magisterial power to hold courts. The major complaint was laid by BAU'AGU'IA/Charles of Garuai village, a female of under ten years old against Colin Lister Kaidela of Dida village in the RabaRaba Sub-District. This matter was referred to the Reserve Magistrate at Alotau who heard the complaint. Otherwise there were no complaints brought to my notice for settlement by arbitration in this patrol.

HEALTH SERVICES

11. The health service in the Maramatana Council area is well served by the various Missions in the area. On the eastern sector by the Methodist mission at East Cape, western sector by the Anglican Mission at Taupeta and at the centre again by the Anglican Mission at Awaiama and Public Health Department Aid Post serves the Centre at Huhuna.

12. Regular Infant Clinic patrols by the two missions have greatly improved the Healths of the mothers and babies in the area.

13. All the major cases are referred to the Hospital Assistant at Awaiama, Hospital which is supervised by Hospital Assistant SEPTINUS/NIMO, but if they are emergency cases, they are always referred to the St. Barabas Base Hospital at Dogura.

EDUCATION

14. There is no Council or Administration constructed schools in the Maramatana Council area. The plan is under consideration for establishing a Central school at Garuai Council centre. The council has agreed with the Anglican Mission to shift the school at Awaiama to Garuai.

15. The application for a purchase of this land for the school site is attached.

16. The Anglican Mission has supported the proposal and agreed to supply trained teachers for the Central School. As this Council has two missions operating in its area, the Council has forwarded letters to the Methodists Mission representatives for their view on this proposal.

17. The education facilities is met by the Mission, as the Maramatana Council is relatively isolated, any mission facilities would be limited, which, in fact, is the case.

CARRIERS AND HIRE OF CANOES

18. The carriers are rather hard to get in some villages of the Council area. Areas such as Huhuna, Watunou and Iapoia No. 2, very often ran away from the patrol party as soon as they hear the party proceeding to their village from the nearby village.

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AS/OS

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

8th August, 1967.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT No. 1-67/68
NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was carried out in the North East Coast Census Division of Maramatana Council Area from the 1st July to 12th July 1967 and from 19/7/67 to 27/7/67.

2. The main purpose of this patrol was to attend the July Meeting of the Maramatana Council and to check Council books in my capacity of Administrative Adviser and also carry out the survey of the Council extension land and prepare an application for the land - file 35-6-69 refers. Other minor administrative and police duties were attended.
3. This patrol had only visited villages around the Council Centre, and had not covered the whole Census Division.

NATIVE SITUATION

4. The local people in the Maramatana Council area which was visited during this patrol spend most of their time on the land demarcation work. This people are far beyond the ladder in cash crop production, than other Census Division areas in the Milne Bay District, as there is no set programme of the economic development for the area.
5. The local people are quite aware of the fact that they are represented in the Central Government by their member Mr. John Guise and at the local level by their Councillors.
6. Their only deep concern is the lack of shipping facilities which is quite common problem in the whole Maramatana Council area. This problem has not be meet, so far and the tax payers are pressing for a Council vessel at the present to serve the area.

ROADS

7. The Maramatana Council, which is the only organised body in the area is slowly but surely working on the maintenance of foot tracks to make improvements to a four vehicle road standard, with the limited funds allocated each year, otherwise the foot tracks in the area are maintained satisfactorily.

VILLAGES

8. The hamlets are scattered along the coast, throughout the Census Division. The general standard of the houses are above average, although the building materials are scarce and the people have to go many miles up the hills to collect them as very little vegetation is grown on the coastal plains.

67-1-2

DNB/OS

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

29th June, 1967.

Mr. A. Sina,
Patrol Officer,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL No. 1-1967/68

Please prepare to depart on a short patrol to the Maramatana Council area on Saturday 1st July 1967.

2. The main purpose of this patrol will be to attend the July Meeting of the Maramatana Council in your capacity of Administrative Adviser.

3. Whilst there please carry out the following additional duties:-

(1) Advise the Council concerning the Council Welfare trainee who has had a mental break-down - your discussions with Welfare refer.

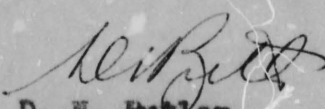
(2) Survey the Council extension land and prepare an application for the land - file 35-6-69 refers.

(3) Advise Gerald Wenta concerning his application to purchase a 22 cal. rifle - file 36-3-1 refers.

(4) Carry out any administrative duties which may arise.

(5) Take any police action which may be required.

Have a good trip.


D. N. Butler,
Assistant District Commissioner.

D.S.A. H.R.
Cleared
Day 16/1/69



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MILNE BAY** Report No. **ALOTAU REPORT No. 2-67/68.**

Patrol Conducted by **P.M. JONES** **PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled **TAVARA, BALEBA AND BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISIONS.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NC.**

ONE POLICE CONSTABLE
Natives **ONE INTERPRETER**

Duration—From **7/8/1967** to **16/9/1967.**

Number of Days **36 PATROL DAYS**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **SEPTEMBER 1966.**

Medical **NOT KNOWN**/19.....

Map Reference **FOURNIL OF SAMARAI** **MILINCH OF GEHUA**

Objects of Patrol **CENSUS REVISION AND DUTIES AS PER 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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-4-11

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

29th April, 19 68

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SARAWAK.

PATROL NO. ANOTAU 2 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by P. H. Jones P.O.
to Yevava, Ealeba and Dubutu..... Census Divisions.

Mr. Jones should be complimented for submitting
an informative and well written report.

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

* Delete as necessary.

67-1-1.

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District,
3rd October 1967

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.



ALOTAU PATROL No.2 of 1967/68.

Two copies of the above report by Mr. Jones, maps, census figures and claim for camping allowance are enclosed.

2. Prior to his departure Mr. Jones was fully briefed on developments planned by the Milne Bay Local Government Council and during his patrol he gave each village a talk on this matter. I agree with his statement at para 13 that this was the most important function of the patrol.
3. It is encouraging to read in paras 16 to 20 that the Buhutu people are looking ahead to development which will possibly take place in their area after a timber Company begins operating there and that they are taking steps to overcome problems which may arise.
4. The Police Post mentioned at paras 53 and 54 is covered by memo 37-1-1 minuted to you.
5. Various points under education paras 65 to 67 are covered by memos minuted to you under file 26-2-1.
6. Mr. Jones has presented a well written report of his patrol indicative of a high standard of patrolling. He has taken action on all instructions issued.

D.N. Butler
D.N. BUTLER.

Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr. PMJ/3H

Department of District Administration,

Sub District Office,

ALOTAU,

Milne Bay District.

20th September, 1967.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT No. 2-67/68.

A. INTRODUCTION.

1. The principal purpose of this Patrol was to conduct the 1967 census revision of the Ealeba, Buhutu and Tavera census divisions of the Milne Bay Sub District.
2. The Patrol was commenced on Monday 7th August, 1967, at Gwawili village and completed at Dawadawa village on Friday 15th September, 1967, and a visit to Maiwara and Gabagabuna villages on Saturday 16th September.
3. Matters as listed in the patrol instructions, a copy of which is attached and such routine administration matters as came to the attention of the Patrol, were attended to.
4. To simplify this report all points raised under the various headings will apply in general to the three census divisions unless otherwise stated. In these latter cases the sub heading "Ealeba", "Buhutu" or "Tavera" will be used to indicate which census division is being referred to.

B. NATIVE SITUATION.

5. The three census divisions of Ealeba, Buhutu and Tavera make up the Milne Bay Local Government Council area and for this reason are best patrolled as the one unit. The Ealeba census division consists of the south coast of Milne Bay as far east as Lamhaga village. The Buhutu census division consists of the valley of the Sagarai River and extends west from the head of Milne Bay to Mullins Harbour. The Tavera census division extends from Naura village in the west along the north coast of Milne Bay to Walalala village in the east and includes the large plantation complex of Giligili, Hagita and Waigani and the growing town of Alotau.
6. This census revision Patrol followed the 1966 census revision by exactly 12 months, thus introducing a continuity of Administration Patrolling in the area which I believe is appreciated by the people and helped contribute to the success of the patrol. The patrol was well received in all villages with a degree of hospitality which though sometimes surprising was at the same time very pleasing. Attendance at census and availability of carriers, etc., will be mentioned under the appropriate headings.
7. In each village visited a talk was given to the assembled people prior to census on the work of the Milne Bay Council and through this medium it is hoped a uniform picture of the Councils work and future plans was given throughout the area.
8. The talk given consisted of telling the people that

the Milne Bay Council planned to purchase a fifty per cent (50%) interest in the Alotau Trading Co. which is at present wholly owned by Hihila Pty. Ltd. and that the Alotau Trading Company was going to establish a chain of trade stores & copra smoke houses inside the council area, the aim of this plan being to increase the copra output of Milne Bay. This is to be done by making a more ready outlet than is already available, with a direct cash return for either nuts or processed copra and at the same time making available a supply of consumer goods at reasonable prices to villagers.

9. Mention was also made of plans to establish a cattle industry in Milne Bay with a strong participation at village level & the economic importance of such a scheme to Milne Bay was stressed.

10. The matter contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 is covered at greater length under the heading of "Commerce and Industry".

11. Included in the talk was an explanation of Ward Committees, their formation & duties and that the Council intended to establish a Ward Committee for each ward of the Council as soon as it had a Ward Committee Rule passed.

12. The people in each village were also informed that the Milne Bay Council was now multi-racial and a short explanation of the meaning of the term was given.

13. This talk, which usually took about 45 minutes to 1 hour per village, I consider to have been the most important function of the patrol, for to obtain the co-operation and backing of the people who live in the villages, which is most essential to a scheme such as the Council is proposing, it is necessary for these people to have full understanding of just what the Council is doing & proposes to do.

14. The various Local Government Councillors had already spoken to their constituents on all the above topics but appreciated that an Administration Officer was able to explain more fully and clearly what they already had spoken about. The people too, appreciated the fuller explaining of the Council's plans, and the other points raised and in almost every village visited a spokesman for the particular group expressed this appreciation to the patrol.

C. VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

15. Standards of housing have remained unchanged for a good many years and from my observation on this patrol are quite good.

BUHUTU.

16. Most houses built in this census division are under 3 years old and the various village groups are at present in the process of building large villages consisting of between 10 and 20 houses with 1 or 2 of these larger villages per census units. Gelamalala people are building one large village centred around the rest house and Kwato Mission School, and the old village of Watubu is now non-existent, all these people moved up to Gelamalala.

17. At Mila, the Mila and Iwame people are grouping together in two central villages, one centred around the rest house and the other about one hour's walk west on the road to Ipouli at Pomapoma. The Iwame people are apparently proving recalcitrant but a small number of houses are already either under construction or completed by this group.

18. At Ipouli the people are grouping in two central villages one being at Ipouli near the rest house & aid post and the other about 45 minutes walk east towards the old village of Binablahole.

19. The Siasiaa people are grouping in two villages, one at Siasiaa near the Siasiaa "T" School and the other

at Sinalele a short distance west of Siaslada.

20. The Buhutu people have a history of living in very small isolated groups situated close to the particular groups own gardening land. The reason given for the change in this pattern is the sale of the timber rights in the area. The people say that they wish to live in a larger communities now, with the arrival of a private company to commence operations in the valley imminent. They fear that any company that does work the timber will probably have a large labour line of "foreign" Papuan and/or New Guinean labourers and that living closer together will afford mutual protection in case of incidents that may arise between the timber company people & themselves.

TAVARA & EALEBA.

21. In both these census divisions housing standards are in most villages below those found in the Buhutu, the most noticeable exception being in the area between Walalala and Bubuleta Village in Tavara census division. There is still to great an instance of old wartime building materials being used thus taking away from the effect of a good, well built, bush material house. Wherever possible people were urged by the patrol to do away with these old sheets of iron and other old & deteriorated material & stick to bush material construction, or purchase new iron & guttering etc. & treat it with corrosion resistant paints before use.

D. VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

22. There are no village constables in the area patrolled and the bulk of law enforcement work at village level falls on the Local Government Councillors. This is an undesirable situation that has existed for a good many years in Milne Bay and should be overcome when a system of Rural Police Posts is established.

23. The Councillor in each village, and the various Council Messengers, in the area patrolled, proved most helpful in providing carriers and assisting in setting up camp and of general assistance.

E. AGRICULTURE.

24. The Milne Bay Council area is well covered by DASF extension patrols mounted from the Agriculture Extension Station at Sinaeada and from the DASF Training Centre at Bubuleta and there is only need in this report to give a general outline of the picture.

25. The main cash crop remains copra and I can see no likelihood of change in this pattern and in fact with the Milne Bay Council plans for increasing the copra production of Milne Bay through the Alotau Trading Company, linked with the development of a cattle industry, the importance of copra as a cash crop will increase. The main factor retarding output of copra, besides the general attitude of Milne Bay people, is a lack of suitable marketing outlets that give a full cash return for copra sold, at the time of sale. It is by overcoming this and providing a "cash in hand" system of purchasing copra the Council hopes to encourage increased copra production. In addition there will also be a market for unprocessed nuts created and these nuts will be processed in Alotau Trading Company driers.

26. Coffee is becoming of increasing importance as a cash crop in the Buhutu Census Division and regular DASF coffee buying patrols to this census division provide a ready market for processed coffee.

27. The subsistence pattern of farming remains basically unchanged with yams, taro, sweet potato and pumpkin being the main crops. These crops are supplemented by corn, tomatoes, beans,

asparagus, sago, bananas, pineapples, lemon, watermelon & pawpaw. Fish and coconuts also make up the diet.

F. LIVESTOCK.

28. The potential of cattle as a primary means of developing the lagging economy of Milne Bay is illustrated by the success of the herd on Giligili Plantation owned by Hihila Pty. Ltd.

29. This potential is particularly stressed when it is realised that there are 40,000 acres of available grasslands within the Milne Bay Council area with a possible 60,000 acres. Carrying capacity is high at an estimated one beast to an acre with only minor pasture improvements.

30. The fifty per cent Council owned Alotau Trading Company will encourage development of cattle/copra farms by interested individuals, since cattle & copra are complimentary. Preference will be given in leasing cattle to breed herds to people who have suitable areas of coconuts.

31. With assistance from the Territory Development Bank and use of Giligili & Hagita Plantations as breeding centres (which is proposed) plus introduction of new strains of cattle from Australia and Territory centres, there could be a herd of some 3,000 head within 6 years and a possibility that DASF would be interested in building a slaughter house for local use.

32. This then would make meat freshly slaughtered in Milne Bay available to the Alotau & Samarai market & when these become saturated, chilled carcasses could be airfreighted from Gurney airstrip to Port Moresby & other Territory centres.

BUHUTU

33. From talking to village people in the Sagarai Valley (Buhutu) and to the Manager at Sagarai Plantation, Mr. J. Parry, it is evident that the herd of wild cattle in the Buhutu is on the wane. Mr. Parry says that he has shot over 30 head of these wild cattle in the past 12 months, to supply fresh meat to his labour line and it is now becoming difficult to locate the remnants of the herd. The local people say that some of the cattle have crossed the range into the headwaters of the Gumini River, which flows into Milne Bay, but have not penetrated downstream at all.

34. At the same time the small Sagarai Plantation herd has remained relatively disease free, thus introducing the possibility of extending the development of a cattle industry in Milne Bay into the Buhutu. This would only be feasible when road access from Milne Bay into the Buhutu is achieved in the , it is hoped, not to distant future, via means of the timber lease.

G. FORESTS

BUHUTU.

35. The purchase of the timber rights in the Sagarai Valley (Buhutu) and payment of monies was finalised in late 1966. The people of western Milne Bay and the people of the Buhutu in particular, are now awaiting the arrival of whichever company that is awarded the lease over the area.

36. The prime reason behind the interest in the working of the timber lease is that it will provide the Buhutu people with road access to Milne Bay for the first time.

H. COMMERCE & INDUSTRY.

37. A proposed programme of Economic Development in the Milne Bay Local Council area has been agreed to by the Council in principle. The program of development is based on the setting up of a company jointly owned by the Milne Bay Local Government Council and Hihila Pty. Ltd. The name of the company will be the Alotau Trading Company.
38. Economic development is expected to come through development of cattle & copra industries. It is considered if this basic development can be achieved considerable secondary industry will be built up in Milne Bay.
39. The object of the Alotau Trading Company will be to develop the existing economic potential within the Council area and to actively encourage interested groups and individuals in projects which will contribute to the economic growth of the area. Company activity will be conducted on commercial lines, however the basic assumption that the company can only develop as the local economy develops will exist.
40. The proposal is that the Milne Bay Council and Hihila Pty. Ltd. will each subscribe \$5,000 to the Alotau Trading Company. Alotau Trading Company will purchase from Hihila Pty. Ltd. its store building in Alotau on a basis of fixed assets at independent valuation and stock at landed cost.
41. The Alotau Trading Company will join the Milne Bay Native Societies Association and where possible, subject to prices and service being competitive, will channel its trading through the Association.
42. Local participation at village level in the company could be through the issue of non-voting preference shares. At the same time it is the expressed intention of Hihila Pty. Ltd. that it will not at this stage hold less than 50% of the voting shares, and the Milne Bay Council will also hold 50% of voting shares.
43. It is considered that individual village communities should be permitted to participate in associated village projects, eg. village trade stores & copra driers, and 30% of the nett profit from each village project will be paid to the community concerned for use in community projects.
44. A growing market potential exists in Alotau for sale of local & introduced vegetables, pigs & poultry and marketing facilities will be made available for these activities through the Alotau Trading Company.
45. The general feeling by people who are & will be involved in this scheme is that the scheme will be successful. The main reason is that approaches are only being made to interested individuals. No community projects or voluntary labour are required. The scheme will allow an individual to greatly increase his income whilst retaining his independence and not radically altering his way of life. At the same time the support & backing of the people of the area will greatly increase the chances of success, even if this support is only nominal. For this support to become real it is necessary for the village people to understand the broad outlines of the scheme.
46. The scheme brings together three elements most vital to a good business, these are potential in the area through the Council, management through private enterprise and associated buying power through co-operatives.
47. The financial success of the Alotau Trading Company is assured through the assets it is taking over and it is difficult to see how this could fail whilst retaining the management which has built it up. There are difficulties of course - it would be surprising

if there were none- but even if only partially successful the scheme will make definite changes in the individuals income and it is hoped, a substantial contribution to the exporting potential of the Territory.

I. LAND.

48. Demarcation work is currently under way in several areas in the Sub-District and the three Administration Field Assistants are currently assisting Demarcation Committees in the Naura area of the Tavara Census Division.

49. Demarcation work is also under way in the Ealeba Census Division area and in the North East Coast Division, which was not visited by this patrol.

50. The Field Assistants were recently moved from Ealeba, as placing of cement pegs & cutting of boundary lines was severely lagging, the people of the area expecting the assistants to not only to survey their land for them but to cut their own lines & put in the cement pegs themselves. It is probable that if the assistants do not receive satisfactory degree of co-operation in the Naura area they will move over to the North East Coast where reports have it that Demarcation work by the Committees themselves is moving very satisfactorily. At the time of writing, Demarcation Committees in the Naura & surrounding area were working well.

J. COURTS & COMPLAINTS.

51. There were no matters brought before any court during the course of the patrol.

52. The few complaints brought to the attention of the patrol were of a minor nature concerning mainly damage caused by pigs and other like matters.

BUHUTU.

53. When the patrol visited Gelamalala Village in the Buhutu Census Division a request was made by the people that a Police Post be established in the Valley at Gelamalala, in view of pending arrival of a private company to work the timber lease. This request was made as a result of a meeting held by the Buhutu people prior to the patrols arrival and contains the wishes of all villages in the Valley.

54. Establishment of a Police Post in the Buhutu is most strongly recommended as this is a somewhat isolated area & a good six hour walk to the nearest road-head at Naura, and about the same distance to Sinaeada, near Gurney airstrip. With the development of the timber lease and the influx of timber company workers & others to the Buhutu, together with all the associated vices of alcohol, gambling, shortage of women, & therefore prostitution, stealing and other sources of disturbance, a Police Post staffed by a N.C.O. and several Constables under the direct control of a Commissioned Officer at Alotau is essential.

K. REST HOUSES.

55. All rest houses, used by the patrol were found to be in good condition, with the exception of one, this being particularly so in the Buhutu Census Division where the rest-houses were in line with the usual high standard of housing.

TAVARA.

56. In the Tavara Census Division the villages extending east from Ianianene, Maiwara, Gabagabuna, Waema, Rabe, Mutuiua and Ahiona

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do not have rest houses, these villages having direct road access to Alotau and all being within 30 minutes driving time of the Sub-District Office.

57. The Divinal rest-house was in poor state of repair at the time of the patrol's arrival but this is understandable as the Divinal people have been some weeks building houses and preparing for a large church conference which was held at Divinal and finished only the day before the patrol's visit there.

L. CARRIERS & CANOES.

58. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers at any stage during the patrol. This was largely because the patrol stayed at least one night in villages where carriers were required and ample time was given for a line of carriers to be organised by the Councillors.

59. Even so the attitude of the people towards the patrol in this and other respects was one of cheerful co-operation. Carriers were even readily available at Watubu Village, which has a history of non-availability of carriers from my own past experience and that of other Officers. Payment of 10 cents per hour for both the forward & return trip seemed quite reasonable to the men who acted as carriers for the patrol.

60. On several occasions, after an unusually lengthy or difficult carry, I asked the carriers what was the usual rate of pay for the carry and was quoted an exorbitantly high sum per head. This was resolved by paying on the usual hourly basis and all seemed quite content with the amount paid.

61. It is interesting to note that the Buhutu people, when carrying loads have a yodel peculiar to that area, in Milne Bay. The yodel is sung in parts and begins on a high note with each successive note lower than the last, until the last part is reached, the note is held for perhaps 5 or 10 seconds then all the yodellers stop abruptly as one. The whole process is then repeated down the line until the next village is reached, or the carriers become exhausted. It is quite probable that this method of "singing" was introduced by the highland labour employed at Sagarai Plantation.

M. Medical & Health.

62. Medical coverage of the Milne Bay area is good, with a network of Council constructed, Administration staffed aid posts in all three census divisions.

TAVARA AND EALEBA.

63. In addition there is a small, well staffed Administration Hospital at Alotau, which conducts infant welfare and pre-natal clinics along the Tavara Coast, plus the Papua Ekelesia aid post at Koeabule near Alotau and the Catholic Mission stations at Ladava near Gurney airstrip and at Daio in the Ealeba Census Division, both of which are staffed by qualified nursing sisters. The Tavara & Ealeba Census Divisions are thus fully covered by infant welfare clinics & general medical services.

BUHUTU.

64. Unfortunately the Buhutu Census Division has only one Administration Aid Post staffed by an Aid Post Orderly, at Ipouli Village. This Orderly was not in attendance at the aid post at the time of the patrol's visit to Ipouli. This area has a high incidence of Malaria, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough, and other diseases and coupled with the isolation of the area, it is very difficult for a person who becomes ill to obtain prompt and adequate medical attention. This situation may resolve itself when timber cutting

operations commence, with the probable provision of improved medical facilities and the construction of a vehicular road from Milne Bay over the range.

N. EDUCATION.

65. School facilities are provided by the Administration, Papua Ekelesia and Catholic Missions in the area patrolled. The Anglican Mission School at Ukaka in the Tavara Census Division has been closed and all the equipment removed to the Anglican Mission at Awaiama on the North East Coast. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission have a school at Lamhaga Village at the eastern end of the Ealaba Census Division, but this school receives very little local support and the students there are mainly boarders from other areas. Enquiries made at Lamhaga Village revealed that only two children, a boy and a girl, attended the S.D. A. School from that village.

66. Now, with the developing Alotau High School, children who pass standard six have an unprecedented opportunity to further their education to at least secondary level in Milne Bay. For education statistics see the heading "census" and Census Statistics attached as appendices "A", "B" and "C" to this report.

67. While at Lelehudi Village I visited the Lelehudi Primary "T" School, which is this year unstaffed, due to a number of contributing factors, not least being the attitude of the Lelehudi people themselves. The lelehudi people have been keeping the grounds of the school in good condition through the year in the hope that a teacher will be provided next year for the school.

O. ROADS & BRIDGES.

68. Walking roads throughout the three census divisions patrolled are in good condition. In the Tavara & Ealeba census divisions this is so because most of the walking roads are routed along war time vehicular roads with a graded surface and are relatively easy to keep clean & free from grass etc..

69. In the Buhutu census division a good network of walking roads was constructed by the people pre-war, with drainage ditches along each side, and these walking roads are maintained by the people in an excellent condition. All the secondary walking roads used by the patrol were also found to be kept in good condition, save for long tracts of mud about which nothing can be done. The condition of all these roads in the Buhutu, in addition to the high standard of housing, typifies the attitude and outlook of these people, which is refreshing to say the least.

70. A good network of vehicular roads extends through the Tavara Census Division from Naura Village in the west to Bubuleta Village in the east. The surface of this road is all weather, but the many creek fords are subject to flash flooding & this unfortunately limits usage of the road in wet weather. It is also possible to drive from Bubuleta to Bou and Lelehudi Villages in dry weather at low tide.

71. The remnants of a war time vehicular road are evident in the Ealeba Census Division from Kilakilana in the west to the Dawadawa River in the east. The surface of this road is mostly in good condition, particularly in the Wagagwaga - Gamadoudou area but creek crossing are non-existent and these would need to be constructed before the road could again be used by vehicles. The Milne Bay Council plans on buying a truck for use on the North (Tavara) side of the Bay and, when this arrives the Council Tractor & Trailer will be shipped across to the south (Ealeba) side of the Bay and parts of this road should be in use again within two years.

72. The only vehicular road in the Buhutu Census Division at present is the private plantation^{road} in the Sagarai Plantation, Tomenau Plantation complex. The Manager of Sagarai Plantation makes this road, and his vehicles, available to ship village produce down to the loading point at the head of Navigation on the Sagarai River.

73. With the opening up of the timber lease vehicular roads should be constructed from Gamadoudou Village over the range to Gelamalaia Village and from Naura Village over the range to Gelamalaia Village and then joining up with a Buhutu road network, thus making a road link between the three census divisions in the Council area for the first time.

74. For the Buhutu people, road access to Milne Bay is essential for an increase in their present slow rate of economic development. At Gelamalaia Village, in the Buhutu, a request was made to the patrol by these people that prime consideration be given to constructing road access to Naura Village, as they have been told this would be done (in addition to the road to Gamadoudou) when they sold their timber rights to the Administration. Some action is necessary in this matter to retain the confidence in the Administration of these people and to give them an opportunity to develop further their economic potential.

F. MISSIONS.

75. There are four Christian Missions represented in the area patrolled and these are listed below in order of their degree of influence.

- (1) Papua Ekelasia (Kwato)
- (2) Roman Catholic
- (3) Anglican
- (4) Seventh Day Adventist.

76. In addition there is a small overflow from the Methodist Mission sphere of influence in the villages at the eastern end of the Tavera Census Division, but the main Methodist Mission Station is at East Cape in the North East Coast Census Division, which was not visited by this patrol.

77. The Papua Ekelasia and Roman Catholic Missions both have several stations in the area patrolled (the Milne Bay council area) & have small European staffs backed up by indigenous workers and provide education & medical facilities in addition to their usual church activities.

78. The Anglican Mission have a small station at Ukaka, about six miles west of Alotau staffed by an indigenous ordained priest. The Ukaka school has been closed and at present the Anglicans are only engaged in direct mission extension in this area.

79. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission have only recently commenced activities at Lamhaga and Dawadawa, in the Ealeba Census Division and has brought a small plantation at each of these villages. It is doubtful if this Mission will receive much support from the Milne Bay people because of the old Kwato Mission and the ever growing Catholic Mission influence on these people. While at Lamhaga I was told by Dr. Yeatts, of the S.D.A. Mission that he could see ~~no~~ little point in spending more money on buildings etc. until the Mission was able to see how effective it was going to be.

Q. AIRFIELDS.

80. The Milne Bay Council area is well served by air with regular services to Gurney airstrip, which is situated about 13 miles west of the Sub-District Office of Alotau. There are four return services a week to Moresby, one service a week to Popondetta and one to Misima.

81. Work on the airstrip that was being built at Siaslada in the Buhutu by the Manager of Sagarai Plantation, in co-operation with the village people, has been abandoned. Approximately 1,000 feet of airstrip has been completed but the Manager of Sagarai, Mr. Parry, says that he can see no point in continuing the work due to a number of factors. Mr. Parry said that he hoped the company working the timber lease would complete the work on the airstrip, but this remains to be seen.

R. LABOUR.

82. Labour employed by Administration Departments, Missions and private enterprise numbers well into the hundreds in the area patrolled. It is unfortunate that the Labour Officer previously stationed at Alotau was not replaced, as inspections are now only carried irregularly with short visits by Officers from Port Moresby. Some employers, indigeous employers in particular, are taking advantage of this lack of adequate inspection & a tighter control needs to be enforced.

83. No matters concerning labour were reported to the patrol.

S. CENSUS.

84. Attendance at census in all three census divisions was good with the main cause of absenteeism being sickness. There were no prosecutions under section 101 (A), (B) or (C) of the Native Regulations for failing to appear for census, though several people were interviewed after census and warned that they could be prosecuted for failing to appear. A list of the names of these persons has been made for the information of following patrolling Officers to the area.

85. Village Population Registers for the Tavara, Ealeba and Buhutu census divisions are attached as appendices to this report. It can be noted from these forms that the totals are-

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>ABSENTEES</u>	<u>NET TOTAL</u>
TAVARA	4581	1175	3406
EALEBA	1928	602	1326
BUHUTU	838	297	541
<u>AREA TOTALS</u>	<u>7347</u>	<u>2074</u>	<u>5273</u>

The "nett total" being the number of people in the village at time of census.

86. The absentee figure of 2074 also includes those children attending schools inside the area patrolled and though not actually "absent" as such, have been classified so to give a true indication of the number of children in the council area actually attending school.

87. Population trends remain unchanged with small natural increases in the Tavara and Ealeba census divisions and a natural ~~increase~~ increase of 0.49% in the Buhutu census division. The natural increase and decrease figures can be considered as accurate as possible as this patrol followed the 1966 census patrol by exactly 12 months.

T. PERSONNEL.

88. The patrol was accompanied by Constable 9287 Auwoki and Maurice Nowasi, Patrol Interpreter. A report on Constable Auwoki is attached as an appendix.

89. Maurice Towasai performed his duties as an interpreter diligently throughout the course of the patrol and he is to be commended for his hard work and conscientious attitude.

U. APPENDICES.

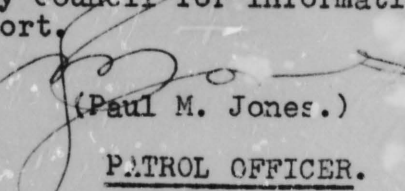
90. Attached as appendices to this report are -
- A. Census statistics - Tavera census division.
 - B. Census statistics - Ealeba census division.
 - C. Census statistics - Buhutu census division.
 - D. Ward Committee Recommendations.
 - E. Report on Police Constable accompanying Patrol.
 - F. Correspondence arising from Patrol.
 - G. Copy of Patrol Instructions.
 - H. Copy of Amending Patrol Instructions.

V. CONCLUSION.

91. All factors taken into consideration the Milne Bay Council area is facing a new era of development in all respects. The most important of these factors are, (1) The Milne Bay Local Government Council has been proclaimed multi-racial. (2) The proposed program of economic development in the Milne Bay ~~Council~~ Council area, in which the Council is to purchase a fifty per cent interest in the Alotau Trading Company & through this cause an increase in copra production & development of a cattle industry in Milne Bay, with a corresponding increase in per capita income. (3) The leasing of the Buhutu timber rights to private enterprise with accompanying influx of capital & technical personnel and creation of local employment opportunities for people who would otherwise probably leave the area to find work. (4) Through the leasing of the Buhutu timber rights, creation of road access to the Sagarai Valley from Milne Bay with a corresponding increase of economic development in Buhutu. (5) Development of the growing town of Alotau with increase of commercial & industrial interests in Milne Bay and proposed construction of an overseas wharf and movement of departmental district headquarters from Samarai to Alotau. (6) Recent issue of prospecting authorities to private enterprise, including the large concern of C.R.A., with possibility of discovery of minerals in Milne Bay and if so, introduction of capital through mining activities.

92. This report does not intimate any change in what has been called the "lethargic" attitude of the Milne Bay people, but in stressing all the factors that will, or could, effect the future development of Milne Bay, and these are currently fairly numerous, it can be seen that development can take place in spite of the people. No avenue of development at present contemplated requires community projects, or "voluntary" labour. Approaches are being made only to interested persons and as the rate of development grows & the benefits become obvious, the number of interested persons will increase.

93. Thanks are expressed to Mr. D. Young of Hihila Pty. Ltd., Mr. D. Underwood of DASF, Bubuleta and Mr. D. Butler of D.D.A., Alotau and Adviser to the Milne Bay Council for information made available and included in this report.


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PATROL OFFICER.

ALOTAU PATROL No. 2-67-68.

PATROL DIARY.

MONDAY 7TH AUGUST.

Departed Alotau 0845 by M.V. 'Alotau' and arrived Gwawili village 0945. Commenced census of Gwawili 1100 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1330. Attended to some other matters. Went to Daio village in afternoon to arrange for census following day and had afternoon tea at Daio Catholic Mission. Returned Gwawili 1700. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Gwawili.

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST.

Departed Gwawili 0820 and arrived Daio 0925. Commenced census of Daio 1045 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1230. Compiled census statistics 1330 - 1500 and then visited Daio Catholic Mission to collect names for Council tax register. Overnight at Daio.

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST.

Departed Daio 0820 and arrived Wagawaga 0900. Commenced census of Wagawaga 1030 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans etc. and completed by 1230. Compiled census statistics 1330 - 1500. Visited Wagawaga primary 'T' school and Bismark Plantation to collect names for Council tax register. Other minor matters. Overnight at Wagawaga.

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST.

Departed Wagawaga 0820 and arrived Gamadoudou village 0910. Commenced census 1000 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1130. Discussed matter with some village people about a house standing on their land near Gamadoudou Plantation, and attended to some other matters. Departed Gamadoudou 1430 as rest house already occupied by Ma'aria Control and arrived Gibara 1530. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Gibara.

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST.

Commenced census of Gibara 0930 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1130. Arbitrated several complaints. Compiled census statistics in afternoon and wrote several reports on matters arising from patrol. Overnight at Gibara.

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST.

Departed Gibara 0900 by M.V. 'Alotau' and arrived Alotau 1015. Discussed a matter concerning a house and land at Gamadoudou with ADC and then discussed matter with people concerned who had accompanied patrol to Alotau. Overnight at Alotau.

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST.

Observed at Alotau.

MONDAY 14TH AUGUST.

Departed Alotau 0825 by M.V. 'Alotau' and arrived Gibara 0935. Departed Gibara by foot 1030 and reached top of Duabo Hill at 1230, then changed carriers and departed Duabo 1320 and arrived Gelamalaia village 1520. Overnight at Gelamalaia.

TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST.

Commenced census of Gelamalaia 1000 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1130. Talked to a group of Gelamalaia people on subjects of importance to the Buhutu people in general and the Gelamalaia people in particular. Departed Gelamalaia 1435 and arrived Ipouli village 1640. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Ipouli.

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST.

Commenced census of Ipouli 1030 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1145. Departed Ipouli 1230 for Sagarai Plantation after despatching gear direct to Siaslada village and arrived Sagarai 1330. Spoke to Alotau by R/T about transport arrangements and then afternoon tea at Sagarai. Departed Sagarai 1630 and after travelling four miles by truck walked to Siaslada and arrived 1800. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Siaslada.

THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST.

Start of census delayed by heavy rain until 1200. Talk given on Milne Bay Council plans and census finally completed by 1330. Departed Siaslada 1405 and arrived Mila rest house 1815 via Ipouli. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Mila.

FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST.

Start of census delayed by heavy rain until 1130. Commenced after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans and completed by 1230. Departed Mila 1330 and arrived Gelamalaia rest house 1530. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Gelamalaia.

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST.

At Gelamalaia in morning and then walked to Sagarai Plantation and arrived 1300.

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST.

Observed at Sagarai. Returned to Gelamalaia 1800.

MONDAY 21ST AUGUST.

Departed Gelamalaia 0755, thence over the range to the Gumini River by 1125, Maiwara River by 1315 and arrived Sinaeada 1400. Organised transport to move patrol gear to Naukra village but arrived to find rest house occupied by DDA Welfare so returned to Ianianene village by 1800 Overnight at Ianianene.

TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST.

Departed Ianianene 0745 and arrived Naura 0900 via Waigana Platation. Gave talk on Milne Bay Council plans etc. and then commenced census 1000 and completed Naura and Boboua by 1200 but postponed census of Derama until 8/9/67 due lack of attendance. Departed Naukra 1230 and after lunching at Waigana arrived Ianianene 1400. Compiled census statistics in afternoon and evening and overnight at Ianianene.

WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST.

Commenced census of Ianianene 0950 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1130. Attended to a land matter, and some other matters, then compiled census statistics and overnight at Ianianene.

THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST.

To Maiwara village for census at 0300 - commenced census at 1000 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council, etc. and completed by 1300. Had several matters concerning pigs, dogs, illegitimate children and gardens brought to attention of patrol. Returned to Ianianene in afternoon and then compiled census statistics till 1530 and then proceeded to Alotau to collect some cash to pay 3 NMTA at Gabagabuna for workers compensation. Overnight at Ianianene.

FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST.

To Gabagabuna village 0300 for census. Commenced census 1015 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1200. Spoke to Gabagabuna Councillor about Loan X Application for Womens Club and several other matters. Returned to Ianianene in afternoon and compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Ianianene.

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST.

Departed Ianianene 1830 for census at Waema Village. Commenced census of Waema 1000 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans etc. and completed by 1205. Thence to Alotau in afternoon and compiled census statistics and overnight at Alotau.

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST.

Observed at Alotau.

MONDAY 28TH AUGUST.

Departed Alotau by M.V. 'Alotau' 0840 and arrived Walalala village 1155. Organised census for following day at Walalala and visited several hamlets in afternoon. Overnight at Walalala.

TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST.

Commenced census of Walalala 0930 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1116. Departed Walalala 1205 and arrived Lelehudi ~~1215~~ 1300. Commenced census of Lelehudi 1430 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1600. Inspected Lelehudi Primary 'T' School which is unstaffed this year, but being kept in fairly good condition by the people. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Lelehudi.

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST.

Departed Lelehudi 0825 and arrived Bou village 0930. Commenced census of Bou 1100 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1300. Compiled census statistics in afternoon and then walked down to Divinai village to arrange for census tomorrow and check on condition of rest house. Returned to Bou 1800 and overnight there.

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST.

Heard some minor complaints at Bou and then departed 0900 and arrived Divinai 0930. Commenced census of Divinai 1030 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1315. Compiled census statistics in afternoon and some other duties and overnight at Divinai.

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER.

Other duties.

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FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER.

Departed Divinai 0810 and arrived Bubuleta 0910. Commenced census of Bubuleta 1100 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1300. Attended to other matters and compiled census statistics till 1730. Afternoon tea at Bubuleta DASF. Overnight at Bubuleta.

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.

Departed Bubuleta 0825 and arrived Watunou 0925. Commenced census of Watunou after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. at 1130 and completed by 1300, then inspected housing at Watunou at request of Councillor. To Alotau in the afternoon and overnight there.

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Returned to Watunou in morning and day observed.

MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Departed Watunou 0820 and arrived Nigila 0930. Commenced census of Nigila 1100 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1300. Departed Nigila 1530 by Landrover and arrived Alotau 1600.

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

To Ahiona village at 0830 ex Alotau for census. Commenced census of Ahiona 1030 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1230. Returned to Alotau 1330 and compiled census statistics and attended to other matters arising from patrol in afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER.

To Mutuiua village 0830 ex Alotau for census. Commenced census of Mutuiua 1100 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1215. Luncheon at Koeabule Mission and returned Alotau 1330. Compiled census statistics in afternoon.

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER.

To Rabe village 0830 ex Alotau for census. Commenced census 1000 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1200. Returned Alotau and compiled census statistics, etc. in afternoon.

FRIDAY 8 TH SEPTEMBER.

To Derama village 0830 ex Alotau via Naura village and arrived 1000. Was first Patrol Officer to visit Derama since first established 16 years ago. Commenced census 1100 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1200. Departed Derama 1230 and arrived Alotau via Naura 1415. Police investigation into traffic accident 1530 - 1715.

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER?

Other duties.

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Observed at Alotau.

MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER.

Other duties.

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Other duties all day then departed Alotau 1630 by Catholic Mission vessel and arrived Daio C.M. 1800. Overnight at Daio.

WEDNESDAY 13TH September.

Departed Daio 0700 by C.M. vessel and arrived Lamhaga village 0900. Arranged for census on following day as people had not received word of patrols pending visit. Overnight at Lamhaga.

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER.

Commenced census of Lamhaga 0930 after giving a talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1200. Visited Lamhaga S.D.A. Mission 1200 to 1300 and then departed Lamhaga village 1330 and arrived Dawadawa village 1530. Compiled census statistics in evening and overnight at Dawadawa.

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER.

Commenced census of Dawadawa 0945 after giving talk on Milne Bay Council plans, etc. and completed by 1130. Visited Labelabe Plantation and Dawadawa SDA Plantation in afternoon to attend to some matters. Departed Dawadawa 1705 by M.V. 'Alotau' and arrived Alotau 1805.

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER.

To Gabagabuna and Maiwara villages in morning to attend to several matters and returned to Alotau 1100.

- END OF PATROL -

APPENDIX "D"

Ward Committee Recommendations.

These recommendations are based where possible on election of Ward Committee members by Hamlets of each ward. Where the people live in groups too scattered or too numerous to be classified as hamlets, the recommendation is by clan groups, or by total size of committee for that ward.

TAVARA.

Naura Ward (2 Councillors)

Boboua (Kaparika)	2 (Councillor plus 1)
Naura	2 (Councillor plus 1)
Derama	1
Total	<u>5</u>

Ianianene Ward

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)

Maiwara Ward

Maiwara North	2
Maiwara South	2 (Councillor plus 1)
Ialeua	1
Total	<u>5</u>

Gabagabuna Ward

Lavian	2
Gabagabuna	2 (Councillor plus 1)
Bogarabaubau	2
Total	<u>6</u>

Wacra Ward

Iai	3
Iavarata	3 (Councillor plus 2)
Total	<u>6</u>

Rabe Ward

Kilabou	2
Rabe	3 (Councillor plus 2)
Total	<u>5</u>

Mutuia Ward

Bemari	2 (Councillor plus 1)
Ganaibeu	1
Duria	2
Hehego	1
Total	<u>6</u>

ANIOMA Ward.

Total of 6 (2 Councillors plus 4)
a very scattered group of people

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Nigila Ward

Total of 4 (Councillor plus 3)
a scattered group of people

Watunou Ward

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)

Bubuleta Ward

Bubuleta
Daduwe

4 (Councillor plus 3)
2

Total 6

Divinai Ward

(clan names) Modewa 2 (Councillor plus 1)
Gomila 2
Bagumani 1
Haruwasi 1

Total 6

Bou Ward

(clan names) Bagumani 2 (COUNCILLOR Plus 1)
Gomila 2
Hihiaura 1
Himara 1

Total 6

Lelegwagwa Ward

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)
One group of houses.

Lelehudi Ward.

(clan names) Modewa 1
Hihiaura 1
Tagolea 1 (Councillor)

Total 3

Gaduda Ward

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)

Walalala Ward

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)

EALABA

Gibara Ward

Kilakilawa 2 (Councillor plus 1)
Gibara 1

Total 3

Gamadoudou Ward

3a'akakarukarua 1
Dombeu 1
Gamadordou 1 (Councillor)

Total 3

Wagawaga Ward

Gatupa'ana	2
Botiboti	2
Gululu	1
Wagawaga	2 (Councillor) plus 1)
Total	<u>7</u>

Paio Ward

Popa'ani	1
Kwakera	1
Daio	1
Dabalima	1 (Councillor)
Total	<u>4</u>

Gwarili Ward

Total of 6 (Councillor plus 5)

Dawadawa Ward

Dawadawa	1 (Councillor)
Kebequiri	1
River hamlets	2
Total	<u>4</u>

Lambaga Ward

Pala	1
Maimua	1
Goburu	1
Wibone	1
Baitou	1
Lambaga	1 (Councillor)
Total	<u>6</u>

BUHUTUGelamalaia Ward

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)

Ipouli Ward

Ipouli & Binabinahole

Total of 3 (Councillor plus 2)

Siasada Ward (two Councillor)

Siasada	2 (Councillor plus 1)
Sinalele	2 (Councillor plus 1)

Mila Ward

Mila	1
Iwame	1
Pomapoma	1 (Councillor)
Total	<u>3</u>

ALOTAU PATROL No.2 - 1967/68.

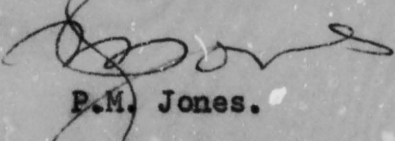
APPENDIX "E"

Report on Police Accompanying Patrol.

Constable 4287 Auwoki.

This policeman is experienced at patrolling and though seldom called upon for law enforcement duties during the patrol, proved himself to be keen and enthusiastic. Auwoki carried out all duties allotted to him very satisfactorily.

Constable Auwoki was always dressed neatly & cleanly and his rifle was kept clean & dry in spite of the rain and mud encountered in some places.


P.M. Jones.

Patrol Officer.

ALOTAU PATROL No. 2 - 1967/68.

APPENDIX "F"

Correspondence Arising From Patrol

<u>ALOTAU FILE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESSEE</u>	<u>SUBJECT.</u>
1. 35-6-8	11/8/67	Discom. Samarai	Land at Gamadoudou
2. 35-6-8	28/8/67	Discom. Samarai	Land Application M. Gerogo
3. 62-1-1	28/8/67	C.M.O. Samarai	Workers Compensation Frank Tagiic
4. 49-6-1	16/9/67	Division of Mental Health P.H.D. Moresby.	Mental Patient Dape of Maiwara
5. 27-2-2	19/9/67	Discom. Samarai	Late Registration of Birth- John Coleman.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

APPENDIX G.

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-1-1
If calling ask for
Mr. DNB/OS

Department of District Administration.

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

4th August, 1967.

Mr. P. Jones,
Patrol Officer,
ALOTAU.

PATROL No. 2 - 1967/68.

As discussed please depart on a routine Census Patrol of the Ealeba, Buhutu and Tavara Census Divisions on Monday 7th August 1967.

2. Whilst on patrol please take action on the following matters:-

- (1) Land application Sinaeada File 35-6-8
- (2) " " M.B.L.G. Council File 35-6-50
- (3) All outstanding NMTA payments for the three census divisions.
- (4) Payment of Workers compensation to dependents of LOBEIBEI LUBE (Deceased) of Gabagabuna through NMTA in File 62-1-1.
- (5) Arrange for Frank Taguio of Ianianene to visit Samarai for further medical examination as in secretary for Labour's 2-2-173 of 20th July 1967 - File 62-1-1.
- (6) Attend to points raised in Director of Lands 67/477 of 28th June, 1967 referring to additional land adjoining Gamadoudou plantation File 35-6-64.

3. Please assist the Assistant Clerk MBLG Council, compile lists for the Council Tax Register of all persons of all races who will be included the council area subsequent to the Multi-racial proclamation - excluding only Alotau and the High School.

4. Please carry out secret ballot elections in each existing ward of the Council for election of Ward Committees as discussed between us and advise the people of the functions of such committees.

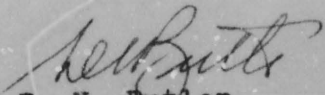
5. In all villages discuss Council matters and plans with the people and answer honestly any of their questions or complaints. Endeavour to inform the people of the Council's new out look and future plans and of the fact of its becoming multi racial. Also issue an invitation to the people to attend Council meetings so that they may better inform themselves of the Council's operations. ~~But~~ tell they may only speak when invited to do so by the Chairmen of the meeting.

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6. Carry out any discreet investigations which are required into the present situation of MBDCo. and if asked by the people for advice, give the advice according to that received from the Secretary of Law.

7. I wish a successful trip.



D. N. Butler,
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

APPENDIX "H"

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-1.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Alotau,
Milne Bay District,
6th August, 1967.

Mr. P. Jones,
Patrol Officer,
ALOTAU.

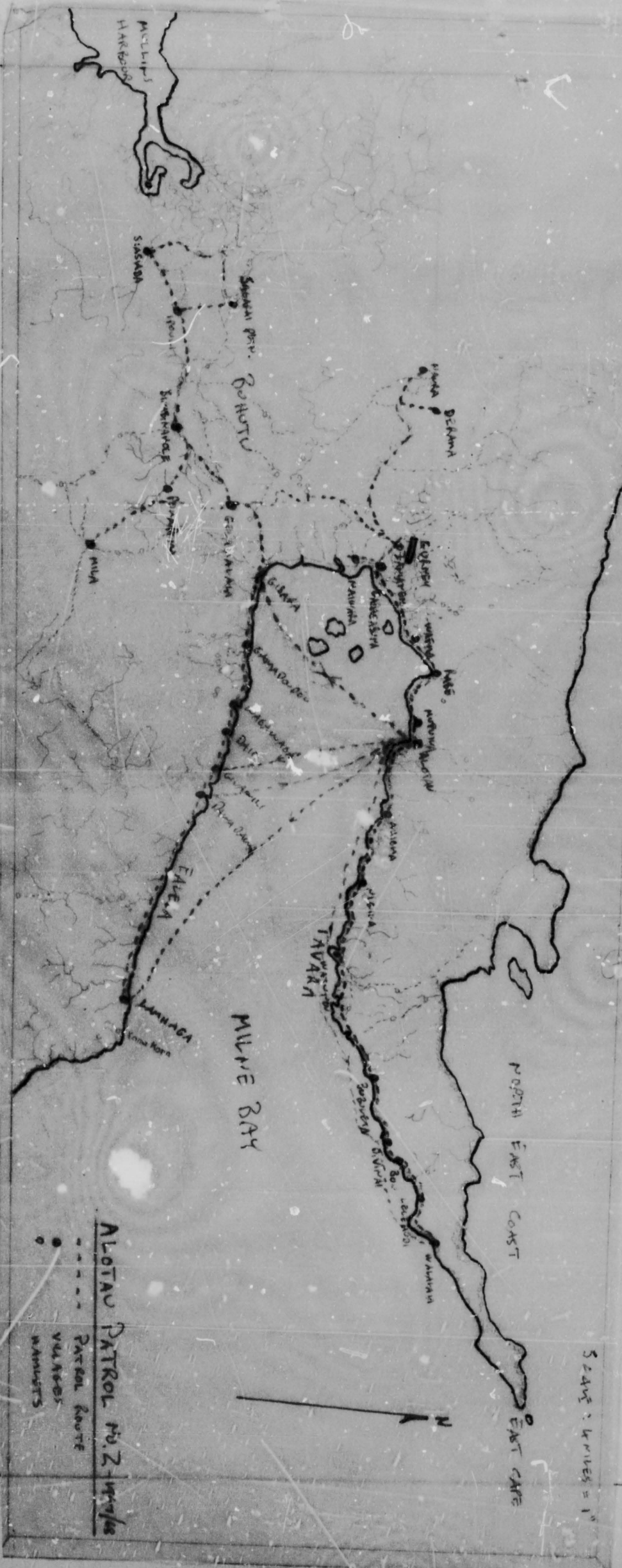
AMMENDING PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

PATROL NO 2 1967-68.

My 67-1-1 of 4/8/67 para 4 refers.

- 1 Do not carry out elections for Ward Committees as the Council has not yet passed a rule bringing such committees into being.
- 2 However please discuss the functions of Ward Committees with the people and advise me what you consider the constitution of each Ward Committee should be.
- 3 For instance, in the large Ward of Gabagabuna, the committee could well be 5 or 6 members plus the Councillor to represent the various sections of the Ward, whilst in a smaller Ward eg. Ianianene, the committee could well be 3 members plus the Councillor.
- 4 As discussed, you should inform the people that a Ward Committee initially has two functions. As an advisory body and as a body to disseminate Council and other news and views to the people.
- 5 Later Committees may assume some executive functions as and when they prove themselves capable.
- 6 Each committee should keep minutes of meetings and be run semi-formal.
- 7 Section 39 of the Local Government Ordinance indicate how the Council be elected.
- 8 Stress to the people that through Ward Committees they can ensure their views are properly presented to the Council and that Council activities can be made known to the people.

D.N. BUTLER.
Assistant District Commissioner.



ALOTAU PATROL NO. 2 - 1942

- - - - - PATROL ROUTE
 ● VILLAGES
 ○ MANUS
 ○ MANUS

SCALE: 1 INCH = 4 MILES

D.S.A. H.Q.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 4 OF 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by MR. A. SIAOA, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Const Mimigina Reg. 8005

Natives.....

Duration—From 2/10/1967 to 14/10/1967

and 27-10-67 to 31-10-67

Number of Days 28 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 31/8/1966

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

Map Reference 1 inch to Four Mile series.

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision

2. Routine Administration, and other tasks per attached Instructions.

Director of District Administration,
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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67-4-5

June 13th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT - ALOTAU NO.4 OF 1967/68

The above report and a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's memorandum to you, (67-1-1 dated 13th November, 1967) are acknowledged with thanks.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Alotau, seems to have carried out a good verbal debriefing with Patrol Officer, Mr. A. SIAGA. Many of the incidents narrated in the report and fortunately explained in Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum, without which much of the report would appear ambiguous.

Mr. Siaga has conducted a good patrol, but should be given more instruction and assistance in compiling his report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

67-1-1

DNB/OS

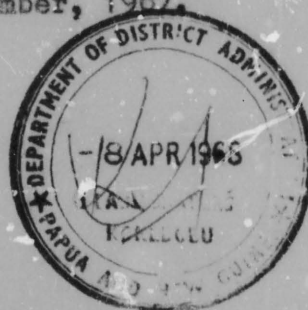


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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

13th November, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SARARAI.



ALOTAU PATROL REPORT
PATROL No. 4 of 1967/68
NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

The attach report is forwarded in duplicate together with Mr. Siaoa's Camping Allowance Claim.

2. Mr. Siaoa has submitted a good report of matters as he found them in the census division despite some difficulty with English usage.

3. He handled the "mock election" problem reported under "Political Situation" very well in that he illustrated to the people the dangers in pre-selecting a Councillor before the formal elections take place. Such pre-selection is not inherently bad so long as the people realise that dissenters are not bound by the "mock election" and may nominate and vote for other candidates at the formal elections.

4. The "girl guide" problem was also well handled.

5. The matter of Samson - Seuli of Honana will be followed up, however it is apparent that the villagers do not consider the matter serious, for they had ample opportunity to report to Mr. Siaoa if they did so.

6. Mr. Siaoa's comments regarding support verbally and monetarily to the "Pengu Pati" in the face of lack of knowledge of the objectives of that party are interesting.

7. The Marzwacana Council's culvert problem is one to which a solution has been suggested - a 'short bridge - however the solution has not been accepted and Mr. Siaoa reports that they plan to construct a third culvert.

8. Obviously Mr. Siaoa mis-understands the relative positions of Village Constable and elected Councillor. I have discussed the matter with him and endeavoured to point out that the Councillor, the elected representative of the people, does not have authority excepting under Council rules or legislation, whereas the Village Constable is an Administration official and directly responsible for law and order.

9. I do not feel that the Marzwacana experiment was a success and recommend that new appointments not be made as old appointees resign or die. The main reason being that the people are confused as reported by Mr. Siaoa.

10. At para. 37 Mr. Siaoa states "was appointed". Discussion

reveals that this was not so and he actually told APALAKAIA and the villagers that a recommendation would be made. This matter will be covered in other correspondence.

11. Census Statistics

Mr. Siaoa's grand total of 4,258 indicates an increase of 82 over the last census total of 4,176. However, reconciled births and deaths, migrations in and migrations out indicate a population increase of 99.

Figures under absentees, 1397 and under population in the villages, 2,774 indicate a total population of 4,171, 87 less than the grand total of 4,258.

These discrepancies indicate failure to carry out village by village reconciliation, incorrect entries of migrations and an over all lack of care and checking.

Unfortunately, with Council elections a week off, Mr. Siaoa must now take over the Cash Office and would not have the time to re-compile these figures.

12. At 10-10-67 and 26-10-67 in Mr. Siaoa's diary it is noted that he "confiscated" shotguns. I have investigated and find that the first firearm was surrendered to him as it was in an unsafe condition and that the second was an unregistered firearm the owner of which did not have the money to re-register it and which Mr. Siaoa took in safe custody.

13. Both firearms will be handed to the Officer in-Charge, Alotau Police Station for further action.

14. In reference to paras 48 to 51 and to the appendix listing traders. I have asked Mr. Siaoa to clarify the matter further. Apparently the 51 "illegal traders" are people who bring back a few store items from a visit to Samarai and then sell these from their houses to other villagers.

15. Referring to the statistics for Wagahula Village we find a total of 39 males 16 years of age and up living in the village among whom there are 15 "illegal traders". It is not conceivable that these 15 men are anything but very occasional traders and whilst to trade at all they should be the holders of Trading licences the policing of the situation would be impossible.

16. I have asked Mr. Siaoa to reconsider his statistics and to indicate any persons who are more than "occasional traders" and who are operating without licences.

17. Policing of a "ban" on illegal trading ventures would only be possible with the full co-operation of the Council and people. Mr. Siaoa, as Administrative Adviser to the Council, will discuss this with the Council.

18. The North East Coast lack of economic development and its lack of shipping facilities, are problems it shares with other parts of the Territory. Unfortunately no "set plan to boost the economic development" has any chance of success without the full and willing involvement of the people of the area. Regretfully my contact with the area indicates we do not have this. The people are looking for a panacea not involving any increase in their industry and this the Administration cannot offer.

L. N. Butler
L. N. Butler,
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference..... 67-1-1.

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District,
29th September, 1967.

Mr. A. Siaoa,
Patrol Officer,
ALOTAU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS ALOTAU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68.
NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

1. As previously discussed with you, please prepare to depart on patrol to the North East Coast Census Division. A vessel has been requested for the first week of your patrol to enable you to visit the island villages and is due at Alotau at midday on Monday 2nd October, 1967. Should the vessel not be available on that date your departure from Alotau will be delayed.

2. The main objectives of your patrol are the routine annual census recheck and routine village administrative functions. At each village please inspect housing, sanitation and water supply (taking into account all wells and tanks installed by the Council or other bodies and also any proposed installations) and report your findings so that these aspects may be considered in any Council planning. Please ensure that you make two extra copies of this section of your report for office and council files.

3. Other duties to be carried out by you are:-

(a) At Awaiama have the owners of economic and food trees allegedly destroyed on behalf of the Anglican Mission, indicate the positions and types of trees so destroyed on the actual land. Please also count the number of coconut palms remaining on the land as a check against the original investigation. Our file 35-6-55 and your previous memo on that file dated 4th August, 1967 refer.

(b) Check registration and licensing of all firearms in the area. Ensure that you physically inspect each and every weapon for which renewals are due and if you accept any monies for renewals issue an interim receipt. On your return from patrol effect such renewals and forward receipts and renewals to individuals through the Council.

(c) Check that each store keeper in the area is the holder of a current license to trade with natives.

(d) Attend the committees meetings of the Council on the 11th October, 1967 and carry out normal adviser's functions. Please ensure that instructions left by me have been carried out by the Council Clerk.

(e) Investigate the land ownership position regarding the land on which OSWIL of TAUPOTA wishes to plant coconuts. This land is apparently near Awarama and OSWIL wishes to obtain a P & NG Development Bank loan to assist him. Please ensure you discover the ownership of the land and that if a native to native land sale is being considered, the views of all owners are ascertained. I attach a copy of "Our Bank" for OSWIL and the Council President. Please hand them to these people.

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(f) On your arrival at East Cape please provide sea transport for the Council Tax Collection team to the island villages and back to the mainland. Do not carry out your Census duties in the same village in which the tax collection team is operating but arrange schedules so that they are at one village while you are at another.

4. Your vessel must arrive back at Alotau by 1pm on Monday the 9th October, 1967. However if it not available to depart on the 2nd October as requested the date of return may be altered and you will be so advised.

5. When in the East Cape area you may be requested by villagers to allow the vessel to bring a shipment of clay pots to Alotau for sale at Alotau market. This will be an experiment to discover if there is a market here. Please accept them only if each pot is identified as to ownership and the shipment is accompanied by a list of owners and suggested prices. Advise the people that pots will be accepted at their risk and we will not accept responsibility for breakages etc.

6. The Sergeant of Police has been requested to tell of a Constable to accompany you. Please check with him that the member is suitable for boat patrolling.

7. You may draw an advance of \$60 to cover patrolling expenses to carriers & canoes.

8. Do not hesitate to contact me by tele-radio should you have any queries.

I wish you an interesting patrol.

D.N. Butler
D.N. BUTLER
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL DAIRY

- Monday: 2.10.67 Departed Alotau per M.V. TAURI at 1.30p.m. for East Cape arrived East Cape at 5.45p.m. Slept overnight at East Cape.
- Tuesday: 3.10.67 Departed East Cape at 7.30am. for Iabam Island, arrived at 8.0am., thence to Nuakata Island sailing hours one hour. Conducted census for Nuakata and finished at 3.45p.m. inspected houses water supply and checked trading and firearm licences and attended minor complaints. Slept overnight at Nuakata.
- Wednesday: 4.10.67 Departed Nuakata Island at 8.0a.m. arrived Iabam island at 0900hrs, census commenced at 9.15a.m., finished at 10.00a.m. Inspected houses and water supply and sanitation. Checked firearms licences and LTWN, no complaints. Departed Iabam Island at 1400hrs, arrived East Cape at 1430 hrs.
- Inspected houses water supply and sanitation fair to poor. Slept overnight at East Cape.
- Thursday: 5-10-67 Commenced census for East Cape at 0800 hrs finished at 11.30a.m. complaints concerning small debts settled, land dispute attended. Afternoon spend on compiling census figures. Slept overnight at East Cape.
- Friday: 6-10-67 Departed East Cape to at 7.45am. per M.V. Tauri for Lavora called in at Ronana to pick Councillor Norman for Executive Meeting at Garuai. Proceeded to Garuai, thence to Lavora at 3.45pm. No soul available for census. Overnight at Lavora.
- Saturday: 7-10-67 Census for Lavora completed at 10.0a.m. No complaints, checked Firearm and Trading Licenses. Collected fees for renewal. Houses, water supply and sanitation checked. Left Lavora at 11.0a.m. arrived Topura at 2.30p.m. People still in their gardens. Slept overnight at Topura.
- Sunday: 8.10.67 Observed Sunday at Topura, slept overnight at Topura.
- Monday: 9.10.67 Census for Topura and Iapoa No.1 completed at 11.0a.m. Houses, water supply and sanitation inspected, water well half complete. SAP's and Trading Licences checked, fees for expired firearms collected. Departed Topura at 12.30am. arrived Wamawamana at 4.30a.m. Census for Wamawamana completed at 5.45p.m. Water supply and sanitation fair and fees for expired Trading Licences and shotgun collected. Slept overnight at Wamawamana.
- Tuesday: 10.10.67 Departed Wamawamana for Taupota at 0800hrs, arrived at 10.0a.m. Census for Taupota Nos. 1 and 2 completed at 2.30p.m. Water supply good, but houses poor. Fees for Shotguns and Trading Licences collected. Shotgun Serial No. 3807 confiscated, complaints mainly by wives for husbands maintaining the children and small debts. Slept overnight at Taupota.

- Wednesday: 11.10.67 Departed Taupota for Garuai at 0800hrs, arrived Garuai at 9.30a.m. 1½ hours walking in the heavy rain.
Attended Executive Meeting for Variation of Estimates at Council Chambers Meeting completed at 3.00p.m. Rain whole afternoon. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- Thursday: 12.10.67 Received radio from ADC ALOTAU to proceed to ALOTAU for Supreme Court no census this date, rain prevented the people from coming to Garuai rest house.
Attended Maramatana Local Government Council Executive Meeting whole day. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- Friday: 13.10.67 0800hrs, at Council Office attended some Council matters, while awaiting M.V. TAVA's arrival.
Departed Garuai per M.V. TAVA for Awaiama to pick up Supreme Court Witnesses; at 3.30p.m. Slept overnight at Awaiama due to late arrival of witnesses.
- Saturday: 14.10.67 Departed Awaiama for Alotau per M.V. TAVA at 1800hrs, arrived Alotau at 3.30p.m.
- Sunday: 15.10.67 Observed Sunday at ALOTAU.
- Monday: 16/10/67 Office at 0800hrs, attended office duties, thence proceeded to the low covenant area to round up the witnesses at 10.00a.m. Returned to the office at 11.30a.m.
Departed Office at 12.45p.m. for Rabe with the witnesses, Court commenced at 3.30pm., adjourned for next day, returned to ALOTAU at 6.00pm.
- Tuesday: 17.10.67 Office at 6.45am, departed by Police Vehicle for Rabe, arrived at 7.00am., Supreme Court, commenced at 7.30am, Court adjourned for next sitting.
Self departed for Garuai per M.V. TAVA to carry on with the patrol at 10.55am. Arrived Garuai at 6.00p.m. Slept overnight at Garuai.
- Wednesday: 18.10.67 Conducted census for Garuai, finished at 10.30am, carriers and police proceeded Awaiama, self remained at Council Chambers, to check the monthly statement. Left Garuai at 4.00pm, arrived Awaiama at 4.30p.m. Overnight at Awaiama.
- Thursday: 19.10.67 Conducted census for Awaiama, completed at 10.30a.m., checked SAP and LTWN and inspected houses. Four complaints, concerning debts. Investigated land ownership of OSWIN BOITENI of Taupota, counted estimated food trees destroyed by Anglican Mission at Awaiama.
Self proceeded to Garuai to complete the monthly statement. Returned to Awaiama at 6.00p.m. Slept overnight at Awaiama.
- Friday: 20.10.67 Proceeded KEIA at 0800hrs, arrived at 0900hrs Census, conducted 11.0a.m. checked SAP's, LTWN and water wells. Sanitation and houses poor to fair. Departed KEIA at 11.30am, arrived IAPOA No.2 at 12.30p.m.

Census for Iapoa No.2 completed at 3.30p.m. Checked SAPE AND LTWN. Inspected the water supply and houses, in fair condition. Minor complaints only two settled by arbitration. Slept overnight at Iapoa No.2.

21/10/67:Saturday

Departed Iapoa No.2 at 8.30a.m. arrived Polotona at 10.30a.m. Comenced Census at 11.00a.m., finished at 12.30p.m. Checked SAP and LTWN. Houses fair, water supply abundant.

Complaint laid by Mr. W. Warren of Polotona concerning Crown Land attended. People warned not to enter the Crown for gardening and building material purposes.

Departed Polotona at 1.30p.m. for Huhuna, arrived at 2.30p.m. Slept overnight at Huhuna.

22.10.67:Sunday

Observed Sunday at Huhuna. Slept overnight at Huhuna.

Monday:23.10.67

At 0800hrs, conducted census for Huhuna, finished at 10.30am, checked SAP and Trade Licences. No complaints.

Departed Huhuna for Watunou at 12.30a.m., arrived Watunou at 2.30p.m. Departed Watunou per truck for Alotau, at 3.00pm. arrived at 3.25p.m.

Tuesday:24.10.67

Departed Alotau per truck for Watunou, arrived Watunou at 10.30a.m. Departed Watunou for Huhuna at 11.30am, arrived Huhuna at 1.30pm. Departed Huhuna at 2.30pm., arrived Guga at 4.30pm. Slept overnight at Guga.

Wednesday:25.10.67

Conducted Census for Guga at 8.30am, finished at 10.30am. Checked SAPS and LTWN. Houses and water supply inspected. Complaints were concerning debts have been settled satisfactorily.

Departed Guga for Wagahuhu at 1.30pm., arrived Wagahuhu at 4.45pm. Slept overnight at Wagahuhu.

Thursday:26.10.67

Census for Wagahuhu conducted, water supply, sanitation, and houses inspected LTWN and Firearms Licences checked. Confiscated shotgun from AIKUPUTO of Wagahuhu for not renewalling at for 2 years.

Departed Wagahuhu, arrived Biwa after 1½ hours walking. Commenced Census for Biwa at 2.30p.m., finished at 2.15p.m.

No complaints, houses, sanitation and water supply checked. SAP and LTWN licences checked; slept overnight at Biwa.

Friday:27.10.67

Departed Biwa at 8.30a.m., arrived Ronana, 12.30pm, by canoe travelling; census for Ronana revised, finished at 3.30pm.

Numerous complaints, mainly concerning debts; finished at 5.00pm. Slept overnight at Ronana.

Saturday:28.10.67

Inspected houses, sanitation and water supply, fair to poor.

Checked Licences to Trade with Natives and Firearms registration. Slept overnight at Ronana.

Sunday: 29.10.67

Observed Sunday at Ronana. Slept overnight at Ronana.

Monday: 30/10/67

Departed Ronana at 8.30am arrived Walalala at 11.30a.m., ~~then~~ thence departed Walalala for Lelehadi, 1 1/2 hours walking, thence proceeded to Bou, another hour, thence proceeding to Divinai, arrived at 4.00p.m. Slept overnight at Divinai.

Tuesday: 31.10.67

Departed Divinai at 0800hrs, arrived Bubuleta at 3.45 a.m. Self proceeded to Alotau, returned to Bubuleta by Landrover to pick patrol equipment. Returned to Alotau at 1.30p.m.

Office duties, as directed by ADC.

The above patrol was carried out in the North coast Ocean Division of the Nauruan Local Government Council area from the 2nd October, to 31st October, and is reported by the 31/10/67.

1. The area consists of Lavana, at the northern extremity of East Cape and the local islands of Fudaba, Iaban and Fudilala. The area composed of two to three mixed linguistic groups, on the North at Lavana to Iaban No. 2 the group speaks mixture of Noded and Lavana whereas from Fudilala, to the East Lavana, Iaban and Fudilala, speaks Lavana, Noded and Nava (which dialects used by the three islands).

2. The major object of the patrol was to visit the annual census and attend the routine administrative matters as per attached Patrol Instructions.

3. The number of days spent on this patrol was twenty-five, with few days on the rotation for the systems work leading. Out of these 25 days, two days were spent in attending Council financial committee meeting, and checking of September, financial returns.

4. POLITICAL SITUATION

The local people have been conducting local Council elections, for the coming Nauruan Local Government Council, through the ocean division. There has been some dispute arising in the local Council elections, as some Councillors have already elected the new Councillors for the forth coming election.

5. The villagers where these situations were discovered were members of the Nauruan and the Council, were told by the writer that, they could only nominate the new candidates for the forth coming election, but not to hold elections, with three to four candidates that they nominated and held elections for their Councillors, and declare the candidates with most votes as the new Councillors for their districts. I explained to them that this would lead to the ill-feeling or split in the village.

- (a) That the election was held already and the candidates were the old Councillors.
- (b) That, if the villagers held elections they might only vote for the candidates, who were already elected in the past elections. This was the case in the past elections.

6. The Council has advised that the local people should not proceed with the concept of the new local government, where the NURUAN COUNCIL is the main body, and is not to be



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-1

If calling ask for

Mr. AS/OS

Department of District Administration.

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

6th November, 1967.

ALOTAU PATROL No. 4 of 1967/68
NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION

The above patrol was carried out in the North East Coast Census Division of the Maramatana Local Government Council area from the 2nd October, to 18th October, and 23/10/67 to the 31/10/67.

2. The area consists of Lavora on the north and extends to East Cape and the local islands of Nuakata, Iabam and Pahilele; The area composes of two to three mixed linguistic groups; on the North at Lavora to Iapoa No. 2 the group speaks mixture of Wedau and Tavara whereas from Polotona, to the East Cape thence Nuakata, Iabam and Pahilele, speaks Tavara, Dobu and Ware (which is often used by the three islands).

3. The major object of the patrol was to revise the annual census and attend the routine Administration matters as per attached Patrol Instructions.

4. The number of days spent on this patrol was twenty-five; with few days on the station for the Supreme Court hearing. Out of these 25 days two days was spent in attending Council financial committee meeting, and checking of September, financial returns.

5. POLITICAL SITUATION

The local people have been conducting mock Council elections, for the coming Maramatana Local Government Councils, throughout the census division. There has been some misunderstanding in the mock Council election; as some Councillors have already elected the new Councillors for the forth coming election.

6. The villagers where these situations were discovered the members of the hamlets and the Councillor, were told by the writer that, they could only nominate the new candidates for the position of Councillor and would only vote for these candidates in forth coming election, but not to hold elections, with three to four candidates whom they nominated and hold elections on these candidates, and declare the candidate with most votes as the new Councillor for their hamlets. I explained to them that these would led to the illiterate majority to believe:-

- (a) That the election was held already and that new candidate was the Councillor.
- (b) That, if the true elections is conducted they might only vote for the candidate, who had majority votes in the mock election. This may led to unfair election.

7. The Councillor BOBO/MEBIU of East Cape has misinterpreted the concept of the news item in the booklet called "Our News" where the EUNICE/WELLBO of RONANA, a Girl Guide, who is now under-

going a training at Guide House Port Moresby. The Councillor told the parents of the guides at East Cape not to let their girls form guides or join guides because the girls who join guides are immoral, and will be all forced to marry military man, such as Navy or Army.

8. Consequently, the girls have broken up the Guides group at East Cape, which has been operating for several years; as in fear of been forced to marry Navy or Army men.

9. This situation has been resolved with the Assistance of the Reverend Whitelock, of the Methodists Overseas Mission East Cape; who explain that there was no such a thing as such, as reported by the Councillor. This was merely, social organisation, established to promote social development and harmony, at the community, for the young girls and women.

10. I for one, had no material to explain on the matter, as I have not seen the newspaper myself, and could not make any further explanation, but insisted on the girls and young women to continue on with their Guide work.

11. Samson/Seuli of Ronana, has been holding meetings recently at Ronana and Biwa and telling the people who were sick with some sort of illness and telling the sick ones, that he or she has been poisoned by a particular man or woman.

12. SAMSON also told the sick people what sort of substances, whether the sourcers put, stones, leaves and other substances of sourcery charms in the sick persons body,

13. The village officials failed to report the incident, and the matter was reported to me by a FRANK - PRYKE, a mix-race resident of Ibunai Hamlet; when I was returning to Alotau via Biwa.

14. Verbal discussions with the carriers from Ronana showed that Samson/Seuli of Ronana did hold meetings and has been telling the people all these nonsense; further investigation would be carried out on my next visit to the area.

15. On the otherhand, the local people from Lavora as far as Nuakata have been aware of the number of Political Parties formed so far. Meetings were held by the people, in several villages, to ascertain what party the people were interested in.

16. Verbal discussion with various individual Councils, showed that the local people were mainly interested in policy of PANGU PARTY. Asked whether, they received the copies of Pangu Parties policy, and the answers were often negative.

17. I raised following questions in the discussions with various Councillors:

- (a) Have the people received the copies of the Pangu Party policy?
- (b) If, so, are they in favour of the objectives of the policy?
- (c) Have they paid their fees as the supporters of the Pangu Party?

18. The answers for (a) and (b) were negative, while for question (c), the fees have been collected in some villages.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

19. There is no four wheel vehicle road in the whole Census Division. The foot tracks in the area run parallel to the coastline in most places; but where it runs through densely forested areas, the tracks are muddy in the wet rainy season; otherwise it is always dry and fairly good.

20. The road construction in the North East Coast area would be solved fairly well, because the area does not serve numerous rapid flowing crossings; and many areas are fairly flat.

- (a) The Maramatana Local Government Council Works Manager, has been laying culverts several times in the creek crossings at Puni Puni Plantation. The Council has spend \$80 - \$100 on this project, but each time it rained, the water completely destroyed the whole project.
- (b) Twice the project has been damaged and the Council is going to give a third attempt at it.

VILLAGES

21. The hamlets in the North East Coast area are scattered along the coast. Most villages are kept clean and tidy, with exception of Lavora, Guga and Nuakata Island; where swines were found roaming in the villages, excreting in the villages; but as whole the general standard of the villages were above average.

22. Most villages in the area are situated close to the good supply of water. Although villages such as Topura, Wamawamana, Garuai, Keia, Ronana and East Cape are short of good supply of water. During the dry spells, water is very scarce in the these villages.

23. Water wells have been dug already at Topura, Garuai, Keia, while Council has built water well at Ronana, which is half complete. This wells will improve the water supply, when they are completed.

REST HOUSES

24. The general standard of rest houses in North East Coast was fair to poor.

25. The rest house at Lavora, is in a stage of falling, and roof were rotten while floors were in complete chaos.

26. Taupota rest house was the worse rest house seen so far. The walls and floor were torn or ribbed off the rest house. The heavy rain which fell on the night when I stayed here, caused a problem here, as we had to shift all the patrol gear to one corner to avoid rain from wetting ourselves and patrol equipment.

27. The Councillors from Taupota realised the situation and have informed me that new rest house would be built near the present meeting house before the next coming patrol in December.

28. Iepoa No.2 rest house requires new roof and walls, as the present sago roof and walls are old and falling off rapidly, as the outside pressure from wind and rain hits on them.

29. Nuhuna rest house and police barrack were in dilapidating stage. The police barrack, with three quarter of its roof and walls ribbed off by wind or worn out vines, had falling to the ground, the night before I arrived; so I had to share the

rest house with constable for that night.

30. Instructions given in May, 1967, were ignored and no new house was built until the patrol arrived. A strict instruction was given to the Village Official, and this will be checked in next coming Maramatana Council Election patrol in December.

31. Iabam Island, with very little vegetation, and all the building materials have to be imported from Nuakata, Basilaki and Sideia Islands, were told to repair floor only, as roof was still in good condition.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

32. The North East Coast, one of the unique areas of the Territory, where the Village Constables still exist although the Local Government Council, Councillor member has taken the place of the village Constable.

33. The Councillors were helpful, and assisted the patrol in every way. Although the Local Councillor has authority over the people at the village level; there still exists a friction between the Village Constable and Councillor.

34. Personal observation and discussions with the Village Officials, reveals that, if there was a complaint for court action or work to be done in the village. Councillor, says that it is the duty of the Village Constable to Supervise, as he is paid by Administration for these duty. On the other hand Village Constable claims that all his duties have been handed to the Councillor, and that he is only a figure head.

35. The Village Constable ADELBERT/GORDWIN of KEIA Village has deceased and the people have advised me that they do not want to appoint new Village Constable.

36. The Village Constable TOM/KAKA of East Cape has been terminated, because he has not been doing his duties for well over one year; and has been residing at Ronana village for last three years. Instructions left behind by Mr. D. Pike, a Patrol Officer in 1962 for TOM/KAKA to return to East Cape has been ignored by Tom until 1967.

37. The ex-Local Government Councillor, APALAKAIA of PUMKIN of East Cape was appointed as a New Village Constable.

38. The new appointee speaks fluent pidgin Motu, Dobu and Tavara language. APALAKAIA is respected by his people and has interest in the job.

CARRIERS AND HIRE OF CANOES

39. The carriers and hire of canoes on this patrol were obtained without problem. The hourly rate of 10 cents were paid to the carriers and hire of canoes. With exception of carriers from Huhuna to Watunou and vice versa, were paid 20 cents per hour, as they have to carry across the mountain track which is dangerous in most areas along the mountain track.

40. The carriers and hire of canoes were only away from their villages for 1 - 2 hours, the longest been four hours from Popura to Wamawamana .

COMPLAINTS

41. Numerous complaints were brought before the patrol. The complaints were mainly of small debts or family disputes.

42. Seventy-five percent of the complaints were 15 to 20 years old complaints, and attempts to settle the debts were fruitless, as the defendants were deceased or not at scene. In some cases the defendants denied that such debts were not known by him or her.

43. Failure to report the matters to the former officers to the area; were counted in this case, when I finally handed down by decisions that matter should be ignored. But in cases where the defendant admitted complaints; The instructions were given in the Village Books for the defendant to pay the debts in some given period.

44. The good example of this was Patterson of Awaiama, gave \$46.00 to Clement Roubene of Garuai in 1940. The matter was not reported until 19th October, 1967; approximately 27 years has lapsed.

45. Otherwise debts were settled satisfactorily outside the court by successfully conciliation with both disputed parties.

FIREARMS

46. Registration and licenses of current holders of firearms in the North East Coast Census Division have been thoroughly checked physically.

47. Monies for renewal of firearms, were collected and interim receipts were issued to the holders and on my return from patrol, renewals and receipts were then forwarded to the individuals through the Council.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

48. There are seven noticeable trade stores owned and operated by individuals, who are holders of current Licences to Trade with Natives on the North East Coasts.

49. There are numerous trade stores in Maramatana Council area, consequently the turnover of income by individual is subsequently very low as there is ever increasing competition amongst the legally licensed traders and illegal traders.

50. The majority of the these trading groups are mixture of individual or group enterprises -

51. Attached please find appendix of the traders in North East Coast Census Division.

AGRICULTURE

52. Agriculture on Maramatana Council area comes under direct supervision of Agricultural Field Assistant at Huhuna Agricultural Extension station; and indirectly under the control of Dubuleta Agricultural Station in the Milne Bay.

53. The subsistence pattern of agriculture is still unchanged, although some people, the more enthusiastic ones, have brought various types of vegetables seeds from Samarai with intention of planting them during the wet season. Yams, sweet potatoes, taros and pumpkins are supplemented by little corn, pawpaw, beans, bananas, cucumbers, asparagus, lemons, oranges and pineapples.

54. Rice and peanuts were tried at Taupota and Lavora region, and in few cases these plantings were very successful.

55. Pepper plantings at Ronara by Robert Tolewa and Holland Lemeki at Topura proved, successful and first harvest

by both people were sold to Bubuleta lately.

56. Transportation of these produce to the local market at Samarai is the major problem of this coast. At the present, few privately owned vessels (mainly missions) and numerous cutters are the only means of transport, making irregular trips to Samarai. At some villages, bagged copras bagged for several months, before it is eventually loaded onto a boat. To overcome this problem, the people insists that the Maramatana Council should buy a boat to carry out this work in future.

57. Pigs and fowls are the only livestock kept in the villages, these are used mainly for exchange and celebrations purposes. Wild pigs are numerous in some areas especially around Wamawamana and Topura.

HEALTH

58. The general health of the area was excellent; due almost entirely to the missions. The respective missions and the services supplied by the missions are set out below

<u>MISSION</u>	<u>TYPE OF EST.</u>	<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
METHODIST	AID POST	EAST CAPE	Nurses and A.P.O.'s
		WAGAHUHU	Nurse
ANGLICAN	HOSPITAL	TAUPOTA	Nurse and A.P.O.'s
	AID POSTS	TOPURA	Hospital Assist. and A.P.O.'s
		AWAIAMA	
		IAPOA No.2	
S.D.A.	AID POSTS	IAPOA No.2	A.P.O.

59. There is also Council/Administration Aid Post at Huhuna staffed by an A.P.O. The Aid Post at Huhuna is constructed by Maramatana Council with permanent material.

60. The Anglican Mission as well as running Aid Posts, has Child Welfare clinics in operation. Serious medical cases are transported to St. Barnabas Hospital at Dogura or Samarai.

EDUCATION

61. The mission provide the only educational facilities in the division, but quite a few children attend government schools in the Sub District or elsewhere. Education statistics may be found in the Appendix to the report.

MISSIONS

62. Anglican. The mission area headquarters is situated at Taupota village. The personal include a European layman, and his wife at Taupota, two fathers one European female teacher and number of indigenous teachers, nurses and A.P.O.'s - Their work, as well as the general religious extension, includes mainly educational and medical welfare services. The missions adherents and influence is confined to within its clearly defined boundary the most easterly village been Iapoa No.2. Other stations, that is smaller ones are at all west of the above mentioned village. The main ones being Awaiama and Topura.

63. Methodist Overseas Mission - Has its station at East Cape, and small establishments in each village. The personal on the station include an European Missionary, wife and family, European female teacher and two indigenous ministers, number of indigenous teachers, nurses and A.P.O.'s. Their work is mainly of

Education and medical welfare. The influence extends from Polotona to Nuakata Island. The missions influence is not possibly strong as Anglican's, that is, it is not noticeable as that of Anglican Mission.

64. Roman Catholic Mission: Has a small establishment at Nuakata Island, with very small number of adherents.

65. Seventh Day Adventists Mission - This has small mission station at Iapoa No.2. Its staff includes a pastor indigenous) a teacher and also Aid Post Orderly. It has limited number of adherents; but its influence is steadily increasing, and so far has a school at Polotona; this is due to example they are setting in cleanliness. They have a small school and Aid Post on this establishment.

LAND

66. All land matters were attended to and finalised on this patrol. The report of each claims on land is submitted under separate memorandum to the Assistant District Commissioner Alota; under File 35-6-55 and Alotau Patrol No.4 of 1967/68 instruction 3(e).

CENSUS

67. The absentee workers both in and outside the district, relating to villages such as Lavora, Topura and Taupota No.1 and 2 is outstation in this Census Division. Many of this absentees have fled to the town of Alotau or local plantations in the Milne Bay Sub District in hope of looking for cash income.

68. Others have no luck in finding employment, and have refused to return to their respective home villages.

69. Number of mixed race residents who have been living in the North East Coast Census Division for years, have not recorded their names in the Census sheets for many years. Several of them have been entered in this year's census.

70. Full details of the census figure is attached, as a appendix "A" of this report.

CONCLUSION

71. This patrol was the first one, which the writer has done, which covered whole Census Division. I fully support the wishes of the people in the area, for the Council to purchase a vessel to transport products to the local market at Samarai for the reason below:-

72. Present freight charges imposed on the local people in the area by the owners of various cutters and "M.V. GRACE LANE". Exact rates are shown below:-

<u>CUTTERS</u>	<u>FREIGHT PER COPRA BAG</u>	<u>FARE TO SAMARAI PER PERSON</u>
	\$1.00 for each bag	\$1.40 per person
"M.V. GRACE LANE"	\$1.00 for each bag	1.80 " "

The writer feels that the rates should be charged by tonnage rather than per bag.

73. Numerous entrepreneurs in the area have run into failures, and debts with the firms or relatives who have paid shares in the business ventures; which are trading without licences.

74. Prices are twice as high as the ones legally operating trade stores. I feel that there should be ban on all these

illegal trading ventures.

75. The inflow of able bodied males to the urban centres from the division is rapidly increasing and the writer sees no solution to discourage these people from flooding into urban areas for cash earning; unless the Administration has a set plan to boost the Economic development and improve the shipping facilities in the area.

(a) Census Figures - Village Population Register.

(b) List of Trade Stores operated in the Division.

(c) Education Statistics.

(d) Copy of reports made on Patrol Police.

(e) Correspondence relating to Patrol.

(f) Patrol Instructions.

(S. SIAOA)
Patrol Officer.

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LIST OF APPENDICES ATTACHED
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TRADE STORES

NAME	REGISTERED	UNREGISTERED	VILLAGE	TOTAL
WELIBO - MARIOTA	-	"	HUHUNA	
DOUWELO - TALEI	-	"	"	
DILIKO - TANNIBO	-	"	"	
TENNYSCH-GIDRON	-	"	"	
GAIREKO - TAUTEM	-	"	"	9
MAREIWAYA - LOSZNAI	-	"	"	
FRANK - ILADE	-	"	"	
DIJLO - TETEMUBO	-	"	"	
DIPORE - SILO	-	"	"	
CLEMENT - ROUBENE	-	"	GARUAI	1
LUCIAN - TAIEDI	expired 1965. LTWN. A. 6611	"	TAUFOTA	
KEITH - HIRODIDI	Nil	"	"	
ROBIN - TOMOLA	"	"	"	
PINIAS - KAIONI	"	"	"	8
VINCENT - KAKEDO	"	"	"	
LINSLEY - KAKO	"	"	"	
DIDIMUS - KAWALARA	"	"	"	
IIVA - WABO'ETA	"	"	"	
METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSION	REGISTERED "		EAST CAPE	
CECIL - MARK	REGISTERED		AWAIAMA	
ANGLICAN MISSION	2 "		AWAIAMA, closed down	
MAHIMAHĪ PLTN	"		MAHIMAHĪ PLTN	
ANGLICAN MISSION	"		TAUPOTA	
HAROLD - PARASCOES	"		LAVORA	
WADILAU - KAPITENI	"		GUGA	

TRADE STORES

NAME	REGISTERED	UNREGISTERED	VILLAGE	TOTAL
DIANANU - MATUA	-	"	EAST CAPE	
IENI - HAKAI	-	"	"	
DINANA - RIWCSI	-	"	"	
DADUWE - KITO	-	"	"	7
SAMSON - SEULI	-	"	"	
ROBERTY - ARADS	-	"	"	
MESAKI - LOTA	-	"	"	
TOPASI - ELAUHODA	-	"	RONAMA	
JOHN WILLIAM - DOLCA	-	"	"	
KABUDALA - DIMAGU	-	"	"	4
AISELI - GILIONI	-	"	"	
JAMES - TOKAIWA	-	"	GUGA	
HUDSON - WALUPASI	-	"	"	
N. ENFIAOLA	-	"	"	
MUNALI - TANAIBO	-	"	"	7
ANDREW - POTEI	-	"	"	
SIGONEDI - IPUKETA	-	"	"	
BODGER - PANOSI	-	"	"	
JIMMY - BEUBE	-	"	WAGAHUHU	
DALUGE - DOTI	-	"	"	
RADFORD - IOBN	-	"	"	
JACOB - GEWA	-	"	"	
DAVID - DAUYADI	-	"	"	
NORAH - LEUKO	-	"	"	
LABELABE - GEGETO	-	"	"	15
MOISANA - IATOPASI	-	"	"	
SIWOILA - SIWOILA	-	"	"	
LESLEY - TAGENAI	-	"	"	
GOEADI - KENUKENU	-	"	"	
GALAIONI - WAKULEPOI	-	"	"	
ANDREW - MUI'WEI	-	"	"	
LAIWANI - TURUJI	3	"	"	
NICODEMUS - TADI	-	"	"	

SECTION C.

EDUCATION STATISTICS
(NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION).

CHURCH OF ENGLAND		M.O.M.		S.D.A.		R.C.M.	
MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
156	157	106	46	9	7	7	9

The above figure only shows the students at mission schools in the Division.

While 21 male and 8 female students attend Administration schools inside the District, while 21 male and four females attend high schools in Lae, Popondetta and Administrative College, while one at the University of Papua and New Guinea. Three male students are at Mission institutions at Banz, Rabaul or Popondetta.

29.2% male children attend missions schools in Census Division.

4.3% male children attend Administration schools, while 66.5% are too young for school age or have been sent off from schools.

24.9% of female children goes to mission schools.

1.3% of female children goes to Administration schools, while 73.8% have mixture of under school age and girls who have left school for they are old or expelled.

SECTION E.

NORTH EAST COAST PATROL NO. 4. CP 1967/68.

CORRESPONDANCE RAISING FROM PATROL.

<u>File Ref.</u>	<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1. 92-1-1.	Distroff Alotau	Village Constable - New Appointee.
2. 37-8-1(Pt.2)	Distroff- Kieta	Minor Complaint.
3. 37-8-1 "	Distroff- Sakarai	Minor Complaint.
4. 37-8-1 "	Distroff Alotau.	Land Disputes Natuweyauna Land (East Cape)

Note:- All correspondance dealing with the above matters have been forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner, ALOTAU and copies placed in the their respective files.


ALCTAU PATROL NO.4 OF 1967/68.

APPENDIX'D:

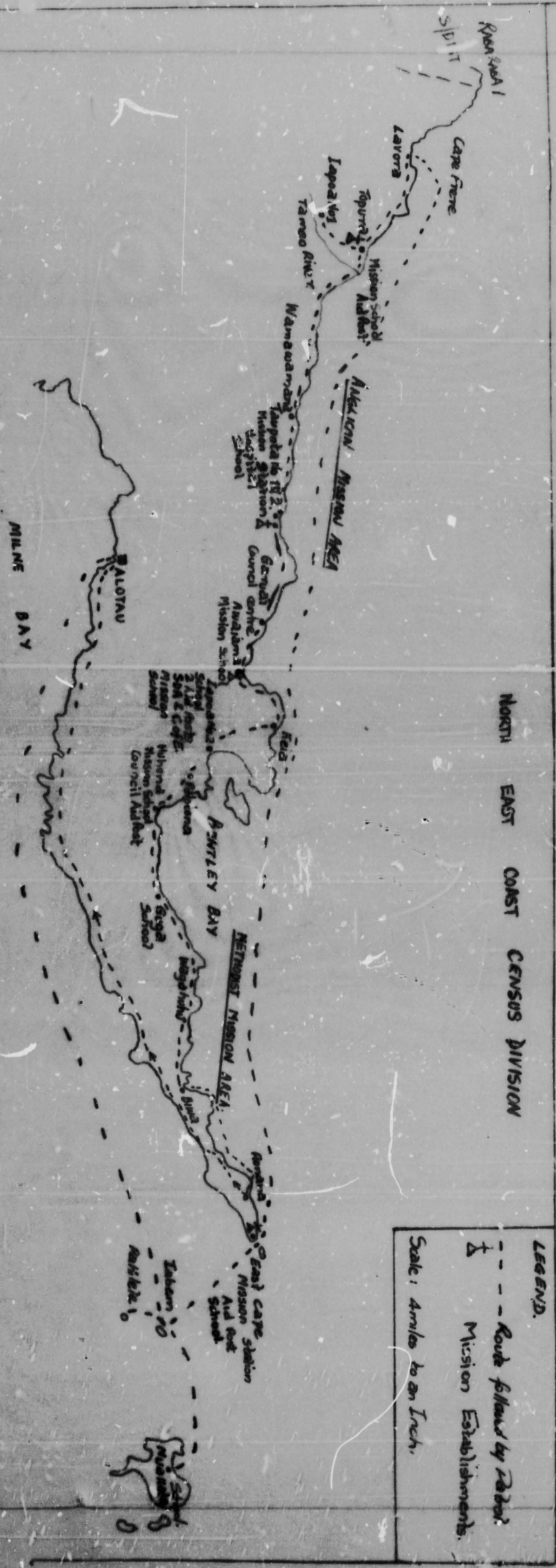
Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary Report.

Reg. 8005 - Constable Mimigina Madarina.

A steady and reliable policeman with many years service. An asset to any patrol. Conduct and Discipline good.


(A. SIAOA)

Officer Royal Papua & New Guinea Constabulary.



NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

LEGEND.

- - - Route followed by road.
- △ Mission Establishments.

Scale: 1/4 inch to an Inch.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 8 OF 67/68

Patrol Conducted by MR. A. SIAOA, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. J. B. QUINN (ADO)

Natives 2 PATROL INTERPRETERS
2 MEMBERS OF CONSTABULARY.

Duration—From 6 / 12 / 1967 to 16 / 2 / 1967

Number of Days 11 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2 / 10 / 1967

Medical / 1967 (Malaria Services)

Map Reference Gehua 1 inch to 4 Miles Series.

Objects of Patrol To conduct the fourth Maramatana Local Govt. Council Election.
Routine Administration Matters.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

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: 67-4-3

Dept. of District Administration,
KORIOBU, Papua.

April 29th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

PATROL NO. AIOTAU 8-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~REPORT~~
of ~~Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by... A. SIAOA, R.O......
to NORTH EAST COAST Census Division S.

J. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS) *JE*
Director

* Delete as necessary.

67-4-30

67-3-1

DNB/OS



Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

15th January, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

ALOTAU PATROL REPORT No. 8 of 1967/68.

Attached please find two copies of the above report and claims for Sleeping Allowance by Mr. Siaoa and Mr. Dierome.

2. The objective of Mr. Siaoa's patrol was to conduct the 4th general elections for the Maramatana Local Government Council in the western section of the Council area. This objective was achieved. Elections in the eastern section of the Council area were carried out by Mr. A.D.O. Quinn.

3. At para 6 Mr. Siaoa's comment that little propaganda was given by Administration officers discounts the good work by himself on during October 1967 - paras 5 and 6 of his report, Alotau Patrol Report No. 4, refer - and also on his visits to the area as Council Administrative Adviser. During my tour of the Maramatana Council area in September Council elections were discussed with each group contacted.

4. The comment at para 9 is incorrect as the Maramatana Council has located a number of fresh water well sites and two have been constructed and are operating. The Council plans to continue its village water well programme. It is true a number of test wells, located too near high water mark proved salty and others badly sited produced no water at shallow depths before the people gave up. The Council plans to overcome these problems.

5. Paras 15 to 19 refer. The spread of population and the lack of economic development in the area west of Guga village, under the development of roads in what is reasonably easy road building country. The nature of the country east of Guga Village - rocky bluffs dropping straight to the sea - precludes the possibility of a coastal road in that area.

6. The Council has commenced road construction in the vicinity of the Council Headquarters at Garuai.

7. Para 22 Arineus Harold was found guilty before the District Court, Alotau and sentenced to one month I.A.L. at Alotau Corrective Institute.

8. Paras 24 and 25. The District Agricultural Officer will be asked for advice in this matter.

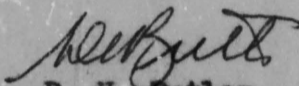
9. Mr. Siaoa's comments under "Anthropological" are interesting and officers conducting land investigations in the area will be requested to keep the problem in mind.

10. Perhaps one of the factors responsible for the lack of economic development on the north east coast of this sub-district,

is the proclivity of the whole population towards arson. Huge areas of grass land are regularly burned for hunting and possibly just for the joy of seeing the spectacle. These burnt areas increase gradually year by year.

11. Mr. Siooa's report is quite well written though spoiled by mistakes in sentence construction which sometimes cloud the meaning of that which he wishes to say.

For your information and action please.



D. N. Butler,
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-1

AS/OS

Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

21st December, 1967.

The Assist. District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU.

ALOTAU PATROL No. 8 of 1967/68
NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was ^{partly} carried ^{out} in the North East Coast Census Division of the Maramatana Local Government Council area from the 6th December, 1967 to 16th December, 1967.

2. The area consists of LAVORA on the North and extends to East Cape and the local islands of Iabam, Pahilele and Nuakata.
3. The major object of the patrol was to conduct the fourth Maramatana Local Government Council general election, which commenced on the 7th December, 1967 and completed on the 16th December, 1967. Minor routine Administration matters were attended where necessary.
4. The number of days spent on this patrol was eleven days.

NATIVE SITUATION

5. The local people have been holding community meetings, and in most cases, candidates were nominated at these meetings, prior to election.
6. The 85% of the local people were conversant with the election procedures. This was very pleasing and encouraging, and previous Council members are to be congratulated on this matter, as very little propaganda talks were given by Administration officer's prior to the election. This encouraging result of knowing the procedures of how to vote at the election, could be the result of experience gained at previous Council and 1964 House of Assembly elections.

VILLAGES

7. There has been no slight change in conditions of houses and sanitation in the villages as compared to my previous visit in October, 1967.
8. Most villages visited were satisfactorily clean and water supply abundant to inadequate at a close proximity or less than hours walk from the villages. In some villages, such as KEIA and TOPURA water supply is inadequate, as the creeks where the people get their water is frequently dry or pigs drinking from them.
9. Attempts by Maramatana Council to sink water wells for both villages failed, as the trial wells have produced water too salty to drink or no water at all.

REST HOUSES

10. The general standard of rest houses in the area patrolled

was fair to poor.

11. Taupota rest house which is the worse rest house in the area has not been removed. Although promises have been made to me in October, 1967 by the village officials of both Taupota No. 1 and Taupota No. 2 villages, that they were going to remove the rest house and construct new rest house beside the present community hall. Instructions were once again given by the writer to the village officials to construct new rest house.

12. Lapoa No. 2 rest house has been repaired, and the new Police Barrack at Huhuna has been constructed in place of the fallen rest house reported in my Report No. 4 of 1967/68.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

13. The Councillors and Village Constables in the Census Division were helpful and assisted the patrol, as the team moved through the area.

14. All village officials have been carrying out their duties responsibly well; and have settled individual's differences regularly and satisfactorily.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

15. North East Coast Census Division which is served by two cheapest means of transport, i.e. by sea and land has road problems.

16. There is no prospect for construction of vehicular road in the area, as tonnage of products here would not warrant the major road. Until such time, the products here would not warrant the major road. Until such time, the products in the area reaches tonnage of Economic value. Maramatena Council which is the only organised body spends the money for the construction and maintenance of the road in the area.

17. Foot tracks which links the villages are kept exceptionally well, with the exception of track between GAILULU Point and Garua Council Centre, where the elephant grasses are about six feet tall and any person walking through them can only be seen when the grasses are in motion, when the person goes through them.

18. Otherwise all the network of foot tracks which joins the main route linking the area from East Cape to Lavora is kept clean by individual hamlets.

19. Creek crossings in the Census Division is frequently bridged with coconut trunks or hardwood posts rammed together by cane binding; lasts in most cases, up to maximum of three to four years.

CARRIERS

20. The hire of carriers and canoes were obtained without problem. Hourly rate of 10 cents per hour were paid to the carriers and canoes. The carriers were only away from their villages for one to two hours; longest being four hours from Topura to Wamawamana.

COMPLAINTS

21. Very few complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol; all of which were disputes over destroying of gardens by pigs or family disputes.

22. One complaint for court action was taken at Topura where ARINEUS/HAROLD of Topura, the defendant, was sent to Alotau for

the court action; as a result of stealing a national transistor and ANA, travelling bag which amounted to \$29.00.

AGRICULTURE

23. The subsistence pattern of agriculture is still unchanged. The staple food of the patrolled area are; taro, sweet potatoes and pumpkin, which are supplemented by little corn, bears pawpaw, banana and pineapples.

24. The only introduced cash crops such as coffee, in the area has been neglected, i.e. the trees have not been pruned, shades have overgrown the coffee trees and coffee beans have not been picked.

25. Some of these coffee trees were grown 6 years ago, and the owners have neglected, as a result of no market to sell or price depression.

26. Consequently the people in the area have turned to rely on coconut as the source of their cash income. At the present, copra is made from communal plantings and individuals have already planted individual plantings with assistance of Agriculture Department.

27. The copra is usually transported on the Anglican Mission Vessel or native owned sailing cutters to Copra Marketing Board in Samarai. Private boats which make irregular trips along the coast carry copra as well.

LIVESTOCK

28. Pigs, fowls and dogs are the only livestock kept in the villages, these are used mainly for exchange and celebrations purposes. Wild pigs are numerous in some areas especially around Wamawamana and Topura.

FORESTS

29. The natural vegetation in the area is from savanna grass land to tropical rainforest. The savanna grassland which extends from the Garua rises from high water mark along the coast and extends about a mile or two to the foot of the Owen Stanley Ranges.

30. The rainforest comprises of trees of very little economic value, and this could not encourage logging for any particular species of trees. On the other hand Lapoa No.1 which is situated on the head waters TAMEO RIVER has extensive stand of varieties of trees.

31. The logging of timber in the TAMEO RIVER would face no problem as the TAMEO RIVER flows rapidly, throughout the year, although the level of river falls considerably during the dry season.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

32. There are seven trade stores operating in the North East Coast. Three of the trade stores are owned and operated by Missions, while the other four are individually owned.

33. Good Baskets and mats are made for local use and sell for cash earning are common in areas from Poiotona to Nuakata Island which are under the Methodist Overseas Mission influence.

HEALTH

34. The general health of the people in Maramatana Council area was good, due almost entirely to the missions. The Anglican, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventists Missions supplies all health services in the areas under the influence of the respective missions.

35. There is also Council/Administration Aid Post at Hama which is run by the Aid Post Orderly, who is paid by the Administration. and humid grasses and constant dry spell hinders the growth of good coconuts.

36. Serious or emergency medical cases are referred to Samarai or St. Barnabas Hospital at Dogura. Little more copra than (a). Consequently, is going to stop a head of their neighbours.

EDUCATION

37. The missions provide the only educational facilities in the Division, but about less than one percent of the children attend government schools in the Sub-District or elsewhere.

38. The school grades taught at schools in Maramatana Council is from preparatory to standard 3 though few schools such as Taupota, Awaiama and East Cap goes as far as standard five.

39. The children who reaches standard V are then sent to Dogura or Salamo, for higher grades.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL -- (Customs relating to names)

40. The following custom and belief is common to the areas under the Maramatana Local Government Council area.

41. In this area, a person cannot be called by his true name. A man and his wife would not be called by their true name. Their children have to call them "AMAU" which means father and "HINAU" which means mother. Sometimes a male child can call his father "HIDOMU" which means friend, which is not the right word in this sense.

42. A man cannot call his in-laws by their names, so as his wife, who would not call her in-laws; by their true names.

43. It is the belief of these people that, if they call their own names, fathers, mothers and in-laws names, they would die. This fear of death has led into such problems as in tracing ownership of land or recording of names in census register.

44. In ascertaining the ownership of land by matrilineal or patrilineal pattern by way of genealogy, in land investigation an officer can obtain only man, his father and mother's names and cannot go further in tracing the inheritance. Once again these names will only be given by other people who are not the man's relatives.

45. Regarding recording of names, in census, the village officials, assists officers in this, in each village; otherwise it will take several hours to record new names in each village.

PERSONNEL

46. A report on the conduct and efficiency of Patrol Police has been sent direct to Commissioner of Police and duplicate copies attached as a appendix to this report.

47. APPENDIX

- (a) Comments on Patrol Police.
- (b) Patrol Diary.

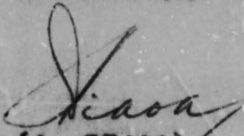
CONCLUSION

48. The writer feels that, the Census Division although is going ahead politically, it is lacking in the economic development. The area can be classified into two distinct patterns as follows:-

(a) LAVORA to TAUPOTA, the soil is unsuitable for any introduced cash crop. Coconut which can thrive on the coastal plain is not bearing well. The tall elephant and kunal grasses and constant dry spell hinders the growth of good coconuts.

(b) CARUAI to EAST CAPE, this area seems to produce little more copra than (a). Consequently, is going a step a head of their neighbours.

I feel that the detail survey of the soil be studied and trial cash crops which will thrive in area (a) be carried out for this area.


(A. SIAOA)
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

REG. 7803 CONSTABLE IVIVABA

The above member has accompanied the Alotaa Patrol No. 8 of 1967/68 to North East Coast, Census from 6th December to 16th December, 1967.

His conduct and discipline on this patrol was good and he was steady in his manner.



Officer of Field Constabulary

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PATROL DIARY

APPENDIX "B"

- Wednesday, 6th December, 1967 - Departed Alotau, per M.V. TAVA for LAVORA at 10.0 a.m.; arrived Garuai at 5.30 p.m., thence proceeded to Taupota, arrived about 1800 hours. Stayed overnight at Taupota.
- Thursday, 7th December, 1967 - Departed Taupota at 3.15 a.m., arrived Lavora at 5.30 am. Opened nomination for Candidates at 1300hrs, commenced election at 1400hrs. Completed election at 1600hrs. Departed LAVORA by M.V. TAVA for Topura, arrived at 1630 hrs. Stayed overnight at Topura. John Kivau elected Councillor.
- Friday, 8th December, 1967 - At 0730 hrs, left Topura for Iapoa No.2, accompanied by ADO Quinn. Walking times 1hrs. Commenced election for Iapoa No.1 completed at 11.30 am. Quinn left for Topura thence to East Cape by M.V. TAVA. Self departed Iapoa at 12.30am, arrived Topura at 1400 hrs. Stayed overnight at Topura. Platon Clarence elected Councillor.
- Saturday, 9th December, 1967 - Opened nomination for candidates at 0800hrs, closed for election at 0900hrs, completed election at 11.30am. Gibson Ruaemo elected Councillor with 53 votes. Complaints on family disputes attended. Departed Topura for Wamawamana at 12.00 noon, arrived 4.0pm. Stayed overnight at Wamawamana.
- Sunday, 10th December, 1967 - Observed Sunday at Wamawamana, and stayed overnight at Wamawamana.
- Monday 11th December, 1967 - At 0800hrs, opened nomination commenced election at 0900hrs and completed at 12.0 noon. Sebastine Diuro elected Councillor with absolute majority. Minor complaints concerning dispute over coconuts settled. Departed for Taupota at 12.30am; arrived Taupota at 2.30am. Stayed overnight at Taupota.
- Tuesday, 12th December, 1967 - At 0800hrs, opened nomination for Taupota No.1, commenced election at 0900hrs, Stonewigg Magou elected Councillor with absolute majority. No complaints. At 1300 hrs, opened nomination for Taupota No.2, commenced election at 1400hrs. Completed election at 4.30pm. Sam Joshua elected Councillor with absolute majority. No complaints. Stayed overnight at Taupota.
- Wednesday, 13th December, 1967 - Departed Taupota at 7.30 am, arrived

Garua at 8.30am. Opened nomination for candidates, at 0900hrs, at 10.0am, closed election, and declared VERNON /GUISE who was the only candidate as a Councillor. Patrol team moved on to Awaiama, while self remained at Council Chambers to check the October and November, monthly financial returns and witnessed the handover and takeover by relieving clerk HERBERT/DINERUA. Departed Garua at 4.30pm; arrived Awaiama at 5.0am. Slept overnight at Awaiama.

Thursday, 14th December 1967 - Opened nomination for Awaiama ward at 0800hrs, commenced election at 0900hrs, completed at 11.30am, Russell KANAFUTU elected Councillor with absolute majority. No complaints, departed Awaiama at 12.0 noon. KEIA, arrived at 1300hrs. Stayed overnight at KEIA.

Friday, 15th December 1967 - Departed KEIA for Iapoa No.2, on the advice of Councillor REDDY that half of his voters, would not vote on Saturday, as they were S.D.A., mission followers, arrived IAPOA No. 2 at 8.30am, opened nomination for IAPOA No.2, at 0900hrs, closed at 10.0am for election, RUSSELL DIMERUA elected Councillor. Departed Iapoa No.2 at 1330hrs; arrived KEIA at 1500hrs. Stayed overnight at KEIA.

Saturday, 16th December, 1967 - Opened poll at 0800hrs for nomination, closed at 0900hrs for election. Completed election for KEIA at 11.30am. Departed KEIA per M.V. TAVA for HUHUNA; thence proceeded to Guga to pick patients for Alotau hospital. Thence proceeded to Alotau, arrived Alotau at 8.30am.

NORTH EAST
ISVAI
DIVISION

NORTH EAST COAST
CENSUS DIVISION.



Key:-
 Scale 1 inch to 4 miles.
 Travel Route Followed (A. S. S. Co.) & I. E. S. (S. S. Co.)
 Villages ●
 Mission Est. Δ
 Hospital & Aide Post ⊕

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*Cleared
Am 16/1/69*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... MILNE BAY Report No. Alotau No 12-67/68

Patrol Conducted by..... JC Edgar Presiding Officer

Area Patrolled..... Tavara Coast Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... nil

Natives..... T.Lovai APO?S.Kone Poll Clerk, K. Salonic Intp.

Duration—From..... 17/2/1968 to..... 27/2/1968

Number of Days..... 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... 1968 House of Assembly Elections

Director of District Administration,
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: 67-4-15

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDCBU, Papua.

May 2nd, 19 68.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATFOL NO. ALOTAN 12-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~MEMORANDUM~~
* ~~MEMORANDUM~~ Patrol Report covering patrol by J.C. EDGAR
to TAYARA COAST..... Census Divisions.

Identity cards and medals are not generally regarded as being compatible with democracy. They can also be lost, transferred and mutilated.

The obligation on both the Administration and the Councils to maintain adequate records cannot be avoided.

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

* Delete as necessary.

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Sub-District Office,
ALOTAU,
Milne Bay District.

15th March, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.



PATROL REPORT 12 of 1967/68.

Attached please find copies of the above report by Mr. J. Edgar covering House of Assembly electoral duties.

2. The idea at para 2 page 2 is being considered by the Milne Bay Council Executive as a means of accurately recording persons resident in the Council area and correlation of tax payments with names in the tax register. I believe that a form of Identity Disk had been used in Dutch New Guinea with some success.

3. Mr. Edgar did not make a formal report under all usual headings at my direction as his electoral duties did not allow him time to make the usual native affairs enquiries.

D.N. Butler

D.N. BUTLER.
Assistant District Commissioner.

District Office, SAMARAI.

10/4/1968

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MINUTE TO:

The Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information and records, please.

2. A copy of this report has been made available to the Returning officer, Alotau Open Electorate.

M.J. Denehy

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

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Alotau.

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STATION: Alotau

SUB-DISTRICT: Milne Bay

DISTRICT: Milne Bay

PATROL NUMBER: Alotau No 12-67/68

CONDUCTED BY: JC Edgar Presiding Officer

AREA PATROLLED: Tavara Coast Census Division

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:
 T. Lovai Asst. Pres. Officer
 S. Kone Poll Clerk
 K. Salonia Intp.

DURATION OF PATROL: 17/2/68 to 27/2/68
 10 patrol days.

LAST PATROL TO AREA: BDA Sept '67.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: 1968 House of Assembly Election

17.2.68 0700 departed Alotau by vehicle for Milne Bay
 to conduct the 1968 House of Assembly Election. Polling
 commenced at 0800. Polling closed at 1800 and returned
 to Alotau.

18.2.68 0700 departed Alotau by vehicle for Milne Bay
 to conduct the 1968 House of Assembly Election. Polling
 commenced at 0800. Polling closed at 1800 and returned
 to Alotau.

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 to conduct the 1968 House of Assembly Election. Polling
 commenced at 0800. Polling closed at 1800 and returned
 to Alotau.

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 to conduct the 1968 House of Assembly Election. Polling
 commenced at 0800. Polling closed at 1800 and returned
 to Alotau.

PATROL DIARY

17.2.68 0730 setting up polling booth for the Alotau township at the PWD workshop. 0800 polling commenced and polling closed at 1800.

18.2.68 0900 departed Alotau by the MV Alotau for Walalaia with electoral team arriving at 1215. Gear unloaded and settled into the resthouse. MV Alotau returned to Alotau. Overnight at Walalaia.

19.2.68 Polling booth opened at 0800 continuing until 1515. Voting steady. A visit from Candidate Dennis Young around midday. 1545 departed for Divinai arriving at 1840. Overnight at Divinai.

20.2.68 0800 polling booth opened. Voting steady until 1700 - booth closed at 1800. Visit from ADO J. Quinn in the afternoon. Overnight at Divinai.

21.2.68 0730 departed Divinai, walked one hour, picked up vehicle which came from Alotau at Subulota and drove to Nigila Rest House. Polling booth set up and polling commenced at 1000. 1800 booth closed and returned by vehicle to Alotau.

22.2.68 0700 departed Alotau by vehicle for Rabe Council Chambers where a polling set up. 0800 polling commenced. 1800 booth closed and returned to Alotau.

23.2.68 0700 departed Alotau by vehicle for Sineada Womens Club House where booth set up. 0800 polling commenced and closed 1800. Returned to Alotau.

24.2.68 0700 to Waigani Plantation where polling commenced at 0800. Polling closed at 1800 and returned to Alotau.

25.2.68 Sunday - observed at Alotau.

26.2.68 0700 to Naura village Rest House where polling conducted. Polling closed at 1800 but on the return journey the Waigani River was flooding and impassable for vehicular traffic. Returned to Naura Rest House where the patrol overnighted.

27.2.68 0520 departed Naura and by now the river passable. 0630 arrived Alotau - breakfasted - 0730 to Maiwara Rest House where polling opened at 0800 and closed 1800. Returned to Alotau. Patrol stood down.

1968 General Elections

This patrol was designated as Team 8 (ME2) and its aim was to cover the Tavara Coast Census Division of the Milne Bay Sub-District. The Open electorate was the Alotau Open and the Regional Seat was the Milne Bay Regional.

A pre-election course was held at Alotau from Monday 12th February to Wednesday 14th February for Presiding Officers and their teams. This course was conducted by the Assistant Returning Officer for the Alotau Open Electorate - Mr. Butler. Other teams were Team 7 (MB1) and Team 9 (MB3) covering the Buhutu-Balaba Coast and North-East Coast Census Divisions respectively. The aim of this course was to familiarise the teams in electoral procedures and the legalities of polling.

Polling commenced on Saturday 17th February at the PWD workshop - Alotau and on Sunday the 18th the patrol positioned itself at Walalala prior to commencing polling the following day. From Walalala polling was conducted from booths at Divinal (19th), Nigila (20th), Rabe (21st), Sineada (22nd), Waigani Pltn (23rd), Naura (25th) and Maiwarra South (26th). The last five polling places were visited each day from Alotau by vehicle.

The only candidate who made himself prominent during the period of polling was Mr. Dennis Young. He had hired the Milne Bay L.G. Council's truck to transport eligible voters to the various polling booths. He seemed to be very popular with the people who had gathered to vote. Mr. Osineru Dickson - candidate for the Alotau Open seat - cast his ballot at the Alotau booth but was not seen for the remainder of the elections. Nothing was seen of the remaining candidates.

Approximately 70% of the voters requested assistance in marking their papers. However it is considered that this figure could have been greatly reduced, as it is felt that although many were known to be able to mark their papers without assistance they were possibly afraid of making a mistake.

General interest was varied. For example at Alotau (ie the township) of the 850 estimated eligible voters only 168 voted in which includes 40 absentee voters. A heavy rainstorm in the afternoon may have deterred some from presenting themselves but it is felt that general apathy was probably the main reason. At Sineada 80% of the eligible voters cast their ballots. Maiwara was virtually a 100% turn-up probably boosted by voters who had missed voting at other previous booths. Approx. 40% of the eligible voters voted. Figures indicate that male voters outnumbered females in the proportion of roughly 2:1.

No scrutineers were appointed by the candidates.

Difficulty was encountered in finding in the electoral roll a large percentage of the names of people who presented themselves to the Poll Clerk. This is responsible for the unusually high number of Sect. 130(1) voters. Undoubtedly, these people would have a name in the roll. However, the interpretation of the pronunciation and subsequent spelling of names by the officer who compiled the roll and the Poll Clerk's interpretation of such lead to much confusion in finding names. This is not helped by the custom of most people to have several names. As the Poll Clerk cannot afford to spend a lot of time seeking a multitude of names and then still not be positive of the official spelling, it was imperative that there be a certain number of Sect 130(1) voters.

I would suggest a scheme be introduced wherein each person over 18 years of age be issued with a small card (say something similar of the credit card style) or metal token with his or her official name written or stamped on it. These could be issued by local government councils when a person begins to pay tax. At times of central and local government elections, census, tax collection or any other time when a persons official name is needed or to be identified this card/token could be produced. This system would then provide a permanent record of a person's official name.

The elections on the whole were successful and not marred by any serious incidents.

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