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DISTRICT: MILNE BAY

STATION: GUASOPA, 1971 - 1972

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Mr. 999-7172

MILNE BAY DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

LOSUIA

1971 - 1972

Patrol No.

Officer conducting  
patrol

Area patrolled

1/71-72

J.C.Daras-Wells

Marshall Bennets & Woodlark C.D.

GUASOPA

1/71-72

G.W.Taylor

Woodlark Island

## PATROL REPORT

Report number: ONE  
 District: MILNE BAY  
 Patrol conducted by: G.W. TAYLOR  
 Area patrolled: WOODLARK ISLAND ONLY  
 Duration of patrol: 19/2/72 to 6/3/72  
 Last D.D.A. patrol:  
 Last O.L.G. patrol:  
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: CONDUCT H. of A. ELECTIONS  
 Station: GUASOPA  
 Subdistrict: LOSUIA  
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER  
 Personnel accompanying: MRS. G. TAYLOR, A.P.O.  
 MR. R. NEATE, P. CLEPK.  
 Number of days: 16 DAYS  
 Total population of area: 0700  
 Council area: MURUA  
 House of Assembly Electorate: KULA

The District Commissioner,  
 Milne Bay District,  
 ALOTAU

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ,	( ✓ )
Patrol Instructions,	( - )
The Report and my comments,	( - )
Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Reports No's 1- 4,	( ✓ )
Patrol map,	( - )

DATE: 17/7 1972

*M. Kotanga*  
 M. Kotanga  
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
 KONEDOBUI, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Report No's. 1- 4	( ✓ )
.....	( - )
.....	( - )
District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report.....	Above average Average Below average

Date: 26/7/1972

*F. G. Grier*  
 District Commissioner

JWK/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONE DOBU

67-4-43

17th August, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Milne Bay District  
ALOTAU.

GUASOPA PATROL NO. 1 - 1971/72

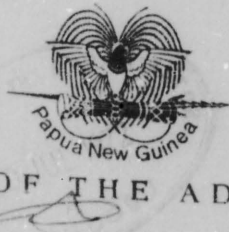
Reference your 67-9-3 of 26th July, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 4 arising out of the above patrol of WOODLARK ISLAND, together with the appropriate assessments as submitted by Mr. G.W. TAYLOR, Patrol Officer.

I quite agree that only one patrol from GUASOPA in twelve months is a disgraceful state of affairs and I trust that there will be a considerable improvement this year.

No other comments are called for.

(T.W. H.B.)  
Secretary



67-4-43

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Division of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
Milne Bay District,  
ALUFAU.

26th July, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU.

GUASOPA REPORT NO. 1 - 1971/72.

Attached and two copies of the above Report submitted by  
Mr. G. Taylor, P.O.

I have submitted one assessment for all four Situation  
Reports.

This is the only patrol for Guasopa for the 1971/72  
financial year and this is disgraceful. A better effort will be  
made by the Officer in Charge, Guasopa, this financial year.

(F.G. DRIVER)  
District Commissioner.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 35,  
LOSJIA.

Mr. G. Taylor,  
Sub-District Office,  
RABARABA.

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

Station.....GUASOPA.....Officer Compiling.....G.W. TAYLOR  
 District.....MILNE BAY.....Subdistrict.....LOSUIA  
 Census Division.....WOODLARK.....L.G. Council.....MURUA

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge of political significance, important to the security and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate.)

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: SUITABILITY OF <sup>VOTERS</sup>~~VILLAGE~~ IDENTIFICATION TRIBUNALS

I consider the <sup>Voters</sup>~~Village~~ Identification Tribunals to have been successful in their duty. The tribunal was of good assistance to the presiding officer.

In some places, especially Wabununa, people wanted to vote who were not on the roll and the Tribunal successfully decided who was eligible and who was not eligible to vote. In some polling places the voters had transferred villages and the Tribunal was of assistance in locating their names in the common roll. I think the village Identification Tribunals would work successfully without the common roll. The tribunal members at each polling place took their positions seriously and at all times acted in the required manner.

Sgd: *G.W. Taylor* P.O.  
 Date: *17-7-72*



SITUATION REPORT No. 2

Station..... GUASOPA ..... Officer Compiling..... G. TAYLOR  
 District..... MILNE BAY ..... Subdistrict..... LOSUIA  
 Census Division..... WOODLARK ..... L.G. Council..... MURUA

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Subject: Polling Times Sufficient or Insufficient in each polling place

The Polling schedule, for Woodlark island allowed the voters at each place, one full day to vote. I consider this was more than sufficient as <sup>SOME</sup> of the polling places had less than 25 persons able to vote. This resulted in most people completing their voting by 11am.

The schedule allowed too much time for journeying from one polling place to the next. Although the weather was bad, for the duration of the patrol it did not hamper us in the least in keeping to the schedule. There was often one day allowed to walk a one hour trip from one polling place to the next and thus much time was wasted just waiting to keep to the schedule.

The schedule also was badly organised in that the patrol had to back track to reach polling places. This could have been avoided by looking at the positions of villages on Woodlark.

Sgd: *G. W. Taylor PO*  
 Date: *17/7/70*

## SITUATION REPORT No. 3

Station..... GUASOPA ..... Officer Compiling..... G.W. TAYLOR  
 District..... MILNE BAY ..... Subdistrict..... LOBUIA  
 Census Division..... WOODLARK ..... L.G. Council..... MURUA

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Subject: Percentage of illiterate and literate voters

Most of the people on Woodlark needed assistance with filling out of the ballot paper. Although, the polling places of Guasopa and Kulumadau had quite good percentages of literate voters, this being due to Guasopa being the patrol post and some of the voters being station staff.

At Kulumadau, Mr. Neate employs most of the people who voted. His staff have mostly learnt English for communication purposes and most of them can also read English. Nearly every-one at this place were able to vote without assistance. A considered estimation of the literate and non literate voters for each polling places is listed on the reverse

Sgd: *G.W. Taylor* PO

Date: *17/1/52*

Polling Place	Percentage of Literate Voters	Percentage of Illiterate Voters	No. of Voters
1. Guasopa	30%	70%	
2. Ungonam	10%	90%	
3. Wabununa	15%	85%	
4. <del>Unamatana</del> Unamatana	5%	95%	
5. Mapas	30%	70%	
6. Kropan	45%	55%	
7. Kauwai	5%	95%	
8. Dikoias	20%	80%	
9. Kaurai	20%	80%	
10. Kulumadau	75%	25%	
Average %	25%	75%	

SITUATION REPORT No. 4

Station.....GUASOPA.....Officer Compiling.....G.W. TAYLOR.....  
 District.....MILNE BAY.....Subdistrict.....LOSULA.....  
 Census Division.....WOODLARK.....L.G. Council.....MURIA.....

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: INTEREST BY VILLAGE PEOPLE IN ELECTIONS

A high degree of interest in the house of Assembly election was shown by the Woodlark people. The patrol was well received and encountered people ready and waiting to vote at each scheduled polling place and 85% of those people available and eligible to vote voted.

In two places Unamatena and Kaurai some people were away on Kula trips but these numbered only ten. The people were well aware of who each candidate was and showed interest in the ballot paper displayed as a guide to voters. The majority of those who were eligible to vote on Woodlark did vote and absenteeism was low.

Sgd: *G.W. Taylor*

Date: *17/7/72*

SITUATION REPORT No. 1-4

Page 1.

Station GUASOPA Officer Compiling G.W. TAYLOR  
District MILNE BAY Subdistrict LOSUIA  
Census Division WOODLARK L.G. Council MURUA  
Subject: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 1972.

Subdistrict Office Losuia.

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

Mr. Taylor was posted to Rabaraba after the Elections. This report was written at Rabaraba and therefore the Assistant District Commissioner's assessment has not been done.

The report should have been done under a Situation Report with subject heading - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, 1972.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

Date.....

District Office **ALOTAU**

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

27th July, 1972.

- 1. Voters Identification Tribunals proved successful.
- 2. Polling schedules were done by O.I.Cs of each Station. They should not have been badly organized.
- 2. Assistance to illiterate voters was necessary.
- 4. All people able to vote voted. Good interest was shown.

Action Taken:

All matters requiring attention were referred to the Chief Electoral Officer by the R.O.

Sgd.

*J. G. Siver*

Date

26/7/72

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....