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9 - 1965/1966	P.J. Power	Lavongai Census Div. New Hanover
20- 1965/1966	A.R. Beard	N.G.L.T.R.O. Land Investigation



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of NEW IRELAND Report No. 8/65-66 TASKUL

Patrol Conducted by I.D. HOOPER, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION, NEW HANOVER.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives R.P. & N.G.C. (5)

Duration—From 28./9./1965 to 27./10./1965

Number of Days 30

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /...../1965

Medical ...../...../1965

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION AND FAMILIARIZATION, TRENDS  
IN NATIVE THINKING, PRE-ELECTION and DECIMAL CURRENCY CHANGE OVER TALKS.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESEY.

Forwaded, 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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10th February, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
New Ireland District,  
KAVIENG.

TASKUL PATROL REPORT NO. 8/1965-66.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Hooper, covered by your memorandum of 13th December, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Head have been noted.
  
3. Mr. Hooper is to be complimented on this lengthy, interesting and informative report. He has accomplished an excellent piece of work considering that this is his first solo patrol. He has been very observant and shows that he is interested in native affairs work. The anthropological notes he has appended are very interesting.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Our Reference.....  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
KAVIENG. N.I.D.

13th December, 1965

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUN

REPORT OF TASKUL PATROL NO. 8/65-66  
MR. CADET PATROL OFFICER - I. HOOPER

Forwarded herewith is the above report complete with appendix map, patrol instructions and comments by the District Officer, Taskul.

This is a well prepared, written and presented report - one of the best I have ever received from a Cadet Patrol Officer. This was Mr. Hooper's first sole patrol and it has been well done - he is to be complimented on an excellent piece of work.

Mr. Hoad's instructions and comments are most adequate and leave little to add. It is this type of patrol which all Officers at Taskul have been undertaking that is causing a small change which permits us to enjoy for the first time restrained optimism regarding the situation there.

The Advisory Officer, Mr. Power, will take up the matter of transferring VAISAVAMUAM from the METERANKAN Ward to the METIAI Ward.

( H.P. SEALE )  
District Commissioner



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TASKUL Patrol Post,  
Kavieng Sub-District,  
New Ireland District.  
6th. November, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
New Ireland District,  
KAVIENG.

Patrol Report TASKUL No. 8 - 65/66

I. D. Hooper, Cadet Patrol Officer

Attached please find the said report, together with a copy of the covering patrol instructions.

This is the first patrol which Mr. Hooper has conducted. He has acquitted himself well. At times his patrol worked in conjunction with other patrols but the functions of this patrol were different and therefore Mr. Hooper continued to record his own impressions.

I have the following comments to make about these impressions and assessments.

1. Reception of the patrol at UNGAT and MIN:

"an undercurrent of resentment." I am familiar with this feeling at UNGAT and I have talked with people of MIN. Their approach is like this: They support their elections to America and their "Promise to God"; anything which represents a threat to this natural fulfillment, such as the Australian Administration, is thereby viewed with suspicion and distrust. These people do not view the Administration in the Papua and New Guinea context. However, Mr. Hooper says, "in other areas the patrol was well received." In some other villages not visited by Mr. Hooper, KULUNGEI, NUSANTAUMATAI, WATANIU, the situation is more akin to UNGAT and MIN.

2. Political Situation:

(a) The significance of the Johnson cult operating in competition with the Administration and the Council is well known. I would refer to previous correspondence and more recently to my 51-2-1 of November, 1965, and to my letter under "confidential" of the same date.

(b) Mr. Hooper has mentioned in his narrative a list of names and places of the adherents to the cult/non-adherents. This is in accordance with your 51-5-10 of 25th. September, 1965.

(c) The people of VISAVANVAN village have expressed dissatisfaction to Mr. Hooper at their political orientation in the METERANKAN electorate. A village representative will now be invited to put the views of the village to the next meeting of the Lavongai Council. If the councillors are sympathetic (and I expect they will be) a resolution may be passed to transfer the village to the KIPING electorate.

(d) The "touchy situation" referred to at METEIAI is over the ownership of ground. The people of METEIAI would like to increase the strength of their village by bringing the inland people of VISAVANVAN down to the



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TASKUL Patrol Post,  
Kavieng Sub-District,  
New Ireland District.  
28th. September, 1965.

Mr. I. D. Heeper, C.P.O.  
TASKUL Patrol Post,  
New Ireland District.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Taskul Patrol No. 8 - 65/66

Please prepare to depart on patrol today; attached to these instructions is an itinerary which is to be your guide. I have selected five police to accompany you and this list also is set out.

2. This patrol is one of routine administration and familiarization. Take the patrol easily, sleep at each village, record your impressions. Watch the conduct of the police closely.

3. A formal patrol report will be required and I refer you to the Departmental Standing Instructions General Field Administration, pp 25-46

In particular I wish you to report on the trends in native thinking. What are the things that worry them? - is it their election, or the Council, or money, or the weather, or women? Do they have avenues for trade? Are the tax defaulters attempting to earn money to pay their tax? - if so, how?

Items which you should raise in discussions would include:-

- The Lavongai Council  
(Elections commencing 8th. November;  
Tax to be paid by 30th. November.)
- Decimal currency change over; and,
- Need to expand economic plantings of coconuts.

You should also report on such matters as:-

- agriculture and their technique;
- walking tracks; and,
- villages and inter village commerce.

4. Anthropological I wish you to visit the inscribed stones and "Statues to the sun gods of New Hanover", so discovered by Mr. Sheridan of the Public Health Department. Your reporting on this should be objective - ie. whatever it looks like (an unintelligible stone?), so describe it. The location of such things should be placed on record. Quite probably all of this has been reported before; however, at TASKUL we have no records.

5. When you arrive at UMBUKUL you will find Mr. Power, A.D.O. Please work in conjunction with him from there on, but continue to record your own impressions. This is your patrol.

R. A. Head  
(R. A. Head)



coast; however, they are not prepared to share the rights over the ownership of the ground. In some cases they have made a charge on sage consumed. People who have had to pay are now in a process of migration back to VISAVANVAN.

### 3. Agriculture:

I would like to see the Agricultural assistant move around to other villages of the island. I have sent him a letter to this effect. I would still like to see the Agricultural Officer visit New Hanover and I would refer to my letter 6-1-2 of 9th. August.

### 4. Roads and Bridges:

Walking tracks on the south side of the island are well maintained. I would like to see them raised to a vehicular standard from TASKUL. However, this involves an expectation of work from the villages which presently are the least co-operative.

### 5. Payment of Labour (Plantations):

People are not satisfied about the amount which is being paid in rural wages; dissatisfaction was voiced at the most recent meeting of the Lavongal Council. They brought to my notice the fact that different wages are being paid on different plantations (Wassanga plantation £1/18/- etc.) However, this matter will be raised again when I have the minutes from the Council meeting.

### 6. Decimal Currency:

I would tend to have certain reservations about a completely smooth change-over, and I would adopt an attitude of "wait and see".

### 7. Anthropological (Appendix):

Mr. Hooper has placed on record as much as we know about the stones of New Hanover once marked by man. We do not try to draw any kind of conclusion from these markings. If it is possible we will have the ATMOSING bowl brought down to TASKUL.

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This is Mr. Hooper's first solo patrol and he presents his first patrol report. It is well set out and it shows that he is conscientious about his job. Also, it reflects his ability to record his impressions.

R. Hoop.  
(R. A. Hoop)  
a/District Officer



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PREAMBLE

STATION: TASKUL Patrol Post.

SUB-DISTRICT: KAVIENG.

DISTRICT: New Ireland.

Patrol No. 8/65-66

Patrol conducted by: Ian Hooper, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled: LAVONGAI Census Division, New Hanover.

Personnel Accompanying: POLICE.

- 6468 Corp. KUSA
- 10014 Const. SANAPI
- 10848 " PAI
- 11089 " VANUA
- 11167 " ANSI

Duration of Patrol: 28/9/65 to 27/10/65. 30 days.

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A..... 1965.

D.A.S.F.... 1965.

P.H.D..... 1965.

Objects of the Patrol:

Routine administration and familiarization, trends in Native thinking, pre-election, decimal currency change over and economic cropping talks.

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TASKUL PATROL REPORT  
NO. 8/65-66

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FIELD DIARY

- 28/9/65... 1400 departed TASKUL on foot, arrived PATIAGAGA 1600. Slept PATIAGAGA.
- 29/9/65... 0730 departed PATIAGAGA on foot, arrived POTPOTIBOLOGU 1100. Ascended Mt. LIGDING and inspected stone. Returned to sleep POTPOTIBOLOGU.
- 30/9/65... 0815 departed POTPOTIBOLOGU on foot, arrived VAISAVAMVAM 1030. Inspected stone cooking vessel enroute in the WOI RIVER. Village deserted, the people being on the coast for X-rays. Slept VAISAVAMVAM.
- 1/10/65... 0730 proceeded with local villager and two police Constables to inspect three stones. Returned 1045. Heavy rain. P.M. pre-election, decimal currency and coconut economic planting talks given to assembled VAISAVAMVAM people. Slept VAISAVAMVAM.
- 2/10/65... 0710 departed VAISAVAMVAM on foot, arrived KITING 1030. Village deserted, all houses fallen down, proceeded to POTPOTINGAN. TANEI RIVER in flood, built bridge and proceeded arriving POTPOTINGAN 1645. Slept POTPOTINGAN.
- 3/10/65... Sunday, observed at POTPOTINGAN.
- 4/10/65... 0735 departed POTPOTINGAN on foot, arrived MIN 0845. Inspected village. Spoke to ex-C.I. on their intentions regards future tax payments. Pre-election, decimal currency and coconut economic planting talks given to assembled MIN people. Slept MIN.
- 5/10/65... 0730 departed MIN on foot, arrived NEKONOMON 1300. Inspected stones enroute at BARWAI RIVER on NARIN RIVER. Village deserted the people being at Church Thanksgiving. Slept NEKONOMON.
- 6/10/65... Inspected NEKONOMON. Pre-election, decimal currency and coconut economic planting talk given to small number of NEKONOMON people. Slept NEKONOMON.
- 7/10/65... 0800 departed NEKONOMON on foot, arrived BELEWAIA 1300. Inspected stone enroute at ATALABU. 1300 departed BELEWAIA per canoe, proceeded WASSANGA thence UMBUKUL per foot, arriving 1430. Slept UMBUKUL.



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- 8/10/65... 0800 departed UMBUKUL per foot to WASSANGA. Accompanied by A.D.O. Power, S.Weston of WASSANGA and landowners investigated the "METEISSONG" Land Title. The boundaries were walked and no dispute over ownership by adjacent landowners was made. Returned WASSANGA 1630. Slept WASSANGA.
- 9/10/65... Returned to UMBUKUL. Took signatures of owners of land being bought for the UMBUKUL PRIMARY T SCHOOL. 1500 departed UMBUKUL on foot, arrived WASSANGA 1600 thence by canoe to BELEWAIA, arriving 1645.
- 10/10/65.. Sunday observed at BELEWAIA.
- 11/10/65.. 0600 departed BELEWAIA on foot to inspect American plane crash near TUGILITONGA. 0700 returned to BELEWAIA. Talk given to TUGILITONGA people on their responsibility to pay school tax. Various local problems of debt, marriage and land dealt with. P.M. A.D.O. Power gave pre-election talks to assembled METAMOLI, BELEWAIA and TUGILITONGA people. Slept BELEWAIA.
- 12/10/65.. 0730 departed BELEWAIA per canoe, arriving BAUNGUNG 1030. Organization of morrows pre-election talks. Minor local disputes settled. Slept BAUNGUNG.
- 13/10/65.. A.D.O. Power held pre-election talks with assembled people of TUTILA, BUTEILONG, NEILA and BAUNGUNG. Response quite good. Minor local disputes settled. Slept BAUNGUNG.
- 14/10/65.. Inspected village and works to be carried out on Aid-Post. Talks with people on economy and problems of transport etc. Slept BAUNGUNG.
- 15/10/65.. 1045 departed BAUNGUNG on foot, arriving METAKABIL 1430. Lunched at METINGI. Inspected stone near BAUE road junction. Slept METAKABIL.
- 16/10/65.. Inspected the village and discussion with G.Pitts of METAKABIL Plantation regards the local situation. Slept METAKABIL.
- 17/10/65.. Sunday observed at METAKABIL.
- 18/10/65.. 0800 departed METAKABIL on foot, arrived METINGI 0930. With R.Herman of METINGI to find stone but unable to locate same. Returned to METAKABIL arriving 1630 after inspecting BAUE. Slept METAKABIL.
- 19/10/65.. 0900 departed METAKABIL on foot, arrived METERAN 1000. Discussion with A.D.O. Power regards mornings meeting and a/D.O. Hoed regards future movements. Slept METERAN.



- 20/10/65.. 0840 departed METERAN per speedboat, arrived UNGAT 0940. Discussions with a/D.O. Hoad. Talks with people to raise interest in erection of a rest-house. Slept UNGAT.
- 21/10/65.. Discussions with Cll. SILAUKAU. Inspection of BAIKEB I & II. Slept UNGAT.
- 22/10/65.. Inspected UNGAT. Investigation of theft case. Talks with the people. Slept UNGAT.
- 23/10/65.. Supervised construction of new raft for UNGAT RIVER. To BAIKEB II for talks with pro-government people. Marked a plantation and proceeded to METEWOI to see A.D.O. Power. Slept UNGAT.
- 24/10/65.. Sunday observed at UNGAT.
- 25/10/65.. Supervised police drill. Talked to the people about the Council. Slept UNGAT.
- 26/10/65.. 0800 departed UNGAT on foot, arrived PATERINA 0900. Pre-election, decimal currency and coconut economic planting talk given to assembled people. Returned UNGAT 1200. 1330 to BAIKEB I to get information on "Cult" activities. Returned UNGAT. Travelled up UNGAT RIVER per speedboat with a/D.O. Hoad to pick up stones, thence to LAVONGAI. Returned to UNGAT 1745. Slept UNGAT.
- 27/10/65.. 0800 departed UNGAT for BAIKEB I to get information on "Cult" activities. Returned to UNGAT and departed for LAVONGAI per speedboat 1145. Boarded "Mercy" 1300 and returned to TASKUL, arriving 1730.

.....END OF PATROL.....

*I.D. Hooper*  
 (I.D. Hooper)  
 C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

TASKUL Patrol Post,  
New Hanover,  
New Ireland District,

3rd November, 1965.

District Officer,  
TASKUL Patrol Post,  
New Hanover.

TASKUL PATROL REPORT - NO. 8/65-66  
.....I.D. FOOPER - CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

The above named report is submitted: a copy of patrol instructions issued by you is attached.

Claim for camping allowance has been forwarded under separate cover on 1st November, 1965 for your approval and onward forwarding to District Office.

INTRODUCTION:...

In accordance with your instruction 67-1-4 of 28th September, 1965 I conducted a patrol of the inland northern and coastal south, south-western sectors of New Hanover.

The area composed of tropical rain forest, jagged low fold mountains and a coastal belt of sand; extended from TASKUL on the north-eastern coast to LAVONGAI on the southern coast.

Twenty-three villages were visited by the patrol, this embracing a population of approximately 4000 people.

Largely, movement was by foot, but workboat, speedboat and canoes were utilized at various stages throughout the patrol. Patrol on foot, enabled an appreciation of the conditions and difficulties associated with inter-village movement, to a greater degree than the exclusive use of sea transport.

A number of villages in the inland northern sector were being visited by a District Administration Officer for the first time for upwards of a year. This renewed contact with the Administration, in their villages, in contrast to being called to the beach, was appreciated by the people.

The people were contacted at both the assembled village level and the personal individual level. The latter proved the better method of contact, as it elicited an interested and enquiring discussion. In an assembly the people demonstrated a taciturn attitude because they did not wish to separate themselves from the body, in public at least.



The area is involved in the so called "Johnson" cargo cult to varying degrees, and I will cover this more comprehensively under the heading of Political Situation.

Aspects of the patrol given priority were, the trend in native thinking, Council education, decimal currency change over, cash cropping and anthropological study.

The trend in native thinking is covered comprehensively under the heading of Political Situation.

The response to and interest in the Council talks as expressed by the general villager, was encouraging from PATIAGAGA to BAUNGUNG, excluding MIN. From BAUNGUNG to UNGAT, the prevalent attitude was one of indifference and apathy, although no out spoken anti-council expression was experienced.

The need for economic planting of coconuts and cash cropping was stressed. There is potential for additional cash crops, and some future exists in agricultural pursuits, as discussed under the heading of agriculture.

The anthropological study undertaken is covered at length in Appendix I.

#### RECEPTION OF PATROL:...

In all villages except MIN and UNGAT, the patrol was well received. The rest houses and surrounding areas were swept daily. Firewood and water were willingly provided, as was refreshment for the Officer in the form of coconuts.

At MIN the women and some of the men were willing workers, and looked after the patrol's needs. But, there was an undercurrent feeling detected that the patrol was not welcome. This was particularly noticeable with the elderly men.

At UNGAT, while the patrol's needs were attended to without bickering, the same undercurrent of resentment as at MIN was detectable.

#### VILLAGES:...

The two standard types of housing on New Hanover, take cognizance of the factors of ventilation, adequate shelter and privacy and ease of construction.

The first type is composed of sago branch or timber walls, with a sago thatch roof, the floor being the natural earth. This form is popular in the gardens, and on the beaches where the sand is clean.



The second type is composed of sago branch or woven pandanus walls with a sago thatch roof, the floor being black palm raised approximately three feet off the ground on stilts. This is the more popular form of construction as it is the cleaner and provides better ventilation.

A sizable proportion of the buildings are sub-standard, having been neglected and consequently in a state of disrepair. The villages of KITING and METAKABIL are the worst offenders in this respect. Kiting is to all intents and purposes deserted, the people having moved to MOSUANG on the coast. METAKABIL is typical of a slum area, the houses abut each other thereby constituting a health problem.

The Lavongai Council earlier this year condemned houses under the Health and Hygiene Rule, but these orders were not enforced because of the present political situation. Consequentally no orders for the repair of houses was given on this patrol.

In the main the sites are well chosen, the inland villages are situated close to rivers on rises, which afford good drainage, while being close to the gardens are convenient and practical. Although the coastal villages are usually close to river mouths, water has to be carried a fair distance because of their tidal nature.

The problem has largely been obviated by the Lavongai Council's provision of water tanks. The major disadvantages of these sites is the distance from the people's gardens, and the swampy nature of the ground, which can constitute a health problem.

The two latter factors have been the determining causes of the movement of BAUE, and the projected movements of BAIKEB II and some of METAKABIL inland.

The villages are reasonably clean, and there is little hygiene and sanitation problem. Waste disposal is in the cooking fires and toilet arrangements on the coast make use of the tides, while inland holes are dug.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS:...

Not applicable now that the area is under the Lavongai Council. Comment is made regarding the present Committee appointments under the heading of Political Situation.

#### POLITICAL SITUATION:...

The New Hanover area is in the control of the Lavongai Local Government Council. The area is divided into twenty-four electorates each with an appointed Councillor.



This system of Government has been operating under considerable duress, during the last two years because of the disruptive effects of a cargo cult, commonly known as the "Johnson Cult".

The Council's precepts of providing political awareness and education, and the provision of services for the constituents, has been seriously under-mined by the Cult principles of non-alignment and/or non support of their Council, and the Australian Government Administration through the following methods.

1. Refusal to pay Council tax.
2. Refusal to co-operate in self help projects.
3. The spreading of disruptive false reports and rumours.
4. The continued movement of the nominal leaders, Robin and Oliver.

These anti-government attitudes were not encountered by the patrol in the northern inland villages, with the exception of Min. From UMBUKUL to BAUNGUNG, the Council and the Administration receives full support, but from there down through METAKABIL, METERAN and UNGAT the Cult has many adherents who are firmly convicted in their belief that the Americans will come to New Hanover, and provide them with a better Administration than the Australian Government.

The people in the pro-cult villages are, in contrast to the anti-cult areas, sullen and apathetic. This is evidenced in the untidiness of their villages, the uncleanliness of themselves and the unusual number of small children who are naked.

It proved very difficult to instil interest in their own welfare and advancement. Their defence is that America will rectify this, by providing them with cargo, providing they remain true to their promise to God and America.

False reports are a common feature of this Cult. There were rumours that the ships sighted of the west coast, are American. SEPH or SAK of TIOPUTUK village was reported by LAPANGAL of BAIKEB I to have said during September, that the people must build large houses as one-hundred and ten American ships would arrive shortly, with cargo and personel for the New Hanoverians.

As a result of the recent tax prosecutions, some former adherents are now disassociating themselves from the Cult. This was evident at POTPOTINGAN and NEKONOMON, where I talked to DESIA, TIENMAILIK and NATNIK, among others. Their view was that the work in the Corrective Institution at TASKUL had been very hard, and they did not wish to return; they have now disassociated themselves from the Cult, and are working at Autang in an effort to pay their forth-coming tax.



The following names were given to me by DISIA of POTPOTINGAN, as strong adherents of the Cult, inspite of four and five month sentences recently completed.

MANIGUDBAI	of MIN
NGURANAI	"
LABITOK	"
LOHORUNGAI	"
NATONG	POTPOTINGAN
LAPANGUNGABUA	"
PANMANING	MIN
DEVITOK	"

At UNGAT it was reported to me by Councillor SILAUKAU of LAVONGAI, that a meeting had been held at the back of UNGAT on the 5th October, 1965. At this meeting a statement was believed to have been made that, JOSEPH LADI, PASINGANEKOM and LAPANGAL all of BAIKEB, would be killed if they payed their next Council tax. I questioned both JOSEPH and LAPANGAL and they were not aware of this warning but reported that BAITASVANGAI, IGUARAVIS, KASAUPINIS AND VATORI were at the meeting. JOSEPH stated that the above four are pro-cult.

LAPANGAL is the Co-operative store man at BAIKEB, and appears to be reliable. I suggest he be utilized as an "ear" for the Administration in the area.

The anti-cult villages of VAISAVAMVAM, POTPOTINGAN, NEKONOMON, BELEWAIA, UMBUKUL and BAUNGUNG, expressed concern at the disruption of the Council's activities by the Cultists, and the fact that the nominal leaders are still free to propagate the Cult.

It is a pity that the general population is not more outspoken in this respect. At the pre-election talks given by A.D.O. Power and myself it was the thinking men, whom one expected to talk out, who did in fact talk out, and not the general population.

Councillors STEPHEN and ILIAS<sup>\*\*\*</sup> particularly concerned about the Cult. PETER of BAUNGUNG is concerned with the poor impression that is gained by people in other areas, via the medium of radio and press by the actions of the Cultists which appear to be a minority group numerically speaking.

LEVI METING of UMBUKUL who has recently returned from the MADANG area, said that he had been ashamed when he had heard news items concerning New Hanover and the Cult. Although not a good orator, his conviction and experience should be utilized against the pro-cult members. He expressed his willingness to help in any way possible.

An interesting comment by PARAKANAI and BANGLEMES of VAISAVAMVAM could well be true for other villages. They felt that they did not know a great deal about the Council, and that this would pose considerable problems when self-government was introduced. Their lack of knowledge they felt, was their own fault for not having shown sufficient interest. I suggest in view of this, and because it may be applicable in other areas on New Hanover, that a Council education program be undertaken.



The VAISAVAMVAM people expressed quite legitimate dissatisfaction I feel, with the fact that they come under the METERANKAN electorate. Because of the distances invoved, they have virtually no voice in the Council. These people orginally lived at METIAI, but moved inland after disagreement over land ownership. Because of the touchy situation between them and METIAI, I feel they should be included in the KITING electorate.

POTPOTINGAN, NEKONCWON and VAISAVAMVAM people expressed a desire to have individual Councillors in their villages. The system of electorates and the unweildiness of their proposition was explained.

I suggest the unsuccessful Councillor nomination in each village be appointed, unpaid Committe meh; their duties to propogate liaison between the people and the Councillor. This would take the load off the Councillor and provide the people with constant access to the Council. These Committe should be encouraged to attend all Council meetings in an observatory capacity, as they could well provide the Councillors of the future.

Regards the peoples' attitude th the various sections of the community, there appears no sign of enmity. The mixed-blood members are accepted without reservation as are the Chinese. The Europeans are also treated with respect although the members of the Administration are not at all times accorded the same welcome as the European Planters and Missions.

The bride price in the area ranges up to £5 and appears to work reasonably well. There are often problems of return of the price when a marriage is broken up but these are usually overcome through discussion with the Councillor or Committe man in the area. Often outsiders are "taken for a ride" having to pay high prices but this is their own fault.

There are no woman's clubs in the area that was covered by this patrol and I believe that this is something that should be fostered to the benefit of the people and the area.

One social problem which is rather perturbing is the high incidence of adultery. It appears to be an accepted facet of life and only causes problems when the required payment is not forthcoming. The patrol was often tied up straightening out these problems and I don't consider it an attractive side of the life. Possibly the Missions could do something with a more positive approach to the problem.

The absenteeism of young people at schools and outside employment appears to have little effect on the care of the aged and infirm. Possibly this is largely due to the pride of the older people in their children's advancement and the fact that food is plentiful and not difficult to obtain.



AGRICULTURE:...

New Hanover has experienced a dry period of approximately five months, which has had an adverse effect on garden production. There has still been sufficient production for the peoples' needs, but a surplus for sale has not been available.

Rhinoceros beetle and saxava are having their effect on the coconut plantations, both European and Native. The Natives do not appear to be familiar with the remedial steps necessary, and I suggest that the D.S.A.F. Assistants posted to New Hanover, acquaint people with the action to be taken.

Apart from copra production which at the present is increasing, there are very few introduced crops. Coffee has been introduced in pilot plots near UMBUKUL and BAUNGUNG, and the D.S.A.F. Assistant is showing the people what is necessary for production. The response and interest shown by the people has been gratifying according to the Assistant.

Pilot plots of coffee have been planted at VAISAVAMVAM, KITING and MIN, approximately four years ago, and are now overgrown. The people have no knowledge of pruning and the other details of production. Possibly the D.S.A.F. Assistant could move into this area after BAUNGUNG and UMBUKUL.

Inland there is no economic cropping of coconuts, and this should be encouraged although transport will pose a problem. Fertile valleys were located behind BAUNGUNG and METERAN, and possibly D.S.A.F. could investigate these areas and suggest crops which would provide a cash income.

Very little garden produce is sold at present, although in the past at METAMIN and NEKONOMON "market houses" were maintained, which apparently were quite successful. Re-introduction of these was advocated and the people expressed interest.

Encircling VAISAVAMVAM there is a valley which I believe could produce rubber. Rubber is a good source of income for the Natives, as it requires only a smoker which can be constructed from bush materials and a running stream of water for the washing of the latex. I suggest a soil survey be carried out to ascertain the PH factor, and if favourable a possible plan of development could be instigated.

The predominant problem for both coastal and inland areas is transport. On the coast it is the infrequency of ships, and inland the lack of roads. Once a plan of economic development is evolved, the road construction and maintenance plan could be instigated to the areas involved.



LIVESTOCK:...

Apart from a very small number of Native owned pigs, the only livestock is a handful of cattle and horses owned by the European Planters.

FORESTS:...

At present no economic development of forestry is being undertaken. There are not good stands of saleable timber and to introduce stands with the attendant mills, roads etc., would be a venture far beyond the Native capabilities and resources.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:...

The only commercial enterprises on the island are trade stores and copra buying. The native trade stores are operated by the Co-operatives and could realize greater economic return if the shipping was improved to maintain better supplies of stocks.

There is no sale of native artifacts and fishing has not been developed economically because there is not the potential supplies for economic production. The forthcoming results of the cultured pearl experiments in Port Moresby will be interesting, as they might have a possible application in this area.

COMPLAINTS:...

The most numerous complaints to the patrol were marriage, land disputes and debt cases. All were settled to the mutual satisfaction of both myself and the Natives without resort to Court action.

REST HOUSES:...

Refer to Appendix 2.

CARRIERS, CANOES ETC.:...

No difficulty was experienced by the patrol in the hire of the above. Normal policy is to carry between villages, changing at the villages.

Because of the shortage of adult males, it was often necessary to employ females and children. The rate of hire increase to 2/- per hour as per D.A.C. minutes October, has been well received by the people and provides a more equitable rate than the previous 1/- per hour.

HEALTH:...

There is a E.M.A. stationed at TASKUL and P.H.D. in conjunction with the Lavongai Council has provided a good distribution of well run Aid-Posts.

The Malaria Control Unit has been operating in the area and the value of its work is borne out by the patrol not encountering any mosquitos. Suffice to say that general health appeared to be good.



EDUCATION:...

Roman Catholic schools are situated at LAVONGAI and UNGAT. The former has European staff and goes to Standard 6. The latter is staffed by Natives and goes to Standard 4. A considerable proportion of the children of eligible age attend these schools.

A Methodist Overseas Mission school is situated at POTPOTINGAN. Staffing is Native and up to Standard 4 is attainable.

Government schools situated at METERAN and UMBUKUL are staffed jointly by European and Native members. Education to Standard 6 is provided. METERAN attendance figures fluctuate considerably, and the school does not enjoy the support by the locals that it should.

UMBUKUL attendance figures are good, and from BAUNGUNG to AU it receives strong support from the locals. This is in no small way due to the interest and hard work done by the two European staff members.

The local schools are providing a nucleus of educated people which augers well for the future of New Hanover. A number of these are now returning to New Hanover as D.S.A.F. Assistants, teachers, policemen and Co-operative store-men.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:...

The roads in the northern inland are very overgrown and mountainous. They are not declared roads and declaration is not warranted as they receive very little traffic. There are few bridges, although streams are crossed numerous times by fording. This is a hazardous operation at times of flash floods, which the patrol experienced.

A suggestion was put to the POTPOTINGAN people that a rail be placed beside the fording place on the BONGINARIM River, which surrounds POTPOTINGAN. Also on the KITING, POTPOTINGAN road where it crosses the TANEI River I suggested the building of a bridge by felling two trees over the river, and laying black palm planking on the top. The people were agreeable to this proposal, particularly as the road provides access to their gardens.

The roads on the south-western coast, are in the main well maintained. The people have realized the benefits of unhampered access for themselves and have maintained the roads without any orders being made.

I feel that this present attitude is in no small way due to the extensive use Malaria Control, D.S.A.F., Co-operatives and D.D.A. have made of the roads in the last five months, in contrast to the previous patrolling by workboat.



MISSIONS:...

The Methodist Overseas Mission is firmly entrenched on New Hanover with a very strong following.

The Roman Catholic Mission does not enjoy the same strength numerically, but it's adherents are as strong in their faith as the Methodists.

An appended list of Missions is attached. The seats of the two churches are Roman Catholic; LAVONGAI, and Methodist; RANMELIK.

The people are very strong adherents to their respective faiths and this does provide a steadying influence on their lives and the community.

AIRFIELDS:...

No possible future airstrip sites were sighted by the patrol.

LABOUR:...

Casual labour has been the rule until recently because indentured lines are relatively expensive to bring in. But since the disruptive influence of the "Cult" has made itself felt, a number of planters are reverting to indentured lines. The locals will only work for short periods, before walking off the job, after having worked poorly. J.White reported that the locals now refuse to cut copra, they will only cut grass.

There appears neither rhyme nor reason in the attitude of the labour force. G.Pitts reported that he had more labour than he could employ, yet R.Hermen only five miles away could not obtain enough.

There are no Natives employing labour in the area patrolled. At present \$1.10.0. per week is being paid to local labours, and no dissatisfaction was expressed to the patrol regards this or any other conditions associated with their employment.

DECIMAL CURRENCY:...

Present indications are that the decimal currency change over in 1966 will not present any major problems. As a result of talks the people realize the benefits of the new currency and expressed no fear that they would lose money. No thoughts that this was an Australian plot to take the natives "for a ride" was in evidence. A manifestation which I was prepared to deal with in view of the Cult activities.



CONCLUSION:...

As evidenced by the patrol the area is rather static at the present time. The political situation is difficult to asses, but the forthcoming Council elections and tax collection should clarify the situation somewhat.

There is a real need for economic development but this constitutes a problem because of market difficulties and the lack of desire to work.

Until a desire to have money can be instilled I feel little will be achieved with these people. This will be difficult and I can see no answer, but extensive patrolling with the emphasis on economic development.

This being my first patrol report I do not feel qualified to comment extensively on the situation.

All objectives of the patrol were achieved, and it is considered that little further comment is necessary.

*I.D. Hooper*

I.D. HOOPER  
CADET PATROL OFFICER.



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APPENDIX

ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASPECT OF PATROL:...

This report is being presented as an appendix because of the detail involved.

ATKULKULONGEN:

The first stone sighted by the patrol was at Mt. LIGDING, adjacent to Mt. PATIBONG. This stone is approximately 20 feet wide, 40 feet long and 25 feet high. On its upper surface there are two crosses drawn, a hole which was filled with clear water and used as a mirror, pock marks where garlip nut has been broken and eight foot prints of humans.

The foot prints are a puzzling feature because they are not drawn, but appear as footprints do in sand when one walks. There are two theories of how these prints were made.

1. The stone was soft like cement.
2. Granulated stone was poured around the foot and has since fused into the stone.

The stone is locally known as ATKULKULONGEN, which means stone leaf. I was unable to ascertain any explanations of the stone from the people.

ATMOSSING:

About 10 minutes walk from the base of Mt. LIGDING in the WOI River, a stone food bowl was located. This was about 18 inches high and a foot in diameter. The base was pointed as though the vessel was rammed into the ground for stability. Weight would be approximately one hundred-weight. The bowl is symmetrical. The local name for these bowls is ATMOSSING which means to work food.

An attempt will be made to bring out the vessel for onforwarding to the Territory Museum, Port Moresby.

ATKITO, BOAT, ATOKIMELO:

The second group of stones was located about an hours walk from VAISAVAMVAM. One, approximating an oblong, approximately 2 feet high had a number of lines on it. It was reasonably obvious that the stone had been used for shaping and sharpening stone axes. The local name for this stone is ATKITO which means stone vagina.

The next stone was approximately 14 feet long, and 4 feet wide, carved in the shape of a modern boat. The bows and stern had obviously been formed by grinding.

The final stone in this area was a round stone of approximately 12 feet diameter with feet prints and pock marks similar to ATKULKULONGEN. This stone is called locally ATOKIMELO and is situated on the side of a mountain known as BAISEL on ground known as TILUA.



ANANBOLIKAT:

A number of stones were sighted in the NARIM River and MAIA River on the MIN, NEKONOMON track. Small stones on the ground known as BARWAI had the same marks as ATKITO. A large stone near METARUNGUN called ANANBOLIKAT had hand and feet marks, also drawings of fish and crosses. ANANBOLIKAT means the mother of stones.

ATABOLO:

This stone is cylindrical, about 18 inches high, 8 inches diameter with a 4 inch diameter hole in the top. It is situated on the NEKONOMON, BELEWAIA road approximately one and a half hours walk from NEKONOMON. In place talk ATABOLO means stone hole.

ATKULKULPULUNG:

This stone is oblong approximately 3 feet 6 inches high, 3 feet wide and 10 feet long. Drawn on it are many perfectly symmetrical circles of approximately 5 inches diameter. Also two concentric circles with radiating lines between the two circles. It is situated on the road between METAKABIL and PATIVINI at the BAUE turnoff. The ground is known as NAIPUR. The name ATKULKULPULUNG translated means the stone we always cover with leaf.

The local people put a certain leaf on top of this stone before they go fishing, as it is believed to bring luck.

SUMMARY:

The local people do not have any lore regarding these stones with the exception of ATKULKULPULUNG. How the marks were made or why is unknown to them.

I failed to locate the sun God stones reported by Mr. Sheridan of P.H.D. but R.Herman reported that there is one located on his plantation. We were unable to find it because of the undergrowth but he will have it cleared and show it to me on my next patrol in the area.



APPENDIX

Missions:

<u>Village</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Comments</u>
POTPOTINGAN	Methodist	Also school.
MIN	"	
NEKONOMON	"	
UMBUKUL	"	
BELEWAIA	"	
BAUNGUNG	"	
BAUE	"	
METAKABIL	"	
METERAN	"	
UNGAT	Catholic	Also school.
PATERINA	"	
LAVONGAI	"	Also school, the focal point on New Hanover.

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APPENDIX

<u>Personnel:</u>			<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Dress</u>	<u>Comments</u>
6468	Corp.	KUSA	Good	Neat	Fair policeman, lacks command.
10014	Const.	SANAPI	Good	Neat	N.C.O. potential.
10848	"	PAI	Fair	Neat	Lacks discipline.
11089	"	VANUA	Good	Neat	Has intelligence, Will be fair with experience.
11167	"	ANSI	Good	Neat	Knows the area well, capable & reliable patrol policeman.

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Rest Houses:

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Comments.</u>
PATIAGAGA	New rest house, well constructed.
VAISAVAMVAM	Rest house under construction, roof covering and floor completed.
KITING	No rest house.
POTPOTINGAN	Very large, comfortable and recently built rest house.
MIN	Comfortable, recently reconstructed.
NEKONOMON	Rest house fair, will shortly require maintenance.
TUGILITONGA	No rest house.
BELEWAIA	Good rest house.
UMBUKUL	Fair rest house, rather small.
PAUNGUNG	Good rest house.
METAKABIL	Good large rest house.
METERAN	Rest house in need of re-building.
UNGAT	No rest house, people cannot be induced to build one.
LAVONGAI	New large rest house.
METAWOI	Large new rest house, a credit.





NEW HANOVER

KAVIENG

||| PATROL ROUTE  
 SCALE: 4 MILES - 1 INCH  
 • SITE OF STONES



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... NEW IRELAND ..... Report No. 9/65-66 TASKUL .....

Patrol Conducted by..... P.J. POWER, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER. .....

Area Patrolled..... LAVONGAI CENSUS DIVISION, NEW HANOVER. .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... I.D. HOOPER, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Natives..... R.P. & N.G.C. (2) COUNCIL CLERKS (2)

Duration—From..... 10./11./1965 ..... to..... 26./11./1965 .....

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

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... NO .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../1965..

Medical .... /...../1965..

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS. .....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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15th February, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
New Ireland District,  
KAVIENG.

TASKJL PATROL REPORT NO. 9-1965/66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of an interesting Patrol Report by Mr. Hooper, covered by your memorandum of 13th December, 1965.

2. The comments of Mr. Power and yourself have been noted.
3. Mr. Hooper should be complimented for submitting this interesting and most informative report. We have a clearer picture now of those who are for and those against the Council. It would be a good idea if the unsuccessful candidates would stand for Council Committeemen.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





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13th December, 1965

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
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REPORT OF TASKUL PATROL NO. 9/65-66  
MR. CADET PATROL OFFICER - I. HOOPER

Forwarded is the above interesting report by an observer of the recent Lavongai Local Government Council Elections. An excellent map is also enclosed and comments by the Advisory Officer, Mr. Power. Please have 12 Sunprints of the map made and returned to this office for distributing and future use.

Mr. Hooper has again presented a very good report and shows he observes well.

The elections have been of considerable benefit and from the information gained every effort will be made to exploit the division and weaken the cult following. Lines of action have already been discussed and preparations made for strong follow up action to exploit the situation.

A return visit by Mr. Brokam, AIA, has been discussed with him and provisionally planned for early in the new year. There is no doubt that Mr. Brokam greatly assisted the position and it is a pity he can spare so little time from his numerous other duties.

Now that we have a clearer picture of those who are for and those against the Council movement Ward Committees will be established. Mr. Hooper's suggestion that unsuccessful Candidates be invited to this duty is sound. Ex Councillors should also be considered.

It is not intended to recommend the appointment of a Councillor for METERANKAN - VAISAVAMVAM - BOLPUA Ward at the present time. It is felt that now that the election has been completed the people may request that an election be held. It will be interesting to see what happens during the next two months.

*H.P. Seale*  
( H.P. SEALE )  
District Commissioner



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Taskul Patrol Post,  
New Ireland District.

1st December, 1965

The District Commissioner,  
New Ireland District,  
KAVIENG

TASKUL PATROL REPORT NO. 9/65-66  
I.D.HOOPER, C.P.O.

Enclosed, please find the abovementioned Patrol Report as submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer, Hooper.

Mr. Hooper accompanied me on the election patrol, proved to be of valuable assistance, and has recorded his impressions of the elections effectively.

Whereas in my return to the Regional Local Government Officer I dealt chiefly with the electoral organization and procedures Mr. Hooper has given a more detailed description of each incident as it took place and in doing so has provided some useful information. It is important to note his comments in paras. 1 and 6 of page 4 in which he clarifies the position that D.D.A. Officers were not parties to the recent Aid Post incidents at METEWOL and METEKAVIL.

Mr. a/District Officer Road has asked me to forward you this Report in his absence and in order to avoid further delay.

*P.J. Power*  
(P.J. Power)  
Assistant District Officer

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STATION:

TASKUL Patrol Post.

SUB-DISTRICT:

KAVIENG

DISTRICT:

New Ireland

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TASKUL Patrol Post,  
Kavieng Sub-District,  
New Ireland District.

10th. November, 1965.

Mr. I. D. Hooper, C.P.O.  
TASKUL Patrol Post,  
Kavieng Sub-District.

Patrol Instructions

Please be prepared to accompany Mr. Power, Assistant District Officer, on his patrol and assist him with the LAVONGAI Local Government Council elections.

2. When the patrol is completed I wish you to submit a report. Because of the nature of this patrol it will not be necessary to discuss the usual domestic contingencies (agriculture, health, schools etc.) but I should like you to report on the approach of the people to the elections, the spirit of the nominations, and the voting. Also, maintain a full diary.

3. Please assist Mr. Power with the elections however called upon.

*R. Hooper*  
(R. A. Hooper)  
a/District Officer

Contents of the Patrol:

LAVONGAI Council Elections.

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19/11/65 - C.P.O. reported 10/11/65 per speedboat, arrived 12.30 PM. Police given and direction continued to 12.45 PM. C.P.O. reported 10/11/65 per speedboat, arrived 12.30 PM. Police given and direction continued to 12.45 PM. C.P.O. reported 10/11/65 per speedboat, arrived 12.30 PM. Police given and direction continued to 12.45 PM.



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PREAMBLE

STATION: TASKUL Patrol Post.

SUB-DISTRICT: KAVIENG.

DISTRICT: New Ireland.

Patrol No. 9/65-66

Patrol conducted by: Peter John Power, Assistant District Officer.

Accompanied by Europeans: Ian Douglas Hooper, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled: LAVONGAI Census Division, New Hanover.

Personnel Accompanying: POLICE.

11155 Const. GWAI

11495 " ONTANG

COUNCIL CLERKS.

ORIM LAITAS, ELUIDA MAMALAU.

Duration of Patrol: 10/11/65 to 26/11/65. 16 days.

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A..... 1965.

D.A.S.F..... 1965.

P.H.D..... 1965.

Objects of the Patrol:

LAVONGAI Council Elections.

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TASKUL PATROL REPORT  
NO. 9/65-66

FIELD DIARY

- 10/11/65... 0800 departed TASKUL on foot, arrived KULUNGEI 0850. Elections commenced 1200 after talks by N.BROKAM and A.D.O. POWER. 1400 departed KULUNGEI on foot, arrived TASKUL 1500.
- 11/11/65... 0800 departed TASKUL per speedboat, arrived MATANIU 0930. Talks given and election conducted. 1400 departed MATANIU per speedboat, arrived MAGAM 1430. Talks given and election conducted. Slept MAGAM.
- 12/11/65... 0730 departed MAGAM per speedboat, arrived METERANKAN 0815. Talks given but people refused to vote. 1300 patrol to LAVONGAI per speedboat, arriving 1345. Talks given and election conducted. Slept LAVONGAI.
- 13/11/65... 0730 departed LAVONGAI per speedboat, arrived UNGAT 0800. Talks given and election conducted. 1145 departed UNGAT per speedboat, arrived METEWOI 1215. Talks given and election conducted. Slept METEWOI.
- 14/11/65... Sunday, observed at METEWOI.
- 15/11/65... 0730 departed METEWOI per speedboat, arrived METERAN 0810. Typed and roneoed copies of "New Hanover News". 1120 departed METERAN per "Mercy", arrived METAKABIL 1145. Talks given and election conducted. Slept METAKABIL.
- 16/11/65... 0730 departed METAKABIL per "Mercy", arrived BAUNGUNG 0830. Talks given and election conducted. 1130 departed BAUNGUNG per "Mercy", arrived BELIWAIA 1230. Talks given and election conducted. Camped BELIWAIA.
- 17/11/65... 0800 departed BELIWAIA per "Mercy", arrived UMBUKUL 0845. Talks given and election conducted. D.C. SEALE and a/D.O. HOAD visited P.M. Slept UMBUKUL.
- 18/11/65... 0650 departed UMBUKUL per "Mercy", arrived TINGWON 0940. Election conducted and talks given. 1300 departed TINGWON per "Mercy", arrived NOIPUOS 1700 after visiting UNGALABU and KUNG per speedboat to advise of morrows election. Slept NOIPUOS.
- 19/11/65... 0800 departed NOIPUOS per speedboat, arrived KUNG 0810. Talks given and election conducted. 1230 to NOIPUOS, election conducted and talks given. Slept NOIPUOS.



- 20/11/65... 0730 departed NOIPUOS per speedboat, arrived NEITAB 0750. Talks given and election conducted. Slept NEITAB.
- 21/11/65... Sunday, observed at NEITAB.
- 22/11/65... 0725 departed NEITAB per speedboat, arrived UNGALIK 0800. Talks given and election conducted. 1030 departed UNGALIK per speedboat, arrived METAMIN 1100. Election conducted and talks given. 1300 departed METAMIN per speedboat, arrived UNGALIK 1400. To NOIPUOS to check on Aid-Post repairs, returned UNGALIK arriving 1730. Slept UNGALIK.
- 23/11/65... 0705 departed UNGALIK per speedboat, arrived NUSLIK 0730. Election conducted and talks given. 0945 departed NUSLIK per speedboat, arrived MOSUANG 1015. Election conducted and talks given. 1130 departed MOSUANG per speedboat, arrived PATIPAI 1200. Election conducted and talks given. 1530 departed PATIPAI per speedboat, arrived AUTUNG 1615. 1800 returned NUSLIK. Slept NUSLIK.
- 24/11/65... 0730 departed NUSLIK per "Mercy", arrived KULIBUNG 0900. Election conducted and talks given. 1215 departed KULIBUNG per speedboat, arrived UNGAKUM 1300. 1400 returned to KULIBUNG as people not at UNGAKUM. Slept KULIBUNG.
- 25/11/65... 0730 departed KULIBUNG per speedboat, arrived KULPETAU 0830. Election conducted and talks given. 1215 departed KULPETAU, arrived TASKUL 1300. Slept TASKUL.
- 26/11/65... 0800 departed TASKUL per speedboat, arrived MATIPIT 0815. Election conducted and talks given at KAULIKAU. 1130 departed MATIPIT and arrived TASKUL 1200.

.....END OF PATROL.....

*I. D. Hooper*  
(I. D. Hooper)  
C.P.O.





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30th November, 1965.

District Officer,  
TASKUL Patrol Post,  
New Hanover.

TASKUL PATROL REPORT - NO. 9/65-66  
.....I.D.HOOPER - CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

The above named report is submitted: a copy of patrol instructions issued by you is attached.

Claim for camping allowance has been forwarded on 27th November, 1965 for your approval and on forwarding to District Office.

INTRODUCTION:...

In accordance with your instruction 67-1-4 of 10th November, 1965 I accompanied A.D.O. Power's patrol of New Hanover, to conduct the LAVONGAI Local Government Council elections.

Twenty-three wards were visited by the patrol, this embracing a population of approximately 8000 people.

Both workboat and speedboat were utilized to facilitate movement. The speedboat was instrumental in our keeping to the strict program, previously circulated to all villages.

Considering the number of people at outside employment or schooling, attendance at the election meetings would have been close to 100%.

The elections were conducted under the Local Government Councils Ordinance of 1963 using secret ballot.

I acted in the capacity of Presiding Officer and general handyman. Although I took no part in the discussions and talks given, I observed the general reception of the patrol and interest or otherwise expressed by the people in their Council.

The patrol was accompanied by M.H.A. N.Brockam till NOIFUOS and I have included a resume' of his talks because he made his points well and I felt, contributed quite a deal to the success of the patrol in the pro-Cult villages.



GENERAL POLITICAL OUTLINE:...

New Hanover and the nearby surrounding islands is at present experiencing a cult known as the "President Johnson Cult". It has proved a disruptive factor in the work of the Council, which commenced five years ago. Because of this anti-Council bias it was expected that the elections might not be smooth.

It did prove such, but not to the extent previously thought. Apart from the METERANKAN, BOLPUA, VAISAVAMVAM ward, all wards, even those with cult adherents, elected Councillors.

I have set out in detail the incidents as they took place in the various wards.

INCIDENTS:...

KULUNGEI, NARIMLAUA:-

The two villages in this ward are recognized as cult strongholds and it was felt that possibly they would refuse to elect a Councillor.

Informative talks were given by M.H.A. Brokam and A.D.O. Power prior to the commencement of the elections, explaining the elections and voting procedure. Nominations were then called for, but none were forthcoming.

Two males, WOKOL and SALMAT of KULUNGEI spoke against the Council, stating that, they did not want the Council and that they had made a "promise to God" to remain loyal to "their election" for President Johnson.

Further talks were given by M.H.A. Brokam, A.D.O. Power and Council Vice-President BAROL. The result was four nominations, OLIVER the present Councillor being re-elected on a first count majority. All those present voted.

METERANKAN, VAISAVAMVAM, BOLPUA:-

These villages are recognized as strongholds of the cult, and maintained this reputation by failing to elect a Councillor.

Numerically this is one of the largest wards, with an enrolled tax paying population of 322. Approximately 250 of these people assembled at METERANKAN to hear M.H.A. Brokam and A.D.O. Power's talk.

At the conclusion of the talks, two men, ALENG of METERANKAN and MATAINANGUN of which ALENG was the most vocal stated; that they did not want the Council, they did not want to pay tax and that they had made "their promise to God" and they would remain true to this promise.

Father Miller, an American Roman Catholic Missionary in attendance was asked to try and reason with the people, but to no avail.

Such discussion ensued by all present, but it was difficult to



was difficult to reason logically with those present. ALIK asked if all the people were behind him and there was a unanimous cry in the affirmative.

IGUA of METERANKAN the Storeman, stated that he supported the Council. 1300 the Poll was closed and the patrol proceeded to LAVONGAI.

LAVONGAI, KULUNGAT, SAULA:-

The villages in this ward were formally pro cult but as evidenced by the response to the election they are now apparently returning to the Council. Six nominations were received and it was decided to hold the election prior to the talks.

When only a handful of those present voted, the others stating that they did not wish to vote, it was decided that M.H.A. Brokam would give his talk. The result was a 100% vote by those assembled. Two Councillors were elected, both for the first time.

UNGAT, BAIKEB, PATERINA:-

This ward is pro cult, but a number of the former adherents are now returning to the Council.

After considerable discussion three candidates nominated and voting took place. Only the BAIKEB people voted, the UNGAT and PATERINA people dispersing.

It was reported to me the following day that a meeting had been convened after the elections at UNGAT at which the people expressed their dissatisfaction with the cult and demanded back the "Johnson Tax" they had paid. This was duly returned.

With the BAIKEB people on <sup>one</sup> side and the dissatisfaction at UNGAT with the cult, there appears to be a definite schism in this ward.

METEWOI, TIOPOTUK:-

A well attended meeting held at METEWOI prior to the opening of the Polls was marred by a mass walk-out by the pro-cult majority.

TOM of METEWOI was the first to voice his support of the "President Johnson Election" and he was supported vocally by TUDEI and SAMUEL. They stated; they did not want a Council; promises had been made by previous Officers which had not been fulfilled and they were prepared to revert to their original way of life before European contact in preference to having a Council.

The people were asked by TUDEI if they wanted a Council and the almost unanimous cry was "no". With that all dispersed but twenty. Those remaining voted and MARIS the Doctor Boy was elected on a first count majority.



MARIS is a highly excitable person and a staunch Government supporter. He was very upset by the attitude of his people and wanted to close the Aid-Post to all the cultists, but it was explained to him that this could not be sanctioned.

A meeting was held that night by the people and the "Johnson Tax" was returned by HAPKAST who had been holding it. A rift has now developed, mainly because of M.H.A. Brokam's talks, I feel.

METERAN, METAMANA:-

I did not attend this election, but believe it was similar to the others. KALEMAN and WALLALOGO spoke against the Council and a large number of the people dispersed, refusing to vote. A Councillor was elected by the few remaining people.

METAKABIL, PATIVINA, BAUE:-

The meeting here was similar to other areas, with those men supporting the cult voicing their support. SILAUGAL/KONBUNG, of PATIVINA, SOSI/SAKAI and TOMENDEI/BANGMEL of METAKABIL were the most prominent speakers.

There was a mass walk-out, only 15 people remaining to vote. BOSIALAKAU/TIVITAUWAN of PATIVINA broke down and wept, he was so ashamed of his people. A disturbing scene and frustrating for the Officers present.

WILLY was re-elected as Councillor and will provide his usual stolid, staunch support for the Council. The Doctor Boy, ELSONG stated that he would change the Cultists for medical aid, but it was explained that this could not be allowed.

PATIPAI, KONEMATALIK, METEIAI:-

Three nominations were received for this ward and WESLUAI the present Councillor was returned by the eighteen voters.

The majority of the people refused to vote, led by their spokesman, PIRIS and LEVI, both of PATIPAI. PIRIS stated that the people had no squabble with the Australian Government, but they'd made their promise to God on the morning star and they intended to fulfil this promise. PIRIS asked those assembled if they would support "their election till they die" and the unanimous shout was "yes!"

KULPETAU, PATIAGAGA:-

A very large crowd assembled for the meeting in this ward and nominations were received from four candidates.

PASINGANDAU/TOKINGIN, KULROI/LOMNIU and LAPANSIK/LOMNIU of KULPETAU together with WAMAMO of PATIAGAGA stood up and stated that the Government and Council had not fulfilled their promises of European style houses and the other possessions normally associated with the European way of life.



PASINGANDAU was the most vocal and appeared to be under the impression that Council Tax should be returned to each individual in the form of personal property. He also mentioned that the "eve of destruction" as prophesied by the Bible was imminent.

As in other meetings, a call for affirmation from the crowd was made and duly received.

The people from PATIAGAGA and SUNGANPAKAN voted and BOSLOGO was returned for a further term of Office.

REACTION IN OTHER CULT INFECTED WARDS:...

In the BAUNGUNG, NEINGANG, TUPJILA and BUTEILONG ward the male members of NEINGANG were noticeable by their absence from the meeting. As they had voiced their disapproval of the Council the previous day at METAKABIL, they obviously felt it did not warrant their coming to BAUNGUNG to reiterate their views.

In the METAMIN, POTPOTINGAN, MIN ward only 17 constituents presented themselves for the election. They were composed predominately of METAMINS with a few POTPOTINGANS. No one from MIN appeared to vote.

Considerable persuasion was necessary in the MOSUANG, KITING ward to induce a candidate to nominate. Finally LEIANINIS the present Councillor stood, and was re-elected. It was reported to me later by BOSLAE of UNGALABU that after the patrol's departure the people held a meeting and decided they would not pay their forthcoming Tax.

NOMINATIONS:...

There was a general lack of understanding of the manner in which a nomination was made. Prior to the patrol's arrival in each ward, meetings had been held by the people and up to seven candidates had been nominated.

This procedure is apparently a legacy of the early Local Government Ordinance system which was revised in 1963. A.D.O. Power found it necessary to interview all candidates personally prior to the election and ascertain whether they personally wished to stand. Often they had no desire to be Councillors so they were struck off the list of candidates.

VOTING RESPONSE:...

In all areas considerable interest was shown in the elections as evidenced by the well attended meetings. This was true even in the wards with a pro-cult element.

A notable feature of the voting was the interest shown by the female sector and their ability to think



clearly, in contrast to the male voters, who were often unsure of just who they wished to vote for. A.D.O. Power found it necessary to assist about 80% of the voters to ensure there were no informal votes.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:...

A list of the unsuccessful candidates is appended as my recommendations for the positions of Committee men in the villages. This is further to my comments in Patrol Report 8/65-66 in which I suggested that the Committee men be encouraged to take a greater part in Council affairs with a view to their becoming future Councillors.

NEW HANOVER NEWS:...

During the course of the elections two editions of the above were circulated. These dealt exclusively with the Council elections. The return of "Johnson Tax" was made known to the people per medium of these newspapers and also the radio.

MEMBER of HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, N.BROKAM:...

The local M.H.A. for the New Ireland District, N.Brokam accompanied the patrol till NOIPUOS. I have no doubt that his forceful speaking made considerable difference to borderline Cultists.

His main emphasis was on the work of the Council and the part it would have to play when self-government came.

He explained that the Australian Government were teachers and that it behove the people to take notice of what they were taught as in the future they could find themselves being governed by Chimbus or Sepiks, who had listened to what they'd been taught.

The people were encouraged to work and provide themselves with cash incomes. Brokam's talks were well received and he should be encouraged to return to New Hanover to help further the political education of these people.

CONCLUSION:...

No statistics have been included in this report as A.D.O. Power's report to the Regional Local Government Officer of the 29th November, 1965 covers this aspect fully.

The election patrol, by and large can be considered a successful one. Councillors were elected in 22 of the 23 wards, thus demonstrating to the Cult adherents that the Council intends to continue to function.



From the electoral roll, we now have some idea of who is on side and can make every effort to foster them, and possibly gain more adherents for the Council.

The rift in the ranks in the UNGAT, METEWOI area started by Brokam can now be widened and could possibly lead to a breakdown in the movement.

The Council now has a nucleus of ten Councillors who are confident and self assured. The thirteen new Councillors are mainly men of forceful character, some with previous Council experience, and should add to the Council.

In conclusion, I would like to record my appreciation of A.D.J. Power's tutelage. He went to considerable pains to explain all facets of the patrol and election procedure.

*I.D. Hooper*

I.D.HOOPER  
CADET PATROL OFFICER



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APPENDIX

Suggestions for Committee men:

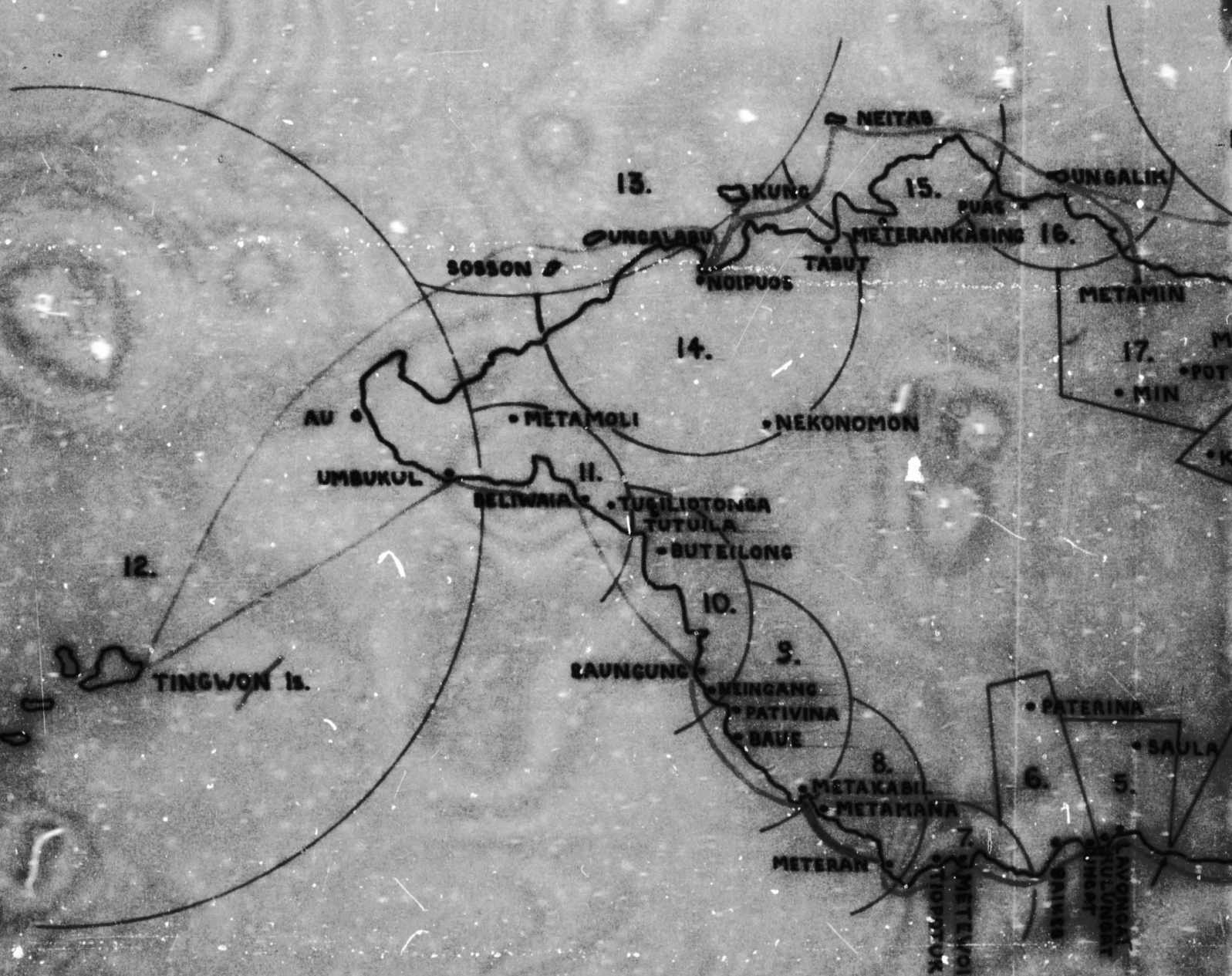
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KIUKIUTAUS/LEIAPETAU	Potpotingan
TINABA/SINAROU	Min
SIRIVAN/SANGKAPAK	Ungalik
KATAMASALAI	Noipuos
TEMELEMAN/NUMAGAS	Tabut
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PASINGANDIKEI/LEIAVAROKAS	Sosson
BUNGPELAU/KAIMA	Kung
NAUKIT/ANDUS	Umbukul
LAPANLAKEK/TAMANLOU	Au
PANGAS/MILMILING	Neingang
LEIATIS/KAULI	Tutvila
PETER/TOVININAR	Baungung
TIUDEI/LAIALAKPETAU	Buteilong
KEPAS/TUPULIT	Meteran
PASINGANKLOS/SOSSONG	Metamoli
TOPIANA/LEVLEU	Beliwaia
TUKASAU/BAISAT	Tugiliotonga
SAKIUS/GANAU	Sunganpakan
SIKTUMAN/KAUTOKULIK	Kaullikau
LAPAN/TEMENGASIUNG	Neila
SOSI/BAITASPINIS	Nusawong
TOPAN/POSOK	Naikapatuk
IANGALIK/LAINGAI	Lavongai
ARI/LONGOPETAU	Saula
PASINGANKOPI/NUMATIPOS	Paterina
MATAREI/BFNGEBENGELOGO	Jngat
PAKAU/APUTAI	Metewoi
LAPANTUKGANG/TEMEINGASU	Narinlaus
PORAU/KASLIK	Kulungei
POCOS/EARO	Mataniu
RULAMAT/TIVILUKSO	Nusentaumatai

The above were unsuccessful candidates for the Council elections.



# NEW HANOVER

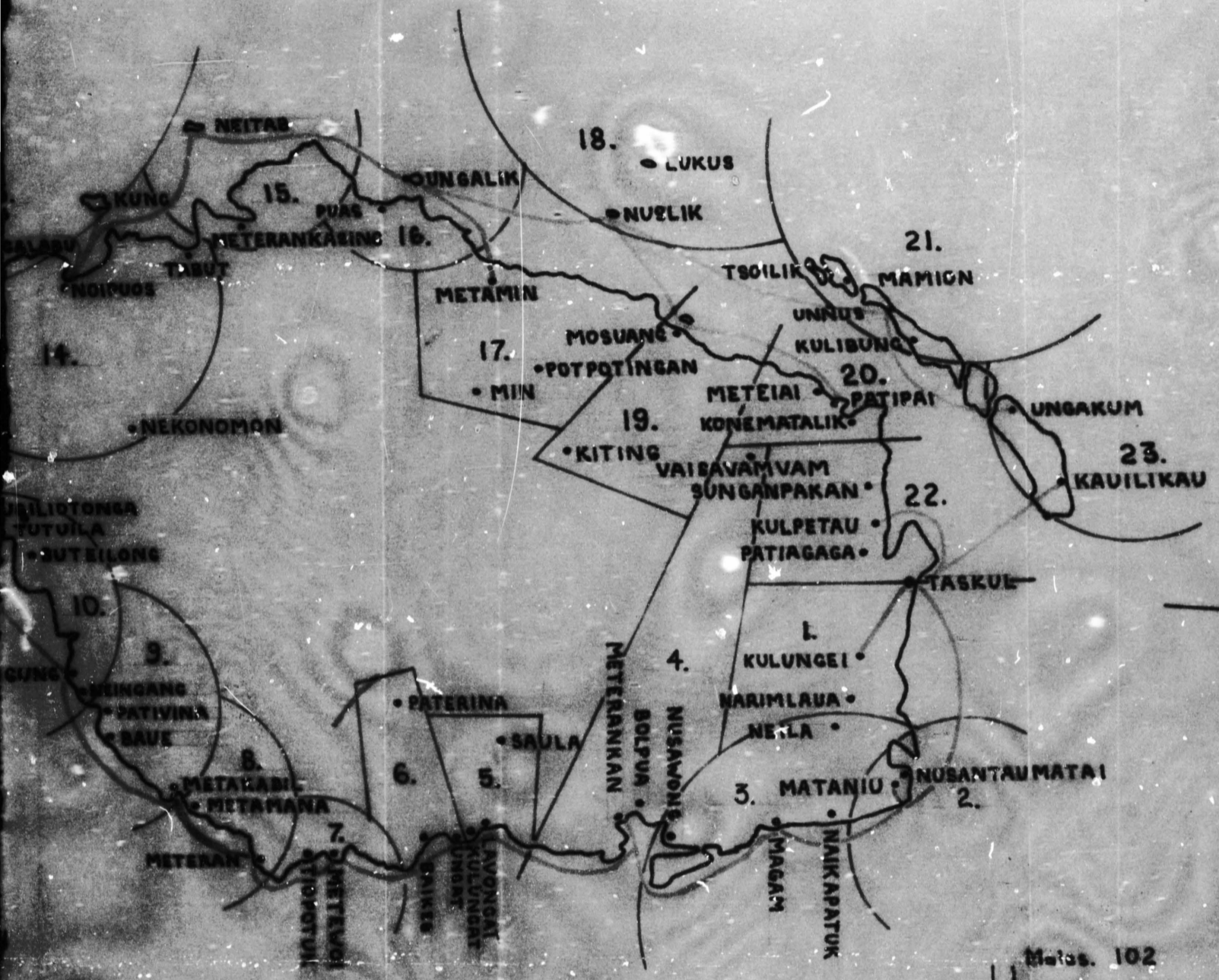
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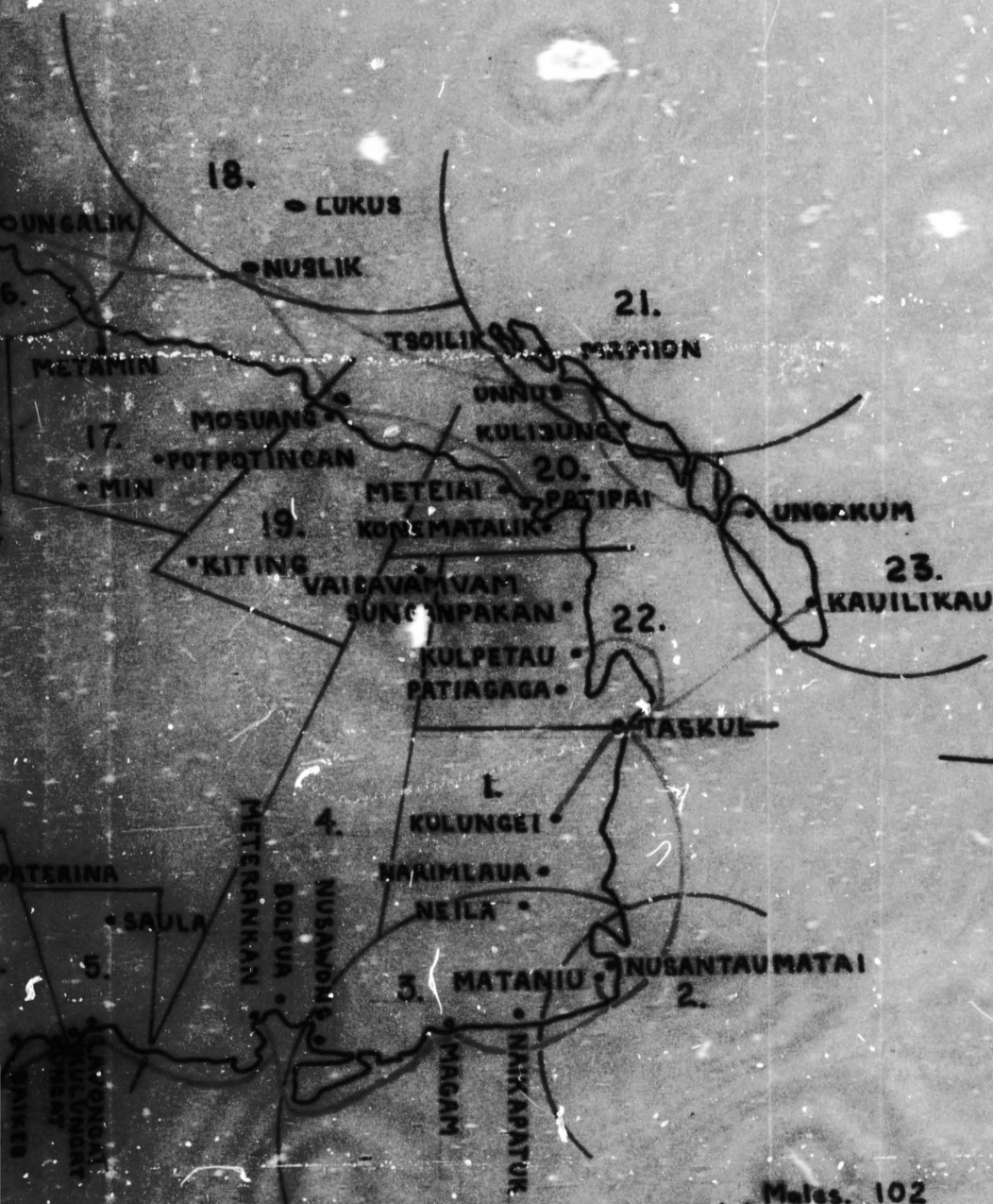
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TRAIL ROUTE  
 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES  
 SCALE: 4 MILES = 1 INCH





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2nd June, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
**KAVIENG.**  
New Ireland District.

Taskul Patrol Report No. 20/1965-66:

Thank you for Mr. Beard's patrol report.

2. Apparently Mr. Beard carried out an investigation into the native customary rights in respect of **WUANO** island. This report is exceedingly brief and has not been presented to you through the correct channels.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

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TASKUL PATROL No. 20/65-66



Sub-District.....Kavieng District...New Ireland

Officer Conducting Patrol..... A.R. Beard C.P.O.

Objects of Patrol..... N.G.L.T.R.O. Land Investigation

Patrol Commenced..4th April 1966 to.....10th April 1966

Patrol Duration..... Seven Days

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Summary of Correspondance Arising from Patrol

Field Diary

Patrol Report

File 34-3-6 to Officer in Charge Taskul

File 34-3-5 to Officer in Charge Taskul

.....*A. R. Beard*.....:Patrolling Officer

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of District Administration, Konedobu.

*A. R. Beard*  
District Commissioner.



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TIGAK ISLANDS - PATROL DAIRY.

- 4th April 1966. Departed Taskul per speedboat, accompanied by Const. Venua, L.G. Assistant Eliuda and councillor Venge-Vengebau. Visited Bangatang, Kiton and Patio. Arrived Selepiu late p.m. night spent Selepiu.
- 5th April 1966. Carried out N.G.L.T.R.O. investigation of Selepiu extended. Night spent Selepiu.
- 6th April 1966. Proceeded to Kiton island, and then to Bangatang where night spent.
- 7th April 1966. Awaited arrival of speedboat from Kavieng. p.m. speedboat had not arrived so I proceeded to Kavieng where night spent.
- 8th April 1966. Returned to Kiton island, speedboat on to Taskul. Overnight Kiton.
- 9th April 1966. Speedboat returned, proceeded to Upos, Bangatang and Butte where N.G.L.T.R.O. investigation into Nusamoa island was carried out. Returned to Bangatang where overnight.
- 10th April 1966. Sunday - observed. Completion of patrol.
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Patrol Post TASKUL,  
Kavieng Sub-District,

NEW IRELAND DISTRICT.

14th April 1966

The Assistant District Officer,  
Taskul.

re: Report on Patrol Number 20

In accordance with your verbal instructions I departed Taskul on the 4th April 1966 per speedboat for the Tigak islands. The purpose of this patrol was to carry out investigations into native customary rights in respect of NUSAMO A island and SELEPIU EXTENDED.

These investigations were completed and my reports have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

During my stay in the area I visited most of the village groups, and although these visits were extremely brief several points were brought to my notice. Although these islands are actually administered from Kavieng perhaps the information may interest the District Commissioner and the Tikana Local Government Council.

1. After discussions with several people of Kiton village and the Manager of Selepiu Plantation, Mr Eric Lauder the approximate position of an airstrip situated on Selepiu was plotted ( this is shown on the attached map). The airstrip was apparently constructed by the Japanese, it is approximately 1500ft long, with flat ground available to extend it to well over 2000ft. The runway is approximately east to west, the eastern end of the runway is on freehold plantation ground (not planted ) and the majority of the remainder in the western end runs through the leased end of Selepiu and into native ground.

The usefulness of this strip if developed would be limited, as the islands surrounding Selepiu can only be reached by boat, however as the transport system of this district is being developed the District Commissioner may be interested in the site.

2. Situated in close proximity to Selepiu is the small island of Kiton, inhabited by approximately 60 to 100 people, Kiton has no natural water supply and no ground available for the growing of food crops. The people of Kiton are at the present preparing to move their village to the larger island of Selepiu. The site these people are going to move to is known as PAKANWAL and its approximate position is shown on the attached map.

I inspected the site of PAKANWAL and it is evident that a shortage of water is once again going to affect the people as it has done at KITON. In view of the fact that on the recently completed tax patrol practically all the people of this area paid their Local Government Tax it would be a gesture to these people if the Tikana council could assist by the installation of tanks and catchment areas at the site of the new village. This would give the island people the feeling that the council was assisting them and that they can benefit from the Local Government system.



3. The problem of water is a serious one throughout these islands, affecting all the people from UPOS down to NONOWAUL and BUTTE. Perhaps the Tikana council could suggest to the councillors of this region that if village funds were started tanks could be purchased which would greatly relieve the poor situation that now exists.

In view of the attitude shown by these people to recent patrols I was surprised to find that I was assisted in every way possible during my visits. Transport was at no time a problem and the attitude of the people was at all times extremely pleasant. This would perhaps suggest a change of attitude from the anti Council etc. to a gradual acceptance of the administration and its aims.

*Anthony Beard*

( Anthony Beard )

Cadet Patrol Officer.





Tiak Islands - PANGHAWL



