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67-4-20.

PATROL REPORT № 11-65/66.

— By —

B.A. DOWNES.

BOLUBOLU.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

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2nd December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAHARAI.

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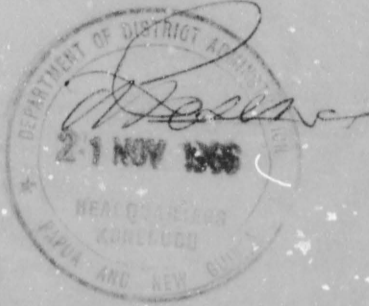
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(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU,
Milne Bay District.

25th February, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
ESA'ALA.

Bolubolu Patrol Report No.11/65-66
West Fergusson Council Elections.

Attached please find copies of camping allowance claims
in respect of the above patrol.

Also attached is an appendix to the above memorandum
as submitted by Mr. K. Lewis CPO. This is his first report.
The report, although brief, covers the main aspects of the
election patrol and needs little comment.

For your information.

How

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Barry A. Downes
Assistant District Officer.

FILE:67-3-1(610)
ESA'ALA.
21st April, 1966.

Minute to:
District Commissioner,
SAMARAI.

Mr. Lewis' patrol report is well written and informative.
Since writing his report, Mr. Lewis subsequently did good
work helping with the opening of the West Fergusson Council.
Camping allowance claims have been forwarded under separate
file.

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(I. Mackellar)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-4
Department of District Administration,
SAMARAI MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

Minute to:-
Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

14th November, 1966.

Forwarded for your information and records,
please.

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

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BOLUBOH PATROL No. 11-65/66.

Patrol Post Bolubolu.

Esa'ala Subdistrict.

Milne Bay District.

Patrol conducted by - Mr. B. A. Downes and Mr. K. J. Lewis.

Area Patrolled - West and Inland Fergusson Island.

Patrol accompanied by - 2 R. P. & N. G. C

1 Interpreter

Council Clerk

Duration of patrol From 25/1/66 To 9/2/66.

Last Patrol to area D. D. A. - December 1965

Objects of Patrol - to conduct elections for multi-racial Local Government Council

Map Reference - West Fergusson Milinch.

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Bolubolu Patrol No. 11-65/66.

Patrol Diary.

TUESDAY JANUARY 25th.

Took patrol gear to wharf 7.30, left 8.05 per "Coral-Anne" arriving Kalokalo 9.00. Explained elections to mission people and eligibility to vote.
Slept Kalokalo.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26th.

7.00 commenced election with mission personnel.
8.30 village people assembled, A. D. O. Downes gave preamble. Elections were held and Lesley TAPOLO was elected.
Left Kalokalo on Sans at 11.35, arrived Bolubolu 12.15.

THURSDAY JANUARY 27th.

Serviced plane at Viviguni and office duties at Bolubolu.

FRIDAY JANUARY 28th

Left wharf 6.25 per Zircon arrived ~~Masaka~~ Gewata beach 8.30 thence to Gewata arriving 9.40. No election necessary so TOMODANI was announced councillor.
Left Gewata 11.55 arrived Lamalele No. 1 at 12.45. Held elections and TOMAIADI was elected.
2.55-3.45 Lamalele - Saibutu, held election, TOBIOLIDI WAS elected.

SATURDAY JANUARY 29th.

From Saibutu to Atugamana 7.45-11.45. Only one candidate so DUBWA'ANA was announced as councillor.
Visited Agialuma, one candidate RI'NAU'NAU became councillor
Slept Atugamana.

SUNDAY JANUARY 30th.

Sunday—observed at Atugamana

MONDAY JANUARY 31st.

Atugamana to Lamalele No. 2 (7.45-11.45).
Public Holiday observed.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1st.

Elections held at Lamalele No. 2, Ken LEWETA elected.
Left Lamalele No. 2 at 8.15 arriving Niubuo 11.40 elections held and the Village Constable was elected—NUALADINA.
EDISELEWA appointed to replace him.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2nd.

Rested Niubuo due to medical reasons while patrol went to Tutubea and Ebadidi.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3rd.

Leaving Niubuo 8.00 arrived Pagululu 11.45, elections were held and MAHUSI was elected.
Walked to beach (1.30-2.15) then left by canoe for Mapamoiva at 2.30 arriving at 5.45.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4th.

Held elections at barracks and MAGAIA was elected councillor
Remained Mapamoiva to supervise building at council Headquarters.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5th.

10.00 walked to H.Q. building project.
12.00 returned to station.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6th.

Sunday observed at Mapamoiva.

Monday FEBRUARY 7th.

Spent the day at Council headquarters.

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8th.


To council headquarters and inspected road to proposed wharf.

Village people arrived and had to arrange their work with the carpenter.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9th.

Prepared to leave Mapemoiwa and left at 3.30 per Bagana and arrived ~~at~~ Bolubein 5.20.

End of patrol.


12-2-66
(K.J. Lewis) Cadet Patrol
Officer.

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Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU.
Milne Bay District.
12th January 1966.

BOLUBOLU PATROL No. 11-65/66.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this patrol was to conduct the local government council elections the nominations for which had been received by Patrol Officer Mr. P.M. Jones- (refer Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 9-65/66.)

This report covers only the Western and Inland portion of Fergusson Island, the Morima Coast having been patrolled by A.D.O. Mr. E.A. Downes.

Some routine matters of Administration were also attended to.

NATIVE SITUATION.

With this patrol ~~now~~ completed it is expected that the council will be a success after its opening on March 28th.

The people accepted with enthusiasm the patrol and the elections and generally showed surprising interest in the new council. The elections were explained to them comparing them with the 1964 House of Assembly elections but also, at the same time, emphasizing the different functions of the two bodies and making sure the people understood this difference.

A brief talk was given in each village about the opening ceremonies to be held at Mapamoiva and everyone was invited to attend and join in the festivities.

No trouble was experienced in the acquisition of carriers in any of the villages.

The following notes are concerned with the patrol's impressions on the reception of the patrol and the amount of understanding shown by the people of the talks in each village.

Also contained are the patrol's impressions of the men ~~selected~~ elected from each village.

KALOKALO-These people are a more advanced group and fully understood the intended aims and functions of the council. The man they elected, **LESLEY TAFOLO** is rather young and only fairly educated. He is the type who will learn and he may become a fair type of councillor.

GEWATA-Although no election was necessary here a great deal of time was devoted to instil in them that the council is completely divorced from the House of Assembly and that the work it will do will benefit them. These villagers are very backward and I feel much work is needed here.

TOMADANI is another youngish man and is only slightly educated and has worked mainly on the land. He could develop.

IAMALELE-People here showed fair interest in the elections but not as much as some. They readily grasped the idea of council and were quite ready to ask questions.

They elected a man (**TOMAIADI**) who has had little education and does not outwardly appeal.

SAIBUTU-These people were extremely interested in everything said and were one group who showed fairly enthusiastic acceptance of the council and asked many intelligent questions. They elected **TOMI'OLIMI** who has never been away from the village and does not seem very strong.

ATUGAMANA-The villagers here had obviously "pre-selected" their councillor and although no election was necessary they showed a great deal of interest. DOMWA'ANA the new councillor is illiterate but he seems to be rather thoughtful and could become a strength in the council.

AGIALUMA-As at Atugamana they had already selected a councillor but did not show as much interest but because of their isolation this is understandable. EI'NAU'NAU who has been the councillor in his hamlet for two years will be quite a good councillor.

IAMALLE No.2-The people here appeared very interested in council and asked many questions. This could be a helpful village group. KEN LEWETA their choice, has no education but has worked as a domestic and is an ex-P.I.R.man.

NIUBUC-These people made a wise choice in selecting NUALADINA who has been the Village Constable for the last three years. This village is not very strong in numbers, many of the men are away at work, but in spite of this those who were there showed a great amount of interest.

TUTUBEA
EBADIDI did not visit personally Mr. Downes went to those villages.

PACULULU -The people here were enthusiastic and seemed quite willing to learn about the council. NABUSINA the people's choice is a man who will develop into a useful member of the council.

MAPAMOIWA-The patrol received a very warm reception here and the people seem to fully realise the importance of the council. They elected a good man in MAGAIA who will be a driving force in the council.

VOLUNTARY WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

During my stay at Mapamoiva 25 men from Tutubea and Ebididi and Niubuc arrived to work on the council headquarters. Whilst on this patrol most villages offered the help of men to assist during construction and these men are willing to help and do so whole heartedly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The roads in the area patrolled were all in good condition and had all recently been cleared. Major obstacles had either been bridged or detoured around and even the road on which a landslide had fallen between Saibuta and Atugamana is now easily passable. There were not a great number of bridges but what were there are in good condition.

The proposed road at Gwata is sited very suitably and the work of getting this through should not pose any serious problems. Similarly the road from Mapamoiva station to the council headquarters will be quite readily adaptable to vehicular traffic, as well as the road to the proposed wharf site.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

Further to Mr. Jones suggestion in Palubolu patrol Report 9-65/66 the people in all villages have been approached on the subject of traditional dances for the council's opening and are all quite willing to participate in this and are feverishly preparing for this.

AGRICULTURE.

Two things came to notice during the patrol which should be worth following up:-

1-At Kalokale in the hamlet called IIA'IA one man has a very extensive crop of tobacco planted and when approached showed interest in developing this for the future financial gain he will undoubtedly glean from this type of crop.

2-Atugamana and Agialusa, because of their altitude are in the happy position of being able to grow ENGLISH potatoes. The growers of these crops were approached and it was learnt that last year had received by selling their crops considerable amounts of money. These men were encouraged to concentrate on this crop and they showed willingness to do so if a market could be secured.

LAW AND ORDER.

Most people in the area patrolled accepted the fact that any trouble they caused would be dealt with by us and no serious troubles were brought to the patrol.

However at Gwata village one man was jailed for working sorcery against a woman, but in spite of this the people still showed a deep fear of sorcery and magic.

CONCLUSION.

All the men elected appear to be men who will work well and help their villages and more importantly, the West Fergusson council area as a whole after a little training, which, as the patrol explained to them will be given in a two week course to be held at Mapaxiwa prior to the opening of the council chambers.

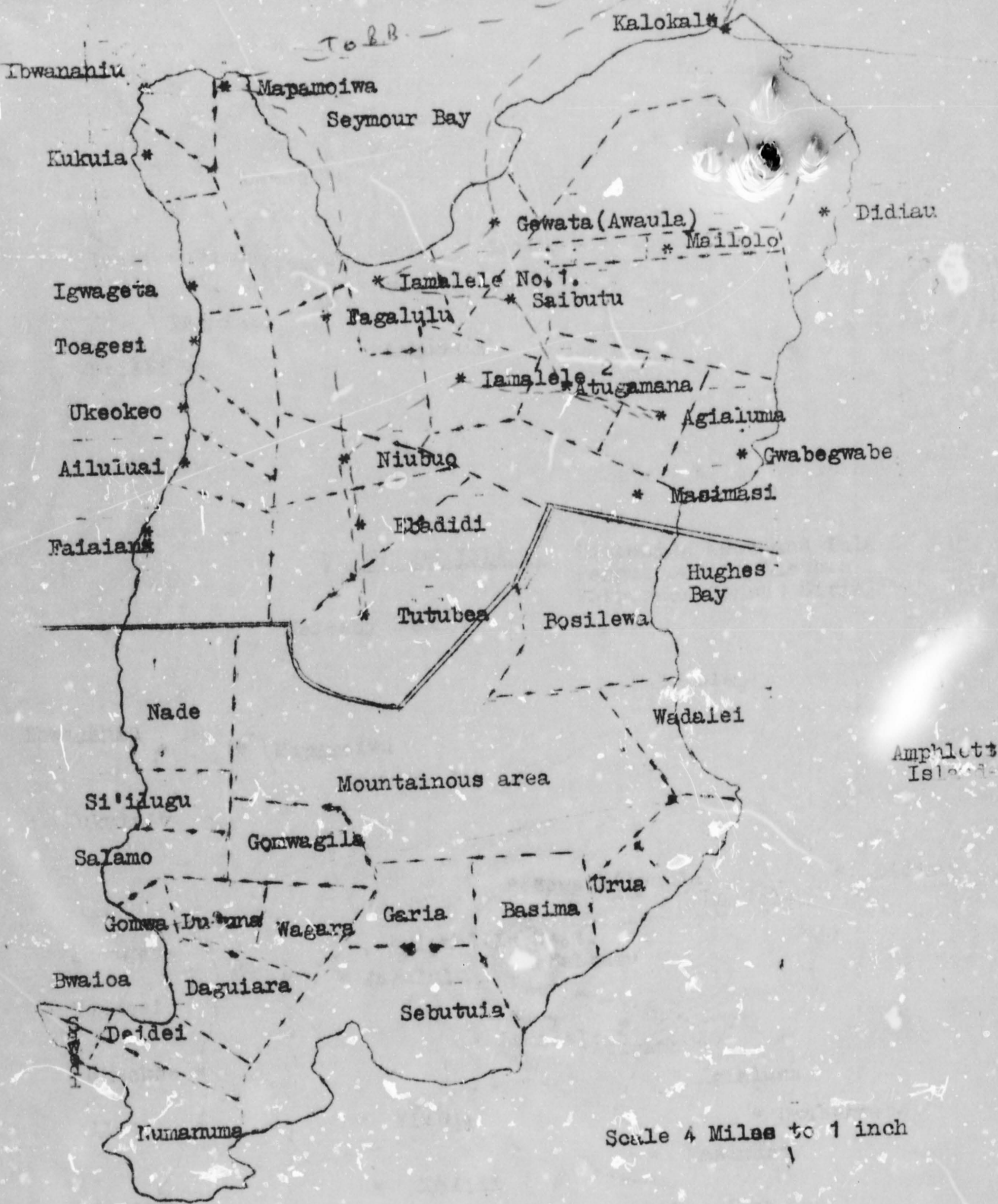
It is the firm belief of the patrol that this council will develop into a good and strong one, and it is to be hoped that this will be so.

..... 12-2-66.
K.J. Lewis, Cadet Patrol Officer

FERGUSSON ISLAND.

including West and Inland
Fergusson and Eastern
Fergusson Census Divisions

Moresby Strait



67-4-21.

PATROL REPORT No. 12-65/66.

— By —

K.J. LEWIS.

DOLUBOLU.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... MILNE BAY Report No. 12-65/66

Patrol Conducted by... K. J. Lewis C. P. O.

Area Patrolled... GOODENOUGH ISLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil

Natives... 1 Interpreter
R. P. & N. G. C

Duration—From... 21 / 2 / 1966 ... to... 24 / 2 / 1966

Number of Days... 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany... No

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

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

Map Reference... ~~XXXX~~ Goodenough Milinch Army Series

Objects of Patrol... As per patrol instructions

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

MLM/saa
67-3-1(611)
Mackellar

Sub-District Office,
EUA'ALA,
Milne Bay District.

22nd April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
SAMARAI.

Subject: Bolubolu Patrol No. 12 - 1965/66
Reference: 67-4-1 of 14/4/66 from A.D.O.
Bolubolu to mc.

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M.L. Mackellar
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Assistant District Commissioner.

Minute to:-
Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDUBU.

67-1-4
Department of District Administration
SAMARAI MILNE BAY DISTRICT

14th November, 1966.

The attached report submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Lewis together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner is forwarded for your information and records, please.

Att.

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

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(~~Harry A. Downes~~)
Assistant District Officer.

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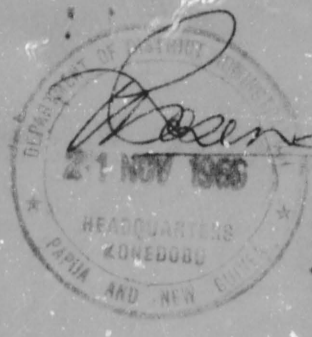
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(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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(Harry A. Dowles)
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU,
Kilne Bay District.

19th February, 1966.

Mr. K. Lewis CPO,
Bolubolu Patrol Post,
Goodenough Island.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Bolubolu Patrol No. 12/65-66.

You will prepare to depart on patrol on Monday 21st February, 1966, to accompany the Goodenough Island Local Government Council Executive Committee and attend taxpayers meetings, at certain villages, which are scheduled as follows:

- Monday 21st February - Bwaidoga
- Tuesday 22nd " - Milia & Koratau
- Wednesday 23rd " - Uiaufa and Lower Wataluma
- Thursday 24th " - Kalimatakutabu.

Your report on each meeting held should include attendance figures, general trend of discussions, salient points raised at the meetings, general overall atmosphere of the gatherings, feeling toward Council and Councillors etc.

The "Kiroon" is available to carry the patrol and Council Executive Committee to the meetings at Milia, Koratau, Uiaufa and Lower Wataluma. The landrover will be available to travel to Bwaidoga and Kalimatakutabu.

One Constable and an Interpreter will accompany you. Draw rations from the store for issue to personnel. Apply for a small patrol allowance at the office.

Any Court cases should be referred to the Magistrate at Bolubolu. Deal with any routine Administrative matters which may arise, but do not hesitate to refer matters to this office if you are unable to cope with them.

Please submit a patrol report in terms of Departmental Standing Instructions, Volume 1.

Wishing you an enjoyable patrol.

Yours sincerely,

Down
.....
Harry A. Downes
Assistant District Officer.

DOLUBOLU PATROL No. 12-55/66

PREAMBLE PAGE

Station:- Dolubolu Patrol Post

Sub-Captain:- [Redacted]

District:- [Redacted]

Patrol Commanded By:- K.J. Lewis Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled:- Goodenough Island Local Government Area


Accompanied By:- 1 Interpreter
1 R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration:- From 21/2/66 To 24/2/66
Number of days ... 4

Last Patrol to the area:- November 1965

Objects of the Patrol:- to accompany the executive committee
of the Goodenough Island Local Government Council
at Tax-payers meetings at selected Villages on the
island

Map Reference:- Goodenough Milinch Army Series.


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K.J. Lewis (C. PO.)

BOLUBOLU PATROL No. 12-65/66

PATROL DIARY.

MONDAY 21st February

Left Bolubolu 9.30 per M.V. Seemist for Bwaidoga arriving Wagifa wharf at 10.30. Talked with mission personnel before walking to Bwaidoga barracks where the patrol arrived at 12.00 noon. Meeting commenced 1.30 and ended 5.30.

Overnight at Bwaidoga.

TUESDAY 22nd February

Departed Bwaidoga 7.30 arriving Kalia 10.15. Held meeting and left at 12.30. Arrived Moratau 2.45 and meeting commenced at 3.00 concluding at 4.30.

Overnight at Moratau.

WEDNESDAY 23rd February

Left Moratau 7.55 arriving Ufaufa 11.00 and meeting commenced at 11.30 closing at 12.40. Leaving at 12.30 arrived at Lower Katalura 2.20 and commenced meeting at 2.30.

Returned Bolubolu per M.V. Siroon arriving 5.40.

Overnight at Bolubolu.

THURSDAY 24th February

Departed Bolubolu 8.15 arriving Vivigani beach at 9.15 and walked to Kalimatabutabu and started meeting at 11.45 and closed at 1/25. Returned Bolubolu and end of patrol.

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K. J. Lewis (C.P.O.)

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BOLUBOUB PATROL REPORT No. 12-65/66.

Introduction.

The object of this patrol was to accompany the Executive Committee of the Goldenough Island Local Government Council and to assist them as adviser if needed. The patrol visited five villages to which the villages in the vicinity walked ~~xxx~~ to attend the meetings. Attendance at most meetings was fair.

Native Situation.

The people in most meetings were quite attentive to all that was said and were always willing to ask pertinent questions. On the whole the meetings were very orderly and it will be seen that in all except one village the ~~xxxxxxx~~ councillors were accepted and only one, verbal, attack was made on any of the members of the council.

Here follows a summary of each meeting at each of the barracks:-

BWAIDOGA BARRACKS.

This meeting was attended by approximately 550 adults. The people of Bwaidoga wanted their tax rate to be reduced to £1-10-0 (or \$3) from the present rate of £3 (or \$6). The Wagifans asked also for their rate to be reduced from £2 (or \$4) to £1 (or \$2). They said that there would not be so many of their people in jail at Bolubobu if the rate was not so high. Reasons put forward for their inability to pay the tax were: 1- they are getting too little money for what copra they were able to grow.

- 2- they are getting no pay for working on the road,
- 3- they haven't enough land on which to grow coconuts,
- 4- family obligations.

~~xxxxxx~~ The President then answered the complaints by saying, "It was not I who set your tax rates, when you were asked you voted for the

The next point raised was the question of a boat. Everyone at the meeting agreed that a boat was needed to ship the copra into Samarai. Councillor Dobbin then said that the council would need a lot more money to buy a boat and said that the fact that so many men were in jail should open the people's eyes so that they could see if they wanted anything at all they would have to pay the taxes. The president then explained the comparative costs of the various sized boats with which the people are familiar and suggested the idea of a boat for all the councils in the Esa'ala Sub-district. The people agreed that this is a good scheme and advised the members of the executive to investigate the possibility of this happening and contacting the executives of the respective councils of Dobu, Duau and that of the new West Fergusson when formed.

Only one other thing was raised and that by the Wagifans. They asked about the possibility of starting a saw-mill but the president explained that to start one would be financially impossible.

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... release from jail and asked them if it would not be better to pay the tax first instead of going to prison first.

Only a few people from Mataata and Paiaava attended the meeting but had nothing to say except that they were happy with their tax-rate and did not wish it to be reduced.

KILIA-LAUWILLA.

The meeting, held at Kiliabarracks was attended by approx. 250 adults.

These people also asked for a reduction of their tax-rate from £2 (\$4) to £1 (\$2). The president told the people that he knew that it was hard for them to find the money to pay the tax but that the tax review committee would give them time to get the money but that if the people sat down doing nothing they would certainly be put to court. He explained that the men from Kalimatatuba and Bwaidoga will still have to pay their tax after their release from jail and asked them if it would not be better to pay the tax first instead of going to prison first.

The question of the boat was raised once again and the proposal put forward of buying a small boat now to earn enough money to buy a bigger one later on if there wasn't enough to buy a big one now. The president answered this by telling the people that there is only enough money in the Boat Fund to buy a small boat which would be incapable of carrying enough cargo to make enough money for the purchase of a bigger boat.

One more question that of starting a co-operative on Goodenough was raised and answered by the Vice-President saying that if the people can't make enough coppa to pay their tax it would be silly to start a co-op, because these things need money and if you can't pay tax how are you going to get money to join a co-operative. Debbina backed up the Vice president by telling the people to 'ask their pockets' if they could afford it.

The people from here also agreed that one boat for the Esa'ala Sub-district was the best plan and that they would continue to pay the present tax.

MORATAU-AWALE-IAUTAULA.

Attendance at this meeting was about 350.

The people here wanted to know why they were paying the same tax as those on the other side of the Island when they were getting no benefit from the work the council is doing.

The president answered this by telling the people of the system of taxation in Australia where the people pay tax according to the amount of money they have and went further to say that the people of these villages were some of the richest on Goodenough Island and as such should be willing to pay the bigger amount of tax to help the people less fortunate than themselves. He told them that the council were going to put in water-wells to help them and that they should not complain that the council was doing nothing for them. He went on to say, "Whose council is this? It is not only for the men who wear badges it is for all of the people of the island. In Australia the people pay their taxes because they want their 'big council' to be strong. If we pay our taxes the Government will help us with our projects which we want such as, aid-posts, schools, water-wells and most important of all they will help us to buy our boat."

The people wanted to know what has happened to all the money they have paid as tax, why their wasn't enough money to buy a boat now.

The Vice-president then told them of the money spent to set a clerk up in an office and a house, for stationery so that he can keep a record of where all the money has gone, and the biggest thing the council has bought is a tractor-and-trailer to build roads, carry copra to the nearest outlet and many other financial functions.

The people were of the impression that if a boat was bought they would not have to pay freight for goods carried or to pay for themselves if they ever travelled on it.

The president told them that just because it was a council boat did not mean that they would get free use of it; this is the same as using the council tractor, everyone who uses it has to pay for its use. He told them of the comparative prices for boats familiar to the people and they agreed that it would not be any good getting too small a boat and if they waited for a little while till the council ~~could talk to the other~~ could talk to the other councils in the sub-district ~~and~~ find out their ideas on one boat for this area. The president told them that when the patrol ~~was~~ returned to Bolubolu the clerk would write to Eobu, Duan & West Ferguson councils.

UAUEA-WAIBULA.

Attendance approximately 100 adults.

The people from here have been having trouble selling copra so they asked the council if it could help them to dispose of it. The Vice-president told the people that the council would help by building a shed near the road for them to store their copra and send for the council's tractor to come and pick it up when there was enough to be marketed in Samarei.

These people also appeared very keen about the purchase of a boat and ~~agreed~~ agreed with the President when the idea of buying a sub-district boat was raised and after hearing the costs of various boats all agreed to this plan.

A complaint was raised about the A.P.O. from Waibula who is not treating the people or supplying them with drugs and it was explained that he himself has been ill and unable to patrol.

UPPER and LOWER WAYALUMA - IDAKAMENAI

Attendance approximately 100 adults.

The president opened the meeting by telling the people not to be afraid to stand up and ask any questions that they wanted to because the council is trying to help them and if the people don't voice their thoughts the council will not know what the villagers want. He told them what had been said at the other meetings about a boat and the people were unanimous in their desire to buy a Sub-district boat and urged the council to enquire into the possibilities of this coming about. He also explained to them that as is done with the council tractor, the persons using the boat will have to pay freight for any cargo carried on it. This did not deter the people and they seemed to understand the situation.

As far as tax-rates are concerned only Idakamenai wanted to have theirs reduced, by half. Dobini explained to the people that all the other villages had agreed to pay the same tax as they have been. He went further to say that if any tax-rates were to be reduced this would not be a good thing for the council and it would be unable to even think about buying a boat or doing any of the proposed work on Goodenough Island. This satisfied the people and they agreed to let their rate remain the same.

KALIMATABUTANI.

Attendance approximately 50 adults.

The meeting opened with the president telling the people of the work the council has done and inviting them to ask questions.

The village constable wanted to know why, whenever the people sent children to school at Faiava, those children were told that the classes were full and sent home again.

The president told him that a new class-room had been built at Faiava and that it is anticipated that a further five will be built in the next five years.

The president also said that the lack of trained teachers ~~was~~ is a major problem and since there is a limit to the number of children one teacher is permitted to handle only a certain number of pupils may be accepted.

The question was then asked, "Why is there a patrol Officer present at our meetings?" And the president answered him by telling him, "To answer any questions I am unable to."

The same man then asked the question of how can Lawrence be our councillor when he is working for the government and living at Bolabolu, away from his village. The president then told him, "Curtly, you are the people who elected him. Someone else told you to do this, so now he will be the councillor for 3 years. The people although not asking for their tax-rate ~~but~~ wanted to know ways by which they could earn money to pay their taxes. Edward, the agriculture officer at Bolu bolu told them of the many ways agriculture and nature could help them with such things as copra, fish and the sale of fresh vegetables, then asked them if they would be interested in a market if it were commenced at the government station and the people agreed that this was a good idea and Edward promised to take this to the next meeting of the council.

The president then told them of the idea of buying a Sub-district council boat and the people agreed that if this could be arranged it would be good for all four councils in the Esa'ala subdistrict.

CONCLUSION

From all the meetings held around the Island that attendance at most meetings was fairly good and at those where very few attended a reasonable explanation was available; that of the heavy rain which had preceded the patrol and flooded the creeks in the entire area and prevented the people from attending.

CONCLUSION Contd.

It would appear that one thing is foremost in the minds of most people on the island, that being the council's buying of a boat, whether it be one for Goodenough Council alone or one for the whole of the Esa'ala sub-district. At the present time the council does not hold enough money to go into such an enterprise alone and the village people are keen about having a boat, so it seems as if the plan of obtaining a sub-district boat would warrant further investigation by the council.

In most cases the people were quite happy with the tax-rates which they are now paying and those who were not were quickly persuaded to change their thoughts when the need for this money was told to them. The executive committee used the boat-plan to good effect as a lever in this regard, particularly the president and vice-president.

The next point of importance raised at the meetings was that of forming a co-operative on the island, but this idea was not so readily accepted when the people were told of the cost involved in forming a co-operative; particularly the cost to themselves.

The only other major point raised was that of forming a market at Bolubolu, which was readily accepted by them and this matter is to be raised at the next council meeting.

Taken all round the meetings were all orderly and only one councillor was criticized by his electors, that of Kalimatatabu, but should not be considered detrimental to the co-operation he will and is receiving from the people.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Since most of the patrol was conducted by sea only one road was used by the patrol. This road the two lane road from the station to Vivigani, due to the heavy rain preceding the patrol was rendered impassable to vehicular traffic but the patrol found that for foot travel except where the bridges had been swept away by

ROADS AND BRIDGES Contd.

By the aforementioned floods the roads were quite traversible. At the time of the patrols passing work was in progress repairing the damage caused by the rain.

AGRICULTURE.

As stated in the reports of the meetings most people are at present having trouble in harvesting their crops because of the rain and food is hard to get. However the major problem seems to be earning much from their cash crops which they are finding hard to market due to unexplained reasons, the people seeming loath to state any reasons for this. In all the patrol had very little time to investigate this unfortunately but in some cases the reasons seemed to be the lack of sufficient land on which to grow these crops.

COMPLAINTS

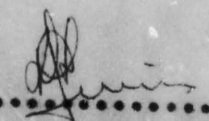
Only two complaints were heard on patrol both at Moratau village, and referred to the Local courts magistrate at Bolubolu. One case concerned charges of sorcery and the other complaint involved a young man who is living in a sub-standard house in his garden.

REST HOUSES

As the patrol only spent two nights on the patrol, and passed by two other rest houses only one thing can be said of them and that is that they are all in reasonable condition and are relatively handy to both water and fuel supplies.

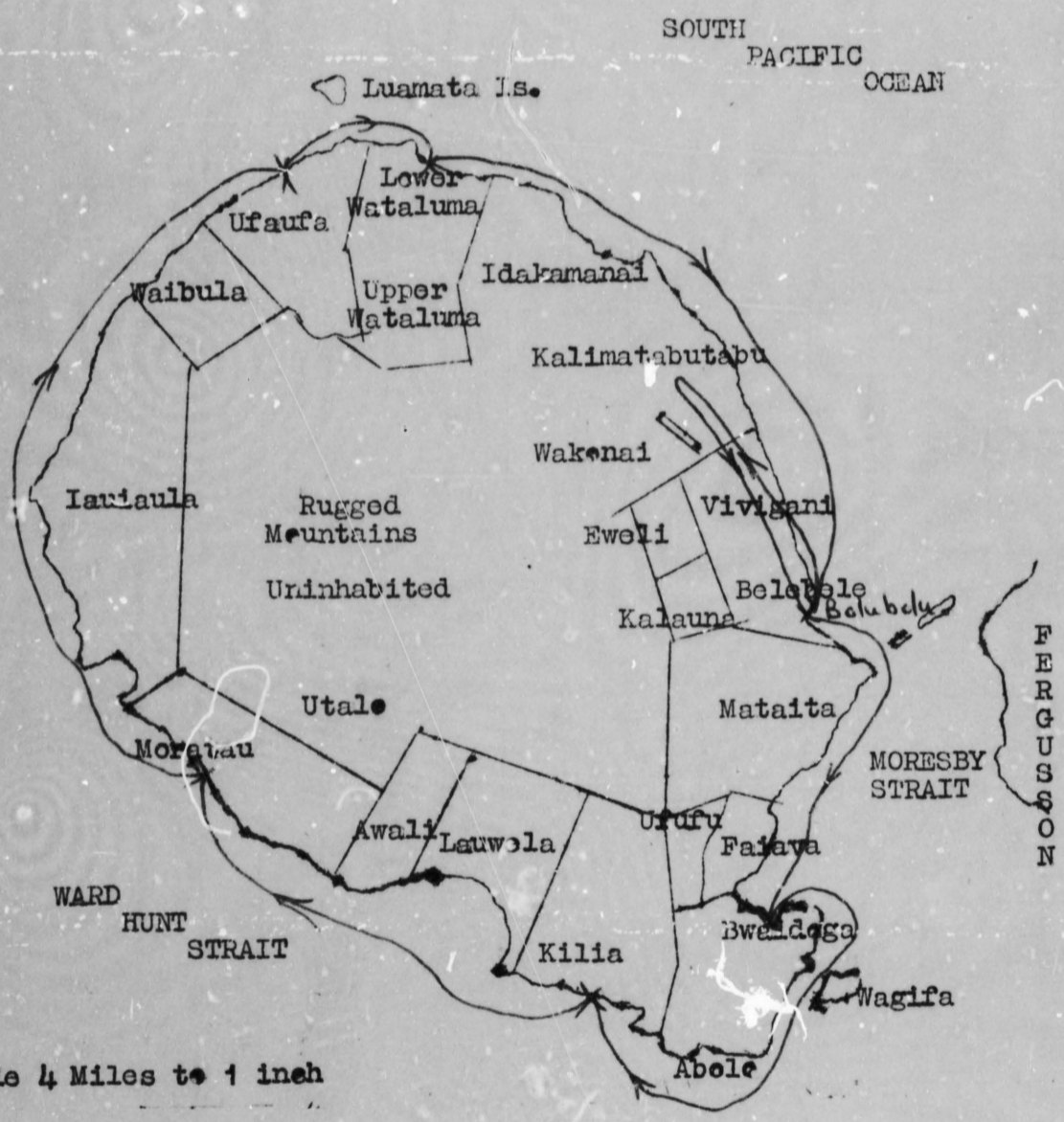
VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All the Village constables encountered are apparently doing their jobs to the approval of the people and no complaints were raised as to their efficiency.


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K.J. Lewis (C.P.O.)

GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

Patrol No. 12-65/66
Date... 3-4-66
Officer. K. J. LEWIS



Scale 4 Miles to 1 inch

67-4-22.

PATROL REPORT No. 13-65/66.

— By —

K. J. LEWIS.

BOLUBOLU.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. 13465/66

Patrol Conducted by K. J. Lewis (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled Central Plains of West Fergusson Island

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

1 Interpreter

Natives 2 R. P. & N. G. C.

Duration - From 2 / 4 / 19 66 to 7 / 4 / 19 66

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services 3 / 2 / 19 66

Medical ????????????????????

Map Reference West Fergusson Mil-inch

Objects of Patrol To organise the people of the central plains

area in the commencement of the road in the area

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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M.J. Ahern/bs.

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

14th November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KON DOBU.

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT NO. 13/1965-66.

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Att.

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

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2nd December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORTS.

Receipt of the undermentioned Patrol Reports is acknowledged. All concern patrols carried out last financial year and were all commented upon by the Assistant District Commissioner, Sub-District, prior to 30th June, 1966. However, through some oversight or misadventure, they were only forwarded by District Headquarters with covering letters dated 14th November, 1966.

Because of lateness in on-forwarding, comments do not appear pertinent.

Bolubolu Patrol 13-65/66 : Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum of 13.5.66.

Bolubolu Patrol 12-65/66 : Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum of 22.4.66.

Bolubolu Patrol 11-65/66 : Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum of 21.4.66.

Esa'ala Patrol 10-65/66 : Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum of 30.5.66.

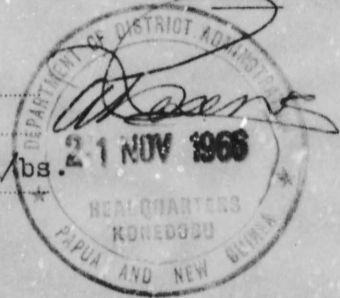
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(J. Preston White) *infa*
District Commissioner.

Att.

HLM/sam

67-3-1(657)

Mackellar,

Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.
Milne Bay District.

13th May, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
SAWARAI.

Subject: Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 13/65-66
Reference: File 67-3-1 of 19/4/66 from ADO
Bolubolu to me.

Please find attached three copies of subject Patrol Report and three copies of reference memo.

2. Mr. Lewis has again displayed good powers of observation and has written an informative Patrol Report.

3. I feel that the West Fergusson Council should at this early stage make plans for the introduction of a Road Maintenance Rule so that these roads which have been built with enthusiasm will not fall into disrepair for later want of the same enthusiasm. There is a considerable danger that gardens, and cash crops which are damaged in the course of maintenance work may later be the cause of compensation claims.

4. Most Council Roads Maintenance Rules contain a proviso that no compensation will be paid, and for that reason protect road maintenance gangs from Civil action.

5. Request for Road working tools met with no success in view of the current extremely adverse financial condition of the Administration. It is fairly clear that all road construction in Council areas henceforth will be at the expense of the Council. Administration Maintenance funds which were never really adequate will be spread wider and more thinly as Road Construction increases.

6. The ability of the Bolubolu Officers to generate road enthusiasm amongst the Fergusson Island people compensates to a certain degree for the lack of finance.

7. A good Patrol Report.

(M.L. Mackellar)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-3-1

Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU,
Milne Bay District.

19th April, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
RSA'ALA.

Bolubolu Patrol No. 13/65-66.

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For your information.

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(Barry A. Downes)
Assistant District Officer.

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19th April, 1966.

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(Harry A. Downes)
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU,
Palms Bay District.

1st April, 1966.

Mr. K. Lewis C.P.O.
Bolubolu Patrol Post,
Ema'ala Sub District,
Palms Bay District.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Bolubolu Patrol 13/65-66.

You will prepare to depart on a patrol to West Fergusson Island on the 2nd April, 1966. The aim of the patrol will be to assist the village people in the Central Plains area in organising road construction, and the pegging of a suitable road route.

The M.V. "Zircon" will transport you to Fagalulu beach on the 2nd April, and will return for you on the 7th April. I suggest you establish your working Headquarters at Fagalulu barrack as the majority of the work will be near this area.

Two constables and an Interpreter will accompany you. No patrol allowances will be needed as it is a standing patrol.

Submit your report in terms of Departmental Standing Instructions Chapter IV, Part 2.

Deal with any general administration matters that come before you, but do not hesitate to refer any matters to this office if need be. Any court cases should be referred to the Magistrate at Bolubolu.

Wishing you a happy patrol.

Yours faithfully,

Down

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(Barry A. Downes)
Assistant District Officer.

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Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 13-65/66

PREAMBLE.

STATION:→ Bolubolu

Subdistrict:- Ben'ala

DISTRICT:- Milne Bay

PATROL NUMBER:- 13-65/66


CONDUCTED BY:- K. J. Lewis (C. P. O.)

ACCOMPANIED BY:- Interpreter
2 R. P. N. G. C.

DURATION OF PATROL:- From 2/1/66 to 7/1/66.
6 days.

LAST D. E. A. PATROL TO AREA:- 3/2/66.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:- To organize the people of the
Central Plains area in the commencement
of the road in the area.


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K. J. Lewis (C. P. O.)

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Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 13-67/66.

PATROL DIARY.

SATURDAY APRIL 2nd- Departed Bolubolu 8.50 a.m. per M.V.
"Zircon" arriving Fagululu beach 11.10 a.m.
Walked to barracks-arriving 12.00 noon.
Held meeting to explain the purpose of the patrol.

SUNDAY APRIL 3rd- Sunday-observed at Fagululu.

MONDAY APRIL 4th-Organised work on road in the morning.
11.15 set off for Iaupole to inspect a difficult
part of the road about one and a-half hours walk
from the Fagululu barracks.

TUESDAY APRIL 5th-8.00 am walked to Imaalele No. 2, Saibutu
and Imaalele No. 1 and told the people how to organise
their work. Returned to barracks at 4.00.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6th- At Fagululu supervising work along the
road.
Heard two complaints from Imaalele No. 2 but both
were dispensed with.

THURSDAY APRIL 7th- Arranged carriers and left barracks to
await "Zircon"
Left Fagululu at 2.00 and arrived Bolubolu 4.30 pm

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K. J. Lewis (C.P.O)

Bolubelu Patrol Report No. 43-65/66.

INTRODUCTION.

The prime purpose of this patrol was to inaugurate a roads system around the coastal area of the Central Plains on West Fergusson Island. The roads which are to be built at the moment are from Saibutu to Iamalele No. 1 and Iamalele No. 2, Iamalele No. 2 to Fagululu and from Fagululu to Mapamoiva, a distance altogether of about thirty miles. From that which was seen by the patrol only one stretch of the road, between Fagululu and Iamole appears to present any major problem, that is where the road must traverse a rocky hillside, skirting a swamp around which any other route is impracticable.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The people from all the villages visited appeared to take great interest in the roads to be built and although a little hesitant to do the work required of them at first, fully realising no doubt the the intensity of the work that has to be done, finally agreed to my talk and after I told them the usefulness of such a thoroughfare were quite eager to commence the work.

They now understand the importance of these roads as it will provide the necessary link between their villages and the council outlet for cash crops at Mapamoiva.

The people have accepted the council well and have no complaints about the amount of tax that they will be paying.

ROAD WORK.

On arrival at Fagululu a meeting was held and the purpose of the patrol was explained to them, and they were instructed on what would be required of them. They were organised into "work-gangs" of fifteen men to work in a rotation basis until the work is finished. The names of these gangs were noted and the new Local Government Councillor was instructed to call the roll each morning and was told that if any man did not do his share of the work they were to be reported to the next patrol.

The women also realising the the need for the road volunteered to work on the roads doing the lighter work, but were told that this would be purely voluntary work and if they wanted to work in their gardens there was no binding them to road work.

ROAD WORK Contd.

The route which the road is to follow had already been cleared of trees so that the major work remaining is to clear stumps and any grass etc. from the path. This work was commenced with the people using their own tools, as it was explained to them that as yet the council had not purchased tools for this work as there was still no money in the bank. The people understood this and were quite willing to work on the self help basis.

The road is being cleared to an eighteen feet width which should be quite reasonably wide for any traffic which will be using the road.

As yet no bridges will have to be built and all creeks will be fixed by cutting the banks away on either side therefrom.

The three other villages visited were holding meetings to discuss this work at the time of the patrol and as they had already marked the route, no extensive work was necessary in these villages. The people said that they were going to start working on the road on the Monday following the patrol. These villages were also quite eager to have the road through, and it is to be hoped that this enthusiasm will continue throughout the work. Here also the people were instructed to organise into work gangs so as to leave the majority of the people each week to work in their gardens. As at Fagululu the trees had been cut down and only the removal of the stumps remains to be done.

When the patrol left Fagululu the work had proceeded to a distance, about fifteen minutes walk from the commencement point at the barracks, a distance of roughly one mile.

Only one coconut tree had been found to be in the path but without persuasion the owner volunteered to have it cut down, so was instructed to do so himself so that no repercussion would arise from it. However it has been explained to them that if they can go around a tree as important as this, they should, even if it means an extra day's work as copra is the only cash crop in the area.

The route for quite some distance follows a large creek, but the patrol was assured that the road will be high enough to escape any extensive damage if the water rises to any extent.

The people from here have quite good sense and their knowing the lay of the land and where the water lays when wet marked quite a good route and at no

ROAD WORK Contd.

and at no stage (as far as the patrol went) does it cross or pass through any areas where the heavy rain will make the road too wet or slippety.

The stretch of land past the mangrove swamp will require quite a bit of work as the side of a hill will have to be cut away to build the road up and to make it wide enough. However the people, with the necessary tools have agreed that this is the only possible way which they can traverse. This is for a ~~distance~~ distance of about two miles and will take as much time to do as all the rest together.

VILLAGES.

The houses in all the villages visited are built on piles about five feet above the ground and on the average have a floor space of approximately two to three squares. The framework is done with mangroves, the floors with black-palm and the walls primarily with the bark of sago trees beaten flat or with plaited sago bark type sheeting. Any dividing walls within the houses are usually made of sago sticks. The rooves are made from the leaves of the sago palm. There are very few windows in any of these houses rendering them dark even during day-time.

It is thought that it would be desirable for the people to put more and larger windows in their houses and to construct a verandah on the front which would help towards more hygienic day-time living. Also desirable would be a kitchen attached to the house instead of the usual outside one, where most cooking is done on the ground with the use of stones. The food thus cooked is then easily accessible to pigs, dogs, fowls and any other animals which pass by.

A suggestion is to be made, through the council, that a ~~house~~ house containing the above modifications be recommended to the villages and it is hoped that a "model-house" may be constructed or one that has these modifications can be shown to the people to help them realise more healthy homes can be built in this way.

Water in all villages is readily attainable from fast flowing creeks and no problem exists as far as water is concerned.

The only factor which is of some contention is the roosting of pigs through the village which is not only a very untidy introduction into the village but is also an unhealthy atmosphere.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All officials contacted were quite cooperative and willing to listen to the talk and implement it in the village.

The village constable from Fagululu, KADIESAISA-KENODEGA warr

VILLAGE OFFICIALS Contd.

KENODEGA warrants special mention for the way in which he got the men working and for the way he worked himself, along with the others, giving them the necessary incentive. He appears to be very confident and conscientious and seems to have a great deal ~~more~~ of power in his village.

Not much can be said for the others because the patrol did not have much contact with them.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

This part of the island should be considered backward when compared with villages such as Mapamoiva and those of the Morima coast but in spite of this the patrol and the Administration is well respected.

The older people of the village seem to be well cared for and no complaints in that direction were encountered.

AGRICULTURE.

The drought in this area does not seem to be ~~not~~ have affected ~~any~~ to any great extent the food supply in the area and everyone has plenty to eat although there is none available for cash sale.

The only cash crop in the area is copra which at the moment is not bringing in very much money as the people are preparing their food gardens.

However there appears to be plenty of opportunity for money to be made as there is quite a number of mature trees and the future is well guaranteed with numerous young plantations in evidence.

At present the major problem in disposing of this copra is transport. But when the road is through and these villages are accessible by vehicles it will be much easier to market these crops.

Two men are now preparing a large area of ground to be used for the planting of rice and this could become a major cash crop if the men are willing to put the necessary hard work into it

LIVESTOCK.

The only two animals to merit mention are pigs and fowls.

The pigs are kept mainly for payments of marriage gifts and for feasts such as at the time of the wedding feast or the harvest feast.

Fowls are a small part of the subsistence and are primarily used to substantiate the diet with some meat.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are two trade stores in Fagululu competing for the market. As the development of West Fergusson from the council's point of view is towards economics, it is felt that one of these stores should close, thus leaving the other to do all the trade. This would mean that the one store ~~was~~ would be able to handle all the copra thus increasing the ~~turnover~~ revenue enabling the licensee to buy more and varied goods for his store. If this was the case he could lower his prices considerably, increasing the turnover, and although getting less profit per article, his profit would increase due to the quicker business because of the lower price.

It is recommended that the store at present being run by MWALEDI be the store to remain open whilst the other owned by KENDEGA be closed. It is not however envisaged that this should happen immediately but it is felt that the situation should be explained to these men and we should try to reach an amicable solution.

Although MWELEDI is not a Fagululu man while KENDEGA is, he appears to have much greater business sense and with a little encouragement he has the ability to build his store into something big. He is the only man with both accounts at one of the stores and a Copra Marketing Board number.

At present KENDEGA has no trade goods in his store. MWELEDI has a very good stock.

COMPLAINTS.

Two complaints were heard, both from Isanalele NO. 2. One concerning the killing of a pig, when the man at fault was ordered to pay damages to the owner of the pig.

The other was an adultery case in which the offended party ie the man's wife did not wish to press the charge so the two at fault were severely chastised although it is doubtful if it will have had any effect.

REST HOUSES

The Fagulu rest house was the only one used and as it is only a new one nothing can be said about it other than it is convenient to both water and fire-wood.

GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY.

Whilst in this area the patrol visited an extensive thermal region in the vicinity of the Fagululu barracks. These cover quite a large area extending for about two miles.

CARRIERS.

Only carriers needed were to carry to and from the beach on arrival and departure at Fagululu beach. These were reasonably easily obtained and the previous trouble experienced at Fagululu was not encountered.

CONCLUSION.

The purpose of the patrol ,to start a roads system was effectively commenced after a slow start and is now proceeding extremely well.

Many of the things mentioned such as housing and the trade stores will be further investigated more fully in the near future.

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K. J. Lewis (C. P. O.)

WEST FERGUSSON ISLAND



67-4-30.

PATROL REPORT No. 15-65/66.

— By —

K.J. LEWIS.

BOLUBOLU.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 15-65/66

Patrol Conducted by K.J.LEWIS (CADET PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled STATIONARY PATROL MAPAMOIWA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

1 INTERPRETER

Natives 1 R.P.A.N.G.C?

Duration—From 21 4 66 to 11 5 66

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Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb/Mar /1966

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

Map Reference WEST FERGUSSON MILLINCH

Objects of Patrol (1) assist council clerk at council H.Q.'s (2) to help the people organise themselves into road work (3) To conduct a census in the adjacent area. (4) carry out general administrative duties

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 £.....

DISCOM

67-1-4

O.K. Alder/bs.

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

28th November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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2. I regret the delay in submission caused by staff shortages.

Att.

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

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67-4-30

15th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

COLUBOLE PATROL REPORT NO. 15 OF 1965/66:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Lewis' report of a patrol to the Hapanoium area conducted in the last financial year.

The elapse of time has made any comment at this stage superfluous. An adequate report on routine activity.

(J.K. McGarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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If calling ask for
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District Commissioner.

Att.

67-3-1
GALL

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

7th July, 1966.

The Officer-in-Charge,
BOLUBOLU.

Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 15/65-66.

Your 67-3-1 dated June 23rd, 1966, refers.

Thank you for this report on which my comments are as follows;

Census As a matter of general procedure census undertaking should embrace a whole census unit and not part thereof. In this instance, with the shortage of patrol funds and its consequent restriction of movement, I would view the census of the several Morima villages visited as a good exercise and experience for Mr. Lewis.

Council Headquarters The development of the West Fergusson Council Headquarters is well under way. Use of the Mapamoiwa Hospital motor mower (by kind permission of Dr. Moi) by the Council Clerk for the purpose of grass cutting at the Council Headquarter site will not only maintain that site at its best appearance but will overcome any apprehensions of the Mapamoiwa village people (noted by Mr. Lewis under 'Native Situation') with respect to the possibility of a considerable work load being placed on them by the Council.

Mapamoiwa Accommodation Furniture for the rest house/residence at Mapamoiwa for use by Bolubolu Officers on standing patrol of the West Fergusson area will be made available from Esa'ala.

Social Welfare The welfare work undertaken in the Esa'ala Sub-District as a whole by Misses Whistler and Baloiloi has been both beneficial and noticeable. It is, I believe, the intention for Miss Baloiloi, on completion of her training at the Ahioima Centre to be stationed again at Esa'ala for Sub-District welfare work.

Water Supply, Mapamoiwa With respect to comment by Mr. Lewis under 'Villages' concerning the Mapamoiwa station water supply, I would appreciate your comments and recommendations for its maintenance and notification by you when it becomes imperative.

See w/c on this

Commerce & Industry As previously discussed with you in matters of area development I am hoping to obtain the services of a Business Advisory Officer from the Department of Trade and Industry for the purpose of giving a simple course of book-keeping and store management for the village traders in this Sub-District.

Roads The commencement of road construction activities by the Mapamoiwa village people is commendable. As mentioned in the report it is essential for this leg of the road to be completed to make earlier constructed roads in other areas accessible and operative.

P. S. Gall
(P. S. Gall)
Assistant District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone 67-3-1
Our reference 67-3-1
If calling ask for
Mr.

Patrol Post,
BOLIMBOLU,
Milne Bay District.
Milne Bay District.

23rd June, 1966.
18th June, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
BOLIMBOLU, Milne Bay District.

Bolimbolu Patrol 15/65-66.
West Fergusson Council Area 5/65-66.
My 87-8-1 of 17/5/55 and

You will be aware that I shall
not employ carriers because, as you know, no funds are
standing for this purpose.
Attached please find the above report which has been
submitted by Mr. Lewis C.P.O.

1. Assist the West Fergusson Council Clerk
The patrol was based at Mapameiwa barracks and emphasis
was upon road construction and in and around the Mapameiwa
area. Because of lack of patrol funds, only nearby villages
were visited. in a day.

It is hoped that funds will be made available for
patrolling in the first quarter of 1966/67 as West Fergusson
has not been patrolled since the Council introduction and
the attitude of the people toward the Council is yet to be
gauged. 4. General Administration duties.

Mr. Lewis has submitted a report which is comprehensive
if somewhat short, but this is to be expected of a
standing patrol.

Yours faithfully,

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(Barry A. Downes)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

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If calling ask for

Mr.....

Patrol Post,
BOLUBOLU,
Milne Bay District.

18th June, 1966.

Mr. K. Lewis, C.F.O.,
Bolubolu Patrol Post,
Milne Bay District.

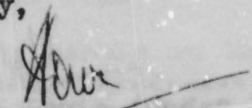
Bolubolu Patrol No. 15/65-66.

You will prepare to depart for Mapamoiwa for a standing patrol to the immediate area. You shall not employ carriers because, as you know, no funds are available. Your instructions are as follows:

1. Assist the West Fergusson Council Clerk in establishing the Headquarters area.
2. Census any nearby villages you can visit in a day.
3. Assist the Mapamoiwa people in their road construction programme, and survey any doubtful road sections.
4. General Administration duties.

Wishing you an enjoyable patrol

Yours faithfully,


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(Barry A. Downes)
Assistant District Officer.

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Belubolu Patrol Report No.15-65/66

PREAMBLE

STATION- Belubolu

Sub-district- Esa'ala

DISTRICT - Milne Bay

PATROL NUMBER- 15-65/66


CONDUCTED BY- K.J.Lewis (C.P.O.)

ACCOMPANIED BY-1 Interpreter
1 R.P.&.N.G.C.

DURATION- 21.4.66 to 11.5.66

LAST PATROL TO
AREA - Feb/Mar 66

OBJECTS OF PATROL-(1) to assist the council clerk
at council H.Q.'s
(2) to help the people organise
themselves into road work
(3) to conduct a census in the
adjacent area
(4) to carry out general
administrative duties in the area.


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K.J.Lewis (Cadet Patrol Officer)

Belubelu Patrol Report No. 15-65/66

PATROL DIARY

THURSDAY April 21st- Departed Belubelu 2.00 pm for Mapameiwa per M.V. Bagana arriving at 4.30 pm.

FRIDAY April 22nd - conducted census at Mapameiwa

SATURDAY April-23rd- talked with the council clerk about further establishment of the council area.

SUNDAY April 24th- Observed at Mapameiwa

MONDAY April 25th- A.N.Z.A.C. DAY observed at Mapameiwa

TUESDAY April 26th- General administrative duties at Mapameiwa

WEDNESDAY April 27th- 6.30 am left Mapameiwa, arrived Kukua at 7.35 and conducted census.

Walked to Ibwaniu arriving 10.30 and conducted census.
Returned to Mapameiwa arriving 2.30 pm.

THURSDAY April 28th- General administrative duties - one dispute referred to Belubelu.

FRIDAY April 29th- Arranged for some Ibwaniu men to commence cutting mangroves for maintenance of the wharf at Mapameiwa.

SATURDAY April 30th- Talked with a trade store owner from Kukua about opening an account with one of the firms in Samarai

SUNDAY April May 1st- Observed at Mapameiwa

MONDAY April May 2nd- Helped the people to organise their road construction gangs and surveyed a section of the most difficult part on the road

TUESDAY May 3rd- worked with the people on the road - heard one dispute but it was groundless

WEDNESDAY May 4th- morning spent with road workers afternoon prepared to depart for Belubelu per Bagana arrived Belubelu at 7.00pm

THURSDAY May 5th- had discussions with the A.D.O Mr. Downes regarding the work being done at Mapameiwa Departed Belubelu per Bagana 12.15 arriving Mapameiwa at 3.00 pm.

FRIDAY May 6th- Discussed with the council clerk what had been talked about at Belubelu. spent afternoon working on the road with the people.

SATURDAY May 7th- road working

SUNDAY May 8th- Observed at Mapameiwa.

Bolubolu Patrol Report 15-65/66

PATROL DIARY (contd.)

MONDAY May 9th met all the councillors as they arrived and talked with them about the meeting to be held the next day.

General administrative duties.

TUESDAY May 10th Morning spent preparing for the executive meeting to be held in the afternoon.

Mr. Downes arrived per M.V. Poseidon and the executive meeting was held in the afternoon and night.

WEDNESDAY May 11th General council meeting commenced at 9.00 concluding at 2.00 - departed Mapaneiva at 2.30 arriving Belubelu 4.15 pm.
End of Patrol

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K.J. Lewis (Cadet Patrol Officer)

INTRODUCTION

The objects of this patrol were to principally carry out the routine administrative duties at Mapamoiwa lightening the pressure on transport to and from Belubelu and to prevent bogus complaints getting a "free" trip to Belubelu. Other objects included a census of the nearby villages accessible by one day's walk due to the lack of funds for any extensive patrolling; preparation of the people to commence their section of the road to meet with that work being done by the Fagululu people and finally to help the council clerk to establish the council headquarters area at Patantani.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The people of Mapamoiwa are very reluctant to express their thoughts on the new Local Government Council, due probably to the fear that they will be forced to bear the brunt of the work which the council will from time to time find necessary to have done, owing to the proximity of their village to the council property.

The more senior members of the society are very willing to co-operate and it was due mainly to the efforts of some of the elders that we were able to commence the work on the roads. This is unfortunate because Mapamoiwa is the only outlet for cash crops in the West Fergusson area and if the road is not linked up to the rest of the extensive programme now being conducted the efforts of the more willing villages will be vain. Eventually the people did commence the work and are now working quite well.

These people of the Mapamoiwa and surrounding villages seemed quite eager to have the opportunity of having a field officer of our department near to them and many small problems which would normally go unnoticed by us, were presented and they were only too willing to approach the patrol and seek advice and information from us.

In the two villages visited for census purpose the patrol was well greeted and the training of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ councillors' wives by welfare officers bore fruit in the hospitality shown the patrol.

THE CENSUS

The patrol was able to only do a census of the two other villages close to Mapamoiwa, Ibwananiu and Kukuia. It had been anticipated that the patrol would encompass the entirety of the Merima Coast but due to the lack of funds available for patrolling any walking had to be restricted to day trips.

Enjoyable results were achieved at the three villages done, as, except for those away at work an almost perfect attendance was recorded each time.

Comparative figures from the 1965 census show that in two of the three villages increases were registered in the population. Kukuia's population rose from 229 to 232, Mapamoiwa 302 to 305 and Ibwananiu fell from 340 to 335.

It is hoped that ~~the~~ a full census patrol will take place in the near future and that full sets of statistics will be then available.

VILLAGES

A brief inspection was made of Ibwaniu and Kukuia and a full extensive one made of Mapamoiwa. As was noticed at Fagululu (Bolubolu Patrol Report No. 13-65/66), the houses are of a standard nature, built above the ground with only one or two rooms, and very little ventilation. It would seem that as soon as is practicable the suggestions made in the above mentioned report should be carried out to improve the living standards of the people.

Water supplies at the three villages are various. The Mapamoiwa people enjoy the reticulated supply of the P.H.D. establishment. Ibwaniu have an underground spring which comes to a head in the main hamlet and Kukuia relies on fresh water streams from the mountains. However all are more than adequate although the reticulation system at Mapamoiwa frequently lapses into periods of idleness.

As for the surrounds in the villages nothing more could be said than that they are very clean and are a great credit to the village officials.

AGRICULTURE.

All the people seem to have adequate supplies of the essential feeds although no interest is taken in any type of introduced crops. The only cash cropping is the production of copra which is the only source of income.

The people of Kukuia and Ibwaniu experience some difficulty in disposing of the crops during the South-east season as the usual route, i.e. canoe, is impossible.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Some of the people are now doing some fishing and are able to sell it to the hospital at Mapamoiwa.

There are two trade stores at Mapamoiwa, two bakeries and another trade store at Kukuia. A survey of the three stores reveals the Mapamoiwa social Club as the major supplier of trade goods, due no doubt to their ability to sell their goods at a lower price. The other two stores do however carry quite a good stock and are giving their owners some profit.

The two bakeries do good business with the station people relying on them for their supply.

REST HOUSES.

The patrol only ~~visited~~ visited two barracks which were both in excellent condition.

EDUCATION. I

It was noticeable from the census that a great number of children from the three villages are receiving a good schooling. From Ibwaniu on the day of the census 30 children were at school, Kukuia 13 and Mapamoiwa 31 which constitutes about one third of the children from each village. The majority are at Mapamoiwa Govt. school but some are attending mission schools at Kalokale and Wailagi.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The Mapamoiwa people organised themselves into groups of 15 to make up work gangs to work on alternate weeks. The work was progressing slowly due to the difficult terrain to be crossed, but although slow good

The walking tracks from Mapamoiwa to the other two villages is in good condition but does not provide very good country for the establishment of a vehicular road and it will be some time before a survey would be able to push a road to these villages and further along the Morima Coast.

CONCLUSION.

The objects of the patrol were accomplished and it is the opinion of the patrol that it may be a good idea to have a permanently stationed officer at Mapamoiwa to keep a close contact with the people in this new council area, to help them better understand the objects and the purposes of the council

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K. Lewis (Cadet Patrol Officer)
K. J. Lewis (Cadet Patrol Officer)

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[Signature]

Patrol Post Bolubolu,
Goodenough Island,
Esa'ala Subdistrict.
MILNE BAY DISTRICT

BOLUBOLU PATROL REPORT No. 15-65/66

REPORT ON OFFICER OF R.P.&N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL

CONSTABLE 5th YEAR 7235 GENAMA.

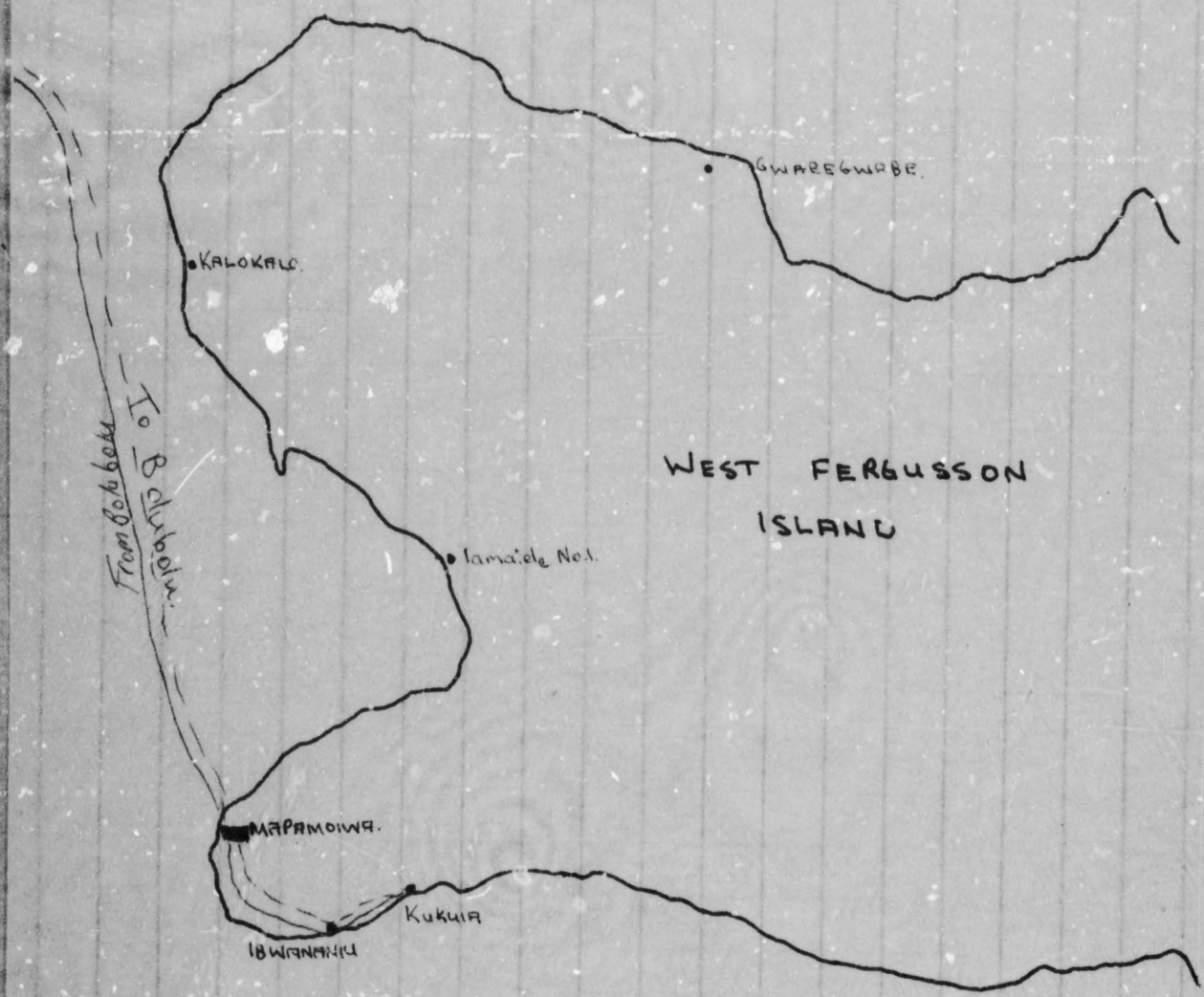
This man is a competent Constable and is very knowledgeable in all aspects of police work whilst on patrol.

A more than satisfactory constable.

K.J.Lewis
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K.J.Lewis (Cadet Patrol
Officer)

Bolubolu Patrol Report 15-65/66

ASSET		LIABILITY		TOTALS	
Fixed	Current	Fixed	Current	Fixed	Current



Scale 1" = 4 miles.

J. J. Lewis