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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1966-67

MISIMA

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

GUASOPA

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

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

PATROL REPORT

District of MCINE BAY Report No. MISIMA No. 3-66/67

Patrol Conducted by WILLIAM H. BLOXAM G.P.O.

Area Patrolled CALVADOS CHAIN CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
LOUISTADE L.G.C. CLERK & ASSISTANT
Natives 1 MEMBER P.P. & N.G.C.
1 INTERPRETER

Duration - From 22 / 8 / 19 66 to 1 / 9 / 1966

Number of Days ELEVEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services 2 / 8 / 1966

Medical ... MAY / 19 66

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol REVISE CENSUS COLLECT COUNCIL TAX

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

DISCOM

67-1-6

O.K. Alder/bs.

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

25th November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

MISIMA PATROL NO.3 - 66/67.

I attach a copy of the report covering the above patrol to the Calveados Census Division, submitted by Mr. W. Bloxham, G.P.O., together with the comments of the Assistant District Commissioner, Bwagaia, referenced 67-1-1 of 16th September, 1966.

2. Specific matters arising out of the report are adequately covered in the comments of the Assistant District Commissioner. The transport problem, common to most Councils in this District, is obviously retarding progress. The Council workbeat will become a most valuable asset.

3. With regards more general matters, this Headquarters and your Directorate can only assess the standard of the patrolling officer's fieldwork from the written report, and whilst I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner that the report is reasonable, Mr. Bloxham must take notice of the following points in fairness to himself:

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4. For your records, please.

Att.

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



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Territory of PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our References

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Konedobu, Papua.

9th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAKARAI.

OVERLINE PATROL REPORTS

Reports as listed below have just been received at this Headquarters for patrols undertaken prior to 1st September, 1966.

Under your reference 67-1-5 dated 28th November, you state that any action arising from these patrols has been taken and any further comment superfluous. I concur.

Reports received :-

Guasopa Patrol Report No. 2	65/66	by	F. J. Morris
Guasopa Patrol Report No. 3	65/66	by	F. J. Morris
Misima Patrol Report No. 5	65/66	by	J. J. Brown
Baniana Patrol Report No. 4	65/66	by	J. J. Brown
Babaraba Patrol Report No. 7	65/66	by	R. D. Kelvin
Babaraba Patrol Report No. 9	65/66	by	R. D. Kelvin
Babaraba Patrol Report No. 2	66/67	by	R. D. Kelvin
Babaraba Patrol Report No. 3	66/67	by	R. D. Kelvin
Misima Patrol Report No. 3	66/67	by	J. J. Brown

Reports should be forwarded with the minimum of delay even if handwritten comments or no comment at all is possible.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

To: DISCOM

Our Reference: 67-1-6

Calling ask for

Mr. O.K. Alder/bs.



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Department of District Administration,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

25th November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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4. For your records, please.

Att.

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

67-1-1

Sub-District Office,
BWAGAGIA,
Milne Bay District.

16th September, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT No. 3-66/67.
W.H. BLOXAM C.P.O.


Attached please find three copies of the above-mentioned report in respect of a routine census patrol to the Calvados, Census Division. Claims for Camping Allowance are also forwarded.

2. The inability of some of the people in the area to meet their Council Tax obligations at the time of the Council Clerk's visit would appear to be a temporary embarrassment as there are no economic grounds for tardiness in paying tax unless it be the present low level of shell prices. This points up the difficulties associated with tax collection in the Sub-District as frequently the Clerk is required to repeat his rounds through the Council area before all tax is gathered. This can be a tedious process with the distances involved and the demands on Administration sea transport. However the proposed acquisition by the Council of its own workboat should considerably lessen the difficulties. Likewise it will greatly assist the Council in its other activities and considerably benefit the people of the outlying islands.

3. Whilst Copeperative Society copra purchase figures for the Brooker Society indicate a drop in production, this may not in fact be the case as the people of that island could well be marketing some of their produce through other channels. Co-operatives do not account for all of the business activity in the areas which they serve.

4. The first of the Council financed wells will be installed in Calvados Chain villages within one to two months. The well sections will be of fibreglass and the average cost per installation is expected to be in the vicinity of \$150.00.

5. Mr. Bloxam has submitted quite a good report although I feel that the patrol need not have been quite so rushed in its earlier stages.



(D.F. Perzezel)

Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-0

Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA,
Milne Bay District.

18th August, 1966.

Mr. W. Bloxam, C.P.O.,
BWAGAOIA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please make necessary arrangements to depart on patrol Monday, 22nd August, to the Calvados Census Division. The patrol will revise the census and attend to matters of a general nature. The Council Clerk will utilize the sea transport available on this occasion to carry out tax collection for the Louisiade Local Government Council.

2. One member of the R.P. & N.G.C. Detachment and Interpreter BWADUA BOPIU will accompany you. Patrol equipment and stores will be available from the Sub-District store.
3. Census statistics will be recorded on the latest type Village Population Register and new village books are to be issued for each census unit.
4. Necessary action will be taken by the patrol with regard to applications for firearms registrations under the new Firearms legislation, in cases where application have not yet been lodged.
5. When the m.v. 'toaripi' visits Griffin Point, please arrange for the delivery of a Mining lease application to STANLEY of Nanhill village. File 35-1-6 refers.
6. Your investigation report in respect of the Catholic Mission's application for land at Joannet Island can be finalized when you re-visit this area.
7. The m.v. 'Toaripi' will be available to collect councillors from Rossel and Sudest Islands who will return with the patrol in time for the Council meeting at Bwagaoia on 6th or 7th September.

(D.F. Permezel)
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY

1966

Monday 22nd August

Depart Bwagaia per M.V. "Toaripi" 08.50hrs.
Arrive Brooker Is. 12.40hrs. Revise census and collect tax.
Depart Brooker 15.55hrs. Arrive Moturina 17.30hrs. Sleep Moturina.

Tuesday 23rd.

Revise census and collect tax. Depart Moturina
11.00hrs. Arrive Bagaman 12.30hrs. Revise Census and collect
tax. Depart 14.00hrs and arrive Panamauri 14.55hrs. Revise census
and collect tax. Depart 15.45hrs. Arrive Kuanak 17.05hrs. Sleep
Kuanak.

Wednesday 24th

Revise census and collect tax. Depart 08.50hrs
and arrive Panawina (Bumalo) 09.40hrs. Census and tax collected.
Leave Council clerk at Bumalo while checking shotgun permits
(Lilly Berford). Return to Bumalo and pick up Clerk. Depart
11.30hrs, arrive Sabani 13.00hrs. Census revised and tax collected.
Depart 15.30hrs, arrive Nigahau 16.00hrs. Sleep Nigahau.

Thursday 25th

Revise census and collect tax. Check trading
licenses. Depart 09.00hrs, arrive Grass Is. 09.50hrs. Census
and tax. Depart 11.40hrs, arrive Bwilahina (Joannet Is.) 12.40hrs.
Census and tax. Depart 14.00hrs, arrive Nimoa 14.35hrs. Sleep
Nimoa.

Friday 26th

Revise census and collect tax. Depart Nimoa
13.15hrs. Arrive Griffin Pt. 14.40hrs. Visit village and new
Aid Post. Sleep Griffin.

Saturday 27th

Depart Griffin 07.55hrs, arrive Piron 09.40hrs.
Tax collected. Depart 11.15hrs, arrive Rambuse 15.40hrs. Sleep
Rambuse.

Sunday 28th

Sunday

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Monday 29th

Depart Rambuso 07.50hrs. Arrive Jinjo 15.20hrs.
Sleep Jinjo.

Tuesday 30th

Collect councillors and depart 09.20hrs. Pick up more councillors from Damunu and proceed to Rambuso. Arrive 16.40hrs. Sleep Rambuso.

Wednesday 31st

Depart Rambuso 07.20hrs, arrive Griffin Point 08.10hrs. Collect councillor and A.P.O. Depart 10.30hrs. Arrive Western Pt. 11.55hrs. Look over site of proposed Patrol Post. Depart 12.40hrs. Arrive Nimes 13.05hrs, pick up some mail and depart 14.10hrs. Collect councillor from Bwailahina and proceed to Nigahdu. Arrive 16.05hrs. Collect A.P.O. and depart 16.30hrs. Arrive Sabari Is. 16.52. Sleep Sabari.

Thursday 1st September

Depart Sabari 09.20hrs. Arrive Kimuta 11.25hrs. Collect tax and depart 13.45hrs. Arrive Bwagaia 15.30hrs. Sleep Bwagaia.

-----END OF PATROL-----

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MISIMA PATROL REPORT
No.3 -66/67

INTRODUCTION

This was a routine tax/census patrol conducted through the Calvados Chain census division. The patrol was accompanied by the Local Government Council clerk and an assistant who collected tax in the area. Tax was forthcoming in all places except Brooker, Moturina, Bagaman and Grass Is., where response was very poor. It could be said that the reason for not paying tax in the case of the first three villages was because the former councillor in this area absconded with a certain amount of tax money, however, I feel that this is not the case; I think it could be better attributed to the lack of money in the area rather than to any animosity or distrust towards the council. This is certainly the case as far as the latter is concerned.

VILLAGES

The general standard of housing in this area is average despite the unavailability of building materials, which have to be transported from either Misima or Joannet Island. The villages themselves were all clean and appeared to be kept in good condition, accounting for the good health of the people. There are two aid posts in the area, one at Moturina which serves the upper Calvados area and one at Nigabu which serves the lower. Both aid posts were clean and appeared to be run efficiently. The Catholic Mission at Nimca runs a small hospital, and although it caters mainly for outpatients, it has two wards generally used for maternity cases. One point worthy of mention is that despite all the medical facilities available to the people, they still rely a great deal on their local doctors or sorcerers, even to the extent of by-passing the mission in order to get treatment from the local doctor.

The age old problem of water shortage is again arising with the present drought, and although its' pressure is not unduly great at the present moment it will undoubtedly make its' significance felt on next years harvest. Plans have been made and money allocated by the Council to sink wells at Moturina, Brooker, Nigabau, and Ewailahina on Joannet Island. Catchment tanks are also going to be erected at Sabari Island and a small island off Brooker. The cost of the wells will be approximately \$420 and work should commence at the end of this year.

AGRICULTURE

At present food in the area is plentiful, but as stated before, the present drought will have its effect next year when crops are due to be harvested around June and July. How greatly this lack of rain will affect the crops and hence the people remains to be seen.

The only cash cropping in this area is in the form of copra, most of which is sold to ~~the~~ one of the three Co-operative Societies active in the Chain. The following figures represent income earned by the people in and around the Society area concerned:-

Period	64/65	65/66
Bagaman	\$783	\$1835
Maturina	\$1360	\$1722
Brocker	\$1774	\$925

The drop in income earned by the Brocker people can only be accounted for by sheer laziness on their part.

Most of the copra produced in the upper half of the Chain is sold to the Co-operatives, while produce in the lower half is sold to Mr. E. Ryan who has a trade store at Panawina. It is interesting to note however, that ~~now~~ there is more tendency now towards selling copra directly to Samarai. The islands of Panawina, Nigahau, Grass, and Joannet all have people who sell directly to Samarai.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

There are four native owned trade stores in the Lower Calvados, situated on Nigahau, Grass Island and Joannet. (Two stores on Joannet; Bwailahina and Nimabalibali). The Catholic Mission At Ninca runs a small store and as mentioned previously Mr. Ryan has one at Panawina Island.

In addition to the trade store at Nigahau, a small bakery is operated by one of the villagers and appears to be doing a fairly lively trade.

Income derived from the sale of shell has taken a turn for the worse with the drop in price on the world market. Pearl shell prices remain more or less the same, but the price of trochus has decreased by 50%. The price on the Samarai market during the period 64/65 was quoted at \$280 per ton. This decreased during the period 65/66, and is now quoted at \$140 per ton. With the drop in price, the people are less willing to go out and collect shell.

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The following figures represent income earned by the people from sale of shell:-

Period	64/55	65/66
Bagaman	\$832	\$519
Moturina	\$177	\$60
Brocker	\$908	\$812

Although the figures for sales of copra and shell do not give a very clear picture of development trends, sometimes leading to misconceptions, they do at least indicate that the people are heading in the right direction. The people appear to be taking an interest in the Co-operatives in the upper area of the Galvados and in general are making slow but positive progress in the economic field.

EDUCATION

There are ^{three} ~~two~~ schools in this census division, one at Moturina which serves ~~ix~~ the upper Galvados up to standard four. At present classes are being taught in standards one, three and four. This school is fairly well attended, having a total of 53 students taught by two teachers.

The second at Ninea run by the Catholic Mission has an attendance of approximately 230 and teaches up to standard six. As many of the students are boarders, food constitutes a major problem, but this is hoped to be eased in the future if land applied for by the Mission on Joannet is approved.

The third school, also run by the Catholic Mission is situated at Sabari and caters up to standard two.

GENSUS

The village population register shows an overall population increase of only 42 since last year. As last years figures covered a period of two years it is difficult to compare relative birth and death rates. For the period 64&55 there were 30 deaths as opposed to 21 this year. Births for the same period are 111 as opposed to 62. A fair amount of movement within the area is apparent, but ~~very~~ there is not much movement in and out of the area. Of the total population, only 1.6% are absent outside the district, the majority of whom are females working as nurses.


CONCLUSION

The patrol was a routine one with no unusual occurrences. As well as collecting tax within the Calvados Chain, tax was collected at Pirra Island, Griffin Point and Rambusc on Sudest Island.

On completion of tax collection and census revision the patrol visited the Catholic Mission at Jinjo (Rossel Is.) in order to pick up councillors for the forthcoming Local Government Council meeting. Various other councillors were picked up on the return journey.

The Calvados Chain is one of the nicest areas in this sub-district; it is formed of numerous islands and coral reefs and is spread over an area of 1,200 square miles. The people appear to be happy and received the patrol well, each village lining up to welcome the patrol as it came ashore.

The weather was excellent, making for a most enjoyable patrol.


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(William H. Bloxam)
Gadet Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX

PERSONNEL

R.P. & N.G.C. - No. 10114 Const. 10th yr. DANO.

Turn out good, bearing average. Lacks initiative.

INTERPRETER - BWADUA BOPIU.

He presents himself well and is an efficient interpreter.



(William H. Bloxam)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of MIEME BAY Report No. MISIMA 5-66/67

Patrol Conducted by WILLIAM H. BIGGAN

Area Patrolled S.V. & N.E. COAST SUDEST

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans M.A. LYNCH (Part only)

Natives 1 member R.P. & N.S.G.

Duration—From 7 / 11 / 1966 to 15 / 11 / 1966

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol in Area by—District Services AUGUST/1966

Medical ... / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol SEE PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/11/1967.

J.P. White
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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Milne Sub-District Office,
BUNCAOIA.
Milne Bay District.

28th. November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District
SALARAI.

MILNE PATROL NO. 5-1966/67 - SUREST IS.

Please find attached the original and ~~three~~ two copies of the above patrol report, together with camping allowance claim.

2. Mr. Bloxam appears to have conducted the patrol quite satisfactorily. The response of the villagers in assisting in the provision of shark facilities and building materials for the base camp, is quite heartening, especially as such assistance is on a purely voluntary basis.

3. For your information and onwarding, please. As Mr. Bloxam is due to depart on leave shortly, it would be appreciated if his camping allowance claim could be processed as speedily as possible.

D.F. Pernezel
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(D.F. Pernezel)

Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-6

Department of District Administration,
SALARAI MILNE BAY DISTRICT.
17th January, 1967.

Minute to:-

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

For your records, please.

2. Mr. Bloxham has improved the quality of his reporting a great deal in recent months.

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

57-4-5

15th February, 1967.

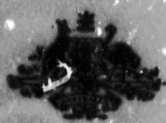
District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SARARAI.

PATROL REPORT MISIMA, NO. 9-66/67.

Receipt of the above report and your 67-1-6 of
17th January 1967, is acknowledged with thanks.

A good report by Mr. Bloman of his patrol to
Suicet Island. I am pleased to note the improvement
this officer has shown in his work.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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Tel.grams
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Our Reference..... 67-1-0
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Mr.....

Misima Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA.
Milne Bay District.

28th. November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District.
SAMARAI.

MISIMA PATROL NO.5-1966/67 - SUDEST IS.

Please find attached the original and ~~three~~ two copies of the above patrol report, together with camping allowance claim.

2. Mr. Bloxam appears to have conducted the patrol quite satisfactorily. The response of the villagers in assisting in the provision of wharf facilities and building materials for the base camp, is quite heartening, especially as such assistance is on a purely voluntary basis.

3. For your information and onforwarding, please. As Mr. Bloxam is due to depart on leave shortly, it would be appreciated if his camping allowance claim could be processed as speedily as possible.

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D.F. Permezal
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(D.F. Permezal)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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

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SAMARAI MILNE BAY DISTRICT.
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(J. P. White)
District Commissioner.


Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA.
Milne Bay District.

31st October, 1966

Mr William H. Bloxam, C.P.O.
BWAGAOIA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1/. Depart Bwagaia Tuesday a.m. 1st Nov. for Western Point, Sudest Is.
- 2/. A.D.O. Lynch will accompany and then proceed to S. coast Sudest and Rossel, returning Misima via Western Point.
- 3/. Two members of R.P. & N.G.C. to accompany.
- 4/. Load building materials and certain of the heavier items for use in construction program Sudest Base Camp.
- 5/. En route call at Sabari Is. and SWAILATINA to obtain assistance from villagers in unloading M.V. "Tearipi" at Western Point.
- 6/. Wednesday 2nd after unloading Base Camp Cargo, you will proceed with Mr. Lynch to the S. Coast of Sudest. Leave the "Tearipi" at Madawa. Advise Madawa and Jelowaga people of plans to commence construction of Base Camp. Request their assistance with contributions of building materials etc. Walk to Griffin Point. Contact all villagers this area re patrols requirements. Proceed from Griffin Point to Western Point.
- 7/. Remain at Western Point and endeavour to complete stone causeway for wharf. (Use Sabari lifeboat for this work).
- 8/. Voluntary assistance of Sudest and Lower Calvados Chain people will be sought for the work. Prepare wharf timbers for construction of wharf as per plan on file 1-2-8.
- 9/. Again with voluntary assistance, stockpile bush building materials, sand and gravel for use in house construction.
- 10/. If needed construct temporary shelter at Western Point village or at P.Post site for storage of materials.
- 12/. Investigate station water supply with view to effecting improvements, e.g. damming the creek.
- 12/. Collect and prepare seed coconuts on patrol post land in readiness for future planting.
- 13/. Remain at Western Point until mid-November. Inform Sudest people that I will arrive in the latter part of Nov. to commence lay-out of station and construction of buildings for Base Camp.
- 14/. Whilst on Sudest, attend to any matters of administrative nature with which you are capable of dealing.


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(D.P. Permesel)
Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

MISINA REPORT No. 5-66/67

1st November
Tuesday

Depart Bwagaia 10.12 hrs. Stop at Sahari to look for whaleboat. (Had gone to Moturina with Malaria Service). Continue to Bwailahina, collect canoes to assist unloading cargo for Western Point. Arrive Tagula (Western Point) 17.05 hrs. Unload building materials. Sleep Tagula.

Wednesday 2nd

Depart Tagula (Western Point) at 07.15 hrs after having first given instructions to village people concerning work. Arrive Madawa 09.30 hrs. Leave patrol cargo there and continue to Pantava. Arrive 11.55 hrs. Advise people of intentions to commence work on Base Camp, and request their assistance. (Building materials etc.). Depart Pantava 13.00 hrs per sailing canoe; arrive Madawa 14.00 hrs. ("Toaripi" departs with A.D.O. Lynch). Sleep Madawa.

Thursday 3rd.

Advise Madawa people of patrol's intentions etc., then depart for Jelowaga at 08.30 hrs. Arrive 09.15 hrs. (Patrol transported by M.V. Uini). Hold meeting. Sleep Jelowaga.

Friday 4th.

Depart Jelowaga 08.00 hrs. Walk to Griffin Pt. Arrive 13.00hrs. Sleep Griffin.

Saturday 5th.

Hold meeting with Griffin people. Send Patrol Cargo to Embambalia on canoe. Self and policeman depart 10.30 hrs, walk to Embambalia, arrive 11.30 hrs. Canoe takes approx 1 hour. Hold meeting with people. "Toaripi" arrives earlier than expected. Has patient for Bwagaia. Sleep Embambalia.

Sunday 6th.

Go to Nimea by canoe, "Toaripi" carries remainder of patrol to Nimea approx 1 hour later. Sleep Nimea.

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PATROL DIARY CONTD.

Monday 7th.

Depart Nimea 05.00 hrs. Arrive Tagula (W.Pt.)
05.30 hrs. "Toaripi" departs for Bwagaia. Send word for
volunteer labourers to come in. Look over Base Camp site.
Sleep Tagula.

Tuesday 8th.

Work commences on stone causeway construction.
Work slow as only three small canoes present. Sleep Tagula.

Wednesday 9th.

More canoes arrive from Grass Is., Bwailahina and
Panapenon. Approx 50 people working. Six large canoes being
utilised to carry coral and rock for causeway. Commence
cutting wharf piles and bearers. Women organised into groups
collecting seed coconuts and carrying coral gravel for surfacing
causeway. Sleep Tagula.

Thursday 10th

Work continues. Go to Nimea by canoe and collect
medical supplies. Sleep Tagula.

Friday 11th.

Causeway completed. Main timbers for wharf carried
to site. Temporary piles sunk at the end of the wharf to enable
"Toaripi" to unload any cargo for Tagula. Inspect water supplies
around station area. Sleep Tagula.

Saturday 12th.

Construct short causeway at beach end of wharf to
check inundation. Commence work on roadway from wharf site to-
wards Patrol Post Site. Sleep Tagula.

Sunday 13th.

Sleep Tagula.

Monday 14th.

Sharpen wharf piles (prior to sinking). Continue
work on roadway. To Nimea in afternoon to talk with A.D.C.
on sched. "Toaripi" arrives in afternoon. Give instructions
to people for coming week. Sleep Tagula.

Tuesday 15th.

Depart Tagula 05.50 hrs, collect mails from Nimea,
arrive Bwagaia 12.30 hrs. Sleep Bwagaia.

PATROL ENDS

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MISIMA PATROL REPORT
No. 5-66/67

INTRODUCTION

The aims of this patrol were to advise the Sudest people of plans to commence work on the Base Camp at Western Point (henceforth to be known as TAGULA Base Camp, TAGULA being the indigenous name for Sudest Island), and to request their assistance with contributions of building materials and labour. All this was accomplished in the early stages of the patrol.

The latter part of the patrol was spent at Tagula, during which time the stone causeway for the wharf was completed, wharf timbers cut, and progress made on improving the track from the wharf site to the Patrol Post site.

The major part of the work force was made up of Grass Island people and people from Western Pt. village and neighbouring hamlets. The Grass Islanders supplied eight sailing canoes, some of which were used for hauling rock and coral. The Sabari whaleboat was to have been used for this work, but was unavailable at the time as it had been taken up to Moturina IS. by the malaria service team. It has since been returned and is now at Tagula.

Village women assisted in the work by collecting seed coconuts for later transplanting, carrying gravel for surfacing the causeway and providing meals for the men on the site.

VILLAGES & HOUSING

Housing in most of the villages visited was of a satisfactory standard. It may be noted however, that although the Sudest people can build exceptionally good houses, they appear to be incapable or unwilling to keep them clean. The houses themselves are usually kept in good repair but are infrequently cleaned, and consequently the general appearance of the village suffers.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

The Sudest people are without a doubt the most unhygienically minded people in this sub-district. One could be excused for thinking they were allergic to water. Many of the older women wear their hair long, unwashed and caked in mud. This is especially noticeable among the women who live in the hamlets inland and up in the hills. I was informed that they might cut and wash their hair once

HEALTH CONTD.

a year on the eve of some celebration.

Health in general seems to be satisfactory, although the Catholic Mission at Nimoa maintain that the people still rely more on the local sorcerer than upon facilities and medicines provided at the hospital. The usual practice is to go to the local sorcerer and if he fails after a couple of months, then the Mission is visited. By that time however, if the case is at all serious, it has probably reached the stage when little could be done. If the patient dies, then the people tend to adopt the attitude of "I told you so", and continue visiting the local medic. I do not think this attitude is prevalent among the younger generation, and I think it is just a matter of time before the people realize which is the better of the two courses.

Several minor injuries occurred during the construction of the stone causeway. Most of these were treated on the spot.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The island of Sudest is probably the richest in general resources in the Milne Bay District, having gold, copal gum, shell, copra and stands of timber. Despite the potential of the island, no great economic development is apparent despite the fact that there were approximately 200 Europeans engaged in gold mining there in pre war days.

Sudest is by far the largest island in this sub-district, but with a population of only 1700, it lacks the manpower required for substantial development. Isolation and lack of contact with the outside world are contributing factors to the situation. However, the construction of the Tagula Base Camp at Western Point will allow closer and more constructive administration than is available at present, and hence ~~the~~ resolve the problem to a great extent.

Mr. T. Sigamata of Madawa has several plantations on both sides of Sudest, as well as trade stores. Mr. R. Williams of Tambamba is the only other planter on the island.

The Catholic Mission has a small store at Griffin Point which appears to do a brisk trade. At one stage a small bakery was started there, but this seems to have ceased production.

WATER SUPPLIES

Little or no rain has fallen in this area for the last seven months and the shortage of water is being felt by everyone. The Catholic Mission at Nimoa is so short of water (approx 1/2 thousand gals.) that they are going to send all the children back to their villages a couple of weeks earlier than usual.

Naturally the drought has affected the planting of crops, however the situation is not serious at present.

Water supplies for the Tagula Base Camp are reasonably good, with two springs located close to the proposed P.O.'s residence. Local information states that these springs never dry up. With the sinking of a couple of wells at the springs, adequate water should be available for the station. During the wet season a small creek running close to the proposed labour compound area will supply normal needs.

I was advised by the village people that drought conditions usually come round every second year and consequently are anticipated by the locals. However I don't think that its bite will be felt next year.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Only one minor incident occurred during the patrol. A woman from Nimoa disappeared for a couple of days after her husband allegedly struck her. The people thought that she might have committed suicide as no food had been taken from the garden during her ~~absence~~ ^{absence}. However I was informed by Father Twomey that she reappeared shortly after the "Tearipi" departed.

No other matters were brought to the attention of the patrol.

CONCLUSION

The news that construction of the Base Camp was to commence was greeted with enthusiasm by the people. All the villages visited agreed to assist with construction by supplying either building materials or labour. Prior to my departure several committeemen from villages on the south coast arrived to let me know how work was progressing on the collection of sago palm and building timbers. I advised

them that when they had collected sufficient to warrant it, I would see if it was possible for the "Toaripi" to go down and convey the materials to Tagula, rather than have them transported by canoe.

I feel that the aims of the patrol ~~was~~ were successfully achieved and that full co-operation from the people can be expected.

The Assistant District Commissioner left shortly after the patrols return, for Tagula, in order to commence layout and construction of buildings.

With the operation of the Base Camp at Tagula, the sub-district will be cut down to a more ^{manageable} size and consequently will lose most of its present unwieldiness. It will form a stepping stone from which both economic and social development can stride, and a key to closer relationship with the people.

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(William H. Bloxam)
Cadet Patrol Officer

MISIMA PATROL REPORT

No. 5-66/67

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APPENDIX

PERSONNEL

R.P. & H.G.C. - No. 2558 Const. 14th yr. Ove-IPAI
Turn out, bearing and conduct good. An efficient
constable with a pleasant personality.

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(William H. Bloram)

Coast Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 7 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by M. A. Lynch A.P.O. & A. G. K. Turner C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Misima Island

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 Members of R.P.A. N.G.C. 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 14 / 12 / 1966 to 23 / 1 / 1967

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan / 1966

Medical ... / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Frontline Administration, Census Revision, Investigation

Cult Activities.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Yilne Fay District,
SAHARAI.

14th March 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOPH.

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J. Preston White

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-4-12

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

2/6/1967.

District Commissioner,

Samarai

PATROL NO. (Miasma) 7 of 1966/67

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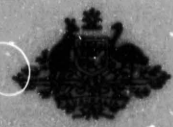
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covering patrol by Ms. A.O.K. Turner.....

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DIRECTOR

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Our Reference... **67-1-6**
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Mr..... **ERJ/ek**



Department of District Administration,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI
14th March 1967.

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Sub-District Office,
BWAGAOIA,
Milne Bay District.

9th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANABAI.

MISIMA PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1966/67.

Enclosed please find Memorandum of Patrol submitted by Mr. M.A. Lynch, Assistant District Officer, and Patrol Report submitted by Mr. A.O.K. Turner, Cadet Patrol Officer, in respect of a Census and routine administration patrol of the Misima Census Division. Claims for Camping Allowance are also attached.

2. The patrol was begun by Mr. Lynch on the 14th December, 1966, and resumed on the 3rd January with Mr. O. Turner, C.P.O., accompanying. Mr. Turner arrived at Bwagaia the 29th December on first posting and this was his first patrol. It provided him with an early introduction to fieldwork in this Sub-District and training under an experienced Officer. Mr. Turner's observations are in the nature of first impressions and increased familiarity with the area and its people will doubtless provide him with a greater degree of perception. There is some room for improvement in Mr. Turner's typing and this should come about with further practice.
3. The cult activity at EWENA village, Western Misima, has been given full coverage in my 51-1-2 of 8th February, 1967. The two villages of EWENA and EKOKA are located towards the extreme western end of Misima Island, a mountainous area with limited economic potential. However the coconut plantings along the very narrow coastal strip are not altogether insubstantial and in addition to the production from these palms the people have a lease over the planted islands of the Bonveuloir Group to the north-west of Misima and in the twelve months to December, 1966, harvested twenty-five tons of copra from the area. Their actual cash income is therefore on a level which compares favourably with that of other groups throughout the Sub-District.
4. Of special interest is the rate of population growth by natural increase, now at 3.82% and showing an upward trend. By 1970 the population of Misima Island will have come close to doubling itself in the twenty-five year period from 1945.



(D.F. Percezel)
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY 1.1.67 - 21.1.67Tuesday 3rd

Depart Bwagaoia per M.V. Tearipi 11.00hrs. Arrive Ewena 14.00hrs Afternoon spent investigating "cargo cult". Sleep Ewena.

Wednesday 4th

Day spent investigating "cargo cult" Sleep Ewena.

Thursday 5th

Depart Ewena 09.30hrs. Arrive Bagalina 11.30hrs. Revise census. Sleep Bagalina.

Friday 6th

Depart Bagalina 08.00hrs. Arrive Liak 09.00hrs. Revise census. Sleep Liak.

Saturday 7th

Depart Liak 10.00hrs per Landrover. Arrive Bwagaoia 11.30hrs. Sleep Bwagaoia.

Sunday 8th

Observed

Monday 9th

Depart Bwagaoia 09.00hrs per Landrover arrive Liak 10.30hrs. Mr Lynch A.D.O. boarded M.V. Tearipi for Ewena. Depart Liak 11.00hrs per Landrover. Arrive Gulewa 11.15hrs. Revise census. Sleep Gulewa.

Tuesday 10th

Depart Gulewa 07.30hrs. Arrive Siagara 08.30hrs. Revise census. Mr Lynch arrived from Ewena 12.30hrs. Sleep Siagara.

Wednesday 11th

Depart Siagara 08.00hrs per tractor. Arrive Boiou 08.45hrs. Revise census. Depart Boiou 11.00hrs. Arrive Kaubwaga 12.00hrs. Revise census. Depart Kaubwaga 14.00hrs per Landrover Arrive Bwagaoia 14.45hrs.

Thursday 12th

Bwagaoia. Office Duties.

Friday 13th

Depart Bwagaoia 09.30hrs per Landrover. Arrive Esus 10.30hrs. Revise census. Sleep Esus.

Saturday 14th

Depart Esus 07.30hrs. Arrive Alhoga 08.30hrs. Revise census. Sleep Alhoga.

Sunday 15th

Observed. Sleep Alhoga.

Monday 16th

Depart Alhoga 07.30hrs. Arrive Awaibe 08.30hrs. Revise census. Sleep Awaibe.

PATROL DIARY 3.1.67 - 23.1.67

Tuesday 17th

Depart Awaibe 07.30hrs. Arrive Bwagabwaga 08.45hrs.
Revise census. M.V. Focaripi arrived 16.30hrs. Sleep Bwagabwaga.

Wednesday 18th

Depart Bwagabwaga 08.30hrs per M.V. Focaripi. Arrive
Bwagaia 10.30hrs. Afternoon spent compiling census figures.

Thursday 19th

Depart Bwagaia 08.30hrs per Landraver. Arrive Hinakta
09.00hrs. Revise census. Return Bwagaia 12.00hrs. Afternoon
spent compiling census figures.

Friday 20th

Depart Bwagaia 08.00hrs. Arrive Bwagaia village
08.30hrs. Revise census. House inspection Bwagaia village
and hamlets. Afternoon spent conducting house inspection
of Hinakta village and hamlets.

Saturday

Bwagaia. Office Duties.

Sunday 22nd

Observed.

Monday 23rd

Depart Bwagaia 08.30hrs. Arrive Narian 09.00hrs.
Revise census. Afternoon spent conducting house inspection
Narian village and hamlets.

Patrol Completed

Misima Patrol No 7 1966-671 INTRODUCTION

The object of this patrol was to conduct the annual census for the Misima Island Census Division. I joined the patrol at Ewena, Mr. Lynch A.D.O. having in the middle of December completed the census for the villages of Ehora and Ewena. During the conducting of the census at Ewena Mr Lynch received information that a "cargo cult" was operating in the village. Therefore the first two days of the patrol were spent investigating these reports.

As this was my first patrol I find it difficult to describe actual stages^{of} economic, political, and social development as I have had no previous experience in other areas to be able to make comparisons. Economic progress was noted in the fact that there are six Co-operative stores operating on the island. The standard and range of goods displayed is very varied. The further the stores are from Swagacia the poorer they tend to be. Caspra dryers were observed in most villages and a number of villages have small herds of excellent cattle. I gained the impression that there is no real enthusiasm amongst the people to progress at a faster rate. They seem to be happy with the standard of things now. I would have imagined that after fifty years of European influence there would be more desire for development and more results to observe. In the political field most villages have Councillors and Committees have been formed for various purposes such as roadwork and agriculture. In some villages Committee members complained that the rest of the^{villagers} took little notice of them especially in relation to labour for roadwork. Whether the people do not understand the workings of a committee or are just lazy is not known. However I feel that they should be operating more smoothly as a Council has been operating in the area since 1958. The Councillors also seemed to be not the best men available judging by some of the other men met during the course of the patrol. In the aspect of social development it was pleasing to note the progress in the establishment of Women's Clubs. Most villages had one operating and there seemed to be a great deal of interest in them.

The patrol was well received in all villages its stay often being the cause of a "sing-sing". I had been led to believe that the people do not welcome patrols as it tends to disrupt village life. However I felt that they welcomed it as it gave them a change from their routine

Misima Patrol No 7 1966-673 CENSUS

A full census revision was conducted at each census group during the patrol. At a number of villages the conducting of the census did not proceed as smoothly as might be expected. The people were often not grouped when the patrol arrived and delays were experienced while the people were collected. The people were given ample warning of the patrols arrival and there should be an improvement in this by the people. Perhaps the inability of the Councillors to spread the word of the census was the cause of this. Also difficulty was experienced with family groups lined incorrectly. The natural increase was higher again this year by .22% from 3.60% to 3.82%. The total population rose in the period by 213.

3 VILLAGES

In general villages were of a good standard. In some places the villages are constructed on difficult terrain especially at Ewena and Swagabwaga thus giving the village a poor appearance, but with the exception of a ^{Few} small hamlets the villages were well laid out. Most village surrounds were clean except where houses were too close together in the smaller hamlets. Houses were well constructed although I gained the impression that houses and villages closer to the station were of a not such a high standard. Perhaps because of their proximity to the station they tend to be overlooked. In some villages orders were given for rebuilding in a specified time.

4 ROADS AND CARRIERS

Roads extend along the northern coast as far as Liak and along the southern coast as far as Ewena. These roads are maintained by the Louisiade Council and are in good condition. Patrolling of villages situated along these roads is therefore easy. A track extends along the northern coast from Liak to Bagilina and on to Ewena. From Liak to Bagilina the track is easy to negotiate but on to Ewena it is a scramble from rock to rock. Along the southern coast the track from Ewena to Awaibe is good but from Awaibe to Swagabwaga the going is rather difficult and dangerous for carriers. Handrails have been constructed in parts but unfortunately not as well as they could have been and in some parts they have collapsed. The villagers were instructed to repair these.

The terrain of the island is such that construction and maintenance of first class roads and tracks is very difficult but in general they are as good as can be expected.

Throughout the patrol the villages proved most co-operative in the provision of carriers.

5 MEDICAL AND HEALTH

The Misima Island people are well served by Aid Posts at Haus, Awaibe, Llak, Siagara, Kambwaga and Ehora, and also the hospital at Bwagocia. The impression gained throughout the island was of a very healthy people. A number of skin disease cases were observed but no one was observed to be underfed or undernourished. The attendance at Bwagabwaga for the census was somewhat effected by the number of people absent who claimed to be suffering some sort of "headache". The Aid Post Orderly from Awaibe was sent for to deal with the matter. The results of the census indicated that most deaths (a death rate of .6% for the year) were due to old age although a few were caused by T.B. There were only seven deaths for the year of children under one year recorded. Malaria is being combatted by regular patrols from the Malaria Control Service.

6 AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is of a subsistence nature supplemented by coconuts and coffee. The land available for cash crops would seem to be very limited due to the topography of the island. Gardens are planted on steep slopes and the work involved in their construction must be considerable. However they seem to produce good quality crops of a wide variety.

7 LIVESTOCK

All villages have a good supply of pigs and a number have herds of cattle. Once again there would seem to be little suitable land available for the expansion of a cattle industry. The impression was gained that the cattle are kept for prestige reasons rather than anything else.

8 COMPLAINTS

Few complaints were brought before the patrol. They were mainly concerned with the repayment of loans and people refusing to pay for pigs. Most were settled amicably after both parties had been brought together. I gained the impression that the people were a little diffident to bring their problems before the patrol and this may have been the reason for so few complaints heard. However it may be that they can settle most differences between themselves.

Nigina Patrol No 7 1966-67

9 CARGO CULT

THE investigations at Ewena from my viewpoint left me very confused about the whole affair, and cargo cults in general. So many different ideas were running through the investigations and so many different stories were told by the villagers that I find it hard to make observations on the subject. The people themselves seemed very confused as there were old customs and misinterpreted Christian teachings mixed into the main theme. Although the people seem to want material goods and progress as evidenced by their practise of "cargo cultism" they want them the easy way.

10 CONCLUSION

My first patrol gave me valuable experience in a number of fields. Firstly the mechanics of a routine patrol, secondly taking and subsequent tabulation of a census, thirdly the conducting of a number of censuses, and fourthly the conducting of a house inspection. It also gave me an early and valuable opportunity of meeting and dealing with the people first hand.

One unfavourable impression I gained was the peoples utter respect for a white skin and their lack of criticism. This was particularly evident at Ewena where the people showed such a lack of spirit in standing up for a cause they said they believed in. Perhaps their lack of enthusiasm is the way they express their criticism.

I found this patrol a most enjoyable one and feel that I have learnt much about the people and the job at an early stage.

A.O.K. Turner
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Gadet Patrol Officer.