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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1966-67

CAMERON PLATEAU

Patrol No.

Officer
Conducting Patrol

Area Patrolled

1-66-67

R.I. Becke

Tavara Census Div.

2-66-67

R.I. Becke

Ealeba & Bukutu Census Div.

3-66-67

A. Siasoa

Tavara Census Div.

12-65-66

Paul M. Jones

North East Coast Census Div.



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Not Cleared

Dec 14/1/69

Anthropological study
Cleared

Dec 14/1/69

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. 1 of 6667

Patrol Conducted by R.I. Becke, Assistant District Officer,

Area Patrolled TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
A. SIAOA PATROL OFFICER.

Natives SIONI LERBOMI, INTERPRETER.
2 MEMBERS OF R.P.N.G. CONSTABULARY.

Duration—From 29/8/1966 to 16/9/1966
7/9/66 to 11/9/66 (spent on Station)

Number of Days 13 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/9/1966

Medical NOT KNOWN/19

Map Reference 1 inch to 4 miles Series.

Objects of Patrol (1) REVISION OF CENSUS. (2) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

(3) DELIVERY OF NAMES OF NON - TAX PAIDERS FOR 1965/66 MILNE BAY LOCAL GOVT. COUNCIL TAX.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/12/1966

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

67-4-7

16th January, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL NO. 1/1966-67.

Receipt of the above mentioned report and your memorandum 51-1-7 of the 20th December, 1966, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Sisco seems to have accomplished quite adequately the tasks set him and has submitted a lengthy report, which indicates his interest in his work. However, the English expression used mars this good report. Please advise Mr. Wiltshire to go through Mr. Sisco's draft copy with him and point out any errors in English grammar and expression.

3. A good report showing signs of improvement on earlier ones.

4. I concur with the advice you have given this young officer.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

DIACOM

67-1-7

O.K. Alder/ba.



Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

20th December, 1966.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL NO.1 - 66/67.
TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION.

Your memorandum 67-1-1 dated 2nd December, 1966, and the enclosed report of the above patrol written by Mr. A. Siaca, Patrol Officer, refer.

2. I note that the report is dated 14th September, 1966 and that your memorandum is dated 2nd December, 1966. Ten weeks is hardly necessary to comment on a routine patrol of this nature. Please ensure that future reports are forwarded without delay.

3. I agree that Mr. Siaca's standard of reporting is improving, however, please point out the following points:

- (a) A diary is required (Page 32 Standing Instructions Volume 1). Please have prepared. Claims for Camping Allowance will be held pending receipt.
- (b) Three copies of census figures are required to be forwarded to District Headquarters (Para. 12, Page 23 Standing Instructions Volume 1). In this instance I will have the extra copy prepared here.
- (c) Numbering of paragraphs assists comment.
- (d) It is presently absurd to total the "average size of family" column in the Population Register. (See also para. (h), Page 206, Standing Instructions Volume 1).
- (e) The term "local people" should be used in preference to "natives".

4. Page One, Paragraphs 4 and 5.

Mr. Siaoa is forthright in his opinions. He should state that these are but opinions, however. For example "I feel that they are lazy", and "it is my opinion that this was rather a stupid suggestion". I trust that these are but his recorded impressions. If Mr. Siaoa is using the belittling approach to overcome apparent apathy a major re-education in his approach is called for before all confidence in our field staff is lost. Please find time to go over the contents of paragraph 10 on page 8 (a) and 9 (a) of the Standing Instructions Volume 1 very carefully with Mr. Siaoa. If the people are dissatisfied with the prices paid by their Co-operative they are quite free to sell elsewhere. Fuller explanation of rebate systems and fringe benefits is possibly required. In this context I am extracting the pertinent matters here and on page 3 for the information of the Co-operative Officer, Samarai.

Page Four - Census.

I cannot substantiate the figures in paragraph four. In the two year period births total 168 (3.76%), deaths total 111 (2.48%), and the natural increase is 57 (1.28%).

Page Five - Recommendations.

1. The Council may agree to an approach to the Department of Public Works for the negotiation of a roads maintenance contract.
2. - 3. These recommendations have been extracted for inclusion in my memorandum to the Co-operative Officer, Samarai.

Appendices.

The Appendices will be very valuable and Mr. Siaoa is to be congratulated on his careful preparation.

5. I look forward to the separate report from you as foreshadowed in the introduction of the patrol report and mentioned in paragraph 2 of your covering memorandum. Collection of Council tax by persons having implied Police authority is, prima facie, a dangerous means of achieving full payment.

Enc.

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

→ c.c. Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDORU.

Forwarded for your information and records,
please.

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

67-1-1

12/03

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

2nd December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL No. 1-66/67
TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached are ^(Two) ~~three~~ copies of a report on a patrol to the Tavara Census Division of this Sub-District. The patrol was conducted by Mr. R. I. Becke A.D.O., and the attached report was compiled by Mr. A. Siaca, Patrol Officer as a part of his training who accompanied this patrol throughout the Tavara Census Division.

2. At the commencement of this patrol \$3200 was owed to the Milne Bay Local Government Council by 421 taxpayers from the Tavara Census Division for the periods 1964/65 and 1965/66. These people were asked by the patrol to pay this money and \$2200 of the above amount has been paid to date.

3. Under the heading "Native Situation" it is mentioned that payment for a member of bridge constructed in 1961 in the Watenou and Divinali Area have not been made to date. I can find no mention of this matter on any files held at this office or at the Department of Public Works Cameron Plateau. Further investigations are being made to finalise this matter. (My 37-8-1 of 22/11/66 to the Assistant District Commissioner, Esa'ala refers.)

4. It is doubtful if the people in the Divinali, Bubuleta and Watenou areas will ever be interested in improving their present road, as a community effort, now that the Department of Public Works is extending the road eastwards from Cameron Plateau to the District Agriculture Centre at Bubuleta. It is intended to promulgate this matter in the General Council Meetings to be conducted in various villages next April.

5. At present the Co-operative Assistant stationed at Cameron Plateau is limited to the amount of supervision he can lend to the various co-operative societies in the Tavara area through the availability of transport. This situation will improve when the Co-operative Assistant receives the motor cycle ordered by the Milne Bay Association of Co-operatives.

6. Claims for Camping Allowance for Mr. Becke, Mr. Siaca, and Interpreter Siona are attached.

7. As can be seen the standard of Mr. Siaca's reports are continually improving. I look forward to reading his report on the patrol which he will be conducting to the Tavara and Baleba Census Divisions later this month.

J. A. Wiltshire
J. A. Wiltshire.
Assistant District Commissioner



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Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
CAMERON PLATEAU.
Milne Bay District.
14th September, 1966.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL No. 1 66/67.

TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was done in the Tavera Census Division of the Milne Bay Local Government Council area. The area involves the linguistic group of the same name. The number of days spent on this patrol was thirteen, with few days break on the station. The major aim of the patrol was the Census Revision of the Census Division for 1966, and attend to routine Administration matters and the third major object of the patrol was to deliver the names of the 1965/66 tax defaulters. Separate report about the third topic will be submitted by Assistant District Officer Becke, who was handling the matter during the patrol.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The natives throughout the Tavera Census Division were very co-operative. They received the patrol party with hymns and national Anthem, as the patrol party proceeded to the rest houses.

The people from Divinai and Watunou villages have complained that they were not paid for some minor bridges constructed early in 1962. They stated various sums of payments for the projects promised by the early officers. The highest price ever offered was \$180.00 for a 20 feet bridge near WATUNOU. The people have now neglected the construction of minor bridges and maintaining the roads, because they know that they have not been paid this money promised by the Officers of the Administration. Very little effort has been made this year by the people to repair or construct bridges between Cameron Plateau and Divinai.

The natives in this area, are rather lazy and rely on Administration to do all they can for them rather than they themselves doing the work and seek advice or guidance from the officers of the Administration Departments for which the projects are concerned.

On this recent patrol, various natives have been asking us to charter a vessel from a firm to carry copra to Samarai, where they get a better return for the copra. This was a rather stupid suggestion, because the natives have their own co-operative societies or else traders operating throughout the census division.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The old war time road throughout the Census Division was reasonably good, although the few bridges between WATUNOU, BUBULETA and DIVINAI were rather unsafe. These could collapse anytime in near future or during the wet season. The footpaths leading to each hamlets were kept reasonably clean. This was due to warnings given week before the coming of the patrol. Otherwise the roads would be in different standard. I presume that next visit to the villages on an unexpected date will reveal how the roads are generally kept. The possible road site from BON to WABALALA has been looked into, but no detail survey was carried out on this patrol.

VILLAGES.

The hamlets are scattered along the whole Census Division. This is the typical of Milne Bay District, where average of two to three houses with the name of its own. All these hamlets comprised of one village group known by a common place name. This has presented a problem to a patrolling Officer to inspect the houses and incidents have occurred where an old age person is completely forgotten by the people whether the person is dead or alive and very often the persons name is crossed out as deceased. The next patrol comes and finds that the person has turned up for the Census this time.

The general standard of the villages was satisfactory. Orders given by previous officers were carried out in time for this patrol. New housing orders were given on this patrol by Assistant District Officer, Becke.

REST HOUSES.

The rest houses were generally of high standard, although some villages had rest houses which were dilapidated while others had no rest houses such as Watunou and Ianianini where the patrol party had to stay in tent or sleep in loaned houses for a night.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS.

Numerous minor complaints were brought to the notice of this patrol. The complaints were of minor nature and were settled satisfactorily by administration. Some of the complaints dealt with on this patrol was ten to fifteen years old complaints. Very little was done in this case, because the defendant nor the accused could not remember with the incidents, many years after it had taken place.

More detailed reports of the complaints and courts will be submitted by A.D.O. Becke.

HEALTH

Health of the people in the area patrolled was satisfactory. Although the health service has improved in the Census Division by the regular visits of Sister Jones of Cameron Plateau Hospital and the Mission Maternity Infant Welfare Nurses from Kwato Mission Hospital at Koeabule and the Roman Catholic Mission Hospital at Ladava. The sick people who wanted minor medical treatment in Walalaia and Bou had to wait for few days at Divinai before they could be attended. During this patrol the Council Aid Post at Bou was not operating, as the Aid Post Orderly was in Samarai. Consequently the patients who were very ill have to be carried to Divinai for medical attention direct from Cameron Plateau.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY.

The record of trade stores owned and operated by the individuals is numerous in the area. The stock of goods in the stores were only trading goods and the stores were half empty. This I suggest was due to small capital with which they established the trade stores. None of these individual trade stores have been very successful, and most of them have demolished in their early stage.

The natives have peculiar idea of selling their copra to the traders or direct to the Copra Marketing Board in Samarai, rather than selling their copra to their own co-operative societies which they are members of and consequently the copra turn-over may be lower than the previous year.

The reason behind this, was the information I collected from the natives reveals that they have been paid less than what price they get direct from Samarai; 3 cents a pound for copra from the traders is higher than the 2 cents or (30) per pound from their co-operative stores.

I told the Councillor and some other natives after ADO Becke had told them about his suggestions on how to go about chartering a lugger to carry their copra from Milne Bay to Samarai, after they refuse to sell their copra in their co-operative societies. I managed to explain to the directors and some natives about the fluctuation of prices, concerning the cash crops and why the prices of cash crops drop and rise regularly. They were told that this drop of prices do not only occur in Territory of Papua and New Guinea but all the countries in the World faces this problem. Also I spoke to the few natives plus the directors and the Chairmen about the Stabilisation Fund System for which none of them had a clue before. I suggest the field officer's from the Department concerned to give detailed information on the matter concerned.

CENSUS.

The last census patrol to this area was in late August and September of 1964 by late Mr. B.O. Farrell. The death rate and birth rate recorded this year was high but the figures comprise of two years period and we cannot conclude by assuming that the death rate was serious. The majority of the deceased were between the age of 16 to 45 and the over the age of 45 age group.

The migration in were mainly of those who were away for many years in the different centres of the Territory or who have never been recorded in the census before.

Attendance of census at this patrol was exceptionally good, and the few absentees were mainly of incapacity of old age or illness. In several villages, in the census division patrolled, some people have their names excluded in the census, although they have been paying council tax for those past years.

The birth rate over the last three years was approximately .03%, whereas the death rate was .02%. The natural increase since the last patrol was an increase of 189.

The number of males between the age of 16 to 45 at village during the census was 548, whereas the total of females in the village at time of census was 513. This total is for the whole census division.

Full details of the census figures for the Census Division is on the Village Population Register which is appended to the report.

EDUCATION.

There are four Primary T Schools in the area patrolled. These schools are all staffed by trained European and native teachers. Total of pupils attending these schools is broken up into males and females on the attached appendix.

Attempts have not been made to include the mission schools as they are all village schools which teach either Suau or Dobuan language and most of them are not registered schools.

Generally the people are not illiterate, throughout the Census Division. The majority of old age can read nor write the local or Suau language.

The totals of the school attendance is not absolutely correct, as the record of the pupils from other Census Division such as Ealeba and North East Coast have not been included. The students from each villages attending the Administration schools are recorded under their respective schools.

Appendix is attached with the report.

PERSONNEL

The Constables Reg. 9287 Auwoki, Reg. 11451 Korohan and Reg. 3246 Byka (partly) had very good conduct throughout the whole Census Division and finished the patrol satisfactorily. Patrol comments for the above Constables have been forwarded to the Police Headquarters, Konedobu and also entered in the record of service for each respective Constables.

RECOMMENDATION.

1. That road construction or maintenance work should be handed over to the Council, and the Administration would only supply tools for the maintenance work. This has been proved very successful with other councils. The local good example is Goodenough Island Council. The members of Milne Bay Local Government Council could be convinced to do the same for good of the people in their area.

2. A responsible field staff of Trade and Industry should be placed at this centre for closer supervision of the Co-operative movement in the area. As not much time is spent in field work in the area, and people have their problems unsolved - see one common problem under Commerce and Industry.

3. The field staff stationed here, spent only half day in one or two societies and returned to the station. This hasty movement to and fro gives the people very little time to solve their problems with them.

APPENDICES,

Attached herewith the patrol report are following appendices:-

- a) Village population Register,
- b) Administration Schools.
- c) Traditional Customary Laws of marriage and divorce.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol has successfully completed its main aim. The area has not been patrolled for last 12 months due to Staff shortage on the station or staff been engaged in other fields of Administration. The major reason been that the station was newly established and staff on strength was limited.

The area is the closest to the Sub-District Headquarters and regular visits by the Officers of this Centre to the villages have brought closer ties with the villagers.

As well as doing the routine Administration patrol, this was my first visit to the area to get familiar with the people and area itself.

[Signature]
(AVOSA SIAOA)
PATROL OFFICER.

ADMINISTRATION SCHOOLS IN THE TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION OF MILNE BAY
SUB - DISTRICT.

Villages.	LELEHUDI		DIVINAI		RABE		NAURA		CAMERON PLATEAU.	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Walalala	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lelehudi	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Divinai	11	5	11	5	-	1	-	-	-	-
Divinai	-	-	27	18	-	5	-	-	-	-
Bubuleta	-	-	13	26	5	3	-	-	-	-
Watunon	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nigila	-	-	2	-	9	3	-	-	1	-
Ahioma	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Mutaiwa	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-
Rabe	-	-	-	-	20	14	-	-	8	1
Waema	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Gabugabuna	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Maiwara North	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maiwara South	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ianiafai	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derana	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	2	-	-
Naura	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	16	-	-
Boboua	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	13	-	-
TOTALS	17	5	53	50	49	33	25	31	7	1

MAVARA CENSUS DIVISION OF MILNE BAY SUB-DISTRICT.

INVESTIGATION OF OLD, TRADITIONAL CUSTOMARY LAWS OF
MARRIAGES AND DIVORCE.

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Question

What must a man do in order to get a wife?

A man must have a big garden of his own and energetic person in order to have a wife. In some cases parents forced their daughter to marry the man, although she may not agree. Before a man is given a wife to marry, he must prove to his wife's family that he is a hard working man. They could let him to cut down big bush for garden, while they are sitting down. They could offer food or water, but he must not get these things, because this is a trap for him and if he do receive the food and water, it proves that he is lazy and not capable to look after his wife.

PRELIMINARY TO MARRIAGE

Agreement between parties; Who must agree? Is girl's consent necessary?

Both parties must agree, then the parent's consent is is the final agreement. But if one parties parents do agree, then the marriage is broken too and then the girl or boy goes on looking for new partner.

Engagement:

Engagement period is not found in this society. Once the parents consent is given the party start living together, although sexual intercourse is not permitted at this stage.

Preliminary ceremonies:

Large quantity of food and firewood, plus few large pigs are given to the girl's family or relatives. Same amount of food and pigs of identical size is given in exchange to the boy's relatives.

CHANGE OF HOUSES:

The couple always live with the girl's parents about 99% of the time and in several cases they could live with boy's parents. But they could built their own house and live in it.

Preliminary payments:

Special garden for the first payment is made and when harvested the relatives of both parties exchange equal amount of food. These payments are not always kept by the father and mother but shared among the relatives.

BRIDE PRICE

How many types of bride price are there:

1. One form of payment is - the son-in-law gives 3-4 pigs and several baskets of food for the burial feast of the wives relative. This type of payment is endless because every time the husband has to give these things in all burial feast of his wife's relatives. Son-in-law puts spear in the house to keep as record and every time the girl's father paid back the pig, he took a spear and reduce the number of pig paid by his son-in-law.

Who pays it?

The boys relatives always pays the bride price but always the girl's parents paid it back.

Who receives it ?

Relatives of the boy's receive the payments paid by girl's parents while the girl's relatives receive the payments from the boy's relatives.

How much bride price is paid? - by agreement? - fixed amount. If a fixed amount, is it different for widows, divorces or others?

No fixed amount is paid, but the person pays what he has in his possession.

Bride price for widows are always higher than the young girl's. This is due to a belief of the people in the area - that they will die quickly if they don't pay the right amount. The sorcery of the widows are always feared.

One way payment or exchange?

Payment is always in exchange, but payment of identical amount is always paid.

SEXUAL INTERCOURSEWhen is it permitted by custom?

There is no special times for permission to be granted to have sexual intercourse, but the young couples will have sexual intercourse if the man makes a garden and if this first garden is harvested then they will have sexual intercourse to have a child. Second child will follow on if the second garden is harvested and so on.

LIVING TOGETHERWhen do the boy and girl first start living together?

The boy and the girl start living together, when the parents agree that they must or should marry. But sexual intercourse is not permitted at this stage.

Where do they live? boy's father's house, girl's father's house, new house, etc

They may please themselves, either live with girl's parents or girl's parents. Very often the couple always live with the girl's parents. They would live in their own house if the man builds one.

PREGNANCYWhat happens when the girl becomes pregnant?

The husband stays away from wife until she gives birth to the child. The wife washes herself with coconut oil and will not comb her hair. The husband goes on a long journey in search for pretty armshells, necklaces and bracelets. This journey is often to the islands such as Trobriands or the numerous islands of the Esa'ala Sub-District.

CHILDRENWhat happens when they are born?

A pig is killed and the food cooked then the husband cuts the newly born baby's hair, but the father nor the mother eats the food. The only thing they got out of this feast is the child's hair. Armshells, necklaces and bracelets which the father brings back from his errand will be put around the child's waist, neck and ankles.

Who owns them?

The child is always owned by the mother or wife.

Are any payments made?

Anybody who comes to the child's father's house and would like to see the child or either holds the child has to pay some sort of presents before he or she will hold the child.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PARTIES.What must a husband do for the wife?

1. The husband must find plenty of food for the family.
2. Builds house for the wife.
3. The husband must not touch or eat any of the food given to him in return of payments made by him. This will be a very shameful thing if he does hold the food and will not be forgiven by his wife.

What happens if he does not do it?

The consequence of not following the above duties is always divorce.

What must a wife do for the Husband?

What must a wife do for the husband?

1. She does the household duties and looking after the children.
2. She does the weeding for the husband in the gardens.

What happens if she does not do it?

The result is always the same for as that for the man.

What is a husband not allowed to do?

1. No adultery with both single or married females other than his wife.
2. Husband is not forgiven if he eats the food given to him in return of his payment ..

What happens if he does it.

Very often divorce was the case for (1).

For part (2) the wife will bear this in mind until her death.

What is wife not allowed to do?

The result of wife having sexual intercourse with opposite sex not her husband is forbidden.

Greenness of wife towards man's family or relatives was not allowed by husbands.

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What happens if she does it ?

The husband divorces her quickly as a sign of shame.

PAYMENTS

1. List all the payments that the boy's family must pay to the girl's family before and after marriage.

The record of payments is not required here, because the only way they kept the records was when the son-in-law brought a pig or food to his father-in-law for feast, he left behind a spear in his father-in-law's house. Then when the father-in-law brought back the pig or food in exchange of the payment he removed spear which meant that he has reduced his son-in-laws number of presents. This was purposely done to keep the record of the pigs.

2. List all the payments that the girl's family must pay to the boy's family before or after marriage?

The girl's family did not pay special payments for daughter, but always pay the boy's family in exchange of the payments made by his family.

3. List all the payments the husband himself must pay.

The husband does not pay any special payment on his own.

4. List all the payments the wife herself must pay.

She does not pay any special payments on her own.

5. When are these payments made?

Both parties family makes two special gardens for paying of bride prices is harvested then they exchange payments for the bride prices.

6. What do they consist off?

The payments consist of several basket of yams, taros, potatoes and banana and shell money such as necklaces armshells and bracelets together with 3 to 4 large pigs. Bundles of firewoods pulled off from the ground with roots and leaves and branches either cut or left on the tree itself.

SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS.

1. What happens if they have sexual intercourse before the parents agree?

What happens if the boy and girl have sexual intercourse too soon?

What if they have sexual intercourse before the full bride price is paid.....etc.

This was forbidden in this group, but if the man wants to have sexual intercourse with his wife, he made a garden on his own before having sexual intercourse to have a child only.

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What must a husband do to get her back?

The husband may bring presents of food and pig to the family of his wife and promise in front of his wife's family that, if future he will not do this to his wife.

What can a husband do if he no longer likes his wife?

He will spread false rumour with other woman in order to make his wife angry.

He will leave his wife and go to some place far from his wife and send back no presents to support his wife and children.

What can a wife do if she no longer likes her husband?

Usual procedure in wife's case would always be to have adulterous relationship with other man and make her husband very angry and ashamed so that he would be very ashamed to live with his wife again.

What sort of things do wives do which break the marriage?

1. If she quarrels with her husband very often.
2. If she is cruel and greedy to her husband's family.
3. And if she does not keep the garden clean from weeds, which is the duty of woman in this census group.

What happens if a wife does such a thing?

The woman gets divorced but, bride prices paid by husband's family will be repaid to them.

What sort of things do husbands do which break the marriage?

1. If he stays away too long and does not support his wife.
2. Cruelty to his wife.
3. If he causes adultery with other woman.
4. If he is lazy and does not make gardens to support his wife and dependents.

What happens if a husband does such a thing?

The man gets divorced, and bride prices will be lost, i.e. the bride prices will not be refunded.

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- (2) What if the boy has sexual intercourse with another girl after the engagement? After the payment of bride-price? Afteretc.

When the boy had a sexual intercourse with another girl while he was already engaged, was not taken into consideration by the girl nor his parent's. This was because, he was not given the opportunity to sleep with his wife, and by doing this he was keeping away from his wife until he has made the garden to allow him to sexual intercourse with his wife.

- (3) What if the girl has sexual intercourse with another boy after the engagement. ... etc.

This is different from boy's side of view, because the matter was treated by the husband and his family as very serious and the result was always divorce.

- (4) What if the boy gets another girl pregnant after the engagement? After the etc.

It was the custom of the people to desert the first girl he was engaged to and marry the pregnant girl.

- (5) What if the boy changes his mind after the engagement? After etc.

This was not counted very seriously by the family of the boy's, but the payments to girl's family was not returned.

- 3 What if the girl changes her mind after the engagement? after etc.

Very often a mediator would persuade the girl to remarry the boy. But if the mediator failed in settling the matter, then the girl's family has to repay the payments paid to them by the boy's family.

- (7) If the girl and boy have a child before the full bride price is paid and then the engagement breaks. Who keeps the child?

No matter, under what circumstances the marriage or engagement fails, it was the custom of this people that the child always went to the mother.

- (8) Who keeps the child if the bride-price has been paid in full and then the marriage breaks?

In this case child also went to the mother, but the child may see his or her father whenever he feels like. In other words the child really belongs to the mother, because he will only have the rights over land on his or her mother's side.

DIVORCE

What are the reasons a wife may go home to her family?

1. If he has adultery with another woman.
2. If the husband treats her cruelly.
3. If he is lazy and does not help her make the garden.



*Cleared
Day 16/1/69*

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. CAMERON PATROL No. 2-66/67.

Patrol Conducted by R. I. Becke, Assistant District Officer.

Area Patrolled Ealeba and Ruhutu Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans D. J. Young (Cadet Patrol Officer)

Natives Towasi Maurice (Interpreter)

Constable Buka Koko 8246

Auwoki 9287

Duration—From 20/9/66 to 16/10/66 Batawi Dabau 8130

20/9/66 - 16/10/66.

Number of Days 18 Days on Patrol.

Eskelia Taupini (Council Assist. Clerk)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/5/1966 - 3/6/66.

Medical 19 64 Exact Date Not Known.

Map Reference Fourmil of Samarai, Milinch of Sagarai Riber and Milne Bay.

Objects of Patrol a) Census Revision. b) Multi Racial Council.
c) Routine Administration Patrol.
d) Council Tax Defaulters.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/1/1967

J. Hunter 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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67-4-10

9th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAHARAI.

PATROL REPORT - CAMERON NO. 2/1966-67

Receipt of the above report and your 67-1-7 of the 18th January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

A satisfactory report by Mr. Young on his first effort.

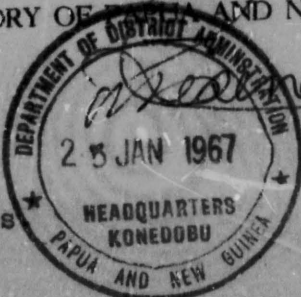
He has shown a deep interest in anthropological matters, as evidenced in the section of his report on an investigation of old traditional customary law.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67.4.10
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram..... DISCOM
Our Reference..... 67-1-7
If calling ask for
Mr..... O.K. Alder/bs



Department of District Administration,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

18th. January, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

MILNE BAY PATROL NO.2 OF 1966/67.

I attach two copies of the report covering the above patrol together with copies of comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Cameron Plateau, under his reference 67-1-1 dated 12th January, 1967.

2. The report is a very satisfactory first effort, though I look forward to prompt submission in future. Mr. Young remained in Cameron Plateau for five weeks between the date of completion of this patrol and his departure for Suva.

Att.

J. Preston White
O. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

12th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SANARAI.

REPORT ON MILNE BAY PATROL No. 2 of 1966/67.

Attached in triplicate are copies of the above report on a patrol to the Saleba and Bubutu Census Divisions. This patrol was led by myself and accompanied by Mr. D. Young, Cadet Patrol Officer.

2. The major objects of the patrol was to carry out a complete census revision, explain the functions and purposes of the proposed Milne Bay Multi Racial Council and to inform tax defaulters for the financial years 1964/65 and 1965/66 of their liabilities.
3. Since the return of this patrol, and Milne Bay Patrol No. 1 of 1966/67 over \$3506 has been collected in back taxes for the previously mentioned periods.
4. Each matter requiring attention was dealt with by myself in memorandum form at the conclusion of the patrol.
5. The attached report is Mr. D. Young's first attempt at writing a patrol report. Although the report in itself is quite satisfactory, I feel that Mr. Young should be reminded that patrol reports should be submitted immediately after the conclusion of each patrol. This report was not to hand until the 10th of January 1967, but possibly the pressure of work at Suan Patrol Post where Mr. Young is now Officer in-Charge did not permit him to make an earlier submission.
6. It is recommended that Mr. Young is permitted to conduct solo patrols of a routine nature.
7. Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.

R. J. Becke
R. J. Becke.
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MILNE BAY SUB-DISTRICT PATROL REPORT NO.2 1966/67.

BALEBA - BUHUTU PATROL

A. PREAMBLE

1. Station Cameron Plateau.
Sub-District Milne Bay.
District Milne Bay.
2. Patrol conducted by K. Becke (Assistant District Officer)
3. Area patrolled ... Baleba/Buhutu Census Division.
4. Personnel accompanying the Patrol
D.J. Young (Cadet Patrol Officer)
Towasi Maurice (Interpreter)
Constable Baka Koko 8246 20/9/66 to 24/9/66,
" " " 25/9/66 to 31/9/66.
Constable Awoki Kakamia 9287 20/9/66 to 24/9/66,
" " " 25/9/66 to 30/9/66,
" " " 7/10/66 to 16/10/66.
Constable Batswi Dabua 8130 7/10/66 to 16/10/66.
Eskelia Taupini Council Assistant Clerk
7/10/66 to 16/10/66.
5. Duration of Patrol 20/9/66 to 24/9/66,
25/9/66 to 30/9/66,
7/10/66 to 16/10/66.
18 Days on Patrol.
6. Last Patrol to the Area.....
DDA 21/5/66 to 3/6/66.
PHD 1964 Exact Date
Not Known.
Education September 1966.
DASP 1966 Date Not Known.
7. Objects of Patrol.....
a/ Census Revision.
b/ Multi-Racial Council.
c/ Routine Administration Patrol.
d/ Council Tax Defaulters.
8. Map Reference.....
Fourmil of Samarai, Milnehof
Sagarai River and Milne Bay.

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B/ INTRODUCTION

The Patrol was carried out in the Ealeba and Buhutu Census Divisions of the Milne Bay Council in the Milne Bay Sub-District.

The Ealeba Census Division is located on the South Coast of Milne Bay between the villages of Lamhaga (South-East) and Gibara (North-West). The population of this Census Division live on the narrow Coastal strip land along this Coast which is approximately 140 square miles in area.

The Buhutu Census Division extends inland from the South Coast of Milne Bay between the villages Gibara and Maiwara (North) to Mullins Harbour. This area of 160 square miles is known as the Sagarad Valley.

The main purpose of the Patrol was the Census Revision with other objectives being discussions on Multi-Racial Council, collection of Back Taxes and Routine Administration Work.

3/ BALEBA - BUHUTU PATROL DIARY**20/9/66****TUESDAY**

Departed Cameron Plateau at 12.10 am. on Workboat Erlo for Lamhaga village arriving at 1.45 pm. Overnight at Lamhaga.

21/9/66**Wednesday**

At 8am. prepared papers for Lamhaga Census. Commenced Census for Lamhaga village at 9am. finishing at 3pm. In afternoon checked Census figures. Tax Defaulters meeting was held by R.Becke (ADO) to remind people who have not paid tax for 1965 half year or 1965/66 full year. Later in afternoon R.Becke heard disputes and arbitrated.

22/9/66**Thursday**

At 8am. departed Lamhaga and walked to Dauwadauwa village arriving at 10am. Commenced Census at 11.25 am. finishing at 2pm. Checked Census figures whilst R.Becke held Tax defaulters meeting. Later R.Becke arbitrated making several minor disputes and checked store and shotgun licences.

23/9/66**Friday**

At 8am. departed Dauwadauwa and walked to Gwavili village arriving at 9.30 am. Commenced Census at 10 am. finishing at 2pm. Checked Census figures and worked out average family size for Lamhaga, Dauwadauwa and Gwavili. R.Becke held Tax defaulters meeting and court case later, following a complaint.

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24/9/66

Saturday

At 7am. departed Gwavili and walked to Daio village, arriving at 8am. Departed Daio for Cameron Plateau at 8-30 am. in Catholic Mission boat and arrived at 10am. in preparation for court case on Tuesday 27th.

25/9/66

Sunday

Court case adjourned until October 2nd. Departed Ladava in Catholic Mission boat to Daio in afternoon.

26/9/66

Monday

Census for Daio commenced at 9am and finished at 1 pm. Checked Census figures whilst R. Beeke held Tax defaulters meeting. At 2pm. inspected ammunition dump and found approximately 50 unexploded bombs (This matter has been discussed under a separate memorandum by R. Beeke ADO). Talked to Mahura Mark council President on the subject " Investigation of Old, Traditional Customary Laws of Marriage and Divorce" in Baleba Census Division and took notes (see report enclosed). Visited Catholic Mission that night.

27/9/66

Tuesday

At 8-15 am. departed Daio and walked to Wagawaga village arriving at 6-35 am. Commenced Census at 10 am. and finished at 1.45 pm. Checked Census figures whilst R. Beeke held Tax defaulters meeting and gave talk on Multi-Racial Council. Later R. Beeke heard dispute and arbitrated.

28/9/66

Wednesday

At 8am. departed Waxawaga and walked to Gamadoudou village arriving at 8-40 am. Commenced Census at 9-15 finishing at 11am. Checked Census figures whilst R. Beeke held Tax defaulters meeting after which a discussion on Sagarai Timber Purchase and Multi-Racial Council was held.

29/9/66

Thursday

At 8am. departed Gamadoudou and walked to Gibara village arriving at 9am. Started Census of Gibara South finishing at 10.30 am, then commenced Census for Gibara North finishing at 11.30 am. Checked Census figures whilst R. Beeke held Tax defaulters meeting, then had discussion on Multi-Racial Council. In afternoon R. Beeke purchased land called Bohibohi for Gibara Aid Post and then arbitrated minor disputes.

30/9/66

Friday

Departed Kilakilana (Gibara) at 9am. in Catholic Mission boat to Cameron Plateau arriving at 10.45.

31/9/66 to 6/10/66 At Cameron Plateau for a Supreme Court Case Preliminary hearing.

7/10/66

Friday

Departed Cameron Plateau at 3pm. on Komonai and arrived at 4pm. at Kilakilana. Overnight at Kilakilana.

8/10/66

Saturday

At 7.30am. departed Kilakilana and walked to Duauabu (an old Mission station situated on the mountain range above Milne Bay) arriving at 9.30 am. Overnight at Duauabu.

9/10/66

Sunday

Observed - at Duauabu.

10/10/66

Monday

Departed Duauabu at 8.45am. and walked to Galemalia village arriving at 10-45 am. Commenced Census at 1 pm. finishing at 3 pm. Checked Census figures whilst R.Becke held meeting and discussed Multi-Racial Council and Card Playing Ordinance, also conducted banking whilst Council Assistant Clerk collected back Taxes.

11/10/66

Tuesday

Departed Galemalia at 8.40 am. and walked to Mila village arriving at 10.40 am. commenced Census at 12.30 pm. finishing at 2.30 pm. Checked Census figures whilst R.Becke had discussion on Multi-Racial Council, Back Taxes and Council pig rule. Later heard disputes and arbitrated. Also during Census Council Assistant Clerk collected back Taxes.

12/10/66

Wednesday

Departed Mila at 7.30 am and walked to Ipouli village arriving at 10.40 am. Commenced Census at 12.30 pm finishing at 3.30 pm. Checked Census figures whilst R.Becke held meeting discussing Multi-Racial Council and Back Taxes, which were collected during Census by Council Assistant Clerk.

13/10/66

Thursday

Departed Ipouli at 8.10 am. and walked to Siaslada village arriving at 9-20 am. Commenced Census at 10.20 am. finishing at 12.15 pm. Council Assistant Clerk collected Back Taxes during Census. R.Becke and myself had discussion with Councilor for Siaslada on village matters later in afternoon.

14/10/66

Friday

At 8.45 R.Becke held meeting at Siaslada and discussed Multi-Racial Council, Back Taxes and also general queries. Departed Siaslada at 11.30 am. and walked to Galemalia arriving at 3 pm.

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15/10/66

Saturday


Departed walemalia at 8.45 am. and walked to wibara arriving at 1 pm. Overnight at wibara.

16/10/66

Sunday

Observed - Departed wibara at 10 am on mission boat arrived at Cameron Plateau at 1.45 pm.

END OF PATROL DIARY



(D.J. Young)

Gadet Patrol Officer

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OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

1. Reception of Patrol

The patrol received a friendly welcome at all villages with rest houses being decorated with flowers, and at some villages especially in Luhutu Census Division fresh food was given to the patrol as presents. Also every help was given to the patrol personnel throughout the patrol whether for carriers or setting up camp.

2. villages

Kaleba Village houses in this area are made of both native materials and remnants of buildings constructed during 2nd World War and are only of fair quality although some houses mainly those of prominent people are excellent with large well arranged rooms, and attractive gardens surrounding their houses.

Fresh water is no problem as most villages have nearby streams or either tank or well system. Although at wibara fresh water is not easy to obtain due to swampy surroundings and a fresh water tank would be needed to overcome this.

Luhutu The standard of houses in all villages was satisfactory with houses being mostly large and roomy and of native material construction.

Fresh water is obtained from swiftly flowing streams which pass villages with the exception of Siasiaada which has a well system.

CLEANLINESS - HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Baleba And Buhutu

In both these areas Hygiene and Sanitation are good due to well constructed latrines and efforts by the people to keep fresh water from pollution. Also pigs are fenced as instructed by Council pig rule and villages kept clean of rubbish.

3. OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

Baleba The current situation or trend in this area is that the people seem to be quite content doing ~~work~~ enough work to pay for Council Tax and necessities and not to raise their standard of living. This was quite evident by the number of people who had not paid Tax since 1965 half year and 1965/66 full year who, when confronted with the problem of paying this tax they replied that they would need time to sell some copra as they had no money saved. The attitude towards the Administration was good (See Par. 1 of this section).

Buhutu

The people's interest in Council and Administration was shown by firstly the absences of tax defaulters compared with Baleba Census Division and secondly their attitude towards the Administration with gifts of fresh food and cool drinks being presented to the patrol on its arrival at villages.

The main problem in this area is the lack of means of transport both for marketing of cash crops and general Administration as walking along bush tracks is the only way in and out of the area. This problem will be overcome if the development of the Sagarai Timber purchase is successful with roads being constructed throughout the area to clear timber.

4. AGRICULTURE

Baleba

The main economic crop in the Baleba area is copra with plantations at Lemhaga, Dauwadauwa (Sda) and Labelabe producing copra on a commercial basis.

Production however, of copra in villages is very small due to the lack of transportation to wharves for shipment as there are no roads.

If the old road (2nd World War) extending from Dauwadauwa to Gibara was reconstructed, which would not be difficult as it is in fair condition with sections of the concrete road still intact.

I feel that this would increase production of the copra and even other marketable crops such as vegetables as the people would be able to produce as much as possible knowing that they would be able to market all their goods.

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Buhutu In this Area the people are most industrious with excellent gardens and substantial cash crops, but seem to have similar problems as Baleba Census Division with the lack of roads for transportation of cash crops to marketing places.

However, they have shown their enthusiasm to overcome this by their pooling of money received from Sagarai Timber Purchase into village accounts for the purchase of tractors for transporting their goods on roads which are to be built into the area for the clearing of the timber.

6. FORESTS

The only forest of commercial value is in the Buhutu Census Division where the Government recently purchased the rights to the timber in the Sagarai Valley area for a future timber industry there.

7. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

In the Baleba and Buhutu Census Division there are only a few private stores and bakeries. There is one Co-operative store at Gibara and there are no major industries, all this due to possibly lack of finance or a means of transportation to sponsor industries.

8. Complaints

Baleba

A number of complaints were heard, mainly being maintenance and pig troubles, although the main problem seems to be the increasing illegitimate children being born. The reason for this I feel could be that in the past women with illegitimate did not worry about obtaining maintenance from the father.

Buhutu

Very few complaints were heard and were mainly disputes over pigs and were easily arbitrated.

Courts

Only one court was held on this patrol by R?Becke (AM) at Gwavili Village where a man was found guilty of Adultery and given a sentence of one month jail.

9. HEALTH

Baleba

In general, the health of these people is good with a minimum of sickness. There are aidposts at Lamhaga, Wagawaga and Gibara with a hospital at Daio (Catholic Mission) to combat any outbreak of illness. Also medical patrols by the Mission Nurses regularly keep the standard of health high.

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Buhutu

In comparison with the people of Ealeba Census Division the general health of these people is poor with a high death rate for children and the aged. This is due to possibly the lack of medical patrols and the fact that the only aid post is at Ipouli and people from distant villages have to walk some distance to receive medical attention. Also the aid post is crowded and the medical supplies are used up quickly and have to be brought from the coast a days walk away. Also the people seem reluctant to take the time to collect these supplies, although they are constructing another building to help overcome the crowded aidpost.

10. EDUCATION

Listed below are the Educational statistics of both Census Divisions

Village	Census Division	Mission or Government	Standard Taught	No. of Teachers	No. of Pupils
Gwavili	Ealeba	Kwato M.	1 to 4	3	90
Daio	"	Catholic M.	1 to 6	1 Sister 5 Teachers	170
Wagawaga	"	Government	1 to 3	3	90
Gamadoulou	"	Kwato M.	1 to 2	2	36
Gibara	"	Catholic M.	1 to 2	1	20
Galemalia	Buhutu	Kwato M.	1 to 2	1	25
Ipouli	"	Catholic M.	1 to 2	1	30
Siasia	"	Government	1 to 2	2	51

11. Census

The annual Census was conducted in all villages by the patrol, and attendances were good. The complete Census figures for the two areas are attached to this report. The total population of the areas was 2489 (Ealeba 1932 and Buhutu 857).

In Ealeba area the natural increase of population was 0.116 per 100 whilst Buhutu Census Division had a natural decrease in population of 0.022 per 100. The reason for the difference between Ealeba and Buhutu Census Divisions population increase is due to firstly, the health of the Buhutu Census Division (see sect 9 Health), compared with Ealeba Census Division, and also the fact that there is

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Census cont...

even less work in Buhutu Census Division than Kaleba Census Division. The main reason for both these low figures is the fact that young people leave the areas for higher education and do not return due to lack of suitable work. Instead they go to the big towns for employment and thus there are not enough young people in villages to marry and raise families thus increasing population.

12. CONCLUSION

Both the Kaleba and Buhutu Census Divisions have economic potentials which have not been fully exploited.

My reasons for saying this are that I feel that transport is a major problem in both areas, where roads are needed for marketing of cash crops to wharves for shipment, as at present the people only produce the amount they can market, which is small due to this factor.

Also the area needs an important industry to keep the young people from drifting onto towns and the recent timber purchase in Sagarai Valley by the Government seems to be the answer as it holds the key to the economic development of these areas.



(D.J. YOUNG)

Cadet Patrol Officer

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INVESTIGATION OF OLD . TRADITIONAL CUSTOMARY LAWS
OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE . IN EALEBA AND BUHUTU CENSUS DIVISIONS
OF NIENE BAY DISTRICT

QUESTION 1/ What must man do in order to get a wife?

Answer Ealeba .. Speak to a girl which he likes asking her if he could sleep with her that night. Next morning if he liked the girl he would go and ask his parents and hers permission to marry.
 N.B. Man cannot have intercourse with girl.

Buhutu a/ Parents pick parties for marriage (old custom)
 b/ Same as in Ealeba Census Division except that the man can have intercourse.

Question 2/ Agreement between parties. Who must agree? Is girls consent necessary?

Ealeba All parties must agree . Girls consent necessary.

Buhutu As above , except in old custom where parents picked parties for marriage.

Question 3/ Engagement

Ealeba After permission to marry has been granted by both parents , the couple are made to sleep together in a room by themselves for a night. Early in the morning the parents of the couples lock the door of the couples house and pass through an axe and a knife and go away pretending to be angry. The engagement and marriage is completed when the man takes the axe and knife and goes and works in the garden.

NB. The couple cannot have intercourse until the garden is completed.

Buhutu In Buhutu there is an engagement for 6 months or year in which time both parents of the couple check on the behavior of the parties who live together as a trial marriage.

Question 4/ Preliminary Ceremonies ?

Ealeba See Question 3.

Buhutu " " "

Question 5/ Change of house?

Ealeba Live with women's parents.

Buhutu Equal stay with both parents.

Question 6/ Preliminary Payments?

Ealeba Nil yet

Buhutu " y

BRIDE PRICE

Question 1/ How many types of bride price are there?

Ealeba Two.

Buhutu "

Bride Price cont....

Question 2. Who pays it ?

Ealeba Mans parents pay bride price , and relations.

Buhutu Mens parents pay bride price and approximately one week later the brides parents reciprocate.

Question 3, Who receives it ?

Ealeba Womens parents receive bride price.

Buhutu Womens parents receive first bride price, then approximately one week later the mans parents receive the same.

Question 4. How much bride price is paid? By agreement? Fixed amount? If fixed amount is it different for widows, divorcees and others?

Ealeba Fixed bride price, but for widows half bride price to be paid to deceased husbands parents and whole bride price to woman's parents. Whilst for single girl and divorced woman one single bride price is paid.

Buhutu Fixed bride price of at least three pigs taro and chicken etc . For widows and divorced woman the new husbands parents must pay both the deceased husbands parents or separated husbands parents and pay the womans parents as well. But approximately one week later the womans parents pay back the same bride price to the new husbands parents.

N.B In both Ealeba and Buhutu Census Divisions when the bride price is paid , all the proceeds go towards a feast after each payment is made.

Question 5. One way payment of exchange?

Ealeba Yes, the husbands parents pay bride price.

Buhutu No, Two way payment of exchange, firstly man's parents and relations pay bride price then about one week later the womans parents reciprocate.

Sexual Intercourse

Question 1. When is it permitted by custom?

Ealeba After marriage only.

Buhutu Only if marriage is intended is intercourse allowed.

Question 2. When do a boy and girl first start living together?

Ealeba When the girl matures if a boy likes her he will ask her if he could sleep with her, thus after this if he still likes her he will ask his parents and hers permission to marry, he then will stay with her after the marriage takes place.

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Question 2 cont....

Buhutu The couple first start living together after permission from parents on a trial marriage basis or engagement for a period of six months to a year in which time they are watched by parents who fix a date for marriage when they think the couple are ready.

Question 3. Where do they live?

Ealeba Girls parents house.
Buhutu Equal stay with both parents.
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Pregnancy

Question 1. What happens when a girl becomes pregnant ?

Ealeba If married - Man must keep away from wife as respect. Must not comb hair or bath until child is born. Cannot have intercourse with wife until child is born.
 If single - Great shame for girls parents also girl will not be liked by young men as she has a child.

Buhutu If married - Man must keep away from wife and make garden for food for the child. Man must not have intercourse with wife whilst she is pregnant.

If single - Great shame on girl and family.
 If engaged - Marriage is held as soon as possible.

Question 2. Children What happens when they are born?

Ealeba For the first child only there is a big feast.

Buhutu Also for the first child only there is a big feast in which all relatives bring presents.

Question 3. Who owns them ?

Ealeba Woman owns children.

Buhutu Whilst married equal share in children. But if divorced, the party guilty of the divorce or the party divorcing the other loses possession of the children.

Question 4. Are any payments made ?

Ealeba No more payments.

Buhutu Payments are made to the wumens parents because if the husband dies the children belong to the husband's parents.

Rights and Duties Of Parties

Question 1. What must a husband do for the wife?

Ealeba Firstly he must look after his wife, feed her and clothe her. Also for the first few weeks of marriage the husband must work in the garden of the wifes parents. Also he must make garden in preparation for any children born.

Buhutu Same as Ealeba Census Division.

Question 2 What happens if he does not do this?

Ealeba Divorce.

Buhtu

Question 3. What must a wife do for her husband?

Ealeba Look after husband and care for children. Work in garden and set aside food at meal times for him as he cannot eat in front of her parents.

Rights and Duties of Parties cont.....

Question 4. What happens if she doesn't do it?

Ealeba Divorce.

Question 5. Buhutu " What is a husband not allowed to do?

Ealeba The husband is not allowed to go out at night without wife or her permission. Husband is not allowed to have intercourse with another woman. Also husband is not allowed to mention wife's parents or relations names, for example when talking to wife's father he must use the term father-in-law. The husband cannot eat in front of wife's parents or relations.

Buhutu Same as Ealeba except that the husband can eat in front of the wife's parents or relations after a couple of years of marriage.

Question 5. What happens if he does it?

Ealeba Divorce if the offence is serious, or if not husband must either give present to wife's family or spit on the ground and ask forgiveness.

Buhutu As above.

The same applies to the wives in Ealeba and Buhutu Census Divisions with the exception being that they can eat in front of husbands relations and family.

Payments

Question 1. List all the payments that the boy's family must pay to the girl's family before and after marriage?

Ealeba Before marriage husband's family must give bride price of pigs, taro, money and chickens etc. After marriage they must give presents every now and then and also work in the wife's family garden.

Buhutu

Two payments, one on eve of marriage of at least 3 pigs and an assortment of vegetables and another payment on birth of first child.

Question 2. List all the payments the girl's family must pay the boy's family before and after marriage?

Ealeba Before marriage no payments, but approximately 2 weeks after marriage girl's family make payment of pigs etc which are devoured in a second feast as the bride price given by the boy's family was the first.

Buhutu As in Ealeba Census Division.

Question 3. List all the payments the husband himself must pay?

Ealeba Nil payments.

Buhutu If he owns pig or has money he puts these towards the bride price with his parents presents.

Payments cont

Question 4. List all the payments the wife herself must pay

Ealeba No payments.

Buhutu " "

significant questions

Question 1. What happens if the boy and girl have sexual intercourse to soon?

Ealeba big shame for couple and their parents

Buhutu As in Ealeba Census Division.

Question 2. What if the boy has sexual intercourse with another girl after the engagement? After the payment of bride price?

Ealeba No marriage takes place.

Buhutu " " " "

Same applies for girls in both Census divisions.

Question 3. What if a boy gets another girl pregnant after engagement?

Ealeba Stays with present wife not with pregnant girl unless marriage has not taken place, where he would have to go and marry the pregnant girl if her parents so desired.

Buhutu a/ If the boy had intercourse with another girl before engagement and made her pregnant, he still marries the girl he is engaged to.

b/ If the boy makes another girl pregnant after the engagement he must marry the pregnant girl if her parents so desire.

Question 4. What if the boy changes his mind after the engagement?

Ealeba Marriage will not take place and if bride price has been paid it is returned.

Buhutu Parents have final say whether marriage is to take place or not. The old custom in Buhutu was that if young people did not obey strict laws of marriage and divorced black magic was put on them and usually these people died.

Question 5. What if the girl changes her mind after the engagement?

Ealeba No marriage takes place.

Buhutu " " " "

Question 6. If the boy and girl have a child before the full bride price is paid and the engagement breaks up, who keeps the child.

Ealeba Girl keeps the child.

Buhutu " " " "

(1)

Question 7. Who keeps the child if the bride price has been paid in full and then the marriage breaks up?

Ealeba Women keeps the child.

Buhutu The party who is guilty of the divorce or breakup loses possession of the child.

Divorce

Question 1. What are the reasons a wife may want to go home?

Ealeba If she had a fight with her husband or suspects that he has committed adultery.

Buhutu As in Ealeba Census Division.

Question 2. What must a husband do to get her back?

Ealeba Must give presents to wife's family and ask Forgiveness.

Buhutu Same as Ealeba Census Division.

Question 3. What can a husband do if he no longer likes his wife?

Ealeba Get a Divorce.

Buhutu Divorce if there is no family, but divorce is very hard to get if he has children.
The same applies for wives in their respective areas.

Question 4. What sort of things do wives do which break up the marriage?

Ealeba Not look after husband or his garden etc.
b/ Commit adultery.

Buhutu same as Ealeba Census Division.

Question 5. What happens if she does such a thing?

Ealeba Divorce.

Buhutu "

Question 6. What sort of things do husbands do which break the marriage?

Ealeba a/ Not look after wife or support children.
b/ Commit Adultery.
c/ If he is cruel to his wife.

Buhutu Same as Ealeba Census Division.

Question 7. What happens if a husband does such a thing?

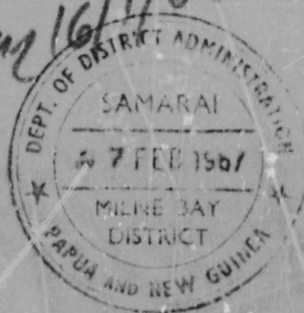
Ealeba Divorce.

Buhutu "



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. 3 OF 1966/67
Patrol Conducted by Mr. A. SIAOA, PATROL OFFICER,
Area Patrolled TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
Natives Asst. Council Clerk, ESKENIA - TAUPIRI.
3 Tax Appeals Tribunal.
Duration—From 10./12./1966 to 15./12./1966.
Number of Days 5 days
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? nil
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 29./8./1966
Medical/...../19.....
Map Reference 1 inch to 4 miles Series.
Objects of Patrol 1. Advising the Milne Bay Council's Tax Collecting Team.
2. Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

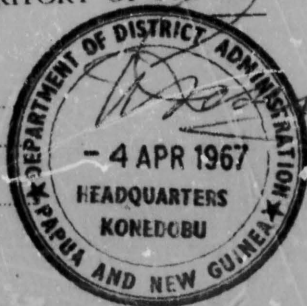
Amount Paid from D.N.E Trust Fund £.....

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... DISCOM
Our Reference..... 67-1-7
If calling ask for..... ERJ/ek
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

29th March 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1966-67.

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Attached please find copy of the abovementioned Patrol Report prepared by Mr. A. Siaoa, Patrol Officer, together with copy of Patrol Instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner, Cameron Plateau, under reference 67-1-1 of 1st December 1966, and covering memorandum 67-1-1 of 5th February 1967, also from the Assistant District Commissioner, Cameron Plateau.

2. My comments are as follows:

- (a) The reason for the poor response to the tax collection patrol was principally due to the timing of this patrol. The people felt that such would interfere with their Christmas celebrations. The second tax patrol is meeting with much more success.
- (b) Mr. Siaoa was requested to carry out a check on firearm registrations - paragraph 8 of his Patrol Instructions. The report gives no indication whether in fact this was done and Mr. Siaoa has been requested to clarify this aspect.
- (c) Presentation of the report is reasonable, though serially numbering paragraphs would facilitate reference.

3. The forwarding of this report was overlooked and my apologies are tendered.

4. For your information, please.

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

67-1-1

ALVOS

Sub-District Office,
CAMEROON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

5th February, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SARARAI.

CAMEROON PLATEAU PATROL No. 3 of 66/67.


Attached in duplicate please find copies of the above patrol conducted by Mr. A. Siosa, Patrol Officer.

2. The primary intention for Mr. Siosa to accompany the Milne Bay Council's tax collecting team was to advise them on the correct procedure for collecting tax, issuing exemptions and maintaining an accurate ledger.

3. Mr. Siosa carried out each of his instructions efficiently and showed initiative in dealing with the misunderstandings associated with the changeover to the new fiscal year.

4. It is regretted that the actual tax collection was not a success and it is hoped that the second Milne Bay Council tax collection patrol which is currently in the field meets with considerable more success.

5. Also attached is Mr. Siosa's claim for camping allowance forwarded to you for arrangement of payment.


R. I. Boake.
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-4-13

1st May, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAKARAI.

CAMEROON PLATEAU PATROL NO. 3 of 1966-67.

Your 67-1-7 of 29th March, 1967, refers.

It would appear that inadequate explanation of the changeover of the Council financial year had been given in the first instance but, as this changeover had already been completed, it would seem that the timing for the collection was the main point at issue.

Mr. Sison's explanation of the changed year and his guidance of the Tax Review Committee in the matter of exemptions indicate that he has a sound grasp of Council procedures, but the Council will need to take firm action against defaulters if there is any repetition of this refusal to pay.

The double tax collection in itself is not good and is no doubt confusing. It would be best for the Council to pass a law requiring the tax be collected all at once or, at least, have it clearly understood by all Councillors and Committees that it will be collected in two lots.

Tax collection should commence as soon in the new financial year as possible.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-1-1

A3/OS

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

6th January, 1967.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL No. 3 of 1966/67
TAVARA AND MALEBA CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION

The above patrol was to be done in both Tavara and Maleba Census Division of the Milne Bay Local Government area. But, this patrol had to be withdrawn from the field because of the staff shortage at the Sub-District Office.

The primary objects of the patrol were covered satisfactorily, except that Instruction No. 5 was not attended fully, because, the land owner at Lelehudi was away in Samarai and the land owners for Naura Aid Post and School were not located during the course of the patrol.

The number of days spent on this patrol were five, with a few days off on the station.

NATIVE SITUATION

The local people from MAIWARA and as far as WALALAI, did not respond very well to the tax patrol on this occasion.

This was due to the following reasons:-

- (a) There were two tax patrols this year and this second one was too much for the local people.
- (b) The people did not want to pay tax on this occasion, because it was only a week before Christmas and they wanted the money to spend on Christmas parties.
- (c) The half year tax and the full year tax period muddled the tax payers; and they thought that they have paid their tax already.

I explained to the local people on point (a) that this first patrol was purposely conducted to collect the back taxes for 1965 half year tax, and 1965/66 full year tax. The point (c) was very hard to explain to the people as the people always follow the calendar year of January to December.

A model of clock face was drawn, with July as commencing month and ending at June. The clock face was divided into two halves, first half commencing at July to December, and second January to June. With the assistance of this model, the half and full year tax system was explained to them by this diagram and the people, in my opinion, seemed to understand the difference reasonably well.

VILLAGES

The general standard of the housing was satisfactory, but the villages and sanitation around the villages was bad in villages, such as Bou, Divinnai, Ielchudi and Maiwara.

The village pigs were frequently messing around the village streets and under the houses.

ROADS

The roads throughout the Tavara Census Division are in good condition, except the portion between Bubuleta and Hihila Plantation was bad due to heavy rain.

TAX

Tax collection was very poor. The total amount collected was approximately \$350-00 in the Tavara Census Division, which has about 2,000, - 3,000 tax payers.

The exemptions issued this year is less than the previous years; because most exempted people were very often not at the scene. Some exempted people even gave exemption receipts to their inmates to renew for them. This practise was not accepted, because I suggested to the Tax Appeals Tribunal, to see the exempted persons, before their exemption receipts were renewed.

The only reason why I suggested this was because, the Tax Appeals Tribunal always change and each year, different group accompanies the patrol, and they could have different opinion on each exempted person; and if they do, the person who got exemption last year might have to pay tax this year.

In particular the local people from NIGILA and AHIONA, had opposed the tax patrol. In NIGILA - SELONI - SIPA, forbid the people from his hamlet from attending the tax collection meeting and he himself came up to us and told us that he was not paying tax. The reason he stated for not paying tax for 1966/67 was that "It is Christmas time and I need this money to buy my sugar". He showed us the money and walked away.

At Ahiona, the people spoke against the Council for its rapid alteration of tax paying years, from half to full year.

Some people led by SILA - DICKSON who has paid \$12-00 back tax for 1965 and 1965/66, believed that they have paid their 1966/67 tax already.

I repeated the clock face model demonstration several times, but these people failed to understand the procedure and refused to pay their tax.

COMPLAINTS

Number of complaints attended on this patrol was only eight. All the complaints were of trivial nature. Five of the above complaints were concerning pig destroying the gardens. In this case, owners were told to fence the pig, and in cases where the owner admitted that the pig was actually his pig, compensations were asked to be paid to the garden owners and on each occasion the owner agreed.

Ex-Interpreter MERRICK of Lelehudi has killed the two pigs belonging to Councillor Poi of Lelehudi for damaging his garden. I examined the garden on this patrol and found

that about \$15-00 of sweet potatoes was damaged. The complaint was unable to prove that the pigs belonged to Councillor Poi. So I suggested that no compensation should be paid, but the gardens will be safe if the pigs are kept in the fences.

Three adultery cases were not settled because the other parties were not in the vicinity of the village. The matter was referred to the Councillors concerned to bring the parties to the Sub-District Office.

LAND

The lands on which the Lelehudi School, Naura Aid Post and School, Walalaia Aid Post and Divinal Co-operative are situated have not been purchased.

On this patrol the attempts to contact the owners at Lelehudi and Naura were not successful. The owners of land at Lelehudi and Walalaia were away in Samarai, while the land owners at Naura were not present.

The owner of land at Divinal Co-operative stated that he did not intend to dispose of the land completely. His opinion was that he did not want to sell the land, to Administration, but would only lease it to the Administration and get Annual rental for the land; because he has not got enough land.

APPENDICES

Attached with the report are the following appendices:-


- (a) Patrol instruction.
- (b) Patrol Diary.

CONCLUSION

Although the patrol did not cover the whole Tavara Census, as per Patrol Instruction, but the primary objects of the patrol were satisfactorily covered.

The land matters will be attended on the next patrol in near future.

The training of the Milne Bay Council's Tax collecting team on the correct method of issuing receipts and exemption, proved very successful after the first few villages, under my supervision.


A. SIAOA.
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

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

If calling ask for

Mr..... **RIB/OS**

Department of District Administration,

**Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.**

1st December, 1966.

**Mr. A. Siaca,
Patrol Officer,
CAMERON PLATEAU.**

INSTRUCTIONS - CAMERON PLATEAU
PATROL No. 1 OF 1966/67.

As discussed, I wish you to proceed on patrol on the 9th of December with the Milne Bay Tax Collection Team to the Tavara and Kalebua Census Divisions.

2. The primary objects of your patrol will be:
 - (a) Advising the Milne Bay Council's Tax Collecting Team of the correct method of collecting tax and issuing exemptions.
 - (b) Routine Administration.
3. In respect of (a) above I wish you to ensure that the Council's Tax Collecting Team
 - (i) Issues a 66/67 tax ticket to every taxpayer.
 - (ii) After a person has paid tax their name is crossed off the ledger.
 - (iii) An Exemption Ticket is issued to everybody approved by the Tax Appeal Committee and that their Tax Exemption Ticket number is entered in the tax ledger beside their respective names.
 - (iv) Have compiled an "on the spot" list of tax defaulters and warn these people that the tax closure date was the 1st of November 1966.
 - (v) Place in the "Remarks" column an absentee's place of employment.
 - (vi) Generally, bring the Council's Tax Ledger up to date by having entered new tax payers names and deleting deceased persons. The Tavara and Kalebua Census Register will assist you in this respect.
4. Endeavour to settle minor complaints yourself and refer all controversial matters to next this office. Take notes of each complaint you determine and record your decision for my perusal.
5. The lands on which the Ielakudi School, Divinal Co-op., Naura School, Walalala Aid Post and Naura Aid Post are situated on have not been purchased. Inform the owners of these

pieces of land that they will be purchased when the staff situation at Cameron Plateau improves. I particularly want to know of the owners various opinions of disposing of these pieces of land.

6. You will not require patrol funds on this patrol since you will be accompanying the Milne Bay Councils Tax Collection Team at all times and they will have full use of the M.V. Alotau.

7. You will not be accompanied by a policeman since this is primarily a Council tax patrol. However do not hesitate in asking me for a policeman if you find that you require a policeman for law enforcement.

8. Check that all shotguns have been registered under the Firearm Ordinance 1965.

9. You have seen on itinerary showing the dates that this patrol is expected in each village. Try to maintain this schedule if possible but if you decide that the schedule does not allow sufficient time in each village, then do not hesitate to amend it, but ensure that you advise myself and the villages you intend visiting of any changes in this schedule.

10. I will accompany you to Mutuiwa on the 9th of December to instruct you in the correct method of advising the Council's Tax Team. I will expect you to have thoroughly trained the tax team by the 23rd of December and return to Cameron on this date.



R. BECKE.

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL No. 3 of 1966/67
TAVANA AND KALEBA CENSUS DIVISION.

Saturday 10th December, 1966. - Departed Cameron Plateau at 8.25am for Rebe per landrover, arrived at 8.45am. Left Rebe per "M.V. ALOTAU" for WALALALA at 9.50am, arrived Divinal at 1205 hrs to drop the students; lunch at Divinal. Departed Divinal for Walalala arrived Walalala after 1½ hours crawling. Villages absent waited until 6.30pm. Spent night at Walalala.

Sunday 11th December, 1966. - Observed Sunday. Spent night at Walalala. "M.V. ALOTAU" returned to Rebe.

Monday 12th December, 1966. - Left Walalala at 11.30am, after collecting tax, and attending land matters and complaints, arrived Lelehudi at 12noon, commenced tax collection, attended two complaints concerning pigs destroying gardens, settled satisfactorily.

Departed Lelehudi at 2.30pm, arrived Bou at 2.45pm, commenced work completed at 5.30pm, 2 complaints concerning adultery. Advise councillor to bring the matter to Cameron, before magistrate, as the other parties wanted it to be settled in court. Spent night at Bou.

Tuesday 13th December, 1966. - Departed Bou at 8.30am, by M.V. ALOTAU, arrived DIVINAL at 9.00am. Commenced collection of tax, and complaints, Special Arms Permit checked, land matter attended.

Left Divinal at 1.00pm, arrived Bubuleta 1.30pm. Tax collection, Special Arms Permit attended. No complaints. Spent night at Bubuleta.

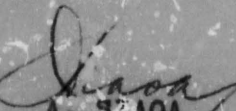
Wednesday 14th December, 1966. - Left Bubuleta at 8.30am, arrived Warinou at 8.45am, commenced tax collection, Special Arms Permit attended, no complaints.

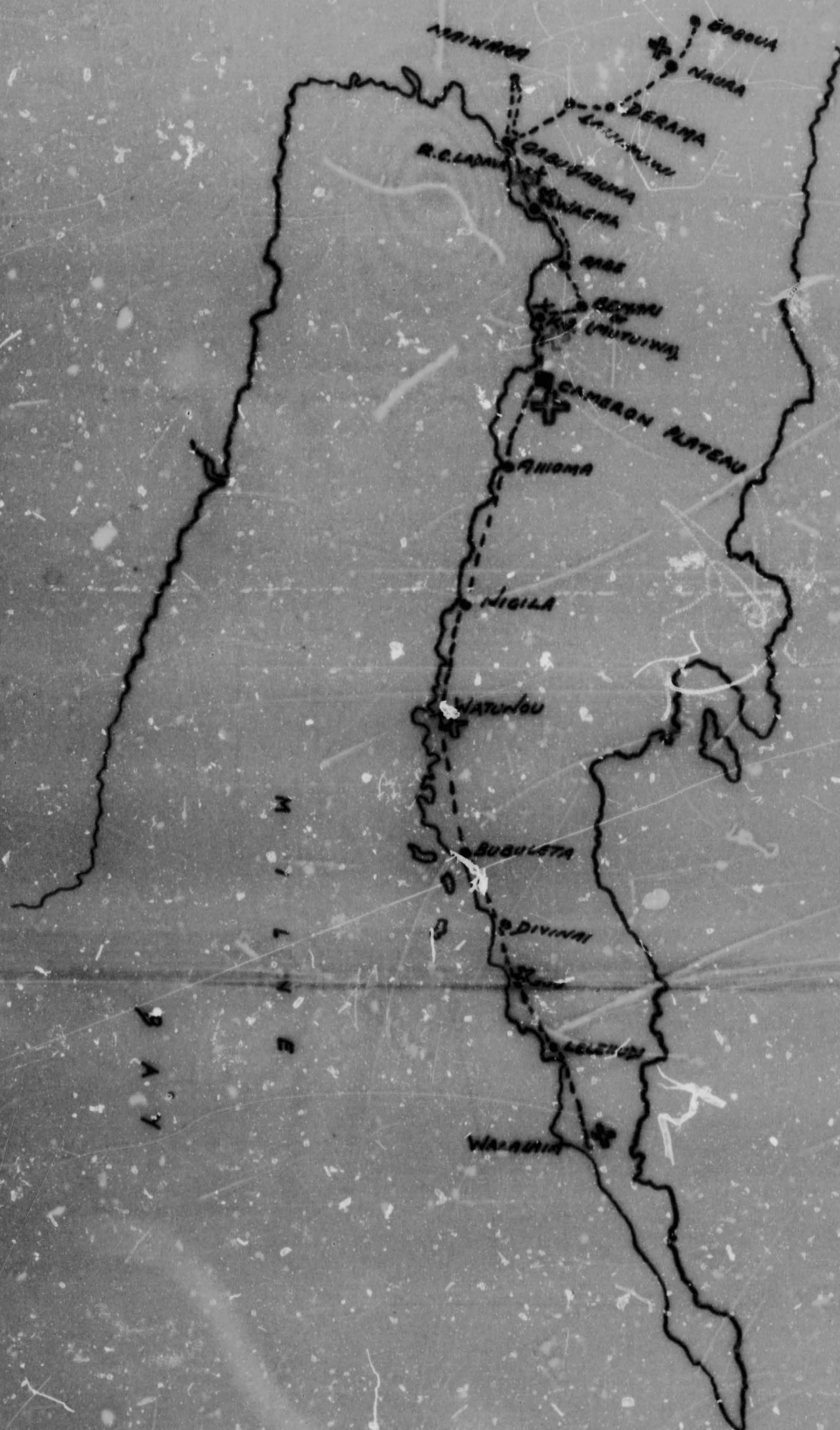
Departed Watunox at 10.30am, arrived Nigila at 10.45am, commenced work at 12noon. Special Arms Permit, tax collection and complaints attended, ex-domestic servant of late Mr. O'ffarrell, NOUMCU of NIGILA, complaint about his unpaid wages. The matter referred to APO. Slept at Nigila.

Thursday 15th December, 1966. - Left NIGILA at 6.30am, arrived Ahioma at 7.45am. Commenced tax collection, attended SAP's no complaints. Left Ahioma by "M.V. ALOTAU" at 12noon, arrived Waema at 2.45pm. tax collection at 3pm, self left Waema by landrover at 3.30pm for Cameron Plateau. Slept the night at Cameron.

Friday 16th December, 1966. - Office at 0800 hours, left Cameron per landrover for Gabugabuna at 8.00hrs tax collection conducted, self attended SAP and native complaints.

Left Gabugabuna at 12.30am, arrived MAYWARA at 12.45pm, tax collection commenced. Self left Maiwara at 2.45pm, arrived Gabugabuna at 3.00pm, waited for vehicle until 4.00pm. Returned to Cameron Plateau.


A. SIAOA
Patrol Officer.



TAVARA CENSUS DIVISION

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Scale 1 inch = 4 miles.

Patrol Route - - - - -

Mission Station. +

Aid Pops +

Hospitals Administration 

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MIKE BAY** Report **CAMEROON PLATEAU REPORT No. 12-65/1**

Patrol Conducted by **PAUL H. JONES** Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled **North East Coast Census Division (Marumata Council area).**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **2 R.P.A. N.G.C.**

1 Interpreter

Duration—From **16/5/1966** to **31/8/1966** (Part only)

Number of Days **36 actual patrol days**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **April/1966**

Medical **unknown**

Map Reference **Malinch of Gohun**

Objects of Patrol **Complete census revision of the north west coast and other tasks as per patrol instructions. (attached).**

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

Several applications, but no application was submitted in relation to the charter of a motor launch, which was the only one of the applications and he returned to the office on 4th June, 1966.

67-1-1

It is hoped to make a return of the patrol funds during the next patrol. The return of the funds will be made during the next patrol.

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU, to the
Milne Bay District.

5th January, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT No. 12-65/66.

Your memorandum 67-1-1 of even date on the above subject, refers.

2. As per Paragraph 3 of the patrol instructions, tax defaulters were informed of the methods which the council would employ to recover tax, and as a result of this approximately \$1300 in outstanding tax was collected during May and June of this year. Approximately \$300 in tax from 1/65/66 is still outstanding and the council for some reason is reluctant to institute proceedings against these defaulters.

3. For information relating to paragraph four (4) of the patrol instructions, refer to the heading "Commerce and Industry" of the patrol report. Since the report was written, the council have confirmed that the wharf site will be at Huhuna on the land mentioned in the report. A site for a second wharf has not yet been decided and the council are in favour of letting the second wharf carry over till next financial year. An estimate of materials required for the wharf has not been compiled.

4. Groups were selected as per paragraph 5 of the patrol instructions, and were told to hold themselves in readiness to await transport. However, subsequent to this action information was received from the A.D.C. Rabaraba that no bamboo irrigation systems existed in his Sub-District (A.D.C. Rabaraba's 6-1-3 of 16th May, 1966, refers). In light of this, the council were unwilling to allocate money to charter a vessel for the trip, and there was no administration water transport available at the time, and the matter lapsed.

5. As per paragraph 7 of the patrol instructions, a list of persons for whom the Copra Marketing Board is holding outstanding amounts was taken with on patrol. All persons concerned were informed of the details of the amounts outstanding, in writing, save for several who were not in their respective villages at the time.

6. All applications for land tenure conversion, and land disputes relating to the North East Coast were taken by the patrol, and draft copies of the application and the accompanying Statutory Declaration have been made out and are awaiting typing. Most of these applications were surveyed by C.P.D. Harrison and field notes are held awaiting plotting, at this office.

7. A Land Assistant Sariva Kone, accompanied the patrol at Laipeta on 31st May, 1966, to survey three new land



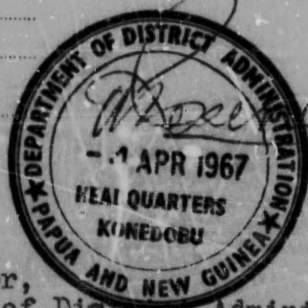
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram... DISCOM

Our Reference... 67-1-7

If calling ask for

Mr... ERJ/ek



Department of District Administration,

Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

29th March 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT No. 12 of 1965/66

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Attached please find copy of the abovementioned Patrol Report prepared by Mr. P. Jones, Patrol Officer, covering his patrol to the North East Coast census division, together with covering memorandum 67-1-1 dated 1st March 1967, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Cameron Plateau.

2. It is regretted that submission of this report is delayed by the misadventure explained by the Assistant District Commissioner at paragraph 1 of his covering memorandum.

3. The interim retention of the Village Constables has been explained to the Assistant District Commissioner, Cameron Plateau, and it is anticipated that funds to be allocated for the fourth quarter of this financial year will enable all outstanding payments to be made to the Village Constables in this and other Sub-districts.

4. It is pleasing to note that the drought conditions have now passed and also that the Council is still maintaining the Drought Relief Committee against return of need in this drought area.

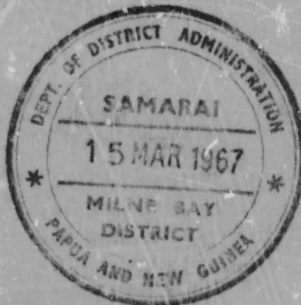
5. The improved co-operation between the Administration and the President of the Marawatana Local Government Council is a further pleasing feature. This aspect has been covered in earlier correspondence to and from yourself.

6. Forwarded for your information and records, please.

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

67-1-1

RIB/OS



Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

1st March, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT No. 12-65/66

Enclosed please find three copies of the above patrol report which were inadvertently placed in the Patrol Report file here instead of being forwarded, hence the late submission.

2. This patrol was carried out by Mr. P. Jones, Patrol Officer, primarily to conduct the 1966 census revision of the North East Coast Census Division, and census statistics are attached as appendix 'A' to this report.

3. There were several interruptions to the patrol, the longest of these being for a period of almost two months when Mr. Jones was engaged on Territory wide census duties at Ess'ala, and other pressing matters that needed completion in this Sub-District. Thus, although the patrol was commenced on 16th May, 1966, and spent a total of 38 days in the field, an average of two days per village, the census revision was completed on 31st August, 1966.

4. This report is not as comprehensive as could be wished for a patrol of this nature and length, but P. Jones has now completed four patrols to the area in the period January to August 1966, (refer Cameron Plateau patrol reports No. 6, 8 and 10-65/66) and the situation has changed little in that time.

5. In this report, under "Village Officials", the situation remains unchanged and the 17 Village Constables on the North East Coast have still not been paid. A decision on the future of the Village Constables would be appreciated as soon as possible. In any case, it would be most advisable to have funds made available on vote 12-3-3 to pay these men as they have been faithfully performing their duties over the past three years fully believing that they would receive their annual remuneration as in the past.

6. The drought situation mentioned under the heading of "Agriculture" has now passed and conditions are considered satisfactory by the Maramatana Council, and by D.A.S.P. staff who have visited the area recently.

7. The Council still has its drought relief fund, and a drought relief committee comprising the President, Vice President and Councillor Valentine of Taupota No. 2 is still in existence.

8. Since writing this report Mr. Jones has informed me that the attitude of the Council President, Mr. Vernon Guise, has changed from a marked lack of co-operation with him, as Council Administrative Adviser, to one of almost full co-operation in all matters. A possible reason for this change is that it has not been possible to maintain a part time base camp on the North East Coast for the last seven months due to other staff commitments in this office, and a lack of patrol funds.

9. Claims for camping allowance for Mr. Jones and Interpreter Timothy Tatauro (since resigned) are attached.

10. Please accept my apologies for the late submission of this report, for, as stated in paragraph one, all copies of the report were accidentally placed directly on my Patrol Report file.


R. I. Becke.

Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-1

JAW/OS

Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

16th of May, 1966

Mr. P. Jones,
Patrol Officer,
CAMERON PLATEAU.

INSTRUCTIONS - CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL NO. 12
OF 1965/66

As discussed, the Workboat "TAVA" will convey you and your patrol party to LAVORA village on the morning of the 16th of May to commence the above patrol of the Maramtana Council area.

2. The primary objects of your patrol will be:

- (a) The complete Census Revision of the N.E. Coast Census Division
- (b) Routine administration

3. As well I would like you to enquire into the number of Council Tax defaulters and inform them of the methods by which the Council will recover taxes if these remain unpaid. As soon as possible obtain a list of defaulters from the Council Clerk at GARUAI.

4. Please investigate a site for a small ships wharf at HUHUNA and work out an estimate of the materials required - as you are aware the Council has this project set down for the 1966/67 financial year and it has an important bearing on the location of the proposed Co-operative Scheme of development in that area.

5. At LAVORA, WAMAWAMAINA and TOPURA would you select a group of 15 men who will later proceed to the Raba Raba Sub-District to study bamboo irrigation systems - please read my memorandum 6-4-1 dated the 5th of May to the A.D.C. Raba Raba for background information on this.

6. Where possible, have the villages from HUHUNA West, work on their bridle tracks so that they are trafficable to motor cycles - small bridges will also have to be replaced or constructed on many of the small creeks.

7. Would you please take with you the list of persons for whom the Copra Marketing Board is holding outstanding adjustment payments and advise the people mentioned of the amounts being held for them and assist them to write to the Board for their payments which can either be paid through this office or direct to the person concerned by cheque - of the two I think the former is the better method.

8. As discussed today, please take with you all the applications for tenure conversion and land disputes which are held on our files. Investigate these again and if necessary prepare new application forms, survey the areas concerned and have the applicants sign the Statutory Declaration necessary. I also wish you to prepare for me a preliminary report on all applications, giving the reasons for the application and details of the disputants.

9. Constables YAWANGO and Jack with Interpreter Timothy are to accompany you. In approximately 7-9 days hence when you are at GARUAI I anticipate that Mr. Young C.P.O. will join you for the duration of the patrol. He is to accompany you for experience in patrolling and in your role of teacher would you please pay particular attention to introducing him to census revision, surveying, court procedure and methods of dealing with disputes. Please explain the reasons for your decisions and actions to him in detail and generally instruct him into the correct attitudes to be adopted as a Patrol Officer dealing with the village people while on patrol.

10. I expect the patrol to last from 3-4 weeks weather permitting which will enable you to make a slow and thorough visit to the 19 villages in the Census Division.

11. The "Tava" is to take you to LAVORA and then return direct to SAMARAI. Would you please ensure that the vessel is back in SAMARAI by evening of the 17th of May 1966.

12. Please see me on any of the above points before you leave.

J. A. Wiltshire
Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

Monday 16th May - Departed Cameron Plateau 1000 by M.V. "Tava" and arrived Garuai 1715 to pick up balance of patrol gear. To Punipuri by 1800 and overnight there.

Tuesday 17th May - Departed Punipuri 0545 and arrived Lavera 0800 and "Tava" returned to Samarai, arranged for census tomorrow and then walked to Cape Frere in afternoon to inspect work done by village people on improving this somewhat precipitous walking track.

Wednesday 18th May - Commenced Census of Lavera 0900 and completed by 1100. Several matters that were brought up for attention were attended to. Departed Lavera 1430 and arrived Topura 1630. Overnight at Topura.

Thursday 19th May - Commenced census of Topura 0900 and completed 1115. Compiled census figures for Lavera and Topura in afternoon. Overnight at Topura.

Friday 20th May - Departed Topura 0830 and arrived Iapoa No. 1 1000. Conducted census of Iapoa No. 1 and settled several disputes. Departed 1230 and arrived back at Topura 1400. Compiled census figures in afternoon and overnight at Topura.

Saturday 21st May - Departed Topura 0815 and arrived Wamawamana 1130 and arranged for census on Monday.

Sunday 22nd May - At Wamawamana Writing Cameron Plateau patrol report No. 10-65/66.

Monday 23rd May - Commenced census of Wamawamana 0900 and completed by 1015. Departed Wamawamana 1030 and arrived Taupota 1200. Went to Garuai in afternoon to pick up mail and returned Taupota 1700. Overnight at Taupota.

Tuesday 24th May - Commenced census of Taupota No. 1 0900 and completed 0930. Commenced census Taupota No. 2 0945 and completed about 1100. Attended to three land registration applications in afternoon and returned to rest house 1630. Overnight at Taupota.

Wednesday 25th May - At Taupota all morning - heard several complaints. Departed Taupota 1215 for Garuai. Commenced census of Garuai 1430 and completed by 1530. Attended to various matters in Council Chambers. Compiled census figures in evening.

Thursday 26th May - Departed Garuai 0830. Censused Awaiana in morning. Heard several complaints and compiled census figures in afternoon. Overnight at Awaiana.

Friday 27th May - Departed Awaiana 0730 and arrived Watunou 1400 via Iapoa No. 2, Polotona and Huhuna. Departed Watunou 1430 by Landrover and arrived Cameron 1530. Overnight at Cameron.

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May - At Cameron Plateau.

Monday 30th May - Departed Cameron 1000 by Landrover and arrived Watunou 1100. Departed Watunou 1100 and arrived Awaiana 1700 via Huhuna, Polotona and Iapoa 2. Overnight at Awaiana.

Tuesday 31st May - Briefed Land Assistant Sariva - Kone on surveying land registration applications at Taupota, but after some mix-up in obtaining carriers at Garuai instructed him to

re-join patrol at Awaiana. Went to Garuai Council Chambers in afternoon to attend to some matters. Overnight at Awaiana.

Wednesday 1st June - Departed Awaiana 0830 and arrived Keia 0945. Census of Keia and other matters then departed 1230 and arrived Iapoa No. 2 at 1400. Compiled Census figures and overnight at Iapoa No. 2.

Thursday 2nd June - Commenced census of Iapoa No. 2 0930 and completed 1100. Went to Gunwara Hamlet in afternoon to settle land boundary dispute caused over ownership of coconuts. Managed to settle matter satisfactorily. Overnight at Iapoa No.2.

Friday 3rd June - Departed Iapoa No. 2 0820 and arrived Polotona 0915. Censused Polotona and finished by 1100. Heard one Local Court case. Departed Polotona 1230 and arrived Huhuna 1310. Censused Huhuna in afternoon. Compiled census figures in evening. Overnight at Huhuna.

Saturday 4th June - Departed Huhuna 0815 and arrived Watunou 1100 and then departed Watunou 1130 by Landrover and arrived Cameron 1230.

Sunday 5th to Sunday 12th June - Other duties from Cameron Plateau.

Monday 13th June - Departed Cameron 1315 by Landrover and arrived Watunou 1410 then waited till 1500 for carriers. Departed Watunou 1505 by foot and arrived Huhuna 1800. Overnight at Huhuna.

Tuesday 14th June - Departed Huhuna 0800 and arrived Garuai 1200. Purchased land known as Hauwa (Council Chambers) and paid agant. Overnight at Pupipuri.

Wednesday 15th June - To Taupeta Anglican Mission to investigate reports of minor thefts from Mission Trade Store. Returned Garuai and then departed there 1300 and arrived Huhuna 1715. Overnight at Huhuna.

Thursday 16th June - Departed Huhuna 0800 and arrived Watunou 1100 - Landrover arrived 1200 and arrived Cameron 1330.

Friday 17th June to Sunday 14th August - Territory wide census and other duties.

Monday 15th August - Departed Cameron 0700 by Landrover and arrived Divinai 0845. Departed Divinai 0900 by M.V. "Yelangili" and arrived East Cape 1100 and Iabama Island 1230. Advised Iabama people I would return on Wednesday and then proceeded to Huakata Island. Overnight at Huakata.

Tuesday 16th August - Commenced census of Huakata and completed by 1200. Heard some minor complaints in afternoon. Compiled census figures in evening.

Wednesday 17th August - Departed Huakata 0730 by Yelangili and arrived Iabama 0815. Census and routine matters at Iabama and then departed 1215 for Sanderson Bay and arrived there 1555.

Thursday 18th to Sunday 21st August - Other duties.

Monday 22nd August - Departed Cameron 1430 by Landrover and arrived Divinai 1600 and arranged for carriers for to-morrow.

Tuesday 23rd August - Departed Divinai 0730 and after changing carriers at Sou and Leleludi arrived Walalala 1100. Afternoon and overnight at Walalala.

Wednesday 24th August - Departed Kalalaia 0900 and arrived Ronana 1130. Arranged for census of East Cape to-morrow morning and Ronana afternoon. Overnight at Ronana.

Thursday 25th August - Departed Ronana 0600 and arrived East Cape 0900 - census revision of East Cape plus other routine matters and returned to Ronana 1245. Censused Ronana in afternoon, compiled census figures in evening and overnight at Ronana.

Friday 26th August - Departed Ronana and arrived Biwa 1045 - census of Biwa and then departed 1230 for Wagahuhu whence I arrived 1500. Compiled census figures in evening.

Saturday 27th August - Commenced census of Wagahuhu 0900 and completed 1030. Heard one case in the Local Court. Compiled census figures in afternoon and evening.

Sunday 28th August - Observed at Wagahuhu.

Monday 29th August - Departed Wagahuhu 0815 and arrived Guga 1030. Census of Guga and other routine matters. Departed Guga 1530 and arrived Mhuna 1730.

Tuesday 30th August - At Mhuna all day compiling census figures and attending to other matters arising from patrol.

Wednesday 31st August - Departed Mhuna 0800 and arrived at Watunou 1030. Drove by Landrover to Cameron Plateau and arrived 1115.

- END OF PATROL -

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Sub-District Office,
CAMERON PLATEAU,
Milne Bay District.

23rd of September, 1966

CAMERON PLATEAU PATROL REPORT NO. 12 1-65-66

Introduction

1. The principal purpose of this patrol was the complete census revision of the North East Coast Census Division (Maramatana Council Area).
2. The patrol was commenced on 16th of May 1966 at Levara, and completed on 31st of August, 1966. Delays were caused by the territory wide census in June and July, and the preparation of the Maramatana Local Government Council annual returns, and first revised estimates.
3. Matters as listed in the patrol instructions, a copy of which is attached, and such routine administration matters as came to the attention of the patrol were attended to.

Native situation

4. The North East Coast Census Division is divided into two separate linguistic groups of roughly equal size, there being the Wedau speaking group in the west, and the Savara speaking group in the east. Wedau is the language spoken throughout most of the adjoining Rabaraba Sub District while Savara has its home in the Savara Census Division, of the Milne Bay Sub-District. The linguistic division between these groups is in the Peletana-Hukana-Guga area, which also roughly coincides with the division between the two spheres of mission influence. That is Anglican in the west and Methodist in the east.
5. There are other basic differences in these groups, their customs, traditional dancing and general way of life, though these are not always evident on the surface in this modern day and age.
6. The main difference between them is that the people from about Taupeta westwards are an inland bush people, while those west of Taupeta, to East Cape and Iabama and Muakata Islands are a coastal people, and good sailors. The people of the more easterly groups belong to the Kula trade circle, though they do not actively participate now, the emphasis being more on the ownership of sailing cutters, and cash cropping. In fact, during the course of this patrol I saw only one outrigger sailing canoe, such as are used on Kula trade expeditions and this was a small canoe at Muakata Island, fast falling into a state of dis-repair.
7. The breakdown of the Kula trade is unfortunate, though it still exists in more remote areas, but is only natural with the increase in economic development and the importance of cash cropping. People cannot afford the time to spend away from their plantations on these sometimes lengthy expeditions.
8. Concerning the western section of the census division, it is interesting to note that during a recent food shortage in the Namawamane-Topura area, many people had to be instructed by Agriculture Officers how to make proper use of fishing tackle supplied by the Administration. Then when left to their own devices the people went back to their

drought stricken gardens, rather than attempt to catch fish, which is foreign to many of them.

9. Though their villages are located on the coast, the people of this section of the Census Division have little affiliation with the sea and spend a great deal of time living in their garden areas, which are some distance from the coast. Prior to the advent of the Administration, there was little habitation to be found along this section of the coast.

10. Reception of the patrol in all villages was good, save for a few exceptions concerning carriers which will be covered in a latter section of this report, under carriers and canoes.

Villages and housing

11. An inspection of housing was not carried out during the course of the patrol, as the Marumataua Council has a Village Sanitation and Hygiene Rule, and a village inspection is carried out by the Council executive committee annually.

12. From what was observed, the general standard of housing on the north east coast is good, and this reflects the effect the annual inspections of the executive committee are having on standards of housing.

13. All villages visited were found to be clean and tidy, and although this could have been because the arrival of the patrol was expected, on past occasions I have arrived in various villages unannounced to find the standard similar.

Village officials

14. The future of Village Constables on the north east coast is at this stage undecided. They have not been paid for over two years, and in some villages where Village Constables have died or migrated out, no new appointments have been made.

15. My 92-1-1 of 13th of July 1966 to the Assistant District Commissioner, Cameron Plateau and his 92-1-1 of 4th of August 1966 to the District Commissioner, Samarai refer to this matter.

16. Law enforcement in council areas is a matter that needs some clarification and should be attended to with as little delay as possible.

Agriculture

17. When the patrol visited the villages of Lavora, Aspara and Wamawumana, conditions were once again dry, though no real food shortage was being experienced, or anticipated, as long as some rain fell within a couple of months. This was towards the end of May, and no reports have since been received from the area concerning rainfall. The current situation will be investigated, on 20th of September at the meeting of the Marumataua Council.

18. The Marumataua Council has established a drought relief fund, and this stood at \$604.49 as at 30th of June 1966, and will be adequate to cover any contingencies without financial assistance from the Administration, if the need arises.

Commerce & Industry

19. Progress towards the establishment of a Co-operative Association on the north east coast is apparently proceeding satisfactorily.

20. General meetings were held during August at East Cape and Garuai by representatives from the Department of Trade and Industry, but these were not attended by myself, or the Council President, but a report on the reaction of the people to these meetings would be available from the Co-operative Officer, Samarai.

21. The Council has allocated \$1400 in its first revised estimate for 1966/67 for two wharves to be constructed in conjunction with the establishment of the Co-operative Association. One obvious site for a wharf is at GAGAI WANA, about half a mile east of the Mukuwa rest house and Methodist Mission. This land is owned by the clan of the Council Vice-President, Douwelo Tarei, but the willingness of the clan to sell has not been determined as yet, even though I have approached them tentatively on the matter.

22. A site for a second wharf has yet to be decided. Further comments on this can be found in Cameron Plateau Patrol Report No. 10-1965/66, and the Maramatana Council advisers Annual Report for 1965/66.

Courts and complaints

23. All matters brought to the attention of the patrol were of a routine nature, and most were arbitrated satisfactorily. The most common cause for dispute on the north east coast is land and coconut ownership.

24. In the Local Court at Polotana on 3rd of June 1966, MABAIARI-LIONEL of Polotana was charged with unlawfully laying hold of EULAH KILMEN-SIOTE of Awaisana and convicted and sentenced to three months in Cameron Plateau Corrective Institution.

25. In the Local Court at Wagahmu on 27th of August 1966, KEKEO-TAUIADO of Wagahmu was charged with unlawfully striking ILEHWA-ISTELE of Biwa and was convicted and fined \$10 with seven days to pay. In default one months imprisonment in Cameron Plateau Corrective Institution. The fine was paid on 28th of August, 1966.

Carriers and canoes

26. No difficulty at all was experienced in obtaining carriers during the course of the patrol except on two occasions.

27. On the 8th of August, 1966, at WATUNOU I requested of the Councillor seventeen carriers to move patrol gear from WATUNOU to HUNUHA - that is, from Milne Bay over the range to the north east coast. The Councillor informed me that the people were "striking" for more pay and would not carry until their demands were met.

28. Reasons given were the difficulty of the carry, the fact that all patrols they carried for were going over to the Maramatana Council area, and they belonged to Milne Bay Council, the frequency of times they were asked to carry, and insufficient pay.

29. A flat rate of \$1 is the minimum they will accept, as against the forty to sixty cents they have been paid in the past, depending on time taken.

30. The second incident occurred at Huhuna on 31st of August 1966, when the 17 carriers requested of the Councillor of Huhuna failed to appear. I subsequently learned that the Huhuna people want \$2 for the walk over the range to WATUNOU instead of the usual forty to sixty cents they, also, are paid.

31. Although some time was spent in both cases talking to the Local Government Councillor, and other people from the villages concerned, no headway was made, and at WATUNOU the patrol had no alternative but to return to Cameron Plateau, and make other arrangements for reaching the north east coast.

32. At Huhuna it was necessary to leave all the patrol gear behind and arrangements were made several days later for the Bubuleta people, of Milne Bay, to walk across and pick up the gear, which was done on 5th of September 1966.

33. The situation at this stage has still not been resolved, but it is intended to address the Karamatana Council at its meeting on 20th of September 1966 and the matter will also be discussed with the Council President, Mr. Vernon Guise on his return from Port Moresby in a week or two.

Roads and bridges

34. It is now possible to travel from Kai Mai Plantation to about one mile the west side of Taupota Anglican Mission by Motor cycle, a distance of about 7 or 8 miles (see map attached).

35. When the patrol visited Garuai, Awaiana, Iapoa 2, Polotona and Huhuna the people were spoken to about bringing their walking tracks up to a standard suitable for a motor-cycle. The people readily agreed to this at the time, but a start has not yet been made, and a reminder will be given in the near future to the villages concerned.

36. The tracks are in quite good condition, and only a few culverts and small bridges would need to be constructed, though the AWAIANA and IAPOA 2 people have stated they are going to cut a completely new road between the two villages.

37. A vehicular road system on the north east coast, with a road link to Milne Bay via Huhuna and Watunou is essential to further worthwhile development of the area, and the bringing of roads up to motor cycle standard could prove to be a forerunner to this (refer to Karamatana Council Advisers Annual Report for 1965/66).

Census

38. The Village Population Register is attached to this report as Appendix "A".

The total population of the north east coast is 4176, showing an increase of 77 on the 1965 total of 4099, or a natural increase of 1.9 percent, which is 3.8 percent up on the 1963 figures.

39. Attendance at census was very good and there were no refusals to attend.

40. Some confusion existed in the five villages of Iapoa 2, Polotona, Huhuna, Guga and Biwa, as they were included in the territory wide census in June and July, as well as the annual census revision from May to August. This means that these villages were censused twice within one month, which they found a little hard to understand. An explanation was given to these people, on the difference between the two types of census.

Personnel

41. The patrol was accompanied by Constables KVOVO 7871 and YEWANGO 10388 of the Cameron Plateau R.P. & N.G.C. detachment. Both constables were of good conduct throughout the patrol, and carried out their duties satisfactorily.

42. Details of the patrol have been entered in their respective records of service, and an extract forwarded to the Regional Headquarters, Papua Region.

Conclusion

43. The north east coast Census Division has been patrolled regularly over the past 12 months, and the Council Adviser spent some time based at the Council Headquarters at Garuai over March and April of this year (see Cameron Plateau Patrol Report No. 10-65/66).

44. Whether this increased attention by the Administration has proved of any real benefit to the area to date is doubtful, and the Administrative return for the increased patrolling is felt by myself to be very little.

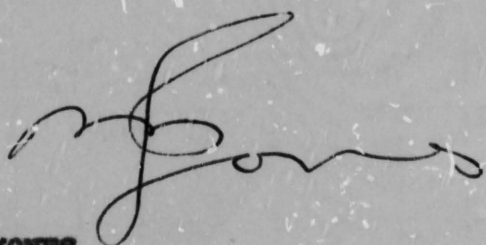
45. Two examples of my reasons for stating this have already been given. One in Patrol Report No. 10-65/66, and one in this report under the heading of carriers and canoes.

46. To reiterate - in Cameron Plateau Patrol Report No. 10-65/66 under the heading of "Native situation" it was reported that the Council President, Mr. Vernon Guise, said that he hoped it was not intended to establish a patrol post on the north east coast, as he was "opposed to this", on grounds which were stated in the report.

47. And then, in this report, under the heading of Carriers and canoes two instances were given of village groups refusing to carry patrol gear, though only one group, Huhuna was of the north east coast.

48. How far this attitude of "resistance" has spread is not known, and it is a fact that some people have expressed to me appreciation of the increased patrolling of the area.

49. It is not, then, recommended that any change be made in the present policy of increased patrolling of the north east coast, but rather that further attempts be made to prove to the people of the area that this increased attention by Administration Officers will, in the end, prove of direct benefit to them.



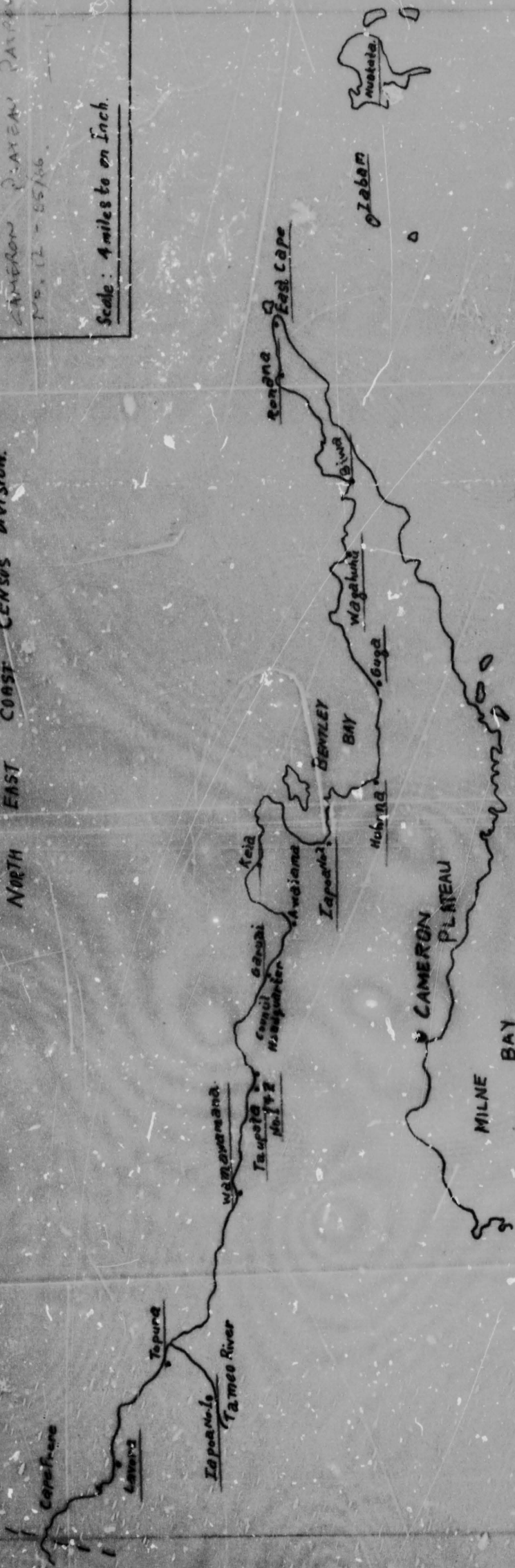
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(PATROL OFFICER)

NORTH EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

CAMERON PLATEAU PARCEL
No. 12 - 55/66.

Scale: 4 miles to an Inch.



VILLAGES VISITED BY PATROL MARKED