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1 - 58/59 (Special)	K.C.Atkinson (D.C.)	Carterets, Mortlecks & Tasmans
BUKA PASSAGE N.L.G.U.		
1 - 58/59 (Memo)	B.A.McCabe	Teop Tinputz Council Area
2 - 58/39 (Memo)	B.A.McCabe	Teop - Tinputz Council Area
3 - 58/59 (Memo)	E.A.McCabe	Teop - Tinputz Council Area
4 - 58/59	B.A.McCabe	North Buka
BUKA PASSAGE		
1 - 58/59 (Memo)	C.W.Kimmorley	Part of Buka Division - West Coast and Solus
SOHANO		
2 - 58/59	A.C.Robson	Small Buka Census Division
BUKA PASSAGE		
3 ~ 58/59 (Memo)	C.W.Kimmorley	Part Buka
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7 - 57/58 (Memo)	B.A.McCabe	Propeded Area of Teop - Tinputz /Council
8 - 58/59	B.A.McCabe	Teop Tinputz Council Area
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9 - 58/59	W.D.Allem	Carterets, Mortlocks, Tasmans
BUKA PASSAGE		
9 - 58/59	B.A.McCabe	Tsikort Council Centre, Raua and Baniu
10 - 58/59	C.W.Kimmorley	Part Kunua and Hahaon
11 - 58/59	C.G.Sanderson	Part of Teop Census Division
13 - 58/59	B.A.McCabe	Buka Island - Solus Area only
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In Reply Please Quote

No. 31/1/4 - 67

Bougainville District, Headquarters, Sohano

27th August, 1958.

The Director of Native Afrairs, PORT MORESBY

SPECIAL REPORT - BOU 1 - 58/59 BY K.C. ATKINSON, D.O.

DIARY:

Thursday 17th July:

Departed Sohano per 'Nivani' 0730 after an unsuccessful attempt to contact Rabaul Radio. At 0830 received an urgent medical call from Post and Telegraphs, Sohano advising of an accident case at INUS. Proceeded direct to INUS arriving 1300. Picked up two patients (European) and proceeded TEOP. Landed patients at the Mission and then proceeded TEOP Co-operative Centre, arriving 1630. At the invitation of Mr. McCabe A/ADO (L/G) opened the first meeting of the Teop-Tinputz Council, presented Councillors with their badges and shirts presented by the Bougainville Native Societies Association. Meeting adjourned 1745. Advice received from Sister Leo that, owing to the fact that she had no assistant, she was unable to cope with the two European patients who rejoined the ship. Mr. McCabe ashore to continue his work. Departed 1800 arriving Sohano 2310. Patients to Hospital. Departed Sohano 2355 for Cartarets.

Friday 18th July:

Arrived Cartarets 0900 and Kukurai reported. Ashore for inspection of village and arranged for the people to assemble next day.

Saturday 19th July:

Heavy wind and rain squalls from NW and SW. Ship dragged anchor so moved further out into deeper water. Rain continued all morning, but eased in afternoon. Meeting of the men in the afternoon, between showers, when I spoke of Taxation: possible migration to Buka: Agriculture and Education (see seperate memos). Left at 1600 and anchored at passage until 1545 when set out for Mortlock Islands. Rain had ceased by then, but at 2230 strong winds sprung up from S.W. making conditions unpleasant.

Sunday 20th July:

Wind changed to N.W. in the early hours. First Mortlock Island sighted 0630. Anchored at village at 0830. Kukurai, PEO aboard. Wind and rain all day. Ashore in afternoon. Some young men approached me about being employed as Boats Crew and a signal was later despatched to you. Wind from S.E. in afternoon - very strong - and blew mosquitoes onto ships.

Monday 21st July:

Ashore after radio contact with Sohano and had long talk with all the people. Spoke about Tax: possible migration: Agriculture: Medical: Education: .Economical expansion and employment. (see separate memos). Inspected gardens in afternoon. Strong gusty S.E. winds all day.

Tuesday 22nd July:

S.E. Winds continued, accompanied by rain. Considered weather too bad. Day spent on writing reports. Approval received authorising the employment of 5 Mortlock Islanders as Boatscrews at Sohano. Weather improved in late afternoon.

Wednesday 23rd July:

Departed 0830 for Tasmans. Fair weather with S.E. winds, slight sea and S.E. swell.

Thursday 24th July:

As land not sighted by 0630, Master commenced searching. At my suggestion he again headed East at 0900. Twenty minutes later Tasmans sighted. Anchored 1230. Ashore in afternoon and had a meeting of people where the usual subjects were discussed. One man with a possible hernia resquested a passage and this was granted (hernia since confirmed). Two complaints received (see memo).

Friday 25th July:

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Ashore to complete work and then back to the ship.
Under way 1015 and through passage 1130. Sea calm and
travelling most pleasant. Consider Master's course was too
far south.

Saturday 26th July:

Mortlocks sighted 0530 some 20 miles to the N. Changed course. Anchored 0830. Ashore for final talk with the people. Picked up five volunteers for work. I inspected proposed site for school. Site about 200 yards from village (see memo). Left Mortlocks at 1600 for Cartarets.

Sunday 27th July:

At 0530 Carterets sighted on starboard quarter—we had overshot them. Strong southerly sprung up during the night making conditions uncomfortable, but these deteriorated even further when rain squalls came. Anchored 0730 at R.A.P. and then crossed to main island arriving 0830. Remained for the day. Left at 1700 for Feads. Weather fair,

Monday 28th July:

Strong N.E. squalls commenced at 0200 bringing of the visibility down to a few yards. At 0400 slowed down. 0600 Sable Is. sighted to the E. Course changed. Anchored at Homestead Is. 0930. Day spent at Homestead on various discussions with the Manager, Mr. G. Cleveland.

Tuesday 29th July:

Proceeded to village for inspection and talk, returning late afternoon. At 2030 attempted to raise anchor but it had caught an old chain that had been used on a bugy

Thanks to the assistance given by Mr. Cleveland and his Fead Island employees, manager to clear chain and depart at 2300. Fair weather.

Wednesday 30th July:

Strong S.E. wind sprung up in early hours.
Arrived PINIPEL 0800 and anchored. Mission vessel 'St.
Joseph' anchored near plantation. Later the 'Kilinailau' entered and anchored. Ashore to talk to the people and investigate native rights over land. Departed 1300 and anchored NISSAN at 1530. Arranged to see the people next day.

Thursday 31st July:

Travelling per jeep, visited all villages on the main island and also inspected the aerodrome. Returned to ship 1745 which then proceeded to entrance to anchor. The day had been squally with some strong S.E. gusts so it was expected to be rough when we set out for Sohano at 1200 hours.

Friday 1st August:

Inside reef at 0730 and arrived Sohano 1000 where Mr. Kimmorley reported.

Claim for travelling allowance attached.

(K.C. Atkinson) DISTRICT OFFICER

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Bougainville District, Headquarters, SOHANO

2nd September, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer, SOHANO

NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PATROL NO. 1 - 58/59 BY MR. B. A. MCCABE Q/ADO (L/G)

The above report and your comments are acknowledged with thanks, and copies will be forwarded to the Director.

Noted. ELECTIONS:

LAND TENURE: This problem is one which will occupy a long time but I feel it is one which must be tackled now - before much more planting of cash crops takes place. This subject has been referred to members of the District Advisory Council but to date, only two have commented. It should be discussed at the meeting next month.

ROAD: Mr. Cooper's report is most interesting tut I should point out that he is a Road Supervisor not a Civil Engineer. I hope to have the opinion of an Engineer in the not-too-distant fulare. In the meantime, Mr. Cooper's report can be used as a guide in our work.

As regards the Suspension Bridges, I shall request the Director of Public Works to supply the information you requested.

Claim for Camping allowance has been approved.

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(K.C. Atkinson)
DISTRICT GOMMISSIONER

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of
Patrol Conducted by Mr.A.C.ROBSON, C.P.O.
Area Patrolled SMALL BUKA CENSUS DIVISION.
Patrol Accompanied by EuropeansMr. D. J. DUGGAN CRP. O.
Natives.Mr. SIMON KIHA & 3 POLICE.
Duration—From. 2/7/19.58to 20/.819.58.
Number of Days
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?NQ
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jun/19.57.
Medical Feb.//19.57.
Map Reference
Objects of Patrol (1). Census Revision, (2). Collection of Personal Tax,
(3). Routine Administration, (4). Recruitment & Absenteeism, (4).C.S.
DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.
Forwarded, please.
and Minter
9 10/19 58 District Commissioner
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4th December, 1958.

The District Officer, Bougainville District, . SOHAVO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1958-1959 99HAMQ.

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

I do not propose to comment further on the matter of tax collection in the area at this juncture

The census figures in Small Buka division make interesting reading and the natural increase in population of 353 is considered most satisfactory.

The matter of traders and the plees they pay for copra should be closely watched. The traders have, in fact, told the truth (Page 8 pare 1) when they say that the price is set by the Government; wever, this is bly a hard truth and should be explained to the native people.

I feel that the matter a council on Small Buka should be left until the arrival of Mr. Mormoyle who has had emperience in the establishment of councils.

No doubt your action in involing the peral sanctions (Section 16, Taxes Ordinance) will let the people see that we are indeed serious in regard to the payment of tax.

(A.A. Roberts)



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Bougainville District, Headquarters, SOHANO.

8th October, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer, SOYANO.

PATROL REPORT SOH. 2-58/59 BY MR. A.C. ROBSON. C.P.O.

The above Report is acknowledged with thanks, and read with interest. Once again I feel that Mr. Robson has done excellent work.

Personal Tax:

The villages of Lonahan, Sing, Suhin and Telatu still remain outstanding in non-payment of Tax. As you know both Mr. Allen and I have oken to the hatmen, and had a short discussion with the people of Malasang. Further I have arranged to attend a Meeting at Malasang which will be attended by any village which so desires. Several reasons for non-payment were given such as afraid of Councils, they thought that if they had Councils to whom they would pay tax the idenistration would impose an additional tax, and several other reasons all of which no doubt have some truth, but I am inclined to think that the main reason goes further. Mr. Allen in his letter to me on the native situation in Buka points to the collapse of the Co-operatives, the possible if lure of the Administration to assist these people and other reasons. I agree that the failure of the Co-operatives may be a contributing factor, but I cannot agree with the remarks about assistance because some years ago a road overseer and a gang of labour were employed full time on the Buka road. What is more the area on which they concentrated with the area around Malasang, Lonahan etc.

I have read in the "South Pacific Post"

that evidence was given at the enquiry into the Navuneram Incident that the people did not want Councils because the older men were afraid of lising power. This I have no doubt is another contributing factor and perhaps the main one against Councils. However it has been suggested that another possible reason is that the younger men do not want to work and they know that should they have Councils they may have to work harder than they do prow. This I cannot accept in its entirety although I have no doubt there are some to whom it could be applied. By reasons for saying this is that the Malasangs who are employed at Madahas have all stated that they are quite willing to pay but are awaiting advice from their village.

I realise what I we said is rather negative, but I maintain that the reason for non-payment has yet to be declared. If whether the

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forthcoming Meeting will reveal anything or not remains to be seen.

I am still awaiting advice from Moresby on the action to be taken with defaulters.

The dissatisfaction mentioned on Page 8 is one which I have no doubt is emplained by Mr. Robson. For years now these people have relied on the Chinese Traders for their marketing, and feel they have been dealt with unjustly. The fact that the Co-operative Society is purchasing a tractor will be watched with great interest by the villages on the East coast. The competition which this will bring will no doubt ensure that the Chinese Traders also improve their trading methods. methods.

The "cargo" ideas as expressed are not new and I have no doubt exist throughout the Territory. They should however be watched carefully.

Recruiting and Absenteeism: Information supplied answers the Director's queries.

It is noted that there are no comments on Health, Agriculture so no on-forwarding is required.

Claim for Camping Allowance has been approved, and Mr. Robson's claim for boot allowance has been forwarded. I note however that there is no claim from Mr. Simon Kiha.

(K.C.Atkinson.) DISTRICT OFFICER.

Territory Of Papua and New Guinea.

Sub-District Office, Buka Passage, SOHANO.

2nd. September, 1958.

District Commissioner, Bougainville District, SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT NO. SOH. 2 58/59.

REPORT OF A PATROL OF

BUKA CENSUS DIVISION (PART ONLY).

Officer Conducting Patrol:-

Mr. A. C. Robson, C. P. O.

Area Patrolled:

Buka Census Division, (pert only).

Objects of Patrol:

1. Census Revision.

2. Collection of Personal Tax.

3. Routine Administration.

4. Recruitment and Absenteeism.

5. C.S.B.

Duration of Patrol:

2nd. July, 1958 to 20th. August, 1958.

Personnel Accompanying:

Mr. D. J. Duggan, C. P. O. Mr. Simon Kiha.

Reg. No. 9226 Const. YOLAM.
10,012 Con. ADUANG.
10,027 Con. MUNANG.

INTRODUCTION.

This Patrol completed the initial Tax-Census work of the Buka Census Division started in April, (see Report SOH 6. 57/58). The collection of tax once more met with varied results, much time being spent discussing the meaning of taxation and its implications, in each village.

The opposition met at MALASANG earlier in the year was nowhere equalled this time, although those villages nearby are obviously greatly influenced in their refusal to pay tax. However the refusal to pay tax from the villages on the further N/E coast of Buka is due to a confusion of ideas, and fear of subjection to a Council. These villages were partial to discussion whereas those villages (LONAHAN, SING, SUHIN, and TELAMII), close to MALASANG were content with a blank refusal.

DIARY.

- JULY 2nd. Moved to LONAHAN by truck. Establishment and organisation of Patrol equipment.
 - 3rd. Began lining LONAHAN for tax-census. Slept LONAHAN.
 - 4th. Finished the tax-census of LONAHAN in the morning. Tax discussion. Inspection of hamlets and gardens in the afternoon. C.S.B.. Slept LONAHAN.
 - 5th. Walk to SING, inspection of hamlets and village. Return to LONAHAN. Slept LONAHAN.
 - 6th. Sunday at LONAHAN.
 - 7th. Census of SING. Tax discussion after refusal to pay. C.S.B.. Slept LONAHAN.
 - 8th. Walk to TELATU census and inspection. Discussion of taxation. C.S.B.. Walk to KOHINO. Slept KOHINO.
 - 19th. Tax-Census of KOHINO in the morning. Meeting of the head men of the SOLUSin the afternoon. Simon Kiha returned to Sohano on request of the D.C.. Slept KOHINO.
 - 10th. Tax-Census of NOPAN. Afterwaeds a discussion of taxation and copra production. C.S.B.. Slept KOHINO.
 - 11th. Walk to SAPANI village for inspection. Visited gardens, talk on proposed agricultural potential. Slept MCHINO. (Simon Kiha returned).
 - 12th. Book work and C.S.B. KOHINO. Slept KOHINO.
 - 13th. Sunday at KOHINO.
 - 14th. Walked to BEIKUT lined for tax-census, C.S.B.. On to BARAKUA for tax-census. Walked to GAGAN. Slept GAGAN.
 - 15th. Lined HAPAN for tax-census, C.S.B.. Slept GAGAN.
 - 16th. Lined KOHISO for tax-census, C.S.B.. Slept GAGAN.
 - 17th. Lined GAGAN for tax-census C.S.B.. Slept GAGAN.

JULY 18th. Walked from GAGAN to GOGOHEI. Inspection of GOGOHEI and hamlets. Slept GOGOHEI.

19th. Walked to SUHIN, began census. Slept GOGOHEI.

20th. Sunday at GOGOHEI.

21st. Completion of census at SUHIN. C.S.B.. Discussion of taxation. In afternoon, began lining GOGOHEI for census.
Slept GOGOHEI.

22nd. Completed census of GOGOHEI. Tax discussion. C.S.B.. Slept GOGOHEI.

23rd. Lined TAHAITAHAI for census. Tax discussion. Slept GOGOHEI.

24th. Walked from GOGCHEI to HAHALIS. Began lining HAHALIS for census. Walked to HANAHAN. Slept HANAHAN.

25th. Rain all horning. Returned to HAHALIS in afternoon finishing census. Tax discussion. Return to HANAHAN. Slept HANAHAN.

26th. Lined HANAHAN for census. Over to KAPIALI in the afternoon. Slept KAPIALI.

27th. Sunday at KAPIALI. Returned to HANAHAN.

28th. Meeting of the tax defaulters of HANAHAN. Lined IELELINA for census. C.S.B.. Rain all day. Slept HANAHAN.

29th. Inspection of HANAHAN, IELELINA, HAGUS and KETSKETS. Lined HAGUS for census. C.S.B..Rain all day. Slept KETSKETS.

3Cth. Lined KETSKETS for tax-census. Collection of tax from HAGUS defaulters. Walk to KOTOPAN. Slept KOTOPAN.

TOHATSI inspection of hamlets and village.
Slept KOTOPAN.

AUGUST 1st. Lined TOHATSI for census. Returned to HANAHAN for meeting of tax defaulters of HAHALIS, HANAHAN and IELELINA villages. Returned to KOTOPAN. Slept KOTOPAN.

2nd. Walked from KOTOPAN to HANPAN. Inspection of ILTOPAN village en route. Mr. Duggan C.P.O. joined the Patrol. Slept HANPAN.

- AUGUST 3rd. Sunday at HANPAN.
 - 4th. Census of ILTOPAN. Inspection of HANPAN.
 - 5th. Lined HANPAN for census. Tax discussion. Slept HANPAN.
 - 6th. Walked to TANDEKI. Census and inspection. Discussion of tax with Village Officials. On to LEMANMANU.
 - 7th. Bagan census of LEMANMANU. Rain all day. Slept LEMANMANU.
 - 8th. Finished the census of LEMANMANU. Slept LEMANMANU.
 - 9th. Meeting of TANDEKI and LEMANMANU to discuss taxation. Collection of some tax. Slept LEMANMANU.
 - 10th. Sunday at LEMANMANU.
 - 11th. Native affairs and book work at LEMANMANU in morning. Walked to LEMANKOA, inspection. Slept LEMANKOA.
 - 12th. Began lining LEMANKOA for tax-census. Slept LEMANKOA.
 - 13th. Finished the tax-census of LEMANKOA. Slept LEMANKOA.
 - 14th. Meeting at LEMANKOA for tax discussion. Book work. Slept LEMANKOA.
 - 15th. Walk to LONTIS, inspection of village and hamlets.
 Tax discussion with Village Officials. C.S.B.
 Slept LCNTIS.
 - 16th. Began lining LONTIS for tax-census. Slept LONTIS.
 - 17th. Sunday at KESSA. Returned to LONTIS.
 - 18th. Continued tax-census LONTIS. Rain all day. Slept LONTIS.
 - 19th. Finished tax-census of LONTIS. Slept LONTIS.
 - 20th. Returned to SOHANO per M.V. Hazel from KESSA. Called in at PORORAN, BEI, and JAME PLANTATION. Slept SOHANO.

CENSUS:

This Patrol saw the completion of the census of the SMALL BUKA DIVISION, begun earlier in the year (see SOH 6/57-58). Since the last completed census in October and November of 1956 there has been an increase of 371, from 9085 to 9456. The number of births recorded was 557. Deaths were heaviest in the 1-4 age group, 85 being recorded in all. The overall number of deaths was 204, leaving a natural increase of 353.

Total last census Total migrations in.	9085
Natural increase	9252 557
Deaths	9829
Total migrations out	9625 171
New names recorded	9454
Total population 1958	9456



The two new names recorded were children of a retired Administration Servant. Both were born in New Ireland and have now been recorded in the village book.

The village books were written up in the normal fashion, several new ones being compiled. The new Tax-Census sheets were completed, the work being greatly hampered by rain over the last five weeks of the Patrol.

PERSONAL TAX:

The villages visited on this Patrol can be discussed under three different groups. Those villages (LONAHAN, SING, SUHIN and TELATU) who refused to pay tax offering no explanation for their action, and refusing to partake in discussion. The SOLUS villages who paid tax and entered into discussion on taxation Those villages along the coast from GOGOHEI to LONTIS where some tax was collected, and there was much discussion regarding taxation. In this last group the only village where all the tax was collected was KETSKETS, even so after much argument and discussion. Althougher £362 was collected the number of exemptions being granted was very high, especially in the larger villages (LEMANMANU, LEMANKOA and LONTIS) where average family size is nearly four.

At LONAHAN, SING and SUHIN the explanation given was that they had no money. Only two people from both LONAHAN and SING have paid their tax. These people are employed at Chinatown, Buka Pass e. Anton Kiarei of LONAHAN has paid his took, even though he is believed to be the ring leader behind the movement not to pay tax. When the people of LONAHAN, SING and SUHIN heard that Kiarei had paid his tax there were some looks of bewilderment.

At LONAHAN the younger men are under pressure from the older men in the village, the latter all of whom have been exempted. This was verified recently after the A.D.O. Mr. Kimmorley had talked to the elders of LONAHAN at SOHANO, explaining fully the principles of taxation and implications of non-payment. This information was not passed on to the younger men in the village, whom it concerned. Whilst I was at LONAHAN as at all other villages, taxation was fully explained, and the consequences that may arise through refusal to pay up were explained.

Many of the eligible males of TELATU village have already paid their tax, whilst working at KAROOLA PLANTATION. Nine men refused to pay up at the time of the census. These people are under influence from the larger villages on the coast nearby, LONAHAN and MALASANG,

I think that the people of these four villages will pay their tax in the future, when pressure is brought to bear on other villages closer to SOHANO. Whereas the people of MALASANG openly objected to the presence of a taxation patrol in their village, these people were content to base their hopes on the refusal of large numbers to pay tax, evidently hoping that taxation as far as they are concerned will be waived.

The other villages in the SOLUS, KOHINO, NOPAN, BEIKUT, BARAKUA, GAGAN, KOHISO and HAPAN paid their tax after first hearing an explanation of taxation, and discussing its workings. They appeared quite pleased to help the Government, but expect more assistance in return.

At GOGOHEI, TAHAITAHAI, HAHALIS and HANAHAN the refusal to pay tax is linked with the formation of a Council. This is because these people look upon a Council as a Government Monopoly. They strongly believed that if and when they paid this tax, a Council was to be declared on BUKA. They look upon the Council as a concern that will rob them of their livelihood; taking over their coconuts, cocoa, gardens, pigs and poultry, and forcing them to work for the Council; the Council keeping all the income and profit. Modified versions of this idea were brought up at each village along the north/east and north coast, during a discussion of taxation.

Another reason for fear of a Council was expressed at LEMANKOA. The belief that after the Council was forced upon BUKA, they would have to pay £5 as in RABAUL. Also that a tax would be levied on the womenfolk; pigs, dogs etc..

At each of the villages in this group some of the men came forward and paid their tax. Many of them came to the rest house at night, so that nobody else would see them. They expressed fear that there would be trouble for anyone who paid tax in the village. I later heard this said of GOGCHEI, although many people secretly paid up. Whereas the fear of a Council was generally expressed, the main reason for failure to pay tax is due to laziness (as they have had ample warning), and the hope that there is safety in numbers in refusing. The only village likely to test the Government intentions, regarding refusal to pay, is MALASANG, The other villages will soon fall into line if an example is made.

COURTS:

Numerous small matters were brought forward concerning debts, bride prices, and minor infringements mainly regarding pigs. These were dealt with in the course of the Patrol. Nothing of a serious nature was raised, most matters being settled by discussion in the village concerned.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

General conditions found in the villages regarding housing, sanitation, health and food production appear to be most satisfactory. Those villages along the coast, actually built on the beach, are in very good condition. Along the north coast some of the housing has deteriorated due to incessant rain and wind over the past few months.

Those villages TAHAITAHAI, HAHALIS, ILTOPAN, KOTOPAN, HAGUS and HANPAN situated on the cliff top are not nearly as good as those on the beach front. TAHAITAHAI was exceptionally poor, the housing greatly deteriorated, and the village area a quagmire. These people are not fortunate as others along the coast, in that the beach front is not suitable for habitation.

The villages in the SOLUS were average, not up to the standard of those along the coast. By far the poorest village was BARAKUA. The Luluai stated that he has plans to shift the village to a new site, the only trouble being that 14 of the 21 males in the 16-45 age group are employed on nearby stations, most of the others seeking casual employment during the year. Life on a station is much more attractive to that in this backward village, compared to others in the SOLUS.

NATIVE SITUATION:

The most concerning matter at the moment is taxation. Although the people had been adequately warned, the great majority failed to pay tax, many of them refusing. In turn nothing was done to enforce the law. Every one of the tax defaulters has been warned that there will be trouble if they do not soon pay their tax. Unless something is done about those who openly refuse payment of tax, then the attitude of the natives towards the Government will deteriorate to say the least.

The fact that the people of IETA and MANOB have now paid up shows a changing of ideas. Recent events in RABAUL can only influence the BUKAS to take one course.

The people of the SOLUS and at GOGONEI showed dissatisfaction at the economic arrangement existing at the moment. The SOLUS people have paid their tax, and they now want Government assistance in their economic matters. Dissatisfaction was voiced against the Traders, the way their copra is handled, and the prices they receive. I pointed out that a lot of the copra produced has to be re-processed on arrival at BUKA PASSAGE, however prices varied (as seen on credit sales), from as much as 2-3½d. and even 4d.1b.. The people said that they did not know what price the Traders gave them for their copra. When they had asked individual Traders the Traders had replied that the price was levied by the Government. It was requested that the price of copra be fixed to eliminate these fluctuating amounts received.

Noting the Assistant District Officer's remarks in his letter 14/8-126 regarding "cargo" ideas on Euka, some interesting facts arose. It was expressed at many villages, that if the tax is paid, what is the Government going to give to the people in return9 (besides all the services they are receiving, but evidently not recognising). In many instances it was desired that something concrete should be given in return; ("wonem samting ken kamap long han bilong mi.").

Another matter raised also tics in with these ideas. At LEMANMANU I was asked why the native people do not now eat their meals with knives and forks as Europeans do, when so much talk has been made of the two as brothers. I attempted to explain that such traits are acquired only after there has been a general rise in the standard of livivg, not in a matter of 10-15 years.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Much discussion ocurred regarding the formation of a Council on BUKA. I have already mentioned how the idea of a Council has been confused, and tied in with the refusal to pay tax. The SOLUS people are interested in a Council, however they said that they have not enough business iniative, and would rather see the outcome of the Teop-Tinputz Council first.

Even though it has been explained to them, the BUKA people do not understand the formation and workings of a Council. Their fear is based on talk that has spread over from RABAUL, being confused, and in turn becoming more muddled. HANAHAN seems to be the focal point for these confused ideas. At many villages along the road it was said that there had been more talk there, regarding taxation and a Council than anywhere else.

EDUCATION & MISSIONS:

The Roman Catholic Mission has headquarters at three stations, HANAHAN, CAGAN and LEMANMANU. These stations are school centres, however there are schools in every village catering for the younger children. At each village

when the census was taken large numbers of children were absent at schools close by, returning to their village in the afternoon. These were not marked as absent from the village at Mission schools.

The Methodist Mission has a village boarding school at HAMAHAU with 60 pupils up to and including standard 3. They have numerous other schools for younger children in the villages slong the coast.

VILLAGES & OFFICIALS:

LONAHAN.

Beach village.

LULUAI - MASU.

TULTUL - BINOL,

Village very neat and tidy. Housing in good condition. Rest house quite good.

SING.

Beach village.

LULUAI - TSPERI.

TULTUL - HA-I.

TULTUL - MATSUAN.

Housing in mainhamlet somewhat cramped. Hamlets POPOSOK and SUNI excellent.

TELATU.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - BURATS.

Only a small village with many absent working locally. Village quite fair.

KOHINO.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - KARUA. N.M.A. - PAGUS.

An excellent village with a very capable leader. Built in a hollow square, with new houses and a well grassed perimeter.

NOPAN.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - TANIA.

Village in poor condition due to absentees. Many of the people have been employed on nearby stations for years. Housing dilapidated, area untidy.

BEIKUT.

SOLUS village.

PARAMOUNT LULUAI - NABOIN.

LULUAI - GANA.

Very untidy in appearance. Housing only fair. Area swampy due to constant rain, giving unhealthy impression.

BARAKUA.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - BESUIN.

too old.

TULTUL - PANIA.

Village in shocking state due to absentees. Housing very poor, and the area appears most unhealthy. The Luluai has plans to shift the village to a new site.

CAGAN.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - KENU.

TULTUL - BUK.

TULTUL - DANGAT.

N.M.O. - HIGAI.

very poor.

A well set out village. Housing in good repair. Area clean. Complaints received about NMO HIGAI from four villages in his jurisdiction, failure to visit sick people in KOHISO, HAPAN, BARAKUA & BEIKUT. Rest house most comfortable.

KOHISO.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - KURUHAN.) both resigned.

TULTUL - PAS.

LULUAI - AMAN.) to be confirmed.

TULTUL - KAMITS.

Quite a good village. Area clean and tidy. Housing in reasonable state of repair. Large new plantings of cocoa seen.

HAPAN.

SOLUS village.

LULUAI - MARATA. TULTUL - PITA.

Little effort to clean village for inspection. Housing only fair. Perimeter effected by constant rain. These people are very economically minded, large new plantings of cocoa seen.

SUHIN.

Beach village.

LULVAI - HAREPA.

TULTUL - RINGIN.

Three hamlets very neat and tidy. Housing very good. Rest house in good order. Very dangerous descent.

GOGOHEI.

Beach village.

LULUAI - TAGERA.

TULTUL - MAGARA.

TULTUL _ SAUKU.

N.M.O. - IOKIM.

Housing quite good. Some kitchens demolished during visit, warning given regarding others. Excellent rest house.

TAHAITAHAI.

Cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - MATAVUS.

TULTUL - TORUSI.

TULTUL - BUTO.

dousing generally poor, village areas greatly effected by rain. Not a healthy looking place. Rest house in good condition.

HAHALIS.

Cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - KORUATS.

TULTUL - SAUA.

TULTUL - BITA.

An improvement on TAHAITAHAI, however still not up to standard. Once more village sites greatly effected by rain. Rest house poor.

HANAHAN.

Beach village.

PARAMOUNT LULUAI - SAHARIA.

TULTUL- PORLU.

TULTUL- KOLUL.

Housing affected by weather. Village area quite clean and tidy. Rest house excellent.

IELELINA.

Beach village.

LULUAI - HILOKO.

TULTUL - MARATA.

Quite a good village. Housing satisfactory,

area clean.

HAGUS.

Beach village, cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - MONGO.

TULTUL - MATEO.

HOUSING SATISFACTORY, village tidy. Rest house

poor.

KETSKETS.

Beach village, cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - KINA.) to be confirmed.

TULTUL - KENEHE.

N.M.O. - NIK.

Village in good condition. Perilors descent to village in wet weather. Aid post to be completed. Rest house only fair.

KOTOPAN.

Beach village, cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - MARESE too old.

TULTUL - KUKUT.

very good.

Village in very good condition. Housing satisfactory. Difficult descent. Rest house poor.

TOHATSI.

Cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - SILA.

TULTUL - GIMA.

Much better than other villages on the cliff. However village perimeters turned into mud in wet weather.

ILTOPAN.

Cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - SAWA.

TULTUL - KORAN.

N.M.O. - MATUNO.

New site in quite good order. Most houses only recently constructed. Warned to construct a banis for pigs.

HANPAN.

Cliff hamlets.

LULUAI - HANGAN.

TULTUL _ KORAN.

Village satisfactory. Housing good. Rest house

poor.

TANDEKI.

Cliff and beach hamlets.

LULUAI - MAITA.

TULTUL - SUABIN.

Housing quite good on beach. Cliff hamlet poor. Rest house comfortable.

LEMANMANU.

Beach village.

PARAMOUNT LULUAI - TATO

deceased.

LULUAI - MALUAN.

TULTUL - LIKAPIN.

TULTUL - LAKUM.

TULTUL - ATAHA resigned.

N.M.O. - PAULO.

Village most satisfactory. Housing quite good subject to weather. New rest house very comfortable.

LEMANKOA. Beach village.

LULUAI - BALAI.

LULUAI - HUROT.

TULTUL - SAWA.

TULTUL - SEMAKI.

TULTUL - KIKIMUS. SMTT - GALIUM. A.P.O. - PEIPI

Village clean and tidy. Housing satisfactory. Rest house good.

LONTIS:

Beach village.

LULUAI - SOMBAT.

TULTUL - HAPUTO.

TULTUL - KISIN. (subject to confirmation).

A. P.O. - SAHIN.

Village satisfactory. Housing fair. Village clean and tidy. Rest house excellent.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

Conditions were at their worst during this Patrol. Rain fell every day for the last five weeks, and nearly every other day. The two "horror" stretches from HANGAN to MALASANG, and SING to GOGOHEI, should be closed to all traffic. During the Patrol the roads were used constantly by Chinatown merchants carrying copra. One truck was detained at the height of the bad weather, till some of the water managed to seep away. The road from HANAHAN to KESSA is in quite good condition, but will not remain so if three ton trucks are allowed to use it in the bad weather. It is surprising that the trucks even get as far as HANAHAN.

From LONAHAN to GAGAN the road is quite reasonable due to little use, however there are a few swampy patches near KOHINO. From GAGAN to GOGOHEI the road is very good. The three bridges crossed on this road were not in a good state of repair. The village officials concerned said that they were about to effect repairs, and in one case renewal.

RECRUITING & ABSENTEEISM:

With regard to a letter from the District Commissioner, No. 37/2/4-763, certain observations were noted. Of those working inside the District, by far the most are working on the Plantations on the west coast of BUKA; KESSA, KAROOLA, KAPIALI, DEWAU, BEI, JAME and TULAEN. A number are employed at SOHANO and CHINATOWN, others being employed by businessmen at TOHATSI, LEMANMANU and LONTIS. The Missions employ quite a few, however these are mostly local, and live in their villages.

The absentees seek work for a variety of reasons. In some cases just to earn money for necessities, lap laps, food etc. Recently some have sought employment to earn money to pay their tax. The desire to gain economic knowledge from the Plantations has motivated many of the aspiring businessmen to seek work. The chance of a change of environment is also most welcome in some cases.

Those people seeking work outside the District are mainly to be found in RABAUL. Besides the chance to see the larger townships, the chance of earning better wages is present. Also there is prestige to be gained from working in a faraway place, especially on return to the village. Indeed in some villages it is the desire of all young men to go and work in Rabaul, established on ties over the years.

The absentees are not a wholly permanent group. Many of them have been employed on Plantations for many years, encouraged by better wages, good working conditions, and relations between staff. Many people from the SOLUS have been constantly employed, conditions on the station far superior to those present in the village.

Statistics from the census show that 933 are absent at the Missions, however a large proportion of these are day students returning to the village in the afternoon, or at week ends. Those permanently absent, or absent for long periods, would only be a fraction of this total.

There is an imbalance between males and females. The total number of female adults being 2600, and adult males totalling only 2240. However the total number of male children is 1628, that of female children only 1461.

CO-OPERATIVES:

Two stores in operation at HANAHAN and LEMANMANU, running efficiently. During tax discussions dissatisfaction was voiced at the prices received from the Traders. The people in these two centres and nearby were urged to sell their copra to their own Society store. Prices paid at the stores compared most favourably with those of the Traders, it was also emphasised that a profit is also paid by the Society. However it is much easier to let the trucks pick up the copra by the roadside, than bring it to the store. Also the fact that the people feel under an obligation to the drivers who are all locals.

CONCLUSION:

Once more a leisurely Patrol was appreciated. The time spent discussing Taxation was to inform the natives of what to expect if they continued to refuse payment, and what is done with the tax after payment. As stated the centre of resistance is at MALASANG, however I do not think that those other villages who refused are as genuine in their refusal. The tax defaulters of BUKA are all waiting to see the outcome of this issue with respect to MALASANG'S open defiance.

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PATROL SOH 2/58/59 BUKA CENSUS DIVISION BUKA PASSAGE SUB-DISTRICT

by Mr. A. C. ROBSON C. P. O. JULY-AUGUST 1958.

APPENDIX "A" : REPORT ON POLICE.

Reg. No. 9228 Const. YOLAM:

As the senior constable on this Patrol set a fine example and did a good job. Somewhat inclined to be self-conscious. Conduct very good.

Reg. No. 10,012 Const. ADUANG.

Applied himself very well to the work. Very helpful and conscientious. Showed good initiative.

Reg. No. 10,027 Const. MUNANG:

Most helpful and conscientious. Showed good command. Good conduct and ability.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

20 NOV 1968

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

	W.D. Allen s/District Officer
Census Division Patrolled	ATOLLS (Portion only)
bjects of Patrol	Migration Survey of Mortlock Islands (accomplished
2.	Compilation Tax Census Sheets and Tax Collection for Atolls Division. (Not accomplished)
ate Patrol Commenced	29th.October 1958 Date Completed November 7/th. 1958
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District Officer.

DIARY.

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Patrof to the ATOLLS Division.

TUESDAY, October 28th:

Departed SOHANO 2400 hours per 'NIVAMI', DAO and DMO accompanying.

WEDNESDAY, October 29th;

Reached CARTERETS ISLANDS 0830 hours. Ashore for Census check and collection of Personal Tax in TIARANI and IULONAHAN Villages on EIHAN ISLAND. Tax collected with no bother, DMO carried out medical check, DAO inspected gardens. Worked on Tax Census Sheets at night. All absentees are away as boatscrew - mostly 'Polurriam ' and Administration vessels.

Anchored on edge of reef at 1700 hours to enable 2000 hours departure for MORTLOCKS.

THURSDAY, October 30th;

Reached MORTLOCKS 0900 hours. Census check and Village inspection. All in good order. DMO commences medical survey. DO with DAO inspected wells and other water catchment. Sighted much ruined copta. 12 x 44 gallon drims put achore. Commenced Tax Census Sheets that night.

FRIDAY, October 31st:

Ashore at o800 hours to MAKU ISLAND to inspect gardens and agricultural land. DAO and DMO accompanying. Back to TAKU in the afternoon, Tax Census Sheets at night.

EMA KERNY and wife (Infant Welfare Sister) arrive from TASMANS on m. v. VAIRCO'.

SATURDAY, Nevember 1st:

Departed for TASMANS 0800 hours.

DMO and DAO remain at MORTLOCKS.

SUNDAY, November 2nd;

Arrived TASMANS 0900 house, Ashore for Census check (No Missions in this area) and Village inspection. Back in the afternoon for inspection of Native Plantation. Paid 30/- Persian - Book No.147.

General discussions with villagers at night; Tax Census Sheets also.

MONDAY, Nevamber 3rd;

Ashore for further discussions and inspection of garden land. Ascertained that average annual copra production is 500 bags (400 in MORTLOCKS) and Mr., Wickham pays Departed for MORTLOCKS 1200 hours, yaking one hatch cover plank believed to be from ill fated *MELAHESIA *..

TUESDAY, November 4th;

Arrived MORTLOCKS 1030 hours after rough passage. Conference DiO and DMO and decided spend another day at the MCETLOCKS. Further discussions with villagers regeneral matters, economic and social. Keen for a Village Store. Heard beginnings of a disputer allocation of the palms on TAKU ISLAND; one group claiming that they cannot earn any cash income because of no palms.



Page (2) of DIARY, WEDNESDAY, November 5th: Ashere at e800 to continue hearing Ashere at 6800 to continue hearing dispute as to aportioning of palms.

At 1000 hours received radiogram from DISCOM to the effect that a European at KIETA was in need of urgent medical attention and had become violent, Departed for KIETA at 1400 hours. Patrol abandoned at this stage. rict Officer - Bougainville. November 10th.1958. a/District

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