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DISTRICT: MILNE BAY

STATION: SUAU, 1963 - 1964

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PATROL REPORTS MILNE BAY DISTRICT 1963/64

WOODLARK & SUAU

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>WOODLARK</u>		
1-63/64	G.M.James	Woodlark Island
2-63/64	R.L.Forth	Woodlark Census Division
<u>SUAU</u>		
1-63/64	R.B.Creagh	Part Buhuth Census Division
2-63/64	R.B.Creagh	Suau Census Division
<u>SAMARAI</u>		
3-63/64	W.Crellin	Outer Islands of Samarai Local Islands Census Division





D.N.A. Headquarters.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of.....Milne Bay..... Report No. 1 of 1963/64 (Suva).....

Patrol Conducted by.....Richard Blakeney Creagh, Patrol Officer Grade 1.....

Area Patrolled.....Millins Harbour.....Buhutu Census Division (part).....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....No.....

Natives.....3 R.P. & N.G.C. members; 1 Interpreter.....

Duration—From.....6...../.....7...../1963 to.....2...../.....7...../1963.....

Number of Days.....Four.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....Unknown.....

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

Map Reference.....4 Mile Series.....

Objects of Patrol.....Investigate an assault.....

Director of Native Affairs,

~~PORT MORESBY.~~

KONE DOB.

Forwarded, please.

28/10/1963.

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner OFFICER

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

Ref: 67-4-4

Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

18th November 1963.

The District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
SARAPAI.

PATROL NO. 1-63/64

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of :-

\* ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~  
\* Patrol Report No. 1-63/64 SUAU  
covering Patrol by ..... R.B. CREACH P.O. I. ....

(J. K. McCarthy).  
DIRECTOR.

\* Delete as necessary.



File 67-1-1  
Patrol Post,

67-4.4

BKL:BS



67-1-8

Department of Native Affairs,  
SAMARAI...MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

29th October, 1963.


Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 1963/64  
SUAV.

The report though short is very neat in its presentation.

On short trips of this nature Mr. Creagh could spend a little extra time in discussions with the people e.g., forthcoming elections - cash crops, etc.

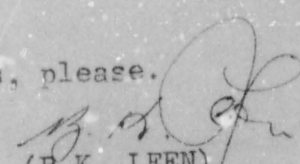
May I be advised in due course as to the outcome of the assault charge.

  
(B.K. LEEN)  
District Officer.

Minute to:-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

For information and records, please.

  
(B.K. LEEN)  
District Officer.



WWC:BS

67-1-4

Sub-District Office,  
SAMARAI.

23rd October, 1963.


The District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

SUAU PATROL NO.1 OF 1963/1964.

Enclosed is a report on this patrol conducted  
by Mr. Creagh to Buhutu, Milne Bay Sub-District.

The purpose of the patrol was to investigate  
an assault.

Encl.

  
(V. W. CRELLIN)  
Assistant District Officer.

c.c. Mr. Creagh.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File 67-1-1  
Patrol Post,  
SUAU, Fife Bay,  
Milne Bay District.  
5th October, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
SAMARAI.

SUAU PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1963/64.

Patrol conducted by:	Richard Blakeney Creagh, Patrol Officer Grade 1.
Area Patrolled:	Mullins Harbour - Lower Buhutu.
Patrol Accompanied by:	Nil Europeans. 3 R.P. & N.G.C. members, 1 Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol:	6.7.1963 to 9.7.1963.
Number of Days:	4 days.
Last Patrol of Area:	Unknown - refer Cameron Plateau Sub-District.
Object of Patrol:	Investigate assault.

Contingencies for Camping Allowance are attached.

Richard Blakeney Creagh  
Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
Patrol Officer Grade 1.



GENERAL:

On the 5th July, 1963, the writer received advice from the Assistant District Officer, Samarai, to proceed to the village of IPOULI in the Buhutu Census Division, which is in the Cameron Plateau Sub District. The purpose of the patrol was to investigate an assault which had taken place on the 4th of July.

The patrol set off the following morning, 6th of July, and arrived in the area in the late afternoon of the same day. Upon arrival it was found that the Milne Bay Local Government Council policeman had arrested the culprit the previous day.

The patrol remained in the area on the 7th (Sunday) and departed the following morning for ILELIRAFI village in the SUU Census Division. The day was spent in this village. Discussions were held with the people throughout the day on local Government Council policy. The following morning the patrol returned to Suau Patrol Post.

The diary for this patrol is to be found in the writer's Field Officer's Journal Folio 2 Para. Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9.

*Richard Blakeney Creagh*  
Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
Patrol Officer, Grade 1.



APPENDIX 11.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA  
CONSTABULARY

Reg. No. 6731 Senior Constable ALANO

A good N.C.O. whose conduct was outstanding.

Reg. No. 10311 Constable AZENA.

A sensible young constable who has a lot of potential which is just starting to show itself.

Reg. No. 10314 Constable BORUGAWA.

A real trier whose conduct was good.

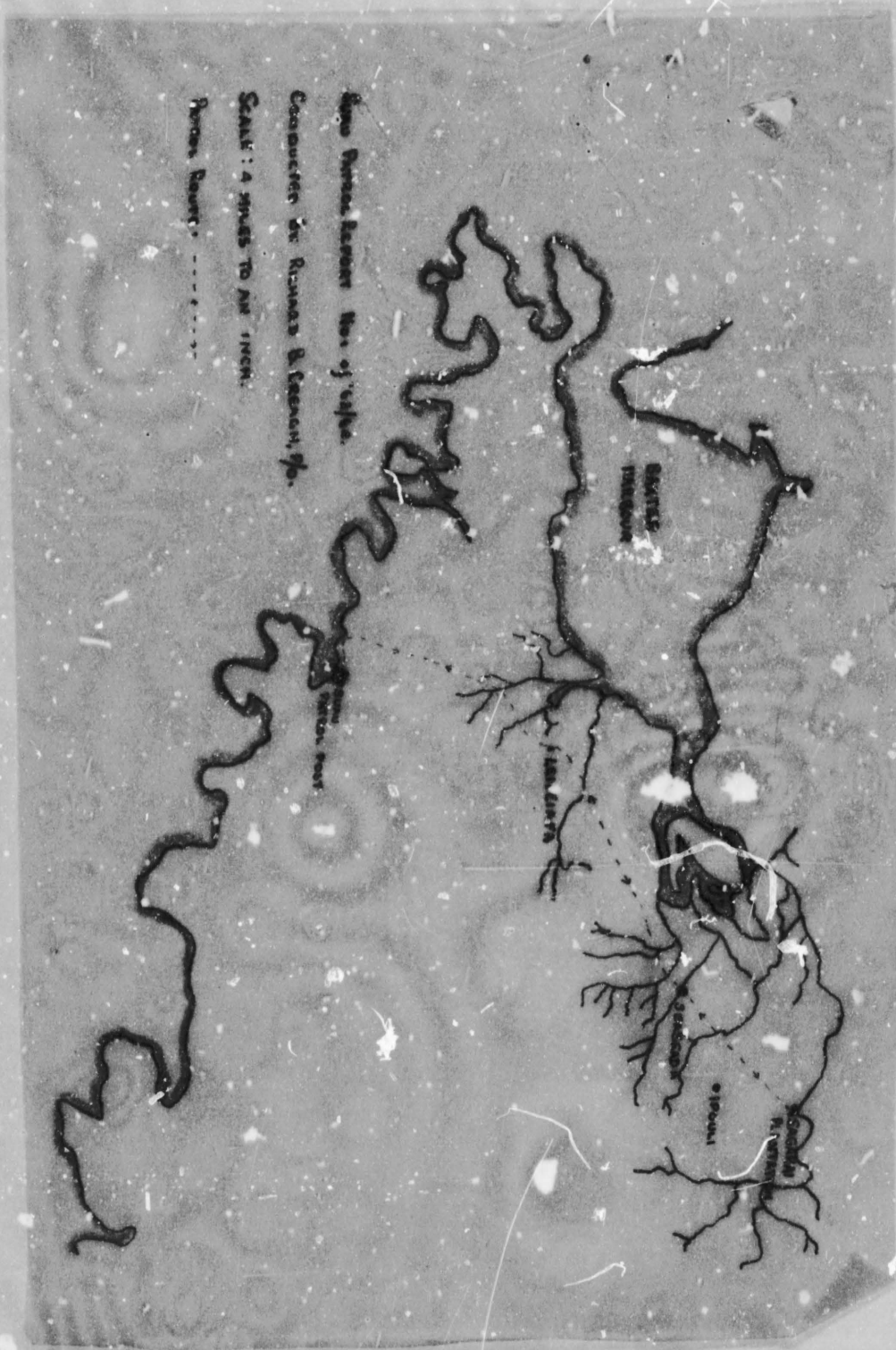
I certify that the above comments have been entered in the members records of service.

*Richard Blakeney Creagh*

Richard Blakeney Creagh.

Officer R.P. & N.G.C.







District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of... MILNE BAY ... Report No. 2 of 1963 - 6+ (SUAU)

Patrol Conducted by... Richard Blakeney Creagh, Patrol Officer, Grade 1.

Area Patrolled... Suau Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives... 1 F.P. & N.G.C. member, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From... 13/12/1963 ... to 8/1/1964 ...  
14.1.64 to 29.1.64

Number of Days... Thirty-eight

Did Medical Assistant Accompany... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... /19 ...  
March, April, May, June 1963 (complete)

Medical ... unknown .../19

Map Reference... Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol... Dissemination of House of Assembly propaganda; voting procedures; general administration; annual census.

Director of Native Affairs,

~~PORT MORESBY.~~

*Honedobu, Papua*

Forwarded, please.

*20/7/1964*

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner *Officer*

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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Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu. Papua.

67-4-14

3rd September, 1964.

District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
SARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-63/84 - SUAI.

Receipt of the abovementioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

Instruct your officers that people are not to be compressed into formalised villages against their wishes.

You should give attention to recording clan boundaries if there is to be an expansion in cash cropping. Even if there is no expansion, the information is extremely valuable.

I shall try to get forms for the Census Record as soon as possible.

With such a limited area to control, I see no reason why the Officer In Charge cannot assemble figures relating to the number of coconuts and amount of copra produced, if only to form the basis of comparative study.

The report is well presented and its content valuable.

  
J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.



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B.K. LEEN/bs.



Department of Native Affairs,  
SAMARAI, MILNE BAY DISTRICT.  
20th July, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1963/1964  
SUAU : MR. R. R. CREACH, P.O. 1.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum  
of 9th July covering the abovementioned report.

Please advise officers under your control that  
the late submission of patrol reports will not be condoned  
and any further late submissions will be taken into account  
when assessing that officer's confidential report.

I concur with your comments in para. 3. Please  
take appropriate steps to have this matter placed on the  
agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Please discuss with Mr. Tomlin, District Agri-  
cultural Officer, the matter of limited subsistence gardens  
and the possibility of suitable expansion for cash cropping:  
there would appear to be a ready market at the Patrol Post  
for fresh fruits and vegetables. Also steps could be taken  
for a station garden to be commenced.

The proposed Aid Posts cannot be opened until  
staff is available from the Department of Public Health. I  
have recently discussed this matter with the District Medical  
Officer and he advises that the Aid Post Orderly course is  
of 2 years duration and there is no guarantee that successful  
graduates from this District will be posted back.

Therefore I suggest you discuss this matter with  
the District Medical Officer, prior to the Council committing  
themselves to building Aid Posts which cannot be staffed in  
the foreseeable future.

The matter of supplies of drugs to the Manager  
of Gadaisu Plantation is entirely the discretion of the  
District Medical Officer, however in view of the prevailing  
lack of Aid Post Orderlies, a request by the Council supporting  
the idea might be well worthwhile.

During your visit to this area I would appreciate  
your close examination of prevailing medical services and sub-  
sequent recommendations.

Quite a well presented report.

Minute to:-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU ... PAPUA.

(B.K. LEEN)  
District Officer.

For your records and information, please.

(B.K. LEEN)  
District officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram DISTROFF

Telephone 52

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr. K.I. CHESTER/bs.



Sub-District Office,  
SAMARAI.

9th July, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 1963/64  
SUAU - R.E. CREAGH, P.O.

Attached please find original and one copy of the abovementioned patrol report.

The late submission of this patrol report is inexcusable, and its worth is diminished considerably because of this. Patrol officers of this Sub-District are being instructed that patrol reports are to be completed within one week of return to their station.

The patrol seems to have been received very well, but the officer must tread warily when he attempts to persuade the people to assemble in compact groups. There are doubtless many advantages to be gained by having compact groups, but sometimes the disadvantages outweigh them. This could well be an item of discussion for the Council and I would like to see this an item on the next agenda.

I shall attempt to get a better liaison between D.A.S.F. and the patrol post and ensure that the Post is kept informed of the relevant parts of the D.A.S.F. patrol reports.

The relevant sections under Health have been extracted and forwarded to the District Medical Officer.

A claim concerning bride price or marriage payments does not constitute a civil claim under the Native Regulations. The Patrol Officer should be very careful about getting involved in these disputes and should impress on the parties concerned that he is only interested in themselves coming to agreement.

The relevant sections under the heading Education have been extracted and forwarded to the District Inspector of Education.

The question of the Milne Bay Road will be gone into further on my forthcoming visit to the area.

Attach.

*K.I. Chester*  
(K.I. CHESTER)  
Assistant District Officer.

Minute to:-

Officer-in-Charge,  
Susu Patrol Post,  
FIFE BAY.

This Patrol Report of yours has been spoilt  
by :-

- (1) The late submission.
- (2) The presentation without your Field Officer's Journal.

In future you are instructed to complete your patrol report within one week of returning to your station, and you should submit it with the relevant copies of your Field Officers Journal and Camping Allowance claim. The patrol is not complete until patrol report and Census figures are completed. You should remember that your Director forms his opinion of your worth as a Patrol Officer through your patrol reports and from the confidential reporting committee of which your District Officer and Assistant District Officer are members. I can assure you that patrol reports submitted 3 to 4 months after completion of the patrol will not entitle you to a very high rating from this office.

Be careful with your efforts in persuading people to come together in compact groups, and in your dealings with bride price claims. On my first visit to your post I will discuss these matters fully with you.

Have the Council obtained teak planting material as yet?

Has a start been made on the Milne Bay Road yet?

*K.I. Chester*  
(K.I. CHESTER)  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File No. 67-1-1,  
Patrol Post,  
SUAU, Fife Bay,  
5th May, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Samarai Sub-District.  
SAMARAI.

SUAU PATROL REPORTS No.'s 2 AND 3 OF 1964/65.

The late submission of these reports is regretted. Difficulty was encountered in drawing up the new census figures and the folios necessary for their compilation. The new system of recording census figures while being worthwhile is rather long and involved. It is hoped that the new forms will be forthcoming in the near future.

No comparison was made in these census figures with the 1962 census figures as they are not held here in their entirety. A copy of the 1962 census figures would be much appreciated here at this office.

As mentioned in Patrol Report No. 2 it is hoped to mount a patrol during June - July so as to complete the annual census.

For your information and advice, please.

*Richard Blakeney Creagh*  
Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
Officer-in-Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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File 67-1-1,  
Patrol Post,  
SUAU, Fife Bay,  
Milne Bay District.  
24th April, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
SAMARAI.

SUAU PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1963-64.

Patrol Conducted by: Richard Blakeney Creagh, Patrol Officer.  
Area Patrolled: SUAU Census Division,  
Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: 1 R.P. & N.G.C. member,  
1 Interpreter,  
Duration of Patrol: 18.12.63 to 8.1.64  
14.1.64 to 29.1.64,  
Number of Days: 38  
Last Patrol of the Area: March, April, May, June, 1963 (complete).  
D.A.S.F. March-April, 1963,  
P.H.D. Unknown,  
Objects of the Patrol: Dissemination House of Assembly  
propaganda: voting procedures:  
general administration: annual census:  
investigation land matters: inspect  
L.G.C. projects,  
Map Reference: Sketch map attached,  
Contingencies: camping allowance are attached.

*Richard Blakeney Creagh*  
Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
Patrol Officer-in-Charge.



### INTRODUCTION:

The object of this patrol was to disseminate information to the people about the forthcoming elections for the House of Assembly. People were instructed how to vote and were given lectures on the evolution of democratic government as we know it today. The functions and responsibilities of the House itself and of its members was also explained in broad detail. It is felt that after the elections are over a patrol should go into the field and explain in more detail the actual workings of the House of Assembly.

The area patrolled included every village in the Suau Census Division and 38 days were spent in the field.. The villages of Isu Isu, Sea Sea, and Isudau were all visited from the patrol post as they are in close proximity to the station.

### Reception of Patrol:

The patrol was accorded the usual Suau welcome in every village. Many times the patrol was greeted on its arrival in a village by the singing of the National Anthem. This was not so on the writer's first patrol of this area. Everywhere it was noticed that the peoples' attitudes had changed from indifference to a genuine interest in the efforts of the patrol. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining transportation in any village.

### Villages:

The majority of villages still maintain the reasonable standard of housing which has already been described in many previous patrol reports. The phrase "normal coastal Papuan house" covers the type of housing which one sees throughout the Suau area.

In a few villages it was necessary to get the Local Government Councillors to give orders for the reconstruction and repair of houses under the Suau Local Government Council housing rule.

The majority of villages are split up into hamlets and it was pointed out to the people that it was more desirable to have all houses assembled in one compact unit, instead of many small groups which tend to make the populace unwieldy when it comes to community projects.

SAGA'AHU village is in the process of being moved inland from the seashore to a site about 500 yards distant from the old site. This idea was formulated by the villagers themselves. This project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Water supplies in all villages are adequate, although in some instances are not really satisfactory.



Villages (cont.)

Brummer Island, on which Bonarua village is situated, now has a 10,000 gallon water tank installed. This was an L.S.C. project and was finished late in January. It is hoped that this tank will alleviate the water shortage which has occurred in past years and has required the people to voyage to the main-land to obtain their water.

Outline of Political Situation:

The people of the Suau coast are slowly starting to realise the importance of the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. The interest shown in the talks given throughout the patrol never really waned. The people were most attentive throughout the talks. I was found that to keep their attention the talks had to be split up into two and sometimes three parts, with breaks in between to allow the people to cogitate on what had been said. Some interesting questions were asked and these were answered to the satisfaction of the enquiring parties.

It was noticeable that the people were impressed with the policy speeches of the two Open Electorate candidates who have visited the area. However the writer was asked why the candidates in the Special Electorate had not visited the area. This was a difficult question to answer as the writer could see no reason for excusing these people. Nothing was said to deride their actions and it is hoped that at least one of these men will visit the area before or during the elections.

The people still retain their obvious attitude of friendship towards the Administration. However it was brought to the writer's notice on patrol that some people of the area consider that the Administration has done very little for the area as a whole. Only recently have schools been opened in the area by the Administration; up until then the L.M.S. mission handled the education of the area as a whole. The mission still does a lot in this field and also in the field of health. The area has to some extent been forgotten in the past.

Numerous civil cases were brought to the writer for settlement and the vast majority of these were the result of non payment of bride prices or portions thereof. Many hours were spent in settling these and the writer asked why these matters had not been brought to the notice of other patrols - the reply was similar in all cases, "We were shy."

Agriculture:

There is no food shortage anywhere in the area. Adequate gardens would appear to have been planted out in all villages. A constant menace to all gardens are



Agriculture:(cont). the pigs, both village and wild. The people were advised to fence their gardens in a suitable manner and also to see that their pigs were restricted in their movements. It has been virtually impossible to get the Council to pass a pig rule which would make it compulsory for the owners of pigs to see that they ensured that their beasts were enclosed in a suitable manner.

There is very little surplus of fresh foods in the area; it is almost impossible to obtain fresh food within Fife Bay itself for the employees of the station. The people seem to calculate rather carefully just exactly how much food they will need for a certain period and go ahead and plant this and no more. One wonders what would happen if there were to be a drought in this area.

The writer has no idea how many coconut palms there are in this area. No agricultural reports are held at this office for reference on this point. The last D.A.S.F. patrol was carried out 12 months ago but no copies of the report were made available. However the writer considers that there are more than enough coconuts to go around.

The amount of copra marketed hereabouts is also unknown and no records are kept in Samarai by the Copra Marketing Board for the production of copra in the Suau area.

Very little coffee is produced in this area, the only village which produces any real amounts is Kwaioa which is an inland village of Orange Bay. The marketing of this product is made difficult by the long distance which it has to be carried over poor tracks. All villages have coffee plots which were planted out a few years ago, but these have gone to rack and ruin due to neglect. The writer's opinion is that the people should be advised to concentrate on the production of copra and leave all imported crops alone until they can produce sufficient copra to raise their standard of living. With some type of transport the writer is sure that constant visits to villages would enable officers to give continual encouragement in this field.

Livestock:

Village pigs are still a very important medium of exchange amongst these people, more particularly in relation to ceremonial exchange e.g. death, marriage etc. These pigs are allowed to roam free in most instances and as a result cause a large amount of damage to gardens. The people have been advised to fence their pigs and some of the more far sighted Local Government Councillors of the area are encouraging their people to build fences, either wire or timber, for the protection of their gardens.

All villages have numerous fowls which



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Livestock (cont).

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people use to supplement their diets. These birds would appear to be of a reasonable standard.

All plantations in the area run to herds of cattle which are well cared for, and in all cases seem to be fine beasts.

Forests:

The Council is being encouraged to start a reafforestation project this year. It is thought that all old gardens should be planted out with teak, or a similar timber, and with this object in mind the Council hopes to obtain quantities of these trees from the Department of Forests in Port Moresby. The writer has had discussions with officers of this department whilst in Port Moresby in November of last year. The Council hopes to be able to start the importation of these trees sometime in the middle of this year. In years to come these trees could be the source of a rather remunerative income. //

Commerce and Industry:

There are four Co-operative Societies in the area which all appear to be on a sound financial footing. It is hoped to open another Society within the confines of Fife Bay sometime in the coming year. The people have expressed the desire to back an economic venture of this nature.

There are five European owned stores within the Suau area. These are situated at Gadaisu Plantation, Mariawatte Plantation, Konemaiava, the L.M.S. Mission at Fife Bay and at IsuIsu Plantation. All these stores make a profit.

There are numerous trading licenses held by Papuans throughout the area and not a great deal is known about these as they only function sporadically. There is one small bakery within Fife Bay which provides excellent bread at a very reasonable price.

Small amounts of basket ware and mats are produced by various women's guilds (L.M.S. inspired) for sale in Samarai. The writer has been approached by two groups of women wishing to start clubs similar to the ones in other parts of this District. This matter is in hand and the Welfare Officer, Samarai will be advised in the near future.

Land:

It would appear unnecessary for the Administration to purchase any land in this area. The 75 acres on which the Patrol Post is situated would appear to be sufficient.

Complaints:



Complaints:

In the vicinity of eighty complaints were heard by this patrol whilst it was in the field. The only trend evident is that the people are now bringing more of their troubles to the writer for settlement. This is a heartening, though tiresome, state of affairs. The writer has had to point out that he has no jurisdiction to enforce civil complaints which have been going on for the past 20 or 30 years. However the people have expressed the opinion that they will abide by the decisions of the writer so as they can settle all outstanding matters and start afresh.

All matters brought to the patrol were, with a few exceptions, related to marriage and death price payments. The system of these payments is most confusing and bewildering to say the least.

Courts:

There were 31 cases heard by the Court for Native Matters on this patrol, resulting in 11 convictions and 20 acquittals. The break up is as follows:

28 offences against Regulation 101A - resulting in 8 convictions. It must be pointed out that 27 of these cases were from the IO, WADAUDA and KONDU area which is on the border of the Suau Census Division, Baniara Sub-District and the Margarida administrative area. The majority of people claimed that they did not have fair warning of the impending census. However the writer had sent word six days previous to the patrol's arrival in the area.

1 offence against Reg. 101B resulting in one conviction;

1 offence against Reg. 71(a) resulting in one conviction;

1 offence against 69(a) resulting in one conviction.

The general attitude of the people throughout the area is law abiding, and most offences are only of a petty nature.

Rest Houses:

The standard of rest houses in this area was only fair. New rest houses are to be built at KWAIOA, SUABINA, ALOALO, SAGA' AHO, SAVAIA, SAVALALA, SUAU Island, ILOILO and BONARUA. There is a standard design for all rest houses being implemented throughout the area, and as rest houses need to be replaced the new design will be used. Please refer to Appendix "C" for a comprehensive list of rest houses and the plan of new rest houses.

Carriers, Canoes etc:

All these are easily obtainable when required. The people are only too willing to carry and there was no difficulty experienced in obtaining carriers at anytime



Carriers, Canoes, etc:

throughout the patrol. All villages usually have enough carriers available and if not their neighbours are always to help out.

The rate payable for a full day is 6/- per man, and the people prefer in most instances to be paid in cash. Trade tobacco is sometimes asked for but this is rare. People can always return to their village on the same day as they carry. None of the distances between villages is great.

Health:

The general health of the area is good. It is a pity however that there is no record of a medical patrol being carried out in this area since at least 1956. The L.M.S. mission provide a small hospital which can only treat minor ailments. This is staffed by a European nursing sister at the present. A new arrival is a Papuan infant and welfare assistant.

There are three Aid Posts in the area and it is hoped to open another two during this year. The Council has constructed two permanent Aid Post buildings and is in the process of constructing two more. All these aid posts bar one will be staffed by Administration Aid Post Orderlies.

The Aid Posts are at Konemaiava (completed), Boroai (in the process of being built), Navabu (completed), Suau Island (Administration building) and Ilo Ilo (at present under construction).

All plantations in the area, except ISUISU, provide medical aid for their plantation staff and also for villagers in close proximity. The manager of Gadaisu Plantation asked the writer if it would be possible for the Department of Public Health to provide him with more drugs for the treatment of the villagers. I agree that this would be a good idea as the manager dispenses medicine twice a day to the people and he is finding that his supply of drugs are not sufficient to meet all his needs.

Whilst the writer was on patrol the Medical Assistant, Samarai conducted an inspection of all Aid Posts in the area.

The major sicknesses which appear to be the most common are T.B., Philaria, malaria and leprosy (only isolated cases which are treated outside the area).

All cases of serious illness, which are reported are transported to Samarai for treatment. The Mission Hospital provides excellent services in pre and ante natal care, and also in the field of infant welfare. The outpatients clinic of this establishment is well patronized by the local people.

Education:

The people of this area are reasonably well



Education (cont.):

catered for in the field of education. There are Administration Primary schools at Gadaisu, Konemaiava, Fife Bay and Suau Island. The mission have eight schools dotted along the coast which are run by Papuan teachers who are recognised by the Administration. There are approximately 500 children in school. No accurate figure is available due to the fact that the school year has only just commenced and no reliable records are as yet available.

The people of Gadaisu and Laimodo approached the writer with a request that their children be allowed to attend the school at Gadaisu instead of having to walk the long distance to Konemaiava. It seems unfair that 7 and 8 year olds should have to walk for 6 hours to get to school on Sundays and then six hours back again on Fridays. There is no boarding school accommodation at Konemaiava and the children are housed in sub-standard houses. When the wet seasons are blowing the children are unable to attend school due to the fact that there are three streams between Gadaisu and Konemaiava which become flooded.

Cemeteries:

All villages have cemeteries which are kept clean and tidy. The writer suggested that the cemetery on Suau Island be resighted as the old one is full. The people agreed to this and had cleared the area when the patrol departed the village.

Missions:

The L.M.S. mission is the only one in this area except for one mission pastor (Papuan) in the village of Boroan who is a Kwato Extension adherent. It would appear that some villages are more affected by the mission's influence than others. Two prayer meetings seem to be regular daily events. The writer is inclined to believe that a majority of the people only pay lip service to the mission. They are never over enthusiastic about mission work and only use it as an excuse for the non-completion of Council projects. This is untrue as most village mission pastors ask the people to work only for a few hours one day a week keeping the church and school (where applicable) in a state of tidiness and repair.

The headquarters of the mission is at Fife Bay. The staff consists at the present of 5 Europeans and 3 Samoans. A primary school is conducted which has approximately 80 students; no reliable figures are available as the school year has not as yet commenced.

A school of theology is also conducted. This caters for students from all over Papua who study for two years before obtaining a diploma from the University of Melbourne. There at present approximately 22 students.

As mentioned before there is also a hospital



Missions(cont).

conducted by the mission. See 'Health'.

The number of adherents (practising) of the mission would be approximately 60% of the population.

Airfields:

There is one Catalina alighting place in the area at BONA BONA Island. The alighting area in Fife Bay has been closed in the past few months.

A site has been investigated by the Department of Civil Aviation at Mariawatte. The report of this investigation shows that there will be no difficulty in opening this strip to Category "D" aircraft in the near future. There is also the future possibility that the strip will be opened to categories C and B. However this will need constant supervision and the people have expressed their willingness to open the strip and maintain it. The writer feels that 2 to 3 weeks of concentrated effort would see the airstrip opened, but lack of staff and many more important commitments preclude this event happening within the near future.

It would appear that there is the possibility of a strip site in the Fife Bay area itself; however a very thorough investigation will have to be undertaken before any real comment can be made on this.

Labour:

There are three plantations within the area plus two on the fringes (Baibara and Sagarai). All these plantations employ a majority of contract labour which is imported from other areas within Papua. The only exception to this is Mariawatte Plantation which seems to have more casual labour.

It would appear that all plantations are well run and the District Labour Inspector has recently completed an inspection of all plantations with favourable results.

A large number of Suau people, both male and female, are employed outside the area in Samarai, Port Moresby, Rabaul, Lae, Madang and Goroka. They are mostly engaged as domestics, shop assistants, carpenters, and ships' crew. The majority return home once every two years, although there are recorded absences of 5 years and more.

Roads and Bridges:

The people are most enthusiastic about the construction of a road from Iloilo to Fife Bay and from Fife Bay to Lieliafa. The writer took the opportunity to ask the people if they would be willing to build a road which would link this area with the Milne Bay area. The people expressed the opinion that if they were to build a road the area could be more easily visited by Administration officials.

The present road system consists of small inter village tracks, which are in most instances well looked after.



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CENSUS:

The annual census was conducted this year, 1963, during this patrol. It is regretted that it was not conducted during the middle portion of the year. The new census forms were used. No births or deaths were recorded that had occurred after the commencement of 1964. These figures will be included in the census to take place in June - July of this year.

There were 198 births and 121 deaths. Infant mortality is low, due, I think to the infant welfare work done by the L.M.S. Mission sisters.

At the time of census there were 802 people absent. The majority are absent in Port Moresby where they are employed in various industries. Of this figure 669 were adults and the remainder children absent at school, either in higher education, or absent with their parents.

It will be noticed that there are three new villages included in this census. These villages are in addition to the village names included in the Village Directory. The new names are VIO?WADAUDA, and KONDU. It was thought that it would be better to include them as separate identities as they are about four hours walk from one another, and they speak a different language to the rest of the area.

The Village Directory contains a number of misspellings:  
viz. LEILEIAFA and not TEILEIAFA;  
SAVALALA and not SAUALALA;  
SIBALAI and not SIBAZI, see page 27.

CONCLUSION:

It is hoped to mount another patrol during June - July and conduct the annual census. It would appear that the people are keen to have another patrol through the area as soon as possible to enable them to settle numerous disputes of a minor nature.

*Richard Blakeney*  
Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
Patrol Officer, Gr.1.



APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY

Reg. No. 10314 Constable BORUGAWA

Areal trier whose conduct throughout the patrol was at all times excellent.

I certify that the above comments have been entered on the member's record of service and that Form R.S. 1 has been forwarded to Police Headquarters.

*Richard Blakeney Creagh*  
Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
Officer R.P. & N.G.C.






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APPENDIX "C"

BEST HOUSES SUVA CENSUS DIVISION

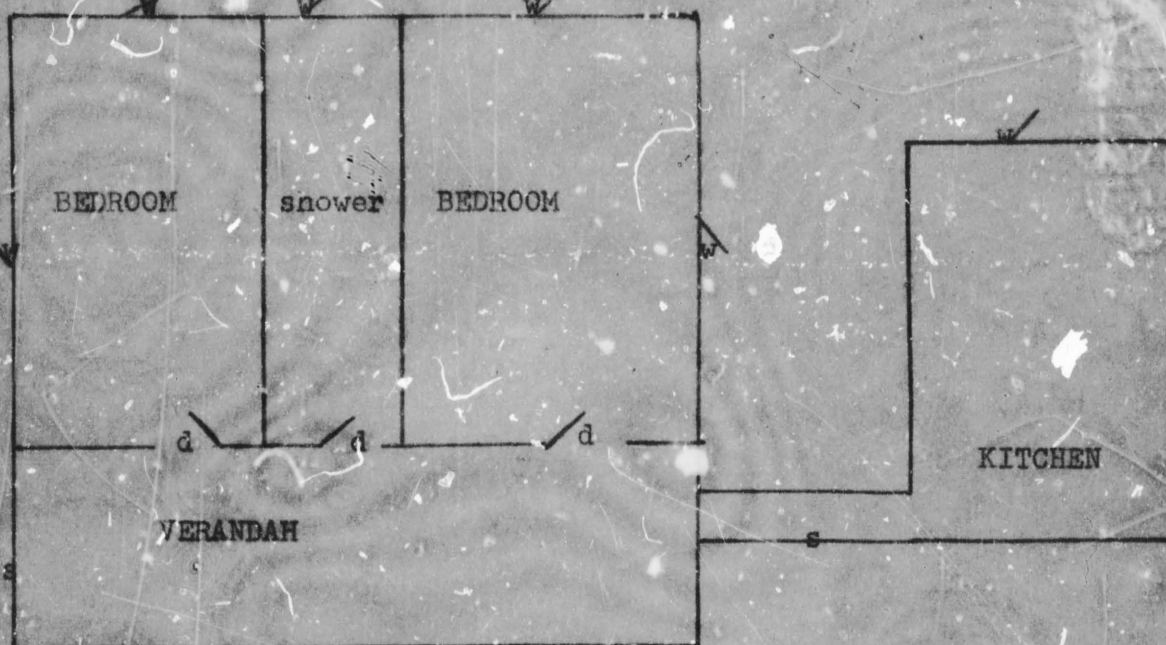
<u>NAME</u>	<u>Condition:</u>
Gadaisu:	Good.
Vio:	Fair.
Laimodo:	Poor - to be replaced.
Suaibina:	Excellent.
Kwaioa:	Excellent.
Boroai:	Good.
Leileiafa:	Good.
Dahunu:	Fair.
AloAlo:	Fair.
Aunieri:	To be replaced.
Isuisu:	Fair.
Saga'aho:	At present being replaced.
Savaia:	At present being replaced.
Isuai:	Good.
Naurbu:	Good.
Savalala:	New house to be built.
Ipulai:	Good.
Sua:	New house: good.
Mibalai:	Good.
Modewa:	Good.
Iloilo:	Very poor - to be replaced.
Bonarua:	At present being replaced.

  
 .....  
 Richard Blakeney Creagh,  
 Officer-in-Charge.



APPENDIX "D"

Plan of Best Houses which will be used as new houses have to be built.



d - door  
w - window  
s - stairs



# 1963-64 POPULATION REGISTER

Birth Rate.....Per 100

Death Rate.....Per 100

Natural Increase.....Per 100

YPA 1133-64 NOV 23 DECEMBER, JANUARY  
FEBRUARY

	No. of Inhabitants	DEATHS						BIRTHS						MIGRATIONS					
		1-2 Years		3-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over		IN		OUT		IN		OUT	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. ALOALO	2/12					1		2	1	1			6	7		6	2		1
2. ANUEZI	20/12							2					2	2		1		8	3
3. BONENISIGA	21/12												1	1		2	2	4	5
4. BONA BONA	22/12							1		1			7	3		2	2		
5. BONARUA	15/1												2	1		4	4	2	2
6. BORODI	7/1							1	2	5			2	3		1	1		1
7. DAIHUNI	24/12							1		3			3	7		1	2	1	3
8. GADAIWU	27/12												4			1	3	1	
9. ILOILO	16/1												1	1				2	2
10. IPULAI	24/1					1		2	1	1			7	2		5	6	2	3
11. ISUA	26/1							4	2	1			3	2		1	3	5	5
12. ISUDAU	4/2									1				1		1	1		
13. ISUISU	3/2							2	2	1				7			1		3
14. KONDUI	30/2							2											
15. KUMICA	4/1	3				1		1	1	1			3	7				1	2
TOTAL	-	3	3	2	1	2	3	1	18	9	15	7	47	14	25	27	26	30	30



# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

FOLIO - 2

YEAR 1963

MONTH - DECEMBER, JANUARY  
FEBRUARY

Birth Rate.....Per 100  
Death Rate.....Per 100  
Natural Increase.....Per 100

	AGE GROUP	DEATHS						MIGRATIONS					
		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-20 Years		21 and over		IN	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
16 LAIMODO	24/2	1	1					1	1			2	2
17 LEHLEHA	8/1											4	4
18 MOSEHA	18/1											3	2
19 NAUREU	25/1			1				3		3		4	3
20 DIAMAMAMA	29/1									2			
21 SAGA'SUS	20/1					1		4		1		5	3
22 SANGELALE	23/1											6	5
23 SAYAID	27/1									2		11	6
24 SEASIA	12/12							2	1	1		9	6
25 SIBILAI	20/1					1						2	6
26 SUBOIMA	23/12								2			1	1
27 SUMU	20/1									1		12	6
28 VIO	30/12												
29 WADRUDA	30/12												
TOTAL (2)	-	-	2	4	2	-	1	13	12	12	10	60	47
GRAND TOTAL	-	3	5	6	3	2	4	31	21	27	17	107	91
												53	69
												28	42
												1	30
												40	60



	WORKERS						ABSENT						STUDENTS											
	INSIDE			OUTSIDE			INSIDE THE DISTRICT			OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT			MISSION			GOVERNMENT			MISSION			GOVERNMENT		
	DISTRICT			DISTRICT			CHILD			ADULT			CHILD			CHILD			CHILD			ADULT		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
1 ALGALO	2	1		20	2	2							4											
2 AMUREI	1			10	1	1				2			1	4										
3 BAMBANGA	4	1		9									1											
4 BAMBANGA	2			7	3	2				1			1											
5 BAMBANGA	1	3	5	4	3	1							1			3								
6 BOBOCI			2							1														
7 BAKUNI			6	3			12	5	2	2			1	1	1	1	3							
8 GADAI			8	2			6	3	2	1						2	2							
9 KOLLO			4	2			6			2														
10 IPULAI			2	2			2	1	2				1	1	1	2								
11 ISUFI			2	1			11	3					1			1								
12 ISUDAN							12	1	1							1								
13 ISUISO			9	3			15	6	2	2			1		1									
14 KANDU							2	2																
15 KWAIOA			18	2			7			2	1		5	3										
TOTALS	1	3	70	21	-	-	145	31	16	14	1	2	16	10	3	7	7	5	4	1	-	1	-	-



	WORKERS				ABSENT				STUDENTS												
	INSIDE		OUTSIDE		INSIDE THE DISTRICT		GOVERNMENT		DISTRICT		GOVERNMENT		DISTRICT		GOVERNMENT		DISTRICT		GOVERNMENT		
	ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		ABSENT		
	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	CHILD	ADULT	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
16 LAIMONO	9	3			5	2											3				
17 LEILELAE	9	4			14																
18 MONEWA	1	2			13																
19 MAUREU	6	1			31	8															
20 OIMANANAI	4	1			20	9	11														
21 SAGARANO	8	3			29	3															
22 SAVAILO	4	2			9	1															
23 SAVAILA	9	3			21	3															
24 SEASEA	10	6			53	7															
25 SIORLAI	1				5																
26 SUIBINA	2	2			9	1															
27 SUW	10				20	2	3														
28 YIO	1																				
29 WABAU	1				2																
TOTALS	1	3	143	48	-	-	376	64	33	19	6	5	30	12	5	2	19	13	12	4	2



POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME CENSUS													TOTALS INC.				GRAND TOTAL	AVERAGE SIZE OF FAMILY
UNDER 1 YEAR		1-5 YEARS		6-10 YEARS		11-15 YEARS		16-46 YEARS		46 AND OVER		AGENTS						
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
1	4	5	14	13	10	9	9	49	47	19	17	6	-	23	19	241	1.9	
2	1	2	14	3	1	7	3	2	12	18	7	8	2	6	11	101	2.1	
3	1	1	3	3	3	4	1	16	16	4	1	1	-	13	1	71	1.5	
4	3	3	9	8	11	2	1	4	24	22	4	11	2	4	13	124	1.9	
5	1	1	11	10	11	6	6	3	20	18	11	4	3	12	6	134	3.9	
6	-	3	10	19	2	3	1	5	28	28	3	5	-	1	7	107	1.4	
7	2	5	7	17	16	10	10	15	18	39	10	8	4	6	18	215	2.0	
8	3	-	9	4	1	8	4	5	14	15	6	5	4	3	14	100	2.2	
9	-	-	17	15	13	4	8	9	47	42	14	12	1	2	10	105	2.3	
10	4	24	21	20	14	15	19	14	53	61	20	19	1	1	27	296	2.2	
11	3	1	8	7	-	8	4	7	23	24	9	9	1	1	13	122	2.0	
12	-	1	7	8	8	8	8	6	29	29	9	13	3	1	12	142	2.6	
13	-	2	15	15	14	15	6	11	29	33	10	10	6	2	25	218	2.6	
14	-	-	3	2	3	7	5	3	19	18	1	4	-	-	2	71	2.1	
15	8	14	14	19	13	10	9	12	35	48	6	9	7	4	25	227	1.9	
TOTALS	30	34	162	150	125	119	97	106	469	458	136	140	40	124	160	2364		



POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF CENSUS															TOTALS, 1955					
VILLAGE	UNDER 1	YEARS					YEARS					YEARS					GRAND TOTAL	AVERAGE SIZE OF FAMILY		
		1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26-46	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26-46	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-25	26-46				
YEAR	SEX	YEARS					YEARS					YEARS					ABSENTEES			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	CHILD	ADULT			
16	CAIMODO	24	1	2	8	7	2	5	7	4	17	20	3	5	4	-	14	5	103	1.8
17	LELEIAFA	21	1	4	9	11	10	6	9	6	30	34	7	16	1	23	4	133	1.5	
18	MODEWA	18	3	2	10	2	8	10	1	6	30	31	17	7	3	-	14	2	162	2.9
19	WIMBO	25	3	4	20	19	12	11	8	13	50	58	14	18	2	1	46	5	285	1.7
20	CHIMMANIA	22	-	2	4	5	3	5	3	7	29	32	4	9	9	2	23	12	151	1.9
21	SANJIAO	24	4	2	14	8	9	13	9	4	43	48	15	11	4	2	37	7	229	1.2
22	SANJIAO	25	3	5	20	11	21	9	4	6	33	38	10	18	2	1	15	4	261	2.5
23	SANJIAO	21	8	5	25	16	19	8	6	12	52	61	20	23	3	2	25	6	301	2.0
24	SEASEA	24	4	4	24	16	20	17	15	18	56	65	14	24	5	2	64	13	373	2.0
25	SANJIAO	20	2	3	12	13	10	7	6	5	41	42	14	19	3	-	6	-	174	1.9
26	SANJIAO	22	1	1	9	6	2	1	-	3	15	12	3	7	5	2	11	3	81	1.9
27	SUAVU	20	7	4	29	22	21	16	18	7	36	42	18	26	4	1	33	2	280	3.2
28	VIO	30	1	-	3	2	3	4	1	1	9	8	-	2	-	-	1	-	35	2.1
29	WAMUNDU	30	-	-	3	1	4	5	1	3	10	9	2	3	-	-	3	-	44	1.7
TOTALS (L)		40	36	192	155	144	119	93	65	48	504	540	140	165	44	14	220	67	2592	
GRAND TOTAL		10	10	35	310	267	233	180	108	96	108	108	212	208	84	46	544	127	4956	