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## PATROL REPORT

Station: Abau.

Population: No census update as yet in entire

Subdistrict: Kupiano (Abau sub-district) Council Area: <sup>area</sup> M/Lagoon Amazon Bay.

District: Central.

House of Assembly Electorate: Abau.

Report No: 1 - 75/74

Map Reference: Nil map

Conducted by: M.H. Milne.

Last Patrol:

Designation: Patrol Officer.

Objects of Patrol: Political Education.

Duration: July/August 1973

Assist formation C.P.C. Boru.

No. of Days: 18

Assess local attitudes.

Census Division: Cloudy Bay

Census revision Boru, Magaibo, Darava for  
Amazon Bay Local Government Council.  
Publicise AOG minerals applications.  
General administration.

The District Commissioner,

District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ( )

Patrol Instructions, ( )

The Report and my comments, ( )

Area study, ( )

Updating of area study ( )

Situation Reports Nos 1- ( )

Patrol map, ( )

DATE: / /19

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,

Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,  
KONEDOBU, P. New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study, ( )

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District Headquarters assessment of Above average

Patrol & Report..... Average

Below average

DATE: / /19

District Commissioner



# POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total	Date of Census	
		Under 18 years		18 years and over		Under 18 years		18 years and over				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
16.8.73	Magaubo	51	59	35	45	2	2	8	-	202		
13.3.73	Boru	84	86	87	72	12	8	24	8	381		
21/23/4/73	Si'ini	not censused but visited on dates opposite.										
24.7	Oio	"	"									
24.6.73	Bam	"	"									
25.7	Doma	"	"									
15/8	Badubadu	"	"									
15/8	Gadoguina	"	"									
28/8	Manaua	"	"									
	Duramu	"	"									
Afaiva	Afaiva	"	"									
14/8	Segili	"	"									
29/8	Darava	79	78	62	62	1	4	27	4	317		
											900 total census	

The villages censused, Boru, Darava (inc. Labu) and Magaubo are of the east coast of this division and come under the Amazon Bay

Council, and are taxpayers. The villages of Manaua, Gadoguina and Douramu pay tax to the Marshall Lagoon council and the other villages not censused are within the Nemea Association and do not pay council tax.



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS: distroff  
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Patrol Post,  
ABAU

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Date: 8th April 1975

The Assistant District Commissioner  
Sub-District Office,  
KUPIANO

Our Reference:

Action Officer:

Designation:

Your Reference:

Date:

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74

Attached please find the relevant report plus four copies for action and your distribution.

Included in the report are two copies of my F.O.J for the relevant period, actual Patrol Report 1 - 7 for District Office interest a Situation Report 1- for Headquarters who might find some use for it.

I did not census the Nemea Villages at all and don't see any need to until attitudes change. If you think that the other villages which pay council tax need to be censused and if you can find the tax census books for them, I can do it later.

John Clarke is probably angry because I have'nt sent his books for the Amazon Bay Council villages back yet. Some are in a mess and I am re-writing them. He'll get them back soon.

For your action.

(Sign).....

M.H. Milne  
Officer In Charge.



ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDY BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

OBJECTS OF PATROL. cont.....

Getting back to the actual "objects of the patrol" they were (a) general contact at village level to try to gauge political development and assist in that respect.

(b) certain specific tasks such as census, assisting with Constitutional Planning Committee group and notification and explanation of a pending A.C.G. mining application hearing.

(c) general familiarisation and administration.

(a) and (c) above are continuing exercises and an object of any of this department's field work.

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDY BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

POLITICAL EDUCATION

Although this area is sometimes referred to as being a "political" area, meaning, no doubt, the anxieties caused by a group, the Nemea Association, in actual fact the people tend to display a fair lack of knowledge of the administrative organisation of this country.

Because certain people have been vociferous and brought attention to an area by their demands, it does not necessarily mean that they are politically aware. The leaders of the Nemea Association are singularly ignorant of fundamentals and it is disconcerting to see a mis-informed and uneducated handful exerting influence over a number of people.

There has been a lack of knowledge with regard to the Constitutional Planning Committee throughout this area despite an active discussion group at Abau.

It was with the above points in mind that contact at village level has been carried out.

Whilst at Boru I assisted with the formation of a Constitutional Planning discussion group representing about 600 people not represented at Abau.

The Nemea Association was well represented on paper at the Abau C.P.C group but certain elements were against the affiliation. At the request of the DGLO I sounded out the idea of a separate group for these people but the problem, if one exists, has not been resolved. The Nemea leaders are highly suspicious of such government tactics. My recent 8-1-3 refers.

I feel that it would be a mistake to focus too much attention on this group by trying to placate them in this matter. I have tried to treat the people here as individuals rather. I have-~~tried-to~~ than classify them into groups though I have not always been successful. One reason for the unique activities of some of the people of Abau has been political ignorance of the people in general and the lethargy which permits a large number to be more or less blindly led.



ABAU PATROL NO. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDY BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

CENSUS

The Assistant Secretary commented at the last District Conference " the present system of patrolling is outmoded" and with regard to census, no doubt, I believe.

Census records for some villages in the Abau area are non-existent, at least at this office. To arrive at an accurate population figure an overall census would have to be conducted from scratch. This would entail the traditional village census "line", difficult in certain village in the area.

For the benefit of the Amazon Bay council I recised census figures for the eastern coast villages of Boru, Magaube and Davara.

At a later date I could visit all villages specifically to institute census if it is felt to be necessary but with certain attitudes being what they are this could prove difficult.

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDY BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

D.A.S.F. FISH FREEZER ABAU

The freezer at Abau is a potential asset to the people here, many of whom have already tried to make some capital by selling fish through it. I say "potential asset" because this freezer has most often been inoperative due to technical errors in its reconstruction. (the present unit is apparently designed for use with an electric motor, not a diesel which vibrates and cause the gas pipes to leak.)

Relatively the Abau area people have been far behind the Kapari and Viriolo Hula's in selling fish to the freezer previously. Once the freezer becomes an institution the local people, I feel will spend ~~more~~ more time improving their fishing for economic gain. As it stands now, most if the application for loans from the Development Bank have been to do with the economic possibilities of fishing here.

The initial trouble of the Nemea Association not allowing outsiders to fish in these waters has died away and during my visit to villages. although I spoke about the freezer, nobody brought the subject up. In fact I have only heard one or two people ever bring it up, but admittedly quite consistently for a short time.

It would be good to see the freezer operating now as the big fish are running, or will be shortly, and I know the Boru's and a few others are interested.

Although the villages in the Cloudy Bay area are not fishermen by occupation, I feel that this freezer is something that could change this and assist these people in providing better for themselves and with new skills.



ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDY BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

EDUCATION

The teachers at the primary school at Bam are dissatisfied because of ..... 1. Their District Inspector has'nt visited the school since last October.

2. Lack of maintenance on their housing.

3. The general local attitude towards self-help as far as the school is concerned.

I was approached on a few occasions by villages in various villages who wanted to know when a school was going to be built on Abau island. The present location of the Bam school is not logical because it is not central at all and makes it difficult for children from Douramu, Badubadu, Manau, Si'ini, Afaiva, Segili and other villages to attend a government school. No child from Abau island attends school. The Bam school really I-don't-know why only makes it easy for Bam, Oio, Doma children to attend. I don't know why a school was'nt built on Abau island. This island is a constant focal point for the population. It would not be the victim of the local politics of the area as Bam is, but would be in a central and neutral location which could bring these people together and would assist the administration more than any other single entity.

The ~~665ceel~~ school at Boru caters for the east coast people of this area and cannot really effect the people around Abau or Cloudy Bay.

There has already been a class room built ON Abau so that one stage somebody must have entertained similar thoughts as myself.

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDEX BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

LABOUR PROBLEMS

The recent spate of labor troubles in Moresby and Marshall lagoon did not get this far down the line.

The only problem evolving from the plantation in this area is felt in Moresby with deserting labor adding to the increasing unemployment and law and order problems.

Apparently the rate of desertions from plantations here has risen from what I am told, changes in company policy with regard to contract enforcement and the attitude being, if they want to run away they are not much good to us anyway.



ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74 CLOUDY BAY CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL REPORT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In the main the Abua people are subsistence gardeners. Any economic development for this area, which will be best suited to the social way of life, as I feel is inherent in the village system, is fairly specialised small scale projects carried out with the correct amount of guidance and supervision.

I know that the Nemea Landowners Association thinks in terms of deals with Japan, thirty mile off-shore limits, airstrips and the like. I suppose one day the few leaders of this association will emerge from their dream world but until they do they are not doing much to assist the average, non politically minded villager who probably could improve his lot.

With regard to the Abau freezer which I have dealt with, instead of trying to devise ways in which the villager could improve his fishing and make some economic gain, all the leaders of this association could do was ~~sent~~ rant about who couldn't fish here.

At Maneua, the Ganai people are negotiating a timber rights purchase (or the other way around) with P.I.T. I have discussed this with the Ganai's and although I feel they could do better than 10c per hundred super feet, they seem to be quite happy. If these people bargained with P.I.T they could put that company on the spot for a better price. I believe around Rabaul 30c per hundred is the price. Anyway as it stands, as far as economic development goes something is being done that way and I believe the Nemeas who won't allow outside interests like that onto their land will change their mind if they see the Ganai people doing well.

I still feel that small scale village development is important for the villagers but unfortunately it is hard to get D.A.S.P. to think of small scale things. The smallest they seem to come up with is cattle projects etc..

The actual amount of currently in the area is obtained through sales of copra, coffee, fish, trade store sales, employees of plantation and the administrations ~~and the administ~~ and the population enjoy a reasonable, day to day living.

The money earned and pooled by the more enterprising individual is usually used to buy such things as outboard motors, and roofing iron.

I reiterate that small scale productive community (village projects to increase local standards of living are most logical in this situation.

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74

SITUATION REPORT

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES LOCAL ATTITUDES

The two concerns showing interests in the commercial exploitation of the Abau area are Pacific Island Timbers and A.O.G. minerals.

Fortunately for PIT., the Manaua people and some Badubadu and Gadaguina people are not of the Nemea tax paying Association and are agreeable for PIT who want the timber from their strategically located land. to enter into timber rights agreements.

PIT have already begun road operations to the above areas and the price negotiated is 10c. per hundred super feet. No opposition to PIT operating in these areas is expected as the people concerned are anxious for the development and the Nemea Association recognises the fact that it has no control over the Manaua (Ganai) clans and land.

On the other hand, concerning the lands controlled by the Nemea Association, the situation is quite different. The price asked in these areas is \$300.00 per hundred super feet and no negotiations are expected. These areas of timbered land adopted the situation will remain static.

Concerning AOG minerals the fact is that whilst the non-Nemea coastal people are agreeable to prospecting, the Nemea Association makes the point that it wants the Government to register all Nemea lands before such negotiations are entered into. From what I can gather "registered" means the Administration formally recognising all such lands being solelu controlled by the Nemea Association and totally under the authority of its constitution, and this means law, mines, roads etc. I take it then that all such concerns as want to invest in these areas will be answerable only to the Association.

As far as the smaller more individual economic activities are concerned such fishing for profit, the Association merely wants to curtail the activities of "non-Abau" people in the area.

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74

SITUATION REPORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABAU AREA

Usually, the average tax paying villages will only see value for money in visible local works and improvements. It is difficult to get the concept of local government having a wide meaning across. To add to these universal problems, there is an additional one in this area.

The present situation around Abau is unjust and discriminatory. Here we have tax money being collected by two organisations. One organisation is not officially recognised. Its leaders have no qualification ~~is-not~~ other than the ability to intimidate the Administration. The money appropriated from its tax payers is not subject to questions regarding its disbursement. The amount of tax paid to the Nemea Association average \$3.00 per head with variations. The legally promulgated organisation in the area is the Marshall Lagoon Local Government Council and Amazon Bay LGC with a tax rate of \$9.00 per head. Persons belonging to the Nemea Association who fail to pay tax to the legal authority are not prosecuted. There is, of course, no legal means of retribution if they fail to pay tax to their own association. In this respect members of this association are exempt from the law. Others



cont.,

are not.

In addition to the serious implications of an organization with no qualification, proper ability and expert guidance, handling fairly large sums of money collected from others and on which there is no control, legally, the duplication of local administration is illogical, wasteful and confusing. I cannot see how progress can be made whilst this situation continues, and whilst the administration maintains its laissez-faire attitude. If the administration will recognise this association then equally it must recognise its constitution and demand which are absurd.

ABAU PATROL No. 1 - 73/74

SITUATION REPORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABAU.....cont.,

To conclude this topic, such anomalies with regard to the two vying tax collectors in the area are discouraging and contrary to Government policy (with unity as a theme). It is time for a firm policy to be adopted with regard to this situation.

ABAU-PATROL-NO-4---73/74-CLOUDY-BAY-CENSUS-DIVISION

PATROL-REPORT.

SUBJECTS-OF-PATROL

# PATROL REPORT

Station: ABAU PATROL POST.	Population: Nil recent census. (see report no. 1., 73/74.
Subdistrict: ABAU (KUPIANO)	Council Area: Marshall Lagoon, Amazon Bay.
District: CENTRAL.	House of Assembly Electorate: Abau.
Report No: 2, 73/74.	Map Reference: nil
Conducted by: M.P. MILNE	Last Patrol: August 1973
Designation: Patrol Officer.	Objects of Patrol: Observe progress local C.P.C. groups. <del>See</del>
Duration: 4.10.73 to 10.10.73	Observe operation co-op. stores, assist where possible.
No. of Days: 5 days.	General contact admen.
Census Division: Cloudy Bay.	

The District Commissioner,

CENTRAL District,  
PORT MORESBY

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 13 To	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	( )
Updating of area study	( )
Situation Reports Nos 1—	(✓)
Patrol map,	( )

DATE: 30 / 10 / 19 73.

*Dennis Wells*  
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	( )
Updating of area study,	( )
Situation Reports Nos 1—	( )
	( )
	( )

District Headquarters assessment of  
Patrol & Report.....

✓ Above average  
Average  
Below average

DATE: / / 19

*(C. Singha)*  
District Commissioner



DISTRICT  
2391

District Office  
P.O. Box 776  
PORT ROYAL

23th December, 1973

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The Secretary  
Department of the Chief Minister and  
Development Administration  
KATUNGU

ARAB PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1973/74

Attached please find patrol jacket for the above patrol.  
The matters contained in the situation report are relevant  
to the District level only, at this stage.

A well written report by Mr. Milne, but I shall query the  
whereabouts of Patrol Report No. 1 which has not been  
received at this office.

For your records please.

D.R. MARCH  
District Commissioner  
Central District

C.C. A.D.C.  
KUPIANO

Please pass on these comments to Mr. Milne.

D.R. MARCH  
District Commissioner  
Central District

*Copy of report to S.D.O. ✓  
D.O. office  
20/12*

Date.....ber, 1973.....

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To *DC.* at *Moresby*  
Subject *ABAV PAROLE REPORT NO. 2/73* Date *15/10/73*

Attached please find  
three (3) copies of the  
above report compiled  
by the OIC/P.O. *M. MILNE*  
at ABAV.

For your comments  
and on forwarding, please.

PLEASE REPLY TO → Signed *J. Davis Wells. Adg.*

REPLY HERE →

*D.O. (Specie)*

*9. 28/11*

Date

Signed

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SEND PARTS ONE AND THREE WITH CARBON INTACT  
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## SITUATION REPORT No.

Station.....ABAU PATROL POST.....Officer Compiling.....MR. M. MILNE, P.O......  
District.....CENTRAL.....Subdistrict.....ABAU.....  
Census Division.....CLOUDY BAY.....L.G. Council.....AMAZON BAY.....  
Subject: AS PER PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Subdistrict Office KUPIANOAssessment Assistant District CommissionerDate Received 30/10/73

The report is of factual and self explanatory. It seems that some supporters of Ianu and Amau Villages are loosing interest on Nemea Association. As I in company of some village officials and council clerk, personally contacted and advised the villagers on the 14th October, 1973. As they demanded me voluntarily. It will no doubt that same thing will happen to other villagers around Cloudy Bay area when they'll see that they will not achieve from the Association. Nevertheless it will take some time for a change.

Action Taken: Encouragement re payment of Council tax is continuing process. Co-operative Officer at Magerida is fully informed about the situation mentioned in the report.

Sgd.....

Date.....15th November, 1973.



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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PATROL POST ABAU.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
SUB DISTRICT OFFICE,  
KUPIANO,  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

Date: 11th. October 1973.

Our Reference:

Action Officer: MM

Designation: PO

Your Reference:

Date:

PATROL REPORT No. 2.. 1973/74 CLOUDY BAY C.D.


Forwarded herewith please find the enclosed patrol report jacket (4) F.O.J., and sitrep (1) relevant to a recent brief patrol in the area.

I observed the attitude and trends towards the C.P.C. groups in this area, in particular the Boru group, and made it a point to try to assist the Si'ini co-op. store become viable. A copy of my memo to co-ops Margerida is attached with this report for your information.

The situation report will be of some use to the Liaison Office C.P.C. re developments in this area.

Villages visited were Si'ini, Douramu, Boru with a day at Babaguina investigating a minor dispute.

For your information.

  
M.H. MILNE.  
O.I.C.

O.I.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 13

Name M. H. MILNE

Station. ABAM

## FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.
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G. P.—P&NG/450.

4.10.73	92	0800 TO BARAGUINA, BAICSO VILLAGE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED STEALING. SPENT DAY IN AREA, TALKED WITH PLANTATION LABOUR. GENERAL DISCUSSION OBSERVATION.
5.10.73	93	0800 TO SI'INI VILLAGE. GENERAL DISCUSSION, OBSERVATION. ADVISED RE ENTERING CO-OP STORE.
6.10.73	94	SAT OBSERVED ABOM
7.10.73	95	SUN OBSERVED ABOM
8.10.73	96	0810 TO DORAMU VILLAGE, OBVIOUSLY TO OBSERVE OPERATION CO-OPS. Secretary absent. GENERAL DISCUSSION VILLAGERS ALL ASPECTS.
9.10.73	97	TO BORU VILLAGE DISCUSSED C.P.C. GROUP SAW ADVISOR. GENERAL TALKS AND OBSERVATION.
10.10.73	98	0700 TO SI'INI RE CO-OPS STORE AGREEMENT REACHED RE OPERATION OF SAME. GENERAL CONTACT AND DISCUSSION.
PATROL DAYS 5.		

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ABAU PATROL POST

The Co-operatives Officer,  
Margarida,  
Amazon Bay.

11.10.73

MM  
PO

Co-operatives store Si'ini.

I have visited the co-operative store at Si'ini as part of a patrol program and I believe its operation could be improve some extent.

You are no doubt aware that the store does not seem to operate really effectively and for a start I am trying to assist the Si'ini people in increasing copra sales to the store. This will not be difficult as there is an unused copra supply on Abau island which the people can process for a reciprocal amount of assistance to the area.

Some recommendations I put forward are....

(a) that banking facilities be arranged through the Commonwealth bank at Abau rather than Margarida. There are currently sums of money kept at Si'ini village in a tin box.

(b) that only items of real use and wanted by the people be supplied to the store rather than a large and varied assortment of goods, some of which lie on the shelves for months. This would ensure a higher turnover of items. I have included a typical order form drawn up in conjunction with the secretary of the Si'ini store, just showing the type of goods required and amounts.

It is highly desirable that the co-operative stores in the area function. This means that some measure of competition is provided against commercial business interests and may help to keep prices within a reasonable level. This is not to mention of course the convenience of having certain commodities nearby in the village.

I will try to assist in any way I can towards the effective operation of these stores.

M.H. MILNE.  
O.I.C.



# SITUATION REPORT No. 1

Station..... **ABAU PATROL POST.** ..... Officer Compiling..... **M.H. MILNE.**  
District..... **CENTRAL.** ..... Subdistrict..... **ABAU (KUPIANO)**  
Census Division..... **CLOUDY BAY.** ..... L.G. Council..... **(NEMEA LANDOWNERS ASS.) MARSHALL**  
..... **LAGOON L.G.C. AMAZON BAY L.G.C.**

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate.)

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

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Subject: CONSTITUTIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION GROUP ABAU AREA,  
REF. BORU.

Boru is a coastal village on the eastern side of this division. The C.P.C. group for this area was formed in July/August and I believe was a little slow in starting.

I have now observed the people to be showing themselves to be ammendable to active participation within the group. The discussion group members are advised by a willing and conscientious participant, the headteacher of the primary school, Bill Dauge.

The people of the Boru area are generally concerned with political development and appear to show some initiative in this and other matters.

The other discussion group in this area is centred on Abau island and involves those mainly non-sympathetic towards the Nemea Landowners Association. Their advisor is one Dudley Miles, an Australian businessman whose appointment I have commented adversely on previously.

Until an advisor is found who has a rapport with the people and who shows an interest in the job, the Abau island group will experience certain difficulties. My attitude has been made clear in previous memo to Liaison office. I am assisting in whatever way I can to make this group operate effectively.

The Nemea Landowners Association have intimated that they would like to form their own group but state in the same breath that they will not have anything to do with the Government or its ideas until their demands are met. These demands are well known (recognising their constitution, land registration etc.)

I have discussed this matter with the Liaison Officer in District Office who should be able to accompany me to certain villages in this area to find a solution. Sgd:.....

Sgd: *Michael J. Milne* M. MILNE.

Date: 10.10.73



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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TELEPHONE:

Sub-District Office,  
Kupiano,  
MARSHALL LAGOON. C.D.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Mr. M. Milne,  
Patrol Officer/O.I.C.,  
Patrol Post,  
ABAU.  
Aba Sub-District.

Date: 20th Sept., 1973.

Our Reference: 67-3-3

Action Officer: NK/ldw

Designation: ADO

Your Reference:

Date:

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - ABAU PATROL  
NUMBER 2 OF 1973/74.

1. Please prepare to depart on patrol on the 4th October, 1973 to Cloudy Bay Census Division.
2. The objects of the patrol will be:
  - (a) Political Education - Observing the present progress of Constitutional Planning Committee Groups.
  - (b) General Administration contact.
  - (c) Observe and assist Co-operative Stores in the area where necessary.
3. I suggest that the patrol should be of approximately 4 to 5 days duration.
4. I wish you an enjoyable patrol.

*J Daras Wells*

(J.DARAS-WELLS)

Assistant District Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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TELEPHONE:



Patrol Post,  
ABAU,  
Cloudy Bay,  
Central District,

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
P.O. Box 776,  
PORT MORESBY.

Central District.

Date: 17th April, 1975.

Our Reference: 67-3-3,

Action Officer: P. Sireh,

Designation: C.I.C.,

Your Reference: 67-1-1,

Date: 27th February, 1975.

ABAU PATROL REPORTS NO'S 1 & 4 - 1973/74.

Attached please the copies of the abovementioned report.

For your information and records please.

*M. Sireh*  
P. SIREH.

Officer-in-Charge.

Patrol Post,  
ABAU.  
Cloudy Bay,  
Central District,

17th April, 1975.

67-3-3,  
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DISCOM  
2891

District Office  
P.O. Box 776  
PORT KAITUMA

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KUPUT, MO

22nd May, 1975  
67-2-4  
Korahg  
Associate D.D.C.

ABAU PATROL REPORT NO. 1 & 4 - 1973/74

I am disturbed upon receipt of the abovementioned reports by Mr. M. Milne A.D.C., and Mr. M. Mwadeda P.O., respectively on the following grounds.

Firstly, both reports seemed to be eight to nine months overdue to date. Secondly, the command of chain has been overlooked. I believe that the said reports did not reach your office thus no comments were made for both. If this is correct please advise your officers, concerned accordingly, in order to eliminate this situation. Finally, there was only an original of each said report received, instead, triplicates of each should have been sent to me.

Your comments on both reports are urgently required and adhere to the above in future.

*V. Tanni*  
V. Tanni  
District Commissioner  
Central District

## PATROL REPORT

Report number: 3 73/74

District: Central

Patrol conducted by: M.H. MILNE

Area patrolled: Cloudy Bay C.D. inc.  
Borua, Ganal

Duration of patrol: 24/10/73 17/11/73

Last D.D.A. patrol: 4.10.73 10.10.73

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Map reference: n/a

Objects of patrol: General Administration and observation.

Station: Abau

Subdistrict: Abau

Designation: Patrol Officer

Personnel accompanying: Koive Parahe Int.

Number of days: 15

Total population of area: Approx. 3000 (nil Census)

Council area: Amazon Bay, Marshall Lagoon

House of Assembly Electorate: Abau Regional

The District Commissioner,

District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ( )

Patrol Instructions, ( )

The Report and my comments, ( )

Area study, ( )

Updating of area study, ( )

Situation Reports No's 1— ( )

Patrol map, ( )

DATE: / 19 .

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study, ( )

Updating of area study, ( )

Situation Report No's. 1— ( )

( )

( )

District Headquarters assessment of Above average

Patrol & Report..... Average

Below average

Date: / /19 .

District Commissioner



Discom  
2891

District Office,  
PO Box 776  
PORT MORESBY

11th September, 1974

67-2-9

G.C. HARDY/Pg

DDU

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KUPIANO.

ABAM PATROL POST REPORT NO. 4 of 1973/74

The attached copy of the above report was apparently forwarded direct to this office by the Officer in Charge Abam.

It is returned for action with the other copies at your office in the first instance.

Please advise Mr. Mwadeda of the correct procedure.

D.J. CLANCY  
District Commissioner,  
Central District.

c.c. Officer in Charge,  
Abam



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:  
TELEPHONE:

- 1 FEB 1974

Patrol Post,  
MAGARIDA.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Assistant District  
Commissioner  
Kupiano,  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

Date: 29th January, 1974.

Our Reference: 67-2-1-

Action Officer: MM/ks

Designation: PO

Your Reference:

Date:

ABAU PATROL REPORT NO. 1 73/74.

Forwarded herewith is a second, outdated batch of this patrol report.

You are aware that the original report was left at Kupiano about five months ago for your attention and was apparently lost.

In the original report I included a patrol report which was unnecessary and I have therefore excluded it from this lot.

The strep. attached is now outdated and is forwarded as a token gesture for conformity sake.

(M.H. Milne)  
O.I.C.

C.C. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



67-2-9  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION



P.O. Box 2396  
KONEDOBU  
Papua New Guinea

Ref.: 67-1-25  
Date: 7th January 1974

The District Commissioner  
Central District.....  
P.O. Box 776.....  
PORT MORESBY.....

RE:.....ABAU.....PATROL NO.....3.....OF 1973/74.  
CONDUCTED BY MR.....W.H. MILNE.....  
TO.....CLOUDY BAY & BONUA, GANAI.....CENSUS DIVISIONS.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

Situation Report Nos....1&2.....  
together with assessments. These have been distributed  
to appropriate Headquarters' Branches for information  
and any action required.

~~Area Study amendments/recompilation.~~

P Bouraga  
P. BOURAGA  
a/Secretary

*Same*

ADC. Kupians.

For your information, please.

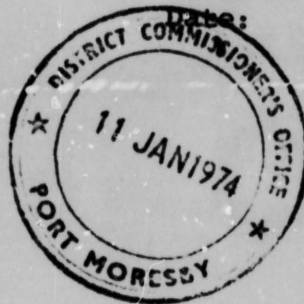
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67-2-9  
D.R. Marsh, DC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396  
KONEDOBU  
Papua New Guinea

Ref.: 67-1-24  
Date: 7-1-74



The District Commissioner  
Central District.....  
P.O. Box 776.....  
PORT MORESBY.....

RE:.....ABAU.....PATROL NO.....2.....OF 1973/74..  
CONDUCTED BY MR.....M.H. MILNE.....  
TO.....CLOUDY BAY.....CENSUS DIVISION.

... I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- . Situation Report Nos.....142.....  
together with assessments. These have been distributed  
to appropriate Headquarters' Branches for information  
and any action required.
- . ~~Area Study amendments/recompilation.~~
- . Patrol Report Jacket is also acknowledged with thanks and would require  
a copy of the Patrol Report No. 1 when located.

*P. Bouraga*  
P. BOURAGA  
a/Secretary

*SK*  
*1 copy to Kup MB*

*10/1*

*ADC. Kupiano*

*67-2-9*

*For your information, please*

*15/1/74*

*J.R. Hardy DC.*



DISCOM  
2891

District Office  
P.O. Box 776  
PORT MCDONALD

28th December, 1973

The Secretary  
Department of the Chief Minister and  
Development Administration  
KORORONG

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D.O. (1)

ABAU PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1973/74

Attached please find patrol jacket for the above patrol together with Situation Reports Nos. 1 and 2.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1 - Babaguina Estate - I shall query O.I.C. Abau as to whether these areas under dispute are undeveloped, and the actual needs of the Baibo village people.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2 - With latest trends in Local Government finance distribution (i.e. portion of ward taxation spent on ward projects) a reconciliation with the Abau Bay Council would not show immediate benefits, but is certainly a welcome trend in this area.

A close watch will be continued on activities in the Abau area, as further development may be anticipated in the near future.

D.R. BARNES  
District Commissioner  
Central District

c.c. A.D.C.  
KUPIANO

c.c. O.I.C.  
ABAU



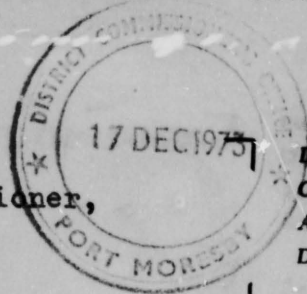
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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:  
TELEPHONE:

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The District Commissioner,  
Central District,  
District Office,  
P.O. Box 776,  
PORT MORESBY



Date: 10th December, 1973.

Our Reference: 67-3-3

Action Officer: NK/vk

Designation: A.D.O.

Your Reference:

Date:

ABAU PATROL No. 3 OF 1973/74

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above  
Patrol submitted by Mr. M. Milne, Patrol Officer.

For your information and comments, please.

*J. Daras-Wells*  
(J. DARAS-WELLS) *DR*  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer In Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
ABAU.

DO. (Land)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:  
TELEPHONE:

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PATROL POST ABAU

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
KUPIANO  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

Date: 21st. November 1973

Our Reference:

Action Officer:

MM

Designation:

OIC

Your Reference:

Date:

ATTACHED PATROL REPORT No. 3 1973/74.. Abau.

Forwarded herewith the attached report.


The days between the 24th. Oct. and 28th. Oct. were spent on patrol with Mr. Bamford who asked for my assistance in recapturing a plantation worker charged with rape who had escaped from custody. Mr. Bamfords report will contain the details.

The patrol days, as per my f.o.j. were spent at Manaua village (Ganai) observing and assisting with the five cattle projects in the area. D.A.S.F. have handled the administrative side of this and the villagers are working enthusiastically.

Other days were spent doing general administration at Boru and at Eonua.

My sitreps no. 1 concerns the Ganai, Babaguina area and no 2 the Bonua area.

For your information.

  
M.H. MILNE  
Officer in Charge.

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

Station..... **ABAU PATROL POST** Officer Compiling..... **M.H. MILNE**  
 District..... **CENTRAL** Subdistrict..... **ABAU (MARSHALL LAGOON)**  
 Census Division..... **CLOUDY BAY** L.G. Council..... **MARSHALL LAGOON**

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject:..... **Disputed land (political) Babaguina Estate.**

Babaguina Estate is a copra plantation owned by B.N.G. Development Company, and managed by Mr. P. Schmidthamer. The estate comprises portions 372, 373, 385, 387 and 389, ~~2000~~ acres altogether.

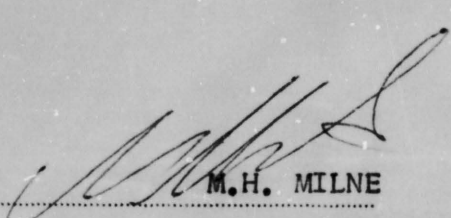
Portion 389 contains the areas currently disputed by the Baibo village people.

Although such disputes are common concerning plantations, I feel that this particular dispute is important because it is actively supported by the Nemea Landowners Association and its reasons are typical of the thinking of this Association concerning foreign owned land in the area.

It is clear to me that the disputed area is within the confines of the plantation land. Although the people pressing this issue do not openly admit, I believe they realise that the part of portion 389 in question is actual plantation land.

Their main contention and therefore the contention of the Nemea Association is that the land was not purchased fairly in the first instance. "a few axes and knives". The main point is that there is now a confrontation between the management and some landowners and attempts have been made to block a plantation road. The management has used this road to collect firewood but had temporarily ceased whilst I try to resolve this dispute.

This, therefore, I bring to attention as being the first, to my knowledge, active confrontation over a land attitudes issue that involves very sizeable areas in this census division.

Sgd:.....  **M.H. MILNE**

Date:..... **21st November 1973**



SITUATION REPORT No. 2

Station..... **ABAU PATROL POST** ..... Officer Compiling..... **M.H. MILNE**  
 District..... **CENTRAL** ..... Subdistrict..... **ABAU (MARSHALL LAGOON)**  
 Census Division..... **CLOUDY BAY** ..... L.G. Council..... **MARSHALL LAGOON**.....

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject:..... **BONUA VILLAGE, NEMEA ASSOCIATION INFLUENCE**

Although Bonua village, in this census division, is commonly known as a hard core Nemea strongpoint, the situation proved somewhat different to me during a visit.

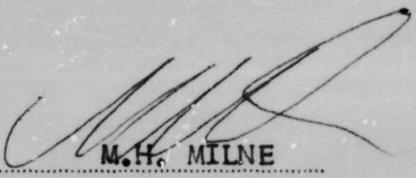
Bonua is the most isolated village in this division, being much closer to Margarida Patrol Post than Abau. The village can only be reached by a five hour walk from the coastal village of Darava or a somewhat longer walk from Margarida. It can also be reached by a two day walk from Abau.

I found the people dissillusioned about the Nemea Association and the lack of progress in their area. The villagers intimated that they would not be impartial to a reconciliation with the Amazon Bay council, if some sort of development and interest could be shown.

It is apparant that they will back any body who cna show them some development assistance.

I think this shows an important trend in this area as I believe there could be other villages sharing these views.

With this in mind, I have requested through the A.D.C. Kupiano, that the possibility of some rural development assistance be looked into in conjunction with the O.I.C. Margarida who could perhaps liaise with the Amazon Bay council. Assistance I had in mind could perhaps be in some better communication between the Bonua area and Margarida Patrol Post as part of at least the start of some development.

Sgd:.....  ..... **M.H. MILNE**

Date..... **21st. November 1973**

Folio No. 19

Station. *ABAC*

G.F.—P&NG/450.

Date	Para No.	
16.11.73	134	0515 ZEP. BOMBA ARRIVE DARAVA 0910 TALKED WITH SOME DARAVA VILLAGERS TO 1200. RETURNED ABAN VIA BANA BANA ISLAND ARR. ABAN 1700 <del>SLEPT ABAN</del> REC. MESSAGE EX ADC M. LAGDON RE ESCAPEE CHARGED WITH 17.11 RABE. <del>SAT</del> CHECKED WITH GANAI VILLAGE AND BABAGUINA PLANTATION. ESCAPEE NOT SIGHTED.
17.11.73	135	0900 TO DEDALE PLANTATION RE ESCAPEE. NOT SIGHTED. INFORMED LABOUR. 1500 TO ROB RIVER PLANTATION RE ESCAPEE. NO LUCK. SLEPT ROB RIVER
18.11.73	136	SUNDAY. RETURNED ABAN
19.11.73	137	0845 AT ABAN. (HARD) MAINTENANCE COMPLAINT. SENT PARTIES TO KUPIANO TPO. NAPOLEON ON STATION. EX KUPIANO SHOWED HIM AROUND AND GAVE SOME TREASURY INSTRUCTION AND INSTRUCTION AND ADVICE GENERAL STATION DUTIES.
20.11.73	138	0845 Some Correspondence to 1500 then by dingy to DURANCE re notification of TROPICAL ANTIBARBERS APPLICATION. ALSO RE CO-OP STORE 1200 RETURNED ABAN. General duties
21.11.73	139	DAY spent on ABAN General duties and typing Sitreps for Patrol Report No 3

PATROL

Total Field Days  
recorded this Folio = 2

To be made out in Triplicate.  
 ORIG.: D.D.C. and A.D.C. to forward to D.C.  
 DUP.: Other officers to A.D.C.  
 TRIP.: Officer's file.

Total Field Days recorded this Folio = 2

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. 18

Name M. MILNE

Station ABAL

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
8.11.73	126	0630 Set out with members of ABAL CPL for P. M. to Kungia via BAIA. NO TRANSPORT ARRIVED AT BAIA to take us to Kungia. RETURNED 1400 NOTE ADC RE MAIL.
9.11.73	127	ORGANISED TRANSPORT RE RETURN OF CPL MEMBERS TO VILLAGES. CHECKED TREASURY REIMBURSEMENT BOOK BY CLARK KOKO SASSARE. APPEARS TO BE ABOUT \$260.00 DEFICIENCY. ADVISED KOKO TO CHECK AND NOT SUBMIT REIMB. UNTIL AMOUNT MADE UP GENERAL DUTY.
10.11.73	128	0700 By DINGHY TO MARSHALL LAGOON. INFORMED ADC RE ABOVE, AND GENERAL MATTERS. DID SHOPPING.
11.11.73	129	SUN. RETURNED ABAL BY DINGHY.
12.11.73	130	0845 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AT STATION. ANGVA PEOPLE COLLECTING COPRA ON ISLAND.
13.11.73	131	0845 TO BONA VILLAGES FOR GENERAL CONTACT AND ADMINISTRATION. TALKED WITH PEOPLE - GENERALLY HAPPY.
14.11.73	132	0845 DEPT. FOR BONA ARRIVED MARGARIDA 1200 BY DINGHY TALKED WITH P.O. J. CLARK RE BONA VILLAGES. LEFT MARGARIDA
15.11.73	133	0600 BY DINGHY TO DARAVA THEN WALKED TO BONA. START WALK. ARR. BONA 1400 HAD A LOOK AT SITE OF CONTEMPLATED (BY NEMEA ASSOC) AIRSTRIP. TALKED WITH ALL VILLAGERS AT A DISCUSSION MEETING IN EVENING. ASSESSED NEMEA ATTITUDES AND GUARDED POSSIBLE ASSIST. RE RURAL DEVELOPMENT. LEFT BONA.

Total Field Days  
recorded this Folio = 2

PATROL DAYS 3

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DUP.: Other officers to A.D.C.  
TRIP.: Officer's file.

## Folio No. 17

Station. ABAC

## G.P.—P&amp;NG/450.

Total ~~Field~~ Days  
recorded this Folio = 4

To be made out in Triplicate.  
 ORIG.: D.D.C. and A.D.C. to forward to D.C.  
 DUP.: Other officers to A.D.C.  
 TRIP.: Officer's file.



Folio No. 16

Station. Alban

G.F.—P&NG/450.

Total Field Days recorded this Fall = 6

To be made out in Triplicate.  
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 DUP.: Other officers to A.D.C.  
 TRIP.: Officer's file.

## PATROL REPORT

Report number: 4 1973/74

District: CENTRAL

Patrol conducted by: M. MWAEDEA

Area patrolled:

Duration of patrol:

Last D.D.A. patrol: 24.10.73 TO 17.11.73

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Map reference: NIL

Objects of patrol: CENSUS, AREA STUDY EIGHT  
POINT PLAN OF GOVERNMENT.

Station: ABAU

Subdistrict: ABAU

Designation: PATROL OFFICER

Personnel accompanying:

Number of days: 45 DAYS TO 17.11.73

Total population of area: 2681

Council area: M/LAGOON & AMAZON BAY

House of Assembly Electorate: RIGO - ABAU

The District Commissioner,

District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ( )

Patrol Instructions, ( )

The Report and my comments, ( )

Area study, ( )

Updating of area study, ( )

Situation Reports No's 1— ( )

Patrol map, ( )

DATE: / 19 .

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study, ( )

Updating of area study, ( )

Situation Report No's. 1— ( )

( )

( )

District Headquarters assessment of Above average

Patrol & Report..... Average

Below average

Date: / /19 .

District Commissioner



# POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
MAY 1974	OIO	25	20	19	21	-	1	6	-	92
"	DOMA	34	33	43	42	9	7	13	6	187
"	BAO	5	3	11	11	-	2	3	1	36
"	UWAEHA	5	4	9	5	1	1	1	1	26
"	BAM	15	15	21	20	1	-	1	-	70
"	DARAVA	21	20	21	20	4	2	12	3	103
"	BAIBO	9	8	16	15	3	1	3	2	
"	GANAI	60	53	63	54	2	2	4	3	241
JUNE	GADOGUINA	14	14	19	25	-	-	4	-	76
"	ANEVE	8	6	12	20	1	1	4	1	53
"	GEBEA	15	14	14	15	-	1	5	2	66
"	BONUA	46	32	41	44	4	2	9	1	179
"	MAGAUBO	46	53	51	51	1	1	5	1	209
	SI'INI	29	22	49	36	2	-	5	2	145
	BORU	98	87	118	85	20	12	38	17	475
	SEGILI	44	36	53	46	3	5	11	5	208
	APAIVA	44	51	66	64	1	2	14	4	246
	DURAM	40	33	60	51	8	5	14	6	217
TOTAL TOTAL		558	504	686	622	60	44	152	55	2681

Patrol Post,  
ABAU.  
C.O.

12.8.74.  
M2  
P.O.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KUPIANO.  
M/Lagoon

Patrol Report ABAU.

Attached please find the patrol report for Abau patrol post  
No. 4 of 1973/74.

The report is forwarding to your office for comment. ~~and~~  
Also attach the F.O.J. Nos 13-22.

For your information and advice, please,

M. MWADADE.

OFFICE IN-CHARGE.



SITUATION REPORT No. 4.

Station ABAU CLOUDY BAY Officer Compiling M. MWAEDE  
 District CENTRAL Subdistrict ABAU  
 Census Division ABAU AMAZON BAY L.G. Council M/LAGCON-AMAZON BAY

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: EIGHT POINT PLAN (POLITICAL EDUCATION)

Talks were given to all the village in the area about the government. Eight point plan. The talks were greatly appreciated by the villages. This was judged by the peoples reaction and the type of question asked by the villages. After discussion of all the points of the government the peoples asked if the government will fulfil all its plan to the rural areas. Firther more most of the peoples of the cloudy bay area are aware of the future comming of the date of Independence.

Sgd:.....

Date:.....

Date:.....

SITUATION REPORT No. 4.

Station ABAU PATROL POST Officer Compiling M. MWADEDA  
 District CENTRAL Subdistrict ABAU  
 Census Division CLOUDY BAY-AMAZON BAY L.G. Council M/LAGOON-AMAZON BAY.

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: SOCIAL

Minor disputes are dealt in various villages. Few of these are land matters: So the patrol could not do anything about it. We advise them to take the matter to their villages leaders or then land department. The patrol have noticed that more disputes are coming from the plantation in the area. School in the area is limited and it is the peoples most concern. Most of the school age children are in villages (SEE LITERACY) in the area study. Road should be built in the area to get all the product of the in land villages to the coastal areas for shipment. Whereas at present the products were used as fertilizer to the crops.

Sgd:.....

Date:.....



PATROL REPORT  
AREA STUDY OF CLOUDY BAY ABAU 1974.

INTRODUCTION

Cloudy Bay Area covers the area of approximately 30-35 miles from Duram on the west to Table Point on the east. The area extends northwards to the Owen Stanly Ranges. The area itself is predominantly flat and mangroves and swamps along the coast, which gradually leads to rainforest on the hills. The average rainfall of the area is 100-140 inches per annum.

Approximately 80-85% of the populations lives on the coastal villages and on the banks of the rivers. Consequently the main means of transport is by sea. Considering the fact that Abau Patrol Post is the Administration Headquarter of the area is on the island. The officer stationed on the island finds it hard to communicate with the people. This turns out to be a transport problem.

Cloudy Bay has one (1) airstrip which carries the smallest plane (macair). The airstrip is situated in the Robinson River Plantation which is on the mainland. All the maintenance work of the airstrip is done by the plantation. Shipping is regularly by B.P.'s vessels. These ships along side to Abau wharf when ever there is something to be unloaded, otherwise straight to the plantation (Baubauguina and Robinson River and move onto their next ~~next~~ disignation. Cloudy Bay area is similar to much of the coastal Papuan villages. It has been under administration and mission influence since the first quarter of the 20th century. The majority of the people in the area are self reliant. They call in rerally for assistance from the central government.

One quarter of the population in the area are follows of the Nemea Association which now operating for seven (7) years. It is conspicuous that the movement can be classified as a cargo cult. The two (2) main village follows of the association were Segili and Apaiva.

LAEDSHIP (APPEN "C").

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PATROL REPORT  
AREA STUDY OF CLOUDY BAY ABAU 1974.

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Cloudy Bay Area covers the area of approximately 30-35 miles from Duram on the west to Table Point on the east. The area extends northwards to the Owen Stanley Ranges. The area itself is predominantly flat and mangroves and swamps along the coast, which gradually leads to rainforest on the hills. The average rainfall of the area is 100-140 inches per annum.

Approximately 80-85% of the populations lives on the coastal villages and on the banks of the rivers. Consequently the main means of transport is by sea. Considering the fact that Abau Patrol Post is the Administration Headquarter of the area is on the island. The officer stationed on the island finds it hard to communicate with the people. This turns out to be a transport problem.

Cloudy Bay has one (1) airstrip which carries the smallest plane (macair). The airstrip is situated in the Robinson River Plantation which is on the mainland. All the maintenance work of the airstrip is done by the plantation. Shipping is regularly by B.P.'s vessels. These ships along side to Abau wharf when ever there is something to be unloaded, otherwise straight to the plantation (Baubauguina and Robinson River and move onto their next ~~next~~ designation. Cloudy Bay area is similar to much of the coastal Papuan villages. It has been under administration and mission influence since the first quarter of the 20th century. The majority of the people in the area are self reliant. They call in rerally for assistance from the central government.

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vegetable to Kupiano market. Over-all the main requirement of the people in the area is road to get their produce out to the markets.

#### SEA.

Regular coastal shipping services are carried out by vessels of Burns Philp Trading Company. It runs fortnightly services in the area. The major ports of calling are Dedele, Robinson River, Baubauguina and Abau when it is warranted. The vessels drops cargo to various villages along the coast when it is ordered to. It appears that the area has good ports and the people have the advantage of loading their produce in the companies vessel during south east wind, when they can not get to port moresby in their big canoes. Another important sea transport are large out board motor canoes which are owned by the coastal villages and are operating between port moresby and cloudy bay with passengers and cargo.

#### LITERACY.

Cloudy Bay is one of the last area to develop to the standard of educational level what all the central district has. Approximately 40 to 50 % of the children of school age are actually attending school (SEE APPEN "E"). There are few number dropouts from school and are literate in English (SEE APPEN "G"). Also a number local people are literate in motu and their local language.

#### SOCIAL GROUPING.

The social grouping in the cloudy bay is composed of villages, made up of clans, and families living together. The people in the area have a simple family life working in their gardens and so forth. Although the people live with their families, there are a number of some bigger family which is called clan or sub-clan. In every day life people in the area have very strong tie in their clan member. There are four (4) language spoken in the cloudy bay area. About 26% of the people in the area speaking meda language. That is in the coastal area of abau island 27% speaking nemea language which includes Bam and all the villages inland of cloudy bay, 11% speaking aid language. This language includes Amau villages which is in the Marshall Lagoon area. About 26% speaking Ma Magiliba this is similar to Mailu language of the Amazon Bay and 10% speaking Bonua language which is inland from Darava coastal. This language went as far as Baniara in the Milne Bay District north coast. Over all the common language spoken in the area is Motu. The relationship between the component social groups and major groups outside but adjacent to the is good. People are friendly at all times.

#### TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

All large number of the absentees including young men and women from this area are employed by the government and private enterprise through out the country. In every village surveyed especially the coastal area one can claim that at least one (1) to two (2) men who have had the experience as a carpenter and few of these men can read plans and take contracts, mechanical skills limited in the area. Although there are a few people who have some experience in garages and workshops in the various centre of the country in the past. There are also a large number of retired police in the area which they perform some important role in the villages. (SEE APPEN I).

#### MISSIONS.

There are two (2) religious denomination united church and seven day adventage, both church have the same number of followe. 1. UNITED CHURCH (a) Has local pastors stationed in all villages with a large number of followe, (b) It restricted its work mainly on religion teaching

#### 2. SEVEN DAY ADVENTIST.

(a) Has local pastors stationed in the villages with a large percentage of followe. (b) The mission has one school which was built at Wageads and it is the centre of the local followe.

### NON-INDIGENOUS.

There are six (6) expatriates in the area, five of them are working in the plantation as managers. The sixth man is the trade store owner who is stationed at Abau island. He is married to a local woman. All the coconut and coco plantation in the area are owned by Burns Philp Comp. LTD.

### LAND TENURE AND USE.

The land tenure of the Cloudy Bay area basically follows the partilineal inheritance pattern with very minor difference from village. Some land is inheritance through the mother side on very odd occasions. This is exception rather than the rule of the society. The land problems in the area involves the Nemea Association and the Council follows. The Association wants to control all the land in the Cloudy Bay area. Consequently the council followers could not let the association to touch their land. Nemea members also would not probably will never let anybody to buy or lease land from them. The association's main policy is to get all the land together and share it among its members. So if any prospector come to the area and find any thing i.e. Minerals from the land then the persons concern will get the benefit from it but not outsider such as central government. In other words they want to get direct payment of their land from the company's concerned. Over-all the association controls the land in the areas of its members residents.

### ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The people of the Cloudy Bay area have a false idea the different roles and responsibilities of the Central and Local Government. The exception is that the Nemea Association would not recognize the Local Government Council in the area. The formation of the Association is to avoid all outside bodies interfering with their business. So what might come to them, they'll get the benefit from it. Nemea association is now operating for approximately five (5) years in the area, but nothing has come out from it. So some of its members at present neglect the association and tending back to the council. Over-all the council follows are quite happy with the present system of the Local Government Council.

### STANDARD OF LIVING.

The standard of living in the cloudy bay area is relatively low in comparison to the villages linked road to Port Moresby and other centre in the district. This is judge by the look of the peoples dress and about 95% of the houses were built from bush materials. The other 5% were houses built from permanent materials and only the coast. Only two (2) villages out of all the villages in the area have approximately 95% of the houses were built from permanent materials. There are Boru and Duramu.

Another indication of the rising standard of the living especially the coastal area is the number of out-board motors in the area (SEE APPEN "J") and also radios, tapes, and pickups (SEE APPEN "D"). There are a large number of shotguns in the area (SEE APPEN "A"). In most of the villages shotguns has appeared to be the mark of prestige. The people in the Cloudy Bay mostly rely on their vegetable such as taro, bananas and so forth. The people buy canned food from the store when it is needed, mostly meat and fish stuff. The inhabitants especially the young once have interested in basket-ball and soccer. The young women in the area come to Abau to play basket-ball once a week. They also are interested in forming a club in the area.



### ECONOMIC IN THE AREA

The economic in the area is limited in comparison with the whole of central district. Ever through the people worked hard with their crops (SEE APPEN "F") It is very hard for them to get their production out of the area, such places as Doma and Bonua. The two(2) main cash crops in the coconut and coffee. Coconuts mostly produce by the coastal villages and on the other hand coffee is produce by the inland villages. The Co-operative Societies have been a familiar institution for many years in a number of villages in the area. However some have failed to continue for one reason or the other. Four(4) Co-operative stores operated during 1973/74 financial year with an annual turn-over of \$39,320 as compared with \$32,298 in 1972/73. These Co-operative stores include.

SI'INI	CO-OPERATIVE	TURN-OVER	\$9,462
BORU	"	"	\$20,187
MAGAUBO	"	"	\$ 8,529
DURAM	"	"	\$ .Making lose.

It appears that all of these societies are doing well except Duram. However they allow small rebate to the members of some \$1.900. It appears that the people are quite satisfied with co-operative system as it is now. It provides a convenient place for them to buy the essential items and an easy out-let for their crops.

### POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY.

The only problem which hinders the development of the area is roads. If the roads are to be built in the near future people in the area are prepared to work on their land to produce cash crops. Such crops as coffee and coconut plantations. Cattle projects are progressing. Fencing has been done months ago, and people are waiting for the herb to be brought in from various centres in the country. Cattle projects are in the following villages;

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PROJECTS:</u>
GANA1 .....	5
BORU .....	1
BONUA .....	1
TOTAL .....	7

The project at Bonua has about five(5) cows are now in the area. All the others are expecting the herds in the near future.

POPULATION REGISTER  
CLOUDY BAY AREA 1974 CENSUS

VILLAGE	<u>PRESENTS IN ELECT</u>				<u>ABSENTEES OUT OF ELECT</u>				TOTAL
	CHILDREN		ADULTS		CHILDREN		ADULTS		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
OIO	25	20	19	21	-	1	6	-	92
DOMA	34	33	43	42	9	7	13	6	187
BAC	5	3	11	11	-	2	3	1	36
BAM	15	15	21	17	1	-	1	-	70
UWAEHA	5	4	9	5	1	-	1	1	26
DARAVA	21	20	21	20	4	2	12	3	103
GANAI	60	53	63	54	2	2	4	3	241
BAIOBO	9	8	16	15	3	1	3	2	57
GADOGUINA	14	14	19	25	-	-	4	-	76
ANEVE	8	6	12	20	1	1	4	1	53
GEBEA	15	14	14	15	-	1	5	2	66
BONUA	46	32	41	44	4	2	9	1	179
MAGAUBO	46	53	51	51	1	1	5	1	209
SI'INI	29	22	49	36	2	-	5	2	145
BORU	98	87	118	85	20	12	38	17	475
SIGILI	44	36	53	46	3	5	11	5	203
APAIVA	44	51	66	64	1	2	14	4	246
DURAM	40	33	60	51	8	5	14	6	217
TOTAL =	558	504	686	622	60	44	152	55	2681

APPENDIX "A"

SHOT-GUNS.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SHOT-GUNS</u>	<u>RIFLES</u>
BAM	6	1
DOMA	4	
DARAVA (inland)	5	
BAYOBO	2	
GANAI	13	1
GADOGUINA	2	
ANEVE	1	
GEBEA	2	
DURAM	6	
MAGAUBO	5	
BONUA	3	
BORU	8	
SI'INI	4	
SIGILI	10	
APAIVA	5	
TOTAL =	76	2

THESE SHOTGUNS WERE PRESENT IN THE VILLAGE AT THE TIME OF RECORDING EXCLUDING THOSE TAKEN TO PORT MORESBY FOR REPAIR. ALL EXCEPT FEW OF THEM HAVE EXPIRED THEIR LICENCES AT THE TIME OF RECORDING.



# APPENDIX "B"

## TRADE STORES

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STORES</u>
BAM	2
GANAI	2
ANEVE	1
DURAM	3
MAGAUBO	2
BONUA	7
SIGILI	4
APAIVA	4
BORU	14
OIO	2
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TOTAL	41

ALL EXCEPT FEW OF THESE TRADE STORES WERE NOT OPERATING AT THE TIME OF RECORDING. ALL OF THESE TRADE STORES ARE FAMILY STORES, ONLY FEW ARE INDIVIDUAL OWNERS.

# APPENDIX "C"

## LEADERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
LAUWAIKA LIPORO	GANAI	COUNCILLOR	M/LAGOON COUNCIL
KELI EINA	DURAM	"	"
SABILI SIAKE	BORU	COUNCILLOR	AMAZON BAY COUNCIL
GABINA GANAU	GADOGUIN	COMMITTEE	M/LAGOON COUNCIL
LABA BEGA	ANEVE	"	"
AHOI HAORA	APAIVE	LEADER	COUNCIL FOLLOWERS
ANDREW KOIVE	MAGAUBO	COMMITTEE	AMAZON BAY COUNCIL
BUDOR AGABU	SIGILI	PRESIDENT	NEMEA ASSOCIATION
LAKA SIRINA	BAM	COMMITTEE	"
AUA ARAI	DOM	"	"
ANAI	BAU	"	"
OIOMARI	BAYOBO	VILLAGE LEADER	"
DORO TOM	SI'INI	COMMITTEE	"
UNABO NABA	GEBEA	VILLAGE LEADER	"
BONO	OIO	COMMITTEE	NEMEA ASSOCIATION
MUNAI MAINO	DARAVA	"	"
TABENA GAMEME	BONUA	VILLAGE LEADER	"

BUDOR AGABU IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL LEADER IN THE AREA ESPECIALLY THE VILLAGES WHICH HAS THE GREAT NUMBER OF NEMEA FOLLOWERS. WHERE AS IN THE COUNCIL AREA THE COUNCILLORS HAVE VERY LIMITED POWERS TO GO OVER THEIR OWN COUNCIL WARDS.

APPENDEX "D"

<u>RADIO</u>	<u>TAPES</u>	<u>PICKUPS</u>		
<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF RADIO</u>	<u>NO. OF TAPES</u>	<u>PICKUPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BAM	3	6	-	3
DCWA	2	-	-	2
DARAVA(inland)	2	-	-	2
OIO	1	-	-	1
SIGILI	7	1	1	9
APAIVA	12	11	2	25
GANAI	8	1	1	10
GADOGUINA	1	-	-	1
BAYOBO	2	-	-	2
ANEVE	2	-	-	2
SI'INI	4	1	-	5
BORU	17	5	4	26
MAGAUBO	4	3	1	8
BONUA	1	-	-	1
GEBEA	3	4	-	7
TOTAL	69	26	9	104

THERE ARE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTRIC EQUIPTMENT IN THE VILLAGE AT THE TIME OF RECORDING.

APPENDEX "E"

PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE AREA

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BAM	2	15	11	26
	3	20	2	22
	5	14	13	27
	6	22	11	33
TOTAL		71	37	108
BORU	1	20	12	32
	2	17	12	29
	4	13	19	32
	6	20	12	32
TOTAL		70	55	125
<u>WAGEADE S.D.A.</u>	2	13	14	27
	3	11	11	22
	4	11	11	22
TOTAL		35	36	71

THIS IS THE ONLY NUMBER OF SCHOOLS IN THE CLOUDY BAY AREA. BOTH OF THESE SCHOOLS ARE OWNED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND ONE IS RUN BY SEVENTH DAY - ADVANTIST.



APPENDIX "F"  
COFFEE PLANTATION AND COCONUT PLANTATION

COFFEE

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NEWLY PLANTED BLOCKS</u>	<u>FRUIT BEARING BLOCKS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DOMA	3		
BAM	1	7	10
DARAVA(inland)	1	5	6
OIO	1	1	2
SIGILI	1	1	2
APAIVA	-	6	7
GANAI	1	4	4
DURAM	2	1	2
BAYOBO	1	2	4
BONUA	15	4	5
		8	23
TOTAL	26	39	65

NEARLY ALL THE COFFEE BLOCKS IN THE AREA ARE LOCATED INLAND OF THE CLOUDY BAY.

COCONUTS

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NEWLY PLANTED BLOCKS</u>	<u>FRUIT BEARING BLOCKS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BAM	8		
DARAVA	7	3	11
OIO	5	3	10
SIGILI	5	2	7
APAIVA	6	2	7
GANAI	2	3	9
BADUBADU	5	1	3
DURAM	10	1	6
SI'INI	8	5	15
BORU	20	5	13
MAGAUBO	11	17	37
BONUA	7	12	23
DOMA	4	2	9
BAIYOBO	2	6	10
		6	8
TOTAL	100	62	168

THATS WERE ALL THE COCONUT BLOCKS END.

APPENEX "H"

CO-OPERATIVE STORES

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>1973/74 TURNOVER</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
SI'INI	\$9,462	
BORU	\$20,187	Very attractive store
MAGAUBO	\$ 8,529	
DURAMU	Lose	Members were not very keen during 1973/74 financial year and the result the store fall.

IT APPEARS THAT ALL EXCEPT DURAMU CO-OPERATIVE AREA DOING GOOD IN PLACES CONCERNED.

APPENEX "G"

DROPS -OUTS

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GYM GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BAM	3	2	5
LUMA	1	2	3
OIO	2	1	3
BAO	2	-	2
DARAVA	2	1	3
BAIOBO	1	-	1
GANAI	4	7	11
GADOGUINA	2	4	6
ANEVE	1	3	4
GEBEA	2	3	5
SI'INI	3	2	5
SIGILI	5	3	8
APAEVE	8	2	10
BORU	9	3	12
MAGAUBO	4	4	8
BONUA	2	1	3
DURAM	2	5	7
TOTAL	53	43	96

ALL THESE DROPOUTS IN THIS AREA ARE FROM FORM ONE (1) DOWN TO STANDARD TWO (2).



# PATROL REPORT

Report number: 3 of 1974/75

District: CENTRAL

Patrol conducted by: P. SIREH

Area patrolled: CLOUDY BAY C/D

Duration of patrol: 5/2/75 - 16/2/75

Last D.D.A. patrol: 14-11-74 - 27-11-74

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Map reference:

Objects of patrol: SEE INSIDE OF PAT/JACKET

Station: ABAU

Subdistrict: KUP IANO

Designation: PATROL OFFICER

Personnel accompanying: 1 PATROL INTERPRETER

Number of days: 11

Total population of area:

Council area: MARSHALL LAGOON/AMAZON BAY

House of Assembly Electorate: **RIGO/ABAU**

The District Commissioner,

CENTRAL District,

PORT MCKESBY

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 8 To 13 ,

## Patrol Instructions,

The Report and my comments.

Area study,

Updating of area study,

Situation Reports No's 1—

Patrol map,

DATE: 14/5/1975.

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,

Department of the Administrator,

Division of District Administration,

**KONEDOBU**, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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Updating of area study,

Situation Report No's. 1—

District Headquarters assessment of

Patrol & Report. No. 3 - 1973/74

~~Above average~~

Average

Below average

Date: 2/15/1975.

District Commissioner

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

1. Papua New Guinea & Village Court System.
2. Papua New Guinea Currency System (KINA & TOEA).
3. Films Show.

SITUATION REPORTS.

1. Primary School - Abau Island.



## THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Name PAUL PSIREM

Station ABACU

## FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date Para No.

Govt. Print.—7875/1,000 pads.—3.74.

5.2.75	121	WEDNESDAY - Departed Obau via Hinghy manned by a 40 HP Johnson engine to Magaubo at 0900 hours. Arrived at Magaubo at 1100 hours. It took us 2 hours to reach Magaubo village because of engine trouble and the boat was slow.
	122	At Magaubo I contacted the Council Ward Committee and explained to him the purpose of my patrol. Unfortunately I didn't start the discussion as some of the village people were out gardening. The discussion of new currency system and the village court system took place in the Church Building at 1700 hours. There were alot of questions asked concerning the both topics. The discussion stopped at 1830 hours.
	123	At 1930 hours a film was shown in the same church house and ended at 2300 hours.
	124	Over Night Magaubo village.
6.2.75	125	THURSDAY - Left Magaubo at 0900 hours for Bora and arrived at 0930 hours. The village people welcome us and I was met by the Council and the Ward Committee. From there I introduced myself to them and explain the purpose of my patrol.
		The sun was too hot so I told the Councillor that I will start the discussion at 1600 hours. Between 0930 hours and 1600 hours I spend the time listening to queries and worries from the people.
		At 1600 hours I began discussing the new currency and the village court system.

TOTAL Field Days  
recorded this Folio =  
PATROL DAYS = 2

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Name

PAUK ASIREH

Station

ABAU

## FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date

Para  
No.

Govt. Print.—7876/1,000 pads.—3.71.

6.2.75		THURSDAY (contd).
		Most village people were at home with an exception of few men who went out fishing.
	127	There were alot of questions asked during the discussion. At 1830 hours the discussion stood down.
	128	In the evening a picture show <del>was</del> was shown from 1930 hours in the church house.
	129	Over Night Bora Village.
7.2.75	130	FRIDAY: At 0800 hours, departed Bora for Se-ini village. The interpreter and I were dropped off at Dedele Plantation to solve a query which was brought by the Bora Council concerning one of his village man working in the plantation.
	131	Arrived at Se-ini village at 11.30 hours and was told that everybody had gone out gardening and fishing. I waited in the village until 1600 hours and then departed for Abau.
	132	As there were only a few <del>old</del> old men and women left in the village, I postponed the discussion until the end of the patrol.
	133	Over Night Abau.
8.2.75	134	SATURDAY: Left Abau at 0700 hours for Robinson River and arrived at 0800 hours. The Manager pick us in a truck and drove us to Oto village.
	135	From the village, people carried our cargoes to Bam village. A message was sent to Dora people to come to Bam Primary School on Sunday for the discussion.
		In the afternoon I heard few queries and solve them for the people concerns.

TOTAL Field Days  
recorded this Folio =

Patrol Days = 2

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R. V. P. SIATH

Station

ABAU

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Date

Para No.

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	137	SATURDAY (contd.) In the evening a picture show was shown at the school.
	138	Over Night Bam Village.
9-2-75	139	SUNDAY: At 1300 hours the people from OVO village, DORAVA and DORVA village gather at the school for the discussion. I discuss the new currency and the village Court System with the people. There were a lot of questions asked and this holds the patrol until 1700 hours.
	140	The Manager drove the truck to Bam, and brought all cargoes to Robinson River Plantation. After answering all the questions asked, the interpreter and I left of the plantation.
	150	At 1900 hours a picture show was shown in the evening for the plantation workers.
	151	Over Night Robinson River Plantation.
10-2-75	152	MONDAY: Left Robinson River Plantation via truck at 0900 hours for the wharf and arrived at 0915 hours. Awaited for the canoe from Segili village to come and take us to the village.
	153	Left the wharf at 0935 hours for Segili village. Arrived the village at 0955 hours. Talked to the people about the new currency and the village Court System. Most people were interested and a lot of questions were asked on the subject.
	154	In the afternoon I heard few queries from the village people and solve them.
	155	At 1900 hours films were shown in the village. Over Night Segili village.

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11.2.75	156	TUESDAY: Departed Segile village at 0800 hours for APAEVA village via canal and arrived at 0825 hours.
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	158	In the <del>evening</del> evening at 1900 hours a film show was in the village. Unfortunately some of the elder village men and women who didn't want to see the film as they believe that this films are against the rules of their script religion. Therefore only few young men and women saw the films.
	159	They were told that there won't be any films shown in the village in the future.
	160	Over night APAEVA village.
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	162	After the discussion, a few queries was heard and settled.
	163	Left APAEVA village for Baubanguina at 1100 hours and arrived at 1300 hours.
	164	Went to BAIEBO village and spoke to the village people about the new currency and the village Court system.
	165	Left BAIEBO after the discussion at 1650 hours for Baubanguina Plantation and arrived at 1730 hours.
	166	Films were shown in the evening. Over night Baubanguina

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13-2-75	167	THURSDAY: Left Laubanguina at 0900 hours for Ganai village. Arrived at 1100 hours.
	168	There were very few people in the village and the rest have gone to maintain the cattle paddocks and some went gardening.
	169	The councillor and I went to see the cattle project and a coffee plantation which needs pruning.
	170	Returned to the village and settled few problems brought by the Council.
		Films were shown in the night.
		Over Night Ganai Village.
14-2-75	172	FRIDAY: On the morning a discussion was held at Ganai concerning the new Currency and the village Court System. I also discuss with the people the proposed <del>new</del> School at Abau.
	173	The people were interested to have a school at Abau and agree to build the teacher's house and the children's dormitory.
	174	Departed Ganai village for Badu Badu, Geber and Gadaguina. Unfortunately most people from these villages were not present so I only distributed the booklets about the new currency and the village Court System and left for Duramu village.
	175	Arrived Duramu village at 1530 hours. A discussion was held in the village. Unfortunately there was no films shown because the sabbath days for the SDM missions falls on Friday at 1800 hours.
	175	Left the village for Abau and arrived at 1800 hours.
		Over Night Abau.

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16.2.75	176	SUNDAY: Left Abau at 1300 hours for Siini village and arrived at 1400 hours. Discussions were held on the new currency and the village Court system.
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177	Films were shown in the evening. At 2300 hours we left Jirini village for Abaer. Arrived Abaer at 2400 hours.
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End of Patrol.

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## SITUATION REPORT No. 1

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 Census Division: CLOUDY BAY L.G. Council: MARSHALL LAGOON

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Subject: PRIMARY SCHOOL - ABAU ISLAND.

Verbally advised by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. M. Milne at Kupiano, I have discussed the proposed school to be established on Abau Island and that help is needed from the local village people in the area.

There are seven villages which I held discussion with concerning the school. The village people have expressed their willingness in building the teacher's house, toilets for both the school children and the teacher and the school children's dormitory on a self help basis. These seven villages are SI-INI, ANEVE, GANAI, GEBEA, GALOGUINA, DURAMU and BADUBADU. These are the villages situated along the coast. The inland villages objected the idea because they said all their children attends Bam Primary School.

PATROL REPORT No. 3

Station..... **ABAU** ..... Officer Compiling..... **P. SIREH**  
 District..... **CENTRAL** ..... Subdistrict..... **ABAU (KUPIANO)**  
 Census Division..... **CLOUDY BAY** ..... L.G. Council..... **PART MARSHALL LAGOON/  
 AMAZON BAY**

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INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this patrol was to go out into the villages in the Cloudy Bay Census Division and give talks on the Village Court System and the New Currency System (Kina and Toea) in Papua New Guinea.

It was also a familiarisation patrol as I feel that the village people must know me as an Officer in Charge on the station.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA VILLAGE COURT SYSTEM

The village court system was explained to the people as per the booklet on Village Court in Papua New Guinea. As there is no booklet available I didn't distribute any pamphlets to the villagers on the matter. The system was merely explained to the people on how the village court system will work in the village, the role of the village court magistrate and what things the magistrate should do and what things he cannot do.

There were a lot of questions asked especially in the areas where the Nemea Association had great influences on the people. Most questions were asked on the following:

- (1) Whether the village court magistrate will be paid or not and who will pay him.
- (2) What powers will the magistrate have over the people.
- (3) If the magistrate has relatives involved in the court, will he sit for the hearing.

The non Nemea followers didn't ask a lot of questions but they expressed their views that they will wait and see when the village is established in the Cloudy Bay area. They also expressed their views on having one established in the area as soon as the Village Court Secretariat is willing to establish one.

The village court as explained to the people was that it is similar to the ways in which there are different clans use to meet and settle the arguments between the trouble makers. Usually the old people will sit together and decide on whatever ways they would settle these problems. As in the past, these meetings were like little courts. This I refer to the people as in the past, the elder people go about settling an argument. It was also pointed out to the people that the village court will hear cases on matters which involve native customs and some laws that concern the public interest.

The village court is not the only court that the people can settle their arguments but there are other courts above village court which can solve such matters, i.e. Local Court and the rest above it.

As discussed in the villages, the people were told that there had been some village courts already established in the country but this was just a trial to see if it works well and more of it can be established throughout the country.



(2)

I also told the people that the village court will be run by a District Supervising Magistrate and he will work together with the councils and the old people to select which person is suitable to handle the magistrate duties. When they have selected the people then the District Supervising Magistrate will make a list of the selected names and forward them to the village court secretariat to be published in the gazettee.

Although the village court magistrate is allowed to have some powers over certain laws, ie stealing, fighting, sorcery, damage to things and gardens, adultery, heavy drinking, but they can't hear cases on land matters or any matters which have been dealt within the supreme court. Thus the higher courts may send cases which the village court can settle within their jurisdiction.

As it was pointed out that the village court will be good for the people if the men who run the courts are good. The court will work well if the people help it to work well. The village court is for the people and they are the people.

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA CURRENCY SYSTEM (KINA AND TOEA).

The new currency system was explained to the people simply by giving them the following booklets;

- (1) Papua New Guinea Currency Notation.
- (2) Talk on Papua New Guinea Money.
- (3) Designs and details of Papua New Guinea coins.

In each village, I had to explain the new currency system to the people, then distribute the booklets out as I feel that if I give them the booklets, the people won't concentrate to what I was speaking about.

It was discussed to the people that the idea of new money was introduced by the Papua New Guinea Government in July 1974 and the Government proposed to produce the new money into being sometimes in the month of July, 1975.

The name Kina and Toea was explained to the people that they were the shell money used by Papua New Guineans in the old days. Toea was a mctu name and it was used in Papua as means of money. Kina was a pidgin name and it was used in New Guinea as means of money.

When the two currencies come into being, Papua New Guineans will still be using the Australian money for sometimes. This was the same situation with Dollars and Cents when Papua New Guinea first got it.

The village people were told that the notes will be called Kina and coins will be called Toea. There will be only K2, K5 and K10 notes but there won't be any K20 and K50 notes. One Kina is a coin money with a hole in the middle of it. Papua New Guinea will have 1t, 2t, 5t, 10t and 20t. There won't be any 50t coins.

The village people didn't ask a lot of questions except at Segili, a man asked if the sign K as in kina should be changed thus. It was explained to him that his proposal in changing the sign was too late as the sign "K" has been proposed by the Papua New Guinea Government. It will be too late to change the sign as the new currency will be shortly arriving in Papua New Guinea. Most of the villagers expressed their views that they will have to wait and see what the new currency is like and if they have any difficulties, they would seek advice at Abau Patrol Post or Managers of the plantations and school teachers nearby. Village people were also told that the literate men and women and the school children will explain anything concerning the new currency to them if they are in doubt.

As kina and toea is a new national currency for the country, I feel that the people will face some difficulties when the money comes into being. But after a month or so the people will get use to it.

FILM SHOW.

In each village a film strip was shown to give the village people some idea of what business enterprise and small business ventures carried out by the local Papua New Guineans throughout the country. The film was shown in each village every night from seven to eleven o'clock.

The attendance of the people during the film was quite good and the responds that we got from the village people was that they want some films of the same nature if there is any patrol into the area.

Apart from all the villages who participated in the picture show, the people from Apaeva village who refused not to see this type of films. There were no elder men or women who came to see the films. Only the young boys and girls were interested to <sup>have</sup> films in the village. It was suggested that there wont be any films shown at Apaeva if there is another patrol of this type into the area. The people said that this type of films was against their religion.

CONCLUSION.

Although both system were explained and discussed with the village people, few village people (especially the elder ones) will still have doubts in both systems.

*Mill*  
P. Sireh,  
Patrol Officer.



## PATROL REPORT

Report number: 3 of 1974/75	Objects of patrol: SEE INSIDE OF PAT. JACKET
District: CENTRAL	Station: ABAU
Patrol conducted by: P. SIREH	Subdistrict: KUPIANG
Area patrolled: CLOUDY BAY C/D	Designation: PATROL OFFICER
Duration of patrol: 5/2/75 - 16/2/75	Personnel accompanying: 1 PATROL INTERPRETER 1 PROJECTIONIST
Last D.D.A. patrol: 14.11.74 - 27.11.74	Number of days: 11 1 APO SUPERVISOR
Last O.L.G. patrol:	Total population of area:
Map reference:	Council area: PART MARSHALL LAGOON/AMAZON BAY
	House of Assembly Electorate: RIGO/ABAU

The District Commissioner,

*CENTRAL* District,  
*PORT MORESBY*

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 8 To 13,	( / )
Patrol Instructions,	( )
The Report and my comments,	( / )
Area study,	( )
Updating of area study,	( )
Situation Reports No's 1—	( / )
Patrol map,	( )

*Consistent situation*

DATE: 14/5/1975.

*J. Daras-Wells*  
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
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Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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Average

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Date: 21/5/1975.

*B. Tauri*  
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Date: 14th May 1975  
Our Reference: 67-1-4  
Action Officer: P. Sireh/li  
Designation: PO

Your Reference:  
Date:


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The report was a straight forward and needs no comments.

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For your information, please.

  
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OBJECTS OF PATROL.

1. Papua New Guinea Village Court System.
2. Papua New Guinea Currency System (KINA & TOEA).
3. Films Show.

SITUATION REPORTS.

1. Primary School - Abau Island.

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WEDNESDAY - Departed Abau via Hinghy runned by a 40 HP Johnson engine to Magaubo at 0900 hours. Arrived at Magaubo at 1100 hours. It took us 2 hours to reach Magaubo village because of engine trouble and the boat was slow.

122

At Magaubo I contacted the Council Ward Committee and explained to him the purpose of my patrol. Unfortunately I didn't start the discussion as some of the village people were out gardening. The discussion of new Currency system and the Village Court system took place in the Church Building at 1700 hours. There were alot of questions asked concerning the both topics. The discussion stopped at 1830 hours.

123

At 1930 hours a film was shown in the same Church house and ended at 2300 hours

124

Over Night Magaubo village.

5.2.75

125

THURSDAY :- Left Magaubo at 0900 hours for Bora and arrived at 0930 hours. The village people welcome use and I was met by the Council and the ward Committee. From there I introduced myself to them and explain the purpose of my patrol.

The sun was too hot so I told the Councillor that I will start the discussion at 1600 hours. Between 0930 hours and 1600 hours I spend the time listening to queries and worries from the people.

At 1600 hours I began discussing the new currency and the village Court system.

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THURSDAY (contd).

Most village people were at home with an exception of few men who went out fishing.

127

There were alot of questions asked during the discussion. At 1830 hours the discussion stood down.

128

In the evening a picture show ~~at~~ was shown from 1930 hours in the church house.

129

Over Night Bera Village.

7.2.75

130

FRIDAY.

At 0800 hours, departed Bera for Sini village. The interpreter and I were dropped off at Dedele Plantation to solve a query which was brought by the Bera Council concerning one of his village man working in the plantation.

131

Arrived at Sini village at 11.30 hours and was told that everybody had gone out gardening and fishing. I waited in the village until 1600 hours and then departed for Abau.

132

As there were only a few ~~at~~ old men and women left in the village, I postponed the discussion until the end of the patrol.

133

Over Night Abau.

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134

SATURDAY.

Left Abau at 0700 hours for Robinson River and arrived at 0800 hours. The Manager pick us in a truck and drove us to OTO village.

135

From the village, people carried our charges to Bam Village. A message was sent to some people to come to Bam Primary School on Sunday for the discussion.

In the afternoon I heard few queries and solved them for the people concern.

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	138	Over Night Sam Village.
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	163	Left APAEVA village for Baubanguina at 1100 hours and arrived at 1300 hours.
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15.2.75 175 SATURDAY: Observed Abau.

16.2.75 176 SUNDAY: Left Abau at 1300 hours for Siini village and arrived at 1400 hours. Discussions were held on the new currency and the village court system.

177

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End of Patrol.

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Subject:..... PRIMARY SCHOOL - ABAU ISLAND.

As verbally advised by the Assistant District Officer, Mr. M. Milne at Kupiano, I have discussed the proposed school to be established on Abau Island and what help is needed from the local village people in the area.

There are seven villages which I held discussion with concerning the school. The village people have expressed their willingness in building the teacher's house, toilets for both the school children and the teacher and the school childrens' dormitory on a self help basis. These seven villages are SI-INI, ANEVE, GANAI, GEBEA, GADOGUINA, DURAMU and BADUBADU. These are the villages situated along the coast. The inland villages objected the idea because they said all their children attends Bam Primary School.

Sgd:..... *M. Milne* .....

Date:..... 21.3.75 .....

PATROL REPORT No. 3

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INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this patrol was to go out into the villages in the Cloudy Bay Census Division and give talks on the Village Court System and the New Currency System (Kina and Toea) in Papua New Guinea.

It was also a familiarisation patrol as I feel that the village people must know me as an Officer in Charge on the station.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA VILLAGE COURT SYSTEM

The village court system was explained to the people as per the booklet on Village Court in Papua New Guinea. As there is no booklet available I didn't distribute any pamphlets to the villagers on the matter. The system was merely explained to the people on how the village court system will work in the village, the role of the village court magistrate, and what things the magistrate should do and what things he cannot do.

There were a lot of questions asked especially in the areas where the Nemea Association had great influences on the people. Most questions were asked on the following:

- (1) Whether the village court magistrate will be paid or not and who will pay him.
- (2) What powers will the magistrate have over the people.
- (3) If the magistrate has relatives involve in the court, will he sit for the hearing.

The non Nemea followers didn't ask a lot of questions but they expressed their views that they will wait and see when the village court is established in the Cloudy Bay area. They also expressed their views on having one established in the area as soon as the Village Court Secretariat is willing to establish one.

The village court as explained to the people was that it is similar to the ways in which there are different clans use to meet and settle the arguments between the trouble makers. Usually the old people will sit together and decide on whatever ways they would settle these problems. As in the past, these meetings were like little courts. This I refer to the people as in the past, the elder people go about settling an argument. It was also pointed out to the people that the village court will hear cases on matters which involves native customs and some laws that concern the public interest.

The village court is not the only court that the people can settle their arguments but there are other courts above village court which can solve such matters. ie Local Court and the rest above it.

As discussed in the villages, the people were told that there had been some village courts already established in the country but this was just a trial to see if it works well and more of it can be established throughout the country.



I also told the people that the village court will be run by a District Supervising Magistrate and he will work together with the councils and the old people to select which person is suitable to handle the magistrate duties. When they have selected the people then the District Supervising Magistrate will make a list of the selected names and forward them to the village court secretariat to be published in the gazettee.

Although the village court magistrate is allowed to have some powers over certain laws, ie stealing, fighting, sorcery, damage to things and gardens, adultery, heavy drinking, but they cant hear cases on land matters or any matters which have been dealt within the supreme court. Thus the higher courts may send cases which the village court can settle within their jurisdiction.

As it was pointed out that the village court will be good for the people if the men who run the courts are good. The court will work well if the people help it to work well. The village court is for the people and they are the people.

#### PAPUA NEW GUINEA CURRENCY SYSTEM (KINA AND TOEA).

The new currency system was explained to the people simply by giving them the following booklets;

- (1) Papua New Guinea Currency Notation.
- (2) Talk on Papua New Guinea Money.
- (3) Designs and details of Papua New Guinea coins.

In each village, I had to explain the new currency system to the people, then distribute the booklets out as I feel that if I give them the booklets, the people wont concentrate to what I was speaking about.

It was discussed to the people that the idea of new money was introduced by the Papua New Guinea Government in July 1974 and the Government proposed to produce the new money into being sometimes in the month of July, 1975.

The name Kina and Toea was explained to the people that they were the shell money used by Papua New Guineans in the old days. Toea was a motu name and it was used in Papua as means of money. Kina was a pidgin name and it was used in New Guinea as means of money.

When the two currencies come into being, Papua New Guineans will still be using the Australian money for sometimes. This was the same situation with Dollars and Cents when Papua New Guinea first got it.

The village people were told that the notes will be called Kina and coins will called Toea. There will be only K2, K5 and K10 notes but there wont be any K20 and K50 notes. One Kina is a coin money with a hole in the middle of it. Papua New Guinea will have 1t, 2t, 5t, 10t and 20t. There wont be any 50t coins.

The village people didn't ask alot of questions except at Segili, a man asked if the sign K as in kina should be changed thus. It was explained to him that his proposal in changing the sign was too late as the sign "K" has been proposed by the Papua New Guinea Government. It will be too late to change the sign as the new currency will be shortly arriving in Papua New Guinea. Most of the villagers expressed their views that they will have to wait and see what the new currency is like and if they have any difficulties, they would seek advise at Abau Patrol Post or Managers of the plantations and school teachers nearby. Village people were also told that the literate men and women and the school children will explain anything concerning the new currency to them if they are in doubt.

As kina and toea is a new national currency for the country, I feel that the people will face some difficulties when the money comes into being. But after a month or so the people will get use to it.

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FILM SHOW.

In each village a film strip was shown to give the village people some idea of what business enterprise and small business ventures carried out by the local Papua New Guineans throughout the country. The film was shown in each village every night from seven to eleven o'clock.

The attendance of the people during the film was quite good and the responds that we got from the village people was that they want some films of the same nature if there is any patrol into the area.

Apart from all the villages who participated in the picture show, the people from Apaeva village who refused not to see this type of films. There were no elder men or women who came to see the films. Only the young boys and girls were interested to films in the village. It was suggested that there wont be any films shown at Apaeva if there is another patrol of this type into the area. The people said that this type of films was against their religeon.

CONCLUSION.

Although both systems were explained and discussed with the village people, few village people (especially the elder ones) will still have doubts in both systems.

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