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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of ESA'ALA SUB DISTRICT
MILNE BAY DISTRICT Report No. 1 of 1958-59
 Patrol Conducted by F. H. FAULKNER C.P.O.
 Area Patrolled SOUTH EAST FERGIUSSON ISLAND
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO
 Natives 4 members R.P. & N.G.C. 1 Interpreter
 1 Agricultural Assistant
 Duration—From 15/7/1958 to 23/8/1958 2 N.M.O.'s
 Number of Days 40
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July/Aug 1957
 Medical not known /18
 Map Reference Fergusson Island 4 mile to 1 inch
 Objects of Patrol Revision of Census, compilation rough Tax Census Sheets
Other matters as per instructions

Director of Native Affairs,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

819/1958

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
 Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

Village Populat

Year.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														MIGRATIO			
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M		
BOSALEWA	16-7-58	5	3			1		1	1						3	2			1	1	
WADALEI	18-7-58	5	5			2								1	3	11			1	2	3
GAMETA	21-7-58	1				1		2		1					7	6					
URUA	22-7-58	1	2					1	1						2	1			2	6	2
BASIMA & DUDUNA	24-7-58	6	10					3							5	13			3	13	3
GAPER	28-7-58	1	1												4	7			3	6	4
SEBUTUIA	30-7-58	8	9					1	1				1		4	3			4	5	4
WAGARA	1-8-58	2	2												2				1	5	2
DU'UNA	2-8-58	3						1	1						2				11	7	2
DAGUIARA	4-8-58								1						3				1	1	8
NUMANUMA	6-8-58	14	7												1	6			4	3	4
SAWA'EDI	8-8-58	3	4					1						1	1	2			4	1	1
DEIDEI	11-8-58	1	4												3				4	8	1
BWAIOA	13-8-58	1	2												2	1			3	9	2
GOMWA	14-8-58	2	2					1	1					1	1	3			6	9	3
SALAMO	16-8-58	1	1						1						1	2			2	4	1
GAMABIRA	18-8-58	2	3						1		1				2	4			1	6	1
Si'ILUGU	20-8-58	1	1												1	2			1	3	3
NADE	22-8-58		3					1	2		1				2	1			1	3	1
TOTAL		57	59			2	2	8	12	2	3	2	2	2	49	64			52	91	4

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File; 30-1.

Sub-District Office,
Milne Bay District,
ESA'ALA.

30th June, 1958.

Mr. F. Faulkner,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
ESA'ALA.

Patrol Number 1 of 1958 - 1959.

Eastern Fergusson Island Tax/Census Division.

Would you please prepare to leave Esa'ala on the 11th July and conduct a patrol to the Eastern Fergusson Island Tax/Census Division.

You will be accompanied by:

- 4 members R.P. & N.G.C.
- 1 interpreter
- 1 agricultural assistant
- 1 native medical orderly from Mapamoiwa
- 1 native medical orderly (specialist) from Ubuia Hansenide Colony.

Thus, rations for 8 for 5 weeks should be drawn.

I shall accompany you to Beselewa, the first census group you will visit, and on the return trip to Esa'ala will drop half your ration requirements at Numanuma rest house - to reduce the carrier load and facilitate speedier inter-village movement by the patrol.

Under no circumstances is the patrol to be hurried, and with the pre-arranged itinerary as a guide only, movement will be completely at your discretion to suit circumstances and requirements.

There are 3 main objectives for this patrol:

- a The revision of census figures.
- b The compilation of taxation lists;

Compile rough lists after the fashion of the new tax/census sheets. From these rough copies the official tax sheets can be typed at Esa'ala preparatory to a tax collection patrol of the division at a later date.

- c Encourage the expansion of coconut holdings for each group;

I would like to see a coconut nursery of 300 units established at each rest house in the fashion adopted pre-war. The agricultural assistant will supervise this operation and demonstrate the correct planting procedure to the people. If this process is continued over the succeeding few years the net result will form the nucleus, in 7 or 8 years, of an expanding and lucrative commercial proposition. An awareness of this potential is perhaps the best method by which to compete with the migrant labour problem of the area.

Do not attempt a wholesale thinning out process with existing stands. Remember that the coconut plays a major role, in diverse ways, in the livelihood of the people. However, a judicious 'clean up' of closely planted areas would be beneficial.

Where there are sufficient coconuts, surplus to food

requirements, to make copra production economically feasible, encourage such groups to construct hot air driers. Discuss this matter further with Agricultural Officer Cole when he visits Esa'ala in 2 days time.

In addition to the fore-going, please attend to the following sundry matters;

- 1 Inspect all village and hamlet sites and give advice re improved housing and hygiene. In particular, check the living conditions and care of the aged and families, where the responsible male is away at work.
- 2 Inspect gardens and check carefully on the food situation.
- 3 Take the file pertaining to matters for attention on patrol and attend to all outstanding matters therein.
- 4 Make all outstanding N.M.T.A. payments where the payees can be located.
- 5 Take relevant materials to provide full banking facilities where required. Attend to any banking queries and return pass books held at Esa'ala for natives of this area.
You will require a patrol advance of £200 to cover N.M.T.A. and banking payments.
- 6 Report on the efficiency of village officials.
At the completion of the patrol arrange for all village constables of this division to assemble at a convenient village - to be selected by you - in order that a Village Constable's Training Course of 3 days duration can be undertaken. As you are aware, this idea was evolved and tried at Losuia some 3 years ago with considerable success. I shall assist you with this aspect of the patrol, details of which will be given you in a separate memorandum.
- 7 Visit all europeans in the area.
- 8 See that all instructions issued by the previous patrol have been carried out.
- 9 Report on the possibility of roads (vehicular or motor cycle tracks) in this area. The regulation dealing with the maintenance of roads should be enforced with discretion.
- 10 The N.M.O. will assist with the medical aspect of the patrol. I have arranged with Sister Secomb at Ubuia for a specialist N.M.O. to accompany you and cover the aspect of leprosy which, apparently, is suspected in this area. You might comment on this in your report.
- 11 Deliver all mails held at Esa'ala for this area.
- 12 Investigate, but do not hear, any complaints covered by the N.R.O..

I shall visit you on the 18th and 27th July, and the 4th and 11th August. Any courts or matters you may be doubtful on can be resolved during these visits. Patients requiring hospitalisation will be picked up also.

Finally, one police constable should be despatched without delay to give adequate warning to the people of your coming.

Good luck for pleasant and interesting patrolling.

P. S. Gall
(P. S. Gall)
Officer in Charge.

Sub District Office,
ESA'ALA,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

29th August 1958

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER,
ESA'ALA

PATROL REPORT No 1 of 1958-59

EASTERN FERGISSON ISLAND CENSUS DIVISION, ESA'ALA

Patrol conducted by : F. H. Faulkner

Area patrolled : Eastern Fergusson Island
Census Division

Patrol accompanied by : 4 members R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
1 N.M.O.
1 N.M.O. (Hansenide specialist)
1 Agricultural Assistant

Duration of Patrols : From 15-7-59 to 23-3-58

Last patrol to the area
by District Services : July - August 1957

Last Patrol to the area
by Medical : Not known

Map Reference : Fergusson Island
4 mile to 1 inch

Objects of the patrol : Revision of Census, compilation
Tax Census Sheets, and other
matters as per patrol
instructions

.....*F. H. Faulkner*.....C.P.O.
(F.H. Faulkner)

D I A R Y .

ESA'ALA PATROL REPORT No 1 of 1958-59

15th July 1958

Departed 8 a.m. on board M.V. Pearl. Arrived WADELEI
1.30 P.M.

16th July 1958

8 a.m. Left for BOSALEWA arriving 8.45 a.m. Census
held immediately finishing at 12 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling
rough Tax Census Sheets.

17th July 1958

Day spent supervising planting coconut plantation
and inspecting hamlets.

18th July 1958

8 a.m. Left for WADELEI arriving 8.45 a.m. Census held
immediately, finishing at 12.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling
rough Tax Census Sheets.

19th July 1958

Day spent supervising coconut and inspecting hamlets.

20th July 1958

Observed

21st July 1958

8 a.m. Left for GAMETA arriving at 10.15 a.m. Census
held immediately, finishing at 12 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling
rough Tax Census sheets.

22nd July 1958

8 a.m. Left for ULUA arriving 9 a.m. Census held
immediately, finishing at 11.30 a.m. Rest of Day spent compiling
rough Tax Census Sheets

23rd July 1958

Morning spent in Hamlet inspection. 12.15 Left for
BASIMA arriving at 1.30 p.m. Rest of day spent on Census.

24th July 1958

BASIMA Census completed. Rest of day spent compiling
rough Tax Census Sheets.

25th July 1958

8 a.m. Left for DUDUNA arriving 11.30 a.m. Census
held immediately, finishing 1.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling
rough Tax Census Sheets.

26th July 1958

Day spent supervising coconut planting and inspecting
hamlets.

27th July 1958

Observed.

28th July 1958

8 a.m. Left for GAREA arriving 11.30 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 1.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

29th July 1958

Morning spent in hamlet inspections. 1.30 p.m. Left for SEBUTUIA arriving 3.30 p.m.

30th July 1958

8 a.m. Census held SEBUTUIA finishing 11.30 a.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

31st July 1958

Day spent supervising coconut planting and inspecting hamlets.

1st August 1958

8 a.m. Left for WAGARA arriving 10 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 12.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

2nd August 1958

11 a.m. Left for DU'UNA arriving 11.45 a.m. Census held immediately, finishing 2.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets;

3rd August 1958

Observed

4th August 1958

8 a.m. Left for DAGUIARA arriving 9 a.m. Census Held immediately finishing 11.30 a.m. Rest of day spent inspecting hamlets

5th August 1958

DAGUIARA rough Tax Census Sheets compiled. 3 p.m. Patrol Left for NUMANUMA arriving 5.30 p.m.

6th August 1958

8 a.m. Census NUMANUMA commenced : finishing 12.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling Tax Census Sheets.

7th August 1958

Completion of rough Tax Census Sheets and inspection of hamlets.

8th August 1958

8 a.m. Left by canoe for SAWAIEDI arriving 8.30 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 11.30 a.m. Rest of day spent in hamlet inspections. 5 p.m. Left for NUMANUMA arriving 5.45 p.m.

9th August 1958

Day spent compiling SAWAIEDI Tax Census Sheets

10th August 1958

Observed

11th August 1958

8 a.m. Patrol left for DEIDEI arriving 8.30 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 10 a.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

12th August 1958

Day spent recovering from illness

13th August 1958

8 a.m. Left for BWATOA arriving 8.30 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 11.30 a.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax census Sheets. 4.30 p.m. Left for DEIDEI arriving 5 p.m.

14th August 1958

9 a.m. Left for GOMWA per M.V. 'Pearl' arriving 9.30 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 11.30 a.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

15th August 1958

Day spent supervising coconut planting and inspecting hamlets.

16th August 1958

8 a.m. Left for SALAMO arriving 9 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 9.45 a.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

17th August 1958

Observed

18th August 1958

8 a.m. Left for GUMAPLA arriving 10 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 2.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

19th August 1958

Tax Census Sheets Completed and hamlet inspection carried out.

20th August 1958

8 a.m. Patrol left for SILUGU arriving 11.15 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 2.30 p.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

21st August 1958

Tax Census Sheets completed. Rest of day spent in hamlet inspections.

22nd August 1958

8 a.m. Left for NADI arriving 8.45 a.m. Census held immediately finishing 11.30 a.m. Rest of day spent compiling rough Tax Census Sheets.

23rd August 1958

Day spent supervising Coconut planting and hamlet inspections.

24th August 1958

10 a.m. Left for Esa'Ala per M.V. 'Pearl'.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION

The area covered by this patrol was the eastern half of Fergusson Island. This island is in the centre of the D'Entrecasteaux Island group. The population live in widely scattered hamlets with the main concentration in the Basima coast area.

The most prominent topographical feature is Mount Koitabu, rising over 6,000 feet. On the northern side it drops straight down to a narrow coastal plain, while on the eastern and southern sides it extends down in a series of sharp ridges into a wide plain. In the Du'una area, a number of sharp ridges no higher than 60 feet, rise out of this plain. In the south-east corner of this area the plain rises abruptly to a high ridge connecting the two dormant volcanoes of Iomani and NumaNuma.

The island possesses numerous swift flowing rivers, subject to flash flooding. The only sizeable rivers are the Salamo, and the Awapu, which are broad and slow flowing, with sandy bottoms, and are rarely deeper than three feet.

Another feature is the large thermal area at Daidai and a number of smaller hot-spring areas. This region was the centre of earth tremors, early in 1957.

Peculiar to the Basima Coast are the stoney beaches while the rest of the coastline largely consists of mangrove and coral frontage.

This area was last patrolled by Mr. Patrol Officer D. Fitzer, in July and August, 1957. Public Health patrolling is unknown in this area.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The people in this area continue to be friendly and law abiding. No major offences had been committed since the last patrol and the number of minor offences was low.

All court cases were heard by Mr. P. Gall Patrol Officer during his visits to the patrol and on the patrol's return to the station. All cases held resulted in convictions.

Census attendance was 100% in all census areas.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Economically the people in this area are virtually at the bottom of the ladder. With the exception of GOMWA and BEGASI who have hot air dryers these people have no income from local industry and only three of four areas have any potential at present. ie. enough coconut trees to make copra production worth while.

On the face of it there appears to be two reasons for this lack of a local economy. The first is a general lack of interest in local development; as if they had never even considered it possible. The coconut is the only cash crop worth considering at present, but if it is to be utilized the people must overcome their complete ignorance of planting methods, production of copra etc. Of the small number of trees owned by these people the majority were planted over fifty years ago by the first government officers in the area. Since then no effort appears to have been made by the people to plant new trees. When asked why they only had a small number of trees the usual answer was 'because our fathers did not plant any trees for us'. It does not seem to occur to the people that if they planted they

could reap the benefits in seven or eight years.

The second reason for the lack of development is that Fergusson Island has long been one of the prime sources of labour for the territory. As a result their economy has been almost entirely dependant on money brought home by returning labourers. Due to over recruiting three census groups in this have been recently closed to recruiting. This however has put a heavier burden on the areas still open to recruiting. A sound economy would give the men some incentive to stay at home but it would not solve the problem entirely. There would still be the glamour of going away to work in the big towns.

During the patrol new plantings of coconut palms were made in each census group. These were planted under the supervision of an Agricultural assistant. A slight diversion from the patrol instructions was made in that the nuts were planted out rather than established in a nursery. The reason for this was that each group was able to produce large numbers of shot nuts ready for planting out. Initially it was hoped to make these plantings on any government land near the rest houses. However it was found that most groups had no government land. In the first two areas visited it was necessary to plant the trees along the roads, however the Village Constable at GAMETA set the ball rolling by donating an area of land for this purpose. There after the word travelled ahead of the patrol and there were always people ready to donate land. Because of the limited time available the area cleared while the patrol was present was rarely big enough to take more than 100 trees. However the people were encouraged to extend these plantings and to make separate plantings of 20 trees for each able bodied male. It is to be hoped that future patrols will follow this program.

Some groups had land already cleared by the time the patrol arrived and by extending these areas upwards of 200 trees were planted. A few months previous to this patrol plantings were made at NADE, SILUGU, GUMABILA, and SALAMO by an Agriculture Patrol. These plantings were extended and these areas each have now over three hundred trees.

With the exception of DU'DUNA and Garea coconuts do well, although pests, such as parrots and cockatoos are a problem in some places.

Pilot plots of coffee are to be found at BASIMA, DU'DUNA, GAREA, SEBUTOIA, WAGARA, DU'UNA, NUMANUMA, SAWAIEDI, SALAMO, and GUMABILA. These plots are in various stages of growth; BASIMA, and DU'DUNA plots are doing particularly well, and have ripe berries on the plants. Now that it has been shown that coffee will grow here it will be interesting to see if the Department of Agriculture develops this resource into a cash crop.

Chillies grow particularly in the mountain areas and should not be overlooked as a future potential cash crop, particularly as coconuts do not do well in the mountain areas.

There was little or no demand for Co-operatives and the introduction of same would be a waste of time under present conditions.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

In the Eastern Fergusson area there are 20 Village Constables and 65 unofficial Village Councillors.

Reccomendation has been made for the appointment of new Village Constables at NUMANUMA and SILUGU. The previous Village Constables resigned through ill health.

With the exception of one or two the Village Constables

in this area impressed very favourably. On the whole they appear to know their respective areas well and have the backing of the people. There was ample evidence that they visit their people regularly in spite of the fact that the people live in widely scattered hamlets. The school for Village Constables held by Mr D. Fitzer last year appears to have paid dividends.

In some areas of the Esa'Ala Sub-District friction has occurred between village officials and village Agricultural Committees. This area however appears free of such friction.

A small amount of friction was evident at NADI between the Village Constable and one Councillor. At NARDI the people are split into two groups; those who live on the coast and those who live in the foothills. The Councillor concerned had, with the encouragement of an ex mission teacher, had been countermanding orders given by the Village Constable to the hill people and then issuing his own orders. The people and those concerned were instructed as to the powers of the Village Constable and that Councillors were appointed to assist and advise.

Unfortunately the planned training course for Village Constables had to be postponed and it is hoped that this will be held at a later date.

VILLAGES AND REST HOUSES

In this area there are no villages in the true sense of the word, but a large number of widely scattered hamlets of two or three houses. The exceptions are NUMANUMA and SAWAIEDI which are confined by mountainous topography to a small coastal area.

All hamlets are divided into census districts with a centrally situated rest house.

All hamlets were inspected and unfortunately a number of houses were found to be in very poor condition. This is very unsatisfactory as the people had ample warning that the patrol was coming round.

On the whole the people build very good houses but they are too often allowed to fall into a state of disrepair.

Rest houses are exceptionally good in this area. Four new rest houses have been built in the last 12 months. Three of these are on the Basima coast at BASIMA, GAMETA, and ULUA. These were all built at the same time and the unofficial competition that resulted has resulted in three excellent rest houses.

The police barracks however often proved too small to house the patrol staff.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

The patrol was accompanied by a native medical orderly from Esa'Ala and a specialist native medical orderly from Ubuia Hansenide colony. Altogether eight leper cases were discovered and these will be sent to Ubuia for treatment.

The last twelve months have shown a tremendous improvement in medical services and in the outlook of the people.

When this area was last patrolled there were only two Aid Posts operating; at NADI and BOSALEWA. Since then Aid Posts have been established at SEBUTUIA, BWAIOA, and one between GUMABILA and WAGARA. The SEBUTUIA is a credit to the Village Constable and the people who built it. It has two large wards, a dispensary, and a house for the Medical Orderly.

Medical services are also carried out by the Methodist and Roman Catholic Missions. Two European nursing sisters operate an

Infant and Maternal Welfare centre at Salamo Methodist Mission. They are doing an excellent job catering for child malnutrition cases

The Methodist Mission also operates an Aid Post at NUMA-NUMA, run by two native female nurses. These nurses appear to be doing an excellent job, often walking long distances to visit patients.

The Catholic Mission at Budoia run a small Aid Post.

As mentioned earlier the outlook of the people towards medical services has improved a great deal. All Aid Post Orderlies report an increase in the numbers seeking medical treatment. When the patrol arrived at SEBUTUIA the two wards were full of patients. Quite a number of these had come down from the hill groups of GAREA, and DUDUNA. Three T.B. cases were discovered at SEBUTUIA and sent to Mapamoiva Hospital

During the patrol only a small number of people were found needing medical treatment and this was and this was only of a minor nature.

As mentioned earlier there is no record of a European Medical Officer ever patrolling this area. It is felt that such a patrol would benefit this area.

Two cases of child malnutrition were discovered and sent to Salamo.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

One of the most pleasing features of this patrol was the discovery that all groups have had excellent harvests this year. The harvesting of the main subsistence crop, the yam, has been completed in most groups. The usual subsidiary crops, taro, bananas, sweet potato etc are found growing. There is no set time for planting these subsidiary crops, although as a rule they are planted so that they can be harvested two or three months previous to the yam harvest

On arrival at ULUA the patrol was presented with a large number of yams. Worth mentioning is the fact that these people the very large type of yam found in the Trobriands but rarely found in the D'Entrecasteaux Islands.

The Department of Agriculture has introduced rice to a few areas. It appears to be growing well, Nardi and Begasi having already sent some to Samarai for sale. Rice would appear to have a future as a cash and subsistence crop

The only livestock kept by these people are pigs and poultry. From time to time European pigs have been purchased from Mr N. Evennett of Kaididia, with a resultant improvement in the strain of village pigs.

The usual complaints were lodged that pigs were damaging gardens. However in all cases the complainants were found to have no fences round their gardens.

Worth mentioning is the fact that the SAWAIEDI people no longer have any pigs. An ex administration cook on returning home persuaded the people to kill all their pigs thus obviating the necessity of building fences round their gardens

Wild pigs appear to do very little damage to gardens.

Most of the coastal people do a little fishing, and fresh water prawns play a small part in the diet of the DUDUNA people.

RECRUITS AND RECRUITING

As mentioned previously three census groups in this area have been recently closed to recruiting. However this has

far from solved the problem. Recruiters are now concentrating on the other areas, with the result that three of these, SEBUTUIA with 42% of able bodied males away at work, GUMABILA 43%, and NADI 38% are now over recruited. The heavy burden placed on males remaining in the villages is even more serious when the limitations of their native customs are taken into consideration. An example is as follows. Two brothers, married with children are sharing the responsibility of looking after their mother. One brother then goes away to work leaving the other brother to look after the two families and the mother. This means the remaining brother must make his brothers and mothers gardens as well as building houses for himself his brother and his mother. Native custom forbids him from accepting help from any of his friends, and it also makes it necessary for his mother to have a separate house

I was surprised to find that some illegal recruiting had been carried out very close to the Sub-District Office. A local plantation owner who also runs a trade store in Samarai had employed two unlicensed natives to obtain recruits locally. They were able to obtain quite a number, and during the course of their efforts recruited five natives from DU'UNA census district which has been closed to recruiting for some months, and contributed to the over recruiting of SEBUTUIA and GUMABILA.

The District Commissioner Samarai has been notified of these activities and it is to be hoped that some action will be taken.

EDUCATION

Education in this area is completely in the hands of the Roman Catholic Mission and the Methodist Mission. Both Missions operate schools in charge of European teachers. The Methodist school at Salamo is the biggest having four European teachers and approximately two hundred students. The Catholic school at Budoia has one hundred and thirty students in the charge of three European teachers.

Quite a number of students from this area attend the Catholic mission school at Sideia.

All in all the education facilities in this area are well above average. In spite of this the people at Sawaiedi have made requests for the establishment of a government school. However as Sawaiedi is so close to the Catholic school at Budoia it would be more practical to establish a school in the Basima area where the people have to rely on native mission teachers to provide education. These native mission teachers are found in every census area, but the education they give is very elementary and quite unsatisfactory.

MISSIONS

The Methodist Mission have been established in this area since the turn of the century, while the Roman Catholic Mission was established in 1950.

The intrusion by the Catholics into what the methodists regarded as their territory caused some feeling at the time, but present relationship between the two missions would seem amicable.

Relationship between the Administration and the Missions at present are excellent.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

There are no roads as such in this area and all communication is made along native tracks or, by canoe. These tracks are well maintained but lack of bridges makes wading necessary

Tracks in mountain areas are usually very rocky making walking difficult.

Last year a survey was made as to the possibilities of constructing roads in this area. It was found quite feasible to construct a road from Mapamoiwa to Sebutuia Bay. Also very little effort would be needed to put in a road from Sebutuia Bay to Sebulugonva and Sawaiedi, and an offshoot of this from Bwaioa to NumaNuma.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS

Census was conducted in all Census groups and relevant figures accompany this report.

Total population is fairly stable, showing a small decrease from 5416 to 5406 during the last year.

The number of births since the last patrol seems rather low while the deaths below the age of eight is rather high at 29

GENERAL

During the patrol rough Tax Census sheets were compiled in all census groups. The Tax Census sheets will be typed at Esa'Ala and the tax collected at a later date

Commonwealth Savings Bank Operations involved only four deposits and one withdrawal.

C.S.B. Deposits	£6 - 0 - 0
C.S.B. Withdrawals	£2 - 0 - 0

N.M.T.A. payments numbered five totalling £43 - 10 - 6

CONCLUSION

Generally speaking the Native situation in the area patrolled is good

Food is plentiful throughout the area and should continue to be so

However recruiting still poses a problem. The only solution appears to be controlled recruiting. However this is not possible while recruits are shipped straight to Samarai rather than signed on at Esa'Ala

Another sour note is the apathy towards any form of progress.

F. H. Faulkner
.....C.P.O.
(F.H. Faulkner)

Migration Register

Area Patrolled.....

MIGRATIONS			ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
In		Out	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Ago	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F		M + F
1	1	5	10		7				5		19	70	10	66	3	60	3	38	46	89	76	271
2	3	3	10		16				2		35	78	19	75	4	70	3	101	81	87	69	366
			5		3				1		11	48	9	35	1	37	3	33	33	40	39	154
6	2	5	3		7						13	36	7	50		41	3	36	34	58	57	189
13	3	9	29		11			2	6		42	214	28	154	2	130	3	138	117	185	184	672
6	4	5	6		1						17	58	9	60	1	58	3	54	42	65	73	241
5	4	2	36		7			1			24	98	25	66	3	59	3	77	80	92	104	399
5	2		3		5						10	24	12	28	1	23	3	22	23	32	38	120
7	2	7	6		2			1			14	50	14	38	1	36	3	46	43	51	45	194
1	8	11	3		6			2			10	38	8	30	4	28	2.5	22	20	34	34	121
3	4	5	16		26		1	28	4		30	118	16	101	4	96	3	98	90	121	121	505
8	1	4	5	1	19			14			16	90	12	99	3	91	3	65	75	86	109	381
8	1	9	1		3			2			6	38	2	36	1	20	3	22	25	35	45	133
9	2	10	10		17			4	1		19	105	10	81	3	73	3	78	83	70	102	365
9	3	3	7	4	20		2		1		20	5	12	59	3	74	3	65	49	56	77	281
4		2			2						5	24	7	25	2	21	3	21	18	28	32	101
6		3	15		23			2	1		31	110	26	70	3	72	3	85	76	68	110	380
3	3	7	9		4			2	1		18	50	17	50	1	50	3	44	50	30	53	193
2	1	4	4		31			3	3		33	94	18	76	6	75	3	79	72	72	76	340
99	44	94	178	5	210		3	69	24		373	1417	261	1189	40	1124	3	1126	1057	1290	1435	5406

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MA. 30-1-4

Department of Native Affairs,
FORT MORESBY.

16th February, 1959.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

PATROL No. 3 - 1958/1959 - ESA'AJA.

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

Action is being taken at this Headquarters in the matter of the Watkins family.

It appears that the people are comparatively well off generally but their condition might be improved with more frequent contact with Government patrols.

A.A.R.
(A.A. Roberts)
DIRECTOR.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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In Reply LJD: PB
Please Quote

XXXX PR-ESA 3/58-59/ 37

HEADQUARTERS,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT,
SAMARAI.

MEMORANDUM FOR:-

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

WOODLARK PATROL - ESA'ALA 3/5859

Attached please find memoranda covering a patrol of the Woodlark division. The delay in submission is regretted though unavoidable.

Prior to the commencement of the patrol Mr. Neate reported the outbreak of a cargo cult amongst the people of the Laughlin Islands. The movement, which apparently was very minor, was investigated by Mr. Martin and his report is attached hereto for your information. I agree with the Assistant District Officer that no action was necessary. ✓

It is noted with interest that the people of the Laughlin Group, isolated as they are, are well off economically and were in a position to pay full tax. ✓

Unfortunately the patrol was unable to visit IWA Island in the Marshall Bennet Group owing to extremely bad weather. ✓

As mentioned in the diary the family of WATKINS, mixed race, was visited and the conditions under which they were found to be living are pitiful. I attach for your information and possible comment Mr. Martin's report on this family. What can be done for them I don't know. No doubt the children would be better off if they could be cared for by a sympathetic Mission body under a Mandate. ✓

Patrols of this division are not frequent and it is pleasing to note that everything was found to be in order. From figures available there appears to be a constant increase in the population of Woodlark. In 1942 the figure was reported to be around the 800 mark.

Commenting on a previous patrol, Mr. Timperley stated that he hoped to station an officer at Woodlark for 2-3 months annually when the staff position improves. This stage has not yet been reached and although it would doubtless be welcomed by the people of Woodlark, I feel there are other areas of this District in greater need of closer attention. ✓

L.J. Doonan.
a/District Officer.

Copy to
E/O. Woodlark
for file
c.c. ✓

Assistant District Officer
ESA'ALA.

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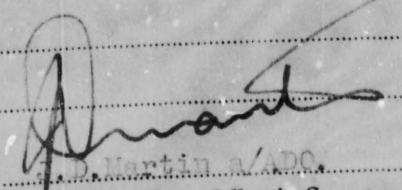
MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3/58-59 Sub-District ESALALA District WILHELM BAY
Officer Conducting Patrol J. D. MARTIN a/Asst. District Officer
Census Division Patrolled WOODLARK, and Outlying Islands
Objects of Patrol Census Revision and compilation of tax registers.
Collection of tax.
Routine Administration, including investigation of
Cargo Cult Laughlin Island etc.
Date Patrol Commenced 14th November 1958 Date Completed 13th December 1958
Duration—days twenty nine

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Esalala 13/4 of 11.12.58 Agric. Stat. Behava Estate Plantation ✓
" 13/1 of 11.12.58 S. Watkins and family - KWOTTEWATA ✓
" 9/22 of 13.12.58 Tax rates Woodlark area ✓
" 11/8 of 13.12.58 Cargo Cult - Laughlin Is. sp. ✓
" 13/1 of 15.12.58 Mrs. A. Dawkins - Woodlark Is. ✓
" 1/2 of 15.12.58 Government residence - Kulumadai ✓
" 31/1 of 15.12.58 Native Plantations - Native land. ✓
" 15/1 of 15.12.58 Maps. ✓
" 30/1 of 15.12.58 IWA island - unable to patrol ✓
" 9/9 of 16.12.58 Theft of tobacco from M.V. "Kokoda" ✓
" 30/1 of 16.12.58 Sunday work during patrol. ✓

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F49+50.
51/1/6/13+14


J. D. Martin a/ADC.
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


District Officer.

PATROL DIARY - WOODLARK AREA
PATROL

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- 14.11.58 Departed Esa'ala per M.V. "Maraguna" for KAUAI bay (Dawala) Normanby Island. Accompanied by Med. Asst F. Baird. Sailing time 4 1/2 hours. Anchored overnight.
- 15.11.58 KAUAI bay to EGUM group. 8 hours. Contacted v.c. and officials.
- 16.11.58 Completed census EGUM. Thence to IANABA island 1 hour. Completed Census Ianaba. Most males away on canoe trip to Woodlark. Inspected Native Pin. Returned to EGUM for night.
- All exempted from tax.
- 17.11.58 EGUM island to ALCESTER island. 5 1/2 hours. Heavy seas and s.e. wind. with rain squalls. Completed census and tax register. All males exempted. Forced to leave Alcester by mid-day in order to make Woodlark landfall before dark. Anchorage at Alcester not suitable as exposed to weather. Alcester to Woodlark (KWAIPAN bay) 5 1/2 hours. Mr. D. Neale collected mail. Anchored overnight.
- 18.11.58 KWAIPAN bay to GUASOP 5 hours. Contacted officials of GUASOP area and warned re census etc on return from LAUGHLIN islands. Inspected GUASOP village and aid post. Anchored overnight.
- 19.11.58 Departed GUASOP for LAUGHLIN islands at 0630. Turned back at 0915 owing to extremely heavy seas and strong s.e. wind. Arrived back at GUASOP at 1200. Blown five miles off course. Anchored at GUASOP. Medical Asst. and self moved ashore to rest house. Contacted officials and warned that census would commence on the 20th.
- 20.11.58 Completed tax census of GUASOP, BOMASBA, WAIWATA and SINAMATA. Tax response good. People make copra and harvest trochus. Health excellent. No complaints or CIM cases. Noted that old GUASOP airstrip completely overgrown. Clearing would now be major undertaking.
- 21.11.58 Census and tax of UNGANINA, WABUNUNU, UNAMATANA, and OVIAT island people. Also KAVATANA. Tax response good. Two complaints adultery settled without Court action. Complainant accepted monetary payment from defendant after arbitration. Talked to officials and villagers in evening. Impressed with independence and well being of these people.
- 22.11.58 Med. Asst. and self returned aboard trawler. 8 1/2 hours to LAUGHLIN group. Rough trip. Cargo cult outbreak reported here some weeks ago. Contacted v.c. and officials. Moved ashore to rest house. All appeared normal in village and v.c. reports that cargo cult finished.
- 23.11.58 Completed census and tax. Tax response good. These people well off for coconuts owing to early European plantations, illegally planted at turn of century and long abandoned by Europeans. Investigated cargo cult. Appears to have only lasted a few days. Village Constable was absent on canoe trip at time or probably would not have broken out. Maintains good control and appears very reliable. Conversated with people in evening.
- 24.11.58 LAUGHLIN islands to SULOGA bay (MALPAS). 7 1/2 hours. Anchored off MALPAS island. Moved ashore to rest house. Contacted v.c. re census.

- 25.11.58 Census of MALPAS. Old village of TABAKANUNU used to census here but people now all migrated into UNAMATANA. Only 5 a/b men here. All exempted from tax. No income. Departed for KWATPAN bay at 1000. Arrived at 1330. Anchored off KROPAN village. Completed census of KROPAN.
- 26.11.58 Picked up by shallow draft launch belonging to Mr.R. Neate. Up mangrove creek to landing. Thence by truck to Neate mining area. Thence by foot to KULUMADAU. Stayed with Mr.R.Neate overnight. Arranged for carriers for tomorrow. Inspected old Government station. Old house completely u/s.
- 27.11.58 KULUMADAU to KAURAI via DIKOIAS 3½ hours. Completed tax census register. No income here. No coconuts and only occasional chance to harvest trochus shell. Stayed overnight. Adultery case settled out of court by arbitration.
- 28.11.58 KAURAI to DIKOIAS 1½ hours. Completed tax census register. DIKOIAS to KULUMADAU 1½ hours. Stayed with Mr.Neate.
- 29.11.58 Visited Mr.A.Dawkins at KWOTENWATTA by courtesy of Mr. Neate. About 2 hours by shallow draft launch over reef. Mr.Dawkins an elderly man and plantation in run down condition. Collected tax from labour. Visited Mr.G.Watkins, mixed blood. Living in pitiful conditions with 2 children of his own and four nieces aged 18 - 12 years. Contacted some natives living in same area. Previously un-censused. Ordered them to KAUWAI for census and future residence. Children of G.Watkins un-educated and subsisting on native foods. Noted all have sores. Watkins himself has badly infected foot. Returned to KULUMADAU about 6.p.m. Ordered A.P.O. at KULUMADAU to take medical attention to Watkins family.
- 30.11.58 At KULUMADAU. Renewed permits etc for Mr.Neate. Collected tax from labour force.
- 1.12.58 From KWATPAN bay to KALABADUA per M.V. "Murua" hired from Mr.Neate. Shallow draft vessel needed for this part of journey as coast bounded by about 3 miles of reef. M.V."Managuna" proceeded direct to BOAGIS. Completed tax-census register of both KALABADUA and KAUWAI. Entered new names of natives from half caste camp in KAUWAI book. KALABADUA to MUNIVEO 1½ hours. Moved ashore. Village about 10 minutes through mangroves. Stayed overnight.
- 2.12.58 Tax census of MUNIVEO. Departed to MADAU anchorage. Rowed into mangrove creek with dinghy from M.V."Murua". Impossible to proceed to MADAU via this route with cargo. Area flooded and no path except over mangrove roots. No carriers available. Returned to "Murua" and on to BOAGIS 1 hour. Completed census BOAGIS. Contacted master "Managuna" Stayed overnight at BOAGIS.
- 3.12.58 Completed census MADAU. People came to BOAGIS by canoes. 100% tax collection. Departed BOAGIS at 1300 for GAMA island (Marshall-Bennet sp.) Arrived at 1630. Too late to go ashore. Sea calm but anchorage completely exposed.

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- 4.12.58 Moved ashore. To GAWA rest house $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Steep climb to escarpment at top of island. Completed tax census register. Exempted all males from tax. No source of income. Health good. No complaints. Stayed overnight.
- 5.12.58 GAWA to KWATWATA island per trawler. 1 hour. Impossible to get patrol gear to village as only rope ladders up escarpment to top of island. All people assemble on shore near landing place. Weather good but anchorage completely exposed to sea. Completed census. Tax exemptions issued.
- 6.12.58 Set out for IWA island. Extremely heavy s.w. sea forced trawler back. Returned to GAWA island intending to proceed IWA tomorrow. After about 1 hour anchorage at GAWA untenable. Consulted with master and agreed to abandon any attempt to get to IWA. Impossible to remain in area. Proceeded to EGUM group 4 hours. Moved ashore for night.
- 7.12.58 EGUM gp. to KAUI bay (Normanby island) Extremely rough trip with heavy s.w. seas and strong wind. Normally $6\frac{1}{2}$ hour trip took $10\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Visited Mr. J. Rae, manager DAWADA Pln.
- 8.12.58 KAUI bay to Esa'ala $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1958/1959

WOODLARK ISLAND

Govt. Print.—513/10.51—10,000.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Size of Family		TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child in Birth		IN		OUT		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	number of Child-bearing age	Average of Family	Child		Adults		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F								
WAIKAVATA	20/11	2	1	1	3	10	4	4	.	5	3.	5	9	9	10	8	34			
BOMASEA	"	2	2	1	1	1	7	3	3	.	5	7.	10	8	8	33					
SENAMATA	"	1	2	1	1	11	3	5	.	5	9.	13	7	7	35					
GUASOP	"	3	5	1	7	14	3	7	1	11	16	15	16	59						
KAVATANA	21/11	6	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	11	6	7	.	7	11	16	15	11	67
UNGANAM	"	2	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	8	2	7	.	7	11	16	12	8	42
WABUNUNU	"	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	6	16	.	16	17	18	24	19	78
UNAMATANA	"	3	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	8	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	14	4	12	8	14	16	14	16	47
OVIAT IS.	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	8	.	3	.	2	4	8	4	18
MALPAS	25/11	1	1	2	2	2	14	2	2	1	4	.	.	.	3	6	1	6	.	6	8	6	9	7	31						
KROPAN	"	1	1	.	.	.	1	2	3	8	1	4	.	6	6	4	7	7	28						
KAVRAI	27/11	5	5	1	1	10	21	6	4	1	4	6	29	37	24	117						
RIKOIAS	28/11	5	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	3	4	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	11	26	5	26	1	26	26	26	39	125
KALABADUA	1/12	1	3	.	4	3	5	26	2	1	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	12						
KAUVAI	"	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	2	10	.	7	1	7	9	4	11	34
MUNIVEO	2/12	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	4	5	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	4	16	5	13	1	13	14	12	17	58
BOAGIS	"	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	15	.	12	1	12	9	15	18	54
MADAU	3/12	2	6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	13	4	12	1	12	16	20	12	65
Total:		41	47	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	14	10	2	.	.	.	13	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	87	221	54	179	10	174	3.	195	209	290	223	937		

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR...1958/1959...

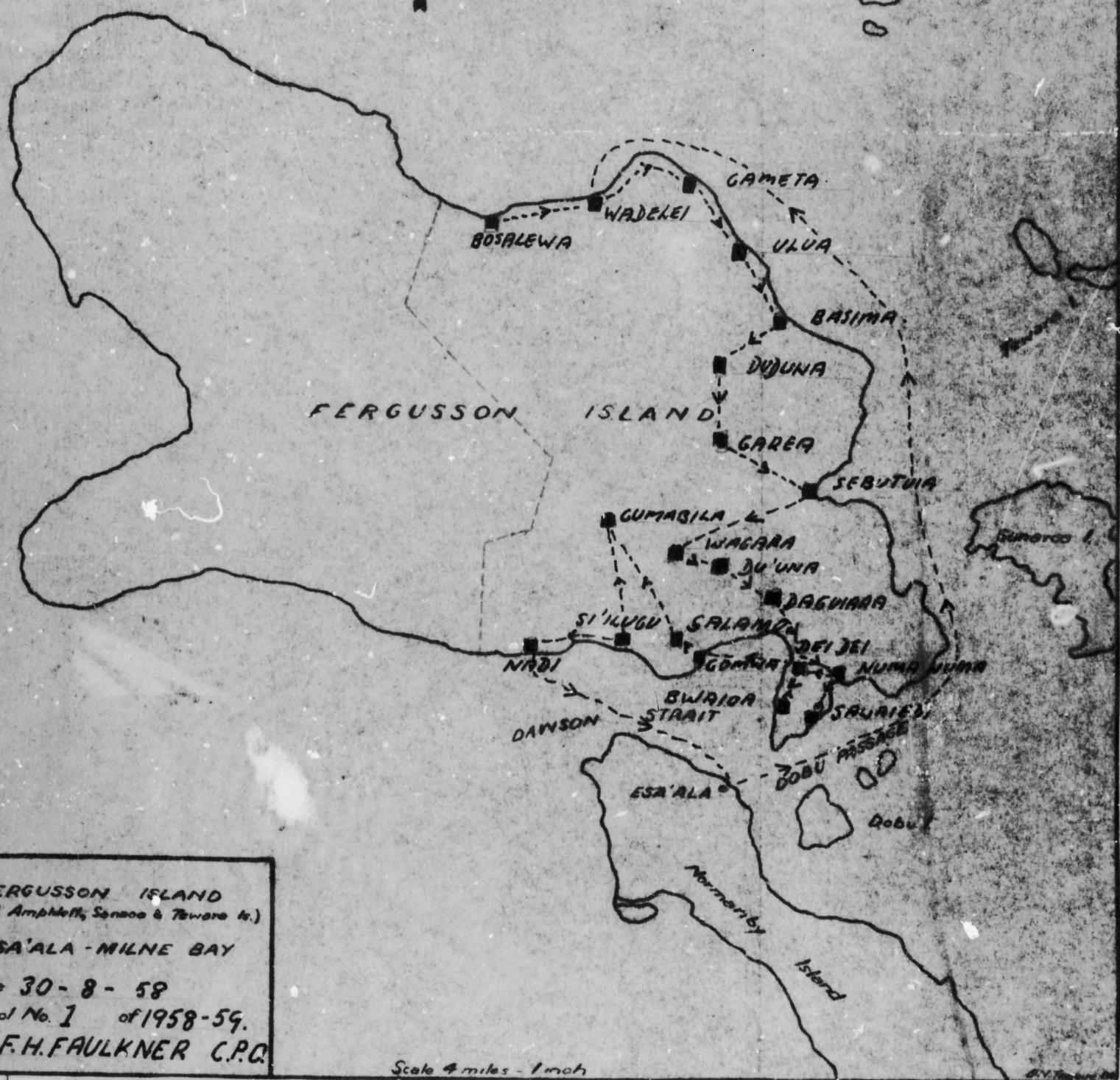
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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL		
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		AT WORK		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Child			Adults	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F	M	F	M	F
EGUM IS.	16/11	1	1	1	8	8	2	8	-	8	3.13	10	14	12	49	
IANABA IS.	16/11	.	2	2	1	6	11	1	12	-	10	3.4	7	14	14	40	
ALCESTER IS.	17/11	1	3	1	.	1	3	9	9	4	7	1	5	-	5	3.	9	9	6	33		
LAUGHLIN IS.	23/11	5	5	1	.	.	1	2	3	16	21	9	19	2	19	5.	24	26	36	114	
GAWA IS.	4/12	5	7	.	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	1	7	4	.	1	7	2	3	28	70	23	77	6	77	5.	69	63	98	333	
KWAIWATTA IS.	5/12	5	1	3	.	.	2	2	8	22	5	22	4	22	5.	30	17	37	114		
Outlying islands Woodlark Area																																			
<u>Egum Gr.</u> Egum and Ianaba.																																			
<u>Marshall Bennet Gr.</u> Gawa, Iwa and Kwaiawatta. (Iwa not censused this patrol because of bad weather)																																			
<u>Alcester.</u> Alcester																																			
<u>Laughlin Is.</u> Laughlin Is.																																			



True North

AMPHLETT GROUP



FERGUSSON ISLAND
 (incl. Amphlett, Sansoo & Tewara Is.)
 ESA'ALA - MILNE BAY
 Date 30-8-58
 Patrol No. 1 of 1958-59.
 By F.H. FAULKNER C.P.O.

Scale 4 miles - 1 inch