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CENTRAL DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

KUPIANO

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3 - 1965/1966	H.K. Mack	Marshall Lagoon
4 - 1965/1966	M.B. Charlesworth	Part Cloudy Bay Census Div.

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MAGAKIDA

3 - 1965/1966	H.K. Mack	Mailu-Dimuga Census Div.
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67-1-43

31st May, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Central District,  
PONÉ NOREBI.

MARSHALL LAGOON PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1965-66.

Thank you for Mr. Mack's patrol report.

Reports should be submitted as promptly as practicable,  
as delays in submission detract from the value of the report.

No comments.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS



# MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3 of 1965/66 Subdistrict ABAU District CENTRAL  
 Officer Conducting Patrol H.K. MACK Cadet Patrol Officer.  
 Census Division Patrolled MARSHALL LAGOON  
 Objects of Patrol To conduct 1965 M/Lagoon Local Government Council  
elections.  
 Date Patrol Commenced 2/9/65 Date Completed 22/9/65  
 Duration—Days Twenty one.

### SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Election Report as per Div. 21 of the C.E.O. booklet. ( our ref. 41-3-2)  
Summary of Voting ( " " " )  
Voting Statistics ( " " " )

*H.K. Mack*  
 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

67-1-3

RHM/AV

Sub-District Office,  
Kupiano,  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

14th October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

MARSHALL LAGOON PATROL No. 3/65-66

PART COUNCIL ELECTIONS

H.K. MACK, C.P.O.

I am enclosing the following papers in connection with the above:-

- (a) Camping allowance claim for £7/17/6 for your approval and return.
- (b) 2 copies of a Memorandum of Patrol.
- (c) 2 copies of the actual Election Report.
- (3) 2 copies of Statistical Return Form 11.
- (4) 2 copies of Statistical Return form 10.
- (5) 1 copy of the Declaration of Poll.

2. The originals of the forms "Declaration of Poll" have been sent direct to the Chief Electoral Officer together with the original of form 10.

3. The actual elections were conducted by two Officers - concentrated on the Western Section and Mr. Charlesworth on the eastern. Consequently each has submitted a separate report with separate statistics etc. *H.K. Mack*

4. I am very pleased with the overall attendance percentage and by the interest displayed in the elections.

5. It is interesting to note that only 2 Councillors were re-elected and I think Mr. Mack's summing up of the situation is correct. With the regular weekly Council workday hanging over their heads the electors are going to choose the one most likely not to upset them. However we will not be able to give an accurate appraisal until after the Council has met for a few times.

6. It is intended to have a two day course for Councillors in November.

For a first attempt at an election of this nature Mr. Mack has done a very creditable job.

*R.H. Mellor*  
( R.H. Mellor )  
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,  
Kupieno,  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

30th August, 1965.

Mr. H.K. Mack,  
Mr. M. Charlesworth,  
KUPIANO.

COUNCIL ELECTION PATROLS.

Please be prepared to start the elections for the Marshall Lagoon Council on Wednesday 1st September and thereafter as per the program listed on Appendix "B". It is very necessary that you keep to this program, and it has been worked out to allow you sufficient time in each electorate. Electorates have already been advised of the dates for voting - however you should take every opportunity to warn and encourage further so that all eligible voters present themselves to vote.

2. The objects of your patrol are:-
- (a) Conduct elections in each of the electorates listed in Appendix "A". The elections are to be conducted strictly in accordance with the Chief Electoral Officer's booklet on Council elections. You must also refer to the Chief Electoral Officer's Circular GEO. No. 9/63 of 27/9/63 dealing with Preferential voting. (A copy for each of you is attached - this must be returned to file 1-4-4 when you finish the elections). In all cases, assist with nominations. You may accept nominations up to one hour before the election commences. It is during this hour that you prepare ballot papers etc.
  - (b) Obtain from the Council Clerk the relevant tax register sheets for the area as you will visit. This is to be your "control" for contacting eligible voters. Take good care of these sheets and return them to the clerk after the patrol.
  - (c) Prior to the commencement of the actual elections in each electorate and after you have prepared the ballot papers, hold a short meeting at which you are to:
    1. Inform people how to vote and how the system works.
    2. Demonstrate with the aid of charts decimal currency. Ask cooperative directions and private store owners to display 2 sets of prices in the store. "C" day is 14/2/66. Invite and answer all questions.
    3. Talk generally about Council affairs, participation.
  - (d) It is often a good idea to ask the candidates to stand together a short distance from your table as some voters, particularly women, are inclined to "forget" who they want to vote for. It might be advantageous to "display" the candidates in this manner throughout each election.
  - (e) Petty Disputes : Try and settle these by arbitration but refer all serious matters here.



3. Take with you a patrol advance of £25 each to cover carriers' pay and canoe hire etc. You must record the names of all persons to whom money is paid, and make sure all your payments are witnessed by the police constable accompanying you.
4. Enlist the aid of the local school teacher and mission pastor in each village to act as witnesses when the votes are counted and also as witnesses to the whole proceedings.
5. You are required to include a copy of these instructions with your report, which should be as per Division 21 of the Chief Electoral Officer's booklet on Council elections.
6. I wish you a successful and pleasant patrol.

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**MR. NAGK :**

1. Constable Fabun and Ward One will accompany you.
2. Arrange to hire Mr. Urce's tractor 18/9/65.

**MR. CHARLESWORTH :**

1. Constable Feko and Enara Vagi will accompany you.
2. Send word before leaving the station to MAIAGOLO, BONGUINA, and BONGU about what arrangements you want made (Carriers, times etc).
3. Discontinue your census patrol until further notice.

Sgt. ( R.H. Waller )  
Assistant District Commissioner.

APPENDIX "F".

COUNCIL SECTION PATROL PROGRAM.

- MONDAY  
30.8.65  
At Kuplano, Preparations for patrol - camping gear, ballot boxes, ballot papers, election returns, tax register sheets, personal food supplies etc.  
LOLORUA to Lalaura 1/2 drop off Const. POE who is to warn eastern area.
- TUESDAY  
31.8.65  
As above. Polling booths to be set up in KEIKERAKIA and GAVOORE. Both villages to be warned of election.  
LOLORUA to ARONA to drop Constable TABIN to warn western area.
- WEDNESDAY  
1.9.65  
CPO's Mack & Charlesworth to KEIKERAKIA to accept Nominations and conduct election KEIKERAKIA electorate. Station canoe. Return to station.
- THURSDAY  
2.9.65  
CPO's Mack & Charlesworth to GAVOORE to accept Nominations and conduct election GAVOORE electorate (3 stats). Station canoe. Return station.
- FRIDAY  
3.9.65  
CPO Charlesworth To LALAUURA per LOLORUA 0800. Set up booth and further warn eastern villages.
- MONDAY  
6.9.65  
CPO Macky To KEIKERAKIA per hired canoe. High tide at KEIKERAKIA 1820 - should be able to cross reef about 1600. Allow 5 hours from Kuplano to Keropuna. Call Paramara on route pick up Constable TABIN.
- SATURDAY  
4.9.65  
CPO Macky Accept nominations Aluguni, Kerawa & Keapara. Set up booth etc in each village.
- MONDAY  
6.9.65  
CPO Charlesworths As above for Lalaura.
- TUESDAY  
7.9.65  
CPO Macky Conduct elections at Aluguni (1) and Kerawa (1).  
CPO Charlesworths Conduct elections for Keapara. Hula electorate.
- WEDNESDAY  
8.9.65  
CPO Macky Depart Keropuna per hired canoe at 0800 for either Keopa Aid Post or the spare house Pelagai school (latter per arrangement with the Headmaster). Set up polling booth Ilisorupa.  
CPO Charlesworths Elections Vialalo. Move to the Abiga Rest House per canoe and DSEP Landrover afternoon (DOM electorate - 1 seat).
- THURSDAY  
9.9.65.  
CPO Macky Conduct elections Ilisorupa/Paramara electorate (2).  
CPO Charlesworths Hold elections DOM electorate (1).
- FRIDAY  
10.9.65  
CPO Macky Conduct elections Pelagai electorate (2).  
CPO Charlesworths LOLORUA to pick up at DOM wharf on later than 0800 for transportation Valravuna.
- SATURDAY  
11.9.65  
CPO Macky Check election figures and land work.  
CPO Charlesworths Prepare booth etc for Tuesday elections.
- MONDAY  
13.9.65  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY.
- TUESDAY  
14.9.65  
CPO Macky Elections Keopa No.1 electorate (2).  
CPO Charlesworths Elections Dziy/Valravuna/Kelekepuna/Keapupua electorate (2).
- WEDNESDAY  
15.9.65  
CPO Macky Elections Keopa No.2 electorate (2).  
CPO Charlesworths LOLORUA will pick up at 0800 at Valravuna for return to Kuplano. For hired canoe to Vialagolo (carriers will be required for the last section - approx 1 hour walk).

**THURSDAY**  
16.9.65

GPO Mack: Elections Gaivakala/Kgalauna/Ware/Iruone electorate (2).  
GPO Charlesworth: Elections Maigolo/Bonguina electorate (1).  
Return to Kupiano by hired canoe. Pick up driver and depart for Paili wharf and Boloku Rest House. Boloku approx 1 hour's walk from Paili Plantation. Carriers needed from plantation.

**FRIDAY**  
17.9.65

GPO Mack: Depart for Keagolo per hired canoe (approx 45 mins. up Maurele River per canoe and then 45 mins. walk to Rest House. Arrange for Keagolo carriers at landing.) Elections afternoon.  
GPO Charlesworth: Conduct elections Boloku/Kalava/Udiri electorate (1).

**SATURDAY**  
18.9.65

GPO Mack: Return to Lawani plantation. Return to Kelerakwa per hired tractor (M r. Uree or SDA).  
GPO Charlesworth: Return station.

**MONDAY**  
20.9.65

GPO's M & G: Elections Maicri electorate (2).

**TUESDAY**  
21.9.65

GPO's M & G: To Wanigela to prepare for elections. Set up booths. and accept nominations.

**WEDNESDAY**  
22.9.65.

GPO's M & G: Conduct elections Wanigela electorate (3).

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of GENERAL Report No. 4/15-66

Patrol Conducted by M.S. CHALERSWORTH (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled Part Cloudy Bay Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 2 NP NG CONSTABLE 1 ENTERPRISE

Duration—From 6/2/1966 to 22/2/1966

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol Tell people of amalgamation of Cloudy Bay with H/Lagoon and Amazon Bay Councils 2) Preliminary survey of European acceptance of multiracial Council.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

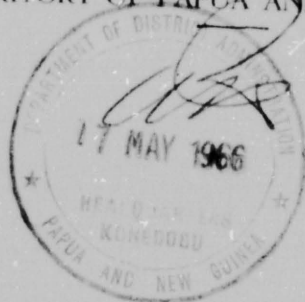
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ..... £.....

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## TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Department of District Administration,  
District Office,  
P.O. Box 776  
Port Moresby,  
Central District.

9th May, 1966.

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-5-3

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
Koridobu.

Patrol Report No. A - 65/66.  
Mr. M. Charlesworth, C.P.O.

The above report is forwarded for your  
perusal.

The Cloudy Bay Council has since its  
commencement been a very "dead" unit. This has been  
partially due to its size but mainly due to the type  
of people who form the council.

This pocket of population ~~has~~<sup>has</sup> always  
given the impression that they do not want the  
Administration and are quite happy to go their own  
way. They frequently cause trouble and try to find  
ways to be generally difficult, as has been evidenced  
by the report from the above patrol.

Amalgamation is the only solution for this  
Council as, left to its own, it will only stagnate  
and become defunct.

*R.T. Galloway*  
(R.T. GALLOWAY) *SGD*  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. C.D.

cc. A.D.C. Kupiano.

encl.

67-5-3

9th May, 1966.

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*R.T. Galloway*  
(R.T. GALLOWAY) *460*  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.C.D.

cc. A.D.C. Kupiano.

67-1-44

4th July, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

LUPIANO PATROL REPORT NO. 4, 165-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-5-3 of 9th May 1966,  
together with Mr. Charlesworth's patrol report.

2. Mr. Charlesworth seems to have spent a worthwhile  
three weeks in the field collecting information in respect  
of the amalgamation of the Cloudy Bay, Marshall Lagoon and  
Amazon Bay Councils and submitted an informative report.

3. Amalgamation seems to be the only solution for  
the Cloudy Bay Council.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-1-4  
NDL/vo.

Sub-District Office,  
Kupiano,  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

13th April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 776,  
Central District,  
FORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. A/65-66 - KUPIANO.

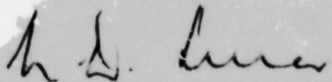
Attached for your information please.

Delay in forwarding this report is regretted. I had wished to forward it together with the minutes of the February Cloudy Bay Council meeting, and proposed constitutional amendments, but I have not as yet received the minutes and so have been unable to draft the amendments as yet.

The matter of the Cloudy Bay Council amalgamating with Marshall Lagoon and Amazon Bay Council has been discussed by village people on occasions previously. The people in the Cape Rodney area had made it plain that they wanted to join Marshall Lagoon, and those to the east of Abau were interested in joining Amazon Bay. The reasons were that on the Marshall Lagoon side the road network existed, the people had resettlement interests there. In addition the Cloudy Bay Council had done nothing constructive in village works programmes, nearly \$10,000 sits idly in the Council current account. The Cloudy Bay Council can not function properly, an advisor is not available to them thus very little interest is shown by the village in Council projects.

The people's attitudes to the change are depicted in Mr. Charlesworth's report. The attitude of the Si'ini, Apawa, Segili people I have discovered was due to long standing dissatisfaction with the Abau Native Societies Association centred at Loupom. When the Association was being formed, it seems these people were unable to join it due to lack of capital. Also indicated was the fact that they were S.D.A. people while Amazon Bay people were L.M.S. aligned.

However the Council resolved to amalgamate, in part with Marshall Lagoon and in part with Amazon Bay. The details of wards, representation etc. will be forwarded when the draft constitutions for two new Councils have been finalised.



(N.D. LUCAS)  
Assistant District Commissioner.



67-1-C.  
NDL/ha.

Sub-District Office,  
Kupiano,  
MARSHALL LAGOON.

1st February, 1966.

Mr. M. Charlesworth,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
KUPIANO.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS  
KUPIANO PATROL No....65/66.

1. Please prepare to patrol to the Cloudy Bay Local Government Council area, departing Kupiano on Monday 7th, February. You travel by M.V. Lolorua to Domara to commence the patrol. Use the Lolorua to visit villages on the coast to the east and west of Abau. The main objects of the patrol will be to discuss a possible amalgamation of the Cloudy Bay Council with the Amazon Bay Council. An amalgamation of the two Councils would require reconstitution to allow for multiracial participation. The Amazon Bay Council have already passed a resolution to reconstitute, but have postponed proceedings pending the outcome of these investigations into the possibility of an amalgamation.
2. As a multi-racial unit would involve other residents of the area as well as the indigenous residents, contact all non-indigenous residents and discuss the proposals with them. The provisions of the Local Government Ordinance will have to be explained to all with whom you discuss the matter.
3. Read all Local Government Circulars pertaining to establishment of multiracial Councils and amalgamation of Councils, and study the Local Government Ordinance 1963 so that you will be conversant with procedures involved and provisions of the Ordinance.
4. Among the objections to an amalgamation will be the distance factor. Explain that it will be the responsibility of the Council to provide funds for travel of Councillors to Magarida for meetings and on official business. There may be occasions when Lolorua will be available to assist.
5. Fears will be expressed that money paid by Cloudy Bay people to the Council in taxes will be used on Magarida projects. Explain that it is the responsibility of the Council as a representative body to see that money is allocated to those projects that will benefit the people most. It is also the responsibility of Advisers to see that Council makes a fair distribution of funds in capital works developmental projects.
6. Among the advantages of an amalgamation is the fact that operating costs, recurrent expenditures such as emoluments, maintenance, office requirements, are comparatively lower. Expenditure of the larger Council will be less than the total incurred by two separate Councils. This means that more funds will be available for allocation to developmental projects, and the Cloudy Bay area will benefit accordingly.

7. The Cloudy Bay Council at this stage is practically stagnant. No capital works projects are being carried out, the people have lost a good deal of interest because the Council has been unable to provide the people with the Local Government services it should. If the situation continues the Council is in danger of becoming defunct.
8. Explain that in the event of an amalgamation the Council will be supervised by Magarida officers. This will mean that other Administrative matters affecting Abau will be conducted by Magarida officers, who will patrol Cloudy Bay. These officers will be able to go to the Cloudy Bay area much more frequently than Kupiano officers are able.
9. Point out that the Cloudy Bay people have affiliations with the Mailu people, they speak a common language, have trade and other relationships, and consequently an amalgamation as proposed will be much easier for the Cloudy Bay people to accept than one that took them into an association with people other than their own kind. I think it should be a foregone conclusion that the only hope of success of the Local Government system in the Abau area lies in amalgamation to form a competent unit.
10. The Amazon Bay Local Government Council want to send a party of Councillors to the Cloudy Bay meeting in February to discuss matters of mutual interest. I will arrange transport for this group, and I hope that Mr. Behr who will be Adviser to the Amazon Bay Council will be available to attend also.
11. I want you to remain in the area to attend the Council meeting on the 24th. February, I will be attending the meeting also.
12. Invite all interested persons to attend the meeting in February.

(N.D. LUCAS)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY

- 6/2/66. Left Kupiano for Domara,  
Per M.V. Lolorua arrived 1400 hours  
slept Domara.
- 7/2/66. Meeting held with Domara and Duramu people,  
slept Domara.
- 8/2/66. Left Domara for Magaubo,  
Per M.V. Lolorua, called in at Abau arranged for  
labour rs to clean Abau station,  
Arrived Magaubo 15 hours,  
slept Magaubo.
- 9/2/66. Meeting held with Magaubo people completed 1000 hours,  
slept Magaubo for Boru per M.V. Lolorua  
arrived 1500 hours,  
slept Boru.
- 10/2/66. Meeting held at Boru, completed 1100 hours,  
left Boru for Abau,  
Per M.V. Lolorua called in at Si'ini and arranged meeting  
for 11/2/66,  
slept Abau.
- 11/2/66. Meeting held Si'ini completed 1100 hours,  
Returned Abau,  
slept Abau.
- 12/2/66. Spent afternoon at Dedele, plantation,  
speaking to Manager about multiracial Council,  
slept Abau.
- 13/2/66. Sunday observed Abau.
- 14/2/66. Meeting held with Badubadu people at Badubadu  
completed 0900 hours,  
left Abau for Segili per motor canoe,  
slept Segili.
- 15/2/66. Meeting held at Apaeva with Segili and Apaeva people,  
completed 1200 hours,  
left Segili for Robinson River plantation,  
spoke with Manager there about multiracial Council,  
slept Robinson River.
- 16/2/66. Left Robinson River for Bam  
per tractor  
slept Bam.
- 17/2/66. Meeting held at Bam with the Bam, Darava, Ba'au and Doma  
people, completed 1000 hours,  
Heard several grievances in the afternoon.  
Slept Bam.
- 18/2/66. Left Bam for Manaua,  
Arrived 1500 hours,  
slept Manaua.
- 19/2/66. Meeting held at Manaua with the Ganai and Manaua people  
slept Manaua.
- 20/2/66. Left Manaua for Amau,  
Arrived Amau 1200 hours,  
Slept Amau.
- 21/2/66. Meeting held with Amau people, completed 1200 hours  
slept Amau.

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2/2/66

Returned Abau,  
Arrived 1330 hours.

*Charlesworth*  
(N.S. CHARLESWORTH)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

## Introduction

The first aim of this patrol was discuss with the people of the Cloudy Bay Local Government Council, a possible amalgamation with the Amazon Bay and Marshall Lagoon Councils. The second aim was to determine whether or not the Europeans in the area were interested in participating in a multiracial Council on amalgamation.

Such a proposal met with favourable response from most villages. It was pointed out to the people of all villages that:-

- a). Transport to and from villages to meetings would be responsibility of the Councils concerned.
- b). It was only necessary for the Councillor to travel to the centres for Council meetings, as general Administration would be carried out during frequent visits, by the patrol officer, from Magarida.
- c). As the Cloudy Bay Council was small, and its revenue small, capital works had not progressed in the area, by joining one of the larger Councils, money could be obtained to insure that the capital works program for that area would advance.
- d). Fears, that tax money collected in the area would not return, were allayed. By having representation in the Council concerned, would ensure that money would, infact return to their area.

Of the people who accepted the idea of amalgamation, only Domara, Ois, Darava, Dora, Amau thought seriously on the points mentioned. To the others the patrol seemed to interfere with their daily routine and any answer was good enough as long as the patrol was got rid off quickly.

To those who rejected the idea of amalgamation no point could be overcome sanely. In all these villages no logical reason was given why they should not amalgamate. These people were only interested in shotgun permits, tradestore permits and to sit back do nothing, one villager stated that his village would rather see the Council fall than amalgamate. At Ganai no one would discuss any point mentioned by the patrol.

The native population in this area willing to start a multiracial Council. They all think this a good idea, but no real enthusiasm was shown.

The Europeans in the area all agree that a multiracial Council should be formed. But they all hesitated in stating as to whether they would take an active part in such a Council. This was because most residents are temporary employees of large companies which own plantations in the area, and the only permanent resident here is not certain how long he will remain in the area.

### Acceptance of patrol in the villages

Hereunder follows a brief account of the meetings held in each individual village.

#### Domara and Duramu

These villages met at Domara. Some trouble was experienced in getting the Duramu people to come to the meeting, but eventually they arrived, and the meeting proceeded.

At first these people were sceptical about amalgamating their Council, but when the advantages of amalgamation were pointed out they readily agreed. Magarida was out as far as they were concerned, and not amount of persuading could get them to move from this point of view.

They pointed out that most of them had blocks at Bangaina and furthermore it was pointed out that because of the road system at Cape Rodney it is only one days travel to Marshall Lagoon, as compared with three days to Magarida. A show of hands was taken to see which Council Denare and Duramu wished to join, Marshall Lagoon was picked unanimously.

Magarida

Not much interest was shown by this village. The patrol had the impression that these people could not care less about which Council they joined.

After the preliminary talks was given, the people, decided to join the Amazon Bay Local Government Council.

Denare

As above this village did not give much thought to the proposition. After the preliminary talks were given they decided to join. The patrol got the impression that they were "fed up" with the steady Bay Council and were willing to try another.

This village gave much thought to the multiracial Council suggestion. Though no adverse idea was put forward to the patrol, they discussed the idea amongst themselves for some time before arriving at the conclusion that a multiracial Council would be beneficial to the area.

Sifini

This village proved indifferent. No idea put forward by the patrol was accepted.

The Multiracial Council was thrown up first. When this was over the general administration began the theme. It was pointed out that a general officer from Magarida would visit the area once a month and in this way general administration would be carried out.

Language differences were put up in opposition to amalgamation. They said that even in the steady Bay Council there were language differences. The people stated that they did not wish to amalgamate and that was that the patrol left after three hours talking without achieving any concrete results.

Madibani

Madibani proved indifferent to proposals as Sifini, but the villagers here were more receptive to the patrol than those at Sifini.

The same problems were put forward in opposition to amalgamation as those at Sifini. The patrol did manage, however, to talk over the area Councils with Magarida.

They will still say that they would be willing to speak for themselves unless they see nothing. The Madibani people said they would not give definite answer until they heard what the other villages wanted.

Segili and Apaeva

These people do not want to join the Amazon Bay Council. Any words spoken were lost on them. One man actually said he would rather see the Council fall than amalgamate.

These people are under the impression that the tax money they paid in over seven years has not been used, and is still waiting in the bank. They were also afraid that any money paid into the Amazon Bay Council would remain in that area. It was explained to them that having representation in the Council would prevent this, but they persisted with the idea.

Bam, Oio, Darava, Doma and Ba'au

Met at Bam. The night prior to the meeting held by the patrol, Laka Serina, the Council President, held a meeting with the people and explained the situation on the Council.

When the patrol held a meeting the next day and explained its presence, no objections were raised against amalgamation.

All the work of convincing the people that amalgamation was necessary was done by the Council President. This was definitely a case where a strong Councillor is seen to hold complete control over his electorate and electors.

Ganai and Manaua

These were definitely the worst villagers talked to on the patrol. After the patrol had explained its presence, the spokesman arose and said that they did not wish to amalgamate with any Council. When the patrol questioned them on their reasons they refused to say anything.

Amau

As at Bam the Councillor held a meeting before hand, and the next day the patrol had no trouble in convincing them that they should join Marshall Lagoon.

Multiracial Council

All villages patrolled were ~~in agreement~~<sup>able</sup> that a multiracial Council should be formed in the area.

The people expressed the idea that since Europeans and other natives were living in the area they should do something towards its development. Fears were expressed, that by introducing Europeans to the Council, natives Councillors would be done away with.

That this was not so, was explained by the patrol. They were told that a multiracial Council's operation would be similar to that of the House of Assembly. Wards would be arranged so that either a European or native Councillor could be elected.

Europeans in the area all agreed that the formation of a multiracial Council would be beneficial to the area. They were, however, hesitant in committing themselves fully to such a scheme, this they stated was because they were not permanent residents, and were unsure as to how long they would remain in the area.

Conclusion

This area is ready for amalgamation. Though the patrol met with mixed reactions in various places, the overall reaction was one of change.

The people in this area are displeased with the present Local Government Council. For the last seven years they have been paying tax and receiving no benefit from it.

There are the hard core, not change villages, but these are in a minority. Most of them are the inland villages, who's people are ready for change but are wary of it. "Better the devil you know than the one you don't".

Their main fear, which was put forward in opposition to amalgamation was money. They are afraid that any tax money put into a new Council in a larger area will not be of any benefit to them. They are not reassured with talk, the only way to show them this is not true is by example, and the only example we can give them is have them amalgamate.