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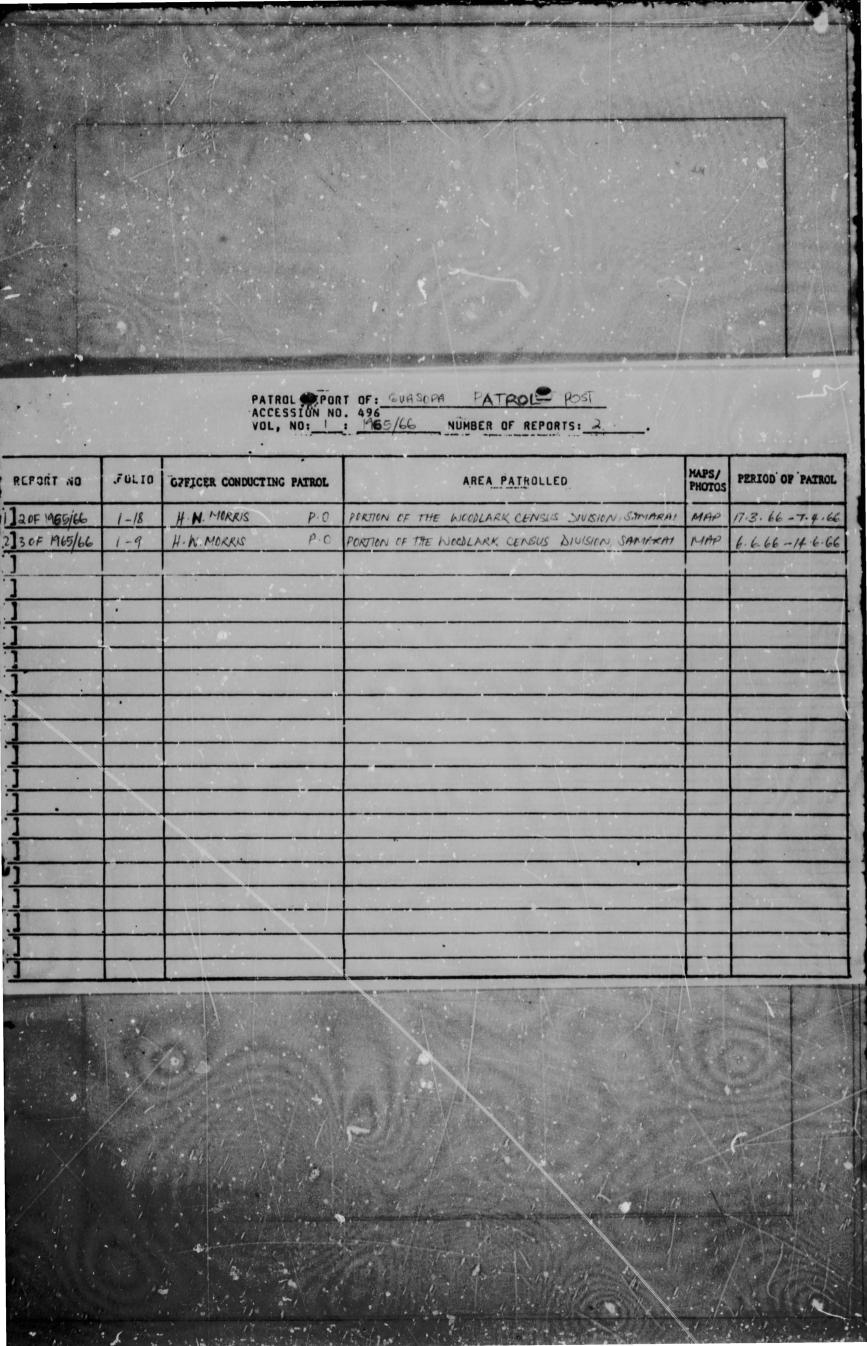


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PATROL REPORT No. 2-65/66.

BY

H.W. MORRIS.

GUASOPA.

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

PATROL REPORT No. 3-65/66.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY	Report No. GUASOPA 3 of 1965/66
Patrol Conducted by H.W. Morcis, Patrol Officer.	
Area Patrolled Portion of the Woodlark Census Division, Samarai S.D.	
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans	
Natives 1 R.P.N.G.C. Constable.	
Duration—From	
Number of Days	7 Days.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?no	
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services	
Medical 28 //19.66	
Map Reference. MURUA (WOODLARK) Fourmil Series.	
Objects of Patrol. Territory Census Education; general administration.	
DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.	
	Forwarded, please.
/ /19	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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Department of District Administration, Konedobu, Papua,

9th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner, Milne Bay District, SAMARAI.

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Under your reference 67-1-5 dated 28th
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Guasopa Base Camp,

Woodlark Island.

Samarai Sub-District,

Milne Bay District.

Patrol Report No

GUASOPA 3 of 1965/66.

Patrol conducted by

H.W. Morris, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled

Portion of the Woodlark Census Division.

Personnel accompanying

1 R.P.N.G.C. Constable.

Duration of Patrol

5th June - 11th June 1966 inclusive.

7 Days.

Last Patrol to Area

D.D.A. 7th April 1966.

D.A.S.F. unknown.

P.H.D. 28th May 1966.

Objects of Patrol

Territory Census Education.

Map Reference

Woodlark (Murua) Fourmil series.

Introduction The sole purpose of this Patrol was to visit asmany villages as possible involved in the Territory Census. Because of the short time available and the small amount of funds permitted, only four (4) of the villages on alienated land on the island were visited. At each village the purpose of the Census was explained to the people and the people were requested to provide the information which later would be asked.

Census Education: Four of the ten villages on alienated land were visited by the Patrol. The villages were MWAPAS, UNGONAM, KAVATAN and UNAMATANA. Insufficient ti.) was available for me to visit the other areas to be later visited by the Census Patrol. In addition as the majority of the villages involved in the Census, were situated at the western end of the island, there were insufficient funds for the Patrol to visit them.

At each village the purpose of the Census was explained and a list of notable events to assist in determining the ages of people were collected - this list will be handed to the area Sub-Enumerator at Losuia on the 19th June 1966.

The Patrol was uneventful and fullest cooperation was received from the people in the villages visited.

H.W.Morris Petrol Officer.

Appendices:

A. Patrol Map

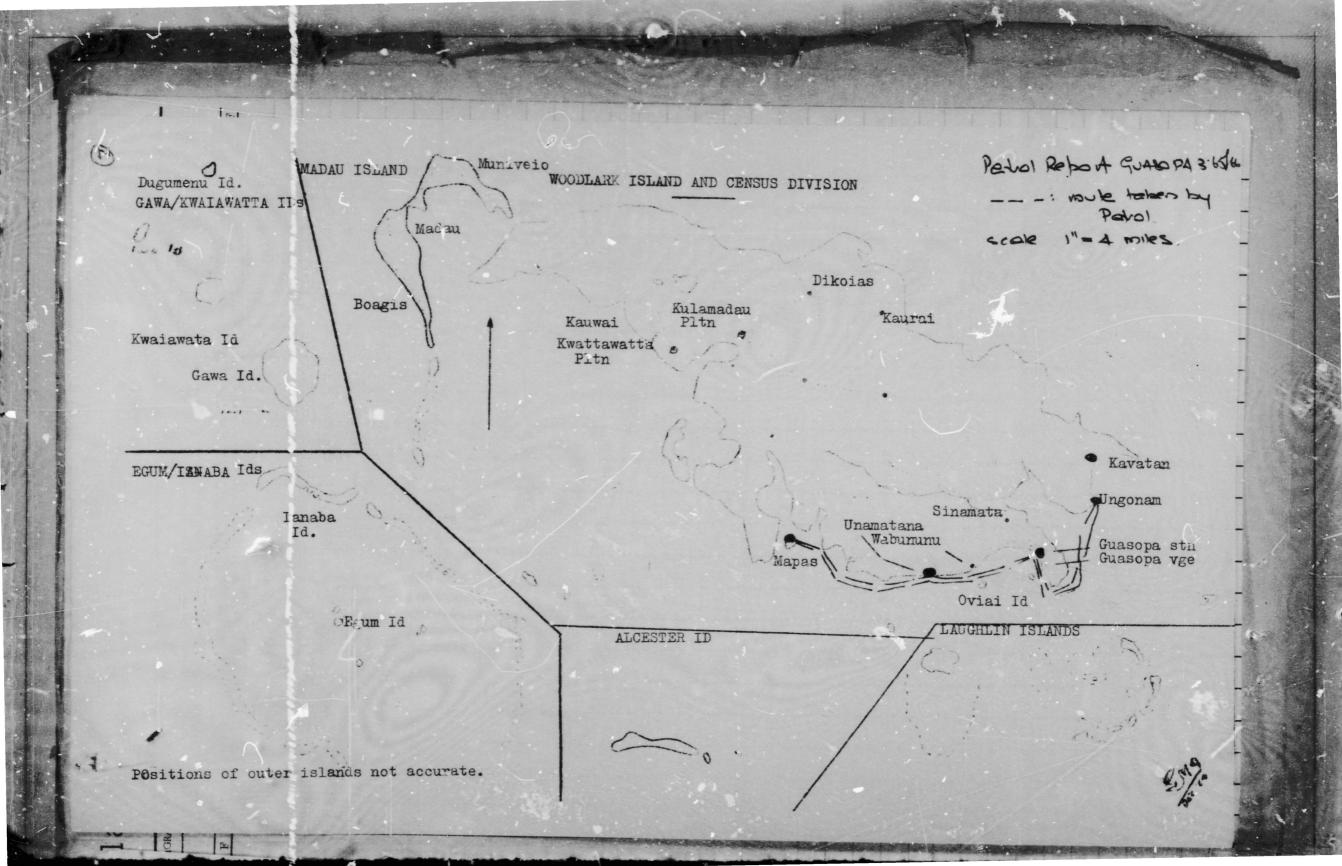
B. Report on Police accompanying Patrol.

Appendix B: Report on Personnel Accompanying Patrol.

3088 Const. Ist. Class MATAURA:

An able and efficient Constable.

H.W.Morris
Petrol Officer.





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Number of Days
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?NO
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services
Medica!5/2/1966.
Map Reference MURUA (WOODLARK) Fourail Series.
Objects of Patrol Introduction of O'C Guasopa to Census Division; assistan
to P.H.D. Water Survey Team visiting area, and general administration.
DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY. Forwarded, please.
District Commissioner
Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

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Milne Bay District, SAMARAI.

28th November, 1966.

Director, Department of District Administration, MONREPOBL.

REPORT GUASOPA PATROL NO.2 OF 1965/66.

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Sub-District Office SAMARAI , Milne Bay

29/7/66

The District Commissioner
Milne Bay District
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 0700 sailed from Guasopa.
 1530 arrived Laughlin Islands, went ashore at BUDEBUDE with
 P.H.D. Water Survey Team. Then commenced discussions with
 villagers. Returned to "MANAGUNA" 2030 hrs.
 2100 departed Laughlin Islands for Alcester.
- 20.3.66 0900 arrived Alcester, accompanied Survey Team in their work.

 0923 departed Alcester for Gawa.

 1500 arrived Gawa, climbed to villages, assisted Survey Team and remained for diwcussions with villagers.

 2200 returned to "Managuna".

 0/N Gawa.
- 21.3.66 0600 departed Gawa for Iwa.

 1000 arrived Iwa, went ashore but insufficient time permitted by Survey Team to permit me to climb up to village.

 1045 departed Iwa for Kwaiawatta.

 1530 arrived Kwaiawatta,

 O departed Kwaiawatta.

 arrived Gawa.
- 22.3.66 0400 departed Gawa
 1140 arrived Kwaipan Bay, unloaded cargo and equipment and
 thence by truck to KULUMADAU. Arranged for carriers for
 following day.
 0/N KULUMADAU.
- 23.3.66 0800 departed KULUMADAU with 02 carriers,
 0930 arrived DIKOIAS.Balance of mering spent in organizing
 various things.
 1300 meeting held of all villagers 4 houses condemned,
 balance of afternoon spent in discussions with villagers.
 0/N DIKOIAS
- 24.3.66 At DIKOLAS
- 25.3,66 At DIKOTAS
- 26.3.66 At DIKOTAS
- 27.3.66 At DIKCIAS. Sunday.
- 28.3.66 At DIKOTAS.
- 29.3.66 At DIKOIAS.
- 30.3.66 6900 to KAURAI arriving KAURAI 1030 hrs. Discussions with villagers, returned to DIKOIAS 1630 hrs. O/N DIKOIAS.
- 31.3.66 At DIKOIAS -111
- 1.4.66 At DIKOIAS -111
- 2.4.66 At DIKOIAS Sunday .- ill
- 3.4.66 At DIKOIAS -ill.
- 4.4.66 At DIKOIAS -111.
- 5.4.66 At DYKOIAS 111.
- 6.4.66 0615 departed DIKOIAS, arriving KULUMADAU 0800 1400 arrived BONIVAT (Themson's Creek). Thence by cance to MAPAS, arriving MAPAS at 1915- ill.
- 7.4.66 0900 departed by cance from MAPAS, arriving GUASOPA 1500hrs.

GUASOPA Base Camp, Samarai Sub-District. Milne Bay District. Patrol No.2 of 1965/66

Tatra conducted by

: T.T. Houris, Pateul Officery

Area Patrolled

: portion of Woodlark Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying : two R.P.N.G.C. Constables.

Duration of Patrol

: 19.3.66 to 7.4.66 inclusive.

20 Days.

Last Patrol to Area

: D.D.A. October 1965.

: P.H.D. February 1966.

: Malaria Control March 1966.

: D.A.S.F. Unknown.

Objects of Patrol

: Introduction of Patrol Officer, O.I.C. Guasopa to area.

: Accompany P.H.D. Water Survey Team on portion of it's work in the Census Division.

: General Administration.

: Investigation into dispute at DIKOIAS Village.

Map References

: Murua (Woodlark) 4 miles to I Inch series.

The main object of the Patrol was to give me an Introduction introduction to the area which is administered from Guasopa Base Camp. Secondary objects included the provision of assistance to the P.H.D. Water Survey Team in it's work in the Woodlark Census Division, and the investigation into a long standing disupute in DIKOIAS Village which was reportedly leading to the stage where various elements in the village were moving elsewhere and the village was in danger of ceasing to be an effective group. The objects of the Patrol were accomplished although not all the area planned to be visited was actually patrolled due firstly to an alteration of trawler programmes and secondly, my becoming ill in the last week of the Patro!

The Patrol was well received in all villages visited. Fullest cooperation was received regarding the provision of carriers and canoes where requested.

island groups and villages :- Laughlin Ids. (BUDEBUDE), Alcoster Id. (NESIKWAB), GAWA, IWA? KWAIAWATTA Islands and DIKOIAS, KAURAI and MAPAS Villages.

Villages Insufficient time was permitted me during the portion of the Patrol conducted from the "Managuna" with the P.H.D. Water Survey Team, to more than just fleetingly visit the villages. However once the Patrol left the "Managuna", the Patrol proceeded at a more reasonable pace and conditions in the villages were investigated. The following comments refer (see also section relating to Dikoias Village further in this Report): -

- 1. BUDELUN Village (Laughlin Id.) the village was found to be in an extremely clean condition and apparently reflects the influence which Village Constable PIPORA has over his Village Group.
- 2. NESIKWAB Village (Alcester Id.) this village precariously set on a shelf above the only reasonable landing on the island, was found to be in a reasonable condition. The absence of a number of men on Kula trade to a degree would account for this but considering the difficulties which the villagers have to face the condition of the village is as well as could be anticipated.
- 3. GAWA Island (several hamlets) the P.H.D. Water Survey team permitted me 1½ hours on this island the majority of which was spent in climbing to and from the top of the plateau where the hamlets are situated. As darkness was falling, little was seen of the area.
- 4. IWA Island the P.H.D. Water Survey Team completed it's work on this island in 25 minutes and then were anxious to depart

- for GAWA Island. Accordingly there was insufficient time allowed for me to climb up to the plateau upon which the village is situated.
- 5. KWAIAWATTA Island Again as with GAWA and IWA, insufficient time was permitted me to climb up to the village area.
- investigating a long standing dispute. During this time repairs were requested and carried cut to a number of houses in the village. Due to the absence of the Village Constable MICKIDULANA from the village, the area was found to be in an extremely delapitated and dirty condition. Several villagers during the duration of my stay in the village refused to carry out the work allotted them by the Village Constable who had by then retruned to the village. Complaints were laid and eight (8) prosecutions were commenced under Reg. 101.4 of Native Regulations. Thereafter no further trouble occurred and the condition of the village greatly improved.
- 7. KAURAI Village It was obvious that by the time the Patrol visited this village, that word had come through from DIKOIAS as to the requests made there. Thus when the Patrol visited KAURAI almost all of the houses showed signs of very recent repair and feverish activity was still in progress when the Patrol arrived. The village however has obviously been kept in a good state of repair and no additional requests were made of the villagers to improve conditions further.
- 8. MAPAS Village this village was found to be in a reasonable condition with the few houses of thes settlement all well constructed and maintained. The absence of some of the willagers on Kula trade was compensated for by the 25 men from GAWA, NESIKWABU and BUDEBUDE who were at Mapas for Kula.

following Villages or Island Groups: - GAWA, IWA, KWAIAWATTA, EGUM, IANABA, ALCESTER, LAUGHLIN and GUASOPA Base Camp. A copy of the Team's field recommendations together with photographs of proposed well or bore sites is held this Office.

Complaints and Enquiries: Two complaints were recorded during the Patrol, both coming from Dikoias Village and both invloved long standing disputes relating to custody of children. One di te was settled by mediation to the satisfaction of all parties whilst the other is being proceeded with further as it involves a child who was sent to Baniara as an exchange for a Baniara child sent to Woodlark under the procedure known as TAKULUT.

Local Court: Eight Court cases were held during the Patrol, all of them at DIKOIAS Village and all involved breaches of Reg. 101.4 of the Native Regulations. All defendants were found guilty. Seven were finda \$1.60, the fine being paid before the Patrol left the village. One of the defendants was convicted and discharged due to illness. I would like to mention that subsequent to my holding these court cases, a number of DIKOIAS Villagers in conversation, spoke of their approval of the cases being held.

Dispute at Dikolas Village: Additional time was spent at DIKOIAS to investigate a dispute which has been in existence for some time. The actual extent of the dispute varied from informant to informant, from the rather lurid description of it resulting in "...the demoralization of Dikolas", and thus a serious threat to the continuing existence of the WAMWAN Eocial Groups, through to "...just a normal intravillage dispute". Enquiries revealed that the disputing factions in the village comprised the Village Constable MICKIDULANA and his brothers opposed by TAGALANA, one of the wealthiest men in the village (in both the traditional and cash sense) and his families.

Priefly the dispute commenced in the 1959 Kula Season when MICKIDULANA became seriously ill. Several of his Kula partners around the Island and at GAWA reportedly decided not to continue their activities with MICKIDULANA as it was obvious that PETERTITIANA mon shortly to die. Annordinaly they commoned to trude with TAGALANS. who is younger and more agile than MICKINULANA. The outcome was that MICKIDULANA did not die and he could regain his former partners from TAGALINA, the latter increasing him wealth and position at the expense of MICKIDO ANA. The matter then lay dormant for several months until the 1950 garden season when a number of thefts of food from gardens occured. The majority of the soud stolen was from MICKIDULANA's group and immediately the blame was put on TAGALANA and his group. The ill feeling increased and over the succeeding five years resulted in MICKDULANA moving, with his brothers to KULUMADAU. With the absence of the Village Constants the village ceased to be administered efficiently and this coinciding with an increasing dependence upon a cash income from wages earnt, and trade with KULUMADAU, presented some symptoms which have been interpreted by one Mission Worker on the island, as indicating an advanced stage of "demoralization".

Enquiries r vealed that although the average garden size for the village was well below the Island average so far calculated (0.2 as compared to the average 0.4/5 acres per adult person), this fact was more than compensated by the cash income from KULUMADAU. In average of 8 to#10 DIKOIAS men work at KULUMADAU in various capacities whilst the majority of those remaining in the village visit KULUMADAU at least once a week to sell produce and carvings. During the sample period of the Patrol visiting DIKOIAS it was found that the men who were working at KULUMADAU received an average of \$4.50 per week whilst those selling carvings and produce average \$1.50 per week.

During the time the Patrol was in the village, there was no shorts to whatsoever of food. This is taking into account the fact that 6 ne houses were commenced and one influential villager died in that period.

In conclusion there appears to be no solution to the dispute but it is suggested that the dispute by no means is serious. There appeared no eveldence that the actual village was in danger of disintergrating nor that the traditional organization had become the operation. The mactual will be followed up to subsequent Patrols.

Agriculture: The following matters were raised to the Patrol :-

- 1. Laughlin Islands: The villagers of BUDEBUDE reiterated their complaints made to previous patrols regarding the low prices paid them by Mr. T. Voight for their copra.

 The prices allegedly paid them for one bag of copra (rammed), ranged from \$1.50 \$2.00 with occasionally one bag returning \$2.50.
- 2. Iwa, Gawa and Kwaiawatta Islands: numerous requests were made by villugers from these islands for some one to visit them regulary to lift their copra.
- 3. Oiviai Island: A request for assistance was received from this village group for insecticide to half a small insect which is methodically stripping in the leaves off Yam plants, Leaving the bare stalks of the plant remaining. To date this destruction is not widespread.

Appendices :

- A. Report on Personnel.
- B. Map of Census Division showing area patrolled.

Submitted.

(H.W.Morris)

Patrol Officer

Appendix A. Report on Personnel accompanying Patrol.

RATIO

10301 Constable 5th Year MANUKOI: This Constable, though quite efficient when supervised, showed himself to be in unreleible and on two occasions, untrustworthy. His partitions while the constable complex and it is suggested that he not be returned to the island.

9101 Constable 5th Year GARADI: This Constable was found to be efficient and completely reliable. His acmeanour and general attitude towards his work and the people was excellent.

H.W.Morris

Patrol Officer.

