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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

ESA'ALA, SEHULEA, BOLUBOLU

GOODENOUGH ISLAND

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<u>GOODENOUGH ISLAND</u>		
1 - 1964/1965	A. Siooa	Mud Bay Area

67-4-7

19th February, 1965.


The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAKARAI

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1964/65 - ESA'ALA

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

I assume that full investigations have been made into the unauthorised holding of ammunition by the Police Detachment and appropriate action taken.

After the incident at Wadalei village and early follow-up patrol is essential.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

DISTROFF
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67-1-3



B.K. LEEN/bs.

Dept. of District Administration,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

12th November, 1964.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.~~

ESA'ALA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/64-65.

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged together with your covering memorandum 67-3-1 of the 9th October, 1964.


I would like you to consider selecting several women from the Wadalei people to attend a training course at the Women's Training Centre, Ahiona; also some influential men, 4 in number to be given a conducted tour of the Council areas of this District.

The fact that these people are not fully pro-government and are apathetic is a challenge to you and your field staff to resolve the situation by a steady program of patrolling, and I agree that a follow up patrol with the Agricultural Officer would be a sound move.

What was the reason for the incident with Constable Sinikau?

Do you consider it feasible to bring in a number of village leaders to Esa'ala for a general course on the aims of the administration and Local Government Councils.

Mr. Hawke has submitted quite a good report.

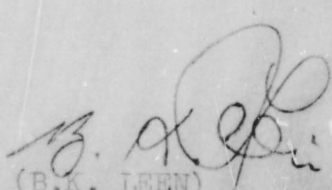

(B.K. LEEN)
Deputy District Commissioner.

Minute to:-

7 Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU ... PAPUA.

For your records, please.

Att.


(B.K. LEEN)
Deputy District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-5-7

Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

29th July, 1964.

Mr. K. E. Hollamby,
Patrol Officer,
ESA'ALA.

ESA'ALA PATROL NO. 1/64-65.

Please be prepared to depart on Thursday 30th July, 1964, for a patrol of the North-Esat Fergusson area and including Amphlett, Tewara and Sanaroa Islands.

2. Mr. P. D. Hawke, Cadet Patrol Officer will accompany the patrol. He is to be instructed in all aspects of patrol procedures and functions. He will be under your direction and supervision.

3. Objects of the patrol are as follows;
(a) Census revision
(b) Annual personal tax collection
(c) Routine Administration
(d) Local Government Survey.

4. The Local Government survey is to be conducted ~~with~~ in accordance with the requirements of Circular Instruction No. 304 of 8th October, 1959. The fullest information supported by accurate figures where possible is to be supplied. Assessment and recommendations must be realistic and based on all the available material.

5. To assist you in your economic assessment of the survey, The Agricultural Officer has been requested to make available two field workers to accompany the patrol. They will work with you and under your guidance and supervision.

6. For the purpose of amending the Electoral Common Roll, a separate record is to be kept at the time of the Census revision, of the names, sex, age, occupation of all persons who have reached twenty-one years, who have died or migrated in or out of particular villages. This information is to be collated and submitted in quadruplicate in a separate report at the conclusion of the patrol.

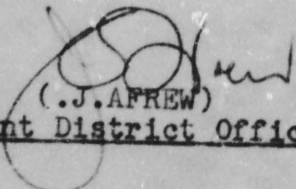
7. All village housing and road are to be inspected and orders issued where necessary for repairs and maintenance. Tax exemptions may only be granted by a Magistrate for Native Affairs. The relevant Circular Instructions regarding personal tax collection, particularly in relation to tax defaulters should be read and noted. A cash advance is to be taken sufficient to pay carriers and wages of Village Constables up to 30/6/64. Check all shotgun and trading licences, record details and advise holders to renew licences where necessary. Please check all C.S.B. books in area and accept those due for interest issuing a receipt on form C.S.B. 17.

8. Mr. Hawke will submit the Census return and patrol report. You will submit a separate memo elaborating on any aspect or matter arising on the patrol which may be beyond Mr. Hawke's experience and ability to investigate, report and assess. The Local

Government Survey will be submitted by you and as much of the information will also be gathered by Mr. Hawke for the purpose of his patrol report you should ensure the accuracy of Mr. Hawke's work.

9. M.V. 'ZIRCON' will meet you at Bosalewa on or about 20th August for the Island section of the patrol.

10. A special effort is to be made to report fully on the native situation in the area for incorporation of material in the monthly native interpretation report to the District Officer. Please read earlier patrol reports on the area and follow up any matter raised requiring further investigation or observation.


(J. A. AREW)

Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No. 67-4-17

Field Office,
Esa'ala Subdistrict,
MILNE BAY.

3rd. September 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
Esa'ala Sub-District,
Milne Bay.

PATROL NO. 1-64/65.

Mr. P. Hawke's comments in his report on the above patrol at page 2 paragraph two under NATIVE AFFAIRS heading refers. It is felt that this should be enlarged on some-what.

The events leading up to the incident are as follows:

On Thursday 13th. August 1964 the patrol moved from GAMETA village to Wadalei village. The patrol reached Wadalei at approximately 12 noon. It was raining at the time of arrival as it had been since 1100. All the people had gathered in anticipation of our arrival and were seated in and around the rest house and police barracks. Due to the heavy rain the village constable was informed that the census and tax collection would be carried out on the following day.

The necessary duties of setting up camp was under way. This was being done by the police constables and the interpreter with the help of some of the village people. Everything appeared to be normal and only the usual instructions were given by the police and interpreter. As we, the European Officers, were still wet from the walk and it looked like the rain was to continue all day, we decided to walk down the track to Mr. Miller's store which is about 10 minutes walk from the rest house. When we departed there were only a few details to be attended to in setting up the camp. Nothing was reported to me until 1200 on the following day as to what happened whilst we were away. Apparently some difficulty was experienced in putting up a wireless ariel which we carried for the small transistor radio we had with us. However this was done willingly by one man after some had refused to do it.

It was also reported to me the next day that some of the men were sitting under the police barracks that afternoon and were discussing the patrol. One man, Gumubudi, apparently said that if he were given orders the following day he would 'fight' (attack) the police. (Gumubudi later denied this and even denied being at the rest house on Thursday 13th.) This was not reported to me at that time as Constable Mim ari, though conversant in the Dobu language cannot understand the local vernacular of the area and he did not want to give the wrong impression to me and possibly cause an unwarranted disturbance. This also applies to the interpreter Ruben. The trouble in putting up the wireless ariel was not reported to me as the police thought it too trivial.

On the following day (Friday 14th.) the people gathered around the rest house for the census and tax collection. The whole area except for a few villages is notorious for their lateness in arriving at such gatherings. The people were not pushed and hurried at all in this matter. At approximately 1000 the chairs and tables were set up in front of the rest house. The village constable is an unenthusiastic man who complained of a swollen leg at the time of the patrol and thus the police and interpreter were asked to move amongst the people who were spread over a large area and ask them to move around to the area in front of the tables. Mr. Hawke and myself were setting out the books and other necessary equipment when a disturbance occurred behind the rest house.

There was shouting in the local vernacular and Constable Sinikau could be heard answering in the Pidgin language - his answers were not shouted. When I arrived on the scene I saw Sinikau surrounded by a group of 8 or 10 men. The women and children were running down the beach, presumably in fright. Constable Mimari was behind me but ducked around to the front and grabbed at Gumubudi who was in the forefront of the menacing men. I pulled him back and told the people to move around in an orderly fashion. I also called to the women and children to come back. The police moved back and the people sat down as asked in front of the tables. The police went to the police barracks and picked up their rifles. (I later took eight rounds of ammunition from these). I spoke to the people for a while and explained our purpose to them. I made an attempt for them to grieve their thoughts and generally to start them talking. This was a failure.

The police acted under provocation and in a hasty manner when they took up their rifles. They were afraid that they were going to be hurt in a full scale attack. It was unknown to me that they had ammunition at all. Although the police should be reprimanded for being in possession of ammunition it would be unfortunate to punish them severely for acting as they did. The people of the area would take any severe action ~~xx~~ against the police as ~~an~~ official sanction of their actions at Wadalei. This would make it extremely difficult for any other patrol in the area to exercise authority.

I concur to the fullest with MR. Hawke when he says that a follow up patrol should be done within six months. Better than this, if it is at all possible, would be for a Native Affairs officer to station himself in the area for a month or two and organise economic development and other aspects of everyday village life. If this was done quietly and effectively it could bring the area to a better standard.

Tax Collection - East Fergusson.

In most villages it was extremely difficult to collect £2 tax. This was due to the fact that each year when the tax collection patrol was carried out the people got the impression that they were due for only one pound tax. It has been now six years since these people started paying tax and it is felt that they should be able to afford £2 per annum. Any person not being able to afford it is extremely lazy in that he has not attempted any cash cropping. Or not in any degree to be useful. Exemptions were given to those who were in such a position that they were in economic difficulties through intensive economic plantings and could not afford to pay the £2 as they had been working for their own benefit on economic blocks and could not neglect them to find work as a labourer.

Tax - Sanaroa.


At the moment the people of Sanaroa Island are exempt from paying any tax. The people are now in a very financial position through their intensive economic plantings and the fact that they are employed as casual labourers at Sanaroa plantation owned by Mr. Evernett. Their income is far greater than that of any of the East Fergusson people.

On this patrol I explained to the people why they should pay tax and what tax money did for them. They seemed to appreciate this and understand it. I therefore recommend that these people be removed from the total exempt list and at least pay £1 tax in 1965. This could then be increased to £2 in 1966.

General.

Mr. Hawke ~~and~~ has given a true account of the situation as it now stands in the areas covered.

For your information please.


K.E. Hollamby
Patrol Officer Gr. 1.

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PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 30th July;

Departed 0915 per M.V. 'ZIRCON', arriving at SEBUTUIA at 1230. 1430 departed Rest House on Housing Inspection. Day completed 1730. Slept SEBUTUIA.

Friday 31st July;

0800 commenced Tax/Census. Completed by 1600. Slept SEBUTUIA.

Saturday 1st August;

0800 to 1130 discussions with gathered villagers. 1230 departed for GALEA arriving at 1405. Slept GALEA.

Sunday 2nd August;

Observed at GALEA.

Monday 3rd August;

0800 to 1300 Tax/Census. 1400 self on housing inspection, Hollamby discussions with people. Day completed 1700. Slept GALEA.

Tuesday 4th August;

Rain delayed departure until 1100. Arrived SEBUTUIA 1240, changed carriers and departed for DUDUNA? arriving at 1615. Slept DUDUNA.

Wednesday 5th August;

0800 to 1230 Tax/Census. 1330 to 1530 Hawke on housing inspection, Hollamby discussions with people. Slept DUDUNA.

Thursday 6th August;

0930 departed for BASIMA, arriving at 1100. Heavy rain for the rest of the day, restricting activities to paper work. Day completed 1600. Slept BASIMA.

Friday 7th August;

0800 to 1400 Tax/Census. 1430 to 1600 sat in with Mr. Hollamby on Court cases. Slept BASIMA.

Saturday 8th August;

0800 to 1200 heavy rain, morning spent on paper work. M.V. 'ZIRCON' arrived at 1225 to return Mr. Hollamby to Esa'ala for discussions with the A.D.O. Slept BASIMA.

Sunday 9th August;

Observed at BASIMA.

Monday 10th August;

0800 to 1000 on housing inspection. 1015 departed for URUA, arriving at 1115. 1300 to 1400 revised Census. 1430 to 1600 on housing inspection, and inspection of nearby mission school. Slept URUA.

Tuesday 11th August;

0800 left Rest House on housing inspection. Completed by 1200. Returned to Rest House to find that Mr. Hollamby had returned from Esa'ala. 1330 to 1600 collected Tax, and sat in on Courts. Slept URUA.

Wednesday 12th August;

0800 departed URUA for GAMETA, arriving at 0900. 0930 to 1230 Tax/Census. 1330 Hawke on housing inspection, Hollamby discussions with the people. Day completed 1615. Slept GAMETA.

Thursday 13th August;

0930 departed for WADELAI, arriving at 1200. Heavy rain fell all day. Slept WADELAI.

Friday 14th August;

0800 commenced Tax/Census. Completed by 1730 after small disturbance. Slept WADELAI.

Saturday 15th August;

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DIARY CONTINUED.

Saturday 15th August;

0800 to 1000 spent waiting for arrival of people. 1000 to 1130 discussions with the people. 1330 to 1600 on patrol report, due to rain. Slept WADELAI.

Sunday 16th August,

Observed at WADELAI.

Monday 17th August;

0945 departed WADELAI, arriving at BOSALEWA at 1045. 1130 1700 Tax/Census. Slept BOSALEWA.

Tuesday 18th August;

Heavy rain all morning, continued with Patrol Report. 1330 departed on housing inspection, but forced to return early owing to swollen rivers. Slept BOSALEWA.

Wednesday 19th August;

0800 attempted to depart for WADELAI, but rivers too swollen. Found an alternative route at 1100 and departed. Arrived WADELAI at 1300. 1415 M.V. 'ZIRCON' arrived with D.A.S.F. Officer. Slept WADELAI.

Thursday 20th August;

0800 departed per ZIRCON for AMPHLETT Group, arriving at IAVA at 1015. Conducted housing inspection until 1200. 1205 to 1230 Tax/Census and then discussions with the people. 1400 departed, arriving at WADELAI at 1600. Slept WADELAI.

Friday 21st August;

0800 departed per 'ZIRCON' for NABWAGETA, arriving at 1030, and moving directly on to GUMUWANA, arriving at 1130. 1145 to 1225 revised Census. 1230 conducted housing inspection. 1330 departed for MWADOGA, arriving at 1400. Census revised and housing inspected. Departed for NABWAGETA, arriving at 1530. Slept NABWAGETA.

Saturday 22nd August;

0800 to 0900 revised Census. Then had discussions with the people. 1000 to 1300 housing inspected. Slept at NABWAGETA.

Sunday 23rd August;

0600 broke camp and departed for SANAROA, arriving at 1400, after calling in at TEWARRA. Slept SANAROA.

Monday 24th August;

0800 departed for TEWARRA, arriving at 1000. Census revised and discussions held with the people. Returned to SANAROA, arriving at 1500. Census revised, and discussions held. Slept SANAROA.

Tuesday 25th August;

0800 departed on housing inspection. Returned to Rest House at 1015, and departed for ESA'ALA, arriving at 1200.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
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No. 67-4-17

Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

31st August, 1964.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

ESA'ALA PATROL REPORT.. 1-64/65.

Officer Conducting Patrol : P.D.Hawke, Cadet Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled : East Fergusson Census Division,
 Amphlett, Sanaroa and Tewarra
 Census Division.

Accompanying Personnel
 Europeans : K.E.Hollamby, Patrol Officer I.
 P.E.Owers, D.A.S.F. joined on
 19/8/64.
 Natives : 2 members R.P.&N.G.C.
 1 Interpreter.
 2 Agric. Field Workers.

Duration of Patrol : 30/7/64 to 25/8/64 (27 days)
 Last Patrol by
 D.N.A. : 21/6/63 to 7/7/63.
 January 1964. H.of A. Propoganda
 March 1964. H.of A. Elections.
 P.H.D. : -
 Objects of Patrol : Census Revision, Tax Collaction,
 Routine Administration.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted through the East Fergusson Census Division and the Amphlett, Sanaroa and Tewarra Census Division, from 30th July, 1964 to 25th August, 1964, with the object of Revising the Census, collecting the Personal Tax, to allow Mr.K.E.Hollamby, P.O.I. to conduct an Area Survey, and to attend to all other routine administration functions of a Patrol.

The majority of the villages in the East Fergusson Census Division are located on a narrow coastal plain at the foot of the main Fergusson range. The village of Galea though, is located 2,000 feet above sea-level.

Sanaroa Island, the largest of the island group is situated about four miles off the East coast of Fergusson Island. Tewarra, consisting of two small islands lies to the north of Sanaroa; and to the north of Tewarra lies the Amphlett chain, with four small villages located there.

Of all the areas of the Sub-District that I have seen, this area is the most backward. The reason for this is that the people still only see one patrol from this Department each year, that patrol being the Tax collection and Census Revision patrol. This year the situation has been slightly different, with the House of Assembly propaganda and election patrols going through the area, but time was not available on these patrols for the officers concerned to carry out the usual work the people would have liked them to.

Thus it is essential that a follow-up patrol move through the area within the next six months. Such a patrol with an Agriculture Officer accompanying, would do much to revive the people, and stir and encourage them to advance themselves.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

East Fergusson.

This patrol was met with very little enthusiasm in most of the villages, the Wadelai people being the worst in the area. Although all the people in the respective villages were gathered to meet the patrol, and all appeared voluntarily for the Census and Tax collection, they had no desire to discuss their problems with the patrol. Discussions with the people on various subjects were lengthy and one-sided. Not until the concluding moments of the discussion did anyone attempt to discuss anything with the patrol, and even then, they did so in a half-hearted manner.

The one and only incident of note on the patrol occurred at Wadelai. On the 15th August, Mr. Hollamby and myself set up the tables and books in the shade in front of the Rest House. The people had gathered, but were widely scattered in small groups. The Police moved off, and went amongst the people, asking them to come up to the area, so that work could commence. Constable Sinikau moved to the rear of the Rest House, and out of sight from me. Then a commotion started and Mr. Hollamby and Constable Mimari moved around to the back of the Rest House, while I began to talk to an excited group of people in front of me. Constable Sinikau was surrounded by six or seven men, who were approaching him in a threatening manner. Mr. Hollamby broke up the disturbance and the people moved around to the area in front of the Rest House. Mr. Hollamby then spoke to the people for half an hour or so, and at the conclusion of this, it was apparent that the people had quietened and calmed down.

It was noted during the collection of the tax, that only six men from Wadelai offered only £1 as payment of their tax; these six men being those who started the attack on Constable Sinikau. At the conclusion of the Tax/Census, Const. Sinikau charged the six men with acting in a riotous manner, in the Court for Native Matters, and Mr. Hollamby M.N.N. sentenced the six men to two months imprisonment, one of them also being sentenced to one month imprisonment for refusing to pay his £2 tax.

Officers of this Department visiting Wadelai in the past, have also found, and described the Wadelai people as being an apathetic group; although not extreme anti-government, they are not fully pro-government. This cannot be said of the entire population, but the small faction that thinks this way could cause more trouble in the future, and if their influence is extended any further through the village, it will be a difficult task for the next patrolling officer to pass any advice on to the people.

The people at Wadelai are not as well off as the other villages in this area, but through nobody's fault but their own. They have little or no enthusiasm pertaining to improving their coconut plantings, or anything else aimed at giving them a cash income.

The possible reason for the incident at Wadelai, is that the people do not like paying tax. This is shown up by the fact that the six men involved in the incident wished to pay only £1 and only after one of them had been prosecuted, did the others come forward with their full £2.

On the whole, the people of this Division are making some attempt to improve and advance themselves. Coconut plantings have increased nearly four-fold in the last twelve months, the village gardens were found to be in good condition, and the people are supporting the various Mission schools in the area, by sending their children to them where possible.

Amphlett Islands.

The people of the Amphlett chain live on four of the islands, making up the villages of Iava, Nabwageta, Guruwana and Mwadoga, and making up a total population of only 240.

These people have little arable land, and therefore they are forced to trade with the people of Fergusson Island for the greater part of their subsistence foods, the medium of exchange being clay pots, an art which has been developed to a high degree of proficiency by these people.

Fish dryers are located in two of the villages, with another one being in the process of being built at Iava, but besides this, the only activity engaged in by the people is the manufacturing of the clay pots.

Tewarra Group.

Only one of the two islands belonging to the X Tewarra people is inhabited, the other one, Uava providing the people of Tewarra with an ample supply of subsistence foods. These people, only 23 of them, live a lonely and contented life, and have no great or immediate desire to change their mode of living, although a request was made for the Department of Agriculture to provide a field worker to assist in the building of a fish dryer.

Sanaroa.

The three villages on Sanaroa Island, Etana, Udaudana and Siyauwawa, contain a total population of 257. These people were extremely co-operative, and received the patrol accordingly. The villages on this island could also be regarded as the most attractive villages visited on the patrol, showing the apparent pride of the people in their villages.

The people of Sanaroa Island have also made a genuine effort to advance themselves, and have increased their coconut holdings substantially in the last 12 months.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Village Officials encountered on the patrol, with the exception of a few, were, although not over-intelligent, were of quite good standing. The most impressive Village Constables met on the patrol were those from Sebutuia, Urua and Boselewa, who were all putting a good deal of work and thought into the advancement of their respective villages.

The Village Constables from Basima, Calea, Gameta, Duduna and the Amphletttes were all making an effort, but ~~xxx~~ are not over-inspiring.

The Village Constable at Wadelai, possibly the worst encountered, as well as being as apathetic as his fellow villagers, was badly dressed and lazy while the patrol was in the village.

The Village Constable at Sanaroa also would be regarded as having little intelligence, as was shown by his actions in an assault case on the island a few days before the arrival of the patrol. However, following a severe reprimand by the Assistant District Officer, Esa'ala at the conclusion of the patrol, he may mend his ways.

VILLAGE HOUSING.

East Fergusson.

As per the Patrol Instructions, an extensive inspection was made of all houses in each village. The majority of the houses inspected were of fair standard. Instructions were given by Mr. Hollamby M.N.M. in the few cases of sub-standard houses.

As was to be expected, the hamlets pertaining to each village were far and widely scattered, making it a long and cumbersome job to inspect every house in each village. Although most of the people have land holdings on the coast, they prefer to live inland. However, it was noted that quite a few people were moving down to the coast.

The situation at Duduna is somewhat confusing. I refer to two statements made in the village book, made by two consecutive patrolling officers of this Department, and also to Esa'ala Patrol Report No. 9-62/63, which state that the Duduna people, the majority of whom live inland, had expressed their desire to move down to their land on the coast. These statements date back to 1961. As the people had apparently been moving down for some three years, I fully expected to see houses of sturdy construction on the coast. This was not the case. On the coast I found several half-completed houses, and inland, the majority of the houses were in a shocking state of repair. I then called a meeting of the men in an attempt to find out why the housing situation was so bad. Ninety percent of the men stated that they were moving to the coast. I then asked them why the houses inland were so poor. The men gave their excuse that they were still "contemplating" their movement to the coast, and so decided not to unduly worry about their houses. I explained to them that if they were moving to the coast to go ahead and do so, and if not, then they were to go ahead and rebuild their inland houses, otherwise stronger action would be taken by the next patrol.

Amphlett Islands.

The houses inspected in the four villages were very disappointing. Because of the lack of sago on these islands the people are forced to trade their clay pots with the Fergusson Islanders for their sago for house building. It appears that these islanders have not replenished their supply of building materials for some time, so instructions were given to the effect that all houses were to be rebuilt.

Sanaroa and Tewarra Groups.

As mentioned earlier, the houses on Sanaroa Island were found to be in good condition, this also being the case at Tewarra.

WALKING TRACKS.

Roads along this coast of Fergusson were all in fair condition, and had been cleared just prior to the patrol's arrival.

As to be expected in an area where violent volcanic activity has taken place sometime in the past, the roads were found to be in a rocky, and in some places, rough condition.

Because of the very rocky nature of this area, the chances of building a vehicular road along the coast as an outlet for copra in the South-East season, would be extremely difficult, unless, in some places notably between Sebutuia and Basima, an alternative route could be found further inland.

HEALTH.

The general health of the area is quite fair. However Sipoma is rife, and the people seem to care very little about it. It was explained that the Administration built Aid-Posts in areas to cater for the people's illnesses, and that they should take advantage of them.

AID-POSTS.

There are three Aid-Posts in the East Fergusson Census Division, at Sebutuia, Urua and Boselewa. All three Aid Post Orderlies seem to be quite efficient, and are enjoying the confidence of the people in most respects. It was pointed out to them that they were to try and curb the spread of Sipoma in the area, and to replenish their stocks of Sipoma lotion.

The ward at Sebutuia Aid-Post was in a bad state of repair, and instructions were given for a new one to be built.

An Aid-Post Orderly accompanied the patrol for its duration through the area.

There is also an Aid-Post situated at Etana village on Sanaroa Island. The A.P.O. here is quite efficient and the dispensary and ward were found to be in good condition.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.Cash Crops and Marketing.East Fergusson

During the patrol an accurate census was taken of the number of coconuts, and coffee plantings in the area, by two Agriculture Field Assistants provided by D.A.S.F. (see appendix.)

It was noted in the various Village Books, that since 1960, the officers of this Department visiting the area, had given lengthy and detailed talks on the advantages of cash crops such as coconuts and coffee. Also two patrols have been carried out in the last two years by Agriculture Field Assistants, and they had given demonstrations pertaining to coconut and coffee nurseries and the planting out of these two cash crops.

In August, 1963, Mr. Smith, P.O. II, discussed these things with the people, and told them that Tax Exemptions could not be considered for anyone, unless a substantial increase in the planting of coconuts had been shown by the individuals applying for an exemption.

Up to the time of the 1963 patrol, the number of coconuts totalled only 9,860, and now, after the passing through of Mr. Smith's patrol, 31,809 new coconuts have been planted. It may sound as though Tax Exemptions were being offered as an incentive for coconut planting, but the individuals applying for an exemption, had to have sound reasons, as well as a substantial increase in coconut plantings except in the case of an exemption being applied for on the grounds of illness or incapacitation.

In most of the villages, an ex-Kuiaro trainee has taken up residence, and these boys are ably assisting the people in their nurseries and copra drying.

All of the villages have planted some coffee, but as yet it is not of bearing age, and it is not yet known whether it will be successful or not. (see appendix).

The marketing of the copra is a difficulty in this area only during the South-East season, from April September. The only two anchorages of note along the coast are at Wadelai and Sebutuia; the Sebutuia one not being the best.

Mr. N. Everett of Sebulegomwa and Mr. M. Preece of Kedia send their trading vessels along the coast regularly in the North-West season and provide an ample outlet for copra produced in the area. The trade store at Wadelai also buys copra from nearby villages, and Steamships boats call regularly here.

I concur with Mr. Darras-Wells remarks in his report, Esa'ala No. 9-62/63, that, if the Sebutuia-Kedia road is possible, then a preliminary survey should be completed as soon as possible from Sebutuia to Boselewa to provide the people of the area with an outlet for their copra to the traders in the South-East season.

Amphlett Islands.

As far as cash cropping is concerned, these people are in an almost impossible situation. The land owned by these people in the Amphlett chain is infertile and could support no large number of coconut plantings. The few coconuts planted on the islands are used fully for subsistence purposes.

As stated previously, the villages of Nabwageta and Gmuwana have fish dryers in their villages, and the Iava people are in the process of building one. This mode of securing a small cash income was impressed upon the people, and they were advised to make a concerted effort to dry as much fish as possible and transport it to Esa'ala for sale to the Department of Agriculture.

Sanaroa.

The people of Sanaroa are gradually increasing the extent of their cash income. Mr. Everett, trader of Sebulegomwa says that he is now buying upwards of one ton of copra per annum from this island.

The marketing facilities provided for these people are by far the most convenient experienced by anyone in the area patrolled. All copra produced on the island is sold to Mr. Everett at his plantation, which is situated on the southern end of Sanaroa Island.

Economic Potential.

The people of East Fergusson are quite well off for land, even the hill and inland dwellers having sufficient to substantially increase their coconut plantings.

But the chance of advancement lies wholly up to the people. If the large increase of coconut plantings in the year 1963/64, 9860 to 41,669, an increase of 31,809 is continued, then the people will be quite well off by about 1970, when the palms reach bearing age.

TAX.

A total of £626/15/- Personal Tax was collected in the East Fergusson Census Division; the Amphletts, Sanaroa and Tewarra Islands being Tax-Exempt.

The majority of able-bodied male adults in this division are quite capable of paying the full £2 tax. But the people do not like paying tax, at least not the full rate. Before the tax was collected, Mr. Hollamby gave a lengthy talk to the people, explaining fully the uses made by the Administration of the tax collected. At the conclusion of the discussion, the majority of the tax-payers came forward with the full £2, but several younger men, some of whom had been away to work, still persisted with only £1. Following Court proceedings against one of the men in each village, the rest readily found their required £2.

Mr. Hollamby issued Total and Partial Exemptions where the situation warranted it, taking into account the reason for the application, and also the extent of the increase in the number of coconuts planted by the individual.

ABILITY TO PAY TAX.

At the present time all of the coastal dwellers can pay the full £2 as well as a good majority of the inland dwellers. With a total number of 9860 mature coconut trees, the income for the area per year, is approximately £1252/10/-, as well as a certain amount coming in from the people away at work outside the village (129). Income estimated as follows:

9860 trees bearing at 10lbs copra per tree per annum, will therefore produce 98600lbs of copra.

With the local traders buying copra at 3 pence per pound, the value of the 98600lbs of copra would be £1252/10/-.

Thus the average income per annum for the male adults in the area is £1/18/- (approx), and together with the income coming into the area per the outside workers, a fair income per annum exists for the male adults. Also, a good number of the men work for periods of 3 or 4 weeks as casual labourers at Sebulegomwa, Kefedia and Sanaroa plantations.

CENSUS/COMMON ROLL.

During the Revision of the Census, the Common Roll was also revised.

East Fergusson.

There has been a natural increase of 56 in the area, 99 births compared with 43 deaths, this being 21 higher than last years natural increase.

There were only 129 adults away at work, an increase of 7 on last years figures.

Amphletts, Sanaroa and Tewarra.

Here there was a natural increase of 12, 16 births as to 4 deaths.

EDUCATION.

Both the Methodist Overseas Mission and the Roman Catholic Mission have schools built in the area, which are being supported quite well by the inhabitants.

LAW AND ORDER.

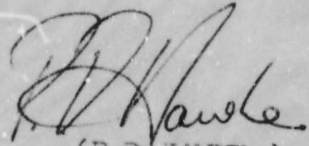
Mr. Hollamby, M.N.M. held the Court for Native Matters on the patrol, hearing one case of assault, one riotous behaviour case and the Tax courts. One assault case was returned to Esa'ala.

There is no apparent lawlessness in the area.

CONCLUSION.

During the patrol, Mr. Hollamby instructed me in all matters pertaining to patrolling.

As stated before, the area is a backward one, but a concerted effort by the people, assisted by a follow-up patrol within the next six months, will bring the area to a higher stage of advancement.



(P.D. HAWKE.)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Appendix 'A'

EAST FERGUSON - COCONUT CENSUS.

VILLAGE	IMMATURE TREES	MATURE	AVERAGE PER ADULT MALE.
SEBUTUIA	1276	519	15
GALEA	1596	243	28
DUDUNA	3519	445	52
PASIMA	7905	1894	73
URUA	4017	1750	59
GAMETA	5356	2578	155
WADELAI	4593	1168	69
BOSALEWA	3547	1263	68
TOTALS	31809	9860	71

Appendix 'B'

ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL.

R.P.&N.G.C.

No. 8092 Constable 5th Year SANANGOWEI.

A good working reliable Constable. Always presents himself well and neatly dressed on patrol.

No. 7589 Constable 5th Year MIMARI?

A steady reliable Constable. Very useful as a second-string interpreter in this area.

D.N.A. Interpreter - RUBEN MCRIOGA.

A young quietly spoken lad with a good future. A very reliable interpreter.

D.A.S.F.

Field Worker ABEKO.

A useful member of the patrol. Efficient in his work.

Field Worker KAMATA.

Efficient in his work. Not over enthusiastic.

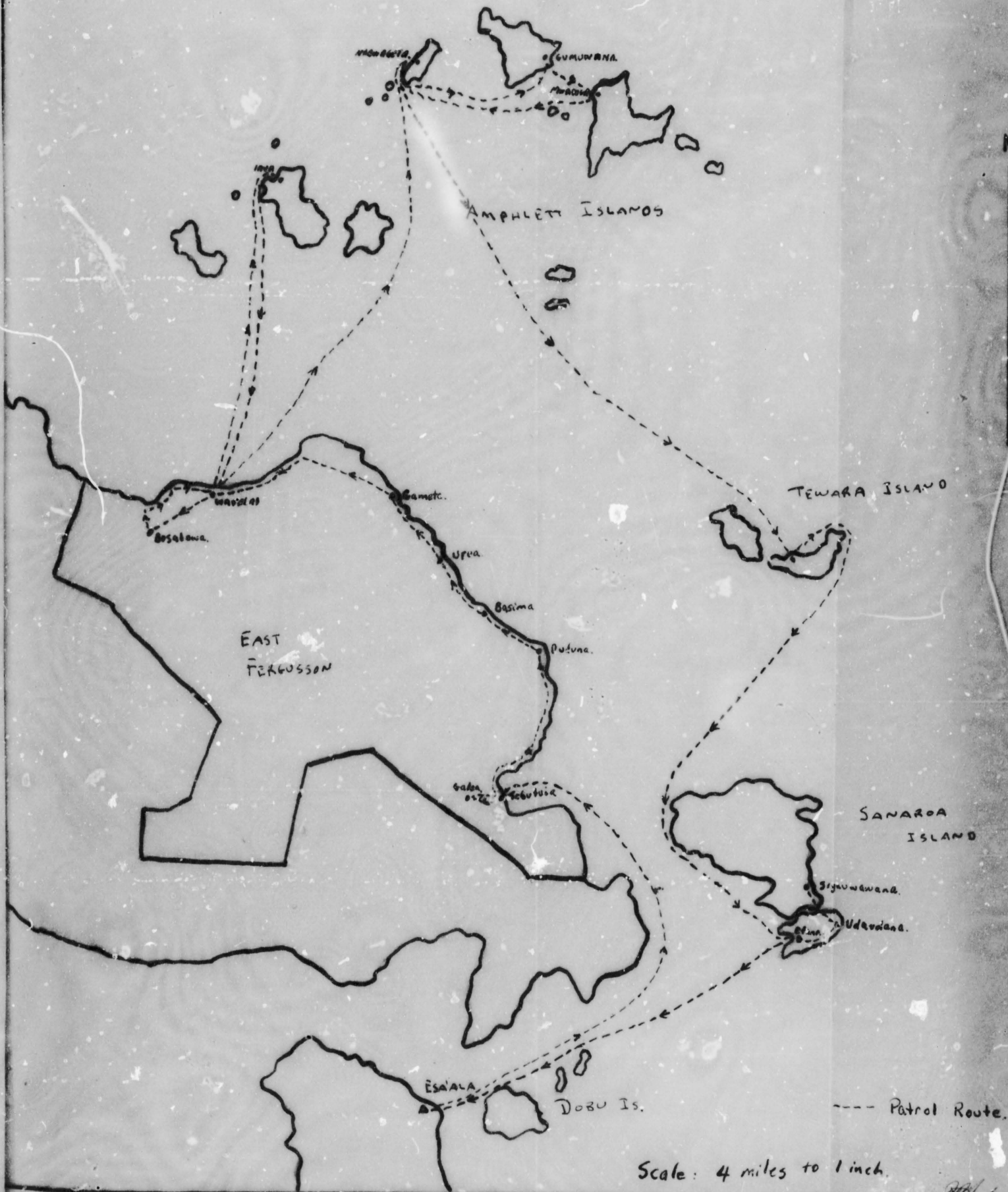
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Appendix '04.

COFFEE CENSUS - EAST FERGUSSON CENSUS DIVISION.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>NO. OF TREES.</u>
SEBUTUIA	614
GALEA	4272
DUDUNA	1126
BASIMA	136
URUA	241
GAMETA	33
WADELAI	32
BOSALEWA	546
TOTAL.....	<u>7000</u>

EASI FERGUSSON, AMPHLETT, SANAROA AND TEWARA.
Esa'ala Patrol Report No 1- 64/65.





H.C.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... MILNE BAY Report No. 4/64-65.

Patrol Conducted by... AVOSA SIAOA, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER (T).

Area Patrolled... SOUTH EAST FERGUSSON, PART DOBU N.L.G.C AREA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL
1 Member of R.P.N.G.C
Natives... 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From... 7 / 10 / 1964 to... 16 / 10 / 1964.

Number of Days... 9 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 19 / 6 / 1964.

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference... 1 inch to 4 miles Series.

Objects of Patrol... LAND INVESTIGATION AT NADE, DOBU NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL PROPAGANDA TALKS, ROTUINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of ~~Native Affairs~~, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,
PORT MORESBY.
KONEDOBU

Forwarded, please.

11 / 11 1965

J. Preston White
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 £.....

67-4-10

22nd February, 1965.


District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SARARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-64/65 - ESA'ALA:

Receipt of the abovementioned report together with covering memorandum is acknowledged with thanks.

It may be of help to Mr. Sinaa to have him rough out his reports in pencil and discuss them with his Assistant District Commissioner before submitting the final typed report.

The report is indicative of a well conducted patrol.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

11th January, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

PATROL REPORT S.E. FERGUSSON - PART
N.L.G.C. AREA : NO.4 of 1964-1965.
MR. AVCEA SIAOA, A.P.G.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report together with your covering memorandum 67-3-1 of the 4th January, 1965.

Please bring the spelling mistakes to Mr. A. SIAOA's attention - it mars quite a good concise report.

What measures are you adopting to assist Mr. SIAOA to understand the difficulties encountered in this particular land investigation claim?

I would request that you fully investigate the alleged confusion re the Councillors giving conflicting interpretations to the people : or is that one Councillor not popular with the people.

To obviate confusion of this nature it should be suggested to the Council to publish their newsletter for distribution amongst the people. For your information Suau Local Government Council have found this method extremely successful.

→ MINUTE :-

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

J. Preston White
(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner.

For your information and records, please.

J. Preston White
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(J. Preston White)
District Commissioner. M.B.D.

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Sub-District Office,
EBA'ALA.

4th January, 1965.

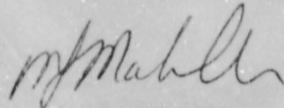
District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
SAMARAI.

EBA'ALA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 of 1964/65.

Please find attached two copies of the above Patrol Report.

Mr. Siaca appears to have carried out the propoganda objects of the patrol satisfactorily, but his investigation of Made land was incomplete. (See my 37-7-10 of 18/12/64). Mr. Siaca is extremely efficient with a chain and compass but the details required in the Land Investigation Report are apparently hard for him to follow at this stage.

Mr. Siaca has obtained a good grasp of the area he patrolled.



(M. L. MACKELLAR)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference.....67-4-17

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.

6th October, 1964

Mr. Avosa Siaoa
Assistant Patrol Officer,
ESA'ALA.

ESA'ALA PATROL NO. 4/64-65

Please be prepared to depart on Patrol from Esa'ala on 7th October. One member of the R.P.&N.G.C. detachment and an Interpreter Reuben have been instructed to accompany you.

Primary purpose of the Patrol will be to carry out a land investigation at NADE, which is the subject of a Land Application by the Catholic Mission (Refer to file 35-7-10). On completion of the Land Investigation, you will return to Esa'ala visiting villages on South-east Ferguson for the purpose of discussing with the people and the Local Government Councillors aspects of Local Government development in the area, and developing an increased interest in their Council by the people.

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(J.A.FREW)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT.

District of Milne Bay Report No. 4/64-65.

Patrol Conducted by AVOSA SILOA ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER (T).

Area Patrolled South East Fergusson, Part Dobu N.L.G.C Area.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Duration From 7/10/64 to 16/10/64.

Number of Days 9days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NIL.

Last Patrol to Area by -District Services 19/6/64

Medical _____

Map Reference 1inch to 4miles series

Objects of Patrol Land investigation at Nade.
Dobu N.I.G.C. Propaganda Talks.
Rotuine Administration.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 4 64/65 OF EAST FERGUSON ISLAND.

DAIRY.

WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER.

Departed Esa'ala per M.V. Zircon at 11.15a.m for land investigation at Nade, arrived at 12.45a.m. No detailed information was obtainable since the sole owner was away at Madang. Slept over night at Nade.

THURSDAY 8th

Departed Nade at 7.30a.m., arrived Si'ilugu at 9.30a.m. Propagnada talks on Dobu Native Local Government Council was given. Slept over night at Si'ilugu.

FRIDAY 9th

Send Const. DANO with carriers to Gomwa, self with Interpreter left Si'ilugu at 8.0p.m. for ASABSAYA hamlets. Walking time was 1 1/2 hours. Coffee trees inspected, talks on the Council given. Left ASABSAYA at 2.30p.m., arrived GOMWA at 4.30p.m. Slept over night at Gomwa.

SATURDAY 10th

Left Gomwa at 7.30p.m. arrived GOMWABIRA at 9.15a.m. Propaganda talks given. Some of the Coconut plots inspected. ~~Slept over~~ Returned to Gomwa at the same afternoon. Slept overnight at Gomwa.

SUNDAY 11th

Observed Sunday at Gomwa, slept overnight at GOMWA.

MONDAY 12th

Left Gomwa at 8.30a.m., arrived at 9.00a.m. Wagara, Du'una and Daguiara sail assembled at Daguiara, propaganda talks given.
Departed Daguiara at 12.30a.m. arrived Deidei at 2.0p.m., no rest house to stay overnight, proceeded to Bwaioa. Slept overnight at Bwaioa.

TUESDAY 23th

Departed Bwaioa at 7.30a.m. arrived ~~at~~ Numanuma at 8.30a.m. Propaganda talks given. Left Numanuma at 2.0p.m., arrived Bwaioa at 3.0p.m. Slept overnight at Bwaioa.

WEDNESDAY 14th

Both Deidei and Bwaioa gathered at Bwaioa rest house. Talks given on the functioning of the Dobu Council given. Slept overnight at Bwaioa.

THURSDAY 15th.

Left Bwaioa at 8.0a.m., arrived Sawa'edi at 9.45a.m. talks given and discussed the some matters with the people. Departed Sawa'edi at 1.30p.m. arrived BWAIOA at 2.15a.m. Slept overnight at Bwaioa.

FRIDAY 16th.

Patrol completed today, left Bwaioa at 8.30a.m., per canoe arrived Esa'ala at 11.45a.m.

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Sub-District Office,
ESA'ALA.
Milne Bay District.
7/12/64

PATROL REPORT NO.4 OF 64/65.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted through the South East Fergusson Census Division of the part of Dobu Native Local Government Council of Fergusson Island in the D'entreasteaux Archipelago of Esa'ala Sub-District in the Milne Bay District.

The aim of this patrol was mainly a land investigation patrol at Nade on the South East Fergusson Island and the second major important aim was to give a propaganda talk on the function of the Dobu Native Local Government Council.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

South East Fergusson.

This patrol was met with great enthusiasm in most of the villages, since, this area seems to be the more advanced in political and economic development of the Sub District. All the people in the respective villages gathered in each village to meet the patrol.

The people of the area visited on the patrol are very close to the Sub-District headquarters, consequently all their troubles are brought to the Office regularly. The people of East Fergusson Census Division were well prepared to discuss their problems about the functions of their Council with Mr. Siao. The general attitude of the people towards the Council and Councillors was very pleasing. Although in few villages such as SI'ILUGU and NUMANUMA, the people were not happy about the work of their Councillors.

Councillor Francisco of SI'ILUGU was an energetic member of the Council in his last two terms of Office, but this year his work has declined. The people said that he was not worrying about his duty as Councillor. It was suggested to the people to wait for next Council election so that they can elect new Councillor for their hamlets.

At NUMANUMA the majority of the people wanted to have one Council member for their village instead of the two Councillors they have now. The main reason given for this statement was that, the village people do not know which man to listen to, because both Councillors tell different things after their return from the Council meetings. This confusion has been going on for long time.

Complaints.

A number of complaints brought to my notice were very few. The complaints were mainly concerned with arguments between husbands and wives or family disputes. All these were satisfactorily settled by arbitration.

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VILLAGE HOUSING.

The villages were clean in the whole Census Division. There was no extensive inspection of housing in each villages, due to the fact that extensive inspection of houses was done by Mr. K. Hollanby M.N.M in his Patrol Report No. 3/63-64, but the general standard of the houses was satisfactory.

As was to be expected, the hamlets pertaining to each village were widely scattered making it a long and cumbersome job to inspect every house in each villages.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village officials were very helpful and helped the patrol party considerably. The village officials assisted by the womens club leaders who helped to keep the Rest Houses clean and tidy and also organised the transportation of patrol gear and personals to and fro the Census Division.

WALKING TRACKINGS.

Roads along this coast of the South East Fergusson were all in fair condition and had been cleared just prior to patrol's arrival

Because of the numerous creeks and rivers, as the nature of this area, the opportunity of constructing vehicular roads along the coast could cost tremendous amount of money.

HEALTH.

The general health of the people were fair. The people seem to attend the Aid Posts or Hospitals regularly.

There are three Aid Posts in the area, plus two big hospitals run by Methodists Missions at SALAMO and Roman Catholic Mission at BUDOIYA. These ^{people} have the better medical benefits over other people of the Normanby and some parts of the Fergusson Island.

The Aid Posts Orderlies seem to be quite efficient and are enjoying the confidence of the people in most respects.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Cash Crops and Marketing.

It was noted in the various Village Books that since 1960, the Officers of this Department visiting this area had given lengthy and detailed talks on the advantages of cash crops such as coconuts and coffee. Also patrols have been carried out in this area during last two years by Agricultural Field Assistants, and they have given demonstrations pertaining to coconuts and coffee nurseries and plantings of these two crops.

Some villages have carried out these good work done by the Agriculture Department and now their coconuts and coffee are about to give nuts or beans. Some hamlets behind SI'ILUGU ~~are~~ have grown plenty of coffee. It was noticed on this patrol that most of these coffees were commencing to bear beans. The GOMWABIRA settlement scheme was planted many coconuts and the first lot are bearing nuts now. The coffee and cocoa at GOMWABIRA are revealing a very successful scheme.

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AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Cash Crops and Marketing.

Other villages have planted these two cash crops, but the work has declined due to the fact that the people were lazy, and did not bother to clean their coconut plots and they did not attempt to increase the number of plantings.

The marketing of the copra is a difficulty one for the inland hamlets of SI'ILUGU and GOMWABIRA, DU'UNA and WAGARA, while all the coastal villages have a port of call close to them for transporting their copra to Samarai.

The difficulty of marketing copra and coffee for the inland hamlets of Si'ilugu and Gomwabira will be solved in near future, since the Dobu Native Local Government Council has already bought a road construction tools for Gomwabira people to construct a road between Salamo and Gomwabira. This road will help Gomwabira to bring their produce to Salamo wharf for ship to take the produce to Samarai. This work should be commencing before Christmas or at the beginning of next year.

The Dobu Council also has the intention of buying pack animals like donkeys to carry the produce from the inland villages to the coast. If these pack animals are proved to be successful then the Council could ~~hire~~ sell the donkeys to the people or the people could hire the pack animals to carry for them in a area where there is very bad road for the people to carry heavy loads on their shoulder.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are many trade stores run by the indigenous people in in this area. Most of the trade stores are owned by individuals, while very few are owned by clan or family groups. Most of the trade stores visited on this patrol were practically empty, and it is understandable that average income of these trade stores in the area is well below £100 per annum. This is due to the fact that most indigenous traders have very few coconuts to make copra from and also they do not have enough money to start their trade stores, but as I said before they ~~are~~ only wanted to rely on coconuts which they do not have in great number.

LAND INVESTIGATION.

As stated prior in the introduction that one of major ~~main~~ was the land investigation at NADE. The people are prepared to dispose approximately 2 acres of land at Nade, but the man suspected to be the owner of the land went away to Madang before this patrol got there, so no detailed information was obtainable. The detailed investigation report has been submitted by Mr. K. Hollamby, Patrol Officer, Gr. 1, who has done the investigation before in his Patrol Report ~~on~~ on 26th October, 1964.

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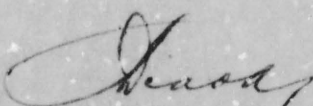
CARRIERS.

Hiring of carriers in this is easy and men volunteer to carry for the patrol. Both trade goods and money are needed in this area. The hiring of canoes is just the same as hiring of carriers. The carrying time do not exceeds one day, but the average carrying time in the area is about 2 to 3 hours of walking. The rate of hiring is 1/-a hour.

APPENDICES.

Please find following undermentioned appendices attached herewith the patrol report.

1. Patrol Map.
2. Copy of Comments on the Patrol Police.


Assistant Patrol Officer (T).

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PATROL REPORT No.4 OF 64/65.

REPORT ON MEMBER OF R.P.&N.G.C. ACCOMPANING PATROL.

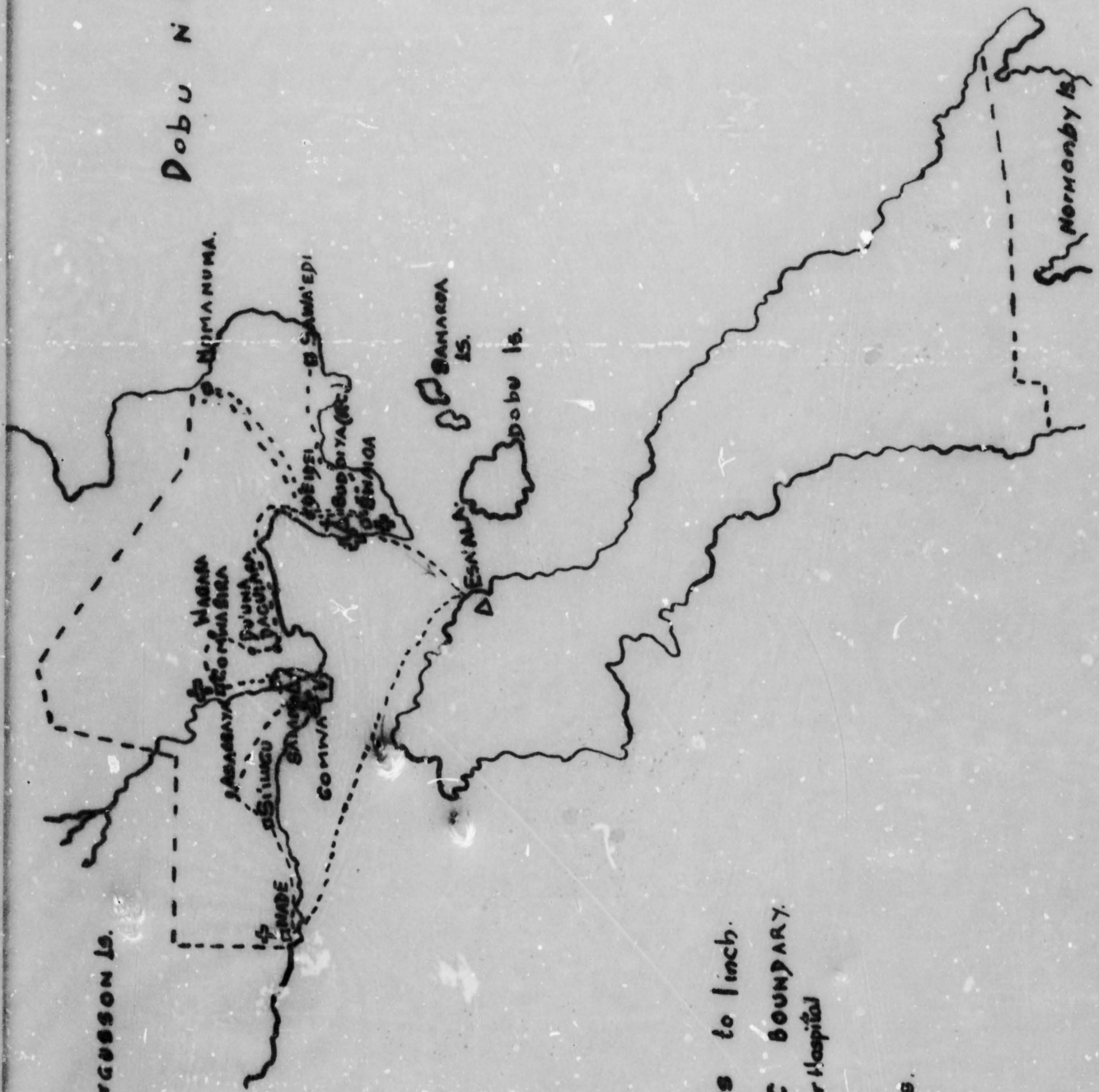
CONSTABLE DANO NO.10114.

This Constable was a great asset on the patrol. His conduct was good, bearing fair, dress usually smart, command very good. Understands and speaks the local Dobuan language reasonably well.

Seava
(Avosa Siaca.)
Assistant Patrol Officer (T).

Dobu N L G C Area

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Fergusson Is.

Scale 4 miles to 1 inch.
 Dobu N L G C BOUNDARY
 ⊕ Aid Posts or Hospital
 ▲ Missions
 --- Patrol Routes.

Normanby Is.

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