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NEW CUMULATIVE INDEX TO 'PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY'

The member libraries of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau and the ANU's Research School of Pacific Studies are sponsoring the compilation of a cumulative index to the Pacific Islands Monthly covering the period from August 1945 to July 1960 (vols. 16 to 30). The project is expected to extend over about three years.

The indexing work is being done by Mrs Margaret Woodhouse, a Sydney bookseller and former librarian. She has had considerable indexing experience in the Pacific field. Mrs Woodhouse was the compiler of a cumulative index to the first 15 volumes of the Pacific Islands Monthly published in 1968 by the magazine's publishers, Pacific Publications Pty Ltd., Sydney. She has also done the indexes for other Pacific reference works such as the Pacific Islands Year Book, Papua New Guinea Handbook and Fiji Handbook, as well as annual indexes to PIM.

Mrs Woodhouse hopes to be able to complete the indexing of five volumes of PIM every 12 months. When the first five volumes have been completed, microfiche or computerised copies of the index will be made for distribution to the sponsoring libraries. At the end of the next five volumes, the first index will be superseded, on microfiche or otherwise, by a cumulative index to the first 10 volumes. Finally, it is expected that the index to all 15 volumes will be printed and offered for sale. Pacific Publications will share in publication costs.

Non-member libraries of the Bureau may obtain copies of the progressive fruits of the PIM indexing project by sharing in the costs of compilation. Potentially interested libraries are being circularised on this. Needless to say, the more libraries participating in the scheme, the smaller will be the cost to each one.

It should be noted that microfilm copies of the first 41 volumes of PIM covering the years 1930 to 1970 are available from the Bureau. The film numbers are PMB Doc 330 to 367.

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau was established in 1968 as part of the Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Its purpose is to locate unpublished documents of value concerning the Pacific Islands and to obtain copies of them on microfilm for five world libraries specialising in Pacific research. The five libraries are the National Libraries of Australia and New Zealand; the Mitchell Library, Sydney; the Library of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu; and the State Library of Victoria, Melbourne.

TWO REELS OF
TUVALU MATERIAL

Two reels of microfilm of material concerning Tuvalu were obtained and distributed to the PMB member libraries some time ago, but they have not previously been mentioned in Pambu. They are:

PMB 917 LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, ELLICE ISLANDS - Miscellaneous papers, 1935-68.

PMB 919 CRAWFORD, Gary D. and Others - Tuvalu linguistic materials.

The miscellaneous papers on PMB 917 comprise minutes of the General Assembly of the Ellice Islands Church, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1962, 1964, 1966; reports on annual visitations to the Ellice Islands and Tokelau, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1955; notes on the Ellice Islands, 1958; "Church and Mission in the Gilbert Islands - A New Pattern," 1958, 1959; minutes of discussions between Rev. Brian E. Ranford and others, Nui, 1962; annual report of the church, 1967; 'Ikunga o te Fono Lasi i Funafuti,' 1968; correspondence of Ranford, 1958-67. (A more detailed listing appears at the beginning of the microfilm).

The documents on PMB 919 are Tuvalu word list (Melitiana Kaisami, editor); lessons in Tuvaluan (Gary D. Crawford, comp.); draft Tuvalu word list. The first two documents were prepared c.1977 by members of the United States Peace Corps to assist volunteers. The third document is much older, but its provenance is unknown.

Both microfilms were obtained thanks to Mr Doug Munro, who has been writing a Ph.D. thesis on Tuvalu.

MORE PATROL REPORTS
ON MICROFILM

One of the most popular issues of Pambu ever published was No.35 of April-June 1974 in which we gave details of all known and extant patrol reports for the Australian Mandated Territory of New Guinea between 1915 and 1941. Since then, several other reports of patrols made by Mr Ian Downs have come to light, and they have been microfilmed - along with other material - as

PMB 918 DOWNS, I.F.G. - Patrol and other reports, 1936-1951.

Mr Downs, who was born in 1915, joined the Department of District Services in the Territory of New Guinea in 1936. As a patrol officer, he served in most districts. After wartime naval service, he returned to the Territory

as a district officer and later serviced as District Commissioner in the New Ireland, Madang and Eastern Highlands districts. He resigned from the Administration in 1956 and became a coffee planter near Goroka. He was president of the Highland Farmers and Settlers' Association from 1957 to 1968 and a member of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Papua and New Guinea in the same period. He has recently completed a history of Australia's involvement in Papua New Guinea.

Details of the reports and other documents appearing on PMB 918 are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Objects of Patrol</u>
1936, 26 Aug	Salamaua	Patrol report B/36: Buangs and Parteb. Duration: 11 July-24 Aug	Collection of head tax 1936/37: recording census
1936, 12 Nov	Salamaua	Patrol report B 1936/37: Atzera, Amari, Yaros and lower Leron. Duration: 19 Sept-9 Nov	Collection of head tax 1936/37: recording quinquennial census
1937, 1 Mar	Salamaua	Patrol report 1936/37: Wain, Naba and Momolili. Duration: 23 Nov.36 - 25 Feb.37	Collection of head tax; recording census
1937, 20 Apr	Wau	Patrol report no. B 1936/ 37: Waria Headwaters and Biaru River. Duration: 15 Mar - 20 Apr	Consolidation work and routine
1937, 28 Oct	Tungu Post	Patrol report B, 1937/38: Middle Watut and Zenag areas. Duration: 1 Oct- 25 Oct	Collection of head tax; routine
1939, 24 Jan	Madang	Patrol report - 1938/39: Enga area (Hagen-Sepik patrol). Duration: 19 Oct.38 - 1 Nov.38	Taking broken wireless receiver to Hagen and obtaining new unit as replacement
1939, 25 Jan	Madang	Patrol report - 1938/39: Enga area (Hagen-Sepik patrol)	Proceeding to Mt.Hagen Post for radio battery
1939, 26 Jan	Madang	Patrol report - 1938/39: Enga area (Hagen-Sepik patrol)	Exploration to Gai Tuat and Sepik headwaters north of the Gai valley between Yaramunda and the head of the Ambon River
1939, 28 Jan	Madang	Patrol report - 1938/39: Enga area (Hagen-Sepik patrol). Duration: 31 Aug.38 - 18 Jan.39	[Report includes diary, anthropological and gen- eral notes bearing on the Wabag base camp].

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Objects of Patrol</u>
1939, 1 Mar	Magang	Patrol report No. M57 1938/39: Area between Gum and Gogol Rivers, extending inland to Amele. Duration: 20 Feb - 28 Feb	Reporting on the vital statistics in the area; collection of 1938/39 head tax
1939, 27 Apr	Madang (Aidi village)	Patrol report No. M55	Tribal fighting in Purabin villages
1939, 8 May	Madang	Patrol report M58 1938/ 38: Bunabun-Ulingan, Bunabun Ulingan hinter- land, Adelbert Mountains, part of Ramu Valley and sections of the Gogal River headwaters. Duration: 3 Mar-5May	Penetration of new areas and investigation of native disturbances
1939, 10 Aug	Madang	Patrol report 1939/40: Gogal headwaters, Adel- bert Mountains, Kumaram Plains; road to Josephstahl. Duration: 1 Jun - 30 Jun	Penetration of new areas; establishment of base camp
1939, 5 Nov	Chimbu	Patrol report M., 1939/40: Chimbu. Duration: 1 Nov - 4 Nov	Routine: To - Awagle base camp, Kerowagi mission station, Siku and Kamanegu tribes, Nauru group
1940, 30 June	Chimbu	Annual Report, Chimbu Subdivision, District of Madang (incomplete)	
1939/40	Chimbu	Chimbu monthly reports - Nov-Dec 1939: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, July, Aug, 1940.	
1946, Jan		Morobe District. Notes on health and water supply	
1946, 9 Feb	Morobe	Patrol report M3/1946: to Salamaua coastal and Kaiwa areas. Duration: 29 Jan-8 Feb	General administration and food survey
1946, 25 Mar	Morobe	Patrol report 5/46: to Middle Watut Villages. Duration: 19 Mar-24 Mar	Routine and collection of effects of late H. Lumb

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1946, 19 Dec	Mumeng, Morobe	Mumeng patrol report No. 11, 1946: to Lower Watut and Banir River Valley. Duration: 14 Nov-6Dec	Opening up new areas to administration influence; estimating population of the Banir River Valley; checking raids by Banir natives on Watut areas
1947, 30 June	Mumeng, Morobe	Annual report to 30 June, 1947, Mumeng sub-district	
1948, 21 Dec	Kavieng, New Ireland	Patrol report 1948/49: Massau and Emira Island. Duration: 3 Dec-11 Dec	Finalization of war damage claims; repat- riation and recruiting of Massau Island labourers
1949, 15 Feb	Kavieng, New Ireland	Patrol report, Tabar Island Group. Duration: 10 Jan-24 Jan	Census, war damage
1951, 15 Nov	Madang	Pacification of Adelbert Mountains	
Various		Misc. papers on censuses carried out from 1922- 1949/50. Misc. letters and accounts	

MORE ABOUT AMERICAN WHALING LOGBOOKS

One of the principal benefactors of the world's seamen and businessmen last century was Lieutenant Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873), who, in 1844, was appointed first superintendent of the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

Starting in 1848, Maury enlisted the co-operation of sea captains around the world, but particularly American sea captains, to enable his observatory to draw up accurate wind and current charts of the oceans on which they sailed. Many of the captains enlisted were masters of the numerous whaling vessels that ranged the Pacific in the second and third quarters of the 19th century.

Printed booklets, entitled Abstract Log, kept by vessels co-operating with Lieut. Maury in collecting materials for his Wind and Current Charts, were issued free to captains willing to return them for use in preparing the projected charts. Accompanying the booklets were detailed directions about filling them in. For example, captains were asked to divide the 24 hours into three parts and 'enter the point of the compass from which the wind may be said to have prevailed during that part.' Under 'Remarks', they were asked to record such things as sudden changes in the temperature of the water; rains and fogs; discoloration of water, tide rips, seaweeds and drifts; flocks of

birds; and whales, stating whether they were sperm or right, in shoals, pairs, or single.

A series of charts, measuring about 90 x 63 cm, was eventually issued covering the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. They divided the oceans into 5° squares and showed 'how the winds blow each month.' It is said that by 1851, Maury's charts had shortened the passage from New York to San Francisco, for example, by 40 to 44 days.

The Abstract Logs on which Maury's work was based are preserved in the National Archives, Washington - in the Center for Polar and Scientific Archives. There are 355 volumes of them.

A recent inquiry by the PMB revealed that the Center is preparing to microfilm the entire collection. One reel will contain a 394 page index to the collection, and there will be 88 reels of the abstracts themselves.

An examination of Maury's wind charts for the Pacific reveals that he received information from a goodly number of American whalers whose logbooks were not located when the Bureau organised its two New England Microfilming Projects of 1970 and 1976. So a question that now exercises us is: do any of those logs still exist, and, if so, where?

Normally, it seems, the Abstract Logs would not be of interest to the generality of Pacific scholars as 'remarks on anything other than the quality of the weather are the exception rather than the rule.'

DOCUMENTS ON WOODLARK AND ROOK ISLANDS

Four reels of microfilm of documents relating to a Marist mission to Woodlark and Rook Islands in Papua New Guinea last century have been deposited in each of the Bureau's member libraries. The documents are housed in three separate archives in Rome. Most are in Italian. Details of them are:

<u>Film No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
PMB 920	CATHOLIC MISSION, WOODLARK AND ROOK ISLANDS - Miscellaneous documents, 1840-1892.
PMB 921	CATHOLIC MISSION, WOODLARK AND ROOK ISLANDS - Miscellaneous documents, 1848-55.
PMB 922	CATHOLIC MISSION, WOODLARK AND ROOK ISLANDS - Miscellaneous documents, 1845-1860.
PMB 923	COLLOMB, <u>Mgr.</u> - Journal, 1845-1848.

Collomb, who was Bishop of Antiphelles and Vicar Apostolic of Melanesia and Micronesia, gives an account in his journal of the abandonment of the Marist mission at San Cristobal, Solomon Islands, on 3 November 1847, and the arrival of the missionaries on Woodlark Island 12 days later. From Woodlark, some of the missionaries went on to Rook or Umboi Island.

Further details of the four microfilms are available from the Bureau.