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The Government Secretary.



PATROL OFFICERS.

I refer to your minute of 28th December, 1951, relative to my request of 6th December, 1951, for the appointment of four (4) additional Patrol Officers.

In further elaboration of the claim and justification for these appointments, I now give detailed information concerning the districts and duties of the full complement of Patrol Officers (8) and Cadets (2) which should be employed without delay in this Branch to permit of proper and efficient native welfare in the Northern Territory.

DISTRICTS -- (Nine)

HEADQUARTERS, DARWIN. (3 Patrol Officers, 1 Cadet).

I. Town of Darwin and Environs. (300 natives)

Institutions:

Bagot Native Settlement, Aboriginal Inland Mission (Rhetta Dixon Home).

II. Aboriginal Reserves and Institutions, Coastal District, including Coburg Peninsular. (3,300 natives)

1. Arnhem Land Reserve North of 13½° Latitude (Southern half approached from Katherine).
2. Melville Island and Bathurst Island Reserves.
3. Daly River Reserve.
4. Coburg Peninsular.

Institutions:

Mission Stations - Goulburn Island, Milingimbi, Elcho Island, Yirrkalla, Croker Island, Oenpelli, Garden Point, Bathurst Island, Port Keats.

Native Settlement - Snake Bay.

Ration Depot - Cape Don.

III. Darwin District. (1,100 natives)

North of 14° Latitude, excluding Arnhem Land and Daly River Aboriginal Reserves and Mainoru Station.

1. Buffalo Camps in Mary and Alligator Rivers District.
2. Adelaide River, Brocks Creek, Pine Creek District, Pastoral Mining and General employment.
3. Daly River District.
Agricultural area and Pastoral employment, including Ooloo Station.
4. Mt. Finnis Mining area.

Institutions:

Native Settlement - Delissaville.

HEADQUARTERS, KATHERINE. (One (1) Patrol Officer)

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IV. Katherine District. (1,550 natives)

1. Upper Daly River above Ooloo Station includes Florina, Dorisvale and Manbulloo Stations.
2. Katherine Town and Agricultural area.
3. Maranboy and Yeuralba Mining areas.
4. Roper River Valley, including Mainoru Station to the north and Dunmara, Daly Waters and Nutwood Downs Station to the south.
5. Arnhem Land Reserve south of 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° Latitude.

Institutions:

Missions - Roper River, Groote Eylandt, Umbakumba.
 Native Settlement - Beswick Creek.
 Ration Depots - Daly Waters, Roper River Police Station.

HEADQUARTERS, ELLIOTT. (2 Patrol Officers)

V. Barkly Tableland and Borroloola District. (1,350 natives)

1. Barkly Tableland District including Lake Nash and Tobermory Stations.
2. Borroloola District west to Tanumbirini Station and east to the Queensland Border.

Institutions:

Native Settlement - Phillip Creek (for the Acting District Superintendent, Alice Springs).
 Ration Depot - Newcastle Waters.

VI. Kimberley District. (1,100 natives)

This district includes the Timber Creek and Wave Hill Police Districts.

Institutions:

Native Settlement - Catfish (Catfish Aboriginal Reserve).
 Ration Depots - Timber Creek and Wave Hill Police Stations.

HEADQUARTERS, ALICE SPRINGS. (2 Patrol Officers, 1 Cadet)

VII. Town of Alice and Environs. (400 natives)

Institutions:

Mission - St. Mary's Hostel.
 Native Settlements - Bungalow, Jay Creek (Jay Creek Aboriginal Reserve).

VIII. Eastern District (Alice Springs). (1,000 natives)

1. The Pastoral and Mining District east and north east of Alice Springs.

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3. Hatches Creek Pastoral and Mining District.

Institutions:

Mission - Arltunga
Ration Depot - Hatches Creek.

IX. Western District (Alice Springs). (2,100 natives)

1. The Pastoral Districts south, west and north west of Alice Springs.
2. Mining areas of Mt. Doreen, Granites and Tanami.

Institutions:

Mission - Hermannsberg.
Native Settlements - Yuendumu, Haast's Bluff, Areyonga. (Haast's Bluff Aboriginal Reserve and South West Aboriginal Reserve).
Ration Depot - Finke.

DUTIES OF PATROL OFFICERS.

1. Inspection of Pastoral Properties under the Aborigines (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.

- (1) Inspection of all native employment under the Aborigines (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Checking Aboriginal dependants and their maintenance by the station and the disbursement of Child Endowment payments.
- (3) Attend to registration of births, deaths and Child Endowment claims.
- (4) Statistics of aboriginal population.

2. Inspection of Employment on farms, mines, buffalo camps, etc. under Aborigines Ordinance 1918-1947.

- (1) Inspection of employment and accommodation.
- (2) Statistics of aboriginal population.

3. Oversight of Native Settlement Activities.

- (1) Supply of rations, scale of rationing and adequacy of meals supplied.
- (2) Medical work, child welfare, hygiene and sanitation.
- (3) Development of projects.
- (4) Maintenance of Settlement records and returns.
- (5) Repatriation and movement of natives to and from Settlements.
- (6) Assist Superintendents in matters affecting aboriginal society and encourage the establishment of Settlement councils.

4. Inspection of Ration Depots.

- (1) Supply storage and issue of correct scale of rations to approved persons.
- (2) Maintenance of ration returns.

5. Inspection of Mission Stations.

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Duties are in the capacity of liaison as well as inspection.

- (1) Inspection of Missions keeping in view the proforma for reports in memorandum No. 49/454 of 22nd June, 1950, from the then Secretary for Northern Territory Affairs to the Administrator.
- (2) Inspection of Child Endowment matters under the Social Services Consolidation Act (Child Endowment) 1947-1949.
- (3) Extension of Activities of Mission throughout their sphere of influence.
- (4) Repatriation of natives, movement of natives to and from the Mission.
- (5) Liaison with officers of other Departments who are able to offer expert advice for development work in the district.

DISTRICT DUTIES.I. Town Duties, Darwin.

- (1) Control and inspection of aboriginal employment and accommodation in the town and environs under the Aborigines Ordinance, 1918-1947.
- (2) Oversight of Bagot Native Settlement.
- (3) Attending Court reference aboriginal and unexempted part aboriginal defendants.
- (4) Enquiries concerning individual aborigines or part aborigines.
- (5) Repatriation and movement of natives to and from Darwin.
- (6) Inspection of Aboriginal Inland Mission (Rhett Dixon Home).
- (7) Monthly visits to Gaol and Leprosarium with reference to aboriginal and part aboriginal inmates.
- (8) Co-operation with the Health Department Officers in all matters dealing with natives in town area.
- (9) Statistics of Aborigines in town area.

II. Aboriginal Reserves and Institutions, Coastal District.

- (1) Inspection of Mission Stations.
- (2) Oversight of Native Settlements.
- (3) Inspection of Ration Depots.
- (4) Statistics of aboriginal population of District.

III. Darwin District.

- (1) Inspection of Pastoral Properties under Aborigines (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Inspection of employment on farms, mines and buffalo camps, etc.
- (3) Oversight of Native Settlement.
- (4) Inspection of Ration Depots.
- (5) Statistics of aboriginal population of District.

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IV. Katherine District.

- (1) Inspection of Pastoral Properties under the
Aboriginals (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Inspection of employment and accommodation in
town and mining areas.
- (3) Inspection of Missions.
- (4) Oversight of Native Settlement.
- (5) Inspection of Ration Depots.
- (6) Statistics of aboriginal population of District.

V. Barkly Tableland and Borroloola District.

- (1) Inspection of Pastoral Properties under the
Aboriginals (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Oversight of Native Settlement.
- (3) Inspection of Ration Depot.
- (4) Statistics of Aboriginal population of District.

VI. Kimberley District.

- (1) Inspection of Pastoral Properties under the
Aboriginals (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Oversight of Native Settlement.
- (3) Inspection of Ration Depots.

VII. Town Duties, Alice Springs.

- (1) Control and inspection of aboriginal employment
and accommodation in town and environs under the
Aboriginals Ordinance, 1918-1947.
- (2) Oversight of Bungalow and Jay Creek Native
Settlements.
- (3) Inspection of St. Mary's Hostel.
- (4) Attending Court reference aboriginal and unexempted
part-aboriginal defendants.
- (5) Enquiries concerning individual aborigines or part-
aborigines.
- (6) Repatriation and movement of natives to and from
Alice Springs.
- (7) Monthly visits to Gaol with reference to aboriginal
and part aboriginal prisoners.
- (8) Co-operation with the Health Department Officers in
all matters dealing with natives in town area.
- (9) Statistics of natives in town area.

VIII. Eastern District. (Alice Springs).

- (1) Inspection of Pastoral Properties under Aboriginals
(Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Inspection of employment and accommodation on mines,
etc.
- (3) Inspection of Mission.
- (4) Inspection of Ration Depot.
- (5) Statistics of Aboriginal population of District.

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IX. Western District (Alice Springs).

- (1) Inspection of Pastoral Properties under Aberignals (Pastoral Industry) Regulations.
- (2) Inspection of employment and accommodation on mines, etc.
- (3) Inspection of Mission.
- (4) Oversight of Native Settlements.
- (5) Inspection of Ration Depot.
- (6) Statistics of aboriginal population of District.

Patrol Officers in charge of Districts I, II and III will be stationed in Darwin.

Patrol Officer in charge of District IV will be stationed in Katherine.

Patrol Officers in charge of Districts V and VI will be stationed in Elliott.

Patrol Officers in charge of Districts VII, VIII and IX will be stationed in Alice Springs.

SUMMARY.Establishment Required:-

Ten Patrol Officers, including two cadets, stationed as under:

Darwin:	Patrol Officers	3	: Cadet	1
Alice Springs:	"	"	2 :	" 1
Katherine:	"	"	1 :	" -
Elliott:	"	"	2 :	" -
	Total =	8		<u>2</u>

Present Patrol Staff:

Four (4) Patrol Officers and two (2) Cadet Patrol Officers.

Four (4) additional Patrol Officers required.

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N.B. Pastoral Map of N.T. showing Patrol Districts is also sent.

