There were several changes in the Department during the year. Dr van der Veur left Canberra on the termination of his appointment as Senior Research Fellow in the Department to take up an appointment as Professor of Political Science at the Northern Illinois University. Mr Luckham returned to England on the termination of his appointment as Senior Research Fellow in February. Dr Jack-Hinton resigned from his position of Research Fellow in December to take up an appointment as Senior Curator in Charge of Human Studies at the Western Australian Museum. Miss Marjorie Jacobs, Associate Professor in History at the University of Sydney, arrived in August to take up a Visiting Fellowship for twelve months in the Department.

During the year, Dr W.H. Pearson, Senior Lecturer in English at the University of Auckland, was appointed to a Senior Research Fellowship and Dr David Lewis to a Research Fellowship.

Miss Marney Anderson joined the Department at the beginning of the year as a Research Assistant and was seconded to the Department of External Affairs in September to undertake a population census in the New Hebrides. Mrs Susan De Marco, a Research Assistant, left the Department at the end of the year.
Students and Training Activities

Eleven Ph.D. students were attached to the Department during 1966. Mr D.J. Routledge had his Ph.D. degree conferred and was awarded a Postdoctoral Travelling Fellowship in July. He has since been working in London.

Mr P. France submitted his thesis on the Land Tenure System of Fiji in August and was recommended for the award of the Ph.D. degree. Mr France has returned to the Fiji Civil Service. Mr N. Rutherford was recommended for the award of the Ph.D. degree after submitting his thesis on Shirley Baker and the Kingdom of Tonga. He took up an appointment as Lecturer in History at the University of Newcastle at the beginning of the academic year. Mr G.H. Wake submitted his thesis on the history of Johore in the 19th century and was recommended for the award of the Ph.D. degree. Mr Wake travelled through Europe and South-east Asia before taking up a Lectureship in History at the University of Western Australia.

Mr D.L. Hilliard submitted his thesis on the history of the Protestant Mission in the British Solomon Islands for examination at the end of the year, before taking up an appointment as Lecturer in History at the Flinders University of South Australia. Mr A.D. Ward, who is now finalising the writing of his thesis, has been appointed Lecturer in History at La Trobe University.

Several students were engaged in field work during the year. Mr I.D. Black, owing to unforeseen difficulties, had to change his topic of research to Native administration under the British North Borneo Co., 1881-1920. Mr Black left in May for a month's field work in the archives of the Sabah Government to be followed by six months in London. Miss Dianne N. Barnett took up her scholarship during the year to study Dutch policy in relation to Asian trade in the environs of 18th century Malacca. She planned to visit Malaysia and Indonesia on field work at the beginning of 1967. Mr H.M. Laracy, who took up his scholarship early in the year, left in August for the Solomon Islands and later for Rome, to study the history of the Catholic Mission in the Solomon Islands. Miss Whetu Tirikatene returned from New Zealand in April after spending nine months on field work, in which she studied Maori politics with particular reference to the Ratana-Labour alliance. Mr E.A. Polansky left Canberra in August. He had been granted an extension of time to submit his thesis to take up a position with the United Nations. Mr S. Latukefu had virtually completed his thesis on the influence of the Wesleyan Methodist missionaries on the political development of Tonga, 1826-1875, at the end of the year.

Research Programme

The Department of Pacific History is concerned with the study of historical situations involving contact between Western and non-Western cultures, with a particular emphasis on contacts of a 'colonial' type in which Europeans have occupied positions of political and economic dominance. This field of research presents one particularly important problem of method. The major part of the documentary evidence consists of records made by Europeans and framed in terms of Western thought. The Department is engaged in devising and testing means to supplement the study of such documentary material in order to reach a fuller understanding of the social processes involved than is possible by conventional historical technique alone. This work makes its relations with other branches of the social sciences as close as those with other fields of history.

Since all historical research involves the study of specific situations, the geographical limitation imposed on the Department in its title - Pacific History - does not restrict the breadth of its theoretical preoccupations. On the contrary, it gives an added coherence and compactness to the body of factual knowledge which is subjected to
theoretically-directed analysis. The danger of an undesirable narrowing of perception is guarded against both by the variety of situations available for study within the Pacific area and by the previous experience in other fields possessed by all members of the Department.

Professor Davidson undertook research on the position of China and Japan in world politics up to 1931. He also was engaged in preparing a biography of Peter Dillon and an essay on Lauaki Namulau'ulu Mamoe, a Samoan leader of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The manuscript of Professor Davidson's book *Samoa no Samoa: the Emergence of the Independent State of Western Samoa* was delivered to the publishers, Oxford University Press, in April and is due to appear early in 1967. Professor Davidson completed in November a chapter on 'China, Japan and the Pacific, 1900-1931', to which Dr Colin Forster of the School of General Studies contributed a section on economic history for a revised edition of *The New Cambridge Modern History*, Vol. XII.

Mr Maude published the second of four research studies on the Central Pacific in the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* for June, in collaboration with Edwin Doran Jr., and completed the remainder for publication. Work was also finished on the revision of his series of essays in *Pacific History*, which was accepted by the Oxford University Press for publication in book form during 1967.

Dr West was Acting Head of the Department for six months of the year while Professor Davidson was on study leave. His research covered some newly available material for incorporation into his forthcoming book, *Hubert Murray: the Australian Pro Consul*, which is to be published next year by Oxford University Press. In addition, he carried out research for a chapter 'Papua-New Guinea 1961-65' in *Australia in World Affairs*, edited by Professors Gordon Greenwood and Norman Harper. Dr West completed two papers upon Ratu Sir Lalabkuna and the Fiji Administration and a review essay upon *Oral Tradition* by Professor Jan Vansina. During the year his book, *The Justiciarship in England 1066-1232*, was published by the Cambridge University Press.

Dr van der Veur completed two volumes, *Search for New Guinea’s Boundaries; From Torres Strait to the Pacific* and *Documents and Correspondence on New Guinea’s Boundaries* for publication by the Australian National University Press during the year.

Dr Gunson completed the editing of the text of the *Reminiscences and Australian Papers of the Rev. L.E. Threlkeld* during the year and the manuscript was submitted for publication. Some further work was also done on the Island Reminiscences of the Rev. L.E. Threlkeld and the Missionary Operations of the Rev. J.D. Lang. Dr Gunson also revised a paper on missionary influence in the Gilbert Islands for publication. In conjunction with Mr Maude and Dr Scarr, Dr Gunson commenced work on a volume of *Select Documents in Pacific History* which has been commissioned by Angus and Robertson. It is hoped that specialists will draw attention to documents in their own fields which would enhance the value of the collection.

Dr Sadka completed the manuscript of her book *The Protected Malay States, 1874-1895*, and it was accepted for publication by the University of Malaya Press.

Dr Scarr completed work on his book, *Fragments of Empire. A History of the Western Pacific High Commission, 1877-1914*, which is to be published by the Australian National University Press in 1967. He also completed his edition of a volume to appear in the *Pacific History* Series and an article on the Pacific Islands labour trade. Dr Scarr continued research for his biography of Sir John Thurston during the year.
Dr Shineberg completed work on her history of the Sandalwood trade in the South-west Pacific and the book, to be entitled They Came for Sandalwood, is to be published by Melbourne University Press in 1967. She has also begun research on the life of Captain Andrew Cheyne, an early trader in the Pacific Islands, for the introduction to an edition of his journals.

Dr Jack-Hinton completed his book on the discovery and exploration of the Solomon Islands, which is being published by the Clarendon Press.

Other Activities

Professor Davidson was on study leave from May until November working mainly in England, where he spoke to a seminar at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies in London, but he also undertook visits to a number of countries in Europe. On his outward journey he made short stop-over visits in French Polynesia and Hawaii and on the return journey in the Bahamas to look at the political situation in a West Indian island territory.

The first volume of the Department's international Journal of Pacific History was published by the Oxford University Press during November; it appears to have met with a favourable reception from Pacific scholars in general, and the list of subscribers had already, by the end of the year, exceeded expectations. The Journal's 250 pages contained material by 22 authors, including 16 original articles and special sections on Current Developments, Manuscripts and Publications. With Professor Davidson and Mr Maude as co-editors, Mrs Jennifer Terrell as Assistant Editor, and an Editorial Board consisting of members of the Pacific Islands section of the Departmental staff, the Journal is being assisted by an international panel of Correspondents. While the organization and running of a serial of this character is a considerable tax on the personnel and resources of the Department, it is considered an essential consequence of being the sole organization engaged in full-time Pacific Islands historical research in the world and therefore inevitably the reference centre for those working on a wide variety of regional studies. Mrs Terrell was employed throughout the year on editorial and financial work connected with the Journal, and Mr Maude for part of it on the preparation of the first volume and in correspondence with prospective writers for succeeding issues.

Dr West was elected a Member of the Australian Humanities Research Council and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, London, during the year. He led a discussion upon postgraduate training at the annual general meeting of the Humanities Research Council, and addressed the Chief of Army General Staff's Exercise. Dr West became a member of the Editorial Board of the Encyclopaedia of Papua-New Guinea which is to be published by Melbourne University Press. He lectured in the Mediaeval Studies II course in the School of General Studies, Australian National University, during the year.

Two members of the Department were appointed review editors of scholarly journals: Dr West of The Australian Journal of Politics and History and Dr Scarr of The Journal of Pacific History.

The Pacific History Series of books and monographs is, like The Journal of Pacific History, a consequence of the Department's central position in its field, since it aims to provide some of the essential tools for regional historians, and in particular bibliographies, manuscript catalogues and important but hitherto unpublished source material. Owing to other commitments work on the Series had to be severely restricted until the latter part of the year, when it was possible to assign Mrs Susan De Marco, a Research Assistant, to complete the preparation of P.A. Snow's Bibliography of Fiji, Tonga and Rotuma. She commenced correcting the final typescript during December, with a view to reproduction by offset process...
during 1967. A World Catalogue of University Dissertations relating to the Pacific Islands was being compiled by Mrs Diane Dickson, a professional librarian, and will be published later in the Series.

Specialist additions and amendments required to a second volume, The Works of Ta'unga, were as a result of discussions with its editor, Dr R.G. Crocombe, taken in hand by Dr Shineberg and Dr Gunson, which should enable publication during the coming year. The introduction and text of a third volume, A Voyage in a Queensland Labour Vessel to the South Sea Islands, by W.E. Giles, which is being edited by Dr Scarr, was almost completed by the end of the year; while a fourth, An Account of Trading Voyages in the Western Pacific, 1841-1844, by A. Cheyne, was in process of preparation by Dr Shineberg. Work on three other volumes had been commenced by editors not on the Department's staff.

Dr van der Veur left the Department in April to undertake field work in South-east Asia and Europe before travelling to the United States to take up his new appointment.

Dr Sadka left Canberra on study leave in April, spending most of the time in London, visiting libraries and attending seminars at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. She also began work on the life of a nineteenth century colonial administrator, Sir Hugh Low. In October, Dr Sadka left for Malaya on field work but the trip was unfortunately cut short by illness which forced her to abandon the most important part of the tour, a projected visit to the archives in Sabah and Sarawak.

In September, Dr Shineberg visited New Caledonia and made a survey of the archives of the Catholic Archbishopric at Noumea. A great deal of historical material was found there, including several journals of early French missionaries to New Caledonia.

Dr Jack-Hinton returned to Canberra in March from a period of field-work in Europe and Asia, which was partly financed by a grant from the Gulbenkian Foundation. He was engaged in research into the history of Portuguese expansion in South-east Asia.

Microfilms of theses relating to the Pacific area and copies of other important documents were added to the Departmental records collection during the year.

The Department continued to be used by scholars seeking advice on documentation and related problems, an increasing volume of letters being received not only from historians but also from educationists and research workers in a number of other fields, writing from Europe, America, Australia, New Zealand and several of the Pacific Islands territories. These were for the most part dealt with by Mr Maude, who has for many years been particularly interested in Pacific documentation and was able to draw on the specialized knowledge possessed by other members of the staff.

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