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EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971-1972

MAY RIVER

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5-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Part Arai-May C.D.
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PAGWI

1-71-72	G.F. Payne	Sepik Plains & Burui Kunai C.D.
1a-71-72	G.F. Payne	Burui Kunai, Part Sepik Plains & Part Main River C.D.
2-71-72	D.B. Robertson	Main River and Chambri Lakes C.D.
2a-71-72	D.B. Robertson	Main River and Chambri Lakes C.D.
3-71-72	D.B. Robertson	Gau Council
4-71-72	L.V. Bragge	Main River and Chambri Lakes C.D.
4a-71-72	G.F. Payne	Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai.
5-71-72	G.F. Payne	Part of Main River, Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai & Chambri Lakes C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SEPIK Report No. PAGWI REPORT No. 1 of 71/72.

Patrol Conducted by G.F. Payne P.O. (L.G.C Ad)

Area Patrolled Sepik Plains and Burui-Kunei C.D.'s

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Mr. L. Binjari T.P.O.

Natives Mr. M. Watave Council Clerk.

Duration—From 6/9/1971 to 21/9/1971

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No - sufficient and Posts in the areas.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../1971

Medical ...../...../19

Map Reference Ambunti fourmil - see maps attached to Pagwi Patrol No.1 report submitted by Mr Binjari

Objects of Patrol To conduct the council elections and promote the influence of the council and it's activity.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 .

.....  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

*1. A. extra 22/12*  
*[Signature]*

Popul

27.

OA:MD

MIGRA	
M	F

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDORU.

ADMINISTRATOR

67-3-17

20th December, 1971.

District Office,  
WENAK, East Sepik District,  
12th November, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WENAK.

The Secretary,  
Department of  
PAGWI PATROL NO.1 OF 1971-72.

Your reference is 67-1-9 of 12th November, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report  
by Mr. G. Payne of the Sepik Plains and Barui Kunai Census Divisions.

Mr. Payne will have to be more careful with his documentation.

Although this patrol was primarily a council  
election patrol, Mr. Payne has commented quite extensively  
on other matters in the area. The District Local Government  
Officer was not satisfied with several aspects of the report  
and at least one by-election will be necessary because of  
procedural faults. (S.J. PEARSALL) District Local Government  
Council election and a/Secretary. as he has learned from  
mistakes.

It would have been a month for this report to be  
submitted. This is too long for a report of such a brief  
patrol. The standards of Mr. Payne's spelling leaves much to  
be desired. He should consult a dictionary more frequently.

*S.J. Pearsall*  
(S. J. PEARSALL)  
District Commissioner

C.C. to Assistant District Commissioner, ...  
Mr. G. E. Payne, Papua.

District Local Government ...

...

...



67-8-1719

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Division of District  
Administration,  
District Office,  
WEWAK. East Sepik District.

12th November, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

REPORT OF PAGWI PATROL NO. 1/1971-72

Forwarded herewith two copies of the report of the above patrol conducted by Patrol Officer, Mr. G. F. Payne with accompanying comments by the Assistant District Commissioner Ambunti.

Although this patrol was primarily a council election patrol, Mr. Payne has commented quite extensively on other matters in the area. The District Local Government Officer was not satisfied with several aspects of the election and at least one by-election will be necessary because of procedural faults. This was Mr. Payne's first Local Government Council election and it is to be hoped he has learned from his mistakes.

It took more than a month for this report to be submitted. This is too long for a report of such a brief patrol. The standard of Mr. Payne's spelling leaves much to be desired. He should consult a dictionary more frequently.

*E. G. Hicks*  
(E. G. HICKS)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. to Assistant District Commissioner, Ambunti.  
Mr. G. F. Payne, Pagwi.

39-5-1

Gauki Council Chambers,  
PAGWI,  
c/- Free Bag Wewak, P.O.,  
East Sepik District,

37-2-4

37-2-4

26th October, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
AMBUNTI.

Division of District  
Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
Ambunti,  
East Sepik District.

8th November 1971

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
Wewak.

PAGWI PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 72/72.

Pagwi Patrol Report No. 1/1971-72

G.F. Payne - P.O. - Burui Kunai/Sepik Plains

Please find

Attached please find 3 copies of the above report.  
No map is attached as a map was submitted by Mr. L.  
Binjari with his report on this same patrol. Mr. Payne  
has been advised to submit a camping allowance claim.

by MR. L. Binjari for the Burui Kunai and Sepik Plains area  
and the 2. Diary and attached to the report by Mr. D.B.

Robertson and Mr. Payne's Spellings.

Village Directory Spellings

Mr. Payne's Spellings.

Kampupu  
Kosimbi  
Aurumbit  
Tolembei  
Gaikarobi  
Bensim

Kumpupu  
Kosimbe  
Aurimbit  
Torembei  
Gaikerobi  
Bensin

Situation Report

Para 4 - Summons have been issued for those defaulters  
to appear in the District Court at Pagwi on 11th November  
1971. I agree with assumptions that poor tax collections  
now are due to the previous lack of prosecutions.

Para 8 - Unfortunately recent Gauki Council attempts to  
have prosecutions made under Agricultural Hygiene and Tax  
Rules show this attitude to be the exception rather than  
the rule.

For your information and onforwarding please.

*L. W. Bragge*

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. District Local Government Officer,  
Wewak.

Friday,  
10th Nov.

c.c. Officer In Charge, Pagwi.

c.c. Mr. G. F. Payne - P.O.,  
Pagwi.

39-5-1

12  
Gau Council Chambers,  
PAGWI,  
c/- Free Bag Wewak, P.O.,  
East Sepik District,

26th October, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
AMBUNTI.

PAGWI PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 72/72.

Please find enclosed the original of the above report and three copies, covering the recent election patrol for the Gau L:G.C.

A map has not been enclosed as the maps submitted by MR. L. Binjari for the Burui Kunai and Sepik Plains area and the map submitted and attached to the report by Mr. D.B. Robertson are of sufficient standard and I had nothing further to add.

For your information, please.

  
G. F. Payne,  
L.G.C. Adviser,

PAGWI PATROL No. 1, Council Election Patrol.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday

6th SEPT. During the morning after the arrival of members for the polling team, discussions and instructions given and held as to electoral procedure, questions to queries raised and all points on the election clarified.  
13.00 hrs travelled to Jama for the election, two nominations and after a closely contested election the old councillor was deposed and Paimbit elected to serve. Returned to station.

Tuesday,  
7th SEPT.

08.00 hrs travelled to Kumpupu and enroute advised villages at Maiwe and Burui to gather for the elections in the afternoon. Two candidates nominated at Kumpupu and voting resulted in a draw by popular demand another date set for a re-election as villagers not happy about a councillor elected by chance.  
13.30 to Burui where patrol was advised that the villagers would like another date set as some of the elders were away. Talks given on council elections, democratic systems of government, cash cropping, road building and national unity.

Wednesday  
8th SEPT.

At Kwimba where nominations were called, single nomination registered so Paimbe elected unopposed, previous councillor decided not to stand as nobody took any notice of him. Council properganda talks then 12.35 moved onto Kosimbe arriving 14.00hrs.  
Pre election discussions held and nominations called for, single nomination of previous councillor registered, and he elected unopposed. Late afternoon further discussions re cash cropping, council tax, (which nobody had paid) road building and certain council affairs. Slept night Kosimbe.

Thursday  
9th SEPT.

Departed Kosimbe for Aurimbit about 80 mins walk away along a reasonable track which in times of high water would be prone to flooding.  
10.00 hrs pre election talks and nominations called for, two received and voting commenced and determined that Wabit Timbungwat would be councillor. Previous councillor decided against re election.  
15.20 hrs walked to Torembui approximately 2 hrs 15 mins away. Council properganda talks given and slept night Jiginimbu.

Friday,  
10th SEPT.

Returned to Council Chambers and patrol temporarily abandoned.

PATROL DIARY cont.

Tuesday 14th  
SEPT.

08.45 departed for Yanget in four wheel drive Administration vehicle, road conditions fair due to dry conditions. On arrival Yanget 10.00 hrs villagers advised that elections due during afternoon. Immediately departed for Wereman about 30 minutes walk and 5 minutes canoe journey away. At Wereman delegation met the patrol, but not represented by any women, informed that by preselection previous councillor to be returned, no further nominations so Taragun Kambei re elected unopposed. Talks on movement of rice and coffee, council properganda etc. 13.20 returned to Yanget, few people gathered and again previous councillor Kundiagen Tambwi re elected unopposed. Again talked on rice production, villagers irate over rice being left in village for them to arrange cartage.

Slept night Yanget.

Wednesday,  
15th SEPT.

Departed Yanget 08.15 hrs arriving Jiginimbu 10.30 hrs. Nominations called for the Torembai villages 1 & 2 preselection of candidates had already ear marked their choice for councillor and Nyaman Tongwonau was elected unopposed for Jiginimbu, Hambogoa ward and Yapi Kumbaisaun was elected unopposed for the Torembai ward. Discussions held on many facets of council operations and cash cropping.

Slept night at Jiginimbu R.H.

Thursday  
16th SEPT.

Departed Jiginimbu for Slei arriving early mid morning. General discussions held while villagers from Slei No.2 arrived. Nominations called for and two candidates marked, voting elected Mingingin Marimbanga as councillor.

14.30 arrived at Miambei and established our selves in the rest house while villagers gathered for the elections. Only one nomination after comprehensive pre election talks given. Previous councillor re elected unopposed. Slept night at Miambei R.H.

Friday,  
17th SEPT.

Departed Miambei for Worimbi and after 30 mins along a good walking track arrived. Pre election talks then nominations called for, some fair interest shown in nominations as six were registered. Count of votes and distribution of preferences return the two previous councillors to their seat by a narrow margin. Discussions held on council subjects, cash cropping and cults, then departed for Marap at 13.00 hrs. nominations called for and single nomination returned previous councillor, Janjiban Juit to his seat, various discussions held mainly concerning council rules and cargo cults.

Slept Night at the Marap R.H.

PATROL DIARY Cont.

Saturday

18th Septe Departed Maran arriving at 9.15 am after arrival heavy rainstorm swept the area. Nominations called and three received counting of votes and distribution of preferences elected Wasera Pitaimwan as councillor Council properganda talks, also discussions on cash cropping, national unity and the coming H of A elections.

13.30 to Gaikerobi after a 30 min walk along a wet track. After pre election talks nominations called for and three accepted, distribution of preferences gave the two leading candidates an equal number of votes, the previous councillor was re elected after a draw. Adiyised villagers about upholding council rules and other aspects of council administration. Returned to Nogosop and overnigheted there in the R.H.

Sunday

19th Sept. Departed Nogosop and arrived at Yentchan and awaiting council canoe at 10.10. Brief discussions with villagers from Yentchan re the elections then loaded patrol equipment into canoe and set sail for Pegwi arriving 12.30 hrs. Slept night on station.

Monday

20th Sept. After completing pressing council administration duties visited Sengo and conducted elections. Samak Kawai elected by a fair majority. Discussed possibility of extending road to village. Travel to Maingugu by Four wheel drive although road and conditions dry road barely trafficable, even though a great deal of time and effort has gone into it. Arrived at 15.30 and after pre election talks nominations called for and two received on a count of the votes registered it was decided that Beisan Pasaki be councillor for the coming term of office. Returned to station 20.00hrs.

Tuesday

21st Sept. 08.00 hrs to Burui for elections election held and two nominations one from each village in the ward, villagers keen and a full attendance noted from those people immediately available, count of votes elected Netongi Amia to council. After further discussions walked across to KUMPUPU 6½ miles away arrived 13.30 hrs and after pre election properganda held election on two candidates, previous councillor returned by a fair margin. Began walk back to station but at 16.30 met Admin vehicle at Bensin and returned to station. Election partol stood down.

PAGWI Patrol Report No.1 of 71/72.

Area Patrolled - Burui Kunai and Mepik Plains C.D.

SITUATION REPORT.

Introduction.

1. The aim of this patrol was to conduct elections to decide who should represent their ward for the period September 1971 to September 1973, a two year term.

It was also an interesting patrol in that it was my first to this particular area so I had the opportunity to become familiar with each ward and many of the villages, and at the same time note the amount of dedication and influence of the re-elected or new councillor in his own environment.

The people of these two census divisions tend towards being slightly more backward and less 'sophisticated' than the Main river or Chambri lakes people, in the main due to far less frequent contact from the outside world, but at the same time will in the future become more affluent and capable because they have more potential wealth and it would seem are prepared to exploit it with a little hard work and manual effort on their part.

2. Movement of the patrol was by a series of walking tracks in fair repair and a road system going as far as the Torembei villages, this road will require a lot of upgrading before it becomes acceptable to regular traffic, it is hoped to do this with the aid of the people who will benefit from the road and Rural Development Funds. The patrol was well received at all villages but some instances of lack of enthusiasm in the attendance at polling were noted most probably because of the lack of interest generated among the villagers in regard to any rivalry for the position of councillor.

Political.

3. Attitude to L.G.C.'s - The less accessible people from these C.D.'s became part of the council after it had been formed for some years, they are now accepted by all the council members and are no longer considered 'new chums'. Possibly the greatest fault of the council in this area and in the whole of the Gaui council area in general is the lack of publicity and extension of the council. In most instances the village population had little idea of current and past works programs, council rules, council aims and council administration, it would seem that it cannot be left up to the councillors to take back from the meetings news of the council and dissipate the information amongst the villages in his ward. During the last few months radio Wewak has been informed of council activities and have co-operated in broadcasting items of news and interest concerning the council. The council must now encourage villages to purchase radios or at least renew the batteries of the radios originally supplied by the council so they may keep abreast of the current events. It is my opinion that as people become more aware of council activities and can become involved, or at least form opinions they will become to appreciate the existence of the council more and more which in turn should reflect on the attendance at elections and meetings called by the council.

appreciate a strong and forceful character as councillor as it was stated, notably at Jiginibu, that if the newly elected man did not make serious attempts to enforce council ...../2 and generally cause a bit of activity around the village they would seriously consider resigning. ....../3.

Political cont.

4. Although nobody brought to the notice of the patrol any unusual objection or grievance with the council it was apparent that many of the people were not happy about paying tax and it came to my attention that there were over 260 tax defaulters in the two council divisions. In the first there were 45 defaulters, Aurimbit 53 defaulters, Nogitimbit 20 defaulters, and Kwimba 21 defaulters a total of only 21 people paid taxes from these villages. Asked about their objections to paying tax they said they had none other than they would like to know where the money went (this was explained) and the fact that they did not have any money. It was apparent to me that the large amount of defaulters is due to non prosecutions of the like in past years, they have felt they have got away without paying and so the movement has snowballed.

5. It would appear that the majority of the villagers still think in terms of their own village or even clan group in their every day activities, it became obvious that little thought was given to council unity let alone national unity and generally discussions would eventually settle on the fact the the village in question were the workers and it was the fault of the little village down the road that was behind in its task of self help, but no assistance would be afforded it. It is hoped to bind this area together with their common need for a serviceable road link and if a suitable driving force can be found it is highly probable that the area with support from R.D.F. can produce an all weather road through the area.

6. Publicity was given to the coming H of A elections and was received with little reaction or excitement, as to these people this is a very remote region of government and it would appear that it has not yet been correlated with the Administration. It would be interesting if one candidate for the election were to make a point of visiting the area as it would seem that he would gain all their votes enmass just for the attention paid to them and their familiarization with the candidate.

7. Election Participation - where the village had decided when an election was to be, there was fair interest shown by the majority of people, and with the exception of Nogosop a moderate percentage of females were present usually in the vicinity of between 30 and 40 percent. The election at Nogosop was held during a rainstorm and this may have dissuaded some who may have otherwise attended. From the voting statistics it would appear that of the electors available to vote an average of 61% took the opportunity to avail themselves of the right to cast their vote. It was apparent that in several instances the village had previously discussed who should be their representative on the council, and for the arrival of the patrol the women folk were dismissed and a few of the men remain behind to take care of the formalities of ensuring that their only nomination was properly elected to the council. It was pointed out that the patrol would have liked to see as many people as possible to ensure that no-one who wished to nominate was not being suppressed but it would appear that the villagers were happy with the way the election was carried out.

8. It came to my attention that some villagers would appreciate a strong and forceful character as councillor as it was stated, notably at Jiginimbu, that if the newly elected man did not make serious attempts to enforce council rules and generally cause a bit of activity around the village they would seriously consider removing him.

Economic.

9. The economy of the area could still be regarded as backward but very slowly steps are being taken to improve this situation with increased plantings of coffee and renewed interest in rice each year. The Council in the past made little effort to prosecute people under its Agricultural Hygiene Rule as no encouragement has been given to the Council Rules Inspection Councillors from within the council and they have lacked the inclination and initiative to commence laying complaints. This has been particularly frustrating to Agricultural Officers trying to improve the areas but it is hoped that the Council Rules Inspectors will be more efficient and forceful in the future. It has always been my opinion that if the Agricultural Hygiene Rule is enforced too strictly any thinking but lazy minded individual would soon become aware of the fact that if in the first place he neglected to make the effort to begin any plantings he could not be prosecuted for failing to attend to the plantings at a later date. This was also brought out during the patrol in that indirect questions were asked asking if it were possible to form a council rule enforcing new plantings, a Productivity Rule, see attached correspondence 1-7-1 to D.A.S.F. Bainyik.

10. Income from agricultural produce will always play an important part of the total revenue of the area, so long as there is sufficient extension and promotion of the crops with the addition every few years or so of a new cash crop to renew interest in farming. A great deal will also depend on the upgrading of the road to make it accessible at most times to conventional drive vehicles of the 5 to 6 ton capacity range, the project of road improvement can be considered one of the main projects of the area as an enormous amount of arable land can be opened up and possibly give road access to the river villages at Yentchan. The villagers have had a fair amount of difficulty in transporting their crops to market, this is partly because of their refusal to make use of the council tractor and trailer which has been available for this work at greatly subsidised rates (approx 25% of the estimated running costs). The producers have been waiting for D.A.S.F. or S.P.C.A. to collect their rice at no cost to the grower, the cost of freight actually being obtained by purchasing the rice at a lower rate. Because of the damage sustained to the vehicles and that fact that they were not large enough to be economical D.A.S.F. and S.P.C.A. had to discontinue their practise. The council tractor was then forced to carry all the rice out which has been a major task due to wet spells closing the road and the round trip taking up to 12 hours. Next year it is hoped to get better organized with the tractor hauling to the Maprik Pagwi Road then larger trucks picking it up for Maprik and back loading road surfacing material.

11. There is little other opportunity for the villagers to raise money, except for the odd crocodile skin and a quantity of poor quality carvings from the Kaimbian, Nogosop, Gaikerobi area. It is possible that in the future consideration be given to reforestation and already a little money is earned by the village of Jama in the sale of millable timber.

the kiaps have all got shares and are helping us  
this new flag you have is designed and presented to  
you by us  
pay the money and you may take it ...../4  
that one day the cult will take over the work of the

Social.

12. The pattern of social behaviour revolves around the clan group with odd gatherings of the entire village to discuss the more important aspects concerning village life and for ceremonious occasions. It is not uncommon for several villages to come together for traditional ceremonies including inter marriages, and the sharing of the hunt after firing common kunai areas. There are no organized clubs in the area and except for the odd overgrown basket ball court and soccer field little evidence of much sporting activities is present.

13. It was observed that there were still many young children in the villages that could have been attending school, it was explained by the parents that those children left in the village were 'bigheads' and refused to go to school. The C.M. serves this area well with schools having approved schools at Burui, Kaparmari and Torembei. There is also a government school at Korogo but petty intervillage bickering prevents the enrollment of many potential scholars. Land was purchased by the Government on which to erect the school but no land was purchased and set aside for the erection of boarding houses and associated bush land areas and water areas to support the boarders and their guardians. It is quite reasonable for the Administration to expect that the boarders and guardians be supported from their home areas but the peoples attitude do not coincide and trouble eventuates and the children from neighbouring villages are taken home by their parents whenever the land owners object to the intrusions by people resident on the school ground. It has come to the stage where it is recognized by neighbouring villages as the school being built for the Korogo's, and as this is the case objection has been raised to the council spending a fair proportion of it's allotted education money each year on this school.

14. Health in the area appeared fair with no concentrations of any particular illness noted. There is a reasonable coverage of aid posts, one at Korogo, Nogosop, both these staffed on a permanent basis, facilities are also available at the Burui and Torembei C.M. including infant welfare, and the Aid Post at Pagwi. No one is more than three hours walk from medical assistance.

15. It would appear that from reports reaching the patrol many of the villagers in the area are still susceptible and rather gullible to continued activity by the Turu Cultists. It was reported at several locations but more noticeably at Miambei, Wotimbi, and Nogosop that original \$10.00 contributors to the cult had now been made 'committees' to the cult leaders at Yangoru and that once a month they would report to Yangoru for renewed instructions. The main cult activity heard of during the patrol was a collection of 70cents per male and 30cents per female from all villagers so desiring to contribute. Instances of between 30 and 40 dollar collections had been noted and at Marap contributors demanded their money back after they were advised by myself that the money was not being utilized in a worthwhile manner or for the benefit of the people. Other claims made were that they were told

- 'the kiaps will put you in jail if you do not pay'
- 'the kiaps have all got shares and are helping us'
- 'this new flag you have is designed and presented to you by us!! ?'
- 'pay the money and you may take delivery of 3 new P.M.V.'s'
- 'that one day the cult will take over the work of the

Social cont

The main mission group would be the Catholic Mission council and police force'.

It would appear that there are only a minority of participants that have particularly deep seated belief that the cult will fulfil their promises, the other participants are hanging on because if some of the promises were achieved they would hate to be the ones who missed out.

Communications.

16. During the dry season there is a good net-work of foot tracks interconnecting the villages, these tend to deteriorate during the wet season as the high water level subjects large areas to flooding. In most cases it is possible to widen and build up these walking tracks so that light vehicular traffic may use them at the driest times of the year. There is a road branching off from the Pagwi- Maprik road at Burui C.M., this road passes through Burui, Bensin, branches here to serve Yanget and Wereman. From Bensin it forks off to Kumapupu with an extension to Kwimba and a fork to Torembei C.M. It is proposed by the villagers of Kosimbi, Slei, Worimbi, Marap Nogosopetc. to extend the road past Kwimba to these villages, this would appear quite feasible veiwing the ground and surrounds during the dry water but the area would have to be survey during the wet seacon.

17. It is pleasing to note that the road developement is on par with economical developoement in the area, that is to say that it will be difficult for the people to increase cash cropping and the marketing of it until the road is further improved, the people are interested enough now to see that the road must be improved so they can continue to advance economically. Once the movement to improve the road gathers pace and the people have the will to win out with the correct supervision, time and money it would be possible to complete an all weather road at least to Torembei and perhaps at a later date further afield.

18. The villages are now working two days per week and with closer supervision and direction to the more pressing needs of the road, progress should be made. It is anticipated that the villages apparent willingness to work will stand the council in good stead for a large increase in R.D.F.'s. Last year two 15ton limit bridges, a 20 ft and 30ft, were ordered and have now been placed, another 40ft bridge is on order at the present and it is hoped to have it place early in the new year. Including the contribution this year a total of \$4,535 have been received on R.D.F. grants.

19. Fairly extensive deposits of road surfacing material have been located at three locations along the road, it is made up of large conglomerate stones set in deposites of fine coronous type gravel. These deposits have been inspected by The P.W.D. road supervisor based at Maprik and he is of the opinion that the deposits are ideal for road surfacing but they are a little isolated for his requirements. They should be most valuable for this road however.

20. There are airstrips at the Burui and Torembei missions operated onto fairly frequently and also an airstrip at Marap. At times of high water it is possible for much of the area to be conected by small creeks with the main Sepik River, in the main these are only suitable for small paddle canoes.

Missions,

21. The main mission group would be the Catholic Mission who have established permanent complexes at Burui, Marui and Torembei. These missions are of great service to the areas surrounding, they supply medical services, education services, trade goods, agricultural promotion, road construction assistance and of course spiritual guidance for those who desire. It is natural enough that even with this assistance the local population can still find reason for complaint, e.g. the missions make too much money from their trade store, they don't spend enough time on the road works program, they do not give enough free rides to town etc. In speaking with several of the missionaries it would seem that with more co-operation from the local villagers they would achieve greater satisfaction in the development of this country, several illustrations are the fact that the mission at Torembei is prepared to assist road works but can seldom get volunteers to work with the tractor and few mission labourers, the Sister goes out on her Clinic visits and has difficulty in getting a few carriers, local villagers will not readily assist in building school buildings and dormitories.

22. It came to the attention of the patrol that the mission at Torembei has located all their permanent buildings on native land running up the western side of the airstrip, the mission is currently being held to ransom for their lack of foresight, apparently application has been made for the purchase of the land and the owners are prepared to sell, if the transaction was handled tactfully it would be a good time now to make the purchase as the mission is currently in favour, mainly due to their effort on the road and the distribution of cattle.

23. There are no other missions of any consequence in these two C.D.'s but an A.O.G. mission at Yamanambu is within easy access but their doctrines reach very few from this area,

Absenteeism.

24. It can be seen from the figures from Form 11 - Voting Statistics and the village population register that a high degree of absenteeism is prevalent. It came to the attention of the patrol by way of complaint that many of the absentees from the area were only sitting around Wewak living off the pay packets of their more fortunate relations, it was stated that the main reason for the migration to the towns was the avoidance of tax payments. Requests were made that the Councillor or 'committee' be given the power to round up these people hindering in the inconspicuousness of a large town, perhaps with the aid of the police force and send them back to their village so they may assist in the development of their area and contribute to cash cropping. Another suggestion was that works permits be issued, immediately identifying persons with a legitimate reason to remain in the town on a permanent basis. Another reason that would tend to assist in the migration of people with no means back to their original village would be to ensure that ALL residents in town areas are registered and taxed at the going rate.

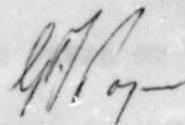
SUMMARY.

25. Generally the patrol was a success and achieved its aims. There was a councillor elected for each of the 40 seats in the 30 wards and to date there has been no dispute over the results of the election.

26. It is felt by myself that more attention and time could be devoted to council propaganda and extension particularly in the Burui Kunai and Sepik Plains areas which have unlimited potential for development. Casual patrols to the area possibly incorporated within the council works program would obtain much valuable information as many of the more reserved inhabitants would be able to confide in the officer leading the patrol. The most notable enlightenment I found on the patrol was how little of the villagers' 'worries', difficulties or concerns were ever passed on by the councillors either at the meeting or in private conversation. It would seem that it would be a long time before an officer of the Administrators Dept. will be relieved of his job as a trouble shooter and general sooth sayer.

27. Mr D.B. Robertson acted as Presiding Officer at the elections and was assisted by Messrs R.L. Kauffman (A.P.O.) and L. Binjari (T.P.O.), on the second stage of the patrol Mr. Binjari accompanied myself and Mr Waiave the Council Clerk. All members assisted ably and the experience of their first election patrol will benefit greatly the coming House of Assembly elections due in the new year.

For your information and comment, please



G.F. Payne,  
L.G.C. Adviser.

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Gaul Council Chambers,  
MAGI,  
c/- Free Bag Wewak P.O.,  
East Sepik District.

26th October, 1971.

The Officer in Charge,  
Dept Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries,  
BAINYIK.

PROPOSED PRODUCTIVITY RULE - Gaul L.G.C.

It was brought to my attention several times throughout a recent patrol through the Sepik Plains Burui Kusai area that although the council had an Agricultural Hygiene Rule, which ensured that people with gardens kept them clean and productive there was no rule which could encourage villagers to begin new plantings.

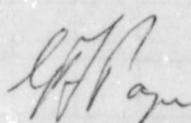
It is the opinion of many of the more progressive members of the community that a rule should be introduced into the council that would require all able adult males to make certain efforts each year to increase production in cash cropping fields. Out lined below are the basic thoughts for a rule subject to your advice and the advice of the Commissioner of Local Government.

1. The rule would effect every otherwise unemployed able adult male
2. A person so required must prepare ground and make ready the land for sowing or planting a cash crop of his choice but one authorised and promoted by D.A.S.P.
3. He has a minimum number of trees to plant or area to sow depending on his choice of a crop i.e.
  - a. for coffee - 100 trees per annum for ten years or until each person has 1,000 trees.
  - b. for rice - to sow annually half of one acre or one quarter of a hectre???
  - c. for forestry, pigs, cattle etc. or any other product approved by the G.L.C. Bainyaik a clause could be introduced which would leave it to the discretion of the Agricultural officer.

The above is only a very brief outline of what would be required. We require your opinion if the above would be a practicle solution to increasing productivity and if such a rule would be enforceable.

For your advice and comment, please.

G.C. D.L.G.C.  
Wewak.  
c.c. A.G.C.  
AMBUNTI.

  
G.F. Payne,  
L.G.C. Adviser.

Amount  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number... PAGWI 1A of 1971-72.

Subdistrict... AMBUNTI

District... EAST SEPIK

Type of Patrol... COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Patrol Conducted by... MR. J. PAYNE, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.)

BURUI-KUNAI, PART SEPIK PLAINS  
& PART MAIN RIVER CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol  
MR. L. BINJARI, T.P.O.

Duration of Patrol—from 6/ 9 / 71 to 22 / 9 / 71

No. of Days... 14 DAYS.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: CENSUS REVISION AND AREA STUDY ( BURUI-KUNAI & SEPIK PLAINS ONLY)  
Date... 21/ 6/ 71. Duration... One Month.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)... (a) Assist in the conduct of the Gaui Council Elections.  
(b) Observe the methods and ways of conducting the elections.

Total Population of Area Patrolled... <u>10410</u>	= Burui-Kunai	Div. 5223
	- Main River	" 3142
	- Sepik Plains	" 2045

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

P.O. Box 2396,  
KCHINDOBU.

67-8-17

20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEVAK.

PAGWI PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971-72.

Your reference is 67-1-12 of 11th October, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Annual Census, Area Study, and Situation Report by Mr. L. Binjari of the Burui-Kumai, Sepik Plains and Main River Census Divisions.

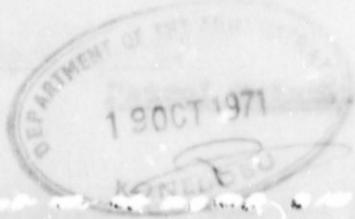
(S.J. PEARSELL)  
a/Secretary.

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Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
Ambunti,  
East Sepik District.

11th October 1971

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
Wewak.

Pagwi Patrol No. 1/1971-72 - L. Binjari, T.P.O.

1. Attached please find one copy of patrol map and relevant camping allowance claims, plus four<sup>3</sup> copies of the above report.
2. Mr. Paynes' report on this patrol will be the main report, the report attached is submitted by Mr. Binjari as a training exercise.
3. Further comments on this rushed election are not required - refer Pagwi's Patrol Report No. 2/1971-72 by R. L. Kauffman. Mr. Binjari's comments on the final page of the report sum up the situation adequately.
4. Also note Page 2 of the Situation Report for observations on the Peli Assn.
5. Another good report by Mr. Binjari.

*[Signature]*  
L. W. Bragge

Assistant District Commissioner.

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District Office,  
WEWAK.

c.c. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Pagwi.

c.c. ~~Mr. L. Binjari,~~  
Ambunti.

13th October, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

As stated by the A.D.C. this report is mainly in the nature of an exercise. Mr. Binjari has gained valuable experience and has presented a well documented and readable report.

*[Signature]*  
(B. K. LEEN)  
A/District Commissioner.

c.c.  
A.D.C. AMBUNTI. (2 copies).

Patrol Diary

Patrol Diary.

6th. Sept.

Left Amunti per Govt. Outboard Motor Canoe for Pagwi at 0745 hrs. Travelling was no problem, doing the trip in one and three quarters of an hour. Small showers of rain was encountered throughout the trip. Arrived Pagwi at 0930 hrs and straightaway attended a short session on election procedures, conducted by Mr. G. Payne, Gau Council Administrative Adviser and Assistant Returning Officer for the elections.

At 1300 hrs left Pagwi per Admin. Motor Canoe for Japandai village with Mr. D. B. Robertson and Mr. R. Kauffman, both A.P.Os. On arrival received only one nomination for Joseph Anganjuan. Gave time for more nominations but received no more so declared Mr. Anganjuan a Councillor for the term. Returned Pagwi 1600 hrs.

Overnight at Pagwi Council Resthouse.

7th. Sept.

0830 hrs Mr. R. Kauffman and I left for Japanaut where Mr. K. Dowrie was nominated. The nomination was refused to be accepted as the nominee was the resident of Pagwi-Yamanumbu ward. After a lot of talk with the people we asked them to think about it while we visit the other villages and left for Yentchanmangu.

Arrived at 1745 hrs and were told that the people all went to attend the survey of a disputed land and left the message that the old Councillor will still hold his position.

Left for Kandingai at 1300 hrs and on arrival met some people with the Councillor who informed us that the people had decided that the old Councillor will still hold his position. After a short talk returned to Japanaut.

On arrival found that the people still wanted Mr. Dowrie so we promised to refer the matter to the Senior Officers of the elections and returned to Kandingai at 1600 hrs.

Overnight at Kandingai Resthouse.

8th Sept.

Departed Kandingai after Mr. Robertson arrived to pick us up. Arrived Japanaut and found no people present so left the message that Mr. Robertson will call there in the afternoon on his way to Pagwi.

Returned to Nyaurengai at 1000 hrs, found that the people had decided on one man so declared him a Councillor and left for Kerogo.

Arrived Kerogo 1230 hrs and found people were not ready and lot of the population away. Left the message to return next day and returned to Nyaurengai.

Overnight at Nyaurengai Resthouse.

Patrol Dairy cont'd.

9th. Sept.

Left Nyaurengai at 1130 hrs for Korogo after Mr. Robertson arrived to pick us. On arrival at Korogo at 1200 hrs received three nominations. Held election where old Councillor Kongkong was re-elected. After a short talk left for Suapmeri at 1500 hrs and arrived at 1530 hrs.

On arrival were informed that a pre-election was held and it was decided that old Councillor will still hold his position. After a short talk returned to Pagwi 1800 hrs.

Overnight at Pagwi Council resthouse.

10th. Sept.

Observed Pagwi as no election was programmed for that day. Left 1500 hrs for Wewak to spend long week-end for the National Day.

11th. Sept.

Saturday - Spent in Wewak.

12th. Sept.

Sunday - Spent in Wewak.

13th. Sept.

Monday - National Day. Observed in Wewak. Returned to Pagwi at 1900 hrs.

Overnight at Pagwi Council Rest-house.

14th. Sept.

0900 hrs left Pagwi with Mr.G.Payne and Mr.R.Kauffman, per Admin. toyota for Yanget. Mr.Kauffman returned with the vehicle while we left immediately for Wereman. On arrival at Wereman found not many people present so waited for some more to arrive. It was then informed to us that people had decided to put their old Councillor back to hold his position.

1320 hrs returned to Yanget where not many people were present. Waited until some more people arrived. Only one nomination of the old Councillor was received and no more so declared him the Councillor for the year. Had quite a lengthy discussion with the people.

Overnight at Yanget Rest-house.

15th. Sept.

0800 hrs left on foot with carriers for Tolembei and arrived at 1000 hrs. After receiving one nomination each of Tolembei Nos.1,2 and Tolembei No.3., Nambagoa, Namangea wards, gave time for more nominations. No more nominations received so declared the two persons nominated for the two wards as Councillors for the term.

1540 hrs walked to Torembi Catholic Mission and Mr.Stan who drove us down to see the part of the road the mission was helping with. After having a look at the road returned to Tolembei village., at 1735 hrs.

Overnight at Tolembei No.3. Rest-house.

Patrol Diary cont'd.

16th. Sept.

0745 hrs left Tolembe with carriers on foot for Slei. On arrival at Slei met 50 people of area No.2. to arrive. Two nominations received and election held where Minjangan was elected with 62 votes to 32.

Left Slei for Miambai on foot with carriers at 1400 hrs. Arrived 1440 hrs and found the people were not gathered so waited for them to gather. Received only one nomination and after giving time for more declared the nominee, the old Councillor, the Councillor for the term. Had a lengthy discussion with the people.

Overnight at Miambai Rest-house.

17th. Sept.

0815 hrs left Miambai on foot with carriers for Yamuk and arrived at 0940 hrs. People of Kambiam, Worimbi, and Wanika all gathered at Worimbi and nominations were received and election held. Two old Councillors were re-elected. After a short discussion with the people, left Yamuk 1300 hrs for Marap.

Arrived Marap No.1. at 1450 hrs and the people gathered. It was informed of us that they had decided that the old Councillor will still hold his position.

Overnight at Karap No.1. Rest-house.

18th. Sept.

0830 hrs left on foot with carriers for Nogosop during the showers of rain. Arrived 0915 hrs and three nominations were received and election held. Wasera was elected new Councillor. Discussion was held with the people waiting for the storm which had begun to stop.

Left at 1345 hrs for Gaikarobi and on arrival waited for short while for people to gather. Received three nominations and election was held where the old Councillor was re-elected. Held discussion with the people and then returned to Nogosop at 1755 hrs.

Overnight at Nogosop Rest-house.

19th. Sept.

0930 hrs left Nogosop on foot for Yentchan village. On arrival at 1030 hrs met the Outboard Motor Operator waiting for us. Returned to Pagwi 1230 hrs.

Rest of Sunday observed at Pagwi.

Overnight at Pagwi Council Rest-house.

20th. Sept.

0815 hrs at Pagwi Patrol Re Office, read the recent Patrol Report on the area patrolled, waiting for Mr.G.Payne to do the miscellaneous duties in the Council Office.

Left for Sengo village per Admin. Toyota with Mr.G. Payne, at 0940 hrs. Arrived Sengo at 1230 hrs as part of the way was walked. Received two nominations and election held. Samak was elected new Councillor. Had a short talk with the people and left for Maingugu.

Patrol Diary cont'd.

20th. Sept. cont'd.

Arrived Maingugug at 1530 hrs where men and women gathered. Three nominations received and election conducted. Beisan Pasaki was elected new Councillor. He left with the people and returned to Pagwi at 1900 hrs.

Overnight at Pagwi Council Rest-house.

21st Sept.

0800 hrs left Pagwi by Admin. Toyota with Mr.G.Payne and Mr.D.B.Robertson, for Burui. On arrival Mr.Robertson left per vehicle for Maprik leaving us to hold election there. After a short talk received two nominations and election was held. Netbangi Amia was elected new Councillor.

Left on foot for Kampupu and arrived at 1400 hrs. Day was very hot and walking was quite unpleasant. Arrived and received two nominations and election held where Aliambu was elected new Councillor.

Left on foot for the main road at 1500 hrs and were met on the way by an Admin. vehicle. Arrived Pagwi at 1600 hrs.

Overnight at Pagwi Council Rest-house.

22nd. Sept.

0815 hrs at Pagwi Office waiting for Mr.D.B.Robertson. Left by Admin. Outboard Motor Canoe for Ambunti. Arrived 1230 hrs. Rest of the day in the Sub-district Office at Ambunti.

End of the Patrol.

Political

It seemed to me that the people in these areas have very little knowledge of the system of Government and politics generally. It is suggested that the National Day, 19th September, came in the middle of the patrol period so that it was hard to see the people if they had heard of it or know what it was. To this question, no answer was received in any village, but a wondering look on the people's faces.

At the end of the patrol I was told by the village headmen that they had heard the "message" over the radio, but said "nina nina nina", some said "nina nina nina nina nina nina nina".

The message to me was impressive that the very important aspect which shows lack of political knowledge was the lack of public reactions. The people seemed to me to be fairly conservative and that the general impression was that self-help and independence should not be pushed in the near future.

3 Situation Report.

Introduction.

1. The patrol of a special type, the main purpose being to assist in the conducting of Council elections for the Gau Local Government Council.

The area includes the part of Main River Census Division, part Sepik Plains and Burui-Kunai Census Divisions. Although I was originally instructed to accompany patrol No.2., conducted by Mr.D.B.Robertson, which I accompanied for the first week of the election period. I was swapped over to accompany and assist the above patrol.

2. Getting to villages in the Main River Census Division was quite by Outboard Motor Canoes and was quite pleasant and easy. The villages on this division are on the river banks or in the round-watres which can be reached by the above means through the barrets.

Sepik-Plains and Burui-Kunai Census Divisions are dominantly grass-plains, interspersed with sago swamps and bush-lands at some places. These areas are comparatively higher in altitude, to that of the Main River Division.

Especially at times of dry seasons, walking to villages in this area is somewhat difficult and unpleasant as the unbearable heat of the sun beats onto the grassy plains which bear the tracks. The tracks on the other hand were dry and conditions were quite good. It was quite pleasant at nights with the absence of the innumerable mosquito population from the area.

3. The cash-cropping in the Sepik Plains and Burui-Kunai divisions consist mostly of coffee and rice. It was found that the people in the area have quite a lot of interest in these crops though extension of existing gardens could not be seen at the time of patrol. This was perhaps due to the hardship being faced by the people in transporting their products to the markets.

The Main River Division however, seemed to be surprisingly uninteresting. Cashcropping activities in this area is judged as nil, except for artifacts. Some villages such as Nyaurengai and Kandingai were not very interested in this either.

Political.

1. It seemed to me that the people in these areas have very little knowledge of the system of Government and politics generally. It so happened that the National Day, 13th. September, came in the middle of the patrol period so that it was asked to the people if they had heard of it or know what it was. To this question, no answer was received in any village, but a wondering looks on the people's faces.

2. Shortage of Radio receivers in the villages was noticed. When asked if they had heard the 'toksave' over the radio; some said 'mipela nogat radio', some said 'mipela igat radio tasol noget batri'.

This brought to me an impression that the very important aspect which causes lack of political knowledge was this lack of radio receivers. The people seemed to me to be fairly conservative and that the general impression was that Self-Govt. and Independence should not be gained in the near future.

Political cont'd.

3. The area was effectively shuddered by the Mt. Turu Cult which has now turned itself into Peli Association. Quite a number of people including some Councilors have expressed interest in it. However, the interest in it started to die down when the second visit was made recently by the Associations Representatives to collect 70c contributions. According to the people this collection was to buy three Passenger Motor Vehicles (P.M.V.) for the members. This seemed to have aroused the people's interests again.

At Worimbi village, it was said that some rumours were being spread in regard to the association. These are as follows:-

(a) That the new National Flag was being produced and distributed under the instruction of Mathias Yaliwan, the leader of the movement.

(b) That at the time of Self-Govt, this movement would take over the work of Local Government Councils.

(c) That it was ordered by Kiap, that if anybody does not become a member of the association will be prosecuted.

Because of the lack of time to move to other villages no detailed investigation was carried out in regard to these rumours. However, inquiries were made to the men who mentioned them to the patrol though no particular person was mentioned. All he said was 'ni harem long olgeta pipal, ni no biliv tru long despela olsem ni askim Kiap.'

I feel that nothing serious will happen concerning these rumours.

Naturally, the people are prepared to believe in any stories or rumours regarding easy gaining of wealth. Although it seems that nothing will happen these rumours will continue to exist. One or two talks from the Admin. Officers on patrols will not make effects immediately, but as it goes along it will diminish as the people find nothing happening at all.

The true to the fact is that they have a belief that if the people believe solemnly that Cargo will arrive, their grandparents, parents and relatives who are dead will send Cargo or goods in bulk.

Economic.

1. The important cashcrops in the Burui-Kunai and Sepik Plains areas are rice and coffee. Most of the gardens seen in the area were fairly well kept and in good conditions though some needed pruning. Some have too much shading which prevents the coffee trees from growing and bearing well.

Rice gardens on the other hand, could not be seen. This is because all gardens were harvested as this was the dry season. Besides, the hardships faced in transporting the products to market had discouraged the people so much that they are not prepared to make new gardens for rice fields.

Economic cond'n.

2. It seemed to me that it was a long time since the last Agricultural Officer was in the area. It is therefore advisable to say that since these people have been very successful in these crops they should not be discouraged at this stage by the absence of an Agricultural Officer from the area. I do feel that officers of this department continue to encourage the people rather than leaving the people to themselves after the successful encouragement in the first try.

3. During the patrol, village after village, expressed unhappy concern regarding the hardships being faced in finding transport to move their crops to the market. It was said that despite their number of requests to S.P.C.A. and D.A.S.F. to help transport their crops, these were ignored.

Besides, considerable number of children in these three divisions stores of rice and coffee bags were seen in almost every village. In Wereman village, a whole shed built especially for the purpose, was filled with sack of rice and coffee. This was then inspected by Mr. Payne and myself. As a result some were found to be decaying with moist and dampness while the others being eaten by rats. In my opinion, the people are discouraged to grow these crops and when the products are successfully accomplished, they are left to transport their crop themselves; even when people themselves are finding it hard. This sort of situation will most probably make the people feel discouraged and will not be willing to co-operate with D.A.S.F. officers next time they come into the area.

4. Already, threatening remarks were made by Councillor Kundi from Yanget village against D.A.S.F. officers. He said the next Agricultural Officers in the area will be hit by his people. He then added that he himself would force the people to take this action.

An explanation was made in regard to this where they were told that D.A.S.F. and S.P.C.A. are not sending their trucks into the area because of the bad conditions of the roads in the area. They were then encouraged to work on the roads also. Besides, it was explained that the Gauk Council is making its tractor available to transport their crops at \$9.00 per load, though the estimated expense for the tractor per load is \$36.00 in business terms.

Although the above help is available, it is a slow process as the tractor will not carry much per load. By the time some of the sacks are transported it will have got moulds, etc., so that they will not be good for use.

5. It was seen that some cattle projects were being undertaken in the area, mainly with the help of Catholic Mission. These are very small undertakings and it is difficult to say how successful they will be.

6. Sale of artifacts play very little part in the Burui-Kundi, Sepik Plains divisions. However, it is the important money-earning economy in the Main River division. Some villages in this division however, don't put much interest on this because they expect the tourists to go to their villages.

At Nyaurengai village in the Main River division it was said that the people are not interested in growing cash crops like coffee because of the floods which damage their crops. In my opinion, however, rice being the short-term crop could be grown successfully in this area.

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Economic cont'd.

7. Local Market near Pagwi Base Camp serves the people in these areas well. Besides, each village has a gathering place between each one where women gather and exchange foodstuff and also buy things with money. As well as making use of these the people do not have to travel far to sell their crops.

Social.

1. Education. Of the area patrolled there are three schools which teach up to standard 6 level. These are Burui and Torembi Catholic Mission schools and Korogo Primary school. Other schools in the areas include Yamanumbu A.O.G. Mission school and Nogosop Catholic Mission school.

Besides, considerable number of children in these three divisions attend Kapaimari and Kunjingini Catholic Mission schools. Other young men and women are attending High schools at Wewak and Maprik.

2. Health. General health of the people is quite good and no serious sickness was found in any one village or division. In Maingugu village, it was noticed that most of the people, especially children, were coughing. Mr. G. Payne promised to find an A.F.C. to visit them for about a month.

The people of this village complained that since an Aid-post was built in their village they had not used it as yet, because there was no suitable man found to look after the post. The Aid-post at Woribaji village was built about the same time as the above though not been used due to the same problem. This problem still has not been solved yet.

I would like to suggest therefore that the Council Administrative Adviser should advise the Council that in the future when consideration is given on building Aid-posts, a suitable man should be found before actually building the post. It is not worth building a post and later finding that it cannot be used because of such problems. This will mean that the council has just wasted its money.

Apart from these new posts there are Aid-posts at Pagwi, Nogosop, Torembi Catholic Mission, Kapaimari Catholic Mission which serve the areas patrolled. The European Sister at Torembi provides the clinic infant welfare clinic in the area.

3. Law and Order. It appeared that law and order is fairly well-kept. No serious offence was brought before the patrol. Out of the whole area patrolled only two minor complaints were brought; one concerning the killing of pig at Tolombai and the other an adultery case at Gaikarebi; for which the husband only wanted payment. Both of these complaints were dealt with by Mr. Payne.

One other important worry in the area is the innumerable land disputes of which nearly every village is a party to. Mr. M. Laipu, an Assistant Field Officer from Wewak is now in the area trying to survey as many of the disputed lands as he can so that the next visit of the Land Titles Commissioner, in November, may hear the cases.

Missions.

1. The area is predominantly covered by the Catholic Mission. This mission does not only provide services like schools, infant welfare clinics, religion, etc; but also help in the advancement of the area. At the moment the Forembi mission is doing the roadwork. Besides, as mentioned under the heading 'economy' this mission encourages individuals to run cattle projects.

2. Assemblies of God Mission is the only other mission in the area patrolled. This has a school and station at Yamanumbu.

Conclusion.

This patrol report is very brief because of the reason given in my comments heading in the special report of this report. Besides, this patrol was conducted only a month after the Pagwi Patrol No.5. 1970-71. Therefore almost all information referred to in this report is very similar to that of the abovementioned report. For better and detailed information, please refer to above report Pagwi No.5. 1970-71.

*L. Binjari*  
L. Binjari  
Trainee Patrol Officer.

Remarks.

1. Of the whole area visited, only a few villages were visited. But those, kind of the work was only the production work and what they had received on the one side only. It was noticed that most of these were villages in the high river valleys.

It is noted to be that the people in the high river valleys are engaged in the agriculture and what little money they are getting in the market, they are just lay or did not use it for other purposes. It is the fact that most of the people did not have any cash to buy things to be used in their lives.

Remarks on the Statistical Report.

1. Since this report is very brief most of the statistical returns and some required as per above circular are not available. However, Mr. Binjari, will be providing a detailed report on statistics, etc. Therefore, I would like to mention that the better information refer Mr. Binjari's report Pagwi No.1. 1971-72.

2. In the attached sheet there were some villages which were not visited in the area patrolled. For more information refer to patrol map attached. Also there is a table showing the necessary information of all patrolled villages.

Special Report.

Introduction.

1. The main purpose of the patrol was to conduct the elections for the Gauzi Local Government Council. Although no written instructions were available, the verbal instructions was as follows:-

(a) To assist in the conduct of the Gauzi Council elections.

(b) Consequently, to observe the methods and ways of conducting elections as a preparation for the next year's House of Assembly elections.

(c) And, at the conclusion of the patrol, present situation and a Special Report as directed in the Local Govt. Circular No.16 of 1970.

2. For the purpose of the elections two patrols were necessary to cover the whole area at a reasonably good time. One of these covered Main River and Chambri Lakes Census Divisions which I accompanied partly. This was conducted by Mr.D.B.Robertson, A.P.O.,O.I.C. Pagwi.

The other one covered the Sepik Plains and Burui-Kunai Census Divisions which I accompanied to the end of the election period. This patrol was conducted by Mr.G.Payne, P.O., Council Admin. Adviser and Returning Officer for the elections.

3. Although the main aim of the patrol was obtained in my opinion, the patrol was not very successful. See my comments on this report.

Elections.

1. Of the whole area visited twenty(20) polling booths were established. Out these, nine of the wards gave only one nomination each and said they had earlier decided on the one man only. It was noticed that most of these were villages in the Main River division.

It seemed to me that the people in the Main River division in comparison with the Burui-Kunai and Sepik Plains areas; were not interested in the Council. Perhaps they were just lazy or did not want to bother too much about it but the fact that most of the wards did not have formal elections brought to me this impression.

Report as per Circular No.16.

1. Since this report is very brief most of the statistical returns and dates required as per above circular are not available. However, Mr.G.Payne, will be presenting a detailed report with statistics, etc., Therefore, I would like to mention that for better information refer Mr.Payne's report Pagwi No.1. 1971-72.

2. As mentioned above there were twenty(20) polling booths established in the areas patrolled. For more information refer my patrol map, attached. Also below is table showing the necessary information of all polling booths.

No.	Polling Place	Ward	Villages Concerned	Remarks.
1.	Japandai	Japandai	Japandai	One nomination. Elected un-opposed.
2.	Japogut	Japogut	Japogut	One nomination. In queue
3.	Yentchansangua	Yentchansangua	Yentchansangua	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
4.	Kandingai	Kandingai	Kandingai	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
5.	Nyaurengai	Nyaurengai	Nyaurengai	One Nomination. Elected un-opposed.
6.	Korogo	Korogo	Korogo	Three nominations. Old Ele Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
7.	Suapmeri	Suapmeri	Suapmeri	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
8.	Wereman	Wereman	Wereman	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
9.	Yanget	Yanget	Yanget & Vagiput	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
10.	Tolembei No. 3.	Tolembei	Tolembei No. 3. & Jiginumbu	One nomination. Elected un-opposed.
11.	Tolembei No. 3.	Tolembei	Tolembei No. 1 & 2.	One nomination. Elected un-opposed.
12.	Slei No. 2.	Slei	Slei No. 1. & 2.	Three nominations. Kinjangan elected new Councilor.
13.	Miambei	Miambei	Miambei	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
14.	Worimbi	Yamuk	Worimbi & Waniko	Three nominations. Old Cr. re-elected.
15.	Worimbi	Kaimbian	Kaimbian	Three nominations. Old Cr. re-elected.
16.	Marap No. 1.	Marap	Marap No. 1. & 2.	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
17.	Negosop	Negosop	Negosop	Three nominations. Wasera elected new Cr.
18.	Gaikarobi	Gaikarobi	Gaikarobi	Three nominations. Old Cr. re-elected.
19.	Sengo	Sengo	Sengo	Two nominations. New Cr. elected.
20.	Maingugu	Maingugu	Maingugu	Two nominations. New Cr. elected.

The duration of the elections was just over two weeks. The area and population of the Gau Council was such that it would have taken about four weeks at the most to complete the elections successfully if it was programmed to do one ward a day; even with two patrols working at the same time. See my comments at a later part of this report.

The degree of assistance required to record the electors' votes was very high. It was estimated that about 95% of the electors were helped. Most of the people who took part in the elections had never been to school. Perhaps it would have been a different situation if those young men and women away at schools and work were present.

3. Feminine interests in regard to elections and standing for elections was quite nil. Most of the elections held were where only the men had gathered. The only places where women were present were at Korogo, Slei, Maingugu, Sengo.

4. There was no incident in regard to the elections except for the Japanaut ward which elected Mr. K. Dowrie, who for his residential purpose is not qualified to stand for this ward.

The nomination of Mr. Dowrie was of course refused to be accepted by Mr. R. Kauffman, A.P.O. and myself. However, the people were too strong to believe in our explanation about the law which disqualifies him to stand. During the course of discussion with this people, it was said to us that they are coming to lose interest in the council because their members don't do much for them in the council. It was said that because their own-skinned men have no guts to get up and talk for them so they decided to elect Mr. Dowrie.

Having found that people did not want to change it was promised that their proposition will be referred to the Senior officers of the elections. At Pagwi Mr. D. B. Robertson informed that the matter was referred to and allowed by Mr. F. Haynes, Returning Officer. Therefore an election was held where Mr. Dowrie was elected. At Ambunti Mr. Haynes said that he did not allow that to happen but asked Mr. Payne to check up on the Council's constitution. He said if Mr. Dowrie is found not qualified the election may be declared invalid and a by-election be held.

5. The general attendance at the elections was, in my opinion, quite bad. In most villages attendance was left to the men only and at some places only very few men; perhaps just sitting at the haus-bei as is their common habit. Most of the absenteeism was short-termed. Besides, a number of young men and women were away permanently for work and schools. It was estimated that the absenteeism was about 60% of the total population.

Perhaps the poor attendance was due to the influence of the Feli Association movement. I had an impression that although Councillors did not take active part in this movement some did believe and supported it.

6. Brief biographical details of successful candidates are not available but Mr. Payne, will be including it in his report as mentioned above. However, below is the list of candidates and other necessary information.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Secunder</u>	<u>Warl</u>	<u>Final Votes Gained.</u>
1. Deisan Pasaki	Meiabwi Pasaki	Kiawan Kpandu	Manga	91
2. Nuwindu	Selain	Indang Gindim	"	30
4. Ketbangi Amia	Hariwan Waslu	Kambit Laki	Burui	47
2. Kawi Kasindimi	Kumbiam Mandi	Gwai Mandi	"	34
1. Alinga	-	-	Kampupu	29
2. Aliasbu	-	-	"	49
1. Minjangan Maribangi	Kau Saun	Hanjikumbai Yibutkami	Slei	64
2. Peta Munja	Balambei Maruibin	Maisbunan Kusundakam	"	32
1. Torbpi Alawat	Ewakgu Wangwan	Maimbai Tumbun	Miambei	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
1. Alois Kawang	Waliwan Manbi	Bai Kambui	Kaibiam	31
2. Kingan	Camat	Kausbi	Yasuk	32
1. Samak Kauai	Alois Bari	Maim Boi'ineri	Sengo	-
2. Yangi Kunangoui	Kambit Tangili	Mabat Wagara	"	-
1. Wesera Pitaiswan	Magu Magio	Palit Tungit	Negosop	24
2. Kandigul Songi	Siso Yaubi	Tungwi Kundi	"	12
11 Janjiban Juit	Meimeri Giamanban	Jinrabi Malimjan	Marap	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
1. Para suit	Kau Ambrungi	Yangan Wabi	Gaikarohi	26
2. Abangandimi	Suat	Kupkai	"	4
3. Dambi Mnaui	Biat Suatumeri	Kilamban Siaban	"	29
1. Yapi Kumbaisaun	Yakia Yangan	Gregory Wia	Tolembei No.3. & 1.	elected un-opposed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Final Votes Gained.</u>
1. Nyaman Tongensui	Kama Urika	Tanda Periwan	Tolembei No.3. & Namagua	Elected un-opposed
1. Takagun Kambei	Giti Maimba	Mohn Mambinagwan	Woreman	Old Cr. re-elected un-opposed.
1. Kunduigan Tambwi	Gautak Mapa	Sigut Kunjin	Yogot	Old Cr. re-elected unopposed.

Comments.

The whole two weeks taken to complete the elections is, in my opinion, quite insufficient. The reasons are as follows:-

(a) The whole Council area is quite big that, even with two patrols working at the same time, would take about four weeks to complete successfully. This would mean that the patrol would have to be programmed to do one village or ward a day instead of two to three wards a day as programmed on this patrol.

(b) Insufficient time spent with the people and therefore information for situation report could not be obtained sufficiently. Talks given were all of a formal type which I thought was not good enough. I believe that to obtain enough information as well as giving satisfactory talks would be to talk informally with the people, sitting around at Haus-boi, haus-kiap, etc.

(c) Insufficient time given to the people to think seriously about each Candidate about the reasons for elections discussed. No time was allowed for the absentees to return from gardens, etc. and vote if they wanted to. Because of this only men voted at the polling booths where real elections were held.

*L. Binjari*  
L. Binjari  
Trainee Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 2 of 1971/1972 PAGWI

Subdistrict..... AMBUNTI

District..... EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... MR. D.B. ROBERTSON A.P.O.

Area Patrolled } GAUI COUNCIL AREA

(Council and/or } MAIN RIVER CENSUS DIVISION

Census Division/s.) } CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISION

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

..... ROGER LAWRENCE KAUFFMAN A.P.O.

..... ONE D.D.A. OUTBOARD OPERATOR

Duration of Patrol—from 6/9/71 to 19/9/71

No. of Days..... ELEVEN

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: CENSUS

Date..... 13/1/71 Duration..... TWENTY SEVEN DAYS.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Carry out Elections for Gaui Local Government Council.

Total Population of Area Patrolled MAIN RIVER CENSUS DIVISION 5097

CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISION 2561

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

OA:MD

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU.

07-10-73

20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
NEWAK.

PAGHI PATROL NO.2 OF 1971-72.

Your reference is 67-1-9 of 26th October, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation Report by Mr. D. Robertson, Assistant Patrol Officer, of the Main River and Chambri Lakes Census Divisions.

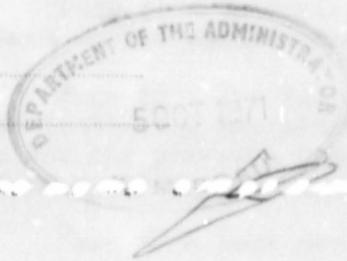
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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District  
Administration,  
District Office,  
WEWAK, East Sepik District.

30th September, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

REPORT OF PAGWI PATROL NO. 2/1971-72  
MAIN RIVER AND CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISIONS

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of the report of the above patrol from Assistant Patrol Officer, Mr. R. L. Kauffman of Ambunti, with a covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner Ambunti.

This is only the second patrol <sup>report</sup> from Mr. Kauffman. He continues to show a lively interest in his field work, which is reflected in the report.

Mr. Dowrie's election to the Japanut ward appears to be invalid as he lacks the necessary residential qualifications. The Regional Local Government Officer and the District Local Government Officer are currently investigating.

This election patrol was too hurried. The fault lies with the Assistant Returning Officer who disregarded the advice of the Assistant District Commissioner to spread it over the 21 day period. The Assistant Returning Officer, Mr. Payne, has been censured for his action.

In his accompanying letter the Assistant District Commissioner paints a gloomier picture of the situation than presented by Mr. Kauffman. Interest in the council is not what it should be, but then it seldom is. Since the bottom fell out of the crocodile skin industry the Main River area has been economically depressed. The dried fish project could relieve the position but there does not seem to be much interest in that so far. The tourist industry on the river is picking up too but here again many of the people seem to be disinterested in capitalizing on it. Cultism obviously offers, to some at least, a much easier answer to their problems.

The District Local Government Officer is fully aware of the problems facing the Gauai Council but is less pessimistic than Mr. Bragge. The Assistant District Commissioner states that it will take an experienced officer to pull the Council out of its present state of depression. Such an officer is not available and no changes of staff are proposed for Pagwi at present.

*BK Leen*  
(B. K. LEEN)  
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. to The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
AMBUNTI.

67-1-9 Para 11 - In agreed with but should have quoted back up the observations.

67-1-9 Para 12 - Fr. Padio's stated actions were within his rights as a member of a Multi Racial Council. He is known for his personal opposition to

Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
Ambunti,  
East Sepik District.

Para 13 - Low should read...  
Para 19 - This refers to P.A. via Exploration. The people will be disappointed if the prospecting party will pass quickly through the area - The only

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
Wewak.

24th September 1971

Para 20 - The Gauai Council area is better served with schools than any other part of this Sub District, except for Ambunti

Pagwi Patrol Report No. 2/1971-72 - Report by  
R. L. Kauffman, A.P.O. - Second Officer on  
the Patrol

1. Attached please find:- 3 copies of the report  
1 copy of patrol map, for sun printing please (3 copies for Ambunti).  
Relevant camping allowance claims.

2. My Comments Are:-

Mr. Robertson, who led the patrol will be submitting his report which will contain full electoral statistics. These were to be included in Mr. Kauffman's report but were finally excluded as when the report was completed the statistics were still not to hand from Pagwi.

3. Diary - 7-9-71 Mr. Dowrie is now the Councillor for Japanaut.

15-9-71 S.I.C., Pagwi has been asked for an investigation report into this death for the Coroner.

4. Situation Report

Para 6 - Of the alternatives offered lack of interest is considered to be the major factor involved in the lack of enthusiasm for the elections.

Para 7 and 11 - Probable politics in the Japanaut election are:-

The ex Councillor NYAKA was given 'power' by the leaders of the Mt. Turu cult. He is now believed to be active in the Peli Assn. This election could amount to Japanaut disassociating itself with the Gauai Council in time with Peli Assn thought - only time will tell.

NYAKA excused himself from the July Gauai Council meeting to go to Yangeru to discuss the spending of the Turu subscription money.

Para 8 - indicates the low ebb the confidence of the people has reached in Local Government Councils in the Gauai area. The 'tight schedule' runs against patrol policy and can be atleast partly blamed for the local attitudes towards the election. Surely the people's re-action must be "if the 'Kiap' is not interested in the elections why should we be."

Para 11 - Is agreed with but should have quoted facts to back up the observations.

Para 12 - Fr. Padlo's stated actions were of course within his rights as a constituent of a Multi Racial Council. He is rekknown for his personal opposition to Mathias Yambumbe, and this would be a major point of contention for the priest.

Para 18 - Loan should read 'allocation'.

Para 19 - This refers to P.A. 133 held by Carpentaria Exploration. The people will be dissappointed as in all probability the prospecting party will pass quickly through the area - The only known minerals in the area is the old gold field west of the Chambri Lakes at Mr. Garamambu.

Para 20 - The Gaui Council area is better served with schools than any other part of this Sub District, except for Ambunti station. Their 'problem' is territory wide.

Para 24 - Where as the Priests statement probably has merit, comments in para 12 above are also relevant.

Para 28 - The significance of this religious carving is minimal - these people carve anything from out sized salad spoons to copies of Indonesian statues to copies of Trobiand and Western Islands ebony porpoises - even to the extent of using black boot polish to render any timber as ebony. My observation is that religious teachings as such are of very little interest to these people, and the Missions are tolerated mainly for the agency functions they provide - education, health and to a minor extent employment.

5. Special Report.

Far from representing solidarity the number of villages who had Councillors elected unopposed in this Council atleast is a sign of lack of interest in the Council and the election. People's non attendance at NYAURENGAI backs this up.

Main River and Chambri Lakes are the problem area of the Sub District, and of the Gaui Council. Their attitude has been formed from years of exposure to and exploitation by Crocodile skin traders, artefact buyers and the like, and now their attitude is one of lack of trust, and grasp at any new idea for making a quick dollar.

e.g. - Whereas these people paid subscriptions to the Turu cult and Peli Awen in large numbers the Inland people (closer to Yangoru) purchased Bouganville mining shares.

Also the mining co. is seen as the 'end all' of our problems / disillusionment is on its way once again.

The Gaui Council itself was seen the same way, but as soon as the tempo slows down the people look elsewhere.

If any anticipated event is short of a miracle the people will say - "Mipela tingting tiru, oli gemanim mipela gen."

It will take an experienced officer to pull the Council out of its present state of depression.

This is Mr. Kauffman's second accompanied patrol and again the report was promptly submitted, concise and accurate.

c.c. D.L.G.O., Wewak.

O.I.C., Pagwi.

R.L.Kauffman, A.P.O., Ambunti.

  
L. W. Bragge,

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY.

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11th Sept 1971 In Ambunti PATROL DIARY.

12th Sept 1971 In Ambunti

13th Sept 1971 0745 Departed Ambunti in government canoe

and using 35hp Johnson. Trip very fast and reached Pagwi in light rain at 0930. G. Payne council adviser instructed us in methods and regulations involved in election procedure. 1300 took canoe to Japandai. One nomination received and so was elected unopposed. Talks with people until 1600. Returned to Pagwi.

14th Sept 1971

Slept Council Rest House Pagwi.

7th Sept 1971

0830 took Pagwi canoe to Japandai. People only prepared to nominate Mr. K. Dowrie. Endeavoured to explain to the people the advantages of a local councillor. Uncertain of Mr. Dowrie's eligibility to stand, deferred election until matter could be referred to District Local Government Officer.

15th Sept 1971

Departed Japandai for Yentchanmangua 1000 unopposed. Left Yentchanmangua at 1130 and arrived Kandangai 1145. Prior Councillor re-elected unopposed and so talked to the people at some length re elections.

Slept rest house Kandangai.

8th Sept 1971

0915 departed Kandangai arriving Japandai 0930. No people present so left for Nyaurengai at 1000 arriving at 1015. Once again the new councillor was elected unopposed. 1130 departed Nyaurengai for

16th Sept 1971

Korogo stopping enroute at Yentchanmangua to find out progress of survey work being carried out by an Assistant Field Officer. Work had ceased due to threats of fighting. Arrived Korogo 1230. People hadn't decided on nominees for the election. Decided to return in the morning to conduct poll. Returned to Nyaurengai. Rest of afternoon and evening talked with the people.

17th Sept 1971

Slept rest house Nyaurengai.

9th Sept 1971

Councillors unopposed. Departed Nyaurengai in Charge Pagwi late in arriving at Nyaurengai due to collision with a doubled canoe in the small barret that goes from Nyaurengai to the Sepik River. Left Nyaurengai at 1100 arriving Korogo at 1200. Three candidates nominated and prior councillor re-elected. Departed for Suapmeri 1500 and reached there at 1530. Again one nomination only received and councillor duly elected unopposed. Talked with the people to 1630 and then left for Pagwi, arriving 1800.

18th Sept 1971

Slept Council rest house Pagwi.

10th Sept 1971

As returning officer had scheduled no elections for the 10th, 11th, 12th or 13th returned to Ambunti for National Day Celebrations.

- 11th Sept 1971 In Ambunti left 0700 reaching Pagwi 1130.  
Left Pagwi 1200 and arrived Ambunti 1815.
- 12th Sept 1971 In Ambunti
- 13th Sept 1971 0500 returned to Pagwi.  
Slept council rest house Pagwi.
- 14th Sept 1971 0830 accompanied Mr. Binjari and Mr. Payne to Yanget and returned to Pagwi with the truck, arriving 1030. Departed Pagwi per Government canoe with O.I.C. Pagwi for Yentehan arriving 1400. Councillor re-elected unopposed. Patrol moved on to Kanganaman where patrol equipment was left. Left Kanganaman 1520 for Malingai arriving 1600. Ballot conducted with three candidates. Councillor re-elected on the first count. Returned Kanganaman 2000.  
Slept rest house Kanganaman.
- 15th Sept 1971 Incessant fighting of a large number of village dogs prevented much sleep. 0645 deputation from Parambei requested postponement of Ballot due to burial rites for a young man killed while playing football on National Day. 0800 people of Kanganaman assembled. Three nominations received and previous councillor re-elected. 1200 departed Kanganaman for Tegoi arriving 1245. Waited until 1500 for people to assemble and after discussion old councillor was returned unopposed.  
Slept rest house Tegoi.
- 16th Sept 1971 0700 departed Tegoi arriving Aibom 0845. Three men nominated and councillor elected on count of second preferences. Left Aibom 1245 reaching Wombun 1310. Councillor re-elected unopposed. Remainder of day spent talking with the people of Wombun, Indingai and Kilimbit.  
Slept rest house Indingai.
- 17th Sept 1971 Indingai and Kilimbit both re-elected councillors unopposed. Departed Indingai at 1220 and arrived Timbunmeri 1300. Councillor here re-elected unopposed. Lake between Timbunmeri and Indingai a mass of water lillies in bloom. These however impeded progress by jamming propeller. Left Timbunmeri at 1400 and arrived Changriman 1430. Councillor here also re-elected unopposed.  
Slept rest house Changriman.
- 18th Sept 1971 0700 departed Changriman for Mensuat arriving at 0715. Councillor re-elected unopposed. Left at 0815 for Parambei arriving at 1100. Ballot was conducted until 1500 and councillor was elected on counting of third preferences, from three other candidates. Departed Parambei arriving Indabu 1500. Two nominations, ballot held, completed by 1900.  
Slept rest house Indabu.

19th Sept 1971 Departed Indabu 0900 reaching Pagwi 1130.  
Left Pagwi 1500 and arrived Ambunti 1815.  
Patrol stood down.

END PATROL DIARY. Patrol was to conduct  
the Gau Council which serves

This area is the poorest contacted area  
by the state government. The people are a strict live  
and let live. However, like all their communities a smidgen of  
progress they are, in many cases still a little vague as to  
electoral procedure. This was particularly noticeable with  
the women folk of most of the communities visited. Despite  
what appeared to be a lack of understanding of the  
mechanics of elections the women nevertheless had strong  
convictions as to who they wanted as councillors.

3. In the main I noticed, whilst assisting  
to mark ballot papers, that the women were firstly conservative  
in their choice of councillor and secondly that most would  
vote in exactly the same way. I felt that in several cases  
the fact that the old councillor was re-elected was due to  
the en-masse voting of the women of his constituency.

4. I noticed that many people who wanted  
to be emphatic in their vote would only mark one name and  
could refuse to distribute their preferences. This led to  
many exhausted voters after the first count.

5. Concerted effort was made prior to each  
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many voters still forfeited their preferences feeling it  
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Situation Report

Situation Report.

Introduction.

During the patrol two Constituencies were visited, namely, Main River and Charbri Isles. The populations of these areas are 5,097 and 2,561 people respectively. All patrolling was done in the Parwi canoe except for a 40 minute walk from the river into Parambei, and Malingai. The purpose of the patrol was to conduct elections of councillors for the Gau Council which serves these areas.

Political.

1. This area is the longest contacted and so the most sophisticated peoples of the sub district live here. However, for all their sophistication and length of contact they are, in many cases still a little vague as to electoral procedure. This was particularly noticeable with the women folk of most of the communities visited. Despite what appeared to me to be a lack of understanding of the mechanics of elections the women nevertheless had strong convictions as to who they wanted as councillors.

2. In the main I noticed, whilst assisting to mark ballot papers, that the women were firstly conservative in their choice of councillor and secondly that most would vote in exactly the same way. I felt that in several cases the fact that the old councillor was re-elected was due to the en-masse voting of the women of his constituent.

3. I noticed that many people who wanted to be emphatic in their vote would only mark one man and would refuse to distribute their preferences. This led to many exhausted votes after the first count.

4. Concerted effort was made prior to each polling to explain the concept of preferential voting, however, many voters still forfeited their preferences feeling it made their vote carry more weight.

5. The numbers of councillors who were re-elected unopposed I found a little disconcerting. This could be a sign of solidarity and a tribute to the work of the councillors. It could also be a sign of lack of interest, concern and involvement that there were no candidates prepared to stand or nominated to compete in a ballot.

6. My concern for this situation was aroused by comments passed by several people during the patrol. In Japanaut the people were not prepared to nominate a local representative. Their reasons were that they lack confidence in the Gau Council as the meetings ended up as an airing ground for inter-village bad feeling and that their member became afraid to stand up and speak as he would start an argument that would devolve back to completely unrelated subjects. Their thinking regarding their nomination of Mr Dowrie was that it would be more likely that things brought to council meetings by him would be discussed without the interference of traditional bad feelings.

7. Whilst in Kilimbit several of the men asked me if it were true that on attainment of self government Local Government Councils would become redundant and cease to function.

Situation Report

Political(cont.)

A deal of time was then spent explaining how important a part Local Government Councils play in govt. government and how essential they would be to the government of Papua New Guinea in the future. When asked where this notion originated they said the men from Kanganaman held this belief. Unfortunately the tight schedule to which the patrol was working did not permit it to return to Kanganaman to try to correct these misapprehensions.

9. The people of the area patrolled are aware of the forth coming House of Assembly elections and seem to be giving a deal of thought as to who they want to represent them and the responsibility of the new House in accepting self government. Several men of the area have aspirations toward becoming a Member of the House.

10. These people seem to be fairly conservative thinkers. They are uncertain of the effect self government will have, and fear a total withdrawal of Australian aid in manpower and capital.

11. From the ready acceptance of the Kanganaman rumour (mentioned para. 8) And from what appeared to me to be a certain disillusionment with the Gauai Council I felt that these people may be readily receptive to the doctrines of the newly formed Pali Assn which has stemmed from the Turu Cargo Cult activities.

12. In Chambri the Roman Catholic missionary, Fr. Padlo attempted to nominate an opponent to the existing councillor, however, after he had nominated the man and his head teacher from the mission school had seconded the nomination, the nominee declined to stand. I was given the impression while talking to the villagers here that, while respecting Fr. Padlo for his concern and work in the area, they resent the extent to which he attempts to influence the political organisation of the villages concerned.

17. The people of the Chambri valley have two main sources of cash income. The first and perhaps the most steady is the sale of artifacts. At present the Chambri people are re-thinking the value of their goods. Due to the amounts some Ambian tourists are prepared to pay for artifacts, prices soared and due to this their local sales fell and with it income. Most of the goods they were of reasonable standard and prices, if still a little steep were not unreasonable.

18. While in Indragat the possibility of obtaining a rural development fund was discussed. The establishment of a group house at Indragat seemed very keen to try this on the last day of the visit. Chambri to Indragat makes it difficult for them to take advantage of the facilities provided at Indragat. The only assistance offered any assistance he was able to give.

19. The people of the Indragat valley showed great interest in the possibility of obtaining a rural development fund. They were very keen to try this on the last day of the visit. Chambri to Indragat makes it difficult for them to take advantage of the facilities provided at Indragat. The only assistance offered any assistance he was able to give.

Situation Report.

Economic.

13. From my observations on this patrol I would agree with the comments of other officers who have patrolled the area; when they say that here there is extremely limited economic potential particularly in regard to primary produce. I also concur with a comment made by Mr. P. den Oudsten in his Pagwi patrol report no. 3 of 1970/1971, para. e of economic situation. In talking about rice production prospects he says, "The potential is great, however the people are not really keen on the idea because 'it looks like hard work'". Here he was talking about the people of the Main River Census Division.

14. When talking with the people of Kandingai on the same topic they complained about the difficulty of earning money. I asked them if the operations of the new Pagwi smoke house was assisting their incomes and the reply was that "it was not worth catching fish for the smoke house as they were paid only 10 cents for three fish. The people of Ambunti area seem to think it worthwhile selling their catch to the Ambunti smoke house at the rate of 10 cents for four.

15. These people told me that it wasn't worth making carvings because the tourists were never brought into their village. I was answered with disinterested shrugs when I suggested that they go out to find a market for their work.

16. During high water in the wet season most of the land owned by these people is inundated. Due to this attempts to grow coffee have been abandoned. Efforts to find a suitable substitute cash crop revealed that rice could be grown successfully both in the wet and dry season, using a different species for each season. This however has not been tried to any extent by these people.

17. The people of the Chambri Lakes area have two main sources of cash income. The first and perhaps the most steady is the sale of artifacts. At present the Chambri people are re-thinking the price structure of their goods. Due to the amounts some American tourists are prepared to pay for artifacts, prices soared and due to this they found sales fell and with it income. Most of the carvings I saw were of reasonable standard and prices, if still a little steep were not unreasonable.

18. While in Indingai the possibility was discussed of obtaining a rural development fund loan for the establishment of a smoke house at Indingai. The people seemed very keen to try this as the long distance from Chambri to Pagwi makes it difficult for them to avail themselves of the facilities provided at Pagwi. The O.I.C. Pagwi offered any assistance he was able to give to help the project.

19. The People of the Chambri Lakes Area showed great interest in the possibility of mining company operations coming to their area. They asked for information as to when operations were to start. Unfortunately this information is as yet not at hand.

Sitration Report.

Social. (cont.)

20. Education seems to be a sore point in these census divisions at present. We were told of children who had to leave school simply because of the shortage of facilities. The schools available to these and two census divisions are, a government school at Korogo, and mission schools at Yamanumbu (A.O.G.), Kapiamari (R.C.), Chambri (R.C.), Kibom (R.C.), Changriman (R.C.), and Suapmeri (S.D.A.). Mr. Robertson in his recent area study quotes the statistics of 1,976 schoolage children and 28 teachers to cater for them, leaving a teacher student ratio of 1 to 70 if all could attend school.

21. Law and order is administered in the first instance by the O.I.C. Pagwi and in the second by the district court at Ambunti. Councillors are encouraged to assist by settling minor disputes and disputes involving custom. As Pagwi has the status of a base camp it is not supplied with a police detachment. Thus the nearest police are an hour away at Marprik.

22. Health is attended by aid posts at Wombun and Kanganaman and a trained sister is stationed at the Roman Catholic mission at Kapiamari. This sister does patrols throughout the area. The aid post at Changriman is in excellent condition but is as yet still unmanned.

23. A complaint was received from Fr. Padlo at Indingai. He said that for an extended period there had been a clinic in semi-completed state in Indingai. To date visiting medical teams had been permitted the use of the church as a clinic however Fr. Padlo is going to curtail its use.

24. Fr. Padlo also expressed strong feeling regarding a liquor licence which is at present being sought for Indingai. The council member, Mathias Yambunpe has made application for the licence. Fr. Padlo felt that the granting of this licence would severely effect the social well being of the community. He said that at present even without a licence drink was a problem in the area and that men were spending disproportionate amounts of their income on alcohol, and afterwards had a tendency to maltreat their families under its influence.

25. During the patrol I noticed no instances of alcohol abuse.

26. The most prominently active mission in this area is that of the Roman Catholic church. The two main centres for this mission's activity are at Chambri where there is a school and a very large church, and at Kapiamari where there is a school, a church, and a hospital.

27. The other two mission activities in the area are a school at Yamanumbu run by the Assemblies of God church and at Kandingai where the Summer School of Linguistics is operating.

28. I felt the peoples out look to the teachings of the missions was one of accepting the doctrines they liked and combining them with traditional beliefs. I was interested to see a carving of a priest (it may have been a representation of Christ) standing along with "tuncura" carvings in the center of the "haus tambaran" at Kilimit.

Situation Report.

Social (cont.)

29. I was impressed on this patrol at the number of land disputes in these two Census Divisions. Disputes brought to this patrol included Korogo-Tolenbei, Parambei-Kangananan, Wombun-Paliagui, Kilimbit-Timbunmeri, and Yentchanmungua-Wereman.

30. At Yentchanmungua the Assistant Field Officer and accompanying police had to curtail their survey due to threats of open fighting. This survey was called off and the people concerned were severely warned by the O.I.C. Pagwi of the consequences of fighting and were there fighting to break out both sides would be severely dealt with.

31. The people of Korogo and Tolenbei assured the patrol that they had talked their differences out and had reached agreement. The land under dispute was to be held as joint ownership. I strongly suspect however that without a formal court ruling any informal agreement could be at best temporary.

32. The other disputes mentioned are being investigated by the Assistant Field Officer.

33. Whilst in Chanriman the people there informed us that the people of its hamlet called Mari all wished to change the location of the hamlet. They wanted to shift to ground which they considered their own on the island on which Timbunmeri is situated. This would appear to be a move to prevent Timbunmeri claiming all the island. One of Mari's senior men has been living at the chosen site for some time now.

34. There are no women's or youth clubs in evidence in these two Census Divisions outside any activities run by the Missions.

35. Invariably all the men as far as possible would collect around the table during counting and scrutineering proceedings. This was encouraged as it enabled us to show the people the method of counting preferences and to indicate why a vote is either informal or exhausted.

36. Although there were no female nominations there were about as many female voters as male. By and large the female segment tended to vote more conservatively than the males, and while marking ballot papers I noticed that the females in the place seemed to all vote in the same way, almost as if they had discussed the candidates prior to the election and agreed on the vote of which would be used. In several cases of this type the voters ensured the existing councillor was re-elected.

37. There was evidence in several places where one nomination only was received, of a selection ballot based on the single name of Roger L. Kaufman particularly in places like Jopani. Assistant Patrol Officer. They elected new men to be their councillors.

38. In conclusion I think the activities of the patrol are a little too unexciting.

Special Report.

Introduction.

35. The purpose of this patrol was to carry out an election on behalf of the Gau Local Government Council, in the census divisions of Main River and Chambri Lakes. This object was carried out and a councillor was successfully elected in every ward concerned.

The Election.

36. There was no pre-election patrol in these areas for two main reasons:-  
I The man power to mount a patrol of this nature was not available.

II It was felt that these people, having had so long and constant contact with the Administration and its methods it was considered superfluous to mount such a patrol.

37. Ballots were held in Korogo, Indabu, Parambei, Malingai, Kanganaman, and Aibom. All the other places visited elected their councillor unopposed.

38. In all places where ballots took place a high degree of illiteracy exists necessitating considerable assistance in the marking of ballot papers. However out of those who marked their own ballot papers, very few were informal votes. I would say that in the main these people have a reasonable grasp of the preferential voting system.

39. The one instance where understanding perhaps lacks a little is in the case where the voter wishes to make his vote emphatic they would indicate first preference only. Efforts were made at each polling place to explain that this type of vote became exhausted after the first count, however this type of vote persisted nevertheless.

40. Invariably all the men or as many as possible would collect around the table during counting and scrutinize proceedings. This was encouraged as it enabled us to show the people the method of counting preferences and to indicate way a vote is either informal or exhausted.

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42. There was evidence in several places where one nomination only was received, of a pre-election selection ballot hence the single nomination. This appeared particularly in places like Japandai and Nyaurengai where they elected new men to be their councillor.

43. In conclusion I felt that the schedule of the patrol was a little too pressing.

Special Report.

The election.

The patrol was so programmed that two villages a day were to be visited and this schedule was set from Radio Wewak. While recognizing the tremendous value of the forewarning Radio Wewak provides it also has its shortcomings. On any patrol the unforeseen happening is the norm, so if the patrol is confronted with accident, breakdown of transport or urgent matters for attention during the patrol which are time consuming, the schedule is thrown out of step. The result of this is that the patrol arrives in a village late to find the population gone about their daily business. When questioned they reply "We were here yesterday but you did not come so today we have to work in our gardens etc." I feel the only solution to this is to send word ahead as the patrol advances and so enable the patrol to make more efficient use of time available to it.

44. The aims of the patrol, however were completed successfully.



Roger L. Kauffman.  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

Appendix "A"

Anthropological Notes

While in Kilitit the men took me to their "house ramboran" and demonstrated the playing of two garamuts. Before they started playing they explained to me that in fact these instruments were no more garamuts. They are infact masalai and are believed to possess supernatural powers. They call these two drums Idasun and Padasun. They said that when pleid together with a pair of bamboo flutes known as Emaviu, and considered to be female masalai, the fish in the surrounding lakes and waterweys are caused to collect so that fishing expeditions may find success.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
SUE DISTRICT OFFICE  
14 OCT 1971  
AMBUNTI EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

# PATROL REPORT

District of East Sepik Report No. Pagwi Patrol Nr. 2 1971/72.

Patrol Conducted by D.B. Robertson (A.P.O.)

Area Patrolled Main River C.D. and Cnambri Lakes C.D. Ambunti S.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R.L. Kauffman (A.P.O.)

1 outboard motor operator.  
Natives.....

Duration—From 6 / 9 / 1971 to 19 / 9 / 1971

Number of Days Ten days (7 nights camped out)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 13 / 1 / 1971

Medical Aid Posts in areas.

Map Reference Ambunti fourmil.

Objects of Patrol Gau Local Government Council elections.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 .....  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....  
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....  
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OA:MD

P.O. Box 2396,  
KOMODOU.

67-8-13

20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WENAK.

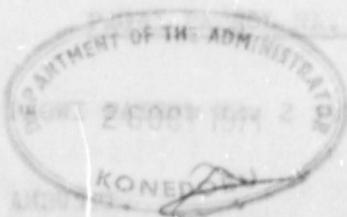
PAGGI PATROL NO.2 OF 1971-72.

Your reference is 67-3-9 of 30th September, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Situation Report by Mr. R. Kauffman, Assistant Patrol Officer, of the Main River and Chambri Lakes Census Divisions.

(S.J. PEARSALL)  
a/Secretary.

67-8-13-12



REPORT NUMBER:

67-1-9

SUB DISTRICT:

67-1-9

COUNCIL/WOM -COUNCIL: COUNCIL.

Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
Ambunti,  
East Sepik District.  
19th October 1971

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D.S. ROBERTSON

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,

RESID: Wewak RESIDENTIAL PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED: Pagwi Patrol No. 2/1971-72  
Mr. D. E. Robertson - A.P.O.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: S.I. KANTHAN (A.P.O. PATROL OFFICER)  
1. Attached please find 3 copies of the abovementioned report  
1 patrol map for sun printing please  
relevant camping allowance claims.

OTHER: 2. My Comments Are: 19.9.71. (TEN DAYS).

SITUATION REPORT - Political - Para 6. I completely concur with  
DATE Mr. Robertson's view. Straight offense of a Lands Assistant and  
TO an Officer to survey the area under dispute will not be accepted.  
An informal approach is required to bring the sides together.

Appendix A. Variations in River levels is about 16 - 18 feet the  
figures 4 - 20 fathoms refer to variable river depths at different  
places.

TOTAL POPULATION: No copies of the actual electoral returns have yet been  
received at Ambunti.

MAP INFORMATION: AMBUNTI COUNCIL.

VILLAGE POPULATION ESTIMATION: NOT BY L. W. Bragge,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

Assisted: District Local Government Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
AMBUNTI.

67-1-9  
District Office,  
WEWAK.  
26th October, 1971.

Receipt of the report of the above patrol is acknowledged.  
When o.c. Officer In Charge, please see if you can arrange for a conference  
to resolve Pagwi and bickering at Chambri.

(S. G. HICKS)  
District Commissioner.

District Office,  
WEWAK.  
26th October, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report are forwarded herewith.

*E. G. Hicks*  
(E. G. HICKS)  
District Commissioner.

PAGWI PATROL NR. 2 1971/72.

REPORT NUMBER: PAGWI PATROL NR. 2 1971/72.

SUB DISTRICT: AMBUNTI.

DISTRICT: EAST SEPIA.

COUNCIL/NON -COUNCIL: COUNCIL.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D.B.ROBERTSON

DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED: MAIN RIVER AND CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISIONS.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: R.L.KAUFFMAN (ASST. PATROL OFFICER)  
1 OUTBOARD MOTOR OPERATOR.

DURATION OF PATROL: 6.9.71 to 19.9.71. (TEN DAYS).

DATE AND DURATION OF LAST DDA PATROL

TO AREA: 13.1.71 (TWENTYSEVEN DAYS).

OBJECTS OF PATROL: GAUI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED: MAIN RIVER C.D. 5097  
CHAMBRI LAKES C.D. 2561.

MAP REFERENCE: AMBUNTI FOURMIL.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER : NOT ENCLOSED.

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PAGWI PATROL NR. 2 1971/72. 10

PATROL DIARY.

6.9.71. Departed per canoe for JAPANAI in company with APO KAUFFMAN (Ambunti), and TPO BINJARI. Arrived 1100 hrs. People assembled and nominations called for. Only one nomination received, Joseph Anganjuan elected unopposed. Departed for JAPANAUT, some confusion so no election conducted. Talks with people at night to 1900 hrs. Slept JAPANAUT.

7.9.71. Nominations for Councillor again called for. Talks given to all people on electoral procedures. Finally only one nomination received, Ken Dowrie, a trader of Pagwi. A check to be made to find out if he is eligible to stand for this village. APO KAUFFMAN and TPO BINJARI, departed for YENTCHAMANGUA and KANDINGAI to conduct elections, myself returned to PAGWI for visit of Treasury Inspector, Mr. G. COOK who arrived at 1030 hrs.

Rest of day spent in inspection of stores, check of finances etc. Slept PAGWI.

8.9.71. Departed for KOROGO at 0800. Collected KAUFFMAN and BINJARI en route. Arrived KOROGO, people don't know what they want to do. Talks given on procedure of elections and voting.

Departed for NYAURENGAI at 1100 hrs and arrived at 1130. People assembled and nominations called for, only one, NUMBUK. Elected unopposed. Village inspected.

KAUFFMAN and BINJARI to sleep at NYAURENGAI, myself at KOROGO. Arrived at 1630 hrs. Slept KOROGO.

9.9.71. Discussions with people to 0915 hrs. they have decided to nominate three men. Departed for NYAURENGAI to collect KAUFFMAN and BINJARI.

About 0945 hrs whilst proceeding in canoe at a normal speed through Kandingai "barat", confronted at a sharp bend by double-canoe coming towards us, loaded with men, women and children. Collision inevitable. Children etc. capsized into water. Much confusion and plenty of talk. No major injuries and everybody safe. Three canoes then lashed together and proceeded on to NYAURENGAI where assistance given in straightening everything.

Our patrol gear loaded and we returned to KOROGO at 1215 hrs. Election conducted to 1500 hrs. KONGKONG re-elected.

Proceeded onto SUAPNERI, arrived at 1530 hrs. People assembled, only one nomination and ULANDI re-elected unopposed. Returned to Pagwi for check on land dispute surveys. Slept PAGWI.

14.9.71. Departed PAGWI in company with APO KAUFFMAN, for continuation of election patrol. Arrived YENTCHAN 1400 hrs. People assembled one nomination for Councillor received, KEMEN re-elected unopposed.

Departed for KANGANAMAN arrived and unloaded patrol gear. Departed for MALINGAI, 35 minutes walk from river.

People assembled, three nominations for Council. Election conducted, MANDO re-elected. Returned to KANGANAMAN at 2000 hrs. Slept KANGANAMAN.

PATROL DIARY. (continued).

- 15.9.71. PARAMBEI Councillor reported at 0645 hrs, that his people have requested that a delay in voting at his village be allowed. Reasons given being that a man had died and mourning was taking place. Decided to suspend voting for a few days.
- All KAWJANAMAN people assembled, three nominations. Election conducted and GONDUAN re-elected.
- Patrol gear loaded into canoe and departed for TEGOI at 1200 hrs., arrived at 1240 hrs. At 1500 hrs people assembled and after much talking they decided only one nomination would be made, GWALAI re-elected unopposed. Slept TEGOI.
- 16.9.71. Departed TEGOI at 0700 and arrived AIBOM at 0650 hrs. All people assembled. Three nominations for Councillor. Election papers prepared etc. Election conducted at 1330 hrs. BOUIDI elected.
- Left for WOMBUN at 1400 hrs and arrived at 1430 hrs. People assembled and only one nomination received, MEPLAGEN re-elected. Discussions with people to 1700 hrs. Slept INDINGAI.
- 17.9.71. Walked to KILIMBIF at 0745 hrs, 15 minutes walk. People assembled, only one nomination received. Return to INDINGAI, nominations called for. Two nominations received, however one man refused nomination so MATTIAS YAMBUNPE re-elected.
- Departed for TIMBUNMERI and arrived at 1300 hrs. after some difficulty negotiating lake due to low level of water. People assembled and again only one nomination received.
- Proceeded on to CHANGRIMAN, arrived at 1530 hrs. People assembled at 1700 hrs, one nomination only. Slept CHANGRIMAN.
- 18.9.71. Departed CHANGRIMAN 0700 hrs for PALIAGUI and arrived at 0830 hrs, people assembled, including people from YANBI YANBI, one nomination only.
- Left at 1000 hrs. for PARAMBEI, arrived at 1200 hrs. People assembled, four nominations received. Discussions with men, decided only one Councillor would be elected whereas before they had two.
- Election conducted, with three counts, LAMI elected. A re-count conducted as a precaution. Some people not very happy with result and demanding a re-vote.
- Departed for INDABU at 1545 hrs. arrived at 1630 hrs. Two nominations received so election conducted, AMBALU elected, concluded at 1800 hrs. Slept INDABU.
- 19.9.71. Departed INDABU at 0945 hrs arrived PAGWI 1210 hrs. Patrol stood down.

SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

1. This Patrol was conducted for the purpose of the electing of Councillors to the Gaui Local Government Council. The areas patrolled comprise the Main River and Chambri Lakes Census Divisions of the Ambunti Sub-District. Travel throughout was by canoe with the only walking involved being into the villages of Parambei and Malingai.

2. Delays were caused at Korogo and Parambei villages by the people themselves not being ready to conduct the elections, and a further small delay was caused by a collision between the Administration canoe and a double-canoe (Patrol Diary 9.9.71).

3. In typical fashion, in some villages, the people themselves had conducted elections before our arrival with the result that upon our calling for nominations, only one would be made. This fashion brought forward two new Councillors without an election being necessary. Generally I thought quite a bit of interest was shown, by both male and female population, however the system of preferential voting is difficult to get across satisfactorily.

4. At the time of this Patrol, land dispute investigations were being carried out at various places on the river, also the Pagwi Station survey was being conducted and I found it difficult to concentrate fully on the immediate task.

POLITICAL.

1. A report on the special purposes of this Patrol is presented in Appendix "B".

2. The people of the two Census Divisions patrolled carry most "weight" and their voices are more vociferous in expressing opinions during the Council meetings, than their counterparts from the Burui-Kunai and Sepik Plains areas which help comprise the Gaui Council area. The people are not particularly political party conscious nor are they up with the finer points of administration or politics. Only one or two members would consider "lobbying" for support, most rely on their clan or group members as a natural support. Again, this is very evident amongst the Sepik River members where very clear-cut and distinct factions are involved in Council meetings.

3. It is my opinion that these people are too much involved with their local trivialities to become concerned with larger and more important facets of government. This is borne out during discussions in the villages where it is my usual practice to call for questions which the people would like answered. These questions are very seldom forthcoming, following which I suggest a range of subjects of a political nature and invite comments or questions on these, the response is usually a little better.

SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL. (continued).

4. The peoples attitude towards the Administration is generally favourable and very little criticism is levelled in this direction. Local Government Councillors are usually respected and their directions carried out.

5. Land disputes are an un-ending source of trouble in this area. Not only disputes over land, but also over fishing rights in the lakes, the rights to use certain "barats", during the dry season when islands appear in the river, they fight over these too. With five disputes to be registered with the Lands Titles Commission for settlement, following the latest investigations carried out, this may go a small way to settling some of the disturbances. Apart from this, these people are usually law abiding and serious offences are few and far between.

6. In the Chambri Lakes area there is a situation brewing which needs serious investigation in the near future, before it develops too far. It is well known that the people of Timbunmeri are the "outsiders" in the Lakes area, however following a L.T.C. hearing last year, these people won the court case and the ground upon which their village is situated. Near their village, and also situated on this island of "Timbun" is a small hamlet called "Mari", population about 40 people. These people are Chambri people and are censused with the Timbunmeri village. Further south of this island is the villages of Changriman and Mari (Nr.1), also Chambri people. The Councillor from Changriman has stated to me that the people of Mari (Nr. 1) wish to leave their village and migrate to the small hamlet near Timbunmeri. He also states that he wishes to remain Councillor for them when they move, instead of the Timbunmeri Councillor having control over them. This will be discussed with the Gauri Council Adviser as no doubt Ward boundaries will come into this. Apart from this aspect, this move is obviously a deliberate attempt to strengthen the Chambri claim to the remainder of Timbun island and will certainly bring pressure to bear on the Timbunmeri people when gardens start to be formed and when there is an influx of people fishing near the villages. At the moment I have suggested to the Councillor that he dissuade the people from moving until more thought is given to it, and this Office has a chance to investigate the full implications.

7. During the recent cult at Yangoru, a lot of people from the river villages attended and were members, however no reports of Chambri people being involved have been received here.

SITUATION REPORT.ECONOMIC.

1. Traditionally these River and Lakes people gain nearly all of their income from the sale of artifacts. The villages gaining most from these activities are Yentcham; Kandingai; Nyaurengai; Korogo; Yentchan; Kanganaman; Parambei; Aibom; Wombun; Indingai and Kilimbit. It is a fact that in the last 6 months, literally thousands of dollars have been poured into these villages. Museum staff, tourists and commercial buyers have been responsible for this, and to a smaller degree the Gaui Council.

2. Of the villages which do not trade in artifacts, Japandai, Japanaut, Suapmeri; Timbunmeri; LukLuk and Arinjone are making a lot of money out of crocodile skins. Mr. K. Trueman from Angoram is very active in this field and is buying every skin he can obtain. I am not conversant with his current buying prices, although they are well down on prices of recent years.

3. Coffee gardens and rice bring in a small income for some people in the Lakes region but this work does not appear very popular. Prosecutions by the Council for un-clean coffee gardens at Chambri have not been gone on with to date. Instructions from the Kilimbit Councillor (twice) and myself for these men to attend Pagwi for Court action have been ignored. This has been referred back to the Council for their action.

4. The upsurge of the wealth in the river is that villages are pooling their money to buy trucks and other vehicles for transport between Pagwi - Maprik - Wewak. Villages which have recently bought trucks or cars include Malingai (2); Parambei; Kanganaman is currently buying one from Madang; Yamanambu; Japandai; Kandingai and Aibom. This is creating problems re garaging at Pagwi and requests are being received for blocks of land on which they wish to erect garages.

5. Rural Development Funds have not yet been sought by these people for any reason, although explanations have been given to assist them and suggestions made to help the people. Development Bank loans have been obtained for two cattle projects in the Chambri Lakes, one at Wombun and the other near Garamambu.

6. One matter brought to my attention concerns the "haus-tamberan" at Kanganaman. A separate letter to A.D.C. Ambanti regarding this is attached. Also the matter of the Angoram Society which is apparently in liquidation or has been amalgamated with some other concern. The people of Aibom have not received any firm answer from previous enquiries made on this matter.

SOCIAL.

1. Schools in this area are situated at Kapsimari C.M. and Chamhri Lakes C.M.; Yamamambu A.O.G. Mission, Suapmeri S.D.A. Chamgriman C.M. Keroge P.T. school. Every advantage is taken by the villagers to send their children to school, the only in the area near Pagwi that concern is shown by parents at the lack of a school nearby.

2. The withdrawal of the Police detachment from Pagwi has not been good for the local people. Numerous questions have been asked as to the reason for this move but I have been unable to answer them.

3. Health is generally good, although a recent run of whooping cough at Kandingai resulted in the death of 13 children. With the probably completion of a ward with beds, in the near future, at Pagwi, it should be possible to provide a better service for the people.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. The general attitude of all the people in these two Census Divisions towards self-help is to "let every one else do the work". I cannot foresee any change in this attitude in the near future.

*D.B. Robertson*  
D.B. Robertson,

Assistant Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

NAVIGABLE RIVERS INFORMATION.

PAGWI PATROL NR. 2 1971/72.

EXTEND OF NAVIGABLE SECTION.	LENGTH OF SECTION.	DEPTH OF WATER IN CHANNEL.		MAXIMUM SPEED OF CURRENT.		TIDAL RESTRICTIONS.	LANDING PLACES IN SECTION.	GENERAL COMMENTS.
		HIGH WATER.	LOW WATER.	HIGH.	LOW.			
SEPIK RIVER. PAGWI TO mouth of Tangamat "barat" (approx. 33 miles east of Pagwi).	33 miles.	4 fthms.	20 fthms.	5 kts.	4 kts.	a. floating logs. b. no surf. c. no rapids. d. no dangerous whirlpools. f. no limit to length of craft. g. many sand-banks.	Jetties at Pagwi and Kapaimari C.M. River-bank landings.	Fairly low water level made navigation difficult.

TO 40 FOOT SINGLE CANOE.

In the Chambri Lakes, navigation was extremely difficult due to the extremely low water level. Average approx. depth, 3-4 feet, slightly deeper in the channel if it could be found.

APPENDIX "B".

REPORT ON SPECIAL PURPOSES OF PATROL.

1. The election of Councillors to the Gau Local Government Council was the purpose of this Patrol. Unfortunately, at the time of this Patrol, land dispute investigations were being carried out in this area and these required constant attention from myself. However I am quite satisfied that the men elected by the people in each village are the men that they want as their representative, and whether ~~xxxxxx~~ elections were held or not, these men are the popular vote of the people. It was quite obvious that in some cases the people had conducted their own election prior to our arrival and then only one nomination would be made to us, still the popular vote of the people.

2. The peoples understanding of the preferential voting system is not great and is difficult to explain to them. The number of female voters was fairly high in each election held, an average of 40 - 50 %. It is ~~ix~~ a fact that in two cases, the "en masse" voting of the female voters swayed the election in favour of one candidate. Nearly 90% of the voters required help to mark their ballot papers, the women more so than the men.

3. Alist of Councillors elected are as under:

JAPANDAI	Joseph Anganjuan	(no election) *
YAMANAMBU	Koma Wagundambwi	( election) *
JAPANAUT	Sikia Dambwi	(no election) *
YENTCHANMANGUA	Yambu Sanginoguan	(no election) )
KANDINGAI	Win Sigawui	( no election)
NYAURENGAI	Numbuk Waeve	( no election) *
KOROGO	Kongkong	( election)
SUAPMERI	Wulandi Kapsi	( no election)
YENTCHAN	Kemen Wambui	( no election)
MALINGAI	Mando Cupal	( election)
PARAMBEI	Lazi Abwan	( election)
INDABU	Ambul Tarangowi	( election) *
KANGANAMAN	Gonduan KatKar	( election)
TEGOI	Gwalai Andi	( no election)
AIBOM	Bouwi Kupa	( election) *
WOMBUN	Mepiagen	( no election)
INDINGAI	Mattias Yambunpe	( no election)
KILIMBIT	John Wasi	( no election )
TIMBUNMERI	Wangi Mevan	( no election )
CHANGRIMAN	Suat Sankowi	( no election )
PALIAGUI	Hoses Marabigan	( no election ).

\* indicates a change of Councillor.

4. There were six changes of Councillors, two compulsory, at Nyaurengai and Aibom, where no Councillor had been present for some months. The lack of elections in the Chambri Lakes C.D. could have been due to the influence of the President of the Council, Mattias Yambunpe (Iadingai), who has stated to me several times, his dislike for "too many changes amongst Councillors."

5. In the controversial case of Japanaut village, where the nomination of Ken Dowrie of Pagwi was at first accepted and then rejected by the Returning Officer. The people, under sufferance have nominated another village man who now stands as Councillor, but it is known that in a few months time, changes will be made and Ken Dowrie will be elected as Councillor for this village.

6. In the ~~xxx~~ case of Parambei and Indabu villages, one Councillor from each village was elected, this was the express wish of the people and was agreed to. Previously Parambei has had 2 Councillors, although Indabu is a village with a population of 269.

7. Of the new Councillors elected:

Joseph Anganjuan is a well known entrepreneur, has a fairly checkered record, but is not afraid to speak out and has some understanding of politics which others do lack.

Koma Wagundambwi is a Hospital Orderley stationed at Pagwi. Has the understanding of the requirements of his new Office and will bring some common sense into the meetings.

Bouwi Kupa is the new Councillor for Aibom. A few years he started a cargo cult in this area and served a prison sentence at Ambunti.

8. Generally speaking, this is undoubtedly the most democratic election Gaui Council has had conducted, apart from the inaugural elections, some improvement in the Council work can be expected in the future as a result of the election of some of these new members.

*D.B. Robertson*

D.B. Robertson

Assistant Patrol Officer.

OA:MD

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDORU.

28th February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEHAK.

PAGWI PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971-72.

Your unreferenced minute of 22nd February, 1972, refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above Patrol of the Gauk Council area as prepared by Mr. D. Robertson, Assistant Patrol Officer.

There is no assessment by either the Assistant District Commissioner or yourself.

Mr. Robertson deals with a number of subjects including the Peli Cult, attitudes to sorcery, attitude to self government and independence, and electoral preparations in the one situation report. The idea of the new type Situation Reports is that each such subject should be reported and assessed individually.

Nevertheless the report is interesting.

The Boot Allowance claim has been passed on for payment.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

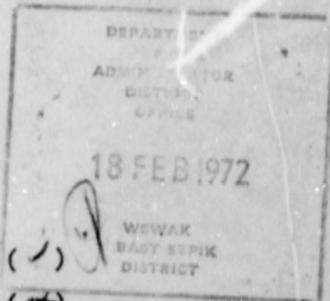


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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: PAGWI RR. 3 71/76 OBJECTS OF PATROL: OBTAIN PRE-ELECTION INFO. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.  
 DISTRICT: EAST SEPIK. STATION: PAGWI.  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D.B. ROBERTS SUB-DISTRICT: AMBUINTI.  
 AREA PATROLLED: GAUI COUNCIL. DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.  
 DURATION OF PATROL: 15 days. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 1 member R.P.H.G.C. Aid Post Orderly.  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: SEPTEMBER '71. NUMBER OF DAYS: 10 days.  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: SEPTEMBER '71. TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: GAUI COUNCIL 15,000.  
 MAP REFERENCE: '71. COUNCIL AREA: GAUI  
AMBUINTI FOURMIL. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: WOSERA\_GAUI.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS ~~38~~ TO 42, (✓)
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, (✓)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, ( )
- AREA STUDY, ( )
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ( )
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , (✓)
- PATROL MAP, ( )
- .....
- .....

DATE: 16/2/1972  
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..... *L. W. Bragge*  
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY, ( )
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ( )
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ( )
- ..... *Political* .....
- ..... *Claim Post Allowance* .....
- DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF
- PATROL & REPORT ..... ABOVE AVERAGE
- ..... AVERAGE ✓
- ..... BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 22/2/1972

..... *E. G. Hild*  
District Commissioner.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION RAGWI..... OFFICER COMPILING D.B. ROBERTSON.....  
 DISTRICT EAST SEPIK..... SUB-DISTRICT AMBUNTI.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION GAUI COUNCIL L.G. COUNCIL GAUI L.G.C......

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : POLITICAL.

See attached forms.

SGD : D.B. Robertson.....  
 DATE : 7.2.72.....

POLITICAL.

1. The varying attitudes of the people from the Gaid L.G. Council area towards self-government, independence and politics in general was a striking feature on this patrol. Burui-Kunai and Sepik Plains people do not want self-government or independence at any cost, they are quite happy with the way things are. Unfortunately their comprehension of the meaning of self-government is practically nil and consequently they are afraid of the outcome when self-government does arrive.
2. At Yamok village, which has been a Mattias Yaliwan stronghold, try as I might to convince the people that they would probably achieve self-government in the next few years and they would probably not notice any great change in their daily living, they were nearly certain that I was telling lies and as far as they were concerned they wanted no change like this. Further to this, Yaliwan has told them that Independence will be here first and another country or power will be taking over Papua-New Guinea at this time. This sort of statement supported the peoples view that the Government is just lying to them and that they really have something to be frightened of.
3. The Manja villages of Mol-Bangwingei-Maingugu in the Sepik Plains Census Division, do not comprehend the meaning of self-government and are totally embroiled in the workings of sorcery and have little time for anything else. A boy dies from snake bite, it is assumed someone has worked sorcery; a man is killed in a car accident - sorcery; the latest episode involves the Aid Post Orderley from Pagwi who has had his underpants stolen by a man from Mol village, allegedly to make sorcery. The rest of the Burui-Kunai and Sepik Plains people will support the government. The village of Jama is another hot-bed of cultists and the word from this area is that they are not going to vote in the elections but will be going to Yangoru. Yaliwan has told them, amongst other things, that their membership money to the cult will be lost if they vote; further, he will provide a black box for them to vote for him and the District Commissioner himself will come and collect these votes; this box will not be opened for 3 montas.
4. It is obvious that a lot more political education work is needed the Burui-Kunai and Sepik Plains area.
5. I found the River people in the lower part of the Main River Census Division, quite blase about the whole affair of the elections. There were no pertinent questions asked but one or two interesting points were made. These were -
  - (a). The Parambei people are concerned that some of the ex-Policemen and ex-Administration personnel returning to the village try to run the place, i.e. dictate policy, conduct courts etc. I have a feeling that in this case the Councillors nose has been put out of joint by his power being usurped.
  - (b). They expressed views that with the country moving towards self-government and independence, men who can talk English, Pidgin and Motu, were needed at the top. The candidate for the elections from this village is well educated and speaks the 3 languages.
  - (c). The third point made concerned this particular candidate and he will be asked some questions as soon as I can get in touch with him. He has been telling the people that if the Government don't want a certain candidate to win, the election can be "rigged" and the result arranged accordingly. Consequent to this remark, strict instructions as to voting procedures will be given to the polling teams and no chances will be taken.

6. Before leaving the subject of Parambei village, this is one village which is continually wracked with internal strife, mainly emanating between the two "haus-bois", named Nambaraman and Paimbe. The relationship with nearby villages is poor and they are definitely "on their own". It is an education for any young Officer to attend this village because they will keep him busy from sun-up to sun-down with their domestic strife, bickering over land, ~~stirring~~, ~~land~~, ~~land~~ and everything else.
7. Nearby Kanganaman, expressed their concern at the way Parambei women intrude into the "paun-wara" named Limbunbu, near Tegoi, for fishing purposes. Apparently an Officer arbitrated before and decided this water belonged to Kararau, which is further down river. Now however Kanganaman and Tegoi people are upset because Parambei are intruding. The only village not getting in on the act appears to be the owners, Kararau. After discussions Parambei agreed not to push their luck too far and would stay out. This is just one more dispute in the never ending bickering in this particular area.
8. Chambri Lakes people showed interest in the electoral programme and meetings were well attended. I explained that people from this area who now lived away in other areas would have to vote in the electorates in which they now resided, their votes would not come back into the Wosera-Gaui Electorate. This raised a few eyebrows and a few voices too, they were not happy about this aspect. Timbunmeri village in the Lakes area, are Peli Assn. fiends and are awaiting the call to attend at Yangoru.
9. The "Nyaula" group of villages which are on the river and nearest Fagwi, are standing three candidates. Meetings here were well attended, interest was shown but not much was being said. However these people are the "stirrers" of the Gaui area and I fully realize that any slight mistake or inadvertent malpractice by our poll clerks will bring forth an outburst from these people. I was interested to hear people from Pandingai village here say they thought two of the "Nyaula" candidates were not worth talking about.
10. All in all, an interesting patrol politically, I now know what to expect and what is to be guarded against in the polling period.

*D.B. Robertson*  
D.B. Robertson,  
Assistant Patrol Officer.



H. Q.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... EAST SEPIK ..... Report No. PAGWI PATROL 4 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by..... L.W. BRAGGE (A.D.C.) .....

Area Patrolled..... MAIN RIVER AND CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISIONS, AMBUNTI SUBDISTRICT .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... D.B. ROBERTSON (A.P.O.) .....

Natives..... 1 MEMBER R.P.N.G.C. ....

Duration—From..... 13 / 1 / 1971 ..... to..... 8 / 2 / 19 71 .....

Number of Days..... 27 days. ....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO. ....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 28 / 9 / 19 70 .....

Medical AID POSTS IN AREA..... / 19 .....

Map Reference..... AMBUNTI FOURMIL. ....

Objects of Patrol..... CENSUS REVISION, TRAINING, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, .....

..... FAMILIARISATION. ....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

*M. S. Gray*

Forwarded, please.

121 31 19 71.

*E. J. Heits*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from I.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

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KOMBOBU, PAPUA

31st May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WAK.

PAGHI PATROL NO. 4 OF 1971/72

Your reference is 67-1-9 of 12th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. D.B. Robertson of Main River and Chambri Lakes Census Divisions, Ambunti Sub-District, East Sepik District.

From Para. 5 of "Land Tenure and Use" at Page 7 of the Area Study, it appears that the Catholic Mission may be illegally occupying native land. Your assessment in due course would be appreciated.

"Comments" and the "separate correspondence" referred to under "Missions" at Para. 2 are also requested.

Have the Map and Population Registers been posted yet?

Mr. Robertson has presented an outstanding report for an officer of his seniority and I agree with you that his observations make the report more informative.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

67-1-9

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REPLY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
12 MAR 1971

67-1-9

Division of District  
Administration,  
District Office,  
WEWAK, East Sepik District.

12th March, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
AMBUNTI.

PAGWI PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1970-72  
MR. D. B. ROBERTSON

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged together with your covering memorandum 67-1-9 of the 10th March, 1971. I consider that this report is quite outstanding due to its layout, neatness and information contained therein. Please compliment Mr. Robertson accordingly, as this officer has only been a short time in the District and it is obvious from his work that he has definitely more than a passing interest in his work; too many Patrol Reports received at this District Headquarters today contain little reporting of the observations made, if any, by the officer.

Your covering comments leave little for me to add to except on the matter of the demand for shotguns. I think it can be pointed out to Councillors that it is not in the best interests of the community at large if every person has a shotgun in his household and that a commonsense approach must be taken by the Council in giving their sanction to people who make an application for a permit to purchase.

Sunprint copies of the map will be forwarded to you in due course.

*E. G. Hicks*  
(E. G. HICKS)  
District Commissioner.

c.c.  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

Mr. NAUWI SAUINAMBI, M.H.A. for the area is under constant pressure by his constituents to have all restrictions against the purchasing of shotguns lifted.

For your information and records.

*E. G. Hicks*  
(E. G. HICKS)  
District Commissioner.

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be requested to write separate statements on both Main River and Chambri Lakes divisions and arriving at a per capita income figure.

9. The short coming in the Economy section is no fault of Mr. Robertsons. He has complied the report with the standing instructions. see my 87-1-1 of 30th July 1970 and 1-1-1 of 6th July 1970.

10. An officer is now typing out the relevant sections of Standing Instructions on ronic sheets so copies may be distributed.

11. Appendix D of the 45 motors held by people of the Chambri and Main River 30 are US, of the US motors many are motors in name only, being so completely wrecked that they will never be repaired.

Appendix F

12. This radio census of 216 radios and the reported listening habits again testify to the 'awesome power of the Administration radio station'. A 'Tok Save' over radio Wewak is by far the easiest and surest method of quickly reaching any person anywhere in either Ambunti or Gawi Council areas.

13. The report is full of useful data and is a valuable document. Together with a full assessment of the economy it will provide useful information for the annual report as well as for general reference.

L. W. Bragge,

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer In Charge,  
Base Camp,  
Pagwi.

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Division of District  
Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
East Sepik District.

10th March 1971

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
Wewak.

Pagwi Patrol Report No. 4/1970-71

Mr. D. B. Robertson - A.P.O.

1. Attached please find four copies of the above report plus one copy of the patrol map for sun printing please. (one copy for each copy of the report).
2. The camping allowance claim is attached for payment please.
3. L. W. Bragge, A.D.C. accompanied the patrol and submitted a report plus camping allowance claim in February.
4. The report under review cover what are in fact two patrol. These were combined as the A.D.C. wanted to visit both the main River and Chambri Lakes while on patrol out of Pagwi. Mr. Robertson should have submitted two area studies rather than the combined one attached. Future patrols covering more than one division will be instructed to submit two area studies.

#### Area Study

##### Population Distribution and Trends

5. Para 4. V.P.R.'s have been returned to Pagwi for adjustment and will be forwarded when to hand.

Para 5. Mr. Robertson will be requested to recommend the name change in the Village Directory from MENSUAT to PALIAGUI.

Para 6. Garamambu have mentioned a land dispute in the MILAE/MAKANUN area, so until the matter is clarified no village name change will be recommended.

##### Land Tenure and Use.

6. Land disputes are the largest political and potential political problem in the Ambunti Sub District. No further elaboration or correspondence illustrating the difficulties of surveying swamp land while registering disputes will be entered into here.

##### Standard of Living.

7. Para 3. Both Ambunti and Gaui Council areas are pressing for more shot guns, see my 38-1-4 of 26th Jan. 1971.

##### Economy of the Area.

8. This section is inadequate. As this is regarded as the most important part of an area study Mr. Robertson will

be requested to write separate statements on both Main River and Chambri Lakes divisions and arriving at a per capita income figure.

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L. W. Braggo,

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer In Charge,  
Base Camp,  
Pagwi.

PATROL REPORT.

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	"	"M" ENTREPRENEURS.
	"	"N" SCHOOLS.

TOTAL: 137965.

ENCLOSED.

AMURTI PORNIL.

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PAGWI PATROL No. 4 1970/71.  
PATROL REPORT.  
PATROL DIARY.

REPORT NR. PAGWI NR. 4 1970/71.  
SUB-DISTRICT. JAPANDAI at AMBUNTI. Talks with Councillor and  
DISTRICT. of census delays EAST SEPIK DISTRICT. as Census roll had  
not been located. Talks given on census, political  
TYPE OF PATROL. Council CENSUS REVISION. discussed and  
arbitration in some troubles.  
COUNCIL/NON-COUNCIL. COUNCIL.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY. L.W. BRAGGE.  
DESIGNATION. Departed JAPANDAI 0800 and arrived YAMANABU at  
sit to A.G.G. ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. 1000.  
Return to village. Census taken and further discussions on  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING. D.B. ROBERTSON, A.P.O. assembled.  
Carvings inspected and bought for Council. Return to JAPANDAI  
after receiving report 1 MEMBER OF R.F.N.G.C. being conducted  
by Mr. Bragge. Left JAPANDAI at 0930 for JAPANAUT and  
DURATION OF PATROL. after 14.1.71 to 8.2.71. PAGWI.  
Slept JAPANAUT.

26 NIGHTS CAMPED OUT.

15.1.71.  
LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA. 28.9.70. acted, disputes heard and  
arbitrated on. Talks given, questions answered, no courts heard.  
OBJECTS OF PATROL. CENSUS REVISION.

16.1.71. AREA STUDY.  
Departed JAPANAUT 0915 and arrived at YENICORANGUA at  
0935. Village inspected ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION. as soon  
as rain had eased. Census revised and concluded at 1230 hrs.  
Talks on self-government FAMILIARISATION. people assembled. got a  
very good response. Correspondence in afternoon then a further  
TOTAL POPULATION OF lake, hearing of the people's problems etc. to  
AREA PATROLLED. MAIN RIVER C.D. 5223  
Slept YENICORANGUA.

CHAMBRI LAKES C.D. 2742.

17.1.71. TOTAL: 1137965. and arrived KONGGO  
Departed YENICORANGUA at 1200 hrs. Village inspection carried out. Afternoon  
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER. KONGGO. ENCLOSED.

MAP REFERENCE. AMBUNTI FOURMIL.

Census conducted to 1400 hrs. Talks on self-government  
given, Courts conducted and talks with Councillor to 1900 hrs.  
Slept KONGGO.

19.1.71. Departed KONGGO 0800 and arrived M. DINDAI at 0800.  
Political education talks given and questions answered. Village  
inspected. Waited for rain to clear then conducted census.  
Courts heard and other complaints settled.  
Slept MANDINGAI.

20.1.71. Departed MANDINGAI 0800 and arrived MANDINGAI at 0815.  
Census conducted, some complaints heard. On road  
MANDINGAI 1120 en route to AMBUNTI. Stopped at 1400 hrs.  
Checked office correspondence, then arrived AMBUNTI.  
Slept AMBUNTI.

PAGWI PATROL NR. 4 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY.

13.1.71.

Deparred PAGWI per Ambunti river-truck at 1030 hrs. and arrived at JAPANDAI at 1100 hrs. Talks with Councillor and people instructed to assemble at 1330 hrs for Census revision. Taking of census delayed until a later date as Census roll had not been located. Talks given on self-government, political education and Council work. Problems discussed and arbitration in some troubles. Slept JAPANDAI.

14.1.71.

Deparred JAPANDAI 0800 and arrived at YAMANAMBU at 0820. Visit to A.O.G. Mission and discussions there till 1000. Return to village. Census taken and further discussions on political education, talks given to all people assembled. Carvings inspected and bought for Council. Return to JAPANDAI after receiving report of an assault. Court hearing conducted by Mr. Bragge. Left JAPANDAI at 0530 for JAPANAUT and arrived at 0615 after leaving prisoner at PAGWI. Slept JAPANAUT.

15.1.71.

CENSUS taken, village inspected, disputes heard and arbitrated on. Talks given; questions answered, no Courts heard. Slept JAPANAUT.

16.1.71.

Deparred JAPANAUT 0915 and arrived at YENTCHAMANGUA at 0935. Village inspected and people asked to assemble as soon as rain had eased. Census revised and concluded at 1230 hrs. Talks on self-government given to all people assembled. Not a very good response. Correspondence in afternoon then a further inspection of village, hearing of the peoples problems etc. to 1900 hrs. Slept YENTCHAMANGUA.

17.1.71.

Deparred YENTCHAMANGUA 1130 hrs and arrived KOROGO at 1200 hrs. Village inspection carried out. Afternoon observed. Slept KOROGO.

18.1.71.

Census conducted to 1400 hrs. Talks on self-government given, Courts conducted and talks with Councillor to 1900 hrs. Slept KOROGO.

19.1.71.

Deparred KOROGO 0800 and arrived KANDINGAI at 0820. Political education talks given and questions answered. Village inspected. Waited for rain to clear then conducted census. Courts heard and other complaints settled. Slept KANDINGAI.

20.1.71.

Deparred KANDINGAI 0805 and arrived NYAURENGAI at 0815. Census conducted, some complaints heard. Deparred NYAURENGAI 1120 en route to AMBUNTI. Stopped at PAGWI for 1 1/2 hrs. Checked office correspondence, then arrived AMBUNTI 1510 hrs. Slept AMBUNTI.

29.1.71.

Census conducted at AMBUNTI. Minor complaints heard. Deparred 1500 hrs for INDINGAI and arrived at 1530. Talks with Councillors and village people to 1800 hrs. Slept INDINGAI.

30.1.71.

PATROL DIARY (Continued)

21.1.71.

Attended meeting of Select Committee from 0900 to 1100 hrs. Departed AMBUNTI per five-truck to resume patrol at SUAPMERI. Arrived at 1700 hrs. Complaints heard and a short discussion held on Select Committee meeting at Ambunti. Slept SUAPMERI.

22.1.71.

Observed. Slept SUAPMERI. Census conducted at SUAPMERI and departed there 1145. Arrived YENTCHAN at 1215. Population of village lined and census conducted. Village inspected. Courts conducted late in afternoon. Slept YENTCHAN.

23.1.71.

Departed YENTCHAN 0830 and arrived at INDABU at 0850. Political education talks given and discussion held on same. Census revised. Departed INDABU at 1520 and arrived at YENTCHAN and heard complaint of land dispute between villages of YENTCHAN and NOGOSOP. Departed Yentchan 1630 and arrived KANGANAMAN at 1645. Slept KANGANAMAN.

24.1.71.

Census conducted and departed Timbunmeri for CHAMBERI at 1330 hrs after a five-truck "Dialain" barak not very good. Mr. L.W. Bragge, Asst. Dist. Commissioner, has decided to return to Ambunti, first however he wishes to visit CHAMBERI LACES area to hear any major complaints. Both of us departed KANGANAMAN at 1100 hrs, arriving at TIMBUNMERI 1230 hrs and KILIMBIT at 1600 hrs. No complaints by people and we returned to KANGANAMAN at 1745 hrs. Slept KANGANAMAN.

25.1.71.

Departed Chamberi 0830 to walk to YAPUJANBI. Arrived at Ambunti at 0810. Mr. L.W. Bragge departed for AMBUNTI at 0810. Arrived at Ambunti at 0810. Conducted census of village, inspected complete village and Aid Post. Slept KANGANAMAN. Minor complaints heard and census conducted.

26.1.71.

Await arrival of canoe from Ambunti to enable me to continue patrol. Talks with Councillor to 1100 hrs. At 1200 hrs hired 'pull-canoe' as transport to PARAMBEI. Conducted census and inspected village later. Slept PARAMBEI. Village lined and census revised. Discussions with people and village and surrounding area.

27.1.71.

Walked to MALINGAI village, Census revised and village inspected. No complaints. At 1300 hrs returned to PARAMBEI, canoe had arrived from Ambunti. Departed Parambei 1530 hrs and arrived TEGOI at 1600 hrs. Talks with Councillor and village people. Slept TEGOI. Winds forced me to deviate and shelter at Indingai. Continued for rest of day and so forced to remain overnight. Slept MALINGAI.

28.1.71.

Village lined and census revised. Visit to other larger village inland. Inspected village and complaints heard. Malaria team arrived from Kanganaman saying that the village people had refused to have their houses sprayed. Informed them not to go ahead with the spraying but to inform their OIC Maprik. Complaints heard and departed Tegoi at 1400 hrs, arriving AIBOM at 1530 hrs. Main River C.D. completed. Slept AIBOM. Village census revised, land problems heard, village inspected. Departed at 1400 hrs for PAGWI and arrived at 1600 hrs.

29.1.71.

Census conducted at AIBOM. Minor complaints heard. Departed 1500 hrs for INDINGAI and arrived at 1520. Talks with Councillors and village people to 1800 hrs. Slept INDINGAI.

30.1.71.

PATROL DIARY (Continued).

30.1.71.

Census conducted at WOMBUN FROM 0800 to 1100 hrs. Return to INDINGAI and village lined and census revised, finished at 1430 hrs. Minor complaints heard. Slept INDINGAI.

31.1.71.

Observed. Slept INDINGAI.

1.2.71. Short Lakes Census Division of the Main River Census Division Council Talks with people to 1200 hrs, village lined and census conducted. Assist local sports club with election of Office-bearers.

Slept INDINGAI. Assistant District Commissioner L. S. Brayce, had not previously visited these areas, since taking up his appointment

2.2.71. to and the people although they get to know their "local"

Advise Discussion with Fr. PADLO of Mission to 1200 hrs. Departed Indingai for TIMBUNMERI and arrived at 1320 hrs. Correspondence bought up to date. Shotguns inspected and trade-stores checked, complaints heard.

Slept TIMBUNMERI.

3.2.71. Officer is usually stationed at Papet Base Camp, the total population Census conducted and departed Timbunmeri for CHANGRIMAN arrived at 1130 hrs after a 2 hr. trip. "Unjalain" barat not very clear and time wasted trying to clear grass. People lined and census conducted. Departed Changriman 1430 hrs for MARI via "Wundan" barat. Got to within 1/2 mile of Mari by 'pull-canoe' then walked. Arrived 1510 hrs. Village inspected and census conducted. Return to Changriman.

Slept CHANGRIMAN.

4.2.71.

Departed Changriman 0830 to walk to YAMBIYAMBI. Arrived at old and now deserted village of MENSUAT at 0910, and arrived at YAMBI YAMBI at 1100 hrs. Track had been cleared all the way. Village inspected, minor complaints heard and census conducted. Slept YAMBI YAMBI.

5.2.71.

Departed Yambi Yambi at 0745 and walked return to Changriman, arrived at 1015 hrs. Carriers paid off. Departed Changriman at 1100 hrs for PALIAGUI and arrived at 1220. This is a new village occupied by the people who formerly lived at Mensuat, now deserted. Village lined and census revised, discussions with people and village and surrounding area inspected.

Slept PALIAGUI. The people of the Main River and Chambri Lakes

6.2.71. of the Government and of their country. They realize the problem. Departed Paliagui at 0800 for ARINJONE. At 0820 heavy rain and strong winds forced me to deviate and shelter at INDINGAI. Rain and winds continued for rest of day and so forced to remain overnight. Slept INDINGAI.

7.2.71.

Observed.

8.2.71.

Arrived ARINJONE 0800, census revised and short discussions with people. Departed for LUKLUK and arrived 0950. Census revised village inspected. Departed LukLuk at 1100 hrs and arrived MILAE at 1145 hrs. Village census revised, land problems heard, village inspected. Departed at 1400 hrs for PAGWI and arrived at 1620 hrs. Patrol stood down.

SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION:

At the time of this Patrol, the Select Committee on Constitutional Development was in the East Sepik and so quite a few questions were directed towards the work of this body. The two main questions for these people, being asked by this Committee concerned the possible future work for Papua.

- 1. This Patrol had four main objectives:
  - (1) Census revision of the Main River Census Division and Chambri Lakes Census Division of the Gauri Local Government Council area, which is part of the Ambunti Sub-district.
  - (2) An area study to be done of these areas, particularly as a training exercise for myself.
  - (3) Assistant District Commissioner L.W. Bragge, had not previously visited these areas, since taking up his appointment at Ambunti and the people although they get to know their "local" Adviser are always pleased to have the A.D.C. in the area.
  - (4) Although the Main River and main Chambri Lakes villages are usually visited by Government Officers and tourists alike, the furthestmost villages in the Sub-district, namely Milae, Mari, and Yambi Yambi are seldom visited. The infrequent visits to these places has probably been due to the fact that only 1 Patrol Officer is usually stationed at Pagwi Base Camp, the total population to be administered from here is approximately 15,000 people, coupled with the frequency of outboard motor breakdowns I can understand the reasons for infrequent visits.

1. The demise of the crocodile industry has hit this area. The people throughout these areas are sophisticated, have a fairly good idea of their strengths and their shortcomings, are generally easy to get along with but do not hesitate to let you know if they are displeased with some decision that you may make.

2. Throughout these River and Lakes areas, the making of Census revision was carried out successfully, aside although in the case of Indaba and Aibom villages, new books had to be compiled as none could be found in the local Office, the Council Chambers or at Ambunti Sub-district Office.

3. In business being built up, there is every likelihood of two refrigeration units being put into transport throughout these areas is by water being transport, with the only walking being done between Changimaa and Yambi Yambi. The water level in the Sepik River and the Lakes at the time of this Patrol was high enough to permit our craft to take some short-cuts through some "barats" which are not always usable.

4. In the Chambri Lakes, large portions of the water are covered with water lilies which include a plant known as "POLITICAL". The fruit or seed of this is very similar to peanuts and is very good to eat and should be quite nutritious. The local people make good.

1. The people of the Main River and Chambri Lakes the Census Divisions now have quite a fair understanding of the basic workings of the Government and of their country. They realize the problems involved in bringing their country up to a standard of advancement, sufficient for them to take over the reins and carry on to self-government and later independence. Their fears of the Australian Government leaving the country are very real, and during political education discussions held, I found that this is nearly always the first question asked, "If we get self-government will the Australians leave?". It was by the Aid Post Orderlies at Kaituma, Tumbak and Kanganaman and also the Sister from Kaituma.

2. The comprehension of the finer points of government, such as the work of the Administrators Executive Council, Ministerial members, the forming of political parties, and of arbitration, voting systems, elections, politics etc. is difficult to get over satisfactorily without the help of slides or flip-charts. A few of the more knowledgeable Councillors have a tenuous grasp of these matters, but they were all keen to hear talks on the subjects.

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SITUATION REPORT.

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3. At the time of this Patrol, the Select Committee on Constitutional Development was in the East Sepik District and so quite a few questions were directed towards the work of this body. The two main questions for these people, being asked by this Committee concerned the possible future name for Papua-New Guinea and what form a flag should take. Answers to these two questions were readily forthcoming, generally in favour of the suggested flag and a negative towards the suggested name.

4. A further suggestion put forward at the Select Committee meeting at Ambunti was that the area of Yangoru, which is part of the Ambunti-Yangoru Open Electorate, should be dropped from this Electorate, and an area containing the Sepik River people only should be formed. There were no dissenting voices to this kind of talk.

5. Land disputes are plentiful. The Land Titles Commission has recently decided two cases in the area, and although the people are abiding by the decisions, feelings are still likely to run high without much provocation.

ECONOMIC:

1. The demise of the crocodile industry has hit this area of the Gauai Council fairly hard, as this source of income was quite lucrative when in full swing. Although there are still a few crocodiles around, upon our advice and also that of the traders, there is no serious hunting being done.

2. Throughout these River and Lakes areas, the making of carvings continues, and this business will provide money for a lot of the people.

3. High hopes are held for a fish business being built up, there is every likelihood of two refrigeration units being put into service on the river for the freezing of fish being caught by the village people. One of these will be operated by the Catholic Mission from Burui and the other will conceivably come from the Angoram area.

4. In the Chambri Lakes, large portions of the water are covered with water lilies which includes a plant known as "galip". The fruit or seed of this is very similar to peanuts and is very good to eat and should be quite nutritious. The local people make good use of it. I believe a few years ago an attempt was made to start a business with this, however nothing is being done at the moment.

SOCIAL:

1. Health generally throughout the area is quite good, a few cases of grilli here and there, no real serious cases of malaria have been reported lately and others are being satisfactorily dealt with by the Aid Post Orderlies at Korogo, Wombun and Kanganaman and also the Sister from Kapaimari Catholic Mission.

2. In the Main River region large numbers of men women and children are absent, mainly in Madang, and this of course creates problems for the local Council in the collection of taxes.

SITUATION REPORT.

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3. Education is a big problem for these people in that a large number of school age children cannot attend school because of teacher and school shortages. This fact was brought home to me at nearly every stop I made. The number of boys who have had to leave school and return to their villages, after finishing Std 6, is a problem. The only way out for them at the moment is to go to the larger towns and obtain employment, whether this is more desirable to sitting in their villages learning their local customs and lore is for them to decide. Employment opportunities in this area itself is virtually nil especially as no large enterprise has as yet seen fit to commence any operations in the area, although Prospecting Authorities are held.

4. Law and order is maintained effectively with the help of the Councillors themselves and tribal customs. During the Patrol quite a few people wanted to bring up cases which had been heard before by other Government Officers, in these circumstances I declined to arbitrate but I would listen to any problems which had occurred recently.

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 D.B. Robertson,  
 Assistant Patrol Officer.

STREAM NAME	EXTENT OF NAVIGABLE SECTION	LE. TH OF SECTION	NAVIGABLE RIVERS-- IN SECTION	WATER DEPTH IN CHANNEL	HIGH WATER LOW WATER	TIDAL RANGE	RESTRICTION TO NAVIGATION IN SECTION	LANDING PLACES IN SECTION	GENERAL
SEPIK RIVER	Available workboat for total length below Pagwi.						Logs, Gangbanks.	Jetties at Pagwi and Kapaimari. Suitable workboats.	
SEPIK TO CHAMBERI L. (Tangamat)	Available river truck and power canoe at all times.	15m.		10'	2-4'	4'	Large rock at Albon. Caution necessary.	Anywhere along banks.	This is in the Lakes area
CHAMBERI TO TIMBUNMERRI	Available to river truck and power canoe at all times.	5m.		12'	2'	4knots	Water lilies & shifting grass islands.	nil.	
TIMBUNMERRI TO CHANGRIMAN (Unjalain)	Available only during high water.	4 m.		10'	2'	4knots	Grass islands.	nil.	
KANDANGAI to CHAMBERI LAKES (Kamangaul)	Available river truck and power canoe in high water.	6m.		4'			Trees, Grass islands.	Some small banks in 1st part of barab. when right.	A Good right.
LUK LUK TO MILAE (Tangamat)	Available to river truck and powered canoe during high water.	4m.		12'			Grass islands.	nil.	Local knowledge necessary.
KILIMBIR TO FALAGUI (Wondun)	Extant Available to river truck and canoe at all times.	4m.		12'			Grass islands.	nil.	Local knowledge necessary.

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APPENDIX "B": SHOTGUNS.

1. Point A check was made on Certificate of Registration's for firearms at each village in the two Census Divisions. No permits other than for shotguns are held in the area. I am far from happy with the results of my enquiries, in some cases the owner of the gun was absent and had his C/R with him, several men only had official receipts and no C/R, in another case a gun had been brought without an application being made on any of the given, and other like offences.

2. Depending on enquiries and further checking which I am now making into these matters, prosecutions may or may not be launched. Whatever the result, I am certainly not satisfied with the position at the moment.

3. There was a continual demand for further permits to be issued but no promises were made by me that any applications being made in future, would be favourably reviewed.

4. Below is a list of shotguns in the area:

Village.	Owner.	Gun make.	Ser.Nr.	C/R Nr.	Date.
Japandai	Lamin/Kemalabi	Cocey	75569	49716	12.4.71
	Nangaru/Kemarapi	(Gun and C/R not present).			6.8.71
	Joseph Anginjuan	Winchester	086090	77252	11.12.71
YAMANAMBU	Joe Bai	Winchester	C198674		23.12.71
JAPANAUT	Tarumban/Manjino	(Not seen, owner and gun absent)			
YENTCHANMANGUA	Sangi/Sanginawa	(Has O/R only)			8.5.71
	Numbu/Kambri	Gustav	10762		21.2.71
KOROGO	Bonjut/Pakgawi	Sportco	70763	49768	28.5.71
LUK LUK	(Popi/Bugei)	(Held at Pagwi)			
	Kumai/Asimbi	(Has O/R only)			17.1.71
	Samiwan/Tambanmai	Winchester	50286	53068	4.7.71
	Simeriwan	B.C.My Luck	142097	49754	5.6.71
	Mario/Awome	Eltrost	21563	50179	10.3.71
	Applak/Yuangone	(Has O/R only)			
KANDINGAI	Yangi/Sauom	Stevens	nil	53067	6.8.71
	Yamon/Yamonabi	B.C.My Luck	142032	49799	7.8.71
	Kupmaina/Wi	(At Pagwi awaiting fee)			
	Kinjandimi/S-duma	Carroro	18127	50138	8.1.71
	Winjam/Sartagum	W/Scott	80474	53056	6.8.71
	Win/Sicabi	Eibarres	21559	49732	1.10.70 (renewal paid)
Nyaurengai	Kipmangowi	Winchester			(Has O/R only)
	Biaka/Ilangangowi	(Has O/R only)			
	Mangre/	Gecado	18276		(Has O/R only)
SUAPMERI	NIL.	3 previously held now confiscated.			
YENTCHAN	Bupeli/Swandambi	(Has O/R only)			
INDABU	Yaramae/Augwiae	Astra	28267		(C/R held in Madang)?
KANGANAMAN	Yaman/Gauwi	Japan	6458		(Has O/R only).
	Mapa/Yabukapi	Winchester	C154904	50165	16.2.71
	Jerung/Eiyung	Savage			(Has O/R only).
	Gonduan/Katkar	Cocey	170270		(C/R mistakenly burnt)

APPENDIX "B" CONTINUED:

PARAMBEI	Poinbabu/Tsipauwi Astra 49731	33936	25.4.71
	Nangwan/Tonganawi Lady Luck 44924	142082	24.8.71
MALINGAI	William Adimbin Winchester 1419558		(Confiscated)
Tegoi	Gumarigumban Astra 28081	49753	22.6.71
	Dangi/Humbudameri Winchester		(Has O/R only)
AIBOM	Manunge/Meipiran Belgian 31585	50171	16.12.71
	Yuandai Winchester C123759		(Has O/R only)
Wombun	Sui/Wani Winchester 81843		(Has O/R only)
	Suiwambang " 70533	49781	15.6.71
	Wambu (Gun held at Pagwi).		
INDINGAI	August/Sanke Winchester 64746	49779	29.6.71
	Dambui (Shotgun at Wewak)		
	Mattias Yambunpe (Gun not seen)		
KILIMBI	No shotguns were produced here but I suspect some are held here.		
TIMBUNMERI	Yibo Greener H45821	50102	?
	Wombumyabi Gecado	53325	6.8.71
CHANGRIMAN	Komali Simon Winchester 53052		7.8.71
YAMBI YAMBI	Lukas/Talia Japanese 7340	49762	24.5.71
	Baka/Kabisan KFC 145482B		(Has O/R only)
MENSUAT	Mendimi/Scgwiki KFC 144923E	49756	8.5.71
ARINJONE	Kaban/Tarabi Eibar 15767	53071	24.9.71
LUK LUK	(Total population 94)		
	Wlanu/Olivengari BC MyLuck 142205	50170	17.1.71
	Peter Gwangu W/Scott 70959	49734	14.4.71
	Sau'un Wasket ? 76916		(Has O/R only)
	Dani/Gisa		
	Kelgusa		
	Henry Wernand		
	Kugabi		
	Francisca/Rosa		
	John Li'ba		
	Tarbangula		
	Hofri/Samoi		
	Pusoi/Niskara		
	Kasboruki/Kombin		
	Jackivas/Miki		
	Maki/Gouri		
	Kadal Kwalib		
JAPANALI	NIL.		
YENICH/A	Tongwan		
	Kunehi		
	Axia		
	Awi/Afa		
	Afa		
	Sororoban		
	Kabat/Yawa		
	Arusi/Amal		
	Pinga Speli		

APPENDIX "C" BANK BOOKS:

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1. A check was made of all Bank Passbooks held by village people. By no means do I think that all books were brought forward but of the books examined the following figures resulted:

Books examined:	148	Total deposits	\$4803.53
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2. Nearly every book seen was a Commonwealth Savings Book, and quite a few of these were collected for interest to be added, several of them still showed Pounds, shillings and pence as deposits. In some cases the Holders of passbooks did not wish them collected as apparently a few years ago the same thing was done and the books were never returned.

3. Apart from private accounts some of the villages have a joint village trading account incorporating a communal trade-store or something similar. In the case of Kanganaman they charge a .50c admission fee to tourists who wish to view or photograph their "Haus-Tamberan". The village accounts are:

VILLINGAI	John Katanau	Wewak	028872	\$5.00
	Korogo Nr. S250	Balance	\$212.81	25.8.0.
	Suapmeri Nr. 241	Balance	\$224.56	
NYAORONGI	Young Kanganaman Nr. 819	Balance	\$312.96	4.00
	Parambei Nr. S221	Balance	\$33.23	2.00
	Malingai Nr. S236	Balance	\$92.97	20.99
	Aibom Nr. S45	Balance	\$214.19	2.00

GUAI4. Vill. Listed below are passbook holders:

Village	Name	Branch	Number	Balance
JAPANDAI	Alfons	Wewak	24151	\$100.00
	Amai/Yumbun	"	028864	30.00
INDAMU	Joe McSTEPHENS	"	2430 021980	\$1.05
KAN YAMANAMBU	Joe Wichambemari	"	0270 027059	\$10.10
	Beni/Gisa	"	01 023142	50.54
	Keiguma	"	112 027067	26.00
	Henry Waraneiwak	"	027 037433	80.00
	Magmbi	"	155 13154	51.90
	Francisca/Rosa	"	039 028861	33.46
	John Ligos	"	025 028862	54.16
	Tanbangula	"	039 027060	85.49
	Mofri/Domoi	"	031 028868	34.14
	Dumoi/Niakara	"	194 028882	1.00
	Kambonuki/Kombia	"	032423	.4c
PARAMBEI	Jackiras/Kaikai	"	028 028873	20.52
	Wabi/Gauwi	"	023 028874	13.12
	Daniel Kwali	"	025 028863	86.91
	Pipenari	"	025537	264.74
JAPANAUT	Nil.	"	020113	40.00
	Worendos/Pagi	"	026080	30.00
YENTCH/A	Tongwanbag	"	022 02011	4.69
	Kunebi	"	K. 64	1.10
MALIWAI	Amia	"	035 033010	200.10
	Village	"	0236 033099	1.70
	Agwi/Afa	"	028883	6.00
TEGOI	Afa	"	2137 027051	10.10
	Sororobanga	"	1872 K 58	50.30
	Ambai/Yauwa	"	22796	8.36
	Aruwi/Yambai	"	19501	1.31
	Pinga Spoli	"	038545	20.00

APPENDIX "C" CONTINUED:

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KOROJO	Kia	Wewak	033105	\$ 1.00
	Village acct.	"	8250	212.81
	Joseph Samei	"	033212	100.00
	Kau	"	021189	1.90
	Sangirawe/Kami	"	17180	.17
	Wanseri	"	033104	2.00
	Vi/Nokomali	"	23247	11.56
	Abimangay/Sidi	"	022730	1.21
	Vi/Mari	"	033107	1.00
	Kadnawi	"	033109	60.00
	Poiyangarabi	"	033108	2.35
	Nogombandi	"	033102	2.00
	Sabi	"	33181	£12.0.8d
	Pita Tufa	Pt M.	018966	30.00
	Kain/Yuamari	Wewak	024279	£5.0.0
	Gabc/Wamboho	"	033101	100.00
	Wadibanga	"	32073	.29c
	Bonjoi	Pt M.	15165	73.63
	Antapur	Lae	15167	18.31
	Barak	"	38853	.29c
	Topi	Rabaul	28887	4.02
INDINGAI	Jankumbit	Wewak	028872	£5.20
	John Kabmansai	Wewak	03983	£5.8.0
	Womomeri	Lae		
NYAURENGAI	Youguru	Wewak	033321	\$ 4.00
	Gerard Taria	"	033119	2.00
	Kiv	Mt.Hagen	19021	20.99
	Sakuri/Jui	Ambunti	206 (PT)	2.00
SUAPHERI	Village acct	Wewak	8241	24.56
YEW/CHAN	Peter Yiput	"	014215	(NSW) .03c
INDABU	Joseph Supuku	"	24304	.95c
KANGANAMAN	Yanawi	"	027068	104.39
	Metasava	(NSW)Madang	012834	5.00
	Komaban	Bulolo	11287	92.85
GRAN YEMAN	Dimbinapwan	Wewak	027069	100.00
	Andon/Amuya	"	15896	5.92
MENJUAT	Takila Jerang	"	039958	10.00
	Kaneva	"	025632	5.03
YAMBI YAMBI	Michael	"	039957	10.00
	K/T/Society	"	8819	312.96
ARINJONS	Piaka	"	19412	37.08
PARAMBEI	Kambam/Pagwi	"	028773	48.00
	Byanbumbo/Sugawi	"	023907	65.46
PARI	Banjubowimari	"	025536	400.00
	Yipanamari	"	025537	264.74
PATARA	Pogi	"	020113	40.00
MTLAS	Worendoa/Pogi	"	026080	30.00
	Village acct	"	8221	33.23
NALINGAI	Peter Mari	"	038960	200.00
	Village acct	"	8236	92.97
TEGOI	Kaspar.Kaman	"	21370	2.00
	Kavau/Mambutchwan	"	18721	1.00

APPENDIX "C" CONTINUED: OUTBOARD MOTORS.

TAIBOM	Village accture of th	Wewak	545	led is	214.19
	outboard mot	Dinkus/Ianban	23228	old	20.00
	motors of wh	Masbeiere	22310	ages,	1.50
	hard to find	Sunt/Petriwanki	24398	mechanic	2.00
	the area is	Nogandi	020116	repairs	2.7.1d
	the finance	Tambunowi/Gupa	25052	lot of	28.00
	to Evinrude	Yaitob/Bumbia	026400		5.74
	price of \$30	Asangi/Koromei	Madang	025181	10.00
		Kwinja/Kwaru	Pt M.	19552	13.1.6d
2.	Joseph	Gambu	time of	Lae	14943
	enquired from	Mando/Kwalu	to hiring	rates	014871
	listed below	Albons/Tambali	Rabaul	38371	4.15
					.63
WOMBUN	Wanibang Sui	Wewak	039965	Hir	10.00
	Marianbun	"	10833		7.36
JAPANAI	Apramei	Archimedes	037028	u/s	600.65
	Yakwalindimi	"	03979	"	22.3.0d
	Komoi/Jengese	"Lae	024685	"	22.50
	Tancala	"	"	"	"
INDINGAI	Kurukambu/Kamgau	Wewak	038965	"	111.00
	Pampankau/Sakin	Wewak	034983	13.00	day
	Michael Kpuza	"	17038	"	1.0.1d
	Margarita Kami	Mercury	47039	"	1.0.1d
	Kelimana/Akuman	"	039971	"	5.00
YAMANEBU	John/Sangit	Archimedes	24652	10.00	mbunti
	Benny Yekin	"	02503	"	1.00
JAPANAU	Dorothea Kram	"	0325	"	.50
	Banden/Aralyati	Swift M.	421	u/s	.20
	Pandan/Lakelembuni	(MSW)Madang	010	15	2.20
	Sau/Son	"	"	u/s	"
KILIMBIT	Kapiae/Peikur	Wewak	24828	"	20.00
YENTCHANMANG	Laurence Sankn	Mambunti PT	174	u/s	.20
	Tony Kupwo	ArWewck	22038	u/s	29.52
	Porin/Lunja	Evinrude	039954	u/s	5.00
	Josefa/"	"	039955	"	2.00
KOROGO	Bonjui	Mercury	00	"	"
TIMBUNMERI	Anna Bumbun	Rabaul	355	"	2.20
	Meiwotunbanla	Madang	03984	u/s	2.71
	Tonokon	"	03982	"	1.55
KANDINGAI	Yangi/Sau'on	Evinrude	10	u/s	"
CHANGRIMAN	NIL. tpanga	Archimedes	12	\$10	per day
	Sapwanda/bai/ta	"	"	"	"
MENSUAT	NIL. jomili	"	"	"	"
	John/Sauri	"	"	"	"
YAMBI YAMBI	NIL.	"	"	"	"
NYAUNENGAI	Garei	"	"	u/s	"
ARINJONE	NIL. bindi	Mercury	6	u/s	"
LUK LUK	NIL. unally owned	Evinrude	20	u/s	"
	"	Archimedes	12	u/s	"
HARI	NIL.	"	"	u/s	"
YENTCHAN	Samba/o/Sango	"	"	u/s	"
MILAB	NIL.	"	"	u/s	"
INDARU	Gauvi	"	"	\$6	per day
	Aubai	"	"	u/s	"
HAPTANAMAN	Sinatjaga	Evinrude	6	"	"
	Gashu	Archimedes	12	u/s	"
PARANDEI	Iadi	Tghalen	12	"	"
	Tobiss	Johnson	20	\$60	per day
HALINGAI	NIL.	"	"	"	"
TEGOT	Tanbai	Archimedes	12	u/s	"

## APPENDIX "D"

## OUTBOARD MOTORS.

1. The nature of the area patrolled is such that outboard motors are a necessity for transport. The old Archimedes motors of which there are so many around the villages, are very hard to find spare parts for. A shortage of repair mechanics in the areas is another reason for motors not being repaired apart from the financial angle. Mr. K. Dowrie at Pagwi does a lot of repairs to Evinrude and Johnson motors and recently a new motor noticed was a Japanese "Tohatsu" 12hp with a new price of \$300.

2. At the time of compiling these details I also enquired from the owners as to hiring rates, all details are listed below:

Village	Owners name	Make	HP	Hiring rate
JAPANDAI	Yambei	Archimedes	12	u/s.
	Wabi	"	"	"
	Ouwai	"	"	"
	Tangala	"	"	"
	J. Anginjuan	"	"	"
	"	Evinrude	18	\$30 per day
	Yambei	"	"	"
	Nangura	Mercury	20	u/s
YAMANAMBU	Beni/Gisa	Archimedes	12	\$10 to Ambunti
JAPANAUT	Epiri/Awan	"	"	"
	Gau/Arayebi	Evinrude	18	u/s
	Daniel/Yerindimi	Archimedes	12	\$5 per day
	Sau/Ban	"	"	u/s
YENTCHANMANGUA	Onda	Mercury	10	u/s
	Afa	Archimedes	12	u/s
	Pinga	Evinrude	9	u/s
KOROGO	Bonjui	Mercury	20	"
	Topi Bugei	Archimedes	12	"
	Kumai/Asimbi	Mercury	20	u/s
KANDINGAI	Yangi/Sau'om	Evinrude	10	u/s
	Gietpanga	Archimedes	12	\$10 per day
	Bapwandambwi/Wi	"	"	"
	Kinjandimi	"	"	"
	John/Sauri	"	"	"
NYAURENGAI	Gauwi	"	"	u/s
	YAMbindimi	Mercury	6	u/s
SUAPMERI	Communally owned	Evinrude	20	u/s
	"	Archimedes	12	u/s
YENTCHAN	Sembelo/Sango	"	"	u/s
INDABU	Gauwi	"	"	\$6 per day
	Ambei	"	"	u/s
KANGANAMAN	Glanjangu	Evinrude	6	u/s
	Wambu	Archimedes	12	u/s
PARAMBEI	Lami	Tohatsu	12	"
	Tobias	Johnson	20	\$6 to Ambunti
MALINGAI	NIL.			
TEGOI	Yambei	Archimedes	12	u/s

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APPENDIX "D" CONTINUED: TRADE LICENCES.

AIBOM NIL. There are a total of 33 licences issued by the Council to people, to operate trade stores. At the villages of Aibom, Kilimbit and Changriman there are 18 trade stores operating with 18 licences. These operators will be prosecuted.

WOMBUN Sui Evinrude 18 u/s  
 Woliwabci " " u/s  
 Sui Archimedes 12 u/s  
 Koli " " u/s  
 Mariwan " " u/s

INDINGAI NIL. Council Clerk or whoever has made a mistake in the charges. All licence fees become due on 30th June each year, but if a licence is issued between 31st December and 30th June a fee charged should only be 93.00 instead of the yearly fee of \$6.00. In several instances people had been charged the full amount of \$6.00.

KILIMBIT NIL. One licence at "Sui". Very few stores had the licence displayed in a proper fashion. It has been rectified.

TIMBUNMERI Wombunyabi Archimedes 12 u/s  
 Yuba " " u/s  
 Mans Mercury " " u/s

CHANGRIMAN NIL. Although most of the stores are constructed of timber, there are some which are of will timber or partly constructed of same. The range of items offered for sale is usually pretty good. Many of the operators buy from the Council store at Paga and sell their goods at the same price, there is no further mark-up in price. Perhaps the Council would be interested in operating a bulk-store at Paga to help supply these areas.

YAMEI YAMBI NIL.

MENSUAT Communally owned Evinrude 18 u/s

ARINJONE NIL.

LUK LUK NIL.

MILAB NIL. check on prices being charged revealed the following as being a general price list:

MARI NIL.

1 tin Milo Red 50c  
 1 pr magnetic scissors 40c  
 1 tin cooking grease 40c  
 1 spade \$2.50.  
 1 shotgun cartridge 10c  
 1 tin tobacco 75c  
 1 tin Sunflower Mackerel 15oz 20c  
 1 lb sugar 10c  
 1 National battery 20c  
 1 Five Stars battery 10c  
 1 (M) Arrow corned beef 12oz 50c  
 1 lb rice 10c  
 1 pkt Navy Maculite 10c  
 1 pkt sweet " 30c  
 1 pkts matches 10c

Listed below are the location of the trade-stores owners name and licence numbers:

Village.	Owner	Licence Number.
JAPANAI	Kararagi/Wangaru	Official receipt 65089
JAFANAU	Thomas Wirabani	17887
YITCHARWANOUA	Dingo Spoli	58291
KOKOGO	Joseph Sasawan	Official receipt 58237
	Vi/Nagannani	58274
	Kooindaxbii	58266
	Applak/Yuangone	58289
	Tohi/Bugai	17893
	P&C School	No licence.
KARINDINGAI	Mirawigabang	Not seen.
	Mau/Singindise	17882
	Gabriel Bugai	17899
WAPRENGAI	Kari/Mangaz	58287
SHAPMARI	Kero/Vasbure	58269

APPENDIX "E" TRADE LICENCES.



1. There are a total of 35 licences issued by the Gaui Council to people, to operate trade -stores. At the villages of Aibom, Kilimbit and Changriman there are trade-stores operating without a licence and these operators will be prosecuted.

2. I noticed that on several occasions of issuing a trade-store licence the Council Clerk or whoever has made a mistake in the fee charged. All licence fees become due on 30.th June each year, but if a licence is issued between 31.st December and 30th June the fee charged should only be \$3.00 instead of the yearly fee of \$6.00. In several instances people had been charged the full amount of \$6.00. This error had also been made with the Council store licence at Pagwi. Very few stores had the licence displayed in a proper fashion, these have been rectified.

3. Although most of the stores are constructed of native materials only, there are some which are of mill timber or partly constructed of same. The range of items offered for sale is usually pretty poor. Most of the storekeepers buy from the Council store at Pagwi and sell their goods at the same price, there is no further mark-up in price. Perhaps the Council would be interested in operating a bulk-store at Pagwi to help supply these owners.

4. A check on prices being charged revealed the following as being a general price-list:

- 1 tin Milo 8oz 50c
- 1 pr magnetic scissors 40c
- 1 tin cooking grease 40c
- 1 spade \$2.50.
- 1 shotgur cartridge 10c
- 1 twist tobacco 10c
- 1 tin Sunflower Mackerel 15oz 20c
- 1 lb sugar 10c
- 1 National battery 20c
- 1 Five Rams battery 10c
- 1 (NZ) Arrow corned beef 12oz 50c
- 1 lb rice 10c
- 1 pkt Navy biscuits 10c
- 1 pkt sweet " 30c
- 4 pkts matches 10c

5. Listed below are the location of the trade-stores owners name and licence number:

Village.	Owner	Licence Number.
JAPANDAI	Kamarawi/Nanguru	Official receipt 65089
JAPANAUT	Thomas Wirubani	17887
YEM'CHANMANGUA	Pinga Spoli	58291
KOROGO	Joseph Samewan	Official receipt 58257
	Vi/Wakuanmani	58274
	Kwosindambui	58266
	Applak/Yuangone	58289
	Tobi/Bugai	17893
	P&C School	No licence.
KANDINGAI	Mirawigambang	Not seen.
	Nau/Singindima	17882
	Gabriel Kugal	17899
NYAURENGAI	Mari/Mangan	58287
SUAPMERI	Keno/Wambure	58269

APPENDIX "B" CONTINUED:

Village	President	No. of	% Adult males
		Presidents	with radio
YENTCHAN	Joseph Laurin	58271	
	Youri/Wowei	58270	
INDABU	Tagunda/Klima	56281	
KANGANAMAN	Trading Society	17886	
PARAMBI	Lamin/Yambandi	58254	
	Baimbambu/Segau	58292	
MALINGAI	Mando	58260	
JAPANDAI	Peter Wanandi	58261	3.6
YEGOI	Yabei Kundiakaman	17883	3.0
BAIBOMUT	Rev. Fr. Padilo	58277	3.1
	Kanji/Kiwaru	58259	
YENTORANMANGUA			3.0
WOMBUN	Mepiyagen Poibun	58297	
KOROGO	(Kleopas Kolly )		3.0
	(Mattias Yambunpe)	58293	
KANDINGAI	Maliabun Koriwan	58294	3.0
INDINGAI	Steven Kambu	17890	3.0
	Steven Kambu	58451	(to 30.6.72)
SOAPMARI			
KILIMBIT	NIL.		
TIMBUNMARI	Yaba/Wangai	58283	
	Yambunyewi Alalawi	58282	
KANGANAMAN			3.5
Changriman	Andrew Suat	17898	
PARAMBI			3.7
YAMBI YAMBI	Indiman/Iwinap	58284	
MALINGAI			3.0
MENSUAT	Morabila/Nangirukwa	17894.	
SWAI			3.0

As can be seen from the above there are still queries against at least two licences.

7. Development Bank loans are being sought more and more to establish or develop trade-stores in the area and already two have been granted.

KILIMBIT	58	3	3.0
TIMBUNMARI	44	2	3.0
CHANGRIMAN	29	3	3.0
MENSUAT	29	3	3.0
YAMBI YAMBI	34	4	3.0
ANTUNJONIA	15	1	3.0
LOK LOK	13	2	3.0
MARI	17	1	3.0
SWAI	18	1	3.0
TOTALS	1195	119	3.0

The usual wide variety of music was played, were 33 cent, National, Phillips, Decca etc. Records were played on Radio Weraka. The following were played: Hawaii, Barn, Strangers, and the A.B.C. The following listening audience amongst these tracks.

APPENDIX "F"

RADIOS AND ELECTRICAL MATTER

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1. A count of radio receivers was done in conjunction with the census revision. Rather than list each individual owners name for each village I shall presume the fact that adult males are the owners of the radios and shall make a comparison through them. I shall make some comparisons.

2. Listed below are village names, with the number of radios present. I thought was quite impressive

Village	Total adult males PRESENT.	Nr. of radios present.	% Adult males per radio.
JAPANDAI	50	14	3.6
YAMANAMBU	37	12	3.0
JAPANAST	45	14	3.1
YENTCHANMANGUA	40	8	5.0
KOROGO	116	23	5.0
KALINGAI	71	8	9.0
NYAURENGAI	25	3	8.0
SUAPMERI	35	5	7.0
YENTCHAN	40	14	2.9
INDABU	33	8	4.0
KANGANAMAN	66	12	5.5
PARAMBEI	56	12	4.7
MALINGAI	58	11	5.0
TEGOI	30	5	6.0
AIBOM	84	14	6.0
WOMBUN	62	20	3.0
INDINGAI	43	6	7.0
KYLIMBIT	58	5	11.1
TIMBUNMERI	41	7	6.0
CHANGRIMAN	29	3	10.0
YAMBI	29	3	10.0
YAMBI YAMBI	34	4	8.2
ANIKJOMB	15	2	7.0
LUK LUK	13	2	6.0
MARI	17	1	17.0
HILAE	18	1	18.0
TOTALS	1145	216	5.6

3. The usual wide variety of brand names of radios were evident, National, Phillips, Sanyo etc. Listeners choice of programmes were Radio Wewaks SingSing, "toksave", news etc, Radio Rabaul, Daru, MtHagen, and the A.B.C. PtMoresby all have a listening audience amongst these people.

APPENDIX "I".

1. A survey of men and women who have knowledge of a technical or clerical skill, or are semi-skilled in some occupation was carried out. Again rather than list each individual by name I shall make some comparisons.

2. **PANGAI:** I may make brief mention of one family from the village of Immanambu, which I thought was quite impressive occupation-wise:

- Peter KUMBIA, Sub-Inspector of Police and C/tee.
- Tim KUMBIA, Clerk, C.R.A.
- Anton KUMBIA, Policeman.
- William KUMBIA, Carpenter.
- Paulo KUMBIA, Nurse.

3. **THE LUR:** Listed below are occupations with the number his team of people trained for each type of work.

<b>YERICHANPANGAI:</b>	Police Force	18
	Council Warders	3
	Carpenter	17
	Car Driver	21
<b>KOROGO:</b>	O/board Driver	29
	Medical Orderlies	6
	P.I.R.	11
	P.W.D.	6
	Ag. Dept.	3
	Welfare	2
<b>VANDINGAI:</b>	Teachers	5
	Clerks	4
	Administration (PO)	1
<b>NYAUNPANGAI:</b>	Mechanics	4
<b>AIINAI:</b>	Malaria Service	3
	Plant Operators	6
<b>SUAPKERI:</b>	Boats crew	2
	X-ray Technician	1
	Sawmill	2
<b>INDANI:</b>	Powerhouse Operator	3
	D.C.A. Inspector	1
	Welder	1
<b>YERICHAN:</b>	Refrigerator mechanic	2
	Plumbers	5

In addition to the above, present in the villages were 6 men who had attended Farmer Trainee Courses at Bainyik Ag. Station. These men are now advising and helping with crops in their villages.

4. <u>Total adult male absentees in skilled occupations.</u>	<u>Total adult male absentees.</u>	<u>Percentage of MALES IN SKILLED occupations.</u>
158	991	6.3.

5. There were four men who approached me and queried me regarding their acceptance or otherwise as Aid Post Orderlies. Apparently they had attended a training course at Nap Hospital but have as yet not been advised of their suitability or not. I shall enquire into this.

**WENEN:** HAIMANGI, 3 children, elected in 1968. Has a D.S. loan to start a cattle project.

**INDINGAI:** Mattias IANENPE, resident in Pangi. Village councillor after by a Committee vote. Not very satisfactory in 1968.

APPENDIX "K".

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LEADERSHIP. slow, not particularly bright. is always irascible, drinks.

- 1. **WANGI:** Listed below are the Councillors for each village visited with added comments.
- JAPANDAI:** Nangaru, Councillor since 1964, married, 6 children. ~~is a very good worker and has a lot of debts around the area.~~
- WILANI:** lot of debts around the area.
- YAMANAMBU:** JOE BAI, Councillor since 1969, member Finance C/tee, 3 wives, 5 children. Does some work for Cacil Ah Chee.
- YANGI YANGI:** A fairly well respected "spiv".
- JAPANAUT:** NIAGA, started in Council 1968, 3 children, very respected, is quite young, one of the upandcomers of the Council. A very forceful speaker. Forgot to pay his tax.
- LUK LUK:** NIAGA, started in Council 1968, 3 children, very respected, is quite young, one of the upandcomers of the Council. A very forceful speaker. Forgot to pay his tax.
- YENTCHANMANGUA:** BILL YAMBU, 2 wives and 7 children. Started in Council in 1964, is currently Vice-President. Quite a good worker but a little bit "slippery".
- KOROGO:** KONGKONG, 5 children, started in Council 1964. Is reputed to have had dealings with the Japanese during the war. One of the leaders of the Council and has stated his intentions of standing for K of A elections in 1972.
- KANDINGAI:** WIN, 2 wives, 4 children, started in 1968. Not very impressive.
- MLAURENGAI:** Mengre, 2 wives, 14 children. Started in Council in 1968. Quite sensible occasionally.
- ARINJONE:** 1968. Quite sensible occasionally.
- SUABMERI:** W'LANDI, 4 children. Started in 1968 in Council. Just a Councillor.
- INDABU:** LAMI, 3 children. Resides at Parambe and seems to be always in the middle of any arguments.
- YENTCHAN:** GEIMAN, elected in 1968. Has 4 children. Known to have had enough of Council work and will not be seeking re-election. An impressive thinker and speaker.
- KANGANANAN:** GONDUAN, 6 children. Elected in 1964. Is the leader of one of our biggest villages and is very respected both in the Council and out of it.
- PARAMBEI:** TAMBWE, elected in 1970, 6 children. Nothing startling.
- HALINGAI:** HANDO, started in 1967, 2 children. Member of Finance Committee. Does quite a sound job but is inclined to sleep too much.
- TEGOI:** GWALAI, 3 children, elected in 1964, member Finance C/tee. Quite good.
- AIBOM:** Currently without a Councillor. Has 3 Committee men representing the 3 families of the village, assisted by the Councillor of Wombun which is nearby. Election in September.
- WOMBUN:** MAINBANGWI, 3 children, elected in 1965. A good worker, has a D.B. loan to start a cattle project.
- INDINGAI:** Mattias YAMBUNPE, resides in Pagwi. Village is looked after by a Committee man. Not very satisfactory in this case.

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APPENDIX "K" CONTINUED.

KILIMBIT: JOHN WASI, 3 children, a bit slow, not particularly bright. Is always immaculately dressed.

TIMBUNHERI: WANGI, elected in 1964, 4 children, not a very bright specimen.

CHANGRIMAN: SUAT, 4 years in the Council, 4 children. Takes him 3 days to reach Iagwi for a meeting because of distance and transport involved. Runs a trade-store and has experience as an A.P.O.

MENSUAT: MOSES, 8 children, a relatively quick thinker, has some support in the Council.

YENGGHAPPANUA: Rest house needs covering on roof. New Police house being built as previous one broke in an earthquake.

FOROGG: Not bad, floor and walls need repairing.

KANDINGAI: Rest house is brand new and okay.

NIARWENAI: Rest house in good order.

SEAPHERI: Rest house is alright, no Police house.

INDAGI: In good order but is very small.

YENTCHAI: Quite usable and in good order.

WANGPAMAN: Not very good at all, fairly well rat and mosquito infested. A new rest house is to be built as soon as possible.

PARANBEI: A very good rest house, complete with shower recess. Best house I found on the Patrol.

WAIENAI: Is quite alright, no complaints here.

TEKOEI: Not very impressive, needs repairing.

ALBOW: Rather dilapidated, have suggested they build another on the hill side.

INDINGAI: Is okay, but needs a few repairs.

KILIMBIT: Just in fair condition.

TIMBUNHERI: Is situated out of the village, away from dogs etc. In good condition.

CHANGRIMAN: In very good order, should be used more often.

YANDI YANDI: Is in fair condition.

PALLAGUI: Ncv, is alright. No Police house.

LOK IER: A very good house.

WANI and WILANI: No rest houses.

APPENDIX "L".

REST-HOUSES.

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1. Listed below are details of rest-houses used during the course of the Patrol, this may be of use for future Patrols.
2.
  - JAPANDAI: Poor ex-school house. No Police barracks. Upon our suggestion another rest-house is nearly completed. and should be okay. This place is quite startling for mosquitoes.
  - YAMANAMBU: Has no rest-house, close to Pagwi.
  - JAPANAUT: Rest house in good order as is Police house.
  - YENTCHANNANNUA: Rest house needs covering on roof. New Police house being built as previous one broke in an earthquake.
  - KOROGO: Not bad, floor and walls need repairing.
  - KANDINGAI: Rest house is brand new and is okay.
  - NYAURENGAI: Rest house in good order.
  - SUAPNERI: Rest house is alright, no Police house.
  - INDABU: In good order but is very small.
  - YENTJHAN: Quite useable and in good order.
  - KANGANAHAN: Not very good at all, fairly well rat and mosquito infested. A new rest house is to be built as soon as possible.
  - PARAMBEI: A very good rest house, complete with shower recess. Best house I found on the Patrol.
  - MALENGAI: Is quite alright, no complaints here.
  - TEGOI: Not very impressive, needs repairing.
  - AIBOM: Rather dilapidated, have suggested they build another on the hill side.
  - INDINGAI: Is okay, but needs a few repairs.
  - KILINSIT: Just in fair condition.
  - TIMBUNBURI: Is situated out of the village, away from dogs etc. In good condition.
  - CHANGRIMAN: In very good order, should be used more often.
  - YAMBI YAMBI: Is in fair condition.
  - PALIACHI: New, is alright. No Police house.
  - LUK LUK: A very good house.
  - MARI and MILAE: No rest houses.

1. These gentlemen are always good to listen to, they usually receive a good hearing from the local people. Although they are sometimes accused of being brash, forward, or just plain "big-heads", they should always be listened to as they all have a following from amongst the village.

2. JAPANDAI: Joseph ANGANJUAN, aged about 36, married with 2 children. Does a lot of work for Cecil Ah Choo, has apparently had a fairly checkered career and this looks like continuing. Amongst his own people he carries some weight, and he is probably one of the reasons for the village Councillor, Nangaru not being as effective as he should be.

YENTCHANMANGUA: TongwanDang, a very old man and is regarded by the locals as a bit of an eccentric. Always has an audience and is one of the best carvers in the Sepik area. Has several remarkable pieces of carvings which he will not part with.

INDABU: Gauwi, is an ex-tultul. He is always the first person to greet a Patrol on arrival, is regarded as being pro-Administration. He is also the Committee man for the village. Can be relied upon to provide some entertainment, as he did even during the Land Title Commissions hearings recently.

TIMBUNMERI: Mansi/Sanung; is quite an elderly man but is of impressive stature, has a very loud voice when making a speech, but at the same time speaks a lot of sense. Grows a lot of tobacco on his land and so is quite affluent.

Yauwa/Sanam, Another from the same village, is an ex tultul. Again he is an elderly man but retains a large following of adherents. Is married with 2 wives and 6 children. Has previously worked in Wewak as a carpenter.

KANGANAMAN: LAKI, has only just returned from Lae where he worked as a carpenter. Has stated that he will be returning there later. Is married with 4 children. Is only a young man, about 28 year of age. Very outspoken, but a good thinker and very progressive. Continually in the midst of any trouble in which the village is involved and now acts as Committee for Kanganaman.

official figures for these schools, which I think will point on area more clearly.

APPENDIX "N".

SCHOOLS.

1. This is one of the most important and talked about subjects in this area at the moment. A shortage of teachers and of schools themselves will probably prevent any remedial action being taken this year, but I am sure that the people will keep pressing the District Education Office to try and overcome the problems.

2. The tables below I have prepared as an example of the peoples complaints.

Schools: Government: Korogo.

Mission: Yamanambu.	A.C.G.	(2 teachers, 56 pupils)
Kapaimari.	Catholic.	(345 pupils, 9 teachers)
Chambri.	"	(300 pupils, 8 teachers)
Aibom.	"	(2 teachers, 80 pupils)
Changriman.	"	(1 teacher, 35 pupils)
Suapneri.	S.D.A.	(1 teacher, 25 pupils).

3. At the time of this Patrol, schools were still closed and some of the above figures were collected later, others were taken from last year. In the case of one Catholic school situated at a place called "Simbagit" near Kandingai, last year there were nearly 80 children attending this school, from Kandingai, Nyaurengai and Yentchanmangua. This year the school has closed down altogether. A few of these children have been accommodated at Burui Catholic Mission but nearly all have no school to attend. In the case of Korogo Government School no figures are available at the moment.

4. Assuming that there are 5 teachers at Korogo School, there would be a total of 28 teachers in the area. There is a total of 1976 school age children giving the unlikely figure of 70 children per teacher, were they all attending school. Again assuming a allowable rate of 38 children per teacher, this would accommodate 1064 pupils, leaving 912 children unable to attend school. In the near future it is my intention to obtain official figures for these schools, which I think will paint an even more pessimistic picture.

JAW:MD

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU.

67-0-4P

26th April, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

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PAGWI PATROL NO. X OF 1971-72.

Your unreferenced minute refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of the Sepik Plains and Jurui Kunai Census Divisions, together with the assessment, as submitted by Mr. G. Payne, Patrol Officer.

Each Situation Report should be assessed individually at both District and Sub-District level.

The area obviously needs concentrated political education.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.



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PATROL REPORT.

REPORT NUMBER:	4 (Four) A	OBJECTS OF PATROL:	H of A publicity, & Council propaganda.
DISTRICT:	EAST SEPIK.	STATION:	PAGWI,
PATROL CONDUCTED BY:	G.F. PAYNE.	SUB DISTRICT:	AMBUNTI.
AREA PATROLLED:	Sepik Plains & Burai Kunai,	DESIGNATION:	Patrol Officer.
DURATION OF PATROL:	27/1/72 to 18/2/72.	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:	A.F.O. Pinok.
LAST D.D.A. PATROL:	June, 1971.	NUMBER OF DAYS:	22 Days.
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:	September, 1971.	COUNCIL AREA:	GAUI.
MAP REFERENCE:	Fourmil Ambunti.	H of A ELECTORATE:	WOSERA/GAUI.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, Folios 2 to 7,  
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,  
 THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,  
 AREA STUDY,  
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,  
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1 to ,  
 PATROL MAP,

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DATE: / /1972.

L. F. BRAGGE,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua.



In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY,  
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,  
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 to 2

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District Headquarters Assessment of Patrol  
and report .....

Above average  
 Average  
 Below average

District Commissioner.

DATE: / /1972.

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

STATION: PAGMI OFFICER COMPILING: G.F. PAYNE.  
DISTRICT: EAST SEPIK. SUB DISTRICT: AMBUNT.  
CENSUS DIV: SEPIK PLAINS & L.G. COUNCIL: GAUI.  
BURUI KUNAI.

Subject: POLITICAL: - Local Government.

At the time of the formation of the Gaui L.G.C. for this area the Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai were considered the least sophisticated and the poorer of all the Census Divisions. There was very little cash-cropping, coconuts having failed to establish themselves and coffee just newly introduced, little progress had been made mainly due to the lack of awareness and concern by the individuals of the area.

2. To these people at the time the Council was a 'cargo cult' and this idea was encouraged by the rash expectations and projected achievements the council was expected to fulfil just because of the mere fact it was a council to give every assistance to its constituents without regard to resources. It was the general belief that the 'Council' was the secret key which would unlock the elusive 'magic cavern' from which all wealth material would abound. Reality naturally caused disillusionment amongst the people as one by one they saw their hopes dashed with each monthly meeting and no immediate or miraculous results, because of this persisting belief of the easy life they have since turned to other cults more orientated to their line of thinking and to which they are very susceptible and open to fraudulent action on the part of the cult leaders. Many villagers have paid full or part 'membership fees' to the Turu cult at Yangoru, not because, they claim, they expect anything but because they would not like to be the odd person out and left destitute should the 'cargo' ever eventuate. It is hoped that the members and potential members become aware soon as to the full implications of this illegitimate extortion.

3. A direct aim of the patrol was to attempt to promote the council for what it is worth and re-convert some of the previous followers way-laid along the track due to false beliefs and lack of knowledge on council operations and functions. Good results were achieved and after comprehensive discussions on the council financial system, i.e. estimating revenue to be raised and then allotting what part remains after wages and general administration have been provided for, to capital works expenditure or village improvements on a priorities basis in the draft estimates the villagers could see the direct relationship between paying low taxes and receiving few benefits and paying slightly higher taxes and receiving proportionably higher benefits due to not necessarily increased overheads. It was after these discussions that at some villages two in particular, Marap and Nogosop, that the villagers correctly deducted that on this assumption if they paid an extra dollar tax and ear marked it for road work it was only natural that work on the road must progress at a faster rate. I could have passed the hat around and taken the contribution there and then but the villagers were told to ask for an increase in the tax rate, this was however defeated at the next meeting of the council, because of lack of gumption on the part of the councillors, attending to this business.

4. A tax rate of \$4.00 per adult male has been in force for the last two years and no reason was obvious why this could not be increased slightly (a sign of progress). Last year there were many tax default prosecutions and 120 men went to jail for failure to pay, this does not

give an indication of the productiveness of the area but it is more indicative of the people's attitude towards working for gain. No reason or objection was put forward to raising the tax rate which would not be covered by the people's willingness to work, and should two days a week be devoted to primary production in each village, it is very conservatively estimated that a minimum wage of \$20 per capita head per annum would easily be achieved. It is admitted that some villagers would earn their money a little easier because of the convenience of the road, and the villagers without this convenience would by necessity work a little harder in carrying their produce to the road head.

5. The reporter suggests that mules or hoverpalets could be utilised (hoverpalets are not unfeasible as they are economical to run, travel over any relatively level surface, carry a 800 pound payload and cost approximately \$600 F.O.B. England). Looking back I realise the suggestions were rather superfluous as it is doubted whether the people would be prepared to meet the challenge of doing things on a large enough scale to warrant such assistance, which the council would guarantee to give for the betterment of the area.

6. It is my opinion that the only way the council fails in this area as a local Government body is that it lacks councillors and village leaders who have the determination to take advantage of the present situation and exploit to the full all the aid programs and assistance available for development projects now open to them and at presently going 'begging'.

SGD. *[Signature]*  
DATE. 20th February 1972.

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SITUATION REPORT No. 2

STATION: PAGWI. OFFICER COMPILING: G.F. PAYNE.  
DISTRICT: EAST SEPIK. SUB DISTRICT: ANSUNAI.  
CENSUS DIVISION: SEPIK PLAINS & L.G. COUNCIL: GAU.  
BURUI KUNAI

Subject: POLITICAL - House of Assembly.

1. Due to the close proximity of the House of Assembly elections a fair amount of time and a considerable degree of patience was devoted to promoting understanding and interest in the elections. It was found difficult to make the people aware that it was their single vote compounded together with the votes of every other elector in the country that would establish which elected Members would have the power at the House of Assembly to decide their country's future.

2. The reporter gained the impression that the people took to the idea of Political Parties, after the clarification of several points, although because of the villagers present outlook many read 'cargo' into Party policies. It is expected that the voting trend will follow that the voter will give his first preference to the candidate most familiar to him, because the voter is sure that this candidate will look after both their interests mutually, however many second preferences may be decided on consideration of Party propaganda.

3. The Peli Association and leader Yeliwan may influence the election here to a small degree, as at the time of the patrol some villagers (Kwimba village to a man) stated that they desired to vote for Mr. W. Yeliwan, it was explained that he was not a candidate for their electorate nor did the villagers have the qualifications to vote in the Mangoru electorate, some were not dissuaded and said they would make the trip and try their luck. Much of the persistence to elect Yeliwan comes from the underlying fear, and rumor to the effect has apparently been spread by two of Yeliwan's henchmen Markus/? and Yauli/? that should Yeliwan not receive the members vote and lose the House of Assembly election how was he going to repay their money (membership fee) and fulfil his promises. It was explained that if they insisted upon voting for any candidate from another electorate their vote could be recorded but during the count would be marked informal.

4. On the question of self government no person was heard to voice an opinion that it should come in the near future. In response the villagers were told that it would seem that the Australian Government has shifted the responsibility of making the decision to the H of A, and that it was up to the constituents to make their Member aware of their attitude so he may subsequently advise the House during the debate on the motion.

5. It is hard to believe that in this day and age such confusion could arise from the two terms 'self government' and 'Independence'. It has been somewhat further confused by the fact that Yeliwan has claimed that he does not want self government (presumably because he would still have his hands tied) but he wants Independence, when the two terms have been explained the villagers see that Yeliwan's ambitions are contradicted by his methods of achieving them.

House of Assembly cont.

6. The people were also concerned by rumors circulating that should Self Government eventuate the village people will be burdened by ~~an~~ numerous taxes and gave such examples as taxes on drinking their own coconuts, building a house, visiting a friend, cutting down a tree, ad hoc genus omne. They were informed that some form of raising revenue would be by necessity introduced but it was likely that some more predictable form of tax would be applied.

7. It is fair to report that in the main the villagers are becoming more aware of the administrative set up which surrounds them and its progress towards a point where it can be administered by the local talent available. It was apparent at all discussions that at village level they did not care to take on the responsibility of financing their own government and generally the impression gained was that they were content with the present situation where no demands were made upon them and very little expected from individuals the only pitfall is the relatively slow rate of economic growth that can be fostered under these conditions.

SGD .....  
 I.C.C. AD.  
 DATE 28th Feb, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2.

STATION: PAGWI OFFICER COMPILING: G.F. PAYNE  
DISTRICT: EAST SEPIK SUB DISTRICT: AMBUNTI  
CENSUS DIVISION: SEPIK PLAINS L.G. COUNCIL: GAU  
BUREAU KIKAL  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL - House of Assembly.

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SUB DISTRICT OFFICE  
AMBUNTI

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER.

DATE RECEIVED

17th March, 1972.

Para. 3. The people are probably the Council project in the same light they regard the cult. By putting up a subscription (Tax) and wonders will occur without excessive manual labour.

Para. 5. Mules proved a dismal picture on West Fergusson Island. The second half of the para. is agreed with. The people can hardly expect assistance if they do not help themselves.

  
L. W. BRAGGE.  
A.D.C.

21st. March, 1972.

P.O. Box 2396, KONEBOBU.

67-8-49.

26th April, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEHAK.

PAGWI PATROL NO. 5 OF 1971/72.

Your unreferenced minute refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Situation Report arising out of the above patrol of part of the Main River, Sepik Plains, Burui Kunai and Chambri Lakes Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. G. Payne, Patrol Officer.

A very well written and constructive report.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.



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REPORT NUMBER:	5 (Five).	OBJECTS OF PATROL:	Conduct House of Assembly elections.
DISTRICT	EAST SEPIK.	STATION:	PAGWI.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY:	G.F. PAYNE. P.O.	SUB DISTRICT:	AMBUNTI.
AREA PATROLLED:	Part of Main River, Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai and Chambri Lakes C.D.	PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:	Clerk M. Waive. Teacher P. Tengis. & Assistants.
		Number of Days:	18/2/72 to 11/3/72.
DURATION OF PATROL:	21 days	TOT. POP. OF AREA:	15, 634.
LAST D.D.A. PATROL:	February, 1972.	COUNCIL AREA :	GAUI.
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:	FEB, 1972.	H OF A ELECTORATE:	WOSERA/GAUI.
MAP REFERENCE:	Ambunti Fourmil.		

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, Folios 8 to 14,	(x)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	(x)
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (Special H of A election report).	(x)

DATE 20/3/1972.

.....  
Assistant District Commissioner.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, T.P.N.G. ←

In respect of this patrol, I attach,  
SPECIAL HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION REPORT &  
MY COMMENTS,

Patrol Report Jacket cont.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF  
PATROL & REPORT ....

ABOVE AVERAGE  
AVERAGE ✓  
BELOW AVERAGE

*See attached Situation Report No. 1.*

DATE: / / 1972

*E. G. Hills*  
District Commissioner.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Para 17 to 19 may be referred to applicable throughout the  
Annual Job Report in both District and Upper Staff Open  
Electronics.

ACTION TAKEN

REPORT NUMBER  
DISTRICT  
AREA  
DURATION OF  
LAST D.O.C. TERM  
LAST O.E.C. TERM  
NAME  
The District  
East Side  
NAME  
DATE  
ACTION TAKEN  
The District  
Department  
Division of  
COMMUNITY

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION ..... PAGWI ..... OFFICER COMPILING ..... G. F. PAYNE .....  
DISTRICT ..... EAST SEPIK ..... SUB-DISTRICT ..... AMBUNTI .....  
CENSUS DIVISION ..... Main River, ..... L.G. COUNCIL ..... GAUI .....  
Chambri Lakes, Sepik River, .....  
& Surui Kūhai.  
SUBJECT : SPECIAL REPORT - House of Assembly Elections.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE  
AMBUNTI

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

17th March, 1972  
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ASSESSMENT.

This report is obviously of interest to the *Secretary* Security and should have been made into one or more situation reports. The Officer will be advised to do so in future.

The report is a well written clear account of the election.

The notes on Cargo Cults shows yet again the ever changing situation in the Gaui area.

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS.

Para 17 to 19 may be regarded as applicable throughout the Ambunti Sub District in both Wosera Gaui and Upper Sepik Open Electorates.

ACTION TAKEN :

SGD ..... *L.W. Bragge* ..... L.W. BRAGGE A.D.C.

DATE ..... 20th March, 1972. ....

PATROL REPORT No. 5

STATION		OFFICER COMPILING	G.F. PAYNE.
DISTRICT	EAST SEPIK.	SUB DISTRICT	AMBUNTI.
CENSUS DIVISIONS	Main River, Chambri Lakes, Sepik Plains, & Burui Kunai.	L.G. COUNCIL	GAUI.

SPECIAL REPORT - House of Assembly Elections.

General Introduction.

1. The aim of this patrol was to establish polling booths for the acceptance of votes for the Third House of Assembly elections, at the locations decided upon and as advised by the Returning Officer for the Wosera/GauI electorate. Polling was scheduled for the full period as allowed in the Chief Electoral Officer's writ for the election.

2. This particular patrol was responsible for the conduction and establishment of Polling booths at Korogo, Suapmeri, and Kanganaman villages in the Main River Census Division; Aibom, Indingai, and Changriman villages in the Chambri Lakes Census Division; and Nogosop, Marap, Worimbi, and Jiginimbu villages in the Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai Census Divisions. The schedule drawn up allowed a little flexibility and request to establish booths at Parembel, Timburmeri and Aurimbit villages was easily accommodated without interfering with the timing of the next scheduled polling location.

Transportation.

3. The patrol moved from location by means of powered canoes along the main River and Chambri Lakes. On the commencement of the patrol to the Sepik Plains it was necessary to transfer to paddle canoes as the water channel was too shallow for outboard motors and too deep to wade through, the remainder of the villages were connected by formed walking tracks, which could still be traversed even though heavy rains caused them to be wet and slippery.

4. Good co-operation was received from the villagers when required to shift the patrol and election equipment, and generally the movement of the patrol proceeded smoothly and without incident other than when the doubled canoe was caught in a storm and heavy swell in the Chambri Lakes and a little difficulty was experienced in crossing the 'Kaimbin' Creek at Namanga village due to high water levels.

Voter's Attitudes and Trends.

5. "At all locations the polling team was well received and in most instances was readily assisted with the establishment of the booth prior to the commencement of polling

6. The general trend was for the whole village as a group to assemble in the morning and await an opportunity to cast their vote. From my limited experience, gained as a voter's assistant it seemed that the general trend was to favour the 'wantok' candidate, there was generally a limited preference of the first two and in many cases only a single preference was marked, no difficulty was experienced by any of the voters with reasonable eyesight in identifying any of the candidates.

7. Throughout the patrol it was stressed that it was the voter's responsibility to nominate an assistant if one was required. Instructions on how to vote were given prior to the commencement of polling at each location and for each village group and again it was stressed that a villager requesting assistance should for preference favour the services of a literate friend. Over the voting period it is estimated that official assistance from members of the polling team was less than 15% with some villages seeking no such assistance but relied entirely on their own literates. It is estimated that 35 - 40% of voters sought no assistance but preferred to mark their own vote, this is a much higher proportion than in previous elections and I would anticipate this will be reflected by a higher proportion of votes being rejected as informal at the initial scrutiny.

Incidents.

8. There were several minor incidents which I note for general interest but had no overall effect on the result of the voting. At Suapmeri a coconut fell from a tree into a group of people waiting to vote, fortunately it only glanced off the head of the head of an infant held in it's mother's arms, the child received shock and minor concussion but no serious damage was reported by the Aid Post Orderly at Korogo after the child was taken to him for inspection.

9. Scrutineers were nominated by two of the candidates and followed the progress of the patrol. One scrutineer had the habit of erecting a banner promoting his candidate, however it was noted at Aibom village that the banner was there in all it's glory but no sign of the presence of the scrutineer. On making discrete enquiries it was found that the scrutineer for the other candidate had carried the banner from the last polling place and had it re-erected, I took this as a highly sporting attitude displayed by this scrutineer but later learnt however that he thought it was generally part of the regalia.

10. Another candidate held in high regard and the most sophisticated available thought it more important to preserve his honour by taking part in a village skin cutting initiation, which bound him to the 'haus boi' for most of the part of the election, rather than make himself available for election campaigning. It was later learnt that he had claimed that when he was the Sepik's member to the House of Assembly in Port Moresby he did wish anyone to doubt his true Sepik identity, evidence now etched into his body.

Participation.

11. The schedule drawn up allowed everyone to vote with little inconvenience to themselves, by including Polling Booths at Parabei, Tila, and ... added convenience was given to villagers in these areas.

12. It is estimated that between 85% and 90% of villagers resident in their village at the time of the election took the opportunity to vote. A few cases of absenteeism were apparent in some instances, due to the person's devotion to duty attending market or food gathering activities.

13. No applications were lodged with this patrol for Postal Votes, there were fourteen Absentee Votes applied for during the period of the election.

14. Female participation was good and overall more females than males voted at the elections, the reason for this trend is because of the larger number of women in the village in proportion due to the migration out of the village of many of the menfolk seeking employment in the towns, this is more apparent on the Main River and in the Chambri Lakes. The percentage of women voting in the Main River C.D. was 60.5%, in the Chambri Lakes 54.8% and in the Burvi Kunai and Sepik Plains C.D.'s it was 51.6%, giving a 55.6% of women voters overall votes cast with this Polling team.

Affect of Cults on Voting.

15. As was anticipated and noted in para 3 Situation No.2 of Pagwi Patrol report No.4 of 1972, the Peli Association cargo cult had only limited effect on the number of people voting and their inclinations. Kwimba at the time of the previous patrol, considered a cult stronghold, were represented by approximately ten males who came to vote, this was due to the urgings of their Councillor, Cr. Painda, who although aged is very energetic and active and with encouragement may bring his village out of the clouds, he has, with a small band of followers already made the first signs of getting back into cash cropping.

16. Rumour was heard of a new cult in the makings at Worimbi village, but as it stands now will die a hasty death before it gains momentum. Two Gaudi Council Councillors, Kiagan from Worimbi and Wabitbanga from Aurimbit have become financial members of the Pangu Party and have also purchased the 'Parti' 'T' shirt. Cr. Kiagan the driving force and apparently the originator of the 'story' has spread the word that he is in possession of a little black book which 'came up nothing' but which he believes God gave him. One of the book's claims is that when the Pangu Party take over the Government every supporter or member will receive \$6,600 plus some odd dollars for their faith in the 'Parti'. The money is to come from a 'money factory' as yet to be built but a top Party priority. Kiagan was not available for comment but was campaigning in the Wosera area, his village of Worimbi were very sceptical of the claims but were interested and intrigued. At the time of the patrol these claims were countered by distributing the 'Three Party policy booklet' to the villagers and letting them see for themselves what each party hoped to achieve should it have the members to form a Government.

Comments and Suggestions.

17. The utilization of Identification Tribunals is to be recommended, and was found to be much warranted on this election patrol, it was found to be of great assistance for the Presiding Officer to refer to local knowledge when ascertaining a person's qualifications to vote, particularly where the applicant to vote has claimed omission from the Electoral Roll.

18. The present system of identifying an applicant to vote and locating the applicant on the roll is difficult and time consuming in many instances due to the applicants' inability to standardise and stabilise their names and pronunciations, for example a name given as possibly be found under four or five different letters, that is a name given as Jangat may be found under 'Changet', 'Sankat', or 'Tangat'. If the present system is to be retained, identification tags should be given to every person and a central register kept, and updated at the time of each annual census patrol. Naturally this would be a major task to implement and carry out but all central and local administration bodies would benefit from being able to identify anyone positively by sighting their identification disc.

19. The publication and distribution of the 'Three Party's Policy' booklet was well received but it was unfortunate that its late arrival did not give many villagers the chance to really consider the issues at stake. To assist in furthering the aims of political awareness at village level it would have been fair to include general information and definitions in the booklet or under separate cover including such headings as 'how to vote', 'Preferential voting', 'What Democracy means to You', 'What Self Government means to You', 'What Independence means to You', etc. It was noted there was no literature in pidgin translation explaining how to vote, although we had the information in the Police Motu and English translation.

20. The new series of Colman lamps which have straight cylindrical glasses were found to be very delicate and although they were handled and carried with great caution not one glass survived intact, this is due to the fact that these straight sided glasses do not have the strength that the earlier curved glass lamps had.

21. To Summarise; this patrol completed its aim of establishing Polling Booths as to the schedule laid out by the Returning Officer for Wosera/Gauai Electorate, and that during the period of polling, carried out in a most satisfactory manner no incident was reported or observed which was contrary to the House of Assembly Electoral Ordinance or that would have had any undue bearing on the patrol.

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Dated 15th March, 1972.