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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPT. NATIVE AFFAIRS
26 JAN 1960
WEWAK
SEPIK DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPIK..... Report No.....AIT.1/1959-1960.....

Patrol Conducted by.....I. G. BRIDGES, PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....AITAPE EAST COAST AND INLAND CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....ONE.....

Natives.....EIGHT.....

Duration—From 28./9./1959 to 11./10./1959 and 17/10/59 to 9/11/59.

Number of Days.....THIRTY - EIGHT.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....YES.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../9./1958.....

Medical T.B. SURVEY /1958.....

Map Reference.....AITAPE 4. MILE TO 4 INCH SERIES.....

Objects of Patrol.....SEE INSIDE.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

4/2/1960

W. B. Lawrence

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

67-8-31.

24th March, 1960.

District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO.1/59-60.

The infant mortality rate over the area patrolled seems particularly severe. It is very clear that a network of Aid Posts manned by illiterate orderlies is no substitute for solid patrolling by trained Officers.

It might be an idea to discourage further recruiting from the YAKAMUL groups until some of the absentees return and the percentages assume reasonable proportions.

I am glad to note that the WALHIGA and LABJAIN Villages are working their alluvial flats. It is hoped the gold fever spreads. Throughout the Territory goldfields most productive areas are not a paying proposition for a European miner because of the terrific costs involved with a possibility that the prospecting will be profitless anyhow. Local natives may exploit the potential as a lucrative hobby.

It is unfortunate that the system of immigrant labour results in the disintegration of family life but such a disability is not peculiar to the indigenous societies of New Guinea.

(F. G. ~~W.~~ Schison)
Acting Director

67-8-31 ✓



PR.Ait.1-59/60/227

District Office,
Sepik District,
WENAK.

3rd February, 1960

The Assistant District Officer,
AITAPE.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 59/60

I have received Aitape Patrol Report No. 1 of 1959/60 covering a patrol conducted by Mr. L. G. Bridges, Patrol Officer, to the Aitape East Coast and Inland Census Division. The patrol was well carried out, but I want you to ensure in future that all patrol reports are submitted as soon as possible after completion.

NATIVE AFFAIRS - page 5 para.3 - There is very little that can be done about the old people, except that I suggest you write to the Assistant District Officer of the Subdistrict in which the old people's sons are working, asking him to tell the children of the state of the parents' health, it is then a matter for the sons. We will deal with the matters of desertion and maintenance claims when Mr. Bridges forwards more details.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE - page 5 - I will forward a copy of this section to the District Medical Officer.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY - page 6 para 1 - This is adequately covered by your comments and every effort should be made to persuade the people to plant as many coconuts as can possibly be done.

Para 2 - By Mr. Bridges comments on "frustrated attempts" I take him to mean the troubles we have had in the past with communications. Now that we have the Rouma Falls as well as the Thetis, this position might be alleviated to some extent, but there again we must remember that we cannot always guarantee assistance with Government trawlers when and where the assistance is required. I am very sympathetic to the people and we will do all we can to help.

ROADS AND BRIDGES - page 5 - I am very pleased to see such a good response and I hope it can be maintained.

wjblaney
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu.

PR.Ait.1-59/60/232
District Office WENAK.
3rd February, 1960

MINUTE/ The Director,
Department of Native Affairs, KONEDOBU

This patrol report goes forward to you under cover. It is a good report though submitted rather late, but this is not entirely Mr. Bridges' fault as he was pulled off this report and transferred to Venimo to take over from Mr. John Cochrane who has gone on leave.

Local administrative matters that have been raised by this report have been dealt with ~~later~~.

wjblaney
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

Sub-District Office
AITAPE SEPIK DISTRICT

20th January 1960

GRB:GRB

District Officer,
WEWAK

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No.1/59-60

The above report is forwarded herewith in triplicate.
Claim for camping allowance is attached.

Delay in submission is regretted but Mr. Bridges was transferred to Vanimo prior to completion of the patrol and his report is just to hand. Census figures are not attached but Mr. Bridges advises that these will be forwarded to you direct for inclusion in the report.

Allowance has been made in the patrol program for completion of this patrol in February when it is hoped Mr. Bridges will be returning to Aitape.

The patrol has been well carried out and the report is informative and well presented.

I have the following comments to make.

NATIVE AFFAIRS : It is pleasing to note the present satisfactory condition and improvements since the last patrol. Any significant development is dependant on improved communications and at present maximum use is being made of "self help". Once reasonable communications are established the area should be ready for Local Government. The Yakumul group is rather notorious but firm on the spot action by every patrol should keep them in line.

HEALTH : The child death figures clearly indicate that more medical attention should be given to this area and the matter will be taken up with the Medical Assistant. As the full census figures are not to hand at the moment I am unable to confirm my suspicions that the heavier mortality is in the inland villages rather than on the coast.

ROADS & BRIDGES: The voluntary response to work on the east coast road has been good. Meetings were held early last year with all village officials and leading men in the area re this road and the position put to them that they would have to do a lot themselves without thinking of pay. This was readily accepted. To date work has been concentrated on forest clearing along the route between Tadjji and the Migia River and between YEMAKOL hamlet, CHINAPELLI and the coast. Vide appendix to Aitape P/R. 5/59-59.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY: In the south east season large quantities of sago are marketed at Aitape and the Islands by the ULAU and CHINAPELLI/LEMIENG groups but otherwise economic activity is limited to that indicated by Mr. Bridges. However once the road is opened up I have no doubt that much of the present reluctance to develop cash cropping, due to past disappointments, will evaporate. During the development of the road it is essential that every encouragement be given to increased cash cropping and this is being done.

EDUCATION

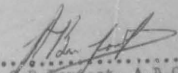
: East of LEMIENG educational facilities are negligible. There are no staffed Mission stations and the resident priest at Lemieng who periodically visits the area is mainly concerned with religious matters. This office has been under pressure for some time for the establishment of an Administration school in the ULAU/YAKAMUL area similar to that at Waipo. The matter has been raised with the District Education Officer who has advised that the staff position makes the setting up of such a school an impossibility.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Appointments of Tultuls as listed are recommended for your approval.

NATIVE LABOUR: : Formal recruiting in this area is negligible but many natives are employed casually in Aitape and WAK WFNAK hence at any one time a census check may show over recruitment. Those employed outside the District have usually been away for many years whilst those employed within the District generally keep in fairly close contact with their villages.

NATIVE MINING : It would be appreciated if relevant data could be regularly supplied to this office by Maprik.

For your information please.


.....
R. R. Burfoot, A.D.O.

cc. Mr. Bridges.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT.

NO. ATT. 1/1959-1960.

AITAPE EAST COAST AND INLAND CENSUS DIVISION?

SUBMITTED BY

L.G. BRIDGES, PATROL OFFICER.

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AREA PATROLLED: Aitape East Coast and Inland Census Division.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY :

Europeans - Mr.F.Neville,E.M.A. from 6/10/59 to 9/11/59.

Others - Constable SAGI.
Constable BANAU.
Constable KURUBAL.
Constable KASUP.
Constable AINA.
Two Native Medical Orderlies.
Personal Servant.

OBJECTS OF PATROL :

- i. Tax collection 1959.
- ii. Census revision for 1959.
- iii. Routine administration.
- iv. Indentify Drimboi plantation by chain and compass.

DURATION OF PATROL :

From 28/9/59 to 11/10/59 -- 14 days.

From 17/10/59 to 9/11/59 -- 24 days.

TOTAL -- 38 days.

PREVIOUS PATROLS :

Native affairs - August/September 1958.

Public Health - T.B.Survey 1958.

MAP REFERENCES :

Aitape 4 miles to 1 inch Army series. Amendments also made to Aitape 1 mile to 1 inch series.

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INTRODUCTION :

This patrol covered the division which lies to the east of Aitape as far as the Wewak sub-district boundary. The division comprises of twenty two villages. Ten of these are situated on the coast whilst the remainder are situated in the near hinterland areas.

All but three of these villages were visited this patrol. Whilst at Paup I received word that I was to move to VANIMO to take over there. From Paup the patrol moved onto Leming thence onto Aitape to prepare for my transfer. Time did not permit me to visit the villages of Chinapeli, Pro and Vokau.

On the whole the weather was good and no delays were recorded. The patrol was well received in all villages visited.

A week was spent near Drimboi making a chain and compass survey of this prewar plantation.

DIARY :

- 28/9/59 : Departed Aitape per M.V. 'ELA' at 0630 hours. Arrived off Suain village group at 1130 hours. Patrol landed and set up camp in the rest house.
- 29/9/59 : Morning at Suai village. After lunch departed for the inland villages. Arrived Balup by mid afternoon - 1½ hours walk. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 30/9/59 : Departed Balup for Malin village. Road follows river bed. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 1/10/59 : Continued following Danmap river to Womises village - 4 hours walk. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 2/10/59 : Departed Womises for Walhiga - 2 hours walk. Tax/census completed. Later continued onto ASAPAS - ½ hours walk. Visited gold diggings of both villages. Remained overnight Asapas.
- 3/10/59 : Tax/census at Asapas. Later departed for Labuain via Womises - 6½ hours walk. Again mainly along the Danmap river bed. Remained overnight at Labuain.
- 4/10/59 : Observed at Labuain.
- 5/10/59 : Tax/census completed at Labuain. Routine administration. After lunch departed for Mihet. - 1 hours walk. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 6/10/59 : Started descent to coast to Ulau villages and thence back along coast to Suain group. 6 hours Mihet to Ulau No.2, and further 2 hours to Suain No.2. Mr. Neville, E.M.A. waiting here to join patrol. Remained overnight.
- 7/10/59 : At Suain No.2.
- 8/10/59 : Departed for Matapau on Aitape sub-district boundary. 3 hours hot walk along beach. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 9/10/59 : Returned to Suain No.1. and No.2. for Tax/census and routine administration. Late p.m. proceeded to DEIA village - 1 hours walk. Remained overnight.
- 10/10/59 : Tax/census at DEIA. Fifty per cent of population absent at Haneside colony on Raihu river. Continued onto Ulau No.2. Camp set up in rest house.
- 11/10/59 : Observed at Ulau No.2. Policeman arrived per bicycle with note from A.D.O. advising that Dental party due on the 13th October 1959.
- 12/10/59 : Departed Ulau No.2. at 0830 per bicycle for Aitape. Arrived mission station at Lemiang 1300 hours. Break at Lemiang thence onto Aitape at 1530 hours. Eventually arrived Aitape at 1630 hours.
- 13-14/10/59 : General duties Aitape awaiting the arrival of dental party.
- 15-16/10/59 : Receiving dental treatment.
- 17/10/59 : Departed Aitape at 0900 hours. Arrived Lemiang at 1000 hours. Visited mission station leaving there at 1100 hours for return trip to Ulau No.2. Arrived Ulau No.2. at 1630 hours.
- 18/10/59 : Observed at Ulau No.2. E.M.A. arrived per bicycle to rejoin patrol.
- 19/10/59 : People of Ulau No.2. assembled for tax/census. Rest of day in village. Remained overnight.
- 20/10/59 : Departed for Ulau No.1. - 1 hours walk. Camp set up in rest house. Departed with four police for Yakumul No.1. to investigate alleged offence. Arrived back at Ulau No.1. at 2000 hours.

DIARY (CONT.).

- 21/10/59 : People of Ulau No.1. assembled for Tax/census. Departed for area of land known as Drimboi at 1500 hours. Camp set up in temporary structure near Drimboi.
- 22/10/59 : At Drimboi. Discussions with previous owners of land. Shown approximate positions of land boundaries. After lunch commenced cutting boundary lines for chain and compass survey.
- 23/10/59 : At Drimboi supervising the cutting of southern boundary line.
- 24/10/59 : At Drimboi supervising line cutting.
- 25/10/59 : At Drimboi - day observed.
- 26/10/59 : At Drimboi supervising cutting of south-western and western boundaries.
- 27/10/59 : At Drimboi supervising line cutting.
- 28/10/59 : At Drimboi, finished cutting boundaries in morning. After lunch commenced chain and compass survey.
- 29/10/59 : At Drimboi - chain and compass survey.
- 30/10/59 : Finished chain and compass survey. After lunch proceeded to Yakumul No.2. village.
- 31/10/59 : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At Yakumul villages. Supervising cleaning of villages, etc.
- 1/11/59 : Observed at Yakumul No.2. village.
- 2/11/59 : Visiting all hamlets of both Yakumul villages by bicycle supervising village maintenance, etc.
- 3/11/59 : Departed Yakumul No.2. for inland village of Charok. Tax/census completed. Returned to Yakumul No.2. late p.m. Remained overnight.
- 4/11/59 : Tax/census at Yakumul No.2. After lunch heard many of the disputes which are particularly prevalent in these village groups. Remained further night.
- 5/11/59 : Proceeded to Yakumul No.1. Routine administration and hearing complaints.
- 6/11/59 : Tax/ Census completed. Departed for Paup at 1600 hours. Remained overnight.
- 7/11/59 : At Paup. Very heavy rain most of the day. Extracting census figures from Yakumul registers.
- 8/11/59 : Word received that patrol to return to Aitape so that writer may prepare for movement to Vanimo on the 13th. Tax/census completed for both Paup and small hamlet of Afua.
- 9/11/59 : Departed Paup for Lemieng at 0800 hours. Tax/census completed at Lemieng thence onto Aitape. Patrol picked up by truck at Raihu river at 1630 hours.

NATIVE AFFAIRS: On the whole the native situation appeared satisfactory. Some improvements were seen on what was reported by the previous patrol. However, any great improvement in the area will depend a great deal on the development of the East coast road. The division's coastal belt has potential for development but only will eventuate with some consistent guidance and supervision. These people have made many abortive attempts over recent years at some form of economic activity and now are rather hesitant to any further suggestions.

No serious complaints were reported. Many minor complaints and disputes were settled amicably for both the parties concerned. These were particularly prevalent in the Yakumul area where there is a lot of inter village (hamlet) friction.

Several complaints by old people that their sons have been away from their villages for a long time and that they might not see them before they die were brought forward. Also several cases of desertion with wives wishing to claim maintenance came forward. These will be dealt with by separate correspondence.

Villages varied from very untidy to some which were quite well laid out and it was obvious that they people were showing some pride in their homes. The Yakumul group was particularly bad and sometime was spent in these hamlets making improvements. The people here were living in very crude shelters on the beach away from the village proper.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

Mr. Neville, E.M.A. accompanied the patrol to the coastal villages and medical inspections were carried out in all villages visited. The general health of the majority was found to be quite good. The absence of large sores was particularly noticeable. The incidence of leprosy is still however comparatively high. One village in particular, DEIA, over 50 per cent of the population is away at the Haneside colony either as inmates or guardians. For a more detailed report please refer to Aitape Medical patrol report No.2/1959-60.

Four aidposts are situated in the area. These except the post at Labuain appear to be well patronised. The people of Labuain complained of the lack of interest and work by the Orderly stationed there. The present Orderly comes from Mihet and it appears he spends most of his time there. He makes very irregular visits to the aid post and for over six months now he has not visited the villages further down the Danmap river. The ward and medical store were in a bad state of disrepair at the time of my visit. The village medical Tul Mul holds the key to the medical store and it appears that he does all the treatments and the A.P.O. periodically comes around to give shots. Seeing that the M.T.T. receives no pay whatsoever I would say he is doing a fine effort.

Census figures for the nineteen villages visited out of a total of twenty-two for the division show a natural increase of 85 over the twelve months period. Of the total number of deaths recorded (87) thirty-two were of children under the age of fourteen years. The number of babes under the age of one month that died was eleven whilst the number under the age of one year was nineteen.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Vehicular roads - 40 miles of old army road but untrafficable because of the lack of bridges.

Tracks - 100 miles.

The tracks on the coastal belt were found in good condition whilst inland these are almost non-existent as most routes follow stream beds.

The old army road is still being well kept between rivers. On this patrol in the latter stages such use was made of a bicycle which consequently halved the time between villages and enabled me to make numerous visits to adjoining hamlets to supervise the necessary maintenance.

The work of cutting the inland route of the East Coast road from Chinapell down to Paup was put forward to the men of Yakumul and Paup. The response was good and now about eighty men are at work on this part.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY :

Very little activity in the area. Lack of communications and distance from Aitape being the main deterrent. There is good potential for coconuts and the people were advised to extend their plantings where ever possible. Numerous seed coconuts were sighted in villages but no effort has been made to plant these.

Some peanuts are being grown but these are only in the villages nearest Aitape. The growing of coffee as a cash crop was put forward but this was met with little enthusiasm. After all their previous frustrated attempts they are rather hesitant towards any new ideas.

EDUCATION :

Mission schools are the only education facilities in the area. There is a school at the mission station at Lemiang and two others at Suain and Ulau. The latter have local teacher catechists in charge. The Father at Lemiang assist a local teachers with his classes.

The mission stations at Suain, Ulau and Yakumul are being looked after by native caretakers.

The percentage of literacy in Pidgin English in villages on the coast averaged about 40% of the population. The number of adults being about the same as children. In the inland area each village has the one or two adults males who are some degree literate.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :

From impressions of villages throughout the area the officials appear to be doing a fair effort. Most have fair ideas of the aims of the administration. The most intelligent Luluai in the area is one Meru of Yakumul No.1. His work is greatly hampered by the difficulty and uncooperative Yakamuls.

The following changes were made and are subject to the approval of the Director. Waihimbal, Tultul of WOMIGES resigned of old age and Wakubal was elected to take his place. Tosel, Tultul of Labuanu village also resigned because of old age and his place is taken by Amut. Saumala, Tultul of Yakumul No.2. resigned and Sinawei was elected to take his place.

A list of officials can be found in appendix 'A' of this report.

CENSUS: Checks were completed in nineteen of the twenty-two villages. The necessary statistics have been extracted and are attached to this report.

Tax/census adjustment advices have been forwarded direct to Port Moresby.

Native Labour: Labour availability figures were checked in all the villages visited and the register for same held at Aitape was amended to date.

Only four villages are overrecruited. These being Matapeu, Suain No.2., Yakumul No.1. and 2. The percentages absent in Yakumul No.1 and No.2. are as high as 58% and 43% respectively.

LAND MATTERS : The area of land known as Drisboi was investigated this patrol. The boundary lines were cut and a chain/compass survey was made for identification purposes. A map of the area and particulars of the prewar purchase will be forwarded under separate cover.

The people of Suain approached the patrol rather concerned re the placing of survey pegs along the coast through their villages. A party of Europeans landed on the nearby light airstrip early this year and carried out the survey. The people were advised that they had nothing to be concerned about as this had nothing to do with their land. They were advised that it was part of a C.S.I.R.O. research team's work.

TAXATION: The total amount of tax money collected from the villages visited was £253-5-0. The tax rate for 1959 for the coastal villages was 10/- whilst in the inland area the amount was set at 5/-. The small hamlet of Afua was included in the coastal area. This hamlet is about two hours walk inland from Paup and as these people have only a very little source of income they were given a partial exemption of 5/-.

In all 197 tax exemptions were given and 554 tax receipts were issued. There was no trouble with the collections and the people were quite able to meet the demands. There were no prior group collections as reported by the previous tax collector to the area. The provisions of the ordinance were again explained where ever doubt was evident.

NATIVE MINING: Alluvial gold mining is carried out by the people of Walhiga and Labusain villages. At Walhiga there are two work parties, one group of nine men including the Lulaui are working a site about half an hour walk further up the Atob river whilst the other group of fifteen men have a camp right up near the Maprik border. At Labusain a small group are working on the Wiem creek, a tributary of the river which flows towards Dreikikir. The gold obtained at the latter's workings is much finer than that recovered around Walhiga.

The mines officer at Maprik visited these workings in June this year. He has organised the work parties with bossbois and has shown them the best possible means available to them to recover the gold. It was difficult to access how much money they have received since they have been taking their gold to Maprik for sale. Perhaps the mines office at Maprik could be requested to supply the amounts from their records. At the time of this visit two full bottles (3/4" diam by 2 ins deep) were shown to me. This came from the two diggings in the Walhiga area and was the results of about three weeks work.

These people are quite keen recovering the gold but is was evident from the condition of their village and gardens that too much priority has been given to the work.

POLICE: Five members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary accompanied the patrol. All carried out their duties well and were of a great assistance. Separate reports for each member have been forwarded to the Commissioner for Police, Port Moresby. Copies are found attached to this report.

L.G. Bridges

L.G. Bridges, Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'A'.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Luluai.</u>	<u>TulTul.</u>	<u>M.TulTul.</u>	<u>Population.</u>
MATAPAU	AINDIAM	.....	.....	73.
SUAIN No.1.	.....	DRA'ANIK	.....	222.
SUAIN No.2.	KAMIS	.....	.....	124.
YAKAMUL No.1.	MERU	DRAMORIU	.....	225.
YAKAMUL No.2.	MUATO	SINAWEI	.....	423.
ULAU No.1.	SANAU	APAYI	.....	345.
ULAU No.2.	ANUMO	SAKAU	.....	244.
CHAROK	MUNAHAIM	TALAU	.....	74.
DEIA	NIAMUN	.....	.....	79.
PAUP	TAPUL	PALIO	.....	356.
ASAPAS	SIMAN	.....	.....	59.
BALUP	.....	SAUNI	.....	63.
LABUAIN	KEIRIK	AMIT MUNGULPI	MASINEM	252.
MALIN	.....	NASINIA	.....	55.
MIHET	MALIO	.....	SAMANYEL	79.
WALIHIGA	WARIGIGIN	KARAIANG	.....	83.
WOMISES	UNARU	WAKANBUL	.....	183.
PRO				
AFUA				
LENIENG				
VOKAU				
CHINAPELI.				

APPENDIX 'A':

VILLAGE OFFICIALE.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Island.</u>	<u>TalTul.</u>	<u>M.TalTul.</u>	<u>Population.</u>
MATAPAU	AINDIAN	.....	.....	73.
SUAIN No.1.	.....	DRABANIK	.....	222.
SUAIN No.2.	KAHIS	.....	.....	124.
YAKANUL No.1.	MEHU	BRANORIU	.....	225.
YAKANUL No.2.	MUATO	SINAMBI	.....	423.
ULAU No.1.	SANAU	APAYA	.....	345.
ULAU No.2.	AHUNO	SAKAU	.....	244.
CHAROK	MURAHAIN	TALAU	.....	74.
DEIA	NIAMUH	.....	.....	79.
PAUP	TAPUL	PALIO	.....	356.
ASAPAS	SIMAN	.....	.....	59.
BALUP	.....	SAUKI	.....	63.
LASUAIN	KERIK	AHIT MUNDULPI	MASIRIN	252.
NALIN	.....	NASINIA	.....	55.
NIRIT	NALIO	.....	SANAYEL	79.
WALIHIGA	WARIGIGIN	KARAIANG	.....	83.
WOMISES	UHARU	WAKANDUL	.....	185.
PRO				
APJA				
LEMIFRO				
VOKAU				
CHINAPALI.				

KIKENE AITAPE

27th December 59.

The Police Commissioner,
KOROROE.

CONSTABLE AITHA

38 days Aitape East Coast Island. Good.

Accompanied Aitape Patrol No. 1/1959-60.
Conduct and bearing excellent. Good N.C.O. material after a few
more years experience. Was constable in charge for most of patrol.

H. Budge

AITAPE,

27th December 1959.

The Police Commissioner,
KOROROU.

SAGI.

27/12 28 days East Coast and inland. See below.

Accompanied Aitape Patrol No.1. of 1959-60.
Conduct and bearing good, is a tireless worker.

H. Budge 10

AITAPE,

27th December 1959

The Police Commissioner,
KOREROBU.

KUBUHAL.

27/12 38 days East coast and inland Good see below.

Accompanied Aitape patrol No.1/1959-60.
Conduct and bearing good. A strong worker but often is too harsh
with people. Needs watching.

Budge

KIKISE AITAKE,

27th December 1959

The Police Commissioner,
KOROROU.

BAHAVA.

27/12 38 days East coast and inland Good. see below

Accompanied Aitake Patrol No. 1/1959-60.
Conduct and bearing good. Getting old but still a tireless worker.

W. Bridges

R.S. FORM 1.

AITAPE,

27th December 1959

The Police Commissioner,
Port Moresby N.

CONSTABLE

KAGSP.

9. 27/12/ 38 days East coast and inland. Good see below.

Accompanied Aitape patrol No. 1/1959-60.

Conduct and bearing fair. a very slow worker.

H. Budge

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT.

NO. AIT. 1/1959-1960.

AITAPE EAST COAST AND INLAND CENSUS DIVISION?

SUBMITTED BY

L.S. BRIDGES, PATROL OFFICER.

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AREA PATROLLED: Aitape East Coast and Inland Census Division.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY :

- Europeans - Mr. F. Neville, E.N.A. from 6/10/59 to 9/11/59.
- Others - Constable SAGI.
Constable BANAU.
Constable KURUBAL.
Constable KASUP.
Constable AINA.
Two Native Medical Orderlies.
Personal Servant.

OBJECTS OF PATROL :

- i. Tax collection 1959.
- ii. Census revision for 1959.
- iii. Routine administration.
- iv. Identify Briabei plantation by chain and compass.

DURATION OF PATROL :

From 28/9/59 to 11/10/59 -- 14 days.
 From 17/10/59 to 9/11/59 -- 24 days.
TOTAL -- 38 days.

PREVIOUS PATROLS :

- Native affairs - August/September 1958.
- Public Health - T.B. Survey 1958.

MAP REFERENCES :

Aitape 4 miles to 1 inch Army series. Amendments also made to Aitape 1 mile to 1 inch series.

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INTRODUCTION :

This patrol covered the division which lies to the east of Aitape as far as the Wewak sub-district boundary. The division comprises of twenty two villages. Ten of these are situated on the coast whilst the remainder are situated in the near hinterland areas.

All but three of these villages were visited this patrol. Whilst at Paup I received word that I was to move to VANIMO to take over there. From Paup the patrol moved onto Lemlong thence onto Aitape to prepare for my transfer. Time did not permit me to visit the villages of Chinapeli, Pre and Vokan.

On the whole the weather was good and no delays were recorded. The patrol was well received in all villages visited.

A week was spent near Briabei making a chain and compass survey of this prewar plantation.

DIARY :

- 28/9/59 : Departed Aitape per M.V. 'ELA' at 0530 hours. Arrived off Suain village group at 1130 hours. Patrol landed and set up camp in the rest house.
- 29/9/59 : Morning at Suai village. After lunch departed for the inland villages. Arrived Balup by mid afternoon - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 30/9/59 : Departed Balup for Malin village. Road follows river bed. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 1/10/59 : Continued following Damaq river to Womises village - 4 hours walk. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 2/10/59 : Departed Womises for Walhiga - 2 hours walk. Tax/census completed. Later continued onto ASAPAS - $\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk. Visited gold diggings of both villages. Remained overnight Asapas.
- 3/10/59 : Tax/census at Asapas. Later departed for Labuain via Womises - $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk. Again mainly along the Damaq river bed. Remained overnight at Labuain.
- 4/10/59 : Observed at Labuain.
- 5/10/59 : Tax/census completed at Labuain. Routine administration. After lunch departed for Mibet. - 1 hours walk. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 6/10/59 : Started descent to coast to Uluu villages and thence back along coast to Suain group. 6 hours Mibet to Uluu No.2. and further 2 hours to Suain No.2. Mr. Beville, R.N.A. waiting here to join patrol. Remained overnight.
- 7/10/59 : At Suain No.2.
- 8/10/59 : Departed for Natapan on Aitape sub-district boundary. 3 hours hot walk along beach. Tax/census completed. Remained overnight.
- 9/10/59 : Returned to Suain No.1. and No.2. for Tax/census and routine administration. Late p.m. proceeded to DEIA village - 1 hours walk. Remained overnight.
- 10/10/59 : Tax/census at DEIA. Fifty per cent of population absent at beachside colony on Raihu river. Continued onto Uluu No.2. Camp set up in rest house.
- 11/10/59 : Observed at Uluu No.2. Policeman arrived per bicycle with note from A.D.O. advising that Dental party due on the 13th October 1959.
- 12/10/59 : Departed Uluu No.2. at 0830 per bicycle for Aitape. Arrived mission station at Leming 1500 hours. Break at Leming thence onto Aitape at 1530 hours. Eventually arrived Aitape at 1630 hours.
- 13-14/10/59 : General duties Aitape awaiting the arrival of dental party.
- 15-16/10/59 : Receiving dental treatment.
- 17/10/59 : Departed Aitape at 0900 hours. Arrived Leming at 1000 hours. Visited mission station leaving there at 1100 hours for return trip to Uluu No.2. Arrived Uluu No.2. at 1630 hours.
- 18/10/59 : Observed at Uluu No.2. R.N.A. arrived per bicycle to rejoin patrol.
- 19/10/59 : People of Uluu No.2. assembled for tax/census. Rest of day in village. Remained overnight.
- 20/10/59 : Departed for Uluu No.1. - 1 hours walk. Camp set up in rest house. Departed with four police for Takamal No.1. to investigate alleged offence. Arrived back at Uluu No.1. at 2000 hours.

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DIARY (CONT.)

- 21/10/59 : People of Ulan No.1. assembled for Tax/census. Departed for area of land known as Drinboi at 1500 hours. Camp set up in temporary structure near Drinboi.
- 22/10/59 : At Drinboi. Discussions with previous owners of land. Shown approximate positions of land boundaries. After lunch commenced cutting boundary lines for chain and compass survey.
- 23/10/59 : At Drinboi supervising the cutting of southern boundary line.
- 24/10/59 : At Drinboi supervising line cutting.
- 25/10/59 : At Drinboi - day observed.
- 26/10/59 : At Drinboi supervising cutting of south-western and eastern boundaries.
- 27/10/59 : At Drinboi supervising line cutting.
- 28/10/59 : At Drinboi, finished cutting boundaries in morning. After lunch commenced chain and compass survey.
- 29/10/59 : At Drinboi - chain and compass survey.
- 30/10/59 : Finished chain and compass survey. After lunch proceeded to Yakamal No.2. village.
- 31/10/59 : ~~KHAKSAMAL YAKAMAL VILLAGES~~. At Yakamal villages. Supervising cleaning of villages, etc.
- 1/11/59 : Observed at Yakamal No.2. village.
- 2/11/59 : Visiting all hamlets of both Yakamal villages by bicycle supervising village maintenance, etc.
- 3/11/59 : Departed Yakamal No.2. for inland village of Charok. Tax/census completed. Returned to Yakamal No.2. late p.m. Remained overnight.
- 4/11/59 : Tax/census at Yakamal No.2. After lunch heard many of the disputes which are particularly prevalent in these village groups. Remained further night.
- 5/11/59 : Proceeded to Yakamal No.1. Routine administration and hearing complaints.
- 6/11/59 : Tax/ Census completed. Departed for Paup at 1600 hours. Remained overnight.
- 7/11/59 : At Paup. Very heavy rain most of the day. Extracting census figures from Yakamal registers.
- 8/11/59 : Word received that patrol to return to Aitape so that writer may prepare for movement to Venice on the 13th. Tax/census completed for both Paup and small hamlet of Afus.
- 9/11/59 : Departed Paup for Leming at 0800 hours. Tax/census completed at Leming thence onto Aitape. Patrol picked up by truck at Raihu river at 1630 hours.

END OF DIARY.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS: On the whole the native situation appeared satisfactory. Some improvements were seen on what was reported by the previous patrol. However, any great improvement in the area will depend a great deal on the development of the East coast road. The division's coastal belt has potential for development but only will eventuate with some consistent guidance and supervision. These people have made many abortive attempts over recent years at some form of economic activity and now are rather hesitant to any further suggestions.

No serious complaints were reported. Many minor complaints and disputes were settled amicably for both the parties concerned. These were particularly prevalent in the Takamal area where there is a lot of inter village (halet) friction.

Seasonal complaints by old people that their sons have been away from their villages for a long time and that they might not see them before they die were brought forward. Also several cases of desertion with wives wishing to claim maintenance came forward. These will be dealt with by separate correspondence.

Villages varied from very untidy to some which were quite well laid out and it was obvious that they people were showing some pride in their homes. The Takamal group was particularly bad and sometime was spent in these halets making improvements. The people here were living in very crude shelters on the beach away from the village proper.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE:

Mr. Neville, M.N.A. accompanied the patrol to the coastal villages and medical inspections were carried out in all villages visited. The general health of the majority was found to be quite good. The absence of large sores was particularly noticeable. The incidence of leprosy is still however comparatively high. One village in particular, BRIA, over 50 per cent of the population is away at the Hansen colony either as inmates or guardians. For a more detailed report please refer to Aitape Medical patrol report No.2/1959-60.

Four aidposts are situated in the area. These, except the post at Labuin appear to be well patronised. The people of Labuin complain of the lack of interest and work by the Orderly stationed there. The present Orderly comes from Mihat and it appears he spends most of his time there. He makes very irregular visits to the aid post and for over six months now he has not visited the villages further down the Danamp river. The ward and medical store were in a bad state of disrepair at the time of my visit. The village medical Tul Sul holds the key to the medical store and it appears that he does all the treatments and the A.P.O. periodically comes around to give shots. Seeing that the M.T.I. receives no pay whatsoever I would say he is doing a fine effort.

Census figures for the nineteen villages visited out of a total of twenty-two for the division show a natural increase of 85 over the twelve month period. Of the total number of deaths recorded (37) thirty-two were of children under the age of fourteen years. The number of babies under the age of one month that died was eleven whilst the number under the age of one year was nineteen.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Vehicular roads - 40 miles of old army road but untrafficable because of the lack of bridges.

Tracks - 100 miles.

The tracks on the coastal belt were found in good condition whilst inland these are almost non-existent as most routes follow stream beds.

The old army road is still being well kept between rivers. On this patrol in the latter stages such use was made of a bicycle which consequently halved the time between villages and enabled me to make numerous visits to adjoining halets to supervise the necessary maintenance.

The work of cutting the inland route of the East Coast road from Chinapeli down to Paup was put forward to the men of Takamal and Paup. The response was good and now about eighty men are at work on this part.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY :

Very little activity in the area. Lack of communications and distance from Aitape being the main deterrent. There is good potential for coconuts and the people were advised to extend their plantings where ever possible. Numerous seed coconuts were sighted in villages but no effort has been made to plant these.

Some peanuts are being grown but these are only in the villages nearest Aitape. The growing of coffee as a cash crop was put forward but this was met with little enthusiasm. After all their previous frustrated attempts they are rather hesitant towards any new ideas.

EDUCATION :

Mission schools are the only education facilities in the area. There is a school at the mission station at Leming and two others at Suain and Uluu. The latter have local teacher catechists in charge. The Father at Leming assists a local teachers with his classes.

The mission stations at Suain, Uluu and Yakamal are being looked after by native caretakers.

The percentage of literacy in Pidgin English in villages on the coast averaged about 40% of the population. The number of adults being about the same as children. In the inland area each village has the one or two adults males who are some degree literate.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :

From impressions of villages throughout the area the officials appear to be doing a fair effort. Most have fair ideas of the aims of the administration. The most intelligent Ialwai in the area is one Meru of Yakamal No.1. His work is greatly hampered by the difficulty and uncooperative Iakmalis.

The following changes were made and are subject to the approval of the Director. Waikubal, Tultul of WOPUSES resigned of old age and Wakubal was elected to take his place. Koesel, Tultul of Labuan village also resigned because of old age and his place is taken by Amut. Saunlaa, Tultul of Yakamal No.2. resigned and Sinawel was elected to take his place.

A list of officials can be found in appendix 'A' of this report.

CENSUS: Checks were completed in nineteen of the twenty-two villages. The necessary statistics have been extracted and are attached to this report.

Tax/census adjustment advices have been forwarded direct to Port Moresby.

Native Labour: Labour availability figures were checked in all the villages visited and the register for same held at Aitape was amended to date.

Only four villages are overrecruited. These being Matapanu, Suain No.2., Yakamal No.1. and 2. The percentages above in Yakamal No.1 and No.2. are as high as 38% and 43% respectively.

LAND MATTERS : The area of land known as Drishol was investigated this patrol. The boundary lines were cut and a chain/compass survey was made for identification purposes. A map of the area and particulars of the prewar purchase will be forwarded under separate cover.

The people of Suain approached the patrol rather concerned re the placing of survey pegs along the coast through their villages. A party of Europeans landed on the nearby light airstrip early this year and carried out the survey. The people were advised that they had nothing to be concerned about as this had nothing to do with their land. They were advised that it was part of a C.S.I.R.O. research team's work.

TAXATION: The total amount of tax money collected from the villages visited was £253-5-0. The tax rate for 1959 for the coastal villages was 10/- whilst in the inland area the amount was set at 5/-. The small hamlet of Afua was included in the coastal area. This hamlet is about two hours walk inland from Paup and as these people have only a very little source of income they were given a partial exemption of 5/-.

In all 197 tax exemptions were given and 554 tax receipts were issued. There was no trouble with the collections and the people were quite able to meet the demands. There were no prior group collections as reported by the previous tax collector to the area. The provisions of the ordinance were again explained where ever doubt was evident.

NATIVE MINING: Alluvial gold mining is carried out by the people of Walhiga and Labuain villages. At Walhiga there are two work parties, one group of nine men including the Lalau are working a site about half an hour walk further up the Atob river whilst the other group of fifteen men have a camp right up near the Maprik border. At Labuain a small group are working on the Wiam creek, a tributary of the river which flows towards Dreikikir. The gold obtained at the latter's workings is much finer than that recovered around Walhiga.

The mines officer at Maprik visited these workings in June this year. He has organised the work parties with bossaic and has shown them the best possible means available to them to recover the gold. It was difficult to assess how much money they have received since they have been taking their gold to Maprik for sale. Perhaps the mines office at Maprik could be requested to supply the amounts from their records. At the time of this visit two full bottles (5/4" diam by 2 ins deep) were shown to me. This came from the two diggings in the Walhiga area and was the results of about three weeks work.

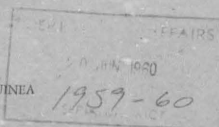
These people are quite keen recovering the gold but it is evident from the condition of their village and gardens that to such priority has been given to the work.

POLICE: Five members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary accompanied the patrol. All carried out their duties well and were of a great assistance. Separate reports for each member have been forwarded to the Commissioner for Police, Port Moresby. Copies are found attached to this report.

L. Bridges
L. S. Bridges. Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK (Aitape Sub-District) Report No. Special No. 1 59/60Patrol Conducted by J. KELLY C.P.O.Area Patrolled CHINAPILLI AREA.Patrol Accompanied by—Europeans NIL.Natives 3 POLICEDuration—From 26./4./19.60. to 28./5./19.60.Number of Days TWENTY SEVENDid Medical Assistant Accompany? No.Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2./19.60Medical 10/19.60

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Inspect land in the CHINAPILLI area to see if one thousand acres could be obtained suitable for agriculture. Mark selected area.DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Officer

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE.

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16th June, 1960.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

LAND INVESTIGATION--CHINAPELLI AREA.

Enclosed are copies of Mr. C.P.O. Kelly's report on his traverse of a block of land in the above area.

Access. The area is useless until such time as the Raihu River is bridged. This work has been included in the District estimates for a number of years now. It is a major job and cannot be done without a Special Fund allocation. Once the river is bridged, the present road to the Nigia River, which at present is suitable only to light traffic, can be improved.

The area has direct access to TADJI airfield. It is possible that if coffee is the crop to be developed, air transport could be used economically.

Suitability of Land. The major portion of the land appears to be above normal flood level. Technical advice on the quality of the soil should be sought.

Availability of Land. The area is sparsely populated and the major portion of the land surveyed is virgin country.

The area would not be required in the foreseeable future for subsistence agriculture.

The native owners of the land, headed by ex Sgt. Major Tapi are willing to sell.

There is a definite possibility of obtaining a further block of similar size on the Aitape side of the Nigia River.

For your information and advice, please.

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R. AISBETT. s/A.D.O..

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

REPORT on Land Inspection and Compass Traverses
in the CHINAPELLI Area.

Introduction:

The area of Land where the inspection and compass traverse were carried out lies about thirteen miles in a West-South-Westerly direction from Aitape at a small garden hamlet called KERRUA.

The purpose of the inspection was to see if one thousand acres of land suitable for agriculture could be obtained. If so, it was to be marked out in a rectangular block and the area calculated.

DIARY:

Tuesday, 26th April, 1960.

Departed Aitape by motor and trailer, accompanied by A.D.O. Barfoot and P.O. Aisbett. Proceeded through Edji Plantation, Edji Airstrip and along the Chinapelli road. About 5 miles down this road we stopped and the remaining three quarters of a mile over the Nigla River to KERRUA was walked.

Wednesday, 27th April, 1960.

Walked around the land between the hamlet K and the Nigla and an area of land to the West of the hamlet finding them both useless because of swamp.

Thursday, 28th April, 1960.

Walked around an area of land to the South of the hamlet which TAPI (the native wishing to sell the land and ex-police Sgt. Feder) described as good. The land here was suitable although very limited in area owing to swamp on the East and West boundaries and shallow water and mud on the South boundary. Had a Kulia corner post erected where the West and North boundaries would meet.

Friday, 29th April, 1960.

Cut and mark North boundary accurately. Directly East to West mag.

Saturday, 30th April, 1960.

Could only look over the land as all the natives went back to Chinapelli for a native ceremonial.

Sunday, 2nd April, 1960.

MEMO 5
Sent around surrounding villagers asking them to watch for two ANANAB natives who had escaped from Woyk. Cut East boundary which runs directly South to North magnetically.

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1960.

Cut and marked South boundary which runs directly East to West magnetically.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse
in the CHINAPHELI Area.

Wednesday, 4th May, 1960.

Out and marked West boundary which directly North to South Wag.

Thursday, 5th May, 1960.

Had Krile posts erected at the three remaining corners and stones laid down at the corner posts pointing in the direction of the boundaries. I measured the boundaries while the local natives, under the supervision of the L/Cpl., thoroughly cleared the them. The streams in the selected area were mapped approximately.

Friday, 6th May, 1960.

Departed for Aitape to report on the swamp and small area of land acquired.

Advised by ARO that the shallow water and mud could be drained from the South boundary and to continue Southwards. He also advised me not to cut such a large track around the boundaries as it was time wasting.

Sunday, 8th May, 1960.

Departed for KERRERA.

Monday, 9th May, 1960.

Continued cutting the East boundary South.

Tuesday, 10th May, 1960.

Continued cutting the East Boundary South.

Wednesday, 11th May, 1960.

Out East boundary further South until 11 a.m. Could not proceed further South owing to KURWANGOR swamp. Then out short South boundary.

Thursday, 12th May, 1960.

Out the West boundary further South.

Friday, 13th May, 1960.

Continued cutting West boundary South.

Saturday, 14th May, 1960.

Erected two corner posts, mapped streams and measured the boundaries. Walked to Aitape in the afternoon.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse

in the CHINAPPELLI Area.

Monday, 16th May, 1960.

As 206 acres had so far only been obtained, the A.D.O. told me to continue working South if there was good land on the other side of the swamp. There was, so departed Aitape for KERREA with stores.

Tuesday, 17th May, 1960.

Started cutting West boundary South again. Became sick with a septic leg.

Wednesday, 18th May, 1960.

Travelled back to Aitape for attention to the leg. Remained in Aitape for the rest of the week.

Monday, 23rd May, 1960.

Departed Aitape for Kerrea.

Tuesday, 24th May, 1960.

Continued cutting West boundary over slightly hilly land.

Wednesday, 25th May, 1960.

Finished West boundary at the end of the day and could not proceed any further owing to deep and extensive swamp.

Thursday, 26th May, 1960.

Cut East boundary further South.

Friday, 27th May, 1960.

Continued cutting East boundary until 10 a.m. and could not proceed any further as we were stopped by more deep and extensive swamp. The South boundary was tied out which met the West boundary where work had finished on the Tuesday. This meant that the work on Wednesday was a waste of time. The streams were mapped, two corner posts were erected and the boundaries measured. The total area of land obtained being 410 1/2 acres.

Saturday, 28th May, 1960.

Land

Proceeded to Aitape as there was no more/suitable in this area for agriculture.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse in the CHINAPELLEI AREA.

Description:

Commencing at a Kwila post with stones at its base, on the South side of the Nigia River, with a line bearing 180 degrees, proceed for a distance of 171 chains to a Kwila post with stones at its base thence by a line bearing 90 degrees for a distance of 24 chains to a Kwila post with stones at its base, thence by a line bearing 360 degrees for 171 chains to another Kwila post with stones at its base, thence by a line bearing 270 degrees for 24 chains back to the point of commencement.

Description of Land:

The land is covered by very dense bush with the exception of a small portion of land on the Northern boundary which contains the only foot trees in the block. They are 150 betel nut trees, 90 young betel nut trees, 8 banana trees, 5 coconut trees and 19 young coconut trees. Roughly in the middle of the block is the KURWARKOR swamp of approximately 4 acres. Seven small streams flow across the block. They are the WILWALDRU, KURWARKOR No.1 and No.2, PAE? WARRI, ~~metiti~~ POLERI, ORDISE and the much larger LIPAE. The Southern half of the block is slightly hilly while the Northern is comparatively flat. With my limited knowledge of the country this block seems suitable for most crops, however, approximately 30 acres will need drains.

Accessibility:

This section of land, is at present, not accessible to any form of transport. To become accessible the Raimu River will first have to be bridged, the CHINAPELLEI road improved, a two mile road made from the CHINAPELLEI road to the block of land over swampy ground and a crossing made at the Nigia River.

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The Village of KERRREA.

Although the housing was only of a temporary nature, as it was only garden hamlet, the place on the whole was kept reasonably clean and tidy and had decorative shrubs lining the paths. I did not notice any sickness or disease at KERRREA, with the exception of two men with *Tinea Imbricata*. The men of the village were good workers and all were willing to work.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Police.

<u>Reg.No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
2259	L/Cpl. KUNDIKINNAE	Reliable and of good conduct.
8236	Const. BARY	A good constable.
9062	Const. AINA	Well conducted and a good bush worker.
9058	Const. KILAGA	Satisfactory.
7891	Const. Sagi	Satisfactory.

Constables BARY and AINA were at KERRIA for two weeks and Constables KILAGA and SAGI were there for the following period. L/Cpl. KUNDIKINNAE remained for the full period.

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J. Kelly
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Description of Traverse.

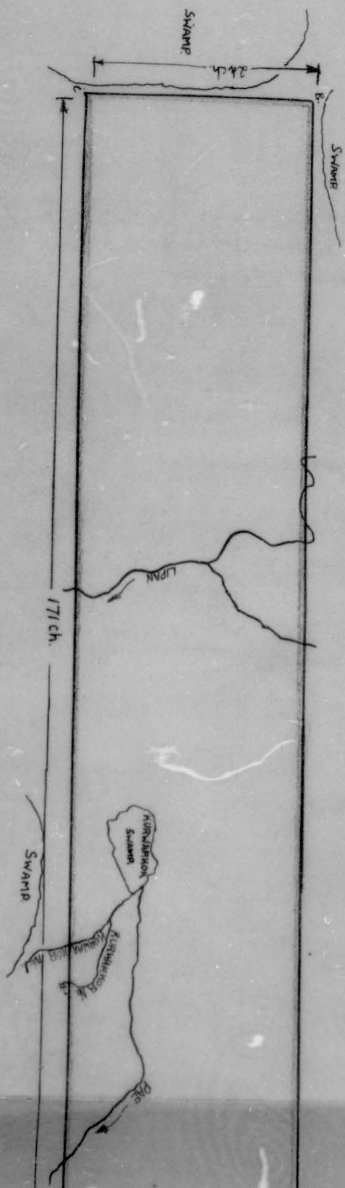
Commencing at a point A, marked by a KWILA post surrounded by stones thence by a line bearing 180 degrees for a distance of 171 chains to a point B, marked by a chain of stones around a KWILA post thence by a line bearing 90 degrees for a distance of 24 chains to a point C, marked by a KWILA post surrounded by stones thence by a line bearing 360 degrees for a distance of 171 chains to a point D, marked by a KWILA post surrounded by stones thence by a line bearing 270 degrees back to the point of commencement.

All bearings are magnetic.

All distances were chained.

Area approximately 410½ acres.

J. Kelly C.P.O.
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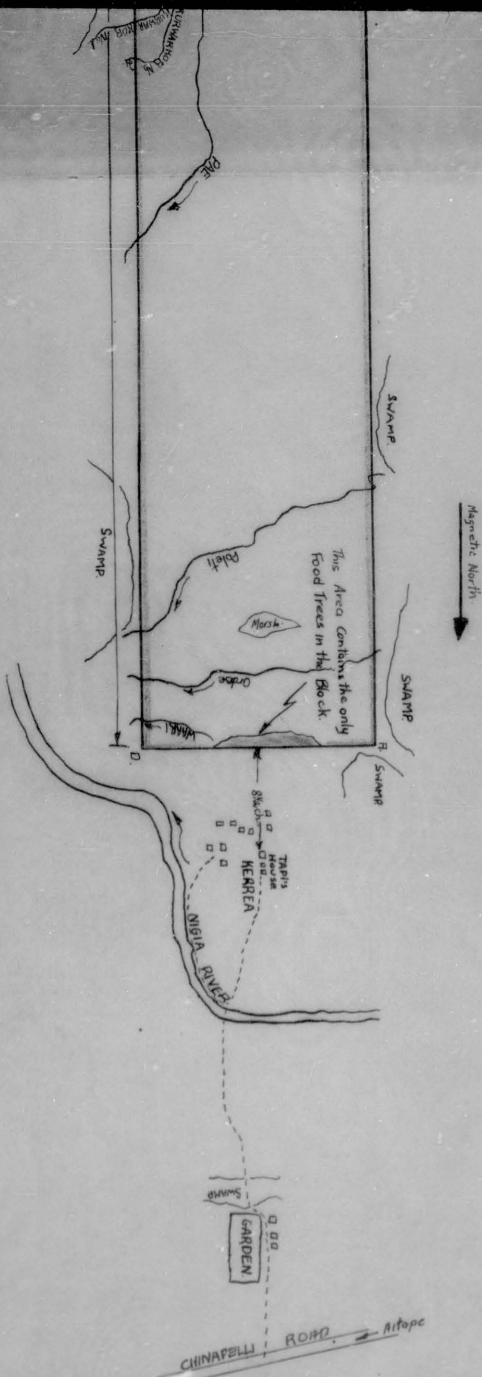
"KUPMARKOR"

410 1/2 acres

Scale - 1 inch

4.01/2 acres

Scale - 1 inch = 10 chains.



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Sub-District Office,
AITAPE, Sepik District

29th November, 1960

The District Officer,
Sepik District
WEWAK, T.F.N.G.

SURVEY OF NIGIA RIVER AREA, AITAPE SUB-DISTRICT.

(ROADS and BRIDGES)

Introduction :

The patrol, following your instructions, spent three days in the Nigia River area to ascertain if the river could be bridged and if a road could be built to connect with the Army Coast road.

The area had been partially surveyed by Mr. G.R. Burfoot (viz. Aitape Patrol Report No. 5 of 1958/59), Mr. L.G. Bridges (viz. Aitape Patrol Report No. 1 of 1959/60), encouraged the Yakamuls and Paups to cut the road from Chinapelli down to the coast. Additional information will be obtained from file 10-2-1 of 25/10/60, addressed to the District Commissioner, Wewak.

Description :

The Nigia is almost the complete opposite of the previously described Driniumor River, having four main tributaries (the Lipan, Wiljum, Suiri and Apun) which unite near Chinapelli village to form one large main stream. The waters of the river enter the sea through a constantly changing number of mouths. The Nigia 1 is the main stream, the Nigia 2 and 3 have a common mouth at the moment, whilst the Analoue (near Lemlieng village) is blocked by a sandbar.

The whole of the area between the Nigia and the Apun creek is low lying, swampy and subject to flooding in parts. Where the river enters the sea and between the Nigia 1 and the Analoue, there are further marshes and swamps.

The following rough survey of the road and possible bridge sites will take a diary form.

Thursday, 17/11/60. ;

The patrol walked from Paup to Lemlieng in the morning. In the afternoon, an inspection was made of the lower reaches of the river. The main stream, the Nigia 1 was estimated to be 100 to 150 yards wide and consisted of a single broad stream with no visible islands or sand banks. (On the following Saturday, however, the canoe ferrying the patrol across grounded about halfway ~~xxxxx~~ over and the carr had to wadethrough water and mud about knee deep.)

The river bed appeared to consist mainly of mud and clay which gradually changed to gravel and stones in the upper reaches. The current of the river was very slight, about 2 to 3 knots at the most. It must be remembered though, that very little rain had fallen in the area in the previous week or so, and the river was probably seen at its lowest.

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The old Army bridge, the approaches to which are still visible, was built of timber with (apparently) some strengthening with RSJ's. One or two of these were just

visible in the soft mud of the shore.

The road then made a sharp right angle turn and crossed the Akun creek by means of another pile structure and continued on down the coast.

Working back up the coast to Lemiang, the remains of another pile structure were visible in the middle of the present Nigia 2. The Nigia 2 and 3, which enter the sea through a common mouth, are about 50 yards wide and relatively shallow. Evidently, these two streams broke through after 1944, as there is no indication of them on aerial maps of the period.

The conclusion was reached that any scheme for rebuilding the old aray road and bridges was doomed to disappointment. Though this would have the very great advantage of the shortest, most direct route along the East Coast, the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages. Not only would three medium and one very large bridge have to be built, but no guarantee could be given as to how long they would last because of floods, changing of stream beds and the danger of floating logs, etc. Such a project would be difficult expensive and far beyond the resources available at Aitape.

Friday, 18/11/60 ;

In company with the village officials from Lemiang, the patrol walked to the head of the main bomber strip at Tadjai airfield. A couple of streams along this stretch were bridged with RSJ's overlaid by Marsden matting and were still quite solid. Vehicles have been driven right along this stretch.

From Tadjai, the patrol followed a road which the Army apparently had pushed through the bush to the banks of the Nigia, and which Mr. G.R. Burfoot /partway/ had continued, using volunteer labour. Both Mr. Burfoot and Mr. Aisbett have driven along this road, the latter to the river bank.

This road, at its entrance near Tadjai, is very firm, high and well made, but slowly degenerates as one proceeds further along it. Strips of Marsden matting, laid lengthwise at the width of a Landrover's wheels, enable vehicles to maintain traction over a large portion of the road.

Bridges along this section consist of Quila logs, overlaid with Marsden matting, and could carry the weight of a truck with no danger at all.

However, the final stretch of road near the Nigia presents problems. In places, it was covered to a depth of 6 inches or more by quite large pools of water. Even when there were no pools visible, boots and feet still sank into the sodden ground. This stretch would become impassable to vehicles very quickly unless the road was built up and some kind of drains dug. This would present problems of its own due to the lowlying, swampy nature of the ground.

Some drying out could be expected if the heavy forest cover was cut back to allow the sun to reach the road. The road was seen at the best time of the year and in its best condition. What it would be like during the 'wet' or with an inch of rain, ~~it~~ can be left to the imagination.

The ford site noted by Mr. Burfoot (Aitape Patrol Report No. 5 of 1958/59) was inspected and found to have completely changed its character. The river, at this point, consisted of a single stream, 115 feet wide (measured with a tape from tree line to tree line) and about 3 feet deep. The 'good, firm bottom' described by Mr. Burfoot had been washed away and in its place was a kind of sandy gravel, into which feet sank at every step.

The river could be forded a few hundred yards upstream from this site, by Landrover or tractor. But it would be impossible to say how long this ford would last as the river is carrying down material all the time and constantly deepening or filling up its bed.

If the river banks were high and the country more open, vehicles could range up and down and find their own crossing. But, in this type of lowlying, swampy ground with its cover of thick, primary forest, this course is difficult.

Mr. M.J.O'Connor in his Aitape Patrol Report No. 2 of 1958/59 -- Roads and Bridges -- mentioned the possibility of laying concrete aprons or causeways across the rivers in the Aitape area. I myself have seen one of these causeways, admittedly across a fairly small stream, on a Victorian property and it appeared to be very stable and certainly a lot less expensive than a bridge. The Acting District Officer, Wewak in his attachment to this Report mentioned that 'Information will be obtained from the Dept. of Works re the suitability of concrete aprons'. Perhaps there is information on this subject on file in Wewak.

The patrol, accompanied by ex-Sgt. Major Tapi, walked downstream to a site where it was alleged the Germans were going to build a bridge, until interrupted by the First World War.

At this site, the river is divided into two streams, each about 25 feet wide, by an island 60 feet across. This island stands a foot above the water and consists of hard-packed shingle, gravel, etc. Tapi claimed that though floods of 4 feet or so had washed over it, this island was a permanent fixture. A few logs up to 20 feet or so in length were lying around in the stream, but larger ones could probably be swept down by the river when in flood. Such logs would constitute the greatest danger to a pile structure.

During the rainy season, the river could be expected to reach a height of eight feet or so, but these floods seldom last longer than 12 hours. Driftwood caught in bushes, etc. appeared to confirm this statement.

Attached is a rough sketch map of this stretch of river.

Proceeding further downstream, the patrol came upon a site which appears to have possibilities.

As can be seen from the attached sketch, the proposed site is on an almost right angle bend of the river. The Rigla, at this point, is 40 feet wide and the distance from bank to bank is approximately 100 feet. The inside bend of the river is occupied by a 2 feet high bank of shingle and gravel, whilst a 10 foot bluff stood out of the water on the outside bend. The water underneath this bluff was very deep but rapidly shallowed to the gravel bank.

The advantages of this site are:

- (1) Previously described road is about 600 yards away.
- (2) The current would keep floating logs away from a pile structure.
- (3) The main force of the current is directed away from bridge structure.
- (4) A firm foundation for piles sunk into the bluff

The disadvantages:

- (1) Long main span needed. The RJ3s on the station measure only 35 feet, but Mr. Aisbett thinks two could possibly be welded together.
- (2) Foundation on inside bend an unknown quantity.

My experience in bridge building, etc. is naturally limited but I have sketched what I consider might be a suitable structure for the site.

Downstream, the river maintained its width of 100 to 150 and although it could be easily forded in a number of places, no more likely bridge sites appeared.

Saturday, 19/11/60

The patrol moved out from ex-Sgt. Major Tapi's camp and walked in an easterly direction along a rough 'road' which the Chinapellis had cut from Mr. Burfoot's fo

site. This quickly degenerated in to a rough bush track. At the start of the walk, the ground was very swampy and cut by a few small streamlets. Later, the track wound along a sort of low ridge, which could be useful in the future.

Apparently the Germans had a 'road' through this area, which followed generally the line of the native track. The Chinapellis were certain a dray had never been along it.

From the right bank of the Wiljun (Kenisi), natives from Yakamal and Paup have cut a rough road right through to Chinapelli. This road averaged 80 feet or so in width and though overgrown with grass, reflected credit on its builders. Properly graded and drained, this would be an excellent stretch.

The three streams (Wiljun-Kenisi, Saari and Apun) were alike in character and appearance, being about 50 - 60 feet wide, quite shallow and with high banks (8 feet or so). Their beds consisted of the usual sand, gravel and stones.

These streams could be easily forded if cuttings were made, the water being a foot deep at the most. Bridging any of them with an A-frame bridge would present practically no difficulties. A single pile structure would also be perfectly feasible, because the streams are very unlikely to rise to a height greater than 4 feet.

From Chinapelli, the road roughly parallels the Nigia river, on its way to the coast. Mr. L. Bridges (Aitape Patrol Report No. 1 of 1959/60-Roads and Bridges) put forward to the Yakamuls and Paups the idea of cutting this road and they appear to have tackled the work enthusiastically at first. I estimated that perhaps a quarter of the distance had been cleared enough to permit the passage of a vehicle. The work appears to have abruptly ceased, probably because of no further encouragement from the Administration.

Between Chinapelli and the coast, there are no large streams to be crossed and only about 12 small rivulets, the largest being about 15 to 20 feet. The road surface, except quite near the coast, would present no difficulties. The ground is fairly firm and dry and there appears no likelihood of flooding from the Nigia.

Near the coast, a short stretch of sago swamp would have to be crossed before the Army road is reached.

Conclusion :

ROAD A road across the upper reaches of the Nigia and down to the coast road is feasible. Assuming this road begins at the Tadjil airstrip, I would estimate approximately half has been constructed already, either by the Army engineers or native labour. Looking at it in sections: the road from Tadjil to the Nigia bank is trafficable to a Landrover or similar tractor. From Chinapelli to the coast, there would be no difficulty in finishing the present construction. From the Wiljun (Kenisi) to the Apun, the road has been built and only needs grading to be made trafficable. The only section which presents any great difficulty is the relatively small section between the Nigia and the Wiljun (Kenisi), and this previously mentioned ridge might be turned to advantage.

Bridge The only bridge that could not be built with the resources available at Aitape is the main structure across the Nigia river. This would have to be a major undertaking and would require a large expenditure of money, but there would be every hope of success.

For your information and advice, please


John B. Quinn., OFS

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

A.D.O
AITAPE

Agricultural Extension Centre,
Sepik District,
AITAPE.

2nd September, 1960.

District Agricultural Officer,
Sepik District,
NEWAK.

AGRICULTURAL LAND SURVEY - CHINAPELLI - AITAPE.

INTRODUCTION:

For the Compass Traverse and Land Inspection Report, please refer 30-1-1 D.N.A. AITAPE Special Report No. 1-59/60.

The land in question lies some thirteen miles West-South West of AITAPE. The owners under the leadership of Ex Sgt. MASOR TAPI are willing to sell.

ACCESSABILITY.

The first obstacle is the BAIHU RIVER and until such time as this is bridged, the land may only be reached by carrying a motor-bike across or hiring the Mission Jeep which is stationed on the other side.

The road from the BAIHU RIVER to the NIGIA RIVER is only a light traffic road and the section from TAJI STRIP to the NEGIA is impassable in the wet.

From the NIGIA RIVER to the land, the road runs through swamp and at present can only be crossed by log walks.

TOPOGRAPHY.

For the first 80 Chains in a Southerly direction, the land is flat just above swamp level with six small streams winding through.

From here to the LIPAM CREEK there are very small Hillocks. From the LIPAM on to the Boundary, the Hills become slightly higher.

The "KURMARKOA" Swamp is some 6 acres in extent and is covered with Sago.

ECOLOGY.

Except for a small portion on the Northern Boundary (see Appendix A) which has Detelnut, Bananas, Sugarcane and Coconuts. The rest of the land is covered by Primary Bush.

SOIL.

Ref. Appendix A for Soil Profile positions.

a a d k) 0-2" Humus LEAFMOULD
1 2 2 2
6 6 R L) 2-8 Light Brown Yellow Clay LOAM.
1 2 2 2
C C F) 8" - Yellow Clay
1 2 2

2/ SOIL. Cont.

G) Brown Black Swamp
2
H J) 0-3 Humus LEAFMOULD.
2 2
I) 3-6 Yellow Clay Loam CLAY.
2

COMMENTS:

The area seems to be on a par with the rest of the AITAPE SOILS. Ex Sgt. Major TAPI has a Coffee Block 1/2 mile from the land in question. The LEUCEANA on this block is growing slowly, but well. Coffee has not as yet been planted-out but the seedlings are doing well.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Until such time as the BAIHU RIVER is bridged and the CHINAPELLI Road is brought up to LAND-ROVER or Truck standard, I feel that it would be economically unsound to use this land for any Resettlement Program.

The Soil seems suitable for Coconuts with the Marketing of Copra going through TAPI Plantation. Taking the other Coffee Block in the area, Coffee should do well as a Secondary Cash Crop keeping in mind that this crop would be economically unsuitable for a European Grower, but should be alright for the Indigenes producers' methods.

H. G. Griffiths
(H.G.C. Griffiths)
Agricultural Officer, AITAPE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE.

AITAPE.

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 30-1-1

AITAPE.

16th June, 1960.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

LAND INVESTIGATION—CHINAPELLE AREA.

Enclosed are copies of Mr. C.P.O. Kelly's report on his traverse of a block of land in the above area.

Access. The area is useless until such time as the Raihu River is bridged. This work has been included in the District estimates for a number of years now. It is a major job and cannot be done without a Special Fund allocation. Once the river is bridged, the present road to the Nigia River, which at present is suitable only to light traffic, can be improved.

The area has direct access to TADWI airfield. It is possible that if coffee is the crop to be developed, air transport could be used economically.

Suitability of Land. The major portion of the land appears to be above normal flood level. Technical advice on the quality of the soil should be sought.

Availability of Land. The area is sparsely populated and the major portion of the land surveyed is virgin country. The area would not be required in the foreseeable future for subsistence agriculture.

The native owners of the land, headed by ex Sgt. Major Tapi are willing to sell.

There is a definite possibility of obtaining a further block of similar size on the Aitape side of the Nigia River.

For your information and advice, please.

R. Aisbett

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R. AISBETT, a/A.D.O..

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse
in the CHINAPELLI Area.

Introduction:

The area of land where the inspection and compass traverse were carried out lies about thirteen miles in a West-South-Westerly direction from Aitape at a small garden hamlet called KERRA.

The purpose of the inspection was to see if one thousand acres of land suitable for agriculture could be obtained. If so, it was to be marked out in a rectangular block and the area calculated.

DIARY:

Tuesday, 26th April, 1960.

Departed Aitape by tractor and trailer, accompanied by A.D.O. Burfoot and P.C. Aisbett. Proceeded through Tadji Plantation, Tadji Airstrip and along the Chinapelli road. About 5 miles down this road we stopped and the remaining three quarters of a mile over the Nigia River to KERRA was walked.

Wednesday, 27th April, 1960.

Walked around the land between the hamlet N and the Nigia and an area of land to the West of the hamlet finding them both useless because of swamp.

Thursday, 28th April, 1960.

Walked around an area of land to the South of the hamlet which TAPI (the native wishing to sell the land and ex-police Sgt. Major) described as good. The land here was suitable although very limited in area owing to swamp on the East and West boundaries and shallow water and mud on the South boundary. Had a Kwila corner post erected where the West and North boundaries would meet.

Friday, 29th April, 1960.

Cut and mark North boundary accurately. Directly East to West mag.

Saturday, 30th April, 1960.

Could only look over the land as all the natives went back to Chinapelli for a native ceremonial.

Monday, 2nd April, 1960.

MESSAGE
Sent around surrounding villages asking them to watch for two AMANAB natives who had escaped from Wewak. Cut East boundary which runs directly South to North magnetically.

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1960.

Cut and marked South boundary which runs directly East to West magnetically.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse
in the CHINAPPELLI Area.

Wednesday, 4th May, 1960.

Cut and marked West boundary which directly North to South Nag.

Thursday, 5th May, 1960.

Had Weila posts erected at the three remaining corners and stones laid down at the corner posts pointing in the direction of the boundaries. I measured the boundaries while the local natives, under the supervision of the L/Cpl., thoroughly cleared them. The streams in the selected area were mapped approximately.

Friday, 6th May, 1960.

Departed for Aitape to report on the swamp and small area of land acquired. Advised by ABC that the shallow water and mud could be drained from the South boundary and to continue Southwards. He also advised me not to cut such a large track around the boundaries as it was time wasting.

Sunday, 8th May, 1960.

Departed for KERRRA.

Monday, 9th May, 1960.

Continued cutting the East boundary South.

Tuesday, 10th May, 1960.

Continued cutting the East Boundary South.

Wednesday, 11th May, 1960.

Cut East boundary further South until 11 a.m. Could not proceed further South owing to KURWANKOR swamp. Then cut short South boundary.

Thursday, 12th May, 1960.

Cut the West boundary further South.

Friday, 13th May, 1960.

Continued cutting West boundary South.

Saturday, 14th May, 1960.

Erected two corner posts, mapped streams and measured the boundaries. Walked to Aitape in the afternoon.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse
in the CHINAPELLI Area.

Monday, 15th May, 1960.

As 206 acres had so far only been obtained, the A.D.O. told me to continue working South if there was good land on the other side of the swamp. There was, so departed Aitape for KERREA with stores.

Tuesday, 17th May, 1960.

Started cutting West boundary South again. Became sick with a septic leg.

Wednesday, 18th May, 1960.

Travelled back to Aitape for attention to the leg. Remained in Aitape for the rest of the week.

Monday, 23rd May, 1960.

Departed Aitape for Kerrea.

Tuesday, 24th May, 1960.

Continued cutting West boundary over slightly hilly land.

Wednesday, 25th May, 1960.

Finished West boundary at the end of the day and could not proceed any further owing to deep and extensive swamp.

Thursday, 26th May, 1960.

Out East boundary further South.

Friday, 27th May, 1960.

Continued cutting East boundary until 10 a.m. and could not proceed any further as we were stopped by more deep and extensive swamp. The South boundary was then cut which met the West boundary where work had finished on the Tuesday. This meant that the work on Wednesday was a waste of time. The stream were mapped, two corner posts were erected and the boundaries measured. The total area of land obtained being 410½ acres.

Saturday, 28th May, 1960.

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Proceeded to Aitape as there was no more/suitable in this area for agriculture.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Land Inspection and Compass Traverse
in the CHINAPELLI Area.

Description:

Commencing at a Kwila post with stones at its base, on the South side of the Nigia River, with a line bearing 180 degrees, proceed for a distance of 171 chains to a Kwila post with stones at its base thence by a line bearing 90 degrees for a distance of 24 chains to a Kwila post with stones at its base, thence by a line bearing 360 degrees for 171 chains to another Kwila post with stones at its base, thence by a line bearing 270 degrees for 24 chains back to the point of commencement.

Description of Land:

The land is covered by very dense bush with the exception of a small portion of land on the Northern boundary which contains the only food trees in the block. They are 150 betel nut trees, 90 young betel nut trees, 8 banana trees, 5 coconut trees and 19 young coconut trees. Roughly in the middle of the block is the KURWARKOR swamp of approximately 4 acres. Seven small streams flow across the block. They are the WILWALDRU, KURWARKOR No.1 and No.2, PAET WARRI, and POLNEI, ORDISE and the much larger LIPAN. The Southern half of the block is slightly hilly while the Northern is comparatively flat. With my limited knowledge of the country this block seems suitable for most crops, however, approximately 30 acres will need drains.

Accessibility:

This section of land, is at present, not accessible to any form of transport. To become accessible the Rainu River will first have to be bridged, the CHINAPELLI road improved, a two mile road made from the CHINAPELLI road to the block of land over swampy ground and a crossing made at the Nigia River.

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The Village of KERREA.

Although the housing was only of a temporary nature, as it was only garden hamlet, the place on the whole was reasonably clean and tidy and had decorative shrubs lining the path. I did not notice any sickness or disease at KERREA, with the exception of two men with *Tinea Imbricata*. The men of the village were good workers and all were willing to work.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Report on Police.

<u>Reg.No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
2259	L/Cpl. KUNDIKINAE	Reliable and of good conduct.
8236	Const. BARY	A good constable.
9062	Const. AINA	Well conducted and a good bush worker.
9068	Const. KELAGA	Satisfactory.
7891	Const. Sagi	Satisfactory.

Constables BARY and AINA were at KERRUA for two weeks and Constables KELAGA and SAGI were there for the following period. L/Cpl. KUNDIKINAE remained for the full period.

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J.P. Kelly 520
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Description of Traverse.

Commencing at a point A, marked by a KWILA post surrounded by stones thence by a line bearing 180 degrees for a distance of 171 chains to a point B, marked by a cassin of stones around a KWILA post thence by a line bearing 90 degrees for a distance of 24 chains to a point C, marked by a KWILA post surrounded by stones thence by a line bearing 360 degrees for a distance of 171 chains to a point D, marked by a KWILA post surrounded by stones thence by a line bearing 270 degrees back to the point of commencement.

All bearings are magnetic.

All distances were chained.

Area approximately 410½ acres.

J. Kelly
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J. KELLY, C.P.O.

PATROL REPORTS WEST SEPIK DISTRICT 1959-60

AITAPE & VANIMO

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
AIT 1-59-60	L.G. Bridges	Aitape east coast & Inland CD
AIT 4-59-60	G. Black	Aitape West coast & Inland CD

VANIMO

VAN 2-59-60	J. Cochrane	Killmeri Pagei
VAN 3-59-60	J. Cochrane	Vanimo East Coast



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of AITAPE - SEPIK Report No. 2/59-60

Patrol Conducted by G.R. BURFOOT, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled MITAPE WEST COAST

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1

Duration—From 22/10/1959 to 5/11/1959

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / /1959

Medical ... / /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Collection of unpaid 1959 tax

Routine Administration

Assessment of reaction to Local Government with view to its introduction

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE
5 - FEB 1960
AITAPE

In Reply
Please Quote

No. PR. Ait. 1-59/60/37

District Office,
Sepik District,
MEVAH.

3rd February, 1960

The Assistant District Officer,
AITAPE.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 59/60

I have received Aitape Patrol Report No. 1 of 1959/60 covering a patrol conducted by Mr. L. G. Bridges, Patrol Officer, to the Aitape East Coast and Inland Census Division. The patrol was well carried out, but I want you to ensure in future that all patrol reports are submitted as soon as possible after completion.

NATIVE AFFAIRS - page 5 para. 3 - There is very little that can be done about the old people, except that I suggest you write to the Assistant District Officer of the Subdistrict in which the old people's sons are working, asking him to tell the children of the state of the parents' health, it is then a matter for the sons. We will deal with the matters of desertion and maintenance claims when Mr. Bridges forwards more details.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE - page 5 - I will forward a copy of this section to the District Medical Officer.

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Para 2 - By Mr. Bridges comments on "frustrated attempts" I take him to mean the troubles we have had in the past with communications. Now that we have the Rouna Falls as well as the Thetis, this position might be alleviated to some extent, but there again we must remember that we cannot always guarantee assistance with Government trawlers when and where the assistance is required. I am very sympathetic to the people and we will do all we can to help.

ROADS AND BRIDGES - page 5 - I am very pleased to see such a good response and I hope it can be maintained.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Director, Department of Native Affairs, Honedobu.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE

6 - FEB 1960

AITAPE

PR.Ait.1-59/60/2

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

3rd February, 1960

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DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu.

Sub-District Office
AITAPE SEPIK DISTRICT

GRB:GRB

20th January 1960

District Officer,
WEWAK

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No.1/59-60

The above report is forwarded herewith in triplicate.
Claim for camping allowance is attached.

Delay in submission is regretted but Mr. Bridges was transferred to Vanimo prior to completion of the patrol and his report is just to hand. Census figures are not attached but Mr. Bridges advises that these will be forwarded to you direct for inclusion in the report.

Allowance has been made in the patrol program for completion of this patrol in February when it is hoped Mr. Bridges will be returning to Aitape.

The patrol has been well carried out and the report is informative and well presented.

I have the following comments to make.

NATIVE AFFAIRS : It is pleasing to note the present satisfactory condition and improvements since the last patrol. Any significant development is dependant on improved communications and at present maximum use is being made of "self help". Once reasonable communications are established the area should be ready for Local Government. The Yakumul group is rather notorious but firm on the spot action by every patrol should keep them in line.

HEALTH : The child death figures clearly indicate that more medical attention should be given to this area and the matter will be taken up with the Medical Assistant. As the full census figures are not to hand at the moment I am unable to confirm my suspicions that the heavier mortality is in the inland villages rather than on the coast.

ROADS & BRIDGES: The voluntary response to work on the east coast road has been good. Meetings were held early last year with all village officials and leading men in the area re this road and the position put to them that they would have to do a lot themselves without thinking of pay. This was readily accepted. To date work has been concentrated on forest clearing along the route between Tadji and the Nigia River and between YEMAKUL hamlet, CHINAPELLI and the coast. Vide appendix to Aitape P/R. 5/58-59.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY: In the south east season large quantities of sago are marketed at Aitape and the islands by the ULAU and CHINAPELLI/LEMIENG groups but otherwise economic activity is limited to that indicated by Mr. Bridges. However once the road is opened up I have no doubt that much of the present reluctance to develop cash cropping, due to past disappointments, will evaporate. During the development of the road it is essential that every encouragement be given to increased cash cropping and this is being done.

EDUCATION : East of LEMING educational facilities are negligible. There are no staffed Mission stations and the resident priest at Leming who periodically visits the area is mainly concerned with religious matters. This office has been under pressure for some time for the establishment of an Administration school in the ULAU/YAKAMUL area similar to that at Waipo. The matter has been raised with the District Education Officer who has advised that the staff position makes the setting up of such a school an impossibility.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: Appointments of Tultuls as listed are recommended for your approval.

NATIVE LABOUR: : Formal recruiting in this area is negligible but many natives are employed casually in Aitape and ~~WAK~~ WENAK hence at any one time a census check may show over recruitment. Those employed outside the District have usually been away for many years whilst those employed within the District generally keep in fairly close contact with their villages.

NATIVE MINING : It would be appreciated if relevant data could be regularly supplied to this office by Maprik.

For your information please.

.....
G.R. Burfoot: A.D.O.

cc. Mr. Bridges.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 2/59-60 Sub-District AITAPE District SEPIK

Officer Conducting Patrol : G.R.BURFOOT. A.D.O.

Census Division Patrolled.: AITAPE WEST COAST

Objects of Patrol : Collection of unpaid 1959 Tax
Routine Administration
Assessment of reaction to Local
Government with view to its introduction
-on.

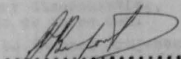
Date Patrol Commenced : 22nd October 1959

Date Completed : 5th November 1959

Duration : 14 days

Summary of Correspondence Arising From Patrol

Local Government : See Appendix attached to this report.


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G.R. Burfoot. A.D.O.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer

PATROL DIARY

22. Oct. '59 Patrol proceeded to Yalingi River per vehicle then walked to Malol. Visited Fr. Anselm of Catholic Mission. Patrol left for Warapu per WAIPO R.P.S. powered double canoe. Patrol camped at Warapu and arranged to proceed Ramu a.m. Fr. Luke of the Catholic Mission Sissano called in and the functions and role of Local Government were discussed with him.
23. Oct. '59 R.P.S. outboard motors checked and tested. Patrol departed for Ramu and camped. En route inspected site of projected coffee plot. Village inspection. Discussion with Ramu people on Local Government.
24. Oct. '59 Patrol left Ramu and proceeded via Buburio Hamlet to Sumo. Buburio Hamlet and coffee plot inspected en route. Sumo village inspected. Discussion with Sumo people on Local Government and economic activities. Patrol left Sumo and proceeded via Uva hamlet, inspecting gardens and proposed coffee plot en route, to Serra (Rainuk Hamlet). Camped.
25. Oct. '59 Collected unpaid 1959 tax and issued interim receipts. Discussion on economic activities and Local Government. Inspected all three hamlets.
26. Oct. '59 Patrol departed Serra and proceeded to Sissano. Camped. Village inspection. Collected unpaid 1959 tax and issued interim receipts. Visited Fr. Luke at Catholic Mission.
27. Oct. '59 Discussion with Sissano people on Local Government and economic development. Patrol proceeded to Warapu. Village inspection and collection of unpaid 1959 tax. Mr. J. Cochrane, P.O.I.C., Vanimo arrived p.m. Borrowed an official tax receipt book from Mr. Cochrane. General discussion on sub district matters.
28. Oct. '59 Mr. Cochrane left per powered canoe for Malol. Discussion with Warapus on economic development and Local Government. Issued official tax receipts to Warapus. Proceeded to Avera garden area to view peanuts and projected coffee plot.
29. Oct. '59 Issued official tax receipts for Serra and Sissano taxpayers. Dealt with sundry minor matters. Accompanied Warapus on net fishing expedition in the lagoon, at least 100 canoes and several hundred natives taking part. Catch very disappointing, hardly enough fish to feed two or three men.
30. Oct. '59 Visited various garden areas to inspect projected coffee plots.
31. Oct. '59 Patrol proceeded to Arop per powered canoe and after unloading patrol gear proceeded to Po. Village inspection and collection of unpaid 1959 tax. Discussion on Local Government and economic activities. Inspected coffee plot. Returned Arop and camped.
1. Nov. '59 Dealt with sundry minor disputes. Village inspection. Collected unpaid 1959 tax. Discussion with people on Local Government and economic development.
2. Nov. '59 Patrol left Arop per WAIPO R.P.S. powered canoe for Malol. Camped. Inspected Tainyapin garden area and coffee plot. Collected all unpaid 1959 tax.
3. Nov. '59 Discussion with Malols on economic development and Local Government. Inspected other Malol garden areas and some Cocoa Trees.

4. Nov. '59 Inspected Malol hamlets. Called on Fr. Anselm at Catholic Mission. Proceeded to Tales via Lampu. Camped. Village inspection and collection of unpaid 1959 tax. Discussion with people on Local Government and economic development. Inspected coffee area.
5. Nov. '59 Left early a.m. for Aitape per tractor.

E35-10-0 tax was collected on the patrol.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of AITAPE SEPTIK Report No. 3/59-60

Patrol Conducted by G.R. Burfoot, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled Aitape Islands Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1

Duration - From 28/11/1959 to 16/12/1959

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services 11/12/1958

Medical ... / / 1959

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Tax census routine

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE
3 - JUN 1960
AITAPE

67-8-34.

16th May, 1960.

District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT AITAPE NO. 4/59.60.

From an unbiased viewpoint it would probably be better to allow harmless old customs and traditions to die a natural death. But if the ultimate objective is Christianity for the masses, it is not illogical for the various denominations to regard themselves as arbiters of morals.

Resident missionaries are sometimes credited with more influence in an area than they have. Mr. Barfoot's investigation revealed no undue interference with the liberty of the individual.

The work of the Village Official is rather invidious; the communal way of indigenous living being what it is. It is rather surprising that such a foreign concept as a single village leader has been as practicable as it has.

I presume the report on No. 9211 Coast Yongima has been given your attention.

J.
(J. K. McCarthy)
A Director

P.R.Ait.4-59/60/1010

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.
26th May, 1960

MINUTE/ Assistant District Officer,
AITAPE.

Forwarded for your information, please.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE
- 8 APR 1960
AITAPE

In Reply
Please Quote

No. PR. Ait 4/59-60/651

District Office,
Sepik District,
WENAK.

31st March, 1960

The Assistant District Officer,
AITAPE

PATROL REPORT - AITAPE NO. 4/59-60

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A couple of things that you should impress on your young officers are that village officials and police are only as good as the officers administering a District make them. A lazy policeman reflects an inefficient officer and the same applies to village officials.

I can personally see nothing wrong with the Missionary taking a firm stand on a matter of morals and I certainly think Mr. Black could check his facts before he flies to his typewriter.

I fully agree with your remarks in your second paragraph.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu



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(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu

Sub-District Office
AITAPE SEPIK DISTRICT

GRB:GRB

22nd March 1960

The District Officer
WEWAK

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No.4/59-60

The above report is forwarded herewith in triplicate.
Claim for camping allowance is attached.

The report is a very mediocre one and clearly indicates that Mr.Black still requires further patrol experience in the company of experienced officers.

I have the following comments to make.

1. DIARY: Mr.Black travelled far too rapidly through the west coast villages and could hardly have carried out more than the most cursory of inspections. Mr.Black was instructed not to spend unnecessary time in this latter area but to carry out routine inspections of the villages.

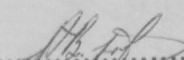
2. AGRICULTURE. As a long term project coffee is being encouraged in this area generally, whilst in the Marok-Siaute area there is scope for increased coconut plantings. With communications in their present state it is difficult to get the people to plant up long term crops and it is necessary that every patrol stress the importance of planting now.

3. VILLAGES. Only constant patrolling will ensure better housing in these inland areas. At present a tax census patrol is in the Ramu Drome-Barira area which was visited by this patrol. A follow up patrol of the tax area is scheduled for April.

4. ROADS. No work has been done for a long time on the Wauningi-Nengian road. The remarks of Mr.Black apply to work done several years ago which I halted pending pegging of levels etc. The Aitape-Wauningi road is now quite dry and trafficable but in the wet season is often flooded for several miles. It is hoped to have heavy equipment on this road in the near future.

5. MISSIONS. Facilities at Bes are more capable of handling pupils from Kapom and Kara-Ausi than St. Anna.

The two cases referred to of interference with marriage by the Bes priest have been investigated. In the first case no marriage had been entered into by the deserted woman. There was purely an immoral liaison. In the second case all three people were desirous of entering the church and had been told that this was not possible while they lived as one family unit. They mutually agreed amongst themselves to split up so as to be baptised. The man is still responsible for both wives and they are shown as married in the village registers. I sent for all concerned and investigated the case later speaking with the priest concerned and I am quite satisfied there have been no activities warranting intervention. The priest was informed of native rights in this connection and the matter will be watched although I have no fear of abuses.


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G. R. Burdett, A.D.O.

PATROL REPORT - AIT. No.4/59-60

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:- Mr.G.BLACK, C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:- Aitape West Coast & Inland Census Divisions.

PATROL PERSONNEL:- No. 8236 Const. BARY
No.7605 " SIMUWAH
No.9211 " YONGIMA (part)
No.7891 " SAGI (part)

DURATION OF PATROL:- From 18/1/60 to 22/2/60.

NUMBER OF DAYS:- THIRYSIX

OBJECTS OF PATROL:- (1) TAX/CENSUS.

(2) As per attached instructions.

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- Monday 18/1/60 Departed Aitape per truck to WAIFO and walked to MALOL. Inspected hamlets and proceeded by powered canoe to AROP No.1 and slept the night.
- Tuesday 19/1/60 Inspected Arop and on to Warapu by powered canoe. Inspected Warapu and walked to Sissano. Visited the Catholic Mission and inspected Sissano hamlets and gave talk on cash crops and village hygiene. Returned to Warapu and slept the night.
- Wednesday 20/1/60 N.M.T.A.'s paid at Warapu and talk given. Const. YONGIMA to Sissano Hamlets to ensure they were cleaned properly. Departed by canoe to Aroporo and walked to Ramu. Grass waist high on road. Slept at Ramu.
- Thursday 21/1/60 Inspected village - very poor. Talk given with emphasis on village hygiene. Walked to Drome on very sloppy road - due to heavy rain. Inspected Drome and Barira villages.
- Friday 22/1/60 Rained non-stop all day. Inspected Aid-post. Const. Kurebal arrived ex Aitape with Message from A.D.O. to wait Here for further instructions re purchase of Catholic Mission lease.
- Saturday 23/1/60 At Drome. Talk given with special emphasis on hygiene to Drome and Barira villages which are both in a shocking condition.
- Sunday 24/1/60 Observed.
- Monday 25/1/60 Village sites of Drome and Barira leave much to be desired. Looked around for better ones and found them. Word sent to A.D.O. for permission to move villages.
- Tuesday 26/1/60 At Drome. No further instructions received from the A.D.O. as yet.
- Wednesday 27/1/60 At Drome. Messenger returned from Aitape. To survey a new site for the mission. Message despatched to Priest requesting his presence.
- Thursday 28/1/60 At Drome, self ill with migraine.
- Friday 29/1/60 Priest arrived, lunched at mission and discussion during the afternoon. Also walked around suggested boundaries with priest and land-owners.
- Saturday 30/1/60 Rained all day. Unable to commence survey.

- Sunday 31/1/60 Observed.
- Monday 1/2/60 Commenced survey but delayed due heavy consistent rain.
- Tuesday 2/2/60 Completed survey. Message received from A.D.O. approving the relocating of Broome and Barira villages. Walked to Walwali and inspected village - excellent. Slept the night.
- Wednesday 3/2/60 New Lulua appointed, subject to A.D.O.'s approval, for Walwali. General talk given. Walked to Nengian and slept the night.
- Thursday 4/2/60 Inspected Nengian village and general talk given. Walked to Marok via Wauningi and Siaute villages. Slept at Marok.
- Friday 5/2/60 To Aitape on bicycle.
- Saturday 6/2/60 Returned to Marok on bicycle.
- Sunday 7/2/60 Observed at Marok.
- Monday 8/2/60 Discussions with resident priest. Collected tax from mission employees and inspected Bes, Aiterap and Marok villages.
- Tuesday 9/2/60 Bes, Aiterap, and Marok villages lined and tax/census conducted. General talk given.
- Wednesday 10/2/60 Walked to Siaute and inspected Aid-post and village, lined and tax/census conducted and general talk given. Walked to Wauningi, repeated process and slept at Wauningi.
- Thursday 11/2/60 Walked to Lupai. Rained heavily all afternoon, slept at Lupai.
- Friday 12/2/60 Walked to Yongite and lined and tax/censused Yongite and Seiyum. Returned to Lupai in heavy rain.
- Saturday 13/2/60 Lupai village inspected and tax/censused. Compiled village statistics.
- Sunday 14/2/60 Observed.
- Monday 15/2/60 Walked to Karaité, inspected village and tax/census conducted. Work commenced on new rest house and slept at Karaité.

- Tuesday 16/2/60 Walked to Kara-ausi along very good track, inspected village and tax/census conducted. General talk given and slept the night.
- Wednesday 17/2/60 Walked to Palawa and tax/census conducted. General talk given. Village in very poor shape but they are in the process of moving to a new site for economic reasons
- Thursday 18/2/60 At Palawa. Work commenced on new Aid-post. Self ill with migraine.
- Friday 19/2/60 Walked to Kapoam. Lined and tax/census conducted. Talks on general subjects.
- Saturday 20/2/60 At Kapoam. Inspected new adjacent site for village as present one has been severely flooded.
- Sunday 21/2/63 Observed at Kapoam.
- Monday 22/2/60 Walked to Hansende Colony and picked up by truck and returned to Aitape.

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol was conducted in the Aitape Sub-district through the West Coast and West Coast Inland census sub-divisions and was of a routine nature the main purpose being the collection of the 1960 tax.

The patrol was delayed in many instances by heavy continuous rain and consequently most of the tracks were in a very poor condition.

On the whole the patrol was well received, especially in the area which was taxed. But in several villages only the minimum of co-operation was afforded the patrol. It is noteworthy that these latter villages were all in poor condition and had far less economic crops than the rest.

The last patrol in the West Coast Inland C/D was conducted by Mr. L.G.Bridges, P.O., from 9/6/59 to 15/7/59.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was received fairly well and several minor disputes were settled amicably. However the village officials were the usual mediocre lot, in most cases, and appear to have little or no influence - with the exception of the new Lalua at Walwali which village is in excellent condition and has a small area of ground planted with peanuts.

There was, on the whole little enthusiasm when the writer attempted to urge the people on to plant larger areas with cash crops and they appear to be quite apathetic though this, no doubt is due to their outlook on life.

The Lalua of Yongite (KIEAU) and his brother KAIPI (which latter appears to be the more influential of the two) seem to have a certain amount of power in the area but are still talking of a road from Luni to Aitape. The writer endeavoured to stop this and explained that it was most unlikely to be put through at all.

Yongite and Seiyun are still in the process of constructing their new village and are unable to clear the ground as yet due to constant rains.

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HEALTH & HYGIENE.

Health throughout the area appeared to be very good but it should be remembered that there are many at the Hansende Colony. *Tinia Imbricata* was prevalent throughout and no villages are free of it. All babies appeared in good health although four died at birth and ten died before attaining thirteen years.

There are Aidposts at Siaute and Paiawa attending the villages in the area tax/censured and the others are at Drome and Warapu. Aid-posts were fairly well stocked with medicines and A.P.O.s appear to be doing as well as could be reasonably expected of them. The Aid-post at Paiawa is only a fallen down shelter and construction on a new one has been commenced.

Sanitation was quite good and villages were all in fair condition with the exceptions of Paiawa, Drome, Barira, and Rany.

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AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

The traditional method of shifting subsistence agriculture is carried on throughout and this appears to be adequate with sago as the principle staple.

Cash crops have been planted throughout but only very small areas have been planted. Peanuts are favoured although several villages have areas ready for the planting of coffee. (Bee, Aiterap, Marok.) However these areas are on a community basis thus when the ~~xxxxx~~ coffee has been planted and matured the returns will be very small when divided among the ~~xxxxxx~~ workers.

Kama and Siaute have approximately one acre each planted with peanuts but most of Siaute's has been destroyed by recent severe flooding. Drome, Barira, Walwall, Mangian, Kara-ausi, Palawa and Kapoan villages all have small plots but the total area planted is so ~~small~~ small

as to make it negligible and would hardly amount to two acres. Marok, Bee, and Aiterap, in a joint concern, have over an acre ready for the planting of coffee.

During the patrol talks were given in all villages with special emphasis on coffee, copra, and peanut crops but these were met with mixed enthusiasm and it is a moot point as to whether anything will be done over and above their normal activities.

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VILLAGES & HOUSING.

Villages in most instances are built on flat ground for the economic reasons of being closer to the roads and nearer their cash crops. In the cases of Drome and Barira, they are built on swamp ground and when a hole was dug to a depth of one foot to one foot six inches it filled immediately with water. Consequently drainage in the villages was almost non-existent and it was impossible to build latrines. In both cases new sites were located within a few minutes walk on higher ground, these new sites make little or no difference in regard to their gardens and their proximity to the resident mission. They are also still on their own ground and before they were told to move approval was obtained from the A.B.O. The villagers themselves had no objections apart from the one that they did not wish to move away from the priest. There were no new houses on the present sites and out of the 38 houses, 34 needed replacing as the structures were rotten and not water proof.

Housing generally was very poor throughout the area patrolled and where necessary ~~xxx~~ instructions were given for the replacement or repairing of many and a note made in the books of the villages concerned.

Siaute village has also moved to a new sit on higher ground as their old village was deserted after extremely severe flooding and work on the new village is progressing rapidly.

Palawa also is in the process of moving to a new site for economic reasons. Consequently their old site, which is still in use is in very poor condition.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Officials, taken generally, are a very poor lot with few exceptions and are severely handicapped by kinship ties. A new Lualui was appointed at Walwali by popular choice and is subject to the A.D.O.'s approval. This man, Karap, has been acting as Lualui for quite a while and has been doing a very good job.

The Lualui's of Yongite and Siaute are also getting work done very satisfactorily but the rest are of little use.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Tracks were nearly all in good condition considering the amount of rain. The only exceptions were the track from Aroporo to Ramu and the track from Lupai to Karaité. The former was cleared under supervision and instructions were given for the improvement of the latter. Otherwise the tracks were quite fair.

A lot of work has been put into a road between Henglan and where the vehicular road ends at near Wauningi. This was done without instructions from Aitpe and is quite useless as it has not been marked out or graded.

The vehicular road along the west coast was in good condition but the Aitape - Wauningi road was untrafficable due to the rains and was flooded for the greater part of its length when the writer returned to Aitape during the patrol.

MISSIONS & EDUCATION.

Catholic mission schools give education facilities to a large number of children and only a few attend the government school at Waipo. There is a mission school at Sissano which has a very large attendance of nearly 400 pupils coming from the very large villages nearby. There is another at Dross which has an irregular attendance of approximately 30 pupils and a third at Bes which has a regular attendance of 93 pupils - 48 of these are girls.

It should be pointed out that the mission at Bes draws pupils from several villages such as Kapoam and Kara-ausi which are a full days walk away, although boarders are taken. The mission's headquarters at St. Anna is only a few hours walk away although no children from the aforementioned villages are taken there. It is the writers opinion that more children would attend school if they were able to go to St. Anna instead of having to travel the long distance to Bes.

The Catholic mission at Bes has been using its influence over the people and at Bes village a woman whose husband has been away at work for over eight years (which may be regarded as desertion) has recently remarried. The Mission interfered and banned the marriage.

Another case is of a man who had two wives and had been married to them for many years - they are all well past middle age. The priest again interfered and the second wife was made to return to her former village of Wauningi. It is the writer's opinion that the mission should not indulge in these activities but should let the people's old customs and traditions die a natural death, not forcing the issue. It was noticed that the mission at Bes received little aid from the local inhabitants.

CENSUS & TAXATION.

Censuses were revised and tax collected in the villages of Bes, Marok, Aiterap, Siute, Wauningi, Lepai, Seiyun-Yongite, Karaita, Kara-ausi, Piaiwa, Kapoam, and Puitalul. The other villages visited were not taxed or censused.

From the 13 villages taxed a total of £73-0-0 was collected without hardship. It is noteworthy that in all the villages taxed the coinage collected was able to be exchanged for notes.

The necessary statistics are attached to this report.

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G. BLACK C.F.O.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF N.F.M.G.C. ACCOMPANYING ATT. PATROL No. 4/59-60.

No. 8236 Const. BARI

Acted as Constable in charge of patrol police.
He did a very good job and is an intelligent, willing
worker and would make a good H.C.O.

No. 7605 Const. SIMENAN.

New to this station. Is conscientious worker
and a good man to have in the bush.

No. 9211 Const. YONGIMA.

Very lazy, always lags behind and very profane.
He accompanied the patrol until 5/2/60 when he was
replaced by the member below.

No. 7891 Const. SAGI.

An average constable, is a good worker but very
quiet and not over intelligent.

Black
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G. BLACK C.P.O.

WALKING TIMES.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME IN MINUTES.</u>
WALFO	MALOL	90
ANOFORO	RAMU	70
RAMU	DROME/BARIRA	90
DROME	WALWALI	1hr 65
WALWALI	WENGIAN	100
WENGIAN	WAUNINGI	125
WAUNINGI	SIAUTE	30
SIAUTE	MAROK	40
AITAPE	MAROK	150
WAUNINGI	IMPAL	180
IMPAL	SEIYOM/YONGITE	60
IMPAL	KARATE	165
KARATE	KARA-AUSI	1hr 130
KARA-AUSI	PAJAWA	70
PAJAWA	KAPOAM	75
KAPOAM	HANSEWIDE COLONY	80

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TAXATION

VILLAGE	No. TAXED.	No. EXEMPTED.	£	s	d
BES	24	4	6	5	-
MABOK	14	4	3	10	-
AITERAP	13	4	3	5	-
SIAUTE	44	9	11	-	-
WANNINGI	4	5	1	-	-
IUPAI	5	3	1	5	-
SEIYUM	7	2	1	15	6-
YONGITE	4	2	1	-	-
KARAITB	14	5	3	10	-
KARA-AUSI	21	3	5	5	-
PALAWA	34	5	8	10	-
KAPOAM	22	7	5	10	-
PULPULUL	14	3	3	10	-
BES MISSION	12	1	17	15	-
	<u>232</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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RECRUITMENT POTENTIAL

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>No. EMPLOYED</u>	<u>PRESENT AVAILABILITY</u>
MAROK	23	7	3	7
BBS	33	11	6	5
AITERAP	26	8	7	1
SLAUTE	58	19	4	15
WAUNINGI	17	5	7	-2
YONGITE	9	3	2	1
SEIYUM	13	4	3	1
LUPAI	11	3	4	-1
KARATTE	22 21	8 7	2	5
KARA-AUSI	34 33	11	9	2
PAIWA	42	14	5	9
KAPOAM	25	8	4	4
PUIZULUL	22	7	6	1
	<u>333</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>45</u>

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

ALIAPE - SEPTE DISTRICT PATROL REPORT 5-1959/60.

DIARY.

- 11-3-60. Departed station by truck at 1400. Arrived GOM village 15.15. Departed GOM 1550 - walked to HENGIAN - arrived 1830. Road from GOM to the YALLINGI River fit for light traffic when two small bridges replaced. Yallingi to HENGIAN road in fair condition. Three hills would require grading to make road fit for vehicles. YALLINGI river fordable in dry season.
- 12-3-60. Census revised and tax collected HENGIAN. Village inspected. Good neat village, well set out. Village officials courteous and helpful. These people have done a lot of hard work on their roads. Departed HENGIAN 1100 arrived WALWALI 1245. Track fairly well maintained. Census revised and tax collected.
- 13-3-60. Departed WALWALI 0750 arrived GOINIRI 1020. Track very muddy but well cut and long sections walking in river bed.
- 14-3-60. Census revised and tax collected GOINIRI. Inspected Village Aid Post. Village had been hastily cleaned up for benefit of patrol. Departed GOINIRI 1015 arrived KARANDU 1330. Most of this track consists of walking in river bed. KARANDU village shifted to new site since previous patrol. New site is extremely poor location. Gave instructions and marked areas to be cleared around the village.
- 15-3-60. Census revised and tax collected KARANDU. Attendance good. Very high proportion of Malaria Disease this village. Departed KARANDU 1000 walking in river. Arrived KAIYE 1130. This section is impassable when river rises. Discussions held with meeting of Village Officials from KAIYE, KARANDU, GOINIRI, KALAU, WANTIPI. The people requested permission to bring their villages closer together. At present they are small villages widely scattered. The idea was encouraged but not pushed. Census revised and tax collected KAIYE.
- 16-3-60. Census revised and tax collected KALAU and WANTIPI, at KAIYE. Departed KAIYE 12 noon arrived ANBUKU 1515. Track for most of way in good flat walking. A large tract of a parently good well drained land with little use made of it.
- 17-3-60. Census revised and tax collected ANBUKU. Quite a good neat village. Departed ANBUKU 1030 arrived MAPOKA 1230. A good well maintained road. Rainforest river crossing near MAPOKA could be difficult.
- 18-3-60. Census revised and tax collected MAPOKA. Census revised and tax collected MAPOKA. Visited MORI village 1 1/2 hours upstream from MAPOKA. Found 3 people with bad tropical ulcers. All unable to walk. These were removed to MAPOKA. One was wife of Medical Tul Tul. MORI village in very bad condition. Instructions given for complete removal of the place. Returned to MAPOKA and attempted to locate possible ford site on RAINBROW without success.

- 19-3-60. Dispatched Luhal of MORI in charge of hospitalised natives to be carried AITAPE. Departed MAFOKA 830 arrived SUMO 0910. Census and tax collected SUMO. A large village in good condition. Officials helpful and capable. Large number of minor disputes here. Sing Sing staged at night.
- 20-3-60 Visited small economic venture at UVA. 2 hours downstream from SUMO organised by ex CPL. SERIBU of SERA. Group from a number of BEBBI villages (VANINO area) live and work here together with various natives from SUMO, SERA and MAFOKA. A number of people from BEBIKE village (BEBBI/VANINO) which is as yet uncensused were interviewed here. They state their village is now on the coastal side of the BEWANI Range. In time they will eventually move down the RUMAKBROM. (Letter to O.I.C. Vaniso on this subject). Inspected vegetable gardens, tobacco growing and preparation of coffee block. A good well established cover crop (Memo to Agricultural officer re supply of seed) Returned SUMO village.
- 21-3-60 Departed SUMO 8.30 arrived RAMU 1030. Census revised and tax collected. Visited coffee blocks in preparation. A large village with a number of progressive men. (Requested Agricultural field worker from Aitape be sent to area. This has been done).
- 22-3-60 Departed RAMU 0745 arrived combined BARIRA-DROME villages 0945. Track well maintained. Census and tax collected BARIRA. Visited Fr. Stephen of Roman Catholic Mission for lunch. Discussed problems of marriage disputes brought up by annex the Missionary and advised him of the official attitude in such matters. At no stage did I find that undue pressure was being used by this Priest, to have the views of his church enforced. Census and tax collected DROME during afternoon. Large building programme in progress at these two villages.
- 23-3-60 Departed DROME 0645 and returned to AITAPE via WALWALI, WINGIAN arriving 1600.

THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

AITAPE - SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORT 5-1959/60.

Statement of Tax collected.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NENGIAN	£3-15-0
WALWALI	2-15-0
GOIHIRI	6-15-0
KARANDU	4- 0-0
KAIYE	4- 5-0
WANTEPI	3- 5-0
KALAU	3- 0-0
ANSUKU	5- 5-0
MAPOKA	2- 0-0
MORI	4- 5-0
SAVANUI	1-15-0
SUMO	6- 5-0
RAMU	10-10-0
BARIRA	6-10-0
DROME	3- 0-0
TOTAL	<u>£67- 5-0</u>

Territory of Papua, NEW GUINEA.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT, NO. 5. 1960

REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P.A.N.G.C.

Patrol to AITAPE WEST COAST INLANDS.

from 11/3/60 to 23/3/60.

Number of days 13.

8236 BARI.

Well above average
variable, with the good command
and is well respected.
Recommended for NCO school.

4175. ~~BUNAWA~~
DUNAWA

Good airless worker.
Reliable. Conduct good.

7891 SAGI.

Settle worker - not very
intelligent. Conduct good.

Richard
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3/59-60 Sub-District AITAPE District SEPIK

Officer Conducting Patrol : G.R. BURFOOT. A.D.O.

Census Division Patrolled: AITAPE ISLANDS

Objects of Patrol : Census Revision
Tax Collection
Routines Administration
Ascertain whether any desire for Local Government.

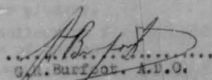
Date Patrol Commenced : 28th November 1959

Date Completed : 16th February 1960

Duration : 11 days.

Summary of Correspondence Arising from Patrol

Aitape 14-4-1/198 to District Officer Madang
Aitape 14-4-1/199 to District Officer Madang
Aitape 14-4-1/201 to District Officer Wesak
Aitape 14-4-1/202 to District Officer Madang


G.R. Burfoot. A.D.O.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer

Patrol No. 3/59-60 Aitape Islands

PATROL DIARY

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- 28th. Nov. '59. Patrol proceeded to Ali Island per pinnace.
- 29th. Nov. '59. Duly observed at Ali Island.
- 30th. Nov. '59. Tax collection 1959 and census revision Ali Island group. Extraction of statistics and inspection of hamlets. Dealing with minor native complaints and discussions with natives on economic development
- 1st. Dec. '59 To Seleo Island per pinnace. 1959 tax collected and census revised. Extraction of statistics and village inspection. Minor native complaints etc dealt with and discussions with people on economic development. Visited Franciscan Mission School. Returned to Ali per pinnace.
- 2nd. Dec. '59 To Angel Island per pinnace. 1959 tax collected and census revised. Extraction of statistics and village inspection. Minor native complaints dealt with and discussions with people on economic development. p.m. attended native singing. Returned Ali Is. per pinnace.
- 3rd. Dec. '59 Returned to Aitape per pinnace.
- 10th. Feb. '60 Patrol proceeded to Tumleo Island per pinnace. Routine inspection of hamlets. Census revision and tax collected for 1959 and 1960.
- 11th. Feb. '60 Extraction of statistics. Organising repairs to Jetty etc. Minor native complaints dealt with. General discussions with people on economic development and local government.
- 12th. Feb. '60 Patrol returned Aitape per pinnace.
- 15th. Feb; '60 Census revision and tax collection for 1959 and 1960 Yakoi village. Inspection of houses etc.
- 16th Feb. '60 General discussions with Yakoi people on local government, development, housing road maintenance etc. Minor native complaints attended to.

£150 tax was collected on the patrol

67-8-34.

16th May, 1960.

District Officer,
Sepik District,
NEWAE.

PATROL REPORT ALTAPE NO. 4/59.60.

From an unbiased viewpoint it would probably be better to allow harmless old customs and traditions to die a natural death. But if the ultimate objective is Christianity for the masses, it is not illogical for the various denominations to regard themselves as arbiters of morals.

Resident missionaries are sometimes credited with more influence in an area than they have. Mr. Barfoot's investigation revealed no undue interference with the liberty of the individual.

The work of the Village Official is rather invidious; the communal way of indigenous living being what it is. It is rather surprising that such a foreign concept as a single village leader has been as practicable as it has.

I presume the report on No. 9211 Coast Yongima has been given your attention.

(J.K. McCarthy)
A/Inspector

67-8-34. ✓

PR.Ait 4/59-60/651

District Office,
Sepik District,
NEWIAI.

31st March, 1960

The Assistant District Officer,
AITAPE

PATROL REPORT - AITAPE NO. 4/59-60

I have received the report of a patrol carried out by Cadet Patrol Officer Black into the West Coast and Inland Census Divisions.

Thank you for your covering comments.

A couple of things that you should impress on your young officers are that village officials and police are only as good as the officers administering a District make them. A lazy policeman reflects an inefficient officer and the same applies to village officials.

I can personally see nothing wrong with the Missionary taking a firm stand on a matter of morals and I certainly think Mr. Black could check his facts before he files to his typewriter.

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I fully agree with your remarks in your second paragraph.



D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konodubu
Your information please.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT OFFICER

Sub-District Office
AITAPE BEBIK DISTRICT

GRB:GRB

22nd March 1960

The District Officer
WEWAK

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No.4/59-60

The above report is forwarded herewith in triplicate. Claim for camping allowance is attached.

The report is a very mediocre one and clearly indicates that Mr.Black still requires further patrol experience in the company of experienced officers.

I have the following comments to make.

1. DIARY: Mr.Black travelled far too rapidly through the west coast villages and could hardly have carried out more than the most cursory of inspections. Mr.Black was instructed not to spend unnecessary time in this latter area but to carry out routine inspections of the villages.
2. AGRICULTURE. As a long term project coffee is being encouraged in this area generally, whilst in the Marok-Siaute area there is scope for increased coconut plantings. With communications in their present state it is difficult to get the people to plant up long term crops and it is necessary that every patrol stress the importance of planting now.
3. VILLAGES. Only constant patrolling will ensure better housing in these inland areas. At present a tax census patrol is in the Raa Drome-Barira area which was visited by this patrol. A follow up patrol of the tax area is scheduled for April.
4. ROADS. No work has been done for a long time on the Wauningi-Neagian road. The remarks of Mr.Black apply to work done several years ago which I halted pending pegging of levels etc. The Aitape-Wauningi road is now quite dry and trafficable but in the wet season is often flooded for several miles. It is hoped to have heavy equipment on this road in the near future.
5. MISSIONS. Facilities at Bes are more capable of handling pupils from Kapaan and Kara-Ansi than St. Anna. The two cases referred to of interference with marriage by the Bes priest have been investigated. In the first case no marriage had been entered into by the deserted woman. There was purely an immoral liaison. In the second case all three people were desirous of entering the church and had been told that this was not possible while they lived as one family unit. They mutually agreed amongst themselves to split up so as to be baptised. The man is still responsible for both wives and they are shown as married in the village registers. I sent for all concerned and investigated the case later speaking with the priest concerned and I am quite satisfied there have been no activities warranting intervention. The priest was informed of native rights in this connection and the matter will be watched although I have no fear of abuses.

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G.R. Burfoot, A.D.O.

Sub-District Office
AITAPE SEPIK DISTRICT

GRB:GRB

14th January 1960

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Mr. C.F.O. Black
AITAPE

PATROL - AITAPE No.4/59-60

Please be prepared to leave on patrol as detailed hereunder on Monday January 18th. The truck will be available to take you and your patrol gear as far as the Waipo but you should arrange for carriers to be ready to meet you at Waipo on Monday.

(1) You are to carry out a routine patrol of the following villages as per our verbal discussions.

Tales, Leapu, Malol, Arop, Warapu, Sissano, Ramu, Drome, Barira, Walwai and Nengian.

(2) At Nengian you will effect the purchase of the Mission land.
Vide File 34-1-3-17.

(3) From Nengian you are to proceed to Marok and commence the 1960 census revision and tax collection of all villages in the Yongite-Kapoam loop of the Aitape west coast inland census division.
Vide Aitape P/R No.6/1958-59

(4) Check that instructions of previous patrols have been carried out and where necessary take appropriate action.

(5) Take with you all unpaid N.M.T.A. receipts for the area you are traversing and endeavour to effect payment.

(6) In the census revision area check labour availability figures as per our discussion.

(7) Encourage attendance of all children at schools where available.

(8). Visit all Missions in the area and render any assistance necessary.

(9) Take with you a 240 patrol advance.

(10). Three members of the Aitape Police Detachment will accompany you on the patrol

(11). Encourage economic cash cropping - peanuts, coconuts and coffee. Visit all areas where economic crops are planted and report on their condition and approximate acreage planted.

(12) Draw all necessary patrol stores from the Sub-District store.

(13) There is no time limit to the patrol so do not hurry.

I wish you a pleasant trip.


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G.W. Surfoot, A.S.O.

PATROL REPORT - ATT. No.4/59-60

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:- Mr.G.BLACK, C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:- Aitape West Coast & Inland Census Divisions.

PATROL PERSONNEL:- No. 8236 Const. BARY
No.7605 " GIBSWAN
No.9211 " YONGIMA (part)
No.7891 " SAGI (part)

DURATION OF PATROL:- From 18/1/60 to 22/2/60.

NUMBER OF DAYS:- THIRTY-SIX

OBJECTS OF PATROL:- (1) TAX/CENSUS.

(2) As per attached instructions.

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- Monday 18/1/60 Departed Aitape per truck to WAIPO and walked to MAIOL. Inspected hamlets and proceeded by powered canoe to AROP No.1 and slept the night.
- Tuesday 19/1/60 Inspected Arop and on to Warapu by powered canoe. Inspected Warapu and walked to Sissano. Visited the Catholic Mission and inspected Sissano hamlets and gave talk on cash crops and village hygiene. Returned to Warapu and slept the night.
- Wednesday 20/1/60 N.M.T.A.'s paid at Warapu and talk given. Const. YONGINA to Sissano Hamlets to ensure they were cleaned properly. Departed by powered Aropore and walked to Rama. Grass waist high on road. Slept at Rama.
- Thursday 21/1/60 Inspected village - very poor. Talk given with emphasis on village hygiene. Walked to Drome on very sloppy road - due to heavy rain. Inspected Drome and Barira villages.
- Friday 22/1/60 Rained non-stop all day. Inspected Aid-post. Const. Kurebal arrived ex Aitape with Message from A.D.O. to wait Here for further instructions re purchase of Catholic Mission lease.
- Saturday 23/1/60 At Drome. Talk given with special emphasis on hygiene to Drome and Barira villages which are both in a shocking condition.
- Sunday 24/1/60 Observed.
- Monday 25/1/60 Village sites of Drome and Barira leave much to be desired. Looked around for better ones and found them. Word sent to A.D.O. for permission to move villages.
- Tuesday 26/1/60 At Drome. No further instructions received from the A.D.O. as yet.
- Wednesday 27/1/60 At Drome. Messenger returned from Aitape. To survey a new site for the mission. Message despatched to Priest requesting his presence.
- Thursday 28/1/60 At Drome, self ill with migraine.
- Friday 29/1/60 Priest arrived, lunched at mission and discussion during the afternoon. Also walked around suggested boundaries with priest and land-owners.
- Saturday 30/1/60 Rained all day. Unable to commence survey.

- Sunday 31/1/60 Observed.
- Monday 1/2/60 Commenced survey but delayed due heavy consistent rain.
- Tuesday 2/2/60 Completed survey. Message received from A.D.C. approving the relocating of Drome and Barira villages. Walked to Walwali and inspected village - excellent. Slept the night.
- Wednesday 3/2/60 New Lulusi appointed, subject to A.D.C.'s approval, of Walwali. General talk given. Walked to Hengian and slept the night.
- Thursday 4/2/60 Inspected Hengian village and general talk given. Walk to Marok via Wauningi and Siaute villages. Slept at Marok.
- Friday 5/2/60 To Aitape on bicycle.
- Saturday 6/2/60 Returned to Marok on bicycle.
- Sunday 7/2/60 Observed at Marok.
- Monday 8/2/60 Discussions with resident priest. Collected tax from mission employees and inspected Bes, Aiterap and Marok villages.
- Tuesday 9/2/60 Bes, Aiterap, and Marok villages lined and tax/census conducted. General talk given.
- Wednesday 10/2/60 Walked to Siaute and inspected Aid-post and villa lined and tax/census conducted and general talk given. Walked to Wauningi, repeated process and slept at Wauni.
- Thursday 11/2/60 Walked to Lupai. Rained heavily all afternoon, slept at Lupai.
- Friday 12/2/60 Walked to Yongite and lined and tax/censused Yongite and Selyum. Returned to Lupai in heavy rain.
- Saturday 13/2/60 Lupai village inspected and tax/censused. Compiled village statistics.
- Sunday 14/2/60 Observed.
- Monday 15/2/60 Walked to Karaito, inspected village and tax/census conducted. Work commenced on new rest house and slept at Karaito.

- Tuesday 16/2/60 Walked to Kara-gusi along very good track, inspected village and tax/census conducted. General talk given and slept the night.
- Wednesday 17/2/60 Walked to Faiwa and tax/census conducted. General talk given. Village in very poor shape but they are in the process of moving to a new site for economic reasons.
- Thursday 18/2/60 At Faiwa. Work commenced on new Aid-post. Self ill with migraine.
- Friday 19/2/60 Walked to Kapoam. Lined and tax/census conducted. Talks on general subjects.
- Saturday 20/2/60 At Kapoam. Inspected new adjacent site for village as present one has been severely flooded.
- Sunday 21/2/60 Observed at Kapoam.
- Monday 22/2/60 Walked to Hansende Colony and picked up by truck and returned to Aitape.

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol was conducted in the Aitape Sub-district through the West Coast and West Coast Inland census sub-divisions and was of a roving nature the main purpose being the collection of the 1960 tax.

The patrol was delayed in many instances by heavy continuous rain and consequently most of the tracks were in a very poor condition.

On the whole the patrol was well received, especially in the area which was taxed. But in several villages only the minimum of co-operation was afforded the patrol. It is noteworthy that these latter villages were all in poor condition and had far less economic crops than the rest.

The last patrol in the West Coast Inland C/D was conducted by Mr. L.S.Bridges, P.O., from 2/6/59 to 15/7/59.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was received fairly well and several minor disputes were settled amicably. However the village officials were the usual mediocre lot, in most cases, and appear to have little or no influence - with the exception of the new Laluai at Walwali which village is in excellent condition and has a small area of ground planted with peanuts.

There was, on the whole little enthusiasm when the writer attempted to urge the people on to plant larger areas with cash crops and they appear to be quite apathetic though this, no doubt is due to their outlook on life.

The Laluai of Yongite (KITAU) and his brother KAIFI (which latter appears to be the more influential of the two) seem to have a certain amount of power in the area but are still talking of a road from Lual to Aitape. The writer endeavoured to stop this and explained that it was most unlikely to be put through at all.

Yongite and Seiyun are still in the process of constructing their new village and are unable to clear the ground as yet due to constant rains .

HEALTH & HYGIENE.

Health throughout the area appeared to be very good but it should be remembered that there are many at the Hansende Colony. *Tinea imbricata* was prevalent throughout and no villages are free of it. All babies appeared in good health although four died at birth and two died before attaining thirteen years.

There are Aidposts at Siaute and Faiawa attending the villages in the area tax/consented and the others are at Drome and Bar. Aid-posts were fairly well stocked with medicines and A.P.O.s appear to be doing as well as could be reasonably expected of them. The Aid-post at Faiawa is only a fallen down shelter and construction on a new one has been commenced.

Sanitation was quite good and villages were all in fair condition with the exceptions of Faiawa, Drome, Barira, and Rami.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

The traditional method of shifting subsistence agriculture is carried on throughout and this appears to be adequate with sago as the principle staple.

Cash crops have been planted throughout but only very small areas have been planted. Peanuts are favoured although several villages have areas ready for the planting of coffee. (Bes, Aitarap, Marok.) However these areas are on a community basis thus when the ~~crop~~ coffee has been planted and matured the returns will be very small when divided among the ~~workers~~ workers.

Rene and Siaute have approximately one acre each planted with peanuts but most of Siaute's has been destroyed by recent severe flooding. Drome, Barira, Walwali, Hengian, Kara-ansi, Paiawa and Kapoen villages all have small plots but the total area planted is so ~~small~~ small

as to make it negligible and would hardly amount to two acres. Marok, Bes, and Aitarap, in a joint concern, have over an acre ready for the planting of coffee.

During the patrol talks were given in all villages with special emphasis on coffee, copra, and peanut crops but these were met with mixed enthusiasm and it is a moot point as to whether anything will be done over and above their normal activities.

VILLAGES & HOUSING.

Villages in most instances are built on flat ground for the economic reasons of being closer to the roads and nearer their cash crops. In the cases of Drome and Barira, they are built on swamp ground and when a hole was dug to a depth of one foot to one foot six inches it filled immediately with water. Consequently drainage in the villages was almost non-existent and it was impossible to build latrines. In both cases new sites were located within a few minutes walk on higher ground. These new sites make little or no difference in regard to their gardens and their proximity to the resident mission. They are also still on their own ground and before they were told to move approval was obtained from the A.S.O. The villagers themselves had no objections apart from the one that they did not wish to move away from the priest. There were no new houses on the present sites and out of the 38 houses, 34 needed replacing as the structures were rotten and not water proof.

Housing generally was very poor throughout the area patrolled and where necessary ~~xxx~~ instructions were given for the replacement or repairing of many and a note made in the books of the villages concerned.

Siaute village has also moved to a new sit on higher ground as their old village was deserted after extremely severe flooding and work on the new village is progressing rapidly.

Faiawa also is in the process of moving to a new site for economic reasons. Consequently their old site, which is still in use is in very poor condition.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Officials, taken generally, are a very poor lot with few exceptions and are severely handicapped by kinship ties. A new Laluai was appointed at Walwali by popular choice and is subject to the A.D.O.'s approval. This man, Karup, has been acting as Laluai for quite a while and has been doing a very good job.

The Laluai's of Yongite and Siaute are also getting work done very satisfactorily but the rest are of little use.

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ROADS & BRIDGES.

Tracks were nearly all in good condition considering the amount of rain. The only exceptions were the track from Aroporo to Ramu and the track from Lupai to Karaito. The former was cleared under supervision and instructions were given for the improvement of the latter. Otherwise the tracks were quite fair.

A lot of work has been put into a road between Nengian and where the vehicular road ends at near Wauningi. This was done without instructions from Aitpe and is quite useless as it has not been marked out or graded.

The vehicular road along the west coast was in good condition but the Aitape - Wauningi road was untrafficable due to the rains and was flooded for the greater part of its length when the writer returned to Aitape during the patrol.

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MISSIONS & EDUCATION.

Catholic mission schools give education facilities to a large number of children and only a few attend the government school at Waipo. There is a mission school at Siscano which has a very large attendance of nearly 400 pupils coming from the very large villages nearby. There is another at Drome which has an irregular attendance of approximately 30 pupils and a third at Bes which has a regular attendance of 93 pupils - 48 of these are girls.

It should be pointed out that the mission at Bes draws pupils from several villages such as Kapoam and Kara-ausi which are a full days walk away, although boarders are taken. The mission's headquarters at St. Anna is only a few hours walk away although no children from the aforementioned villages are taken there. It is the writer's opinion that more children would attend school if they were able to go to St. Anna instead of having to travel the long distance to Pes.

The Catholic mission at Bes has been using its influence over the people and at Bes village a woman whose husband has been away at work for over eight years (which may be regarded as desertion) has recently remarried. The Mission interfered and banned the marriage.

Another case is of a man who had two wives and had been married to them for many years - they are all well past middle age. The priest again interfered and the second wife was made to return to her former village of Wauningi. It is the writer's opinion that the mission should not indulge in these activities but should let the people's old customs and traditions die a natural death, not forcing the issue. It was noticed that the mission at Bes received little aid from the local inhabitants.

CENSUS & TAXATION.

Censuses were revised and tax collected in the villages of Bes, Marok, Aiterap, Siute, Wauningi, Lupai, Seiyum-Yongite, Karait, Kara-ausi, Paisawa, Kapoam, and Pultulul. The other villages visited were not taxed or censused.

From the 13 villages taxed a total of £73-0-0 was collected without hardship. It is noteworthy that in all the villages taxed the coinage collected was able to be exchanged for notes.

The necessary statistics are attached to this report.

Black

 G. BLACK C.P.O.

No. 8236 Const. BAYL

Act'd as Constable in charge of patrol police.
He did a very good job and is an intelligent, willing
worker and would make a good H.C.O.

No. 7605 Const. SIMENAH.

New to this station. Is conscientious worker
and a good man to have in the bush.

No. 9211 Const. YONGINA.

Very lazy, always lags behind and very profane.
He accompanied the patrol until 5/2/60 when he was
replaced by the member below.

No. 7891 Const. SAGI.

An average constable, is a good worker but very
quiet and not over intelligent.

S. Black
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S. BLACK C.P.O.

WALKING TIMES.

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME IN MINUTES.</u>
WAIPO	MAIOL	90
AROFORO	KARU	70
RANU	DROME/BARIRA	90
DROME	WALWALI	100 65
WALWALI	WENGIAN	100
WENGIAN	WAUNINGI	125
WAUNINGI	SIAUTE	30
SIAUTE	MAHOK	40
AKTAFE	MAHOK	150
WAUNINGI	LUPAI	180
LUPAI	SEIYUM/YONGIFE	60
LUPAI	KARAITE	165
KARAITE	KARA-AUSI	100 130
KARA-AUSI	PALAWA	70
PALAWA	KAPOAM	75
KAPOAM	HANSENWIDE COLONY	60

TAXATION

VILLAGE	No. TAKEN.	No. EXEMPTED.	£	s	d
BUS	24	4	6	5	-
MANGK	14	4	3	10	-
AYYERAP	13	4	3	5	-
SIATTE	44	9	11	-	-
WAUNINGI	4	5	1	-	-
IRPAI	5	3	1	5	-
SILYUR	7	2	1	15	-
YONGIE	4	2	1	-	-
KARATEE	14	5	3	10	-
KARA-ABDI	21	3	5	5	-
FALARA	30	5	8	10	-
KAPOAM	22	7	5	10	-
PURUMIL	14	3	3	10	-
BUS MISSION	12	1	17	15	-
	<u>232</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

RECRUITMENT POTENTIAL

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>No. EMPLOYED</u>	<u>PRESENT AVAILABILITY</u>
MAROK	23	7	3	7
BES	33	11	6	5
ADITRAP	26	8	7	1
BLAUTE	58	19	4	15
WAININGI	17	5	7	-2
YONGITE	9	3	2	1
SEIYUH	13	4	3	1
WIPAK	11	3	4	-1
KARATE	22 21	8 7	2	5
KARA-AUSI	24 33	11	9	2
PATANA	42	14	5	9
KAPOAM	25	8	4	4
PINBUZUL	22	7	6	1
	<u>333</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>45</u>

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE At Work				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES Progress of Child bearing At Birth	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL							
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth		In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.			Mission		MALES			FEMALES		Child		Adults		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
		0-16	16-43	43-65	65-85	M + F																																		
HAROK	9/2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	2	1	2	6	4	23	4	15	-	14	12	13	21	17	77		
BES	9/2																			1	3	3	4	4	9	6	33	8	29	26	24	19	29	31	126					
AITERAP	9/2	3	1																	1	2	5	3	4	1	4	26	1	16	13	9	9	21	16	70					
SLAUTE	10/2	3	3																	2	2	1	1	8	6	58	14	47	45	26	41	59	51	196						
WAUNINGI	10/2																			1	1			7	1	2	1	17	5	12	10	2	12	13	12	50				
YONGITE	12/2	2	2																	1	1			2	2	2	9	2	7			7	7	8	8	36				
SEIYUN	12/2	2																		1	2	1		3	2	3	13	2	14	13	9	6	15	15	53					
LUPAI	13/2	1																		1	1			4	3	3	2	11	1	10	9	2	1	9	12	34				
KARAITE	15/2	2	1																	1	1			5	3	4	21	5	18	17	13	11	23	20	77					
KARA-AUSI	16/2	2	3	1																	8	1			8	3	9	33	3	22	19	12	11	27	25	100				
PAIWA	17/2	3	3																	1	1			1	4	6	12	2	11	26	24	35	32	39	28	146				
KAPOAM	19/2	1																			1	3			3	5	25	21	21	20	18	18	31	24	98					
PULPULUL	23/2	1	3																		2	4	2	2	1	22	8	17	1	17	13	17	19	20	79					
		22	16	1		1		3	5	1		2		13	6			3	3	4	22			37	1	12	1	52	36	58	33	7	25	4	1207	189	197	313	3279	1142