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PATROL REPORTS EAST SEPIK DISTRICT 1967-68

ANGORAM
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ANGORAM

Patrol No.

Officer
Conducting Patrol

Area Patrolled

2-67-68

G.E. Luhrs

Keram Local Government
Council

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G.E. Luhrs

Keram L.G.C.

5-67-68

P. McKay

Lower Sepik L.G.C.

AMBOIN

1-67-68

M.V. O'Regan

Konmei creek, Upper
Marawari-Wogupmeri &
Ara Sundi Rivers

2-67-68

M.V. O'Regan

Meakambut area of the Upper
Arafundi River

3-67-68

M.V. O'Regan

✓ Korosameri C.D.

4-67-68

M.V. O'Regan

Upper Arafundi River area



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SEPIK Report No. ANGORAM No 2 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by G.E. Luhrs Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled KERAM Local Government Council

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. P. McKay, Cadet Patrol Officer

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

Duration—From 20/10/1967 to 10/11/1967

Number of Days 38

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Mar/Apr/1967

Medical Sept/1966

Map Reference Lands Fourmil, Bogia

Objects of Patrol Political Education, Conduct Keram L.G.C. Elections

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/1/1968

E. L. Heke
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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67-8-14

23rd February, 1968.

District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1967/68.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Luhrs's report on his patrol in the Keram Local Government Council area together with Mr. McKay's report and Mr. N. Willson's memorandum.

All points raised in the report have been adequately covered by your letter to the Assistant District Commissioner, Angoram, which shows all action necessary has or is being taken.

The Bobaten Cargo Cult should be kept under surveillance to ensure village life is not interrupted by an extension outside the present small family group.

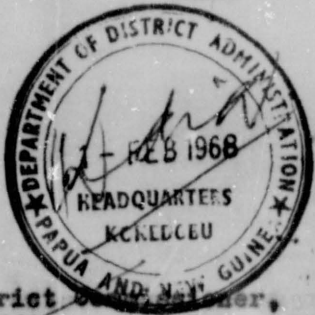
The report reveals a generally satisfactory position regarding native attitudes towards the Administration and the Local Government Council.

No other comments appear necessary from this Headquarters.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.

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District Office,
WEWAK,
East Sepik District.

26th January, 1968.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM.

PATROL REPORTS - ANGORAM NO. 2 & No. 2 (A)
1967-68.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned reports submitted by Mr. Luhrs, Patrol Officer and Mr. McKay, Cadet Patrol Officer, respectively; also accompanying memorandum from Mr. N. Willson, Patrol Officer.

In all future Patrol Instructions issued by you, include the instruction that the Officer concerned is to keep a day to day diary and other comments in note form, to enable the report to be typed and submitted to this District Headquarter within 14 days of the completion of the patrol. Copies of such patrol Instructions are to accompany the completed report.

It should be patently obvious to your field Staff that Headquarter require current information, not information that is two months stale.

In previous years matters have been placed before the Director by local M.H.A's and same times referred to in the House of Assembly, and the Director has no back ground knowledge owing to late submission of patrol reports containing the information referred to.

Please keep this District Headquarter advised on developments at WOM, NUHARI and NUI.

Can Mr. D. Bretherton offered any constructive comments on the 'Shanghai Council Medal'?

P.I.R. is an Infantry Battalion - not engineering staff.

Mr. McKay has done quite a good effort for his first patrol.

This District H.Q. is well aware of the capabilities and energy of Mr. Luhrs - but as you state the report although reasonable is marred by, lack of elaboration, and late submission.

cc/ The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

E.G. Hicks
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E.G. HICKS
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

For your information and records, please.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-1/287.....

If calling ask for NLW:PB

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM.

22nd November, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner, 1967

ANGORAM.

ANGORAM PATROL NO. 2 of 67/68

As per your verbal instructions, Mr. Luhrs was intercepted, at RONGWICK, and he was informed of his presence being required in Angoram to prepare for a patrol to visit the wreck of a war plane in the upper reaches of the Clay River. Mr. Luhrs was informed that I would be taking over the patrol while he was in Angoram. Arrival at RONGWICK at 1800 hours necessitated Mr. Luhrs remaining at RONGWICK for the night of the 4th November, 1967.

Mr. Luhrs had practically covered the whole of the KERAM Local Government Council area in his election patrol and there only remained the Southern section of the BANARO Census Division and the four Southernmost villages in the GRASS COUNTRY Census Division, being six wards in all.

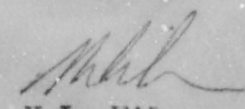
In three of the wards, NUMARE/MUI, ANJO/MOLI/SORI and TAMOR/BUTA, only one candidate nominated for election. These were the old Councillors. In the remaining three electorates TOVINI/MANJITOK, MUNYATEN/BUTEN and PUSHYTEN/GEKTEN the nominations of the old Councillors were opposed but were re-elected with overwhelming majorities. The required statistics and forms for these wards have been processed and have been left at YIP so as the Council Adviser may reconcile them to his own statistics and forward them to the Returning Officer, Angoram.

Complaints were all of a minor nature.

Mr. McKay, Cadet Patrol Officer was on his first patrol, and although one week was too short a contact to give an appraisal of his capabilities he left a favourable impression. Mr. McKay is devoting alot of time to learning Pidgin English and this without the aid of a Pidgin English Dictionary. Possibly there is one available in Angoram.

The patrol was successfully completed despite adverse weather conditions.

For your information.


N.L. Wilson,
Patrol Officer.

PREAMBLE

ANGORAM Station
ANGORAM Sub-District
EAST SEPIK District

ANGORAM Patrol Report No 2 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted By: G.E. Luhrs, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled; KERAM L.G.C.

Personnel accompanying the patrol: Mr. P. McKay, C.P.O.
1 R.P.&N.G.C.
1 O/B motor operator


Duration of Patrol 38 days
from 16-9-67 to 3-10-67
and
20-10-67 to 10-11-67

Last patrols to the area:

D.D.A. March/ April 1967
D.A.S.F. July 65
Medical September 66

- Objects of the Patrol:
- (i) Political Education
 - (ii) Conduct Second General Elections for the KERAM L.G.C.
 - (iii) Routine Administration

Map Reference: Refer attached map


(G.E. Luhrs)
Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM,
East Sepik District.

8th January, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM,
East Sepik District.

KERAM L.G.C. POLITICAL EDUCATION AND ELECTION

PATROL REPORT

ANGORAM PATROL No. 2 of 1967/68

INTRODUCTION

The above patrol was in the field for a total of thirty eight days and was divided into two sections. The first being a political education programme and the second part being for the conducting of the second general elections for the Keram Council.

2. I was with the patrol for only thirty three of the thirty eight days. I was recalled to guide a combined R.A.A.F./ U.S. Army search and recovery to the Clay River.

3. This is the first D.D.A. patrol through the area since the establishment of the council's administrative complex at Yip. It is also my fifth time to patrol the council area.

4. The areas most pressing problems still remain as the need for improving existing channels of communication and to resettle a large number of the people of the economically depressed Grass Country. These will be dealt with later in this report.

5. I refer you now to the body of the report.

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PATROL DIARY

17

16th September, 1967

Departed Angoram for Kambaramba. All villagers not in the village so postponed talks until following day.

Slept Kambaramba.

17th September.

Morning villagers ~~assembled~~ and talks on elections and government given to the people. Some discussion regarding resettlement and other matters.

Midday departed Kambaramba for Wom. Most villagers absent so postponed talks until following day.

Slept Wom.

18th September.

Morning villagers assembled and talks on elections and government given. Some discussion regarding talks and other matters. Numerous complaints heard number of small debts cleared up.

Proceeded to Panyaten via Raten and Lol. Talks given to villagers of Panyaten and Patika. Little discussion. A number of complaints dealt with.

Returned to Raten. Talks on elections and government given to the villagers of Raten and Lol. Some discussion and a couple of complaints dealt with.

Returned to Wom.

Slept Wom.

19th September.

Morning to Kaimba. Talks on elections and government given to the villagers. Some discussion re the talks and other matters.

Continued on to ^{Mongol} ~~Kankam~~. Talks on government and elections given to the villagers. Negative response.

Proceeded to Langam Talks on elections and government given. Some discussions.

Slept Langam.

20th September.

Morning to Bobaten. Talks on elections and government given to the villagers. Some discussion re the House of Assembly elections.

Proceeded to Pamban. Talks given. Nil response.

Continued on to Kambuku. Talks given. A bit of discussion couple of complaints dealt with.

Continued on to Simbiri.

Slept Simbiri.

Patrol Diary (continued)

21st September.

Morning villagers assembled. Talks given to the villagers of Simbiri. Negative response. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Continued on to Manu. Talks given on elections and government. Negative response. Couple of minor disputes settled.

Proceeded to ~~Manu~~ ^{Yemen}. Talks on elections and government given. Some discussion and a couple of complaints.

Continued on to Yip.

Slept Yip.

22nd September.

Morning to Korogopa. Talks on elections and government given to the villagers. Some discussion. Numerous complaints dealt with. Collected information regarding the Plantation lease at Yip.

Returned to Yip.

Slept Yip.

23rd September.

To Kambot. Spiel on elections and government given some discussion. Number of complaints settled.

Reports regarding Paulas of Kambot threatening the Father investigated.

Slept Kambot

24th September.

Continued investigations. Returned to Yip.

Slept Yip.

25th September.

Morning to Bobten. Talks given to the villagers. Nil response. Couple of complaints dealt with.

To Angang. Talks given. Nil response. No complaints.

To Yar. Talks on elections and government given. Some discussion and a couple of complaints settled.

To Bagaram. Villagers lined. Talks on elections and government given. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Slept Bagaram.

Patrol Diary (continued)

26th September.

Morning to Kevim. Talks given on elections and government. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Angisi. Talks given. Nil response couple of complaints dealt with.

Continued to Rongwik. Talks on the elections and government given. Couple of complaints brought up and dealt with.

Proceeded to Mogum. Komting villagers assembled at Mogum. Talks given to the two villages. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Slept Mogum.

27th September

Morning to Jabia. Talks given. Little response couple of minor complaints.

To Togo. Talks on the elections and government given. Some discussion. Couple of complaints dealt with.

To Kongrum. Talks given. Nil response, Couple of complaints dealt with.

To ninias. Talks given. Nil response couple of complaints dealt with. Returned to Mogum.

Slept Mogum.

28th September.

Morning to Tovini. Motor trouble on the way arrived late afternoon.

Slept Tovini.

29th September.

Monjitok villagers to Tovini. Talks given to both villages. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Numari. Talks given to the villagers. Negative response. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Continued to Mui.

Slept Mui.

30th September.

Villagers lined. Talks given. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Continued on to Moli via Anjo.

Slept Moli.

Patrol Diary (continued)

1st October

Morning to Sori. Talks on elections and government given to the people.. Some discussion regarding politics and economic development.

Continued on to Buta.

Slept Buta.

2nd October

Morning talks given to the villagers of Ombongim and Buta. Some discussion. Couple of complaints dealt with.

Drifted to Bagaram.

Slept Bagaram.

3rd October.

Morning proceeded to Yip.

20th October.

In company with Mr. C.P.O. McKay departed Yip for Chimundo. L.G. Elections conducted. A couple of complaints dealt with.

To Kambot. L.G. elections conducted. Couple of complaints heard.

Returned to Yip.

21st October.

Morning departed Yip. To Raten via Kambot. Continued on to Punyaten. Elections for Punyaten, Pataka and Lol conducted. A few disputes settled.

Returned to Raten. Elections conducted. Some discussion regarding resettlement and during the evening a story 'Tumbuna' with the old fight leader of Raten village.

Slept Raten.

22Nd October.

Had a look at the Raten Coffes plot.

Slept Raten.

23rd October.

Morning to Wom. Elections conducted. Some discussion regarding resettlement. Numerous small debts and other complaints dealt with.

Patrol Diary (continued)

24th October

Morning to Kambaramba. Afternoon elections conducted. Few complaints dealt with.

Slept Kambaramba.

25th October.

Morning numerous complaints dealt with.

Departed Kambaramba for Kaimba via

Wom.

Slept Wom.

26th October.

Morning to Mongol. Elections for Kaimba/ Mongol ward conducted. Numerous complaints dealt with.

To Langam. Elections conducted. No complaints.

Continued on to Bobaten. Night inspected the cult house.

Slept Bobaten

27th October

Morning elections for Bobaten/ Pamban ward conducted. Numerous complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Kambuku. Elections for Kambuku conducted. Numerous complaints and queries brought up and settled. Some discussion regarding economic development.

Slept Kambuku.

28th October

Morning to Manu via Simbiri. Elections conducted for the Manu/ Simbiri ward. Few complaints dealt with.

Continued to Yemen. Elections for Yemen/ Wori conducted. Few complaints dealt with.

Slept Yemen.

29th October

Remained Yemen and settled a timber dispute between Yemen and Yaul/ Dimiri/ Marawat.

Slept Yemen.

Patrol Diary (continued)

30th October

Departed Yemen for Yip. Motor trouble arrived late afternoon.

Slept Yip.

31st October

To Korogopa. Elections conducted. A number of complaints dealt with.

Slept Yip.

1st November

Morning to Bobten. Elections conducted. A few complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Yar via Angang.

Slept Yar.

2nd November

Elections for the Angang Yar ward conducted. A few complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Bagaram. Elections for Lembum/ Bagaram ward conducted. A few complaints. One court case for assault.

Slept Bagaram.

3rd November

Morning to Angisi via Kevam. Elections for the Kevim/ Angisi ward conducted. Couple of Complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Togo.

Slept Togo.

4th November

Elections for Togo/ Jabis conducted. Few complaints dealt with.

Proceeded to Kongrum. Elections for Kongrum/ Komting% Ninias conducted. Few complaints dealt with.

To Mogum. Elections for Mogum/ Rusrik conducted. Few complaints dealt with. Mr P.O. Wilson to Mogum to take over the patrol.

5th November.

Self departed Mogum for Angoram.

POLITICAL SITUATION

The main objectives of this patrol were explanation of and conducting of elections.

2. Overall the people exhibited little interest in the subject matter of the political talks and in most villages difficulty was experienced in stimulating discussions on this subject. There was, however, a number of questions asked regarding what the Government considered to be the best party to vote for in the elections. It was impressed on the people that the Administration has no political views and that Administration officers must remain neutral. Since the middle of the year the A.P.P. and the Christian Democrats have been active throughout the Grass Country.

3. The people now appear to be fairly 'au fait' with the requirements and procedures in conducting a democratic election. They are also beginning to grasp the principles of preferential voting.

Native Attitudes

4. (a) Towards the Administration:

Administration prestige is quite high throughout this area at present. This is because of the amount of patrolling done by all departments since the establishment of Yip and the number of visits by Administration officers to council meetings.

5. (b) Towards the Council:

Generally speaking the people have accepted the council's presence as a good thing for the development of their area. The cultist attitudes towards the council are gradually disappearing as the people realise that the council cannot perform miracles in developing this area. The people are also realising that if the council is to progress it can only do so with their full support and by maintaining a relatively high level of taxation. I consider that their attitude is most healthy in this respect.

6. (c) Towards other groups:

There is a considerable amount of inter and intra village bickering throughout the area. This is mainly due to traditional enmities arising from land disputes, sorcery and more recently from timber rights and small debts. However since the establishment of the council there has been a sharp rise in inter village cooperation on various projects. The people with land to spare have also volunteered land to those people of the Grass Country who don't have any for cash cropping.

POLITICAL SITUATION (Continued)

Cults

7. The Bobaten cargo cult which was reported in Angoram P.R. 12 of 1966/67 has now come to a head and from all appearances seems to be declining steadily. The two principals of the cult showed me the workings of money making water that they purchased from Yali two years ago and during this patrol a demonstration of cult was given. Mr P. McKay C.P.O. and myself attended the demonstration.

8. After the patrol left Bobaten claims were made by the two men that they had produced \$10.00 in 10c. coins. I returned to Bobaten on 21st November with Mr McKay and re-examined the cult. The two men admitted to planting the money themselves. I then examined the properties of the so called 'magic water' and after some discussions with the men I feel that enough doubt was shed on the water to make the men think of trying to get their money back from Yali. The two have since seen me about going to Saidor to see Yali, and try getting their money returned.

9. No action has been taken against the men as their activities did not disrupt village life or gardening and only the men's immediate family was involved. The cult has not spread although a new cult house has been constructed at Pamaban village. The committee man at Pamaban has ordered the person responsible for the construction of the house to pull it down.

10. This is the third outbreak of cultism in the Grass Country in ten years.

11. I feel that the council and the administration should make an all out effort to encourage the people to take up resettlement in a more economic environment.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

Reception of patrol

The patrol was cordially received in all villages and a fair amount of interest was shown in the patrol's activities during its duration.

Villages

2. The general standard of housing throughout the area is low although some efforts are being made in some villages to improve the standards of housing. A number of houses in Yemen village have been modelled on those which have been constructed at Yip during recent months.

3. The villages of Kambaramba, Wom and Raten were under water during the time that the patrol was in the area. A number of other Grass Country villages are also expected to be inundated before the end of the current wet season.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

4. The overall standard of village cleanliness has improved during the past twelve months. This is due mainly to the council's village cleaning rule which is being enforced throughout the area.

5. The villagers of Wom have decided to split their village, at a later date, and move to two new sites that are ~~xxxx~~ subject to less inundation during the wet season.

Water Supply

6. The council has voted the construction of a number of wells throughout the area but the villages that have the most acute water problems are those where the construction of wells is impractical.

7. The Banaro and Keram River villages do not suffer from water shortages at any time of the year.

Complaints and Courts

8. Numerous complaints for civil debts involving cash and kind were brought to the patrol's attention. The six year limit was once again made clear to the people and it was again explain that unless legal proceedings are commenced within six years of the debt being incurred, legal recovery is impossible. However many long standing debts were settled during this patrol.

9. A number of people were convicted for breach of council rules during the course of the patrol. These were mainly for neglecting to carry out required maintenance of roads and village cleaning.

10. A couple of boundary disputes were also brought to my attention. These will be settled when the land demarcation committee gets operating.

11. One long standing timber dispute between Yemen and Yaul/ Dimiri/ Marawat villages was also settled during the patrol's duration.

12. One man was imprisoned for assault.

Uncontrolled groups bordering council boundaries

13. I feel that the above groups - also mentioned in Ang P.R. 12 of 1966/67 - should be contacted by a patrol during the next dry season. They have been waiting for an Administration patrol for some time now and are anxious for the Administration to visit them.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

Sorcery and Magic

14. The councillor of Numari village reported that ~~the~~ Numari and Mui villagers were having a sorcery feud with some villages in the Aiome Sub-District. These reports were investigated and found to be untrue although there had been a couple of deaths in the area during the preceeding six months.

15. Fear of sorcery is extremely strong throughout the Banaro area and any deaths of an uncertain nature are almost always attributed to sorcery.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

The overall standard of village officials throughout the area is quite satisfactory. They have contributed greatly to the establishment of the Council centre at Yip by assisting in the organising of labour and building supplies for the centre. Current rapport between Administration officials and council village officials is quite high.

2. Earlier problems arising from some village officials hearing courts etc. has now been overcome.

3. Only two of the original councillors were voted out of office at the elections.

4. It is hoped that I will be able to hold a weeks course at Yip for the councillors after the House of Assembly elections to further there understanding of the council's role in development and administration of the area.

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EDUCATION

The need for an Administration school in this area is most urgent. The Education Department intended posting a teacher to Yip at the start of the 1968 school year but it is now unable to do so because of staff shortages in existing schools throughout the district.

2. The people have accepted this but they are not at all happy about this state of affairs. The council will endeavour to get a school for the 1969 school year.

EDUCATION (Continued)

3. The Catholic Mission has only one school of note in this area and that is at Kambot. It is doubtful if this school can be extended in the near future as the mission is also suffering staff and fund shortages. The Catholic mission also runs fourteen other village schools throughout the area but these are of questionable value.

4. The S.D.A. Mission has two schools which are staffed by indigenous teachers. These are at Bagaram and Pushyten. These schools only go to low standards and the graduate students are sent to Angoram to finish their primary education. The Mission is to build a new school at Bagaram in the near future.

5. The Church of Christ and Nazarene Missions are reported to be considering the establishment of two graded schools in the area. However this is still something for the future.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH

There are eight aid posts currently in the area. These are all staffed by Administration personell. The council is in the process of getting a further aid post established at Mui in the Banaro C.D.

2. With the additional aid post at Mui there will be enough aid posts in the area to cater for the needs of the entire population. A re-organisation of the positioning of existing aid posts is being worked out with the European Medical Assistant at Angoram. Refer Ang P.R. 12 of 1966/67 for my recommendations as to their positioning.

3. The people of the area have been requesting that they be visited by the Malaria control service from Angoram for some time. I believe that the O-I-C Malaria Control, Angoram, is currently awaiting authority to do a survey of the Keram River and its Hinterland.

4. The general standard of health of the people seems to be quite good. A number of severe cases of grille were observed by the patrol.

5. Patrolling by P.H.D. staff during recent years has been quite regular.

6. No handicapped children were sighted during the course of this patrol.

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COMMUNICATIONS

The improvement of communications throughout the area is one of the most important problems facing the council at the present time.

2. A number of old waterways have been reopened throughout the Grass Country and these have proved of great assistance in improving the mobility of patrols throughout this region. The most important waterway to be opened to date is that which links Raten and Kambot. No difficulty is experienced in getting speedboats and small power canoes through this creek. It is hoped that within six months it will be enlarged enough to take the bigger power canoes.

3. There are two rock bars on the Keram River itself which need blasting to open the river for work boats all year round. These are above Bobten Village and a little below Angisi village.

4. A number of cut throughs are planned to cuts some points of the lower Keram. These should be started in the forthcoming dry season.

5. Motor bicycle tracks are being constructed from Yip to Kambot and from Yip to Kerogopa and thence to Yemen which is planned to be used as a resettlement area in the future. It is intended that these tracks be enlarged to vehicular standard in future years.

6. An airstrip has been planned for the council centre at Yip but before any further money is spent on it's completion a decision will have to be made regarding the future of the Keram council - Amalgamationwise and the future of Yip as an Administrative centre.

7. Existing walking tracks throughout the lower Grass Country and the Banaro area are being improved, extended and enlarged.

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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Subsistence cropping

The people of this area are, for the main part, forage farmers. Sago is the staple food although sweet potato, taro, yam, Kanggo etc. as well as introduced food crops are grown.

Cash cropping

2. (a) Coffee

This is the most extensive crop in the area at the present time. However the areas that have ground for coffee are those with a very small population.

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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK (Continued)

3. (b) Copra

There is some copra being produced by various individuals throughout the area but it is not a major source of income to the people. Further plantings of coconuts are being made by a number of villagers throughout the area. Dissatisfaction is still being expressed regarding the difference between the prices paid for copra at Madang and the price being paid at Angoram.

4. (c) Rice

There is some rice being grown around Bobten village. A number of people have expressed their intentions of growing rice and the council and D.A.S.F. are encouraging further plantings in the area.

5. (d) Tobacco

Some villagers have small tobacco plots that provide a small return. Local leaf is sold mostly at the native market at Angoram. A number of councillors have expressed a desire to increase plantings for sale at Madang.

Livestock

6. (a) Pigs

Pigs are mostly bred for local consumption at special events, singsings, funerals etc. However a few pigs are bred for sale. Everyday meat requirements are supplied by hunting and fishing.

(b) Poultry

Ducks and fowls are bred throughout the area for sale and for local consumption.

(c) Cattle

There are two cattle projects throughout the area. These are at Kambot village and a joint effort between Punyaten, Pataka, Raten and Lol villages.

A number of Banaro villages are contemplating the purchase of a number of head of cattle. These villages are expected to order their cattle after sale of timber during the current wet season.

Timber

7. Timber is the most important money earner for the people of the Banaro and lower Grass populations. Reserves are quite extensive.

8. The forestry department is being requested to supply plants for re-forestation projects in these areas.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Native Trade Stores

There are a number of native owned trade stores operating throughout the area. Five of the owners have put their money together and are buying in bulk from Madang at wholesale prices.. This is the result of not getting sufficient discounts at the stores in Angoram. The first orders were sent recently.

2. The native owned bakery at Bobten has now ceased baking.

Other

3. A number of Grass country villages are making money from the sale of grass skirts, sleeping mats, large floor mats and a few artifacts.

4. The hinterland Banaro people make a fair amount of money from the sale of cedar logs for making motor canoes.

5. Some villages are getting some income from the sale of copal gum. Sori village has a permanent line in the mountains collecting copal gum.

Land Resettlement

6. Any serious thoughts of developing this area must firstly centre around the resettlement of a high percentage of the population of the Grass Country. The council has suggested a plan for the resettlement of a number of Grass Country People - refer Ang P.R. 12 of 66/67 for details.

7. It is hoped that this scheme can be started in the near future.

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MISSIONS

There are three active religious groups operating in this area at present. These are the Catholic Mission, The S.D.A. Mission and a small group of Jehovah's Witnesses. Relationships between these groups is fairly cordial. The Church of Christ Mission and the Nazarene Mission are alleged to be interested in establishing centres throughout the area.

2. The Father at Kambot is the only resident European Missionary in the Council area.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing has been a report of a political education and council election patrol of the Keram Local Government Council .

2. The patrol achieved all of it's objectives.

3. The following is a summary of what I consider to be matters of great importance in the development of the area patrolled.

(i) The need to encourage the people of the economically depressed areas of the Grass Country to take up resettlement blocks in areas with more economic potential.

(ii) The need to encourage the people to increase their plantings of cash crops.

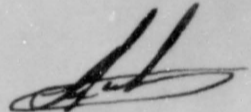
(iii) The need to improve the system of communications throughout the area.

(iv) The establishment of at least one Administration Primary 'T' school in the immediate future.

(v) A decision to be made as to the future of Yip as an Administrative centre and whether or not the Keram Council is to amalgamate with the Lower Sepik and Biwat Councils in the foreseeable future.

4. I apologise for the late submission of this report.

5. For your information, please.

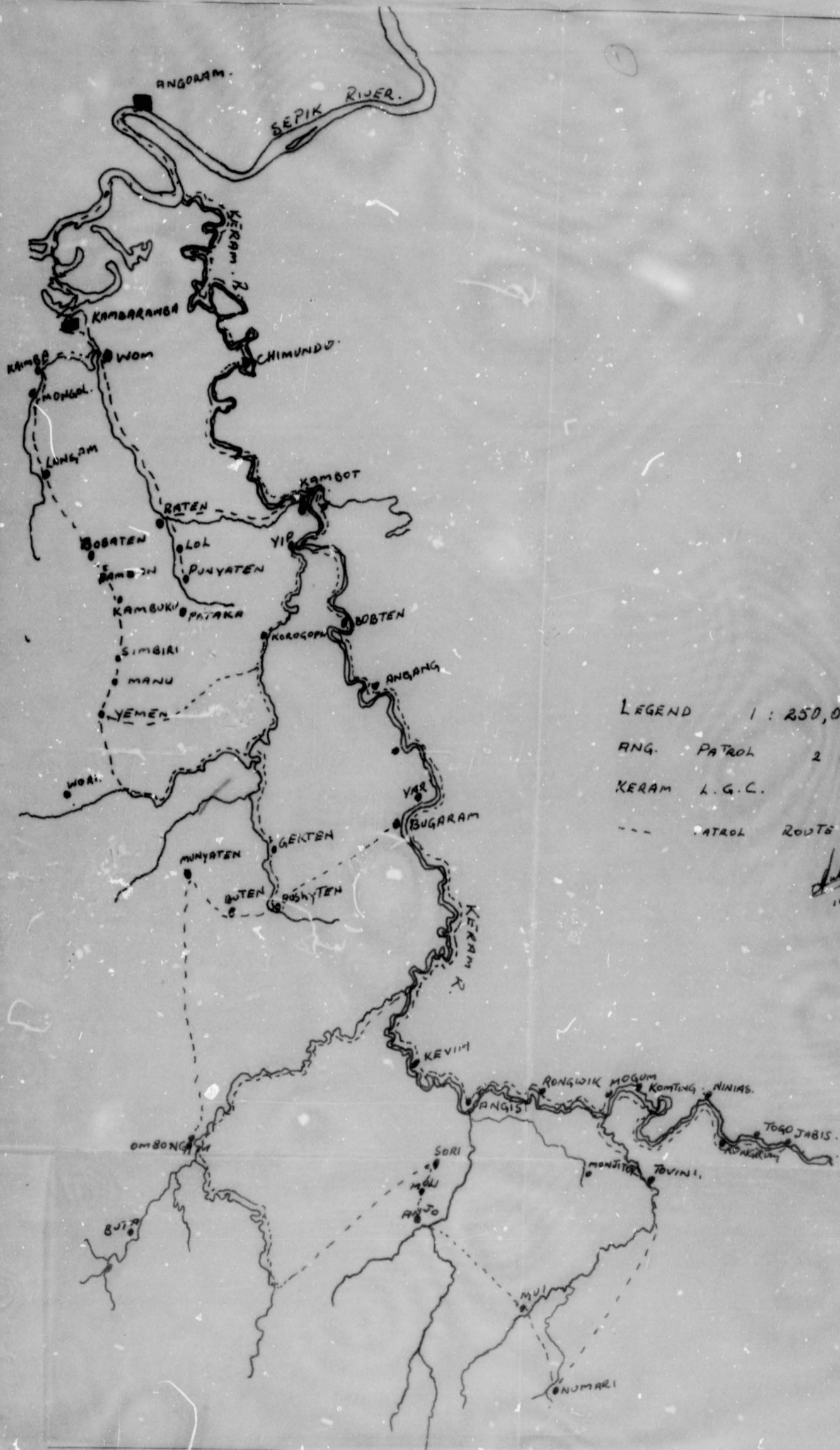

(G.E. Luhrs)
Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX 'A' (Angoram Patrol Report No. 2 of 1967/68)

7584 Constable 5th year KAIRE-PAHUA

A cheerful constable who performs his appointed duties in a most efficient manner at all times. Is a tireless worker and is an asset to any patrol. Personal appearance at all times is neat and tidy.



LEGEND 1 : 250,000

ANG. PATROL 2 of 1967/68.

KERAM L.G.C.

--- PATROL ROUTE

[Signature] PID.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



District of EAST SEPIK Report No. 2(a) 1967 (ANGORAM)

Patrol Conducted by G.E. LUHRS, Patrol Officer, N. WILSON, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KERAM L.G.C. (Grass and Banaro Census Divisions)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. MCKAY, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Natives 1 R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Outboard Motor Operator

Duration—From 20 / 10 / 19 67 to 10 / 11 / 19 67

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9 / 19 67

Medical 1 / 19 67

Map Reference REFER ATTACHED MAP

Objects of Patrol (i) Carry out elections Keram L.G.C.

(ii) Routine administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/11/1968

E. J. Hicks
District Commissioner

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

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

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23rd February, 1968.

District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1967/68.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Luhrs's report on his patrol in the Keram Local Government Council area together with Mr. McKay's report and Mr. N. Willson's memorandum.

All points raised in the report have been adequately covered by your letter to the Assistant District Commissioner, Angoram, which shows all action necessary has or is being taken.

The Bobaten Cargo Cult should be kept under surveillance to ensure village life is not interrupted by an extension outside the present small family group.

The report reveals a generally satisfactory position regarding native attitudes towards the Administration and the Local Government Council.

No other comments appear necessary from this Headquarters.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
ANGORAM
EAST SEPIK DISTRICT,
30th. November 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM,
East Sepik District.

ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO. 2(a) 1967

INTRODUCTION

1. The area patrolled covered the Grass and the Bonaro Census Divisions. A total of 32 villages were visited.
2. The basic objective of the patrol was to carry out the election of councillors from the 26 wards which combine to form the Keram Local Government Council. This was the second general election for the above council. During the course of the patrol, routine administration was carried out.
3. Mr. G.E.Luhrs, Patrol Officer, supervised the first part of the patrol. He was recalled to Angoram on the 5th. Of November to conduct two representatives from the U.S. Army and a representative of the R.A.A.F. to the Clay River area to investigate the remains of an aircraft downed during the war.
Mr. N.Wilson, Patrol Officer, took over as leader, and the patrol was completed under his supervision.
4. All courts, complaints, and disputes were conducted under the jurisdiction of Mr. Luhrs. I sat in on all of these sessions, but did not hear any disputes myself.
5. According to the observations of both Patrol Officers no significant or extra-ordinary business arose from the patrol. However, in Bobaten village in the Grass C.D. a 'cargo cult', the existence of which has been known for some time, appears to be growing in size. Refer to the body of this report for details.
6. All the relevant paper work in relation to the election has already been submitted.
7. The patrol was in the field for a total of 22 days, and camped out for 18 nights.
8. I refer you to the body of the report.

Peter McKay

P.MCKAY,
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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PREAMBLE

Friday 20/10 : Departed Tip 080 hrs. by canoe for Chambo. Elections conducted, some complaints settled. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections held, some complaints settled. Returned to Tip. Slept 12 hrs.

ANGORAM Station
ANGORAM Sub-District
EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

Sat. 21/10 : Departed Tip 080 hrs. by canoe via Chambo. Elections held, complaints settled. Slept 12 hrs. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections held, some complaints settled.

ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO. 2(a) 1967

Patrol Conducted by: (i) G.E.Luhrs, Patrol Officer
(ii) N.Wilson, Patrol Officer

Sunday 22/10 : Slept 12 hrs. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections held, some complaints settled.

Area Patrolled: Keram Local Government Council
(Grass and Banaro Census Divisions)

Personal Accompanying Patrol: (i) P.McKay, Cadet Patrol Officer
(ii) 1 R.P.N.G.C.
(iii) 1 Outboard Motor Operator

Wed. 25/10 : Slept 12 hrs. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections held, some complaints settled.

Duration of Patrol: 22 days from 20-10-67 to 10-11-67.
Nights camped out 19

Last Patrols to the Area: P.H.D. Jan. 1967
D.A.S.F. Nov. 1966
D.D.A. Sept. 1967

Friday 27/10 : Slept 12 hrs. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections held, some complaints settled.

Objects of the Patrol: (i) To conduct elections for the Keram L.G.C.
(ii) Routine Administration

Sat. 26/10 : Elections conducted. Some complaints settled. Slept 12 hrs. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections held, some complaints settled.

Map Reference: Refer attached map.

Sunday 29/10 : Discussions with the Local Government. Slept 12 hrs.

Monday 30/10 : Received by Tip in native canoe. Motor broke down. Slept 12 hrs. Drifting to Tip.

Tues. 31/10 : Departed Tip in motor canoe for Keram. 1 hrs. travelling. Elections conducted, some complaints settled. Slept 12 hrs.

Wed. 1/11 : Reported Tip 080 hrs. Slept 12 hrs. Departed for Keram. Arrived 1000 hrs. Elections conducted, some complaints settled. Slept 12 hrs.

Peter McKay

P.MCKAY
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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DIARY

- Friday 20/10 : Departed Yip 800 hrs. by canoe for Chimundo. Arrived 1030 hrs. Elections conducted, some complaints settled by Mr. Luhrs. Departed for Kambot. Arrived 1400 hrs., elections held, a few complaints settled. Returned to Yip. Slept Yip.
- Sat. 21/10 : Departed Yip 900 hrs. by council canoe via Kambot and Raten Barat to Raten. Elections held, disputes settled. On to Lol p.m., elections held, some complaints settled. Returned to Raten, slept Raten.
- Sunday 22/10 : Some discussions with the Raten people. Slept Raten.
- Monday 23/10 : Departed Raten 930 hrs. for Wom. Elections conducted, a court convened, slept Wom.
- Tuesday 24/10 : Departed Wom 900hrs. for Kambaramba. Elections conducted, some complaints settled. Slept Kambaramba.
- Wed. 25/10 : Spent a further 3 hours at Kambaramba settling more disputes. Departed for Kiamba 1300 hrs. By canoe 1 hr. and walked 1 hr. Heard some complaints, slept Kiamba.
- Thursday 26/10 : Departed Kiamba 900 hrs. for Langam. 1½ hrs. walking. Elections Langam. On to Bobaten - 2½ hrs. walking, arrived 1730 hrs. Spent 1½ hrs. in the cult house at Bobaten. Slept Bobaten.
- Friday 27/10 : Elections Bobaten. Departed 1100 hrs. for Kambuku via Pamban. Arrived 1530 hrs. Slept Kambuku.
- Sat. 28/10 : Elections Kambuku. Onto Manu via Simbori - 2 hrs. walking. Elections Manu, some disputes settled. Departed Manu for Yemen. Arrived 1600 hrs. Elections held, some complaints attended to. Slept Yemen.
- Sunday 29/10 : Discussions with the Yemen people. Slept Yemen.
- Monday 30/10 : Returned to Yip in native canoe. Motor broke down, 5 hrs. drifting to Yip.
- Tues. 31/10 : Departed Yip in council canoe for Koragopa. 1 hrs. travelling. Elections conducted, some complaints settled. Returned to Yip, slept.
- Wed. 1/11 : Departed Yip 900 hrs. for Bobten by council canoe. Elections conducted, some complaints attended to. On to Yar via Angang. Slept Yar.

- Thursday 2/11 : Elections Yar, heard a few complaints. Departed Yar 1100 hrs. for Bugaram. Arrived 1300 hrs., elections conducted, court convened. Slept Bagaram.
- Friday 3/11 : Departed Bagaram 0850 hrs. for Togo via Kevim/Angisi. Elections conducted at Kevim. Arrived Togo 1800 hrs., after 4 hr. canoe trip. Slept Togo.
- Saturday 4/11 : Elections a.m. Togo. Backtracked from Togo to Mogum, 2 hrs. by canoe. Elections Mogum, some complaints settled. Mr. N.Wilson joined the patrol, Mr. G.Luhrs departed for Yip and Angoram. Slept Mogum.
- Sunday 5/11 : By native canoe to Tovini, 5 hrs. travelling. Slept Tovini.
- Monday 6/11 : Elections conducted Tovini a.m.,. Departed 1100 hrs. by canoe for Mui. 1 1/2 hrs. travelling. No election carried out at Mui. Slept Mui.
- Tuesday 7/11 : Departed Mui 0730 hrs. for Sori via Muli, Anjo. 5 hrs walking. Constructed raft at Muli to ford a swollen creek. No election at Sori. Slept Sori.
- Wednesday 8/11 : Departed Sori 0730 hrs. for Tamor - 2 hrs. walking, 3 hrs. by pull canoe. No election Tamor. Slept Tamor.
- Thursday 9/11 : Departed Tamor 0800 hrs. for Buten. 5 hrs. walking. Slept Buten.
- Friday 10/11 : Elections Buten. Departed 1000 hrs. for Pushyten - 1 hr. walking, 1 hr. by pull canoe. Arrived Pushyten 1200 hrs. Elections held. Departed for Angoram via Gekten, Koragopa and Yip. 3 hrs. to Yip, stopped off for 10 mins., and continued on to Angoram. Met up with Mr. Luhrs and representatives of the U.S. Army coming up river from Angoram. Transferred myself and gear into Administration speedboat and returned to Yip.

The following page contains some pertinent election statistics, and a list of the wards and elected councillors.

Patrol stood down.

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THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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1. The Keram L.G.C. second general elections were successfully completed. With only minor exceptions, the people appeared to understand basically the method of carrying out elections. This was no doubt due to there having been previous elections of this type, and the fact that a pre-election patrol visited all the wards concerned. Whether they understand fully the democratic principles involved, remains to be seen.

2. It was obvious in most villages that the people had already decided amongst themselves who they would vote for. In some instances, the second and third placegetters polled only one or two votes. This seems reasonable, as the then current councillors had had relatively little time in which to perform any noteworthy achievements. In this second term the people should have sufficient time in which to gauge the efficiency and effectiveness of their elected representatives. Of the 26 wards, only 3 returned new councillors.

3. The number of informal votes did not seem out of proportion to the total number of votes cast. The persons who did cast informal votes invariably indicated someone other than a nominated candidate for their first preference. A few declined to cast a vote at all. A few older villagers did not understand what was going on at all.

4. In three wards no elections were conducted. The current councillors in these wards stood unopposed. I suppose you cannot force villagers to put up another candidate, especially when the outcome of the election is obvious beforehand.

5. Mr.W.Eichhorn, the half-caste councillor from Koragopa retained his seat, and his position as president of the council. However, this election was closely contested, and Mr.Eichhorn was returned by a very narrow margin. Perhaps his popularity amongst villagers is waining? He has recently been involved in some civil debt cases, and more than one native has told me that he has many debts still outstanding. Mr. Eichhorn informs me that he will run for the House elections next year under the platform of the Christian Democratic Party.

6. The people of the Grass C.D. appear quite enlightened on the efforts of the Keram Council to better their livelihood, and I think showed genuine interest in the outcome of the elections. This was true only to, a limited extent of the people of the Banaro C.D.

7. The following page contains some pertinent election statistics, and a list of the wards and elected councillors.

ELECTION SUMMARY

	M	F	TOT.
A. 1. Total no. of persons eligible to vote -	2336	1988	4324
2. Total no. of persons absent (34.5% of 1. above) -	835	678	1513
3. Total no. of votes cast (65.5% of 1. above) -	1500	1311	2811
4. No. of informal votes (4.4% of 3. above) -			125

B. New Councillors :

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Kambot	Woktop - Murban
Lol/Pataka/Punyaten	Lubop - Pinua
Kiamba/Mongol	Imbire - Mangan

C. Villages where councillor unopposed :

Numare/Mui
Sori/Moli/Anjo
Tamor/Buten

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COUNCIL

1. The council, being in its first year of existence, could not really have been expected to perform any sweeping changes to better the people in such a short time. I think the majority of the people realise this, and as such have been tolerant and have regarded it with interest and a realisation of medium and long term achievement, rather than immediate salvation.

2. The people of Yemen village were the only group who openly questioned the operations of the council, and more importantly, of the final destination of the tax collected. They purported that the tax collected in a village should stay within that village and be utilized there. This is an understandable frame of mind. It was pointed out to them that development is something that should be thought of in the long term rather than the short term. The necessity for a central headquarters was also explained.

They wanted a tractor to pull timber, chain saws and other items which require a fair amount of finance. I think they finally realised that the council operates on a limited budget, that the total tax collected is small relative to other councils and that there are 45 other villages in the council area to be considered.

Community Courts

1. Almost without exception every community had complaints of one sort or another. Big game, petty theft, marital problems, custody of children, debts and rights to land were the majority of these. Most of these were settled by conciliation without having to initiate formal paper work. Some debts relating to the present period were also brought up. Mr. Burns went to considerable lengths to explain the State's limitations.

2. One court was held in Foz and another in Bata concerning the council by-law about care and maintenance of roads and burials. A total of 14 cases were convicted under these regulations.

3. A third court was convened in Bogarus village to hear a reported rape case. The defendant was found guilty of an offence akin to indecent exposure under the P.A.L.'s, and a penalty of 1 month imprisonment was imposed.

Sanitation

The main bulk of the 'Sanitation' section which deals in some detail with the various villages, is a study of the various types of latrines.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was cordially received in all villages. Carriers were usually easily obtained and pull canoes were readily available. However in several of the villages in the Banaro we did experience difficulty obtaining carriers. Admittedly the walks are of reasonable length under fairly arduous conditions, and the rates of pay are not especially high.

Villages :

1. This being my first patrol and not having seen many other villages in the Territory, makes it difficult to estimate the standard of village houses. All those villages on high ground seemed in good condition, those in the Banaro especially. All grass was cleared from the immediate vicinity of the houses and very little rubbish was seen.

2. I do sympathise to a certain extent with the people from Raten, Wom and Kambaramba villages. Their physical environment, and the fact of there being a large creek running right through their villages does not make it any easier for them. Rotting vegetable matter, thick mud and a lot of stagnant water make for unpleasant living conditions.

Complaints and Courts :

1. Almost without exception every community had complaints of one sort or another. Pigs, petty theft, marital problems, custody of children, debts and rights to land covered the majority of these. In most cases these were settled by conciliation without having to initiate formal paper work. Some debts relating to the pre-war period were even brought up. Mr. Luhrs went to considerable length to explain the Statute of Limitations to them.

2. One court was held in Wom and another in Raten concerning the councils by-law about care and maintenance of tracks and barots. A total of 14 people were convicted under these regulations.

3. A third court was convened in Bagaram village to hear a reported rape case. The defendant was found guilty of an offence akin to indecent exposure under the N.A.R.'s, and a penalty of 6 months imprisonment was imposed.

The Bobaten Cult :

1. The cargo cult of the 'Bang Bang' variety which exists in Bobaten village, has, I am led to believe, been in a state of flux for some time now. Mr. Luhrs had

NATIVE AFFAIRS (CONT.)

reported its existence prior to this patrol visiting the village. Up until now its membership was confined to a couple of individuals and indeed its existence does not seem to have been of much concern to the Administration nor to natives in adjacent villages.

2. Mr. Luhrs and I visited the cult house during the evening in an effort to determine whether the affair was growing in size. In all there are now 16 people involved, and in the adjoining village of Pamban, what appears to be a second cult house is nearing completion.

3. The house contains the usual assortment of odds and ends : carvings, tufts of dried grass, some phials of penicillin, empty talcum powder tins, some war medals, a navigation chart of Sydney Harbour and a Pidgin Bible. In addition there are three bottles of reputedly 'magic water' -

- (i) purchased from Yali of Madang for \$ 280
- (ii) a second bottle purchased from Yali for \$ 30
- (iii) a third bottle purchased from councillor Jewl of Bom (in the Madang District) for \$ 10.

4. During this visit we discussed the cult with the leader and asked him to explain the workings of it . During the course of these discussions we attempted to discredit Yali and throw doubt on the whole affair. I feel we were successful in our attempts.

ROADS AND WATERWAYS

1. About two-thirds of the travelling time on the patrol was by canoe, both pull and outboard. The creeks were navigable for small canoes over most of the Grass country, despite the fact that relatively little rain had fallen prior to the patrol commencing.
2. It was necessary to construct a raft to ford the stream flowing beside ~~the~~ village in the Banaro.
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3. Almost without exception the bush tracks were in good order. It was obvious that many of these had been cleaned only one or two days prior to the patrol passing through.
4. I feel that the recently adopted regulations of the council in relation to maintenance of waterways and tracks has had a definite influence on the people and on the subsequent standard of these access routes. With a little more work on the Kambot - Raten barot a speedboat will have no difficulty in getting through.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

4. All the aid posts in the two census divisions appear to have adequate medical supplies.
2. The villagers health on the whole seems satisfactory. However, in the Grass country Grille is quite widespread. I noticed one case of what looked like Elephantiasis in Tamor village in the Banaro. At Bobten village it was reported that two children had died from Malaria the Previous week. At Bageram village I was astounded by the number of natives with malformations of the feet.
3. Malaria is nowhere near eradicated in the area. We were constantly being told of people who were having periodic bouts of fever.
4. The existing aid posts do not seem to be spread over a very wide area, rather they are biased towards several centres. Two aid posts are within $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour of each other. A more even distribution I feel would be more in the interests of the people.
5. I don't think that there is any shortage of food in the area. Most seem to be getting sufficient food to keep them relatively healthy. Crops are back to normal after the high water of last wet season.

PRIMARY INDUSTRY

A. CASH CROPPING

1. Coffee : A lot of the more enterprising villagers are anxious to obtain more coffee seeds and seedlings. The Chimundo garden is doing well and the several gardens I saw in the Banaro were all in excellent condition. There appears to be quite an extensive area around Buten suitable for establishing gardens and enlarging existing ones.
2. Copra : Seems an almost non-existent industry in both areas. The Yemen people have a number of trees - certainly enough to establish an embryo industry, and at least add something to their income.
3. Copal Gum: Isolated individuals seem to go in for Copal Gum gathering in the Banaro, but I don't think it presents too many opportunities for the people. The stands are very difficult to get to. Strictly small scale business.
4. I spoke with the area Agricultural Officer about the introduction of various other crops to the area. It appears that a limited range of European type vegetables could be grown, perhaps for sale in Angoram and Wewak. Some of the locals registered their intention to plant rice, but I believe the last attempt ended in failure. I can see no sound reason why rice should not be a success. Other crops which should be a success include rubber, pepper, vanilla, and cinnamon. The problems of training, and of the availability of seed and seedlings is however, everpresent.

B. LIVESTOCK

1. Pigs : A motley variety of doubtful quality which constitute an occasional part of their diet. Still something of prestige value rather than of economic consequence.

LIVESTOCK (CONT.)

2. Cattle : The heard of cattle at Kambot are in good condition, and now number 16 head. Four were recently purchased. The example that is being set at Kambot looks like being followed in several villages. Kambaramba and Bobten villages have both intimated that they will buy cattle in the near future.

C. FISHERIES

The Fisheries people are currently trying out nets in the waters near Kambaramba and are getting reasonable hauls. There are several lakes in the area patrolled, and all should have a lot of fish in them, particularly since their levels are low and make netting so much easier. Mr. Luhrs is currently experimenting with a small net at Yip, and the result of this will give a good indication of the potential catches.

D.A.S.F. are also currently working on a fish meal project : fish are boiled, dehydrated on a metal plate over a fire and then ground into a meal. The intention is to feed this meal to stock rather than use it for human consumption.

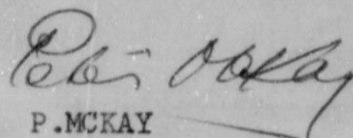
D. FORESTS

Still the major money earner in the area, but even so several of the groups with whom I spoke were not happy about current price levels. The quality and size of timber cut, I am sure, have a strong bearing on the prices obtained. I did not inspect any stands of timber whilst on this patrol.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing has been an outline of the most relevant points arising from Angoram Patrol No. 2(a) 1967. An enjoyable patrol of considerable value to the writer. A camping allowance claim is enclosed.

For your information,



P. MCKAY
CADET PATROL OFFICER

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APPENDIX A

R.P.& N.G.C. Attachment

KEIRE - PAHUA, Constable 17th. Year

Performed his appointed duties in a most efficient manner,
and at all times went out of his way to assist me. An
experienced man, allways neatly attired.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SEPIK Report No. ANGORAM PATROL NO.5, 1967.

Patrol Conducted by P.MCKAY, Cadet bPatrol Officer.

Area Patrolled LOWER SEPIK L.G.C. (Pora Pora, Murik Lakes and Marienberg Hills)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives V.TAUNI, Local Govt. Assistant.

1 R.P.&N.G.C. 1 Outboard motor operator.

Duration—From 6/12/1967 to 17/12/1967

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1967

Medical Regular patrols.

Map Reference Refer attached map.

Objects of Patrol (i) Pre House of Assembly election talks.

(ii) Routine administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/1/1968

E.L. Hickox
District Commissioner

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

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February 26th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
WEWAK,
East Sepik District.

PATROL REPORT NO.5 OF 1967/68

Receipt of Mr. P. McKay's report of his patrol to the area under the Lower Sepik Local Government Council is acknowledged.

It is pleasing to see that full patrol instructions were issued regarding the activities expected of Mr. McKay whilst in the area. Mr. McKay has reported adequately on his activities and the A.D.C. has commented in detail on these. It is hoped that Mr. McKay will follow the advice given by his A.D.C.

No further comments are necessary on this a routine patrol satisfactorily carried out.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

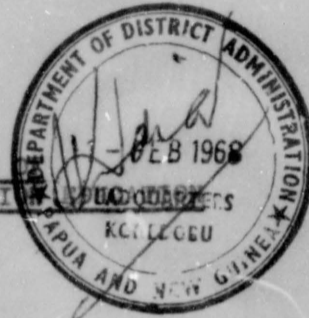
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
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District Office,
WEWAK,
East Sepik District.
26th January, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM.



ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO. 5
1967/68 - LOWER SEPIK COUNCIL ELECTION
PATROL

Thank you for the above report.

I concur that Mr. McKay has presented a fairly good report.

I have no further comments to add to your covering memorandum.

E.G. Hicks
E.G. HICKS
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc/ The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

For your information and records, please.

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Department District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
ANGORAM.

21st. December, 1967.

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

Patrol No. 5 Angoram-Lower Sepik,
Council Area.

Your 67-1-1/321 of 4th December, 1967, which was addressed to Mr. P. McKay, Cadet Patrol Officer a copy to myself.

INTRODUCTION: As mentioned in the above letter I was accompanied and proceeded for the patrol on 6th December. The object of the patrol is to make aware the people of Lower Sepik Council area about the forthcoming House of Assembly election which will be commencing in mid February, 1968. The councillors were advised of the patrol at its meetings held on 7th November, and 4th December, before the patrol commence. I feel at this stage, the councillors have the opportunity in assembling the villagers within their respective wards. This patrol covered the census divisions Porapora No1, No2, east coast Watam thence to Murik Lakes, Kaup and up to Marienberg Hills.

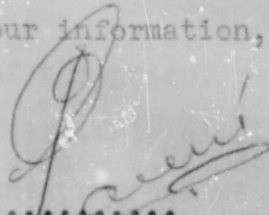
The procedure of the election talks and explaining the activities commenced at Ombos village on the same date as mentioned above. It was explained to the people that the election will fall within, and the date that the patrols will be at the village or the dates that villagers should be assembled at the central place. The term of office that the elected member has, and have been compared with that of a Local Government Council. It was also explained that teams of three men will be conducting the election in that area, the actual performance of casting a vote, names to be called, papers to be handed out and the position of the polling booths. It was also pointed out that there will be two ballot papers white for the OPEN and the pink for the REGIONAL, both be played during the election. The difference between above two electorates were explained and the preferences system. After the ballot boxes will return to Angoram who should open them and count the ballot papers. The result of winners will be notified by each Returning Officer within their Sub-Districts. It was also explained who should stand as a candidate will be visiting the villages after paying a fee of \$50, to any Administration cash offices, then you should know who he is. The increase of members both Open and Regional electorates were explained that during 1966, when the select committee on constitutional development made a visit throughout the Territory seeking the views of the people whether they feel that there should be some better educated members in the House in 1968. Therefore the House of Assembly had changed its constitution to reach up to the level, what the people want. The House will have 84 elected members for both OPEN and REGIONAL electorates, including 10 appointed from the Administration, making a total of 94. It was also explained the background of the House of Assembly that when the first big Council was formed in 1951, which was called Legislative Council. Since then the House of Assembly took over in February, 1964, when we had its first election. The work it does is to look after the big laws for the whole Territory and was compared with Local Government Councils whose work is to look after the rules which only apply for the Council's area.

The effect of the TALKS and explaining the election would encourage the people and I feel that everyone should have the opportunity to vote without circumstances. In addition to the above talks a man from Bua village which is near Ramu River which is in Angoram Sub-District has claimed that the member for the Angoram to Ambunti open electorate whom we were voted by the majority of the people never visited this area since he have been in the House for almost four years now. He added that we now understand and we would like to vote for a stronger man who should help our area during the next four years and also who should visit us before the meetings commences. I explained that it is up to you people to vote for a stronger man.

CONCLUSION.

This patrol went smoothly without any delays because of barrat and waterways is in good condition. I feel that the people now understand the method of voting as it was fully explained with that of a Local Government election. My patrol was ended up to Bwaia village as I was requested to return for a interview at Kewak for the entrance to the Administrative College.

For your information, please.



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 VAVINE TAUNI.
 (Local Government Assistant)



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....
If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Sub District Office,
ANGORAM,
East Sepik District,
22.12.67

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
ANGORAM,
East Sepik District.

ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO.5 1967.

INTRODUCTION

1. The area patrolled covered the Pora Pora, Murik Lakes and Marienberg Hills Census Divisions. A total of 28 villages were visited.
2. The objectives of the patrol were -:
 - (i) Pre House of Assembly election talks,
 - (ii) Inspection of new airstrip at Muruk village,
 - (iii) Check on the progress of the new rest house in the process of completion at Darapap,
 - (iv) Check with the people of Pokoran village and a village in the Madang District re the latest situation in relation to a land dispute.
 - (v) Routine administration.
3. Mr.V.Tauni, Local Government Assistant, accompanied the patrol. He was recalled to Wewak on 11.12.67 whilst we were about half way through the patrol.
4. No significant or extra-ordinary business arose during the course of the patrol.
5. The patrol was in the field for a total of 12 days and camped out for 11 nights.
6. I refer you to the body of the report.

Peter McKay

PETER MCKAY,
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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PREAMBLE

ANGORAM Station
ANGORAM Sub-District
EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

ANGORAM PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1967

Patrol Conducted by: P.McKay, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Lower Sepik Local Government Council
(Pora Pora, Murik Lakes and Marienberg Hills
Census Divisions)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: (i) V.Tauni, Local Govt. Asst.
(ii) 1 R.P. & N.G.C.
(iii) 1 Outboard Motor Operator

Duration of Patrol: 12 days from 6.12.67 to 17.12.67
Nights camped out 11

Last Patrols to the Area: P.H.D. Regular inspections
D.A.S.F. Regular patrols
D.D.A. Sept. 1967

Objects of the Patrol: (i) Pre House of Assembly election talks
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village,
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Map Reference: Refer attached map.

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CADET PATROL OFFICER.

DIARY

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- WEDNESDAY 6/12 : Departed Angoram 1000 hours by Administration canoe for the Pora Pora Census Division. Arrived Ombos 1400 hours. Talk on the Elections given, some small complaints attended to.
Slept Ombos.
- THURSDAY 7/12 : Departed Ombos 0800 hours. 2 hours by canoe to Oromai. Talk on the elections given and some small disputes settled. On to Pinam in the afternoon - 3½ hours by canoe.
Slept Pinam.
- FRIDAY 8/12 : Departed Pinam 0700 hours for Muruk - 2 hours by canoe. Talk on elections given, inspected new airstrip. On to Pokoran, 3 hours by pull canoe - talk given to the people, then returned to Muruk. Settled some complaints at Muruk
Slept Muruk.
- SATURDAY 9/12 : Departed Muruk 0700 hours for Jangit, via Pinam - 3 hours by pull canoe. Talk on elections given, settled some disputes. On to Manimong by pull, 3 hours from Jangit. Talk given, some complaints attended to.
Slept Manimong.
- SUNDAY 10/12 : Departed Manimong 0800 hours for Gwaia - 40 min. walk. Talk given, couple of complaints settled. On to Bwaia, 1 hour walk. Talk given, some disputes heard.
Slept Bwaia.
- MONDAY 11/12 : Departed Bwaia 0800 hours, 1 hours walk to the Ramu River, then 3 hours downstream by raft. Walked in from the river for 1 hour to Unkenung. Short talk given, a couple of complaints heard.
Slept Unkenung.
- TUESDAY 12/12 : Departed Unkenung 0700 hours for Taringi - 1 hours walk plus 1 hour by pull canoe. Talk given at Taringi and some complaints heard. 3½ hours walk to Senae, then another 1½ hours walk to Gapun. Talk given at Gapun, and quite a few complaints attended to.
Slept Gapun.
- WEDNESDAY 13/12 : A few more disputes heard at Gapun. Departed 0900 hours for Watam - 1 hour by Admin. canoe. Talk on the House given, no complaints so pushed onto the Sepik River - 2 hours by canoe to Darapap.
Slept Darapap.

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- WEDNESDAY 14/12 : Departed Darapap 0800 hours for Mendam, 1 hour by canoe - talk on elections given, no complaints. Returned to Darapap and talked to these people. Couple of complaints straightened out. Spent the afternoon with some Fisheries people, inspected nets and did a couple of hauls.
Slept Darapap.
- THURSDAY 15/12 : Departed Darapap 0730 hours by canoe for Murik villages. Election talk given at Wagimut, settled some minor complaints. Departed Jangimut 1100 hours for Kis, 2½ hours by motor and pull canoes. From Kis across to Kaup by pull canoe - ½ hour. Talked to the Kaup people, no complaints. Returned to Kis.
Slept Kis.
- FRIDAY 16/12 : Talked to the people at Kis and settled a few complaints. Departed 1000 hours for Kasiman - 1 hours walk, talk given, no complaints. Ex Kasiman to Ariapan - 1 hours walk. Election talk and settled some minor trouble. Heavy rain p.m.
Slept Ariapan.
- SATURDAY 17/12 : Departed Ariapan 0700 hours for Gavien - 2 hours walk. Talk on Elections given, couple of complaints attended to. ½ hour to Mansep - most of the people in the bush. Pushed on to Masan, 1 hour walking. Talked to these people, straightened a couple of debts. Ex Masan 1 hours walking to Marienberg. Returned to Angoram by Admin. canoe, arrived 1630 hours.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

POLITICS
RESPONSE TO ELECTION TALKS

1. The election talks were received with mixed response. Some people showed a genuine interest, were aware of the party system and even the names of some of the prospective candidates. Others seemed completely ignorant, particularly the women and older villagers.
2. There is no doubt that the party system has really got them confused. As far as the natives are concerned, individuals, each with their own ideas stand for the House. The idea of a group of people with a common policy seems quite out of their grasp.
3. Almost without exception the people are aware of the existence of the House of Assembly. But many were not too clear just what goes on inside. What the people seemed most aggrieved about was the fact that the current member had never visited their villages, nor made an effort to get out and discuss their problems with them. A couple of individuals thought that patrol officers were working in liason with members of the House to iron out problems.
4. Villagers were a little confused why they have to vote for people whom they have never seen, nor are very likely to ever see in the future. This, I feel is a fair enough frame of mind.
5. Up until the time that this patrol had visited the three census divisions, there had been virtually no canvassing for votes by candidates. Leaflets had been handed out at Kaup village, but this was the only place where distribution of material had taken place.

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MURUK AIRSTRIP

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1. Refer Appendix B for a sketch diagram of the airstrip and surrounds.
2. The new airstrip at Muruk village (Pora Pora) has been constructed entirely by native labour, initially under the instruction of a Father of the Catholic Mission. Its dimensions are such that it would not be approved by D.C.A. however.
3. The work is almost completed, but I issued some further advice to the villagers to assist them, viz: the kunai on one side of the strip to be cut, barots to be cut on either side of the strip, some trees to be cut at one end, grass on the strip to be cut to a height of about 2 inches and a couple of pct holes at one end to be filled.

REST HOUSE AT DARAPAP

1. The new rest house at Darapap is almost completed and is probably one of the best of its type in the Sub-District - mangrove stumps, cut timber frames and cladding, and sago leaf roof.
2. It was fortunate that at the time this patrol was at Darapap, Mr. Bretherton A.D.O. was also passing through, and relieved me of the task of advising the people of the finishing to the rest house.

LAND DISPUTE AT POKORAN

1. Unfortunately we could not follow up this subject whilst we were in the area. We arrived late in the afternoon to address the populous and having left all our gear at another village (3 hours by pull canoe) we were forced to depart immediately after our lecture in order that we get back before dark.

The patrol was cordially received in each village and no difficulty was experienced throughout the patrol obtaining carriers or pull canoes.

- A. VILLAGES
1. Pora Pora : Not a very high standard of housing, but even so I noticed quite a few new dwellings in the process of completion. No shortage of building materials in the area.
 2. Murik Lakes : Very poor standard, possibly because of their proximity to the sea - considerable deterioration due to weathering.
 3. Marienberg Hills : Quite a reasonable standard, especially good rest houses.

B. COURTS, DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS

1. Quite a number of minor complaints were dealt with during the patrol, most of these pertained to debts and a few related to marital troubles.
2. Most were settled amicably by conciliation and direction, without having to initiate formal proceedings or referring them to the Sub District Office.
3. The Luluai from Gwaia village has been stirring up trouble with the Aid Post Orderlies, telling the people that their work is poison and that the benefits of seeing them is non-existent. He was severely reprimanded and told that if further reports come to hand, he will be prosecuted.

C. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Most people seemed aware of the work being done by the Lower Sepik L.G.C. to better their livelihood, and are looking forward with considerable interest to the outcome of the Biwat/Lower Sepik L.G.C. combine.
2. It appears that quite a few visits have been made to these areas by agricultural officers and the villagers attitudes have been affected because of this. Regular patrolling by Administration staff, council assist. and D.A.S.F. staff has obviously proved invaluable. ✓

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1. The villagers health is generally satisfactory. None of the widespread Grille that I found in the Grass country was evident in the areas patrolled. There does not appear to be any shortage of food.
 2. One child died of Malaria at Unkenung the day before I arrived. No other deaths were reported during the patrol.
 3. I made a point of looking at all the Aid Posts in the area patrolled. Most have adequate supplies, but I was appalled by lack of hygiene and of sterilizing facilities available, particularly in the Pora Pora C.D.

ROADS AND WATERWAYS

1. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the patrolling time was by canoe, both motor and pull.
2. The barots at the top of the Pora Pora were in a dreadful condition - choked with weeds and rubbish. All of the other waterways were in a reasonable state.
3. All of the walking tracks were quite reasonable, but it was unfortunate that the West had started to set in and most were water logged.

AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND FISHERIES

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I feel it would be imprudent to comment at length on the agricultural situation in the area patrolled, for the duration of the patrol could hardly have given me sufficient time to comment accurately.

Three observations which may be of interest :

1. The people of the lower Pora Pora seem to have got the rice planting bug. I saw about 8 areas cleared and ready for sowing. This is certainly in contrast with the Grass and Banaro areas.
2. Several new coffee gardens had been planted at Ariapan and Kasiman villages in the Marienberg Hills.
3. Whilst I was at Darapap (Murik Lakes) some of the Fisheries people were trying out 3 nets in the adjacent waters. Over 2 days of netting, the hauls would not have exceeded 200 lb. of edible fish - most disappointing as I had been led to believe that the Muriks was the premiere fishing area.

CONCLUSION

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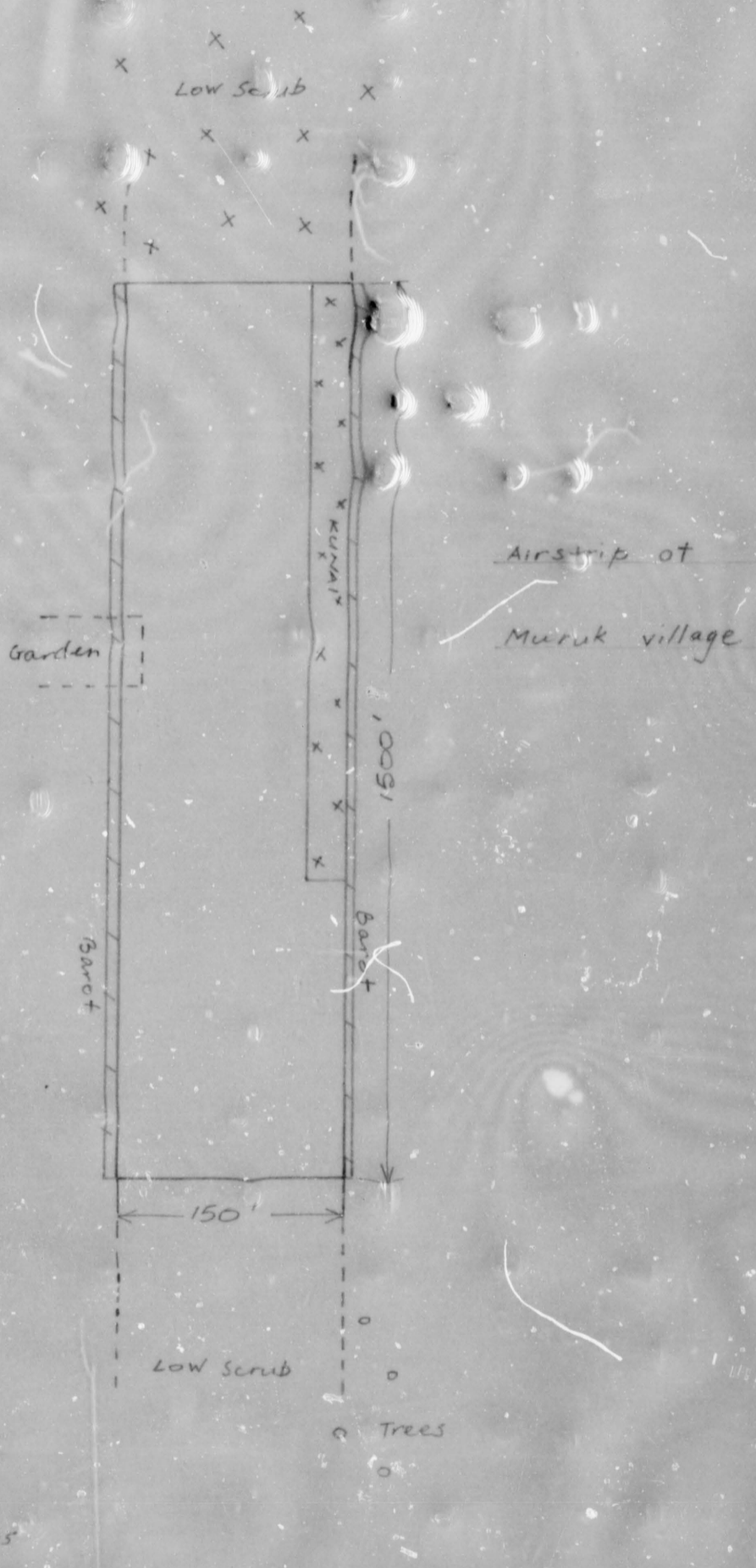
The foregoing has been an outline of the most relevant points arising from Angoram Patrol No. 5/67-68. A short patrol, but good background for the forthcoming House of Assembly elections. A camping allowance claim is enclosed.

Peter McKay

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CADET PATROL OFFICER.

APPENDIX B

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ANGORAM PATROL NO. 5/67-68

LEGEND : CANOE ———
WALKING - - - -



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