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PATROL REPORTS WEST SEPIK DISTRICT 1966-67

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<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
2-66-67	J. Kabisch	Aitape West Coast and Inland

AITAPE

1-66-67	A.A. Brodie	Aitape east coast Census Div.
2(special)-66-67	J. Kabisch	Aitape east coast (part)
5-66-67	A.A. Brodie	Aitape inland/Local & Islands Census Division
3-66-67	J. Kabisch	Aitape East coast (part)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 1 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by A.A. Brodie, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Alaga East Coast Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J. K. Marsh, Cadet Patrol Officer

Natives Two Members N.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 5 / 9 / 1966 to 29 / 9 / 1966

Number of Days Seventeen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services May / 1966

Medical November / 1965

Map Reference Patrol Map attached

Objects of Patrol Census Division, H.G.L.T.R.C. matters, Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1 11/1966

J. G. Blarney
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

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Our Reference 67-1-3
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

3rd December, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

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AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1966/67

Your 67-16-3 of 23rd November 1966 refers.

The Assistant District Commissioner did forward his comments on this Patrol Report but it was not sent through with my covering letter. For this I apologize.

The sum of \$1500.00 is being allocated from M.N.W.(E) for Aitape roads for this year and it should assist to encourage the people with their self help programme which appears to be the best chance these people will have for some time of getting their road. I did a survey of the coastal road in 1960 and reams have been written since but funding seems to be as far away as ever.

Mr. Roach seems to miss the point when he says that "the Administration will do no more on the road until there is more economic development". The truth is that until it can be proven that economically, politically and socially the Aitape - Wewak Road is more important than many other important roads in the Territory we will have to take our chances, such as they are. Obviously we have not yet been able to achieve a high enough priority, although Willings & Partners have been retained to survey and design roads in Aitape.

D. J. Clancy
D. J. Clancy,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C.,
AITAPE.



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Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration.

Sub-District Office,
Aitape,
West Sepik District.

13th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
Vanimo.

Aitape Patrol Report No. 1 of 1966/67

Attached please find two copies of the abovereferenced report.

Introduction.

Most of the Chinapelli, Afua and Charok people live on the coast however Mr. Kabisch will visit the village sites in the near future.

I am glad that outstanding land matters have been finalised.

Mr. Kabisch has since the end of the patrol, spent some time directing voluntary village efforts along the proposed Ulau/Suain road, which is now open as far as Deia village.

Native Affairs.

It is pleasing to note that Local Government matters are taking up more time in village affairs, albeit more space in patrol reports. Of prime importance now is the cementing of relations between the people and the Council and any suggestions to the Council executive on how revenue can be properly expended is always welcome. You are aware that since the visit by Mr. Page, machinery for Land Demarcation and Adjudication has been set up.

Health and Hygiene.

Aid Posts are regularly by staff from Aitape. The provision of adequate and safe water supplies has always been a problem along the coast. No doubt the Council will make much of a report on water supplies now being prepared by the Water Resources Survey team in the area.

Village Housing.

Given time I hope housing in all Aitape villages will improve. I intend to introduce the sage blind looms to this coastal area and there is no reason why building should not improve.

Roads and Bridges.

Much has been said and written on the coast road. It remains a limiting factor in all development (at least in the eyes of the Aitape people) of many promises made by the Administration since the end of the war.

At the moment an engineering Consultant team, Milling and Partners, is in the area and their report is awaited with interest. In the meantime local voluntary work by the people will push sections of the road through. A lot of work has been done on the Ulau/Suain road under Mr. Kabisch's supervision. The completed bridges etc. have already opened the road to Deia.

Agriculture.

Coconuts remain the basic potential of the coast. The Agricultural Officer is to patrol the area soon to establish driers in all villages, and inspect coffee gardens.

It remains a stalemate-the Administration will do no more on the road until there is more Economic Development and there will be a slowing down of such development until the road is through.

Agriculture Cont'd.

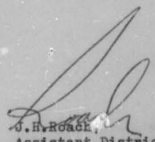
At the moment all we can do is carry on with a self help programme of clearing and construction, but it will be necessary for the Administration to assist with materials and some funds.

Bomb Disposal.

Could it be arranged for an Army disposal expert to visit Sus'n in the near future?

The patrol was well conducted and the report thorough. Mr. Brodie needs to visit all villages and learn the particular problems of the people before he can successfully work as a Council Advisor.

Claims for allowances and F.O.J.'s are attached.



J.H. ROACH,
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-16-3

23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VAHINU.

TAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1966/67:

The abovesentioned patrol report written by Mr. Brodie is acknowledged. It is noted that though adequate patrol instructions were issued by the Assistant District Commissioner, he failed to comment on the results of the patrol. His comments would have been of value.

2. It is unfortunate that a time limit was set for this patrol. Another week could have been well spent and would have helped generally in improving the image of the Administration.

3. The report sets out clearly the native situation and your letter to the A.D.C. sets out clearly action arising out of the report.

4. The patrol was well conducted and well documented and certainly carried out in a manner which fully met the patrol instructions issued.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

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District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
7th November, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 1, 1966-67

Please thank Mr. A. Brodie for a well written and well presented Patrol Report.

I realise that a set time was given for the patrol to return, however, I am not in favour of lining villages away from their home ground. It tends to give the people the feeling that the Administration is not terribly interested in them. It is also hard, if the rest house is in disrepair to get them to put it in good order, when it is not used frequently.

You may care to have the question of radios brought before the Council, and that some be purchased.

Adjudication Committees have I understand been already formed in the Sub-District. I suggest that you put some of them to work on land matters.

Headquarters will be notified about the land.

Seventy children is a lot for one teacher to have to handle. The matter will be brought to the attention of the District Inspector, and an endeavour made to have another teacher posted to the Yakamal school.

Mr. Kabäsch has done some excellent work on road construction. I have now been informed that the road to Seia has been completed.

I suggest you ask the Agricultural Office to have a look at the coffee and give these people the technical advice Mr. Brodie suggests.

A good patrol and a good report.

D. J. Clancy
D. J. Clancy,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-1-2

Sub District Office,
Aitape, West Sepik.

3rd September, 1966.

Mr. A.A. Brodie,
Patrol Officer,
Aitape.

PATROL No. 1 1966/67, EAST COAST.

Please make arrangements to patrol the East Coast Census Division. Mr. J. Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer, will accompany you and you should have him assist in presenting your report which should follow the form outlined in Departmental Field Instructions.

2. Complete a full census check of the villages in the Division. The District Commissioner has asked that figures be kept up to date.
3. Complete the purchase of the Raihu Diversion Land and pay over outstanding compensation. There are a number of outstanding investigations under the N.G.L.T.R. Ordinance at Yakamal and Natapan that require finalizing.
4. The Siau Council Tax Patrol should be moving into the villages in the East coast soon. Propaganda talks on the need for taxation and the general development of Local Government ^{are} always valuable.
5. It is evident that no funds will be allocated this financial year for any East Coast road so to avoid frustration and disappointment I want the village people to start work on the road themselves. Already the link has been cut between Uluu and Suiun. Walk along this section with village leaders giving advice and assistance where necessary. It would be valuable experience for Mr. Kabisch to be left to supervise part of the road works for a period so do this if the opportunity arises. There is some Araco culverting at Aitape that he of assistance to the people working on the road.
6. Check with the Agricultural Officer on the extension plan for the East Coast area. Encourage planters to increase coconut groves on an individual basis and explain to them the importance of proper maintenance of existing plantations. You are aware of the problem of marketing copra in the area; the master of the Serengana has promised to call at Suiun if a pickup of 100 bags can be guaranteed; is this possible?
7. As you have conducted a number of such routine patrols farther instruction is unnecessary. I want you to be back for the September 22nd meeting of the Siau Council.


J.H. ROACH.

Assistant District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,
Aitape,
West Sepik District.

October 12th, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Aitape.

Aitape Patrol No. 1 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted By: A.A. Brodie, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Aitape East Coast Census Division.

Personell Accompanying: Mr. J. Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Two members, R.F.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: September 5th, 1966 to September 21st, 1966.

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A., - May, 1966.
P.H.D. - November, 1965.

Objects of the Patrol: 1/ Census Revision.
2/ N.G.L.T.R.O. matters.
3/ Routine Administration.

Map Reference. Patrol Map attached.

Introduction.

The primary aim of this patrol was Census Revision of the villages in the Aitape East Coast Census Division. All villages but three, viz. Chinapelli, Afua and Uharok were visited by the patrol. Time available made it impossible to visit these villages and they were assembled on the coast, where they were censused and serviced.

The patrol also enabled myself to make my initial contact with the people of this division and presented the opportunity to gain an idea of the environmental, economic, geographic, personal and group factors which could influence and dictate the conduct and attitudes of the people.

Affairs requiring settlement under the N.G.L.T.R. Ordinance were attended to at Yakamal and Matapu and are submitted under separate cover, as are the documents pertaining to the completion of the Raihu Division Land Compensation matter.

Other routine administrative duties were carried out by the patrol and the dissemination of news and information was executed by means of verbal communication.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer. Mr. Kabisch has a reasonable command of the Pidgin English language and it is felt that he is capable of undertaking field duties without direct supervision.

Patrol Diary.

Monday	5/9/1966	Departed Aitape 0830 hours. Arrived Raihu River 0850 hrs. Completed crossing by canoe at 0915 hrs. Proceeded per tractor to Vokau, arriving 0940 hrs. Census Revision completed 1315 hrs. Lunch. Completed inspection of village and environs 1500 hrs. 1700 hrs. Vokau and Pro vil ages an mance for talks on Council, current matters of interest etc. Land dispute heard. Discussions with councillor and other individuals until 2030 hrs.
Tuesday	6/9/1966	Departed Vokau 0730 hrs. preceding patrol and in company of councillor and committee member. Inspected Pro village. Departed for Lemiang at 0820 hrs. Arrived Lemiang at 0840 hrs. Courtesy visit to Mission. Note arrived from A.D.C., Aitape re a Land dispute between the Selco/Angel and Lemiang people. 0940 hrs. proceeded in Mission launch to Migia River, in company with representatives of both groups. Interim settlement reached. Returned to Lemiang 1230 hrs. Inspected village. Census completed 1430 hrs. Chinapelli censused with Lemiang. Talks to people began 1700 hrs. Finished 1955 hrs. Problems discussed and general talks until 2300 hrs.
Wednesday	7/9/1966	Departed Lemiang 0815 hrs. for Paup, arriving 1100 hrs. Census of Paup and Afua completed 1450 hrs. Inspected village. 1800 hrs. talks re council and other matters. Discussions followed. Completed 2200 hrs.

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- Thursday 8/9/1966 0730 hrs. to Paup 1 to hear a minor land dispute. Main body of patrol proceeded to Yakamal 1. 0830 hrs. departed for Yakamal. Road fair. Walked with Paup parties who are disputing land with the Yakamals. Noted boundaries as related by the Paup's. Arrived Yakamal 1 1020 hrs. Census completed 1400 hrs. Inspected village. Water supplies poor. Talks re Council etc. to 1850 hrs. Recorded Paup - Yakamal land dispute. General talks with councillor, committee and other villagers until 2300 hrs.
- Friday 9 12/9/1966 0800 hrs. to Yakamal 2. Inspected school. Census of '2' and Charok completed 1350 hrs. Village inspected. Fair, some rebuilding required. New rest house to be sited between both villages. Talks with Councillor re general matters and copra production. 1730 hrs. began talks on Council etc. Finished 1950 hrs. Final order made. Disputes and complaints, many involving women, heard until 2130 hrs. General talks with visitors to rest house, and priest from Uluu.
- Saturday 10/9/1966 Departed Yakamal 2 for Uluu at 0750 hrs. Accompanied by a group of Yakamals engaged in a land dispute with the Uluu people. Met by the Uluu disputants at Dribadi plantation. Instant arguing began over the Uluu/Yakamal land boundary. Peace was restored after fifteen minutes discussions and patrol arrived at Uluu at 1050 hrs. Actual walking time 1 hr. 50 mins. Census revision carried out and village inspected. Talks with Councillor and committee re council economic crops etc. 1600 hrs. villagers on buses for talks re Council etc. Completed 1750 hrs. Courtesy visit to Mission.
- Sunday 11/9/1966 To Uluu 2, departing '1' at 0800 and arriving at 1000 hrs., via mission. Village lined and censused, talks given. During evening to 1900 hrs. general talks, minor land disputes settled and several minor complaints heard and settled.
- Monday 12/9/1966 0730 hrs. departed for Mihat. 4230 hrs. heavy rain, steep mountain track extremely difficult for carriers to negotiate. Arrived Mihat 1430 hrs., last of carriers arrived with police escort at 1630 hrs. Raining decided to overnight at Mihat. Village small, no more than one dozen houses. Paid and rendered first aid carriers. Aid was mainly for leech bites and sore shoulders.
- Tuesday 13/9/1966 Departed Mihat 0800 hrs., arriving Labuan at 0900 hrs. 1000 hrs. lined and censused villages of Labuan and Mihat. Inspected village, talk given. At night talks with Councillor and people. Several complaints made. Action to be taken in Mihat.
- Wednesday 14/9/1966 0720 hrs. departed Labuan for Womais. Track fair. Passed through Aruk 0630 hrs. Still some people here. Instruction given that all but absolutely necessary inhabitants to live in Labuan. Main occupation here is the care of Labuan and Mihat pigs. Womais section of track wide and well cut. Arrived Womais 1145 hrs. Paid carriers. Censused the Womais, Walihiga and Asapas people here. Housing fair. Talks to people at night. People seem keen to improve their lot.
- Thursday 15/9/1966 Departed Womais for Walihiga and Asapas at 0730 hrs. Arrived 0820 hrs. Inspected village. Clean, housing fair. Departed Asapas at 0930 hrs. for Malin, proceeding via a native track over the mountain range north of Asapas to the Mirita Creek and thence following the Damsap River to Malin, arriving there at 1430 hrs. Met C.P.O. Kabisch and main body of patrol which had proceeded to Malin via the Damsap R. without visiting Walihiga/Asapas. Census revision completed, village inspected and departed for Balup at 1515 hrs. Arrived 1630 hrs.

Thursday 15/9/1966. Census revised. Talks given, to both Malin and Balup people. Balup village clean, housing good. Coffee gardens in both Malin and Balup obviously taken seriously.

Friday 16/9/1966 0800 hrs. departed Balup for Suain. Inspected gardens, both commercial and subsistence which are established about 30 minutes walk south of Suain. Arrived at Suain at 1030 hrs. Inspected village - very good, proceeded to Suain 1, arriving 1140 hrs. Courtesy visit to Mission, after talks with Councillor and committee and village inspection. 1400 hrs. census revision of Suain 2 begun. Interrupted by heavy rain and revision continued in rest house. 1740 hrs. proceeded per Catholic Mission aircraft to Aitape. Mr. Kabisch and patrol remained at AITAPE Suain.

Saturday 17/9/1966 Office duties Aitape. Further talks on Lemiong Seleco/Angel land dispute. Arranged for small boat to pick up patrol at Suain on 21/9. Arranged forward cargo load of culverting marden matting and other materials for use in construction and bridging of the Suain/Ulau Road.

Sunday 18/9/1966 Observed - Aitape. Afternoon assisted Public Service Psychologist Geoff Ord in execution of his duties. Arranged Mr. Ord's passage to Isumi, A.D.C. returned.

Monday 19/9/1966 Some office duties, police pays etc. Departure to Suain delayed by bad weather, finally executed at 1130 hrs. Arrived Suain at 1200 hrs. 1245 hrs. departed for Matapu, accompanied by a field assistant with Australian Aquitaine Petroleum Company and Sgt. Ramoi, R.F.N.G.C. 1315 hrs. met Mr. Kabisch who was returning to Suain from Matapu, where he had conducted a census revision. Arrived Matapu 1630 hrs. Carried out a land investigation. 1900 hrs. gave talks re copra, council and other matters of local interest. 2100 talks ceased. Dispute settled.

Tuesday 20/9/1966 Departed Matapu 0700 hrs. for Suain accompanied by Sgt. Ramoi and Councillor Karai. Arrived Suain 0915. Gave instructions for marking and closing off of an area where the Mission priest and myself had discovered a bomb, of approximately the 100 lb. variety.

Wednesday 21/9/1966 Ship arrived 1130 hrs. with road construction materials. Gave instructions for ship to unload cargo, embark Mr. Kabisch and patrol and proceed to Ulau. 1310 departed Suain for Ulau, walking with the Ulau councillor, committee and some villagers, along the recently cleared route of the old German road. Gave advice however decided it would be advantageous for Mr. Kabisch to return and assist in construction of the road and necessary bridges.

1420 hrs. arrived Dasa village. Inspection - housing good. Arranged to take coffee produced here to Aitape, per the small vessel waiting at Ulau. 1540 found a rusted American hand grenade on road. Made a leaf cradle for it and carried it to Ulau, from whence it was disposed of at sea. Arrived Ulau at 1630 hrs. Boarded the hired small boat 'Santa Maria' and departed for Aitape at 1715 hrs. after loading Dasa coffee.

Arrived Aitape 2250 hrs.

Patrol Stand Down.

Native Affairs.

Generally the people in this Census Division appear to be reasonably contented and seem to be a fairly active and progressive type, with the Suain villages commanding the most favourable attention in this regard. The majority of people in this division seem aware that successful economic activity will lead, amongst other things, to the attainment of a better standard of living and seem eager to invest their own labours as well as seeking outside advice, to achieve this end.

It is fortunate and pleasing to note that the indiscretion committed by a former member of this Administration in Suain earlier this year is to all intents and purposes forgotten, the matter being regarded by the people as the fault of an individual and not of the Administration as a body.

This Census Division has been under the influence of the Siau Local Government Council for some eight months now. The councillors seem to be fair representatives of their constituents and they are on the whole a fairly well endowed with initiative and drive.

However the people have only a vague idea, or understanding of the Council, its present work, aims and its future role in the machinery of government. To a lesser degree this is true of the Councillors themselves, however their regular contact and involvement with the work of the Council, by virtue of attendance at Council meetings, reflects a better understanding of this matter amongst them.

Considerable time was spent on talks in each village, explaining the reasons for the establishment of the Council, its present role and its future role in the people's lives and the development of the district and country. It was stressed that the Council belonged to the people and that its development and ability to aid them was directly proportionate to their interest in it and its activities.

I feel that there is an eagerness amongst these people to understand the Council system and that this was shown by the number of questions and discussions which followed group talks. Further and more frequent patrolling with the emphasis on council education, together with tangible evidence of the benefits of the council - such as council participation in the Suain - Uluu road - will immensely aid these people to adopt the council system as an integral part of their lives and prevent any stagnation or retrograde steps in the people's understanding and attitude towards the council. As a step in further understanding, the patrol encouraged small groups of people to come to Aitape to observe Council meetings and material accomplishments.

The patrol noted that there were few radios in this Division and that a set carried by one of its members attracted great interest. The radio as an educational and propaganda media should be utilized in this area, especially inland and it is submitted that the Council could purchase radio receivers at a bulk rate and dispose of them to villages in this Division at a reasonable price.

In all villages the patrol advised of the current Pacific Islands Regiment recruiting campaign and an eager response was recorded in most villages.

Several land disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol. Some of these involved small parcels of land within the general village environs and these were settled and recorded in the respective village books. Disputes involving larger areas of land, between the Lemlong - Seleco/Angel people, the Paup - Yakamul people and the Yakamul - Uluu people were recorded. It is felt that these disputes could be settled by a Lands Demarcation and Adjudication Committee.

Many other types of disputes of a minor nature were brought to the patrol for adjudication and all were settled amicably.

Bombs.

A war time bomb of approximately 100lbs. was discovered at Suain and the general area where the bomb lies has been closed off and the local population warned not to go near the general vicinity.

Health and Hygiene.

The health of the East Coast people is generally good. Several cases of minor cuts and scratches were treated in the inland villages by the patrol, however it would appear that the Aid Posts established at Lemieng, Paup, Ulau and Suain are utilized by most of the coastal people, and no cases of serious sickness were noticed by the patrol or brought to its attention. The villages of Labuain and Mihet share an Aid Post with several Dreikikir villages and the post is supplied and supervised from Dreikikir. The Womais, Walihiga and Asapas people can attend either the Suain or the Naprik Aid Post for treatment, however in most cases seem to prefer the walk to Naprik. A request was made by the Womais/Walihiga, Labuain/Mihet people to have the Mihet A.P.O., who services the Dreikikir Aid Post transferred to Labuain where they wish to establish an Aid Post. Such a move would give these inland villages a central Aid Post and it could be serviced easily enough from Aitape.

A new Aid Post was nearing completion at Ulau No. 1 at the time of the patrol's visit.

In all villages there was a definite laxness in the use and care of village latrines. Accordingly talks were given on the health factor involved and where necessary instructions were given for the construction or alteration of latrines.

Water supplies in most villages were sufficient and of a reasonable standard, however these were observed while the good season prevailed and it is felt that many would deteriorate and become polluted during times of heavy rain. The villages of Yakamal 1 and Paup were not well placed for water supplies. In several villages interim measures such as wells built of 44 gallon drums were recommended.

Education.

Schools are provided by the Franciscan Mission at Lemieng, Ulau and Suain, while the Administration has established a school at Yakamal.

Of the Mission schools, the Suain organization is the only one without teachers possessing some kind of recognized qualifications. Classes to standard three are conducted at Suain and there are approximately one hundred pupils attending the school. These children come mainly from the Suain villages, however a small percentage of children come from the Matapau, Balup, Malin and Womais villages also attend. In 1967 it is hoped to have the school recognized by the Education Department, as a result of re-staffing with a group of teaching nuns.

At Ulau and Lemieng the Mission schools conduct classes up to standard three. There are two certificated teachers at Ulau and two at Lemieng, which also has a Permit teacher. Both these schools have an attendance of some eighty pupils.

The Ulau school except for one or two pupils from inland villages, services the Ulau group of villages only, while the Lemieng school draws its pupils from Lemieng, Vokau, Fro and to a lesser degree, Paup.

The Mission also conducts Catechist type schools, where purely academic schools are not found. These seem to concentrate on the teaching of religious dogma, although the teachers are reputed to show sporadic interest in the more academic forms of schooling. None of these teachers are qualified to do this and from past experience and from listening to the opinions of the affected villagers, it would probably be as well if catechists kept to religion.

The Yakamal Administration school takes children to standard one. The school is staffed by one native teacher and it would appear that his efforts are equal to those of the Yakamal people, who built the school in an amazingly short period of time, earlier this year. The teacher takes both prep class and standard one, the former in the morning and the latter in the afternoon. In all some seventy children attend this school.

This school commands great interest amongst the inland village people and many are keen to see some of their children attend this school in 1967. It is to be hoped that staff and facilities will be available to accept these new pupils, in addition to Yakamal children who will be ready to attend school next year.

Village Housing.

With regard to the state of repair, housing in this area was fairly good. In the Yakumul group of villages it was necessary to give instructions for several new structures to be constructed. Similar action was necessary at Lemiang, Uluu, Labuain and Matapan.

In Yakumul, it was found necessary to forward to Aitape for court action an individual who had obviously made no effort to obey a previous instruction to rebuild his house. The instruction had been issued in January, 1966, and no remedial action had been taken up to the time of the patrol's arrival. This was the only case requiring such action.

In most villages there was evidence of a genuine effort by the people to keep housing in a good state of repair and to replace old and dilapidated structures. This was taken into account before any direct instructions were issued.

Houses in this Division tend to lack ventilation and in some respects are rather small. Discussions on the alteration of present construction tendencies in order to improve ventilation and possibly lead to enlarged structures were carried out where necessary.

Most of the villages visited were clean and tidy. One or two instances requiring attention were brought to the notice of the Council and concerned and rectifying action taken during the patrol's stay.

Rest houses were generally in good condition and served their purpose quite well. Just prior to the patrol's arrival at Lemiang, the rest house suffered severe storm damage and consequently was demolished. At present it is replaced by a very small temporary structure. A new rest house is to be built within the next few months.

During discussions at Yakumul, it was decided to remove the rest houses from the No. 1 and No. 2 villages and re-site one rest house between the two villages. It is felt that this will be a better arrangement from the Administrative as well as the village point of view. At present the rest house in Yakumul 2 is riddled with borers, while the No. 1 village rest house will soon be in need of repairs.

Roads and Bridges.

Roads in this Census Division consist mainly of bridal tracks. There is one section of road suitable to most vehicular traffic, which runs from the Raihu River to Lemiang. From Lemiang to Uluu the route of the tracks alternate between following the beach and sections of an old army road which is located at varying distances up to several hundred feet from the beach front. All tracks were cut and in fairly good condition, except for the track from Uluu to Mihet, over the coastal ranges, which was strewn with fallen trees as a result of high winds prior to the patrol's entry into the area.

It would appear that the main problem in developing a coastal road in this division is the high cost of bridging the many streams and rivers which flow into the sea along this coast line. The idea of building bridges with local materials and labour would no doubt be thwarted in the wet season, when these streams assume the proportions of large rivers.

From this point of view, it would appear that unless money is allocated to complete the Aitape - Uluu section of ~~the road~~ the Aitape - Uluu road, the only hope of building a road to service the East coast would be to build a road inland, where bridging would not be such a serious problem. From talks with the local people, it would appear that this could be done with local labour and resources. Such a road could possibly follow the general route of the old German road, which would mean going as far inland as Chinapelli, afua and Charok and returning to the coastal area near Uluu. Coastal villages in between would be linked to the main route by service roads running between the rivers.

The section of road from Susin to Uluu has been cut, however from Deia to Uluu, which represents about two thirds of the length of the road there is much work to be done in the form of culverting, bridging, removing of tree stumps and in some sections immediate surfacing with beach or river gravel. The Susin people have done an excellent job on their section of the road and the placement of three small bridges will see the road open to tractor traffic, as far as Deia. It is recommended that Mr. Labisch return to Susin and aid the people in completing this road section. Already I have shipped culverting and other necessary materials to Susin and estimate that no more than ten days work will see the road open to Deia.

Roads and Bridges Cont'd.

The people of Ulaou and Deia have been organized, with their consent and through their Councillor into work teams, which will be rotated so that a maximum of no more than seven days per month will be spent on road work. Once again, in the next few months it would be advantageous if a D.B.A. officer could work with the people on the Deia - Ulaou section once tree stumps have been removed, so that advice and every possible assistance can be given. All going well, it is possible that this section of road could be open by late December this year.

In final reference to this project, it is noted that the Catholic Mission at Suain has given valuable aid to the people and that as the road opens, the Mission tractor and trailer will work with the people.

Native Agriculture and Livestock.

The predominant Agricultural activity in this area is mainly of a subsistence type, although there is an increasing interest and participation in the field of cash cropping.

The subsistence agriculture produces native legumes and fruits of most varieties while protein foods such as fish (during the good season) pigs, cassowaries, sikas and various types of bush pigeons are fairly readily available. Domesticated livestock consist mainly of pigs, poultry, some cattle and dogs.

In some villages, notably Lemiang and Yakamal, pigs are not kept in enclosures and are allowed to roam village environs, causing animosity, damage to gardens and creating a health menace. Particular attention was paid to this matter and the Council rule governing the possession and care of pigs was reiterated when necessary.

Cattle are to be found at Suain and Ulaou. In the latter village these are owned by the people and seem to be doing well. Recently a Stock Inspector visited the area and apparently was pleased with the condition of the animals.

Copra is produced by all coastal villages and is the mainstay of economic agricultural production on the coast. The hot air type production unit is gaining popularity and is in use in the villages of Vokau, Bro, Lemiang (?), while a similar unit is nearing completion at Suain. Elsewhere copra is produced by the smoke house and sun drying methods. At present the Paup people have no production unit of their own and prefer to use the facilities of the Ali Islanders.

The salient problem involved in encouraging these activities on this coastline, is not so much that of increasing production, as of ensuring reliable transport or markets for the finished product. This coastline is classically inhospitable, it does not even offer one good canoe anchorage, and during the Monsoon season it is virtually impossible to utilize sea transport. This matter is discussed further in ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

New coconut plantings were in evidence in most villages, the more outstanding example being at Suain where a large plantation has been laid out near the present Mission airstrip. In other villages plantings tend to be haphazard and often trees are not planted far enough apart. Plantation maintenance was generally of a poor standard. The patrol proffered advice on these matters, nevertheless it is felt that more technical advice on these matters and field assistance would be of more value.

Much interest is being shown in this Division in coffee as a cash crop, with the villages of Yakamal, Ulaou, Suain, Balup, Malia, Labain and Mihet the most active. Small quantities are now being produced by most of these villages, but once again it is felt that more technical advice in the care and maintenance of these crops is necessary.

Rice is being produced in small quantities by the Labain and Mihet people. Some of the initial production has been taken to Naprik for processing and sale and technical advice and field service is rendered from the aforesaid centre.

Economic Development.

This area has many basically obvious economic prospects, mainly agricultural, which when blended with the ingredients of hard work, technical assistance and a guarantee of being able to market products, should satisfactorily reward the people and constitute a definite step forward towards a viable economy.

The patrol's experience of the people indicates that as a group they are eager to better themselves and their way of life, and that they are prepared to help themselves, instead of waiting for an outside force to motivate them. In all villages of the Division there is economic activity, varying from copra production to gold mining.

As stated earlier agricultural production is the mainstay of this economic activity and copra, coffee and rice are the main crops. Rice growing is restricted to the south east inland villages and as yet is not of any importance.

Coffee production is of growing importance in the area and is assuming a noticeable percentage of the economic crops planted. Seven bags of coffee were transported by the patrol to Aitape on behalf of the Malin and Deia villages.

Copra production is the staple of the economy, such as it is in this area at the present time. Without doubt, a reliable means of transport to facilitate the marketing of these products would cause an upsurge in economic activity. However to date, the lack of transport has tended to enervate the people's efforts and consequently at times their will to advance.

Of course sea transport, if available, can be utilized from the month of May until September, but in the remaining months sea transport cannot be used.

Perhaps this problem could be overcome by establishing copra storage sheds at strategic points on the coast. At present Mr. R. Parer of Aitape is considering establishing such a system at Suain. The main idea is that a storage shed would be built and ~~MAKING THE~~ local copra production would be bought and kept in good condition until a pick by sea transport was possible. Such a system would be a boost to the local people and I am sure would lead to greatly increased economic activity. However to make the idea a commercial proposition, it would be necessary to include, at least initially, Ulu copra production, and the completion of the Suain - Ulu road should make this possible.

Nevertheless, I feel that a self-help inland road is a more suitable answer to the transport problem. It should also be remembered that such a road would open up large tracts of land, which in the opinion of the U.S.I.R.C. Soil Survey, which recently worked in this area, is quite capable of producing economic crops. A road through this area would probably do much to foster interest and increase economic activity in this Division.

Gold is produced in the areas around the South East island villages SE and at Afua, Charok and Chinapelli. However production is not great and usually only a few individuals are engaged in this activity.

Census.

A revision of the census was carried out in all villages. There has been an increase in population since the last census and details are shown on the Village Population Register attached to this report. Attendance was excellent, in keeping with the co-operative attitude shown throughout this patrol.

Conclusion.

This was a routine patrol which posed no special difficulties. The objects of the patrol were achieved and all patrol personnel received a good reception in the villages visited.

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A. A. Brodie,
Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office, Aitape,
October 12th, 66.

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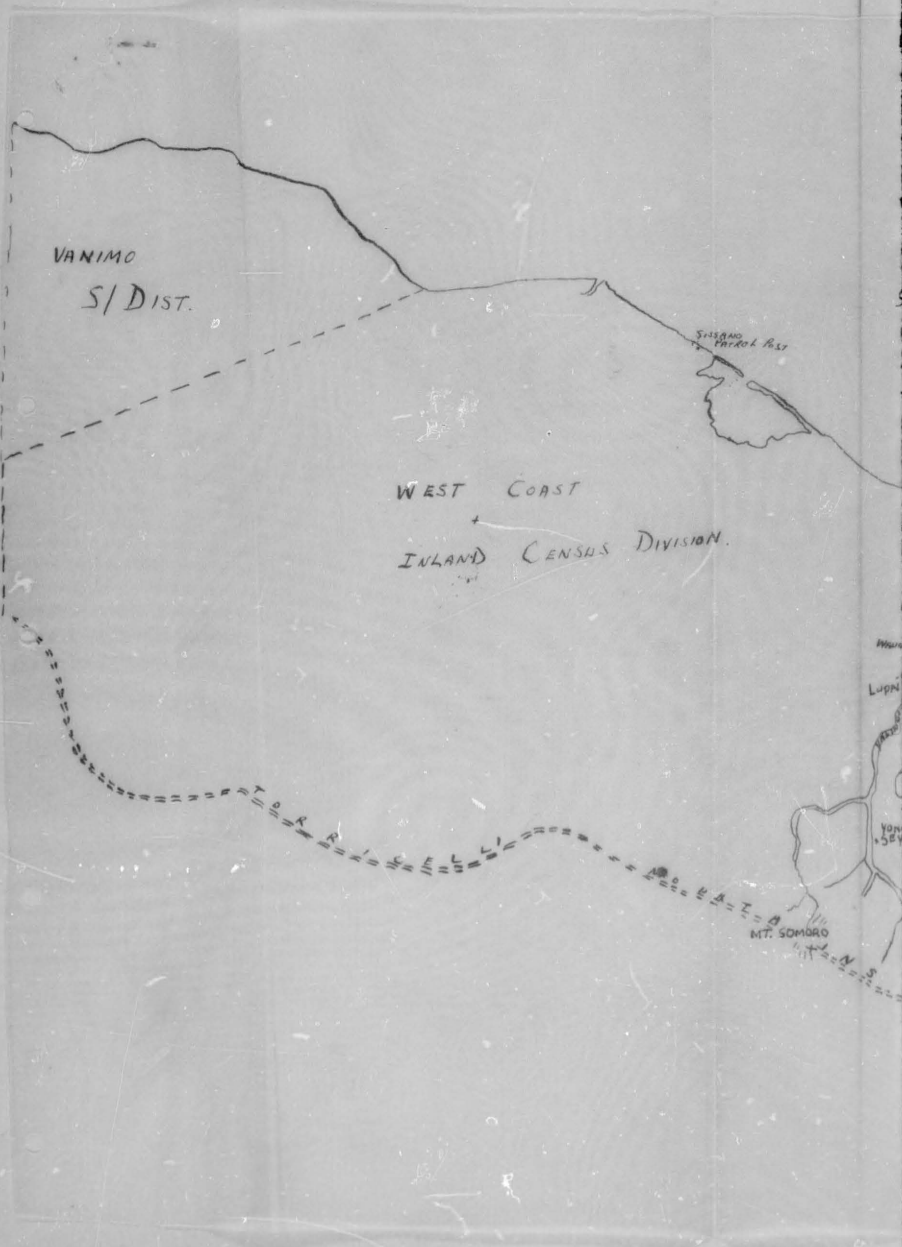
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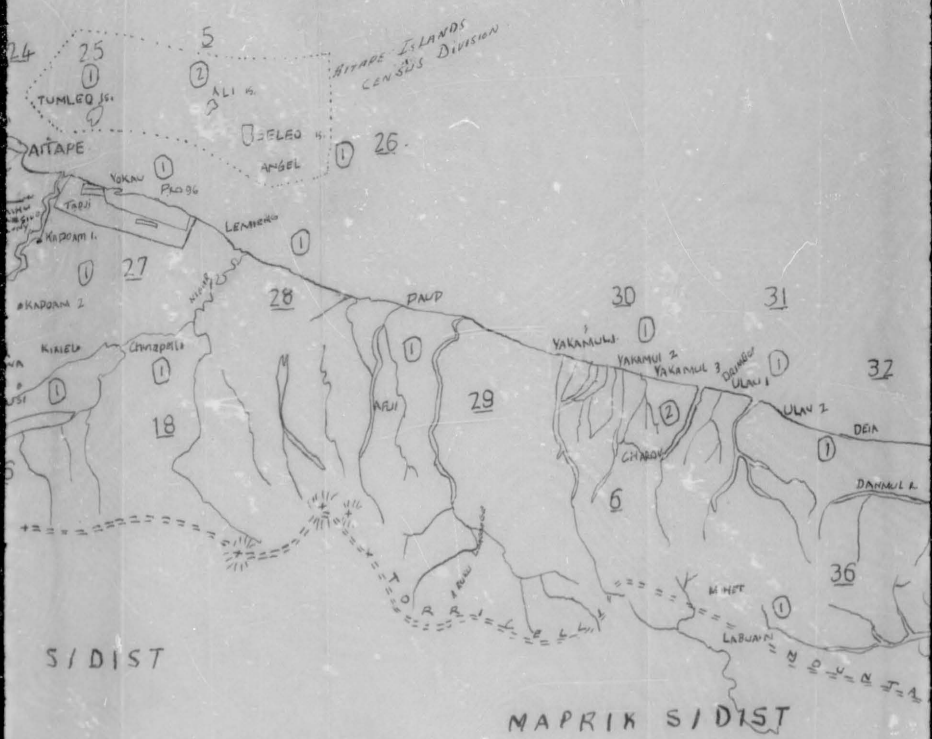
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 2(special) of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by J. Kabisch Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Aitape East Coast (Part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives One Member R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 26/9/1966 to 7/10/1966

Number of Days Twelve

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services September 1966

Medical November/1965

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Bridge Construction

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .. £ ..

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7th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YAHIMO.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Kabisch's Patrol Report of his patrol to the Aitape East Coast and of covering memoranda from the Assistant District Commissioner Aitape and yourself.

No further action can be taken until a submission has been made to the District Co-ordinating Committee on the self-help activities by the people on the AITAPE-YAKAMUL-SOWAN road link. Any action that does result will depend largely on the Committee's recommendations.

Any new road construction of this nature should have the approval of the District Co-ordinating Committee at least before being proceeded with. Once funds are required then higher approval would be required.

The report adequately covered the activities of Mr. Kabisch, who appears to be showing energy and initiative in the field.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
VANUATU,
West Sepik District.

14th November, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

SPECIAL PATROL AITAPE No. 2 1966-67

Please thank Mr. Kabisch for his patrol report,
and I congratulate him on the work he is doing.

I fully agree that the District Coordinating
Committee should be made aware of the self help programme,
and I would point out to you, that it is your job to make
them aware, but you are certainly not going to do it by
generalisation and sarcasm.

I put it to you that if it was your \$4,000.00 you
would require many more particulars than those you have
given in your letter.

Imagine this it is your money and put up the case
you would require from the borrower, and I would say you
would stand a good chance to get it.

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D.J. CLMES,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
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District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

14th November, 1966.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROROGU.

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Sub District Officer,
Aitape,
West Sepik District.

MEMO.

4th November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Vanimo,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.

SPECIAL PATROL AITAPE 2, 1966-67.

- (i) Arising from instructions issued to Mr. Brodie (Aitape Patrol 1/66-67) Mr. GPC Rablach spent a period of 12 days on road supervisory duties along the East Coast.
- (ii) At the moment Copra is being produced only spasmodically along this coast although there is a potential production of some 20 tons per month. The MV Sorengama (in the calmer S.E. season) is willing to call at SUEN if a minimum of 100 bag of copra is available. Tractor/trailer transport is available at Suen so a road link between the two villages is important to both.
- (iii) All work is carried out along the alignment of the proposed AITAPE - YAKANUL - SOWAN road link. It is intended that voluntary effort on the part of SUEN - ULAV - YAKANUL - PAUP - MUIUNG and CHIRAPALLI be channelled into clearing the route - erecting small bridges and generally making the way passable in fair weather for tractor/trailer units. All in all this makes any proposed development in the major road link easier.

To my mind the District Development Committee should be made aware of the self help programme of the coastal people. At times work on the road is neglected while men go away to obtain casual employment to find tax monies. Inferior building materials are used as funds are not available to buy merden matting, timber planking, coal tar, deck spikes and the like. Work is restricted because we have not enough axes, knives, shovels and sharpening instruments. An allocation of funds at this time both local cash payments and certain materials to be used only as a basis of incentive to voluntary effort, is required.

Let us get the road from the Riga River to YAKANUL thence SUEN cleared and in use in this manner.

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An allocation of \$4000 for clearing and minor bridge work will assist this voluntary effort.

Mr GPO Kabisch will be concentrating on supervisory work for some time.

I attach his recent report for your information - Contingency claims for Camping Allowance are attached.

J.H. ROACH
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
AITAPE,
West Sepik District.
October 31st 1966

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
AITAPE.

Aitape Patrol (Special) No. 2 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted By	J.Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled:	Suain, Deia, Ulau.
Personell Accompanying:	One Member, R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol:	September 26th 1966 to October 7th, 1966
Last Patrol to Area:	D.D.A., -September 1966. P.H.D., -November 1966.
Objects of the Patrol:	Construction of Bridges.

Introduction.

This patrol visited Suain, Deia, and Ulau villages in the area known as the Aitape West Coast Area for the purpose of construction of three bridges over rivers which cut the road constructed between Suain 1 and Deia.

Patrol Diary

MONday 26/9/66 Departed Aitape 1200 hours on board the "Santa Maria". Arrived Ali Island 1330 hours and over-nighted due to weather

Tuesday 27/9/66 Departed Ali Island 0730 hours. Arrived Suain 1 1400hours. Unloaded Patrol gear and personnel by canoe and Marsden Matting by raft, 1500 hours arrived rest house

Wednesday 28/9/66 Work line reported for duties at 0800 hours. Mixing and pouring cement commenced 0900hours with one group, while the other departed to cut logs. 1700 hours cementing completed.

Thursday 29/9/66 Construction of bridge commenced at 0815 hours. Lunch 1215 hours to 1330hours. 1700 hrs returned rest house.

Friday 30/9/66 0800 hrs work recommenced on construction. Lunch 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs. 1600 hrs bridge completed.

Saturday 1/10/66 0830 hrs departed Suain 1. 1000hrs arrived Deia rest house. 1300 hrs measured spans of bridges and instructions given for collection of timber. 1500hrs returned rest house.

Sunday 2/10/66 Observed.

Monday 3/10/66 0830 hrs piles for Suain bridge arrived. Work commenced on planting posts. Lunch 1200 to 1315 hrs. 1320 hrs work commenced on planting posts over Deia's river. 1530 hrs returned Suain bridge. Posts planted and secured. 1600 hrs returned Deia where posts had arrived.

Tuesday 4/10/66 0800 Deia's continuing planting of posts. 0830 hrs departed for Suain bridge. 0840 to 1200 hrs two bearers prepared and secured. 1200hrs to 1300 hrs lunch. 1300hrs to 1600 hrs pillows prepared and fastened. Returned to rest house.

Wednesday 5/10/66 0815 hrs to 1000 hrs work completed in securing of of bearers. 1000 hrs 1230 hrs - preparation and laying of bearers at Deia's bridge. 1230 hrs to 1315 hrs lunch 1315 hrs to 1600 hrs work on securing bearers 1600 hrs returned to Suain's bridge. Bridge complete with Marsden matting.

Thursday 6/10/66 0830 hrs patrol departed Deia. Arrived Ulau 1 via the route of the road which the Ulau 1 people are in the process of preparing, at 1145. Departed Ulau 1 1215 hrs. Arrived Yakumul 11 1415 hrs. Over-nighted.

Friday 8/10/66 0830 hrs departed Yakumul 1. 0915 hrs arrived Yakumul 11. 0930 departed Yakumul 11. 1130arrived Paup. 1200 departed Paup. 1515 arrived Leming. 1615 Departed Leming. per tractor. 1715 arrived Raihu River and crossed per canoe. Arrived Aitape 1730.

Patrol stood Down

Native Affairs.

Co-operation received through-out this project was excellent. The people are willing to work hard to see the completion of this road which will benefit the people of Suain, Deia and Ulau. The present idea behind the road is that sufficient quantities of Copra will be able to be assembled at Suain to make a minimum loading specified by the captain of the "Sorenga". If this minimum loading is met the "Sorenga" will call at Suain to collect Copra.

Health

Several minor cuts and sores were treated at Deia, but health at Suain was very good as there is an aid-post well established there.

Roads and Bridges.

Of a road which is being built to link Ulau 11 to Suain 1, for the purpose of carting Copra to Suain 1 for shipping, a section of the road from Deia to Suain 1 has now been completed. It is open to and has been used by the mission tractor.

On my arrival at Suain 1, a large section of the adult male population reported for work. One group was sent to cut and pull Kwila logs while the other group under my supervision prepared and poured cement into fourty four gallon drums set in the creek on deep rock and stone foundations. Kwila logs were then attached to iron bolts set in the cement and marsden matting secured to the logs.

On completion of this bridge the patrol moved to Deia where two more bridges were to be constructed, one by Suain people and one by Deia people with the help of some Ulau 11 people. Both bridges were set on wooden stumps driven into the ground. Four stumps were used at the end of each bridge and these were stabilized by laying a pole across them and fastening them with bridge spikes. Four bearers were then fastened to the poles with bridge spikes.

The Suain bridge was then covered with marsden matting which had been brought from Suain in the mission tractor. The bridge at Deia was completed except for marsden matting surfacing which is still being sought at Aitape.

The councillor from Ulau requested that I walk the Deia - Ulau part of the road to inspect it and advise on types of bridges to be constructed. The road was completely cut, but a large section of it required the stumps of trees to be removed. There are many small bridges to be built and two or three larger ones. I was accompanied on this inspection by the committee member from Ulau 11.

Conclusion

I feel that with the work being carried out and the enthusiastic way it is being done some assistance would help greatly in keeping this feeling alive. I would suggest that help be granted by supplying materials which are needed to build the bridges and construct the road, such as cement, tools and marsden matting.

J. Kabisch

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Cadet Patrol Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 3 (Special) of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by J. Kabiech Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Aitape East Coast (Part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives One Member R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 3 / 11 / 1966 to 17 / 11 / 1966

Number of Days Fifteen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services September 66

Medical November / 19 66

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Maintenance work Tadjil airstrip, inspect flood damage

Takamul Primary school, Supervisory work Suia-Ulau road, Encouragement of work on Aitape Takamul road

Director of 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 F.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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1st February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
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PATROL REPORT NO. 3-1966/67 - AITALE:

Receipt of the above report and your 67-1-3 of
5th January 1967, is acknowledged with thanks.

A routine report by Mr. Kabisch of road works,
which indicates good progress which, if continued,
should benefit all concerned in the area.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Our Reference 67-1-3
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
5th January, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT AITAPE No. 3 of 1966/67

Please find attached a report of a patrol to the East Coast Aitape as far as Uluu conducted by Mr. J. Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The purpose of this patrol was to inspect work already carried out on the East Coast road and to supervise and encourage the Uluu and Yakumul to greater efforts. This part of the patrol was obviously well done.

The second object of the patrol was to inspect and assess flood damage done to the Yakumul Primary T School. As you well know the Yakumul have for years refused to join in with the rest of the world although since the Second World War they more or less agreed to tolerate us. In 1966 they decided to join us and to mark the occasion they built a school; a very good one and a magnificent house for the teacher. I was present with a large official party which included the District Inspector at the official opening, marked by numerous speeches and the blessing of the buildings. Probably in a few years even that dire threat "mi yakumul yu" will have passed into the limbo of the forgotten: *sic transit gloria.*

D. J. Glancy
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub District Office,
Aitape, West Sepik.

26th November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 3/66-67

Mr. J.Kabisch has just returned from another fifteen days spent supervising work along the Suein/Ulau road link.

His report, camping allowance claims and Field Officers Journals are included.

Upon his return from the last Vanimo District Advisory Committee meeting Council President Erere Awol spoke of M.N.W. funds being allocated to assist in roads and bridges development. At the last Council meeting Council voted an amount of \$260 to be allocated with any M.N.W. funds on the project.

Work is continuing apace on the cutting of the route and construction of bridges.

R.H. ROACH.
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Sub District Office,
Aitape,
West Sepik District.

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2nd November, 1966.

Mr. J.Kabisch. CPO.
Aitape,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.

FIELD WORK - AITAPE EAST COAST.

1. Prepare to move along Aitape East Coast as from 2-11-66.
2. Spend one day on maintenance work TADJI AIRSTRIP - check markers, wind socs and general clearances.
3. At YAKAMUL PRIMARY "T" School inspect flood damage and report thereon. Assist village people in marking out another block of land for the new buildings. Ensure the new block joins the existing Govt. block but is of such an area that no more danger of flooding and erosion will be possible.
4. Spend the rest of the time on Supervisory work SUIEN - ULAU Road. Assist in bridging, alignment and clearing especially from ULAU end. I hope you will be able to encourage YAKAMUL and PAUP people to commence road work. The LEMIENG/CHINAPELLI people are about to commence work on their end and you should encourage this as well.

You should spend at least 2 weeks in the area and give me a report on progress as soon as you return.

C.c. DISCCM, VANIMO.

H. ROACH
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
AITAPE,
West Sepik District.
November 21st 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
AITAPE.

Aitape Patrol (special) No. 3 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted By;	J.Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled;	Aitape to Ulaui.
Personell Accompanying;	One Member R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol	September 26th, 1966 to October 7th, 1966
Last Patrol to Area	D.D.A., = September 1966. P.H.D., - November 1965.
Objects of the Patrol;	Maintenance Work TA ^u ji Airstrip. Inspect flood damage Yakamul Primary "E2 school. Supervisory work Suain-Ulaui road. Encouragement work on Aitape - Yakamul road.

Introduction.

The main Purpose of this patrol was to assist the people of Ulau in completing the construction of their part of the Suain - Ulau road. In the course of the patrol encouragement was given to the people of Lemiang, Yakumul and Paup for work to commence on the cutting of a road, which has been surveyed, between each of their villages. At Yakumul flood damage was inspected and a new block marked out which joins the present Government block.

One day was spent on maintenance at Tadj Air-strip.

Patrol Diary.

See Field Officers Journal paragraphs Numbers 1 to 16

Natives Affairs.

In general the people appear eager to have a road along the East coast. This road they realise would Provide Means of transport for their copra and coffee which presently cannot be transported during the wet season due to rough seas. For this reason they are willing to apply themselves to the work on the road.

Although the Ulau people realise this they are not so eager to devote much time on this work and as a result very little work had been done on the road during my absence.

Roads and Bridges.

On my arrival at Ulau an inspection of work was done. It was obvious little effort had been made on the part of the Ulau people to work on the road. As a result little time was spent on the construction of bridges. Four days were needed to complete the cutting of the road and the removing of tree stumps.

One day was spent by half the work line on cutting Kwila logs for bridges, when cutting of the road was completed. Enough logs for three bridges were cut and it is hoped that with the logs being on the bridge site the people will at least assemble these bridges.

While half the line were cutting logs the other half were squaring off the tops of the river banks at the position where the bridges are to be constructed. On completion of this, work was commenced on draining small sago swamps which cut the road at numerous intervals. Large drains were cut on the uppermost side of the road and others approximately in the middle of the swamp. These middle drains will be later covered with galvanised culverting.

On my return to Yakumul, I found that the people had already started clearing the road and it seems that they will work quite strongly until they have completed their section of the road.

Unfortunately I was unable to work with the Yakumuls for when I arrived the majority of the people were preparing to go to Aitape to see their children compete in the Aitape School Sports. The remainder of the people began cutting and clearing the new school ground.

Schools.

A portion of the newly acquired Yakumul Primary "T" School land was recently washed away when the Aritch River near the school changed course during a storm.

An area of land approximately two hundred feet by three hundred feet was marked out and cleared. This land was given by the owner Amoi Amoi. It is situated immediately behind and adjoining the present Government land.

Airstrips.

At the beginning of the patrol one day was spent on maintenance work at Tadj Airstrip. All markers were removed and the grass cut in their immediate vicinity. Several markers were replaced with new ones. Most markers were intact, but many are in need of another coat of paint which should be done in the near future. Wind soc areas were cut and cleared, and a new coat of paint should be applied to the stone rings surrounding these socs.

Conclusion.

In my last report I stated that it would be in the best interests of this project to supply equipment needed to build roads and bridges. To broaden this statement I would suggest that as there has been approximately sixty workers from each of the three villages I have worked with, that for the remaining villages twenty shovels twenty picks two crowbars and several sariffs be issued. Of those tools supplied a small amount could be held in each village to maintain the road once it is completed. The remainder of the tools would be returned to the Aitape store and held for when they were required in another area.

Although the bridges which have already been constructed are sound, I feel a new type of bridge would serve the purpose better. The original

bridges were built in or on the ground and are there-for subject to rot and borers quickly. The new type of bridge, if money or materials were made available, would not be subject as quickly to these conditions and would there-for last longer, and maintenance would be kept lower.

Unfortunately at the moment I do not know the number c" bridges which are still required on the new sections of road, but approximately the same amount of material will be required for ~~aa~~ each bridge.

Below is listed the materials required for each bridge.

Four cement blocks 24"x12"x6".
 Two R.S.J. steel girders
 Sawn timber 6"x3" bearers
 8"x3" decking
 8"x1" runners
 6"x4" guide posts

Anti-rust paint for Girders
 Coal tar for decking

For the immediate future enough materials for the construction of four bridges will be needed.

J. Kabisch
 J. Kabisch.
 Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... WEST MIDDLE Report No. Box 1966/67 (SINGAPO)

Patrol Conducted by... J. FABRICH CASSE PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled... ATTAPU WEST COAST AND ISLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL

Natives... ONE R.P.N.C.C.

Duration—From 31 / 1 / 19 67 to 4 / 3 / 19 67 (Broken)

Number of Days... 30

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... nbc

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... DEC/30/66 19 66

Medical... JANUARY / / 19 66

Map Reference... LANDS FURNIL

Objects of Patrol... CENSES ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION ROAD WORK PRELIMINARY
INVESTIGATION FOR SCHOOL

Director of 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.
AITAPE
West Sepik District.

17th January '67

Mr. J. Kabisch,
Cadet Patrol Officer.,
AITAPE.

SISSANO STATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please prepare to go to Sissano Patrol Post and take over the station which is unmanned at the moment. In the absence of Mr. Houston who is still at Vanimo there will be no formal hand over - however Mr. Houston assures me that he prepared a number of documents and general instructions before he left.
2. I want you to patrol the whole of the Sissano administration area spending at least one day in each village; complete the annual census while in the field.
3. During the patrol I want you to urge local people to keep on with their road work. Slowly they need to open the link through to Wanningi - assure them that the Siaote people will commence work on their section as soon as the S.E. season returns and the PED road team can commence repairs on the Pes/Wanningi section. Impress upon them the advantage of the road economically, educationally and in all other ways. When you are at Somo prepare all materials to complete the Somo Council well. Discuss with Mr. Goodwin (council projects adviser), the team may be able to be in the village while you are there- if so stay and gain experience in well construction.
5. Carry out other routine administration work - court cases should be sent to Aitape.
6. Encourage gold mining activities in the Karunda/Somuru area; they have little else. There is on file a number of letters from the Mining Assistant on gold mining methods in the area.
7. Make a report on the possibility of an administration 'E' school in the Droma/Somo/Ramo area of Halwali area. The West coast inland people have little opportunity for education and there is a definite need for a school in the inland. Should our road eventuate the erection of such a school would be made easier. You should discuss this with the people, only informally, not building up any hopes but have a look around for a site.
8. While at Sissano carry out general station duties- maintain control and discipline over the police detachment. I have given you instruction in the D.D.A. code - Use it if you consider necessary; initially to Aitape or if the circumstances warrant it direct to D.C. Vanimo. Make yourself conversant with border matters - intelligence reporting and treat all information you gain from people like Charles Asser (and others) in a confidential manner.
9. You may discuss any other matter with me before you go.


J.H. ROACH.

Assistant District Commissioner.

MORSA

Sub-District Office
Aitape, West Sepik Dist.
16th May 1967.

Sigwano Patrol Report No. 3 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted By: J.Kabisch, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Aitape West Coast Census Division and Aitape Inland Census Division.

Personell Accompanying: One Member R.P.M.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: 31st. January to 4th March. (broken)

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. December 1966.
P.H.D. January 1966.

Objects of Patrol: 1. Census
2. Routine Administration.
3. Road Work
4. Preliminary Investigation for School.

Map Reference: Lands Form 1 Series.

Introduction.

This patrol covered all villages within the Sissano Administrative area. There are nineteen separate villages with a population in excess of seven thousand people.

Travel during the patrol was accomplished by walking, boat and motor bike.

The main aim of the patrol was to complete the annual census. The village people were encouraged to continue their work on the roads and gold mining was encouraged in the areas where an interest was shown.

Diary.

- Tuesday, 31st January 1967.
1100 departed Sissano for Aropore per motor boat, arriving at 1200
1300 departed for Ramu and arrived at 1400. Talked with village
councillor till 1500 and then departed for Sumo. Arrived Sumo 1700.
- Wednesday, 1st February 1967.
Accompanied councillor to site of road works and talked with men
re this work.
- Thursday, 2nd February 1967.
Awaiting arrival of Mr Goodwin with whom I had made previous
arrangements re Council well and tanks. (See Patrol Instructions).
- Friday, 3rd February 1967.
Heavy rain till early afternoon. Worked on population register
for Warapu village censused earlier by Mr. Hueston.
- Saturday 4th February 1967.
Visited Bubic hamlet for inspection. Several houses to be re-
built due to poor condition.
- Sunday, 5th February 1967.
Observed.
- Monday 6th February 1967.
Censused and inspected village. Talked with people re new village
site and proposed school in the area.
- Tuesday 7th February 1967
0900 departed Sumo for Mafoka and arrived 0935. Census taken,
Village inspected and new site for village discussed with people.
Large gardens of European type vegetables planted along cleared
sides of road.
- Wednesday 8th February 1967.
0900 departed Mafoka Arrived Mori 0930. Census conducted and vil-
lage inspected. Talked with people re tax and education. Estab-
lished that all able bodied men, women, and children of Musuru
were at a place called Onai on the Wanimo coast. All sick and ail-
ing are at Savamui to be censused. Therefore patrol will not
visit Musuru.
- Thursday 9th February 1967.
Departed Mori 0930 and arrived Savamui/Nebike at 1230. Censused both
Savamui/Nebike and Musuru, and inspected Savamui/Nebike village.
- Friday 10th February 1967.
Departed Savamui/ Nebike 0800 and arrived Mafoka 1200. Unable to
proceed due to Flooded Rhinebrock River.
- Saturday 11th February 1967.
1200 departed Mafoka when Rhinebrock had gone down. Arrived Ansuku
1330 in drizzle
- Sunday 12th February 1967.
Censused and inspected village. Talked with local gold-miner who
is shortly going to instruct people from Mori and Mafoka in the
finer arts of gold mining. Talked with councillor and men re work
on road and new village.
- Monday 13th February 1967.
Departed Ansuku 0830. Arrived Kaiye 1130. Census taken and village
inspected.
- Tuesday 14th February 1967.
Departed Kaiye 0800 Arrived Kurundu 0845. Census taken and village
inspected. Majority of village under reconstruction. Gold samples
seen.
- Wednesday 15th February 1967.
Departed Kurundu 0830 for Barrira/Drome. Arrived 1430 in heavy rain.
- Thursday 16th February 1967.
Census conducted in morning. Talks with various people about rice,
copra, cattle, coffee, gold and road works. Village inspected.

- Friday 17th February 1967.
Departed Drome/barira for Walwali at 1000 after rain ceased. Arrived Walwali 1100. Talks re road, census taken, and villiage inspected. 1600 departed for Coinare arriving at 1630.
- Saturday 18th February 1967.
Census taken, villiage inspected. Talked with gold miners and shown samples of their finds. Encouraged their good work on road construction.
- Sunday 19th February 1967.
Observed.
- Monday 20th February 1967.
0930 departed Coinare after rain ceased. Arrived Nengian 1045. Census taken, villiage inspected. Talked re roads and coconuts, many of which have been planted near the villiage.
- Tuesday 21st February 1967.
0800 Departed Nengian for Po. Arrived Po 1030. Census conducted and villiage inspected. Coffee gardens seen.
- Wednesday 22nd February 1967.
Departed Po after rain had ceased. Arrived Arop via walking track and canoe trip. at 1300. Arop 1 censused and villiage inspected by 1630.
- Thursday 23rd February 1967.
Censused Arop 11 and inspected villiage by 1200. Visited Arop mission school now under construction.
- Friday 24th February 1967.
Departed Arop for Malol by paddle canoe. Arrived Malol 1230 Census begun during morning afternoon.
- Saturday 25th February 1967.
Census continued during morning. Departed Malol for Sissano 1200 and arrived Sissano 1600.
- Sunday 25th February 1967.
Observed at Sissano.
- Monday 7th February 1967.
At Sissano
- Tuesday 28th February 1967.
Departed for Rano to conduct census and returned in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 2st March 1967.
Departed for Serra with Constable Evara per motor bike. Census taken, villiage inspected. Returned to Sissano 1500
- Thursday 2nd March 1967.
At Sissano.
- Friday 3rd March 1967.
Began census of Sissano villiage in the late morning.
- Saturday 4th March 1967.
Morning census continued and villiage inspected.
Patrol Completed.

Reception of Patrol

This patrol was well received in small villiages which it visited. The inland villiages, where contact is not as great as it is on the coast, were verky happy to have the patrol overnight.

Villiages

Standard and Type of Housing.

Housing in most villiages was quite good, but one or two people in most villiages let the appearance of the rest of the villiage down. The houses are constructed on piles with limbon floors and pungal walls throughout the area. Most councillors seem to be pressing the people to maintain a good standard of housing without being told by a patrol first.

Advantages or Disadvantages of Villiage Sites.

Samo villiage is still being extended away from the oncoming Rhinebrook River as is Mafoka. The villiages of Agvamui and Nebike which earlier had combined have now shifted their villiage to new site, which is that of the old Mori site. Anaku Villiage has moved a short distance downstream from their old site.

stream from their old site, so that they are now on the new road which they are constructing.

Water Supply

Water supply in this area is gradually improving with the construction of wells and water tanks in many of the coastal and near coastal villages.

Cleanliness, Hygiene, and Sanitation.

The worst offenders in this sphere are the villages of Arop and Sissano although an improvement can be seen. The other villages in this area make a good attempt to keep their places clean.

Village Officials.

The village officials throughout this area are councillors of the Siyu Local Government Council. The attitude of the councillors that they are dictators is seen still in most parts of the area, but not as prevalent as it has been. No complaints about councillors were brought to my attention during this patrol.

Outline of Political Situation.

The West Coast Inland area of the Sissano Administrative area have now been under council influence for nearly two years. The people are still vague about the aims and operation of the council, but are learning slowly.

A roster system of sending people from various villages to Aitepe to earn money to pay their taxes, introduced previously is still working well. People throughout the area are having little difficulty in meeting their tax commitments.

As was the case during the last patrol to this area, the councillor from Amuku is having difficulty in amply covering his ward, which consists of Mafoka, Amuku, Kaka-ene, Karundu, Kaiye, Kalau is now administered from Lusi Sub District. After discussions with the people of Mafoka, the councillor of Amuku and the A.D.C. Mr. Roach it is recommended that the old Amuku ward be now made to consist of Amuku, Karundu, and Kaiye. The village of Mafoka to be included in the ward of the Mori councillor.

There is no co-operation or co-ordination between the people of Sissano and Warapu. The councillors of the two places are continually at one another's throat via the O.I.C. of the patrol post. During my stay at the patrol post the lack of co-operation was obvious when building of a teachers house was in progress. On rare occasions only was it possible to get men from both villages working at the same time on the project.

Agriculture.

As the patrol was conducted during the wet season no copra was being produced, and it appears that very little is produced even in the dry. Perhaps with direct and reliable communications with Aitepe all year round this situation could change. As with copra, very little coffee is being produced. Many coffee gardens seen by this patrol were ~~was~~ ever grown with grass. Instructions were left for these gardens to be cut.

Live Stock.

The cattle project at Drome has the backing of the people and they are very keen to see it prosper.

At Malol there is a mission backed cattle project involving the whole Malol village.

Commerce and Industry.

Trade Stores.

There are several trade stores within the Sissano and Warapu villages. These are independent or group activities.

Tramways

Transport.

There are two native owned and operated motor canoes, one at Sissano and one at Warapu. These canoes are available for charter work and are on occasions hired by the government.

There are powered dingies owned by the missions at Malol and Sissano, which operate in the canal between Malol and Sissano.

Fishing.

This activity still provides only a small cash income through sales to both mission and government personnel.

Mining.

Gold mining is undertaken in a small way at Asuku, Karundu, Kaiye, Drome, and Walwali. Small samples were seen in these villages. A person from Asuku stated that he would go to Mori and Mafoka to teach the people there how to pan for gold.

Complaints.

There were several complaints settled out of court by mutual agreement.

Courts

Nil courts heard. One sent to Aitape for hearing.

Rest Houses.

There are rest houses and police quarters in all villages bar Walwali. The rest house at Geinere serves for Walwali. Some rest houses are becoming old, but the councillors of these villages assure me they will be replaced before they become dangerous.

Carriers.

No difficulties occurred in obtaining carriers or the hiring of canoes. Standard rates were paid throughout.

Health.

Health was good throughout. It seems that the people are making good use of the numerous aid posts in the area. These aid posts are situated at Serra, Sumoŷo Ramo, Barira, Geinere, Arop, Maloland Warapu.

Leprosy is prevalent in all villages.

Education and Missions.

There are mission schools at Sissano, Warapu and Malol. There is at Sissano an administration Primary "T" school.

The mission carries out infant welfare work at Sissano, Warapu, Serra, Arop, Po and Ramo.

Catechist classes are run by the mission in all villages at various times.

At Drome there is a priest who caters for the needs of the majority of the inland villages. Sissano is staffed by a priest and five nuns. Malol is staffed by a priest and two lay workers who teach at the school.

Roads and Bridges.

At the present time there is being constructed a vehicular road from the Aropore landing to Aitape. This road is in various stages of construction. The most progressive part is that between Aropore and Ramo which is being constructed by the Warapu people. A full report of road development and construction

and construction was submitted by me in December last year and covers this topic in detail.

Patrol tracks had been cut for this patrol and were in quite good condition considering the time of the year.

Airfields.

The mission maintains air strips at Drome and a suitable strip for Cassas is at Siseano

Census.

A census revision was conducted in all villages. Village population registers are attached for all villages.

Education. (continued)

While on patrol I sought the opinion of people of the area around Drome, Sume, Rame as to the establishment of an administration school. The people are eager to have a school in their area. The people of Rame, in my absence marked out a very large area of land on which they wish the school to be built. I have seen the site they have marked out and it appears quite adequate for any school area. The area is free from marshy ground and is on the line of the proposed road to Aitape from Siseano.

The other to whom I spoke would like to see a school in the close vicinity of their village, but the school would not be as central as if it were placed at Rame. The other villages could not supply such a good site.

J. Kabisch
J. Kabisch.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Hot Coast

(Folio No. 1.)

Birth Rate = 7.2 per 100

Death Rate = 1.3 per 100

Year 67 Month February Natural Increase = 2.7 per 100

VILLAGE	Day of Month	DEATHS												BIRTHS	MIGRATIONS			
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over			IN		OUT	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F
31	Feb												3					
32	Feb II												16					
33	Feb I												17					
34	Feb (over)												2					
35	Feb (over)												2					
36	Feb I												1					
37	Feb (over)												2					
38	Feb (over)												1					
39	Feb (over)												2					
40	Feb (over)												1					
41	Feb (over)												1					
42	Feb (over)												1					
43	Feb (over)												1					
44	Feb (over)												1					
45	Feb (over)												1					
TOTALS				9	10	1	11	1	11	7	15	17	16	34	17	5	12	32

VILLAGE	Day of Month	ABSENT WORKERS				ABSENT				STUDENTS									
		Inside District		Outside District		Government		Mission		Government		Mission							
		Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult						
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F						
31	Feb			1	1	1	1	2	3	4	1								
32	Feb II	14	13	9	3	2	1	2	1	6									
33	Feb I	5	11	17	10	3	1	3		3									
34	Feb (over)	5	4	3	16	3	2	6	1	2	1	13	2						
35	Feb (over)			4	2			1		2	1								
36	Feb (over)	1	1	7	2					3									
37	Feb (over)	3	1	15	11			2	11	8									
38	Feb (over)			3	6	2				1	6	5							
39	Feb (over)			1	4	2				1	2								
40	Feb (over)			1	2	2	8	10											
41	Feb (over)			6	5	7	2	17	8		2								
42	Feb (over)			4	2	2	1	12	2		1	2							
43	Feb (over)			4	2	10	7	23	10		1								
44	Feb (over)			4	9	6	1	20	2		1	1							
45	Feb (over)					4	1												
TOTALS		119	40	154	74	19	24	26	47	7	1	7	40	14	36	1	27	4	14

VILLAGE	Day of Month	POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF CENSUS												TOTALS, inc. ABSENTEES		GRAND TOTAL	Average size of Family
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over		Child	Adult		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
31	Feb	5	7	11	13	4	8	26	4	2	20	31	24	127			
32	Feb II	6	7	31	20	22	19	17	40	61	23	10	31	152	404		
33	Feb I	17	12	45	25	23	40	33	113	22	27	22	12	174	444		
34	Feb (over)	30	15	20	75	9	58	21	41	35	26	7	33	232	1,235		
35	Feb (over)	5	3	14	14	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	32	140		
36	Feb (over)	2	1	7	6	9	5	2	12	13	3	2	2	24	31		
37	Feb (over)	7	3	10	12	3	11	7	6	3	10	7	3	32	132		
38	Feb (over)	6	7	27	23	26	28	17	17	13	11	22	77	224	219		
39	Feb (over)	4	4	10	12	14	14	7	10	11	11	16	14	44	209		
40	Feb (over)	3	6	16	13	9	18	10	23	24	11	11	17	32	237		
41	Feb (over)	3	6	24	29	23	27	19	43	61	18	7	20	73	366		
42	Feb (over)	3	10	13	13	18	7	7	20	24	16	12	20	21	256		
43	Feb (over)	2	7	10	13	30	12	9	10	33	11	17	27	32	306		
44	Feb (over)	3	9	18	16	22	11	3	24	41	9	17	21	25	277		
45	Feb (over)	1	4	10	14	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	20	174		
TOTALS		101	93	323	223	233	263	163	403	63	63	83	32	3,019			

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

(Folio No. 1.)

Birth Rate = per 100

Death Rate = per 100

Year 67 Month February

Natural Increase = per 100

VILLAGE	Day of Month	DEATHS												BIRTHS	MIGRATIONS				
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over			IN		OUT		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
31	<i>Ujan (Male) 24th</i>				1							1			5			1	3
32	<i>Apuken ("") 24th</i>				1	1						1			7	8		1	1
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TOTALS					1	2					2	1			7	13		1	4

VILLAGE	Day of Month	ABSENT WORKERS						ABSENT				STUDENTS							
		Inside District			Outside District			Inside the District		Outside the District		Government		Mission					
		Child	Adult	M	Child	Adult	M	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult				
		M	F	M	M	F	M	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
31	<i>Ujan (Male) 24th</i>		4				5												1
32	<i>Apuken ("") 24th</i>	4	3	6	3	2	1	2	2										1
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TOTALS		4	3	10	3	2	1	2	2										1

VILLAGE	Day of Month	POPULATION IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF CENSUS												TOTALS, inc. ABSENTEES		GRAND TOTAL	Average size of Family
		Under 1 Year		1-5 Years		6-10 Years		11-15 Years		16-45 Years		46 and over		Child	Adult		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
31	<i>Ujan (Male) 24th</i>	5	11	7	13	15	7	13	27	35	7	9	31	40	44	44	
32	<i>Apuken 24th</i>	7	8	28	21	21	24	23	15	45	56	11	15	88	72	98	78
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TOTALS		7	13	33	28	34	33	36	28	72	29	18	24	119	115	142	122



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WSET SEPIK Report No. 5/1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by A.A. Brodie, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Aitape Inland/Local and Islands Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Three members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 26 / 5 / 19 67 to 9 / 6 / 19 67 (Broken)

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 / 19 65.

Medical 4 / 19 64.

Map Reference Patrol Map attached.

Objects of Patrol Census/Common Roll revision, Council and Election education, Routine Administration.

Director of 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

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-1-3
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration.
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
1st November, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 5/66-67

The above report of P.O. Mr. Brodie's patrol of the Aitape Inland, Local and Islands with comments by the ADC Aitape are forwarded herewith.

I offer the following comments:

Native Affairs: If some of the more progressive people of the Karamé, Kara-Ausi, Seiyum and Yongite villages can be induced to settle on their own land in a more accessible and fertile area near Lupai it will be a good thing for them. Before such a move is sanctioned the land ownership matter will have to be thoroughly investigated. Being mountain people their health, particularly as regards malaria will have to be safeguarded. The Aid Posts at Pes or Goiniri may be able to cope. As you know plans are afoot to launch a re-settlement scheme in the nearby Pes area, which has a proved agriculture potential. These people could probably be resettled on their own land, if they so wish, as part of the broad resettlement scheme.

The report on cargo cult activity has been shown to the Special Branch Officer at Vanimo.

If the Siau Council resolves to have an additional ward created consideration will be given to having this proclaimed in November.

The name of Yanape has been connected with cargo cult activity in the Lumi Sub-District for many years. He intended to stand for the Lumi open electorate at the last elections but was too late in getting his nomination in. His influence is reported to have waned in recent years.

Agriculture and Livestock: As suggested by the ADC the Catholic Mission inspired cattle scheme will have to be rationalised and controlled if it is to succeed. The Chief of Division (Livestock) D.A.S.F. is conferring with the Mission on this matter.

Mr. Brodie has submitted a satisfactory report of a short patrol. In view of the importance of the subject at this time he could have expanded his section on political education. We must know how well the people are assimilating the considerable volume of material we are directing at them.

D. J. Clancy
D. J. Clancy,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Sub District Office,
Aitape, West Sepik District.

28th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
Newak.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 5/66-67.

Enclosed please find a well presented patrol report covering field days spent by Patrol Officer Brodie in the Aitape Sub District. Apart from amendment of the common roll the main object of the patrol was to check on Cargo Cult activity reported to you in May and June. They delay in presentation of the report has been occasioned by the end of financial year audit and accounting for the Siau Local Government Council. As advisor Mr. Brodie has carried out a complete audit, checked taxes and assisted the clerk in balancing, preparing financial statements in readiness for the revised estimates. Anything arising from the patrol has already been passed on to you in appropriate reports.

The obvious felt need for population re-distribution or resettlement is evident in the inland Pes/Lupai area. I know the settlement of Lum' people is growing rapidly and others in the area are keen to start something.

I suggest that in November when you amend the Council proclamation to allow for an extended term of office to cover the period of the House of Assembly elections you amend ward boundaries to include another ward if this is resolved by an earlier meeting of Council.

Although there are no outward manifestations of Cargo Cult thinking the very fact that people in those villages seem to lean towards YANEPE indicates their inner thoughts. He has been 'king of the cargo' round Fatima for years.

The Medical Assistant, Mr. Hall will be approached on the matter of the change in siting of the Kapoan Aid Post. Surely though, this should come from the Councillor of Kapoan who is not one of the better elected members.

It is indeed a pity that the P.W.D. equipment at Aitape has been unserviceable for up to 9 months. I know the Siau/Waungngi people would volunteer free labour to spread gravel along their road if the tractors were working. When the grader arrives it should treat the Waungngi road as a priority job.

The cattle scheme at Pes whereby there is a community sharing of of costs, work load and 'profits' between hundreds of scattered village people is outside DASP policy and more or less in the realm of fantasy. The idea of a 'beast for every family' is impracticable and would only repeat the pig problem on a larger scale. Cattle raising must be restricted to a few of the hardier working, more productive and influential members of the community or on controlled re-settlement blocks.

Allowance claims are included.

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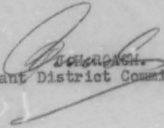
Sub-District Office,
Aitape,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.
Sub District Office,
Aitape,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.
8th May, 1967.

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Mr. A.A.Brodie.
Patrol Officer,
Aitape,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.

Patrol Instructions - Ait. No.5/66-67.

1. Please prepare to patrol the Aitape Local Inland and Islands Census Divisions.
2. Aitape Inland division consists of the villages of AISERAP; BES; KAPOAM; KARA-AUSI; KARAIPE; LUPAI; MAROK; PALAWA; PULALUL; SBIYUM; SIAUTE; YONGITE; WAUNINGI; TELES and LANFU.
3. Aitape Islands consists of ALLI; SELEO; ANGEL; TUMLEO and YABOL.
4. Complete the 1967/ census and amend the Census Register.
5. Take with you a copy of the Common Roll and amend the Roll for use in the 1968 elections. I suggest amendments be loose leafed in the roll and brought back to Aitape for insertion in the main copy.
6. Preliminary education and publicity on the forthcoming elections would not be out of place at this stage.
7. Check on any Council projects completed and suggest maintenance required. Your advice to the Council on proposed 1967/68 projects especially in the matter of wells etc. would be helpful.
8. Check on reports of Cargo Cult type of rumours that appear to be floating around the KAPOAM area.
9. DO. (L.G.) Mr Bridges will be at Aitape with the Shell Co. representative on 20/5/67 so you should make sure you are here for these discussions. Arrange to attend any Council meeting, as well.
10. Check on road maintenance work and carry out any routine Administration, Court Work etc. at your discretion.


Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
Aitape,
West Sepik District.
July 25th, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Aitape.

Aitape Patrol No. 5 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by:	A.A.Brodie, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:	Aitape Local/Inland and Islands Census Divisions.
Personell Accompanying:	Three members R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol:	May 26th, 1967 to June 9th, 1967. (Broken)
Last Patrol to Area:	D.D.A. - March, 1965. P.H.D. - April, 1964.
Objects of the Patrol:	1. Census/Common Roll revision. 2. Council and Election education. 3. Routine Administration.
Map Reference:	Patrol Map attached.

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Introduction.

The primary aim of this patrol was Census and Common Roll revision in the Aitape Local/Inland Census Division and the Aitape Islands Census Division.

The Aitape Local/Inland Census Division is bounded by the Nigia/Raihu Rivers to the East, the Torricelli Mountains to the South, the Yalingi River to the West and the Pacific Ocean to the North. The Aitape Islands Census Division consists of four off-shore islands, Tumleo, Ali, Seleco, Angel and the villages of Yakoi and Raihu.

Matters of immediate importance have been reported to yourself at the time the patrol was stood down, while dissemination of news and information was by means of verbal communication.

Patrol Diary:

Refer attached F.O.J. folios.

The patrol departed to Aitape at 0800, 28th August 1963. The patrol proceeded to the Aitape Local/Inland Census Division and the Aitape Islands Census Division. The patrol visited the villages of Raihu, Yakoi, Tumleo, Ali, Seleco, Angel, Raihu, and Yakoi. The patrol conducted a census and common roll revision in these villages. The patrol also conducted a census and common roll revision in the Aitape Islands Census Division. The patrol also conducted a census and common roll revision in the Aitape Islands Census Division. The patrol also conducted a census and common roll revision in the Aitape Islands Census Division.

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Native Affairs.

The people of the Inland Division area seem reasonably contented, although the smaller villages of Karaité, Kara-Ausi, Seiyun, Yongite and Lupai show little signs of the vitality and sophistication that is found in the villages within close propinquity of the Aitape station. Distance and poor communications play a large part in this, together with a definite lack of economic potential.

Discussions were held with these villagers with reference to their combining and establishing a single village site, probably close to the present Lupai village site. The soil in this area seems far more productive than that around the present scattered village sites, which would provide for some economic activity such as coffee or copra; whilst the Lupai area is not far ~~XXXXXX~~ distant (approx. 5 miles) from the Wauningi - Aitape road. Each group claimed to have land in the area and a brief investigation of the claims did not expose any evidence to the contrary.

These discussions were received with enthusiasm by the people concerned, however no immediate reaction is anticipated. The matter was put to the people as a suggestion to better their lot, and the patrol stressed that although advice and assistance would be available in the event of their adoption of the suggestion, any decision would have to be reached by them.

The villages connected to Aitape by road, show signs of more economic and social awareness. This is especially ~~NEE~~ noticeable in Yakoi village, where housing tends to follow a spread out suburban style. These people, who in the main, formerly lived on Tumleo Island and migrated (and still are) to this coastal sector are particularly active in the economic sphere. Copra production is their main activity, although an appreciable proportion of their number follow occupations of a trade ~~number~~. There is a definite political and social awareness in Yakoi, far in advance of that found in other sectors of the Local/Inland Division.

Although extensive direct and indirect investigations were made into the reported 'cargo cult' activity in the KAPOAM area no signs of a cult activity were exposed. During enquiries reference was made to a previous cult activity, which had been dispensed with by the A.D.C., Aitape, in 1955.

Several people spoke of the cargo type ideas of a Lumi Sub-District village near FATIMA, also known as KAPOAM. It seems that the rumours of this Lumi village's activities have been attributed to the Aitape Local Division village of KAPOAM. The Situation at Kapoam/Fatima seems to be that the villagers expected material benefits from the ~~NEE~~ Diocesan celebrations held in Aitape during April this year. Radio reports that the Pope would visit Fatima (Portugal) were misconstrued and do not appear to have helped matters.

Council influence is more extensive in the Local than the Inland section of the Local/Inland Census Division. This of course is resultant of closer contact and access due roads and the relative closeness of the Local villages to the Station area. This section also bears tangible evidence of Council activities in the form of school buildings, aid posts, tractor services etc. The more inland villages will necessarily be omitted, to some degree, from Council projects because of their small populations and relative inaccessibility. From this point of view, their establishment as one group close to Lupai would be most beneficial to them.

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Native Affairs Cont'd.

The Councillors of the Inland/Local Division are fair representatives of their constituents. However it is felt that another Council ward should be created to cover the villages of Karaité, Seiyum, Yongite, Lupai and Wauningi. At present the Councillor from Yongite represents the above villages as well as Siaute, Pes, Marok and Aiserap. Much of his time is spent in and around the Siaute/Wauningi area.

The Aitape Islands Census Division is on the whole a fairly active area, with the Ali Islanders commanding the most notice. The Ali's have a pronounced tendency to travel far and wide, especially to Madang and seem to have definite intentions to develop themselves economically and socially. The present Councillor, although a genial old man, has little drive and it would be fair to say he commands little respect or authority. General feeling would suggest that he will not be re-elected to the Sisu Council and that a younger and more vital man will be found.

The Seleco/Angel Islanders seem to suffer greatly from the temporary absence of large numbers of their male population in places such as Madang. There also seems to be a tendency for these individuals, to seek work and live at Aitape, on their return.

The Tuleco Islanders are in many vital ways involved with their kin at Yakoi village and this causes a greater concentration of economic and social activities at Yakoi. As a consequence this Island is not particularly active in the social and economic spheres.

Talks with village populations 'en masse', on such topics as the forthcoming House of Assembly and Council Elections, economic development etc. were given. These were often followed by individual and small group discussions. Generally it appeared that the people were able to grasp the ideas of the patrol and showed in many instances (Ali, Yakoi) an ability to effectively discuss these.

It was noted that the Karaité, Seiyum, Yongite, and Lupai villages were talking of supporting a Fatima man, by name of YANEPE/KAMILUS, in the next House of Assembly elections.

There are now about eighty to one hundred people living at the ex-servicemen settlement area at AISERAGON, which is located approximately five miles from Aitape, on the Aitape/Wauningi road. It would appear that these people are there to stay and it is suggested that Census sheets etc., should be compiled for this group.

Several ~~MINOR~~ disputes of a minor nature were brought to the patrol for adjudication and were settled amicably. No matters requiring formal court action were brought to the patrol's attention.

Health and Hygiene.

The people of both Census Divisions appeared fairly healthy and aid posts seemed to be utilized where the service was provided. However the aid post established at KAPOAM 2 seems to be of little use now, as most of the Kapoam people live at YALNI (KAPOAM 1), which is approximately one half hour's walk from the RAIHU HANSEWIDE COLONY and thus when in need of medical assistance, they attend the Raihu Colony. The nearest village to the aid post is Kiriel (Paiawa hamlets) which is approximately one and a half hours walk away. The aid post would appear to be better situated at Kiriel where it would be of more service to Kara-Ausi also.

Health and Hygiene.

Village hygiene was generally fair in both Divisions. In most cases the villages of the Inland Division lacked sufficient and satisfactory latrines and instructions to rectify the situation were given, as necessary. Instructions were also given re disposal of general refuse. In all cases explanatory talks on the necessity for such action were given.

In the Aitape Local area village hygiene was at times below an acceptable standard. This was especially so in the villages of Teles and Lampu, where pigs roamed the village and slept under houses. The patrol reiterated Council regulations on this matter and yet again explained the health and hygiene problems associated with the situation.

Water supplies in both divisions appeared to be satisfactory. However there is much room for improvement and in this sphere the Council could do much by the provision of Spearpoint pumps and wells.

Education.

Both Census Divisions have fairly satisfactory educational facilities. These are provided by the Franciscan Mission and the Administration.

The children of the Inland division attend mostly Mission school, these being located at Pes and Aitape, while the children of the Local sector and Tumleo Island attend either the Aitape or the Yalingi 'T' schools. The Ali, Seleo and Angel children mostly attend the Mission operated Ali Primary school, while another 'T' school on Seleo Island provides more intensive education for a ~~few~~ small number of more advanced children from other Mission schools in the Aitape/Lumi Sub-Districts.

When completed and fully operational, the Siau Council backed Aitape Vocational School will be yet another step in providing good all round educational opportunities for the children of the Sub-District.

Village Housing.

Housing in the Inland sector was in certain villages unsatisfactory. Villages where instructions were given for repairs included Kapeoa, Kara-Ausi, Karaita and Siaute. Instructions for repair or replacement were also necessary in the Local sector.

Many Wauningi people approached the patrol and requested permission to move their village several hundred yards closer to the Yalingi River. They claim that the present site is unhealthy due to the tendency of rain water to remain on the surface of the ground after heavy rains. The new site, or proposed site, has a more sandy type soil and appeared much more suitable. The matter of a change in sites was left for the villagers themselves to decide.

Housing in the Islands Census Division is generally above average. Houses on Seleo, Angel and Tumleo were mostly of good construction and required little comment, while the houses on Ali Island were far above average. On Ali there are now six European style houses, several of which are superior to some Administration housing for European staff on the Aitape Station, and most certainly better in most instances than the Aitape compound housing.

The high standard of housing is due to the use of permanent materials such as cement, sawn timber, glass and roofing iron, together with new found skills and a definite pride of the individual. These houses and those that are under construction, are a monument to the Ali's determination to develop himself and rise above the basic subsistence level.

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Village Housing Cont'd.

The greater proportion of Ali houses are of course built of native materials, but even here things are changing. Many of the native material houses ~~REXXIXXX~~ incorporate features such as the iron roof and louvre windows.

Roads and Bridges.

Roads are non-existent in the Islands Census Division, and not important because of the small total area of the four islands. Water transport to connect the Islands with the mainland is of paramount importance.

There is approximately 40 miles of road, suitable for vehicular use in the Inland/Local Census Division. Moving inland from Kapoam in a half circle back to Wauningi, the roads are little more than bridle tracks. These were in fair condition and cut.

The Aitape-Wauningi road was in poor condition at the time the patrol passed through. Tractors only just managed to negotiate certain sections close to Wauningi. The new bridges installed by P.W.D. are a definite step towards bringing this road to a standard whereby it will be open during all seasons to most kinds of traffic, however there is a vital need to form and surface the road. A grader would be of great assistance here.

Wauningi

The Siaute/~~Wauningi~~ villagers were keen to work on the road and were advised that the provision of more adequate drainage would be a useful task for them to perform.

The Aitape/Yalingi road is in fairly good condition and only the small Tepier Hill section was difficult to negotiate. This road is maintained by the Sia Council under contract with P.W.D. The work required to bring Tepier up to standard is outside the terms of the Council contract and will, I understand, be undertaken by P.W.D. when the required materials arrive in Aitape.

Native Agriculture and Livestock.

Agricultural activity in the Inland section of the Inland/Local Division is substantially of a subsistence nature. The more inland villages from Kapoam to Lupai are in the main engaged in subsistence activities only. The main reason for this seems to be poor soil and inaccessibility, although with a greater population, the Lupai area should be able to develop cash cropping.

The villagers on the Wauningi/Aitape road are engaged in some cash cropping, mainly copra and coffees, however not to any great degree. Nevertheless, the seeds have been sown as it were, and together with all year vehicular access to markets at Aitape, this activity will substantially increase. Rice was in evidence at Wauningi, however the plantings were not extensive and the crop has yet to bear.

Other villages in the Local sector are fairly active in copra production, especially Yakoi, while there are also small plantings of coffee.

Livestock is limited to the inevitable village dogs while pigs are found mainly in the villages of Pultalul, Teles and Laspu. Several villages of this division have subscribed to the purchase of cattle from the Franciscan Mission. These cattle, five in number, are grazed in an enclosure at Pes. From conversations with the people of the villages involved, it would appear that as the cattle multiply to a sufficient number, several will go to each village. The whole scheme seems indefinite.

Island agriculture is almost entirely limited to copra production and much of the basic product is found on small coastal sections of the mainland, which are occupied by the Islanders.

Native Agriculture and Livestock.

Even the greater percentage of basic foodstuffs come from these mainland areas. A very minor percentage of the legumes etc. consumed by the Islanders are produced on the Islands themselves. Fish are an important part of the Islanders diet and abound in surrounding waters. There is a small trade in fresh and smoked fish with the mainland, which could become a profitable enterprise, however at present there is little or no activity.

Economic Activity.

The Aitape Inland sector is almost completely devoid of economic development. Cash cropping is non-existent and because of the small population factor and distance from markets, seems to have little chance of developing. The villages of Karaité, Seiyum and Yongite are engaged in gold production, but this is not great and is mainly limited to a few individuals. There is also a small trade in pig meat with Lumi villages, but this is of little importance in the economy and shows little promise for the future.

As mentioned previously in this report, the answer to this problem could be the combination of these village populations in an area close to Lupai, where the soil seems more productive and there are good prospects of a vehicular road link with Aitape.

The Local sector of the Aitape Inland/Local Census Division is developing well. Here the population as a whole seems to be attempting to take advantage of its resources and as a result cash cropping is developing quickly. Of course roads are an important factor in this development. It is also of note that a fair percentage of the population in this ~~XXXXXXXX~~ sector, especially Yakois, work as skilled ~~XXXXXXXX~~ tradesmen and semi-skilled labourers on the Aitape station.

The main economic activities of the Islands Census Division are fishing and copra production. The fish are either smoked and sent to the Council market, or frozen and subsequently sold in Aitape and Lumi. Boat building at Ili Island with the encouragement and advice of the resident priest, Fr. Analem, is gaining importance; however is as yet limited to a few individuals.

Many of the Islanders find employment at Aitape with the Administration, Mission and Private Enterprise and because of the small areas of land owned by the Islanders, this pattern will probably become more definite in the future. Many of this group also find employment on coastal vessels.

There is a growing tendency for the Tumleo Islanders to engage in economic activities with their Yakoi kin and thus such of the Yakoi activity has a fair percentage of Tumleo participation.

Census/Common Roll.

A revision of the Census, allied with Common Roll revision was carried out in both Census Divisions. Details of the Census are shown as per the attached Village Population Register sheets attached to this report.

Conclusion.

The patrol was well received at all villages visited and no particular difficulties were encountered. More frequent patrolling of the area would be beneficial.

A. A. Brodie
A. A. Brodie,
Patrol Officer.

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Commissioner
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Sub-District Office,
Aitape, West Sepik District.

July 27th, 67.

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Aitape, West Sepik District.

July 27th, 67.

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Aitape, West Sepik District.

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July 27th, 67.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK / AITAPE Report No. 6 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by WAYNE HEATHCOTE PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled EAST COAST C.D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 CONST. POLICE

Duration—From 8 / 5 / 66 to 14 / 5 / 66

Number of Days SEVEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JAN / 1966

Medical NOV / 1965

Map Reference FOURMIL OF TADJI

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, NGITRO MATAPAU, YAKANUL.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25/5/1966.

E. C. G. G. G.
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

67-8-63

22nd July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO.6/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-2 of the 19th May, 1966, together with Mr. Heathcote's patrol report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Roach have been noted.
3. Mr. Heathcote spent only a few days among the Yakanul people, but seems to have completed the tasks set him and has submitted a detailed and interesting report.
4. I am pleased to note that the people are making some effort to help themselves.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram

Our Reference 67-3-2. 40
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
Wewak.
26th May, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Aitape.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 6.65/66.

Please thank Mr. W. Heathcote for his patrol report.

The N.G.L.T.R.O. reports have been forwarded to Headquarters.

It is pleasing to note that something is now being done by these people to help themselves. The canoe will be able to carry considerable quantities of copra during the good season. Has anything been done by the Department of Agriculture to assist these people with the establishment of copra dryers.

I still think that the proposal put forward some three or four years ago on the construction of four or five really well built storage sheds for copra should be reconsidered.

Not only could this stored copra be taken by canoe, but there are many times during the good season when it could be picked up by ship. Both the Sorengana and the Fatima Star do regular trips from Wewak to Verimo along that coast. Perhaps the Local Government Council would be interested in such a scheme.

I trust that the present attitude of the Yakumul people will continue.

E. G. Hicks

E. G. Hicks.

Acting District Commissioner.

c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration,
Kororobu.



Telegrams

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On Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik West.

19th May, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 6/65-66.

4. Enclosed please find two copies of Aitape Patrol Report No.6 1965/66 to part of the Aitape East Coast census Division.
2. The matter of the Aitape / Yakumul road was discussed during a recent visit by Mr. Wearhe. Should the proposal for a contract over this section to be let in the near future eventuate (and this at the moment is doubtful) the coastal area should develop rapidly. The Council Office should be in operation in the near future.
3. The Extension Officer (DSAF) based at Aitape will patrol the area next week.
4. A Health Educator from P.H.D. moves out into this area today on general Health Education and Aid Post Inspection.
5. The matters associated with N.G.L.T.R.O. have been dealt with under separate memo.
6. I have written to District Inspector of Schools on the matter of another teacher for Yakumul in the forthcoming New Year.
7. Given the opportunity, if the present Yakumul attitude is typical, the people on the coast are moving ahead.
8. There are no further comments required of this patrol under this reference.

J. H. ROACH.

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub District Office,
AITAPE.
18th May, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
AITAPE.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO 6 OF 1966/67.

Please find enclosed three copies of the
above mentioned patrol report covering my recent patrol
to the Aitape East coast.

Claim for camping allowance and a patrol map
is attached.

Also enclosed are investigation reports of
the N.G.L.T.R.O YAKAMUL and MATAPAU.

W. Heathcote

W. HEATHCOTE P.O.

67-1-2

Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik West.

5th May, 1966.

Mr. W.H. Heathcote,
Patrol Officer,
Aitape.

AITAPE PATROL No. 6/65-66

1. Please prepare to visit coastal villages along the Aitape East coast. You should be able to hire the "apapu canoe for the patrol.
2. Please complete an investigation under N.G.L.T.R.O. for YAKAMUL Mission ground and try to uncover the alleged WATAPAU mission lease.
3. Check on a recent report of 'a wave of unrest' along this coast due to proposals over the Aitape/Wewak road.
4. Please return to Aitape in time to complete outstanding work and leave for the Mt. Hagen Sub Encumbrators' Course on 19th May, 1966.


J.H. ROACH.

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL NUMBER 6 of 1966/67.

AREA PATROLLED : AITAPE EAST COAST AREA.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : WAYNE HEATHCOTE P.O.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 2 CONST. POLICE.

DURATION : SEVEN DAYS - 8/5/66 to 14/5/66

OBJECTS OF PATROL: NGLTRO work MATAPAU, YAKAMUL.
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

PATROL DIARY.

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Sunday, 8th May 1966.

Departed Aitape 0930 per WARAPU motor canoe. Passed YAKAMUL 1900 and arrived ULAU 1630. Patrol cargo offloaded and sent ashore. Camp set up. Remained overnight.

Monday, 9th May 1966.

Talks with village people over various matters including possibility of building tractor road ULAU - SUAIN. Minor complaints heard. Departed ULAU 1150 by canoe and arrived SUAIN 1350. Cargo of floated and ashore. Camp set up. Talks with village Councillor.

Tuesday, 10th May 1966.

Departed SUAIN 0800 by canoe and arrived MATAPAU 0930. Spoke to people re supposed mission land and inspected same. One complaint heard. Departed for SUAIN 1230 arriving 1415. Village inspected. Overnight.

Wednesday, 11th May 1966.

Departed SUAIN 1000 after hearing two minor complaints. Walked along old army road towards ULAU. Reached DEIA 1120 thence to ULAU arriving 1230. Discussions with councillor and village leaders and mission father re proposed road. To SUAIN 1430 arriving 1630.

Thursday, 12th May 1966.

Departed 0930 and arrived YAKAMUL 1330. Camp set up. Afternoon spoke with councillor and minor disputes heard. Brief look at housing.

Friday, 13th May 1966.

0800. Walked to mission lease and commenced NGLTRO work. Boundaries checked and spoke with owners of land adjoining the mission lease to check whether any dispute. Inspected P.T. School and spoke with teacher. Departed YAKAMUL 1200 and arrived PAUP 1400. Camp set up. Discussions with councillor and village leaders.

Saturday, 14th May 1966.

Departed PAUP 1000, at LEMIENG 1200 for brief stay and then on to AITAPE arriving 1400. Patrol stood down.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol visited the area known as the Aitape East coast area, and in all visited a total of ten villages, all of which are situated right on the sea shore thus making them readily accessible for this brief patrol.

None of the inland villages in this C.D. were seen, firstly because of the fact that the patrol was basically interested in N.G.L.T.R.O. work at two of the coastal villages, and secondly because such villages had been visited by a patrol some few months before. Word was sent in to these villages that any problems or disputes could be brought to the nearest coastal villages to be dealt with by the patrol. However, none eventuated.

A native owned dugout canoe powered by a 6 H.P. inboard/ outboard diesel was used for the duration of the patrol, and proved quite economical. With the seas relatively calm no difficulties were encountered, and landings at each village caused no problem.

The last DDA patrol to the area was in January of this year, and was led by J.H.Roach ADC. Patrol purpose being to conduct elections for the SIAU Council together with general routine Administration.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs position in the area visited is, from all appearances, quite satisfactory. General attitude of the people towards the patrol was good and assistance, when needed, was freely given.

Overall, the people met on the patrol did not impress the writer, it would appear that they are rather a lazy, apathetic lot and it would seem that they are doing little to improve from this position. From all accounts it would appear that as things stand at the moment they are not interested in improving, mainly because of the fact that they have no means of shipping out any of their cash crops (their only source of income) and the fact that the road to Aitape has been promised for so long and nothing has ever been done about it.

Now that the SIAU Council is in full operation a way has been found to assist the people in shipping out their cash crops. A large outrigger canoe has been purchased together with a 9.5 H.P. diesel engine and this will be used to carry the cash crops from the village of production to Aitape. As soon as the engine is fitted to the canoe it will start making regular trips up and down the Aitape coast, and at this stage it appears possible that at least one trip a week will be made down the East Coast. As the canoe is capable of carrying between 20 - 25 bags of copra it will enable the people to obtain a ~~reasonable~~ reasonable income, so the position along the coast should improve. This was explained to the people concerned, and it is felt that once they see the canoe taking their copra out they will again start to work. The road down the coast will of course have a great effect on the people, and should cause their laziness and indifference to be cast aside, however, as it will be some years before this is started, one should not be at this stage, too optimistic.

The area is relatively quiet and very few complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol. Village councillors I feel have a big hand in this and it is assumed that a lot of the minor complaints are heard and settled by them. Councillors were informed as to just what their duties were.

AGRICULTURE.

(a) Subsistence.

Sago is the staple diet of the people of the East Coast area. This grows in large quantities and supplies are plentiful. This sago diet is supplemented by other food items such as yams, sweet potato, taro and bananas.

During the S/E season when the seas are calm large quantities of fish are caught, and this, together with pigs, bush pigeons, ~~and other birds~~ cassowary, and other bird life constitute the meat side of their diet.

(b) Economic.

Economic production at the present moment is practically nil, although it could be enormous. There are countless thousands of coconuts trees which are not being made use of at all, with the ~~nut~~ mature nuts just falling off and rotting on the ground. As stated in N/Affairs at present the people have no means of shipping their produce ~~so~~ cut so they deem it a waste of time to cut the copra, bag it up and then have it rot on them because of no means of shipping out. With the council canoe the shipping position will improve.

An Agriculture Officer is to visit this area next week and his report will be of interest.

HEALTH.

Health in the area visited was generally quite good, and only the minor cuts and sores were seen.

With aid-posts at SUAIN, ULAU, PAUP and formerly at LEMIBENG the health of the people should be good.

Draft estimates for the CIAU Council provide for an aid-post at YAKAMUL as well. and with that installed and staffed the area will be well provided for with health services.

LAW & ORDER.

As stated in Native Affairs the area is relatively quiet and only a few minor complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol. Most of these were of a trivial nature and were able to be settled on the spot.

No Local Court cases were heard.

EDUCATION & MISSIONS.

The Franciscan Mission has stations at SUAIN, ULAU and LEMLENG and, as is the case with most orders of the Catholic mission, they completely dominate and control the area. Their stations are centrally located, and nothing goes on that they do not know about. They were at one stage also at YAKAMUL, however, due to the peoples attitude they abandoned this site, and that village is now looked after from ULAU, though not very successfully. The YAKAMUL people do not seem at all concerned about the mission pulling out from their village, and indeed seem all the better for it.

Small schools are situated at these mission centres, all staffed by native teachers and although religion is the main item taught it does provide some schooling for the children of the area.

This year a Primary I School was started at YAKAMUL and the progress made since my last visit in January is simply amazing. Whereas then the site was all bush the YAKAMUL people have worked with a will and have since cleared the area and constructed a teachers house, two classrooms and a large playground. The YAKAMUL way of thinking towards the Administration has changed considerably and they are now anxious to help all they can. The school is staffed by a married native teacher who is doing an excellent job. He teaches 36 prep children in the morning and then 35 Standard I children in the afternoon so he really works well. He is happy in his job and stated that he is being well treated. It is hoped that next year an additional teacher can be sent to help him out.

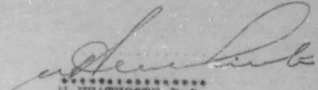
N.G.L.T.R.O.

The above was the main object of the patrol, and investigations were carried out at both MATAPAU and YAKAWUL. Nothing much could be done at MATAPAU as no map was held and the boundaries of the supposed mission land could not be ascertained. The MATAPAU people stated too that it was not mission land, that it had not been bought at any time and that they had no intention of giving it to them. After obtaining all relevant details the matter was closed.

The YAKAWUL mission lease posed no problems and the investigation was carried out. A report of this is on file 34-2-2. No doubt it will be forwarded.

CONCLUSION.

A routine patrol that posed no problems and encountered no difficulties. All objects of the patrol were achieved.


W. HEATHCOTE P.O.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P. & H.G.C.

ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

CONST. SOMCIGIRA NO 6630.

A quiet, dependable constable who works well. Conduct good.

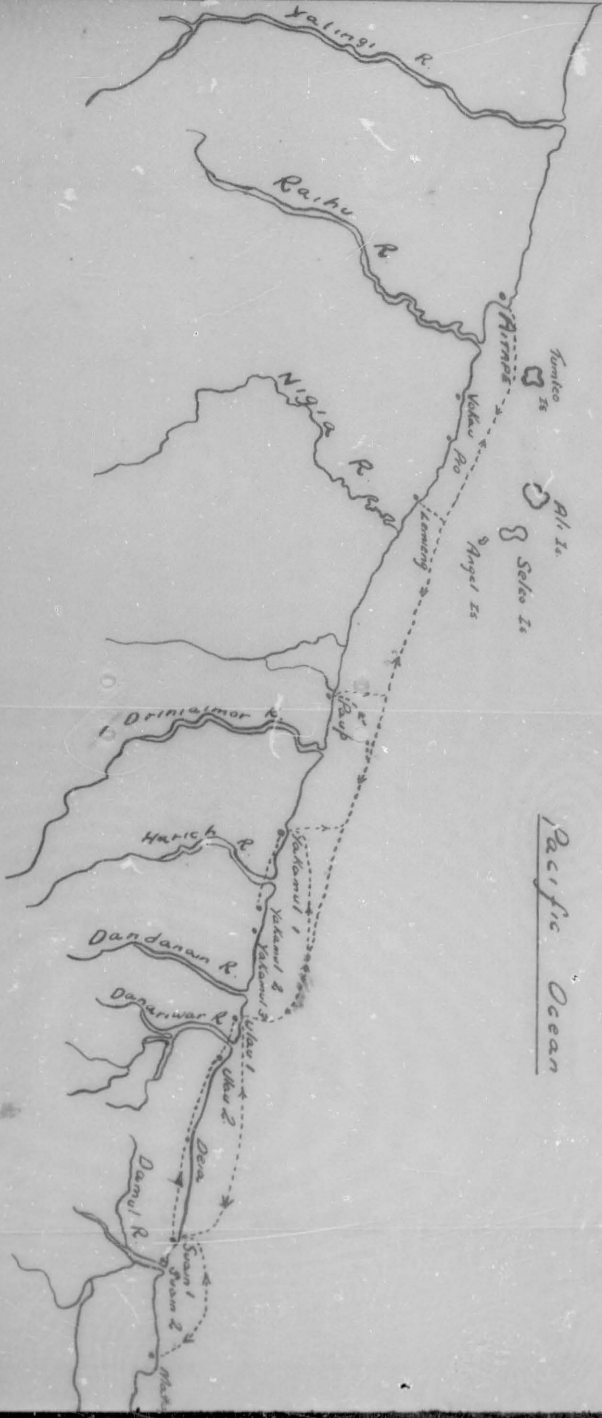
CONST. OETANG NO 11520.

A young constable who is learning by experience. A good and steady worker. Conduct good.

Map to accompany AIRSIDE P/R No 6 of 1966/67

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Pacific Ocean

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Patrol Route - - - - -



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