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May 4/2/69

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....**North Sepik**..... Report No. **IMONDA No 1/65-6**.....

Patrol Conducted by.....**L.W. BRAGGE**..... **Patrol Officer**.....

Area Patrolled.....**WAINA/SOWANDA CENSUS DIVISION**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **J. HAYES (EDUC. AMANAB)**.....

Natives..... **6**.....

Duration—From **25 8**...../19**65** to..... **2 9**...../19**65**.....

Number of Days..... **9**.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../ **7**...../19**65**.....

Medical / **1**...../19**65**.....

Map Reference..... **AITAPE FORMIL & BORDER SPECIAL SHEET 2**.....

Objects of Patrol..... **J. G. COUNCIL ELECTIONS & Routine Administration**.....

Director of District Administration,
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,
AMANAB,
Senik District.

27th September, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Senik District,
W E W A K.

WALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

AMANAB PATROL No. 1-65/6. - 67-8.16 (DPA)

IMONDA PATROL No. 1-65/6. ✓ 67-8.10.(D-DA)

Please find attached (i) report of Imonda Patrol No. 1-1965/6 conducted by Mr. L. Bragge P.O. to the Waina-Sowanda area:

(ii) report of Amanab Patrol No. 1-1965/6 conducted by Mr. P. Borok P.O. to the Imonda Local area; and

(iii) election statistics.

The primary object of these patrols was to initiate elections in the Walsa Local Government Council area which is comprised of the above two divisions and two villages of the Bembi division. Both officers conducted the patrols well and instituted electoral procedures and achieved the formation of the council without incident and without incurring rancour. The results of the elections have been well described in the accompanying reports.

It is a fact that the strictly precise manner of conducting these elections leads to some confusion on behalf of the villagers. In a totallu illiterate area such as this all voters must of necessity have their ballot papers filled in by the election officials - this is in effect a whisper ballot and thus far can be understood by the people. What is not understood is the subsequent placing of their votes in a locked red box and the final counting and recounting when the votes are taken out of the box. If the population was sufficiently sophisticated to grasp the concept of truly democratic procedures then it may be worth carrying out these functions as an electoral education exercise. In this area however such procedures become highly suspect and are interpreted as yet another act of an inexplicable and remote government. If there is any criticism of a councillor in the future I feel the people may well say that he is not their true choice because they did not know what was going on at the time of the elections.

It is realised that in border areas such as these it is our responsibility to carry out legal instructions to the letter in order that international criticism cannot be levelled, and it may well be that in the long run this is essential. The foregoing remarks have been offered in a constructive sense to acquaint you with local reaction to the elections.

The first meeting of the Council was held immediately after the elections and was a success. Office-bearers and

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Committees have been established and a preliminary estimates discussion has been held. The seventeen councillors have been included in the Adult Education Course and are en-route yours at the present time. It is suggested that a bias towards local government be made during the course.

The main bars to rapid progress are the mass illiteracy of the people and the difficulties of interpretation, and communication. Area administration through the Council will have much the same bases as previously - those of slow, patient explanation and consolidation. Despite the local retarding factors it is felt that the council has got off to as good as start as possible and the long period of patrolling and council propoganda preceding the elections has brought this about.

Statistical submissions as required by Divisions 20 and 21 of the Election Directions have already been sent to the Chief Electoral Officer, the Commissioner for Local Government, and the Regional Local Government Officer. Copies are attached for your information.

For your action and onward movement, please.

D.B. MOOREHOUSE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
INOWDA.



File: 67-3-15
District Office,
NEWAR.

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

9th November, 1965.

Your letter 67-8-10 of 2nd November 1965 refers.

E. G. Hicks
E. G. HICKS, *MDV.*
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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67-8-10

2nd November, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Bragge covered by your memorandum 67-3-15/67-3-1720 of 4th October 1965.

2. Your comments only were received and noted. Could you please forward a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.
3. Mr. Bragge accomplished the tasks set him quite ably and has submitted a full and informative report of all that took place during the initial Council elections of the Waisa Council.
4. Mr. Bragge showed a lot of tact and wisdom by not getting this patrol involved in any difficulty, when he realised that the Umeda group were showing signs of belligerency, owing to a recent wounding of a Funda man by two Umedas. This patrol had a special task to perform and Mr. Bragge rightly saw that it was accomplished without any untoward incident.

Another patrol can be mounted to investigate thoroughly the wounding of the Funda man.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

67-8-10

67-3-15/67-3-3/220

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
MEWAK.

4th October, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
AMANAB.



AMANAB - Patrol No. 1 - 65/66.
IMONDA - Patrol No. 1 - 65/66.

Thank you for the report of the above Patrol conducted by Mr. R.W. Bragge, Patrol Officer, covering the Walsa Council Elections.

Your comments have been noted and while agreeing with you in respect of the difficulty in conducting this type of election in the area concerned, it is a statutory requirement and as such must be persevered with.

E. G. Hicks

E. G. HICKS, *ls*
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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c.c. Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOHRODEU.

PREAMBLE

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	: Imonda
	: Amanab Sub District
	: North Sepik District
Patrol Number	: Imonda No 1/65-6
Patrol Conducted By	: L.W.Bragge Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled	: WAINA/SOWANDA Census Division
Patrol Accompanied By	: Mr J.Hayes, Presiding Officer (Of Educ. Amanab)
	: 5 members R.P.&N.G.C.
	: 1 Interpreter.
Duration Of Patrol	: Nine days 25/8/65 to 2/9/65
Last Patrols To Area	:
D.D.A	: July 1965
P.H.D.	: January 1965
D.A.S.F.	: January 1964
P.I.R.	: September 1965
Objects of Patrol	: Initial Walse Local Government Council Elections
	: Routine Administration
Map Reference	: AITAPE FORMIL
	: BORDER SPECIAL SHEET 2

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Patrol Diary - Imonda Patrol No 1/65-6

- 25th August 1965 Departed Imonda 0853 and proceeded over undulating country, arrived Umeda with carriers 1512. Talked with the few locals present re the aims of the Patrol. Radio contact with Amanab 1600. Inspected Aid Post buildings and two Umeda hamlets. Slept Umeda.
- 26th August 1965 Umeda people showed no signs of assembling before noon to make nominations, so proceeded to Sowanda No 1 at 1410 arriving at 1920. Radio contact with Green River at 1600. Talked with locals. Slept Sowanda No 1.
- 27th August 1965 People slow to assemble. Nominations closed 1530. Fr Cletus of C.W. Imonda arrived via Sowanda No 2 in early PM and advised that a group of Sowanda people had met him as they moved away from the patrol. They advised him of the patrol's presence. Polling commenced 1630. Slept Sowanda No 2.
- 28th August 1965 Polling closed 0800. Departed Sowanda 0830 arrived Sowanda No 2 0650 arrived Wiala 0920. Waited for Wiala people to assemble. Radio contact. Slept Wiala.
- 29th August 1965 Lulual arrived and provided Border Intelligence information, and complained that Sowanda No 2 people had broken into a house. Examined House. Rest of day observed. Slept Wiala.
- 30th August 1965 Nominations closed 0900 with one nomination. Polling commenced 0900 and completed 0930. Departed Wiala 0940 arrived Waina 1015. Nominations closed at noon. Polling commenced 1315. Inspected three Waina hamlets. Slept Waina.
- 31st August 1965 Polling closed 0800. Departed Waina 0840 arrived Umeda 1015. Closed nominations 1500, polling commenced after 1600 radio contact with Amanab. Lulual WIA made his anti Local Government feelings known. Slept Umeda.
- 1st September 1965 Polling continued until 0900. Departed Umeda 0920 arrived Funda 1015. Accepted nomination and commenced polling immediately as whole group assembled. Polling completed 1300. Talked with Funda people. Departed Funda 1330 arrived Umeda 1430. Investigated further the report of an assault on Fone of Funda by two Umeda men. Slept Umeda.
- 2nd September 1965 Departed Umeda 0740 proceeded nonstop to Imonda arriving 1203. Carriers arrived 1325 Slept Imonda Patrol stood down.

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INTRODUCTION

The basic aim of the patrol was to carry out the initial Local Government Council elections in this area of the Walea Local Government Council. This aim was achieved with the election of five councillors. These men accompanied the patrol back to Imonda for the first Council meeting. A second aim was to arrest two men from Umeda village who shot a man from Punda village with two arrows early in August. The patrol instructions emphasised that this was only to be done if it did not interfere with the elections in any way, and did not put the patrol in danger of being forcefully rejected in the area. No arrests were made as no one would admit knowledge of the whereabouts of the offenders, and any action taken could have resulted in violence from the people of UDAKABEI hamlet of the Umeda group. Luluai WIA of this hamlet gave the patrol a very cool reception, and was quick to state his anti Local Government views. Without doubt this Luluai knows where the two offenders, who are residents of Udukabei hamlet, are hiding.

The people of the Waina/Sowanda Census Division have a history of violence and several Administrative patrols have met difficulties in this area since the division was taken over from the Dutch in 1962. At the time of the take over, the Dutch official at Oebroeb described the area as no man's land. Since the take-over the area has been visited by many patrols, but the general political situation cannot be said to have changed very much. Patrols entering the area have to exercise special caution and it is set procedure for patrols to take a portable radio to maintain contact with Imonda or Amnab. Typical of the attitude of the people is the fact that the Sowanda people have never had a man in prison, and tend to go to violence to keep their record 'clean'.

Nevertheless the patrol was well received in the Census division on this occasion and no untoward incidents occurred.

L. W. Bragg
L. W. Bragg
Patrol Officer

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REPORT

OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTS

Reception of Patrol

1. The patrol was well received in all villages in the Waiya/Sowanda division. Generally the people were quick to provide food for sale to the patrol, and to provide carriers. Co-operation with the patrol was less marked at Umeda than in the other villages however.
2. The Umeda group consists of several hamlets. The population of one of these hamlets, Udakabei received the patrol with a noticeable degree of indifference. This was due to the fact that two Udakabei men wounded a Punda man with arrows, and fled to the bush, and the Udakabei people anticipated action to be taken by the patrol on this score. The patrol did not press the matter when signs of resistance became evident. Lulua WIA of Udakabei took the firmest stand. He said that he did not want a Local Government Council in his area, and that as a Lulua he was tired of coming and going at the beck and call of the Administration, and for that reason he would not stand for nomination as a candidate. He added that if Umeda had to have a Councillor, Punda village had to have one also.
3. It is noted that Wia has attended an Adult Education in Sewak, during which he visited the Local Government Chambers, so he does have some idea of what he is criticizing.
4. The remainder of the group showed their indifference by not appearing to vote, or to assist in the movement of the patrol.

Political Situation.

5. See above.
6. The people of this area can generally be described as happy friendly primitives. This is the case until the Administration tries to do anything concrete. To illustrate this the patrol was well received, but obtained very poor voting statistics, the people are just not interested in Local Government.
7. A patrol in this area met difficulties when an arrest was made at Sowanda in January. Due to this and the patrol instructions issued for this patrol (do nothing to interfere with the elections, and avoid anything that could cause a situation similar to the one in January) a difficult situation was encountered at Wiala.
8. The Wiala people were away from the village and returned when the patrol arrived. They discovered that a house had been broken into and a bow, several arrows and a large quantity of yams had been stolen. They suspected the Sowanda No 2 people, and a Sowanda man confirmed that several Sowanda No 2 men had boasted openly that they had broken in and stolen these things.
9. The Wiala people clearly expected Administration action to settle the matter, but in my own opinion, to have gone to Sowanda with the intention of either making arrests or ordering restitution, could have led to an attack on the patrol. Luckily on investigating further it was discovered that the Sowanda action was only retaliation for a similar act done by the Wiala people previously.
10. The Wiala people accepted this as settling the dispute, and thus the Administration was able to get out of the situation without loss of face. Nevertheless similar situations will arise in the future in which the reasoning 'Two wrongs make a right' will not apply.

ELECTORAL INFORMATIONWALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL(a) Type and duration of Pre-election Campaign.

1. This report covers only the Waina/Sowanda Census Division of the Walsa Local Government Council Area.
2. The pre election campaign in this area was conducted by all B.D.A. patrols visiting the area between the original survey patrol in August 1964 and the Initial Election patrol conducted in August and September, 1965. The campaign took the form of discussions on Local Government and political education.
3. The people of the area concerned are primitive and little if any of the discussion was absorbed by them. There is no evidence of campaigns by individual persons seeking nomination as a candidate.

(b) Mode of Election

4. The elections were carried out as directed by the Chief Electoral Officer's hand book.
5. An Assistant Returning Officer lead the patrol so that the poll could be declared on the completion of polling. This was felt necessary as a delay while the papers were forwarded to the Returning Officer would have made the election extremely difficult for the people to understand, and would probably have resulted in their losing interest in the election. The second officer on the patrol was a presiding officer.
6. Nominations were closed one hour before the commencement of polling in all villages with the exception of FUNDA, as the people were all assembled when Nominations closed and would have dispersed if an hour delay in commencement of polling had occurred. Polling was generally left open over night so any voters who returned to the village at night had the opportunity to vote.
7. As the people of the Division are illiterate it was necessary for the Presiding Officer record each individuals' choice on the ballot papers. The ballot paper was then folded with the Assistant Returning Officer's initial outwards. The voter then deposited the ballot paper in the ballot box which was placed in view of the village people.
8. Ballot was secret to the extent that only the Assistant Returning Officer, Presiding Officer and voter knew how a vote was cast.

(c) Feminine Interest in Elections.

9. The figures of the statistical return give a true indication of feminine interest in the elections. Generally interest was only slight, and no women were nominated as candidates.
10. Due to the primitive nature of the people, and their recent difficult relations with the Administration not very many women or children were seen by the patrol, especially in the villages of Sowanda and Waina, and some Umeda hamlets.

(a) Incidents If Any.

11. See paragraph 2 (Reception of the Patrol). This could hardly be called an incident, and should be regarded as a minor group's show of independence which is due to the fear of Administration action against the men responsible for shooting FOME of Funda.

No other incident occurred.

(e) Absenteeism

12. No one was entered in the unavoidably absent column as no one in the division is employed outside the division and no one is hospitalized. Also, no instance was quoted to the patrol of aged or sick persons unable to reach the polling centres.

13. Approximately half of the eligible voters in the Division failed to vote. This is typical of this group of people. They are happy to be left alone, and although they generally tolerate the presence of Administration patrols, they tend not to co-operate when the Administration tries to take any concrete action.

14. These people all had at least two days notice of the patrol's intention to conduct polling in their villages so it can be assumed all groups were aware of the patrol's presence. To illustrate this, the patrol was visited at Sowanda by Fr. Clotus Poale of the Catholic Mission at Imonda. He advised that he had met a group of Sowanda people going the other way, not only were they aware of the patrol's presence, they told him of it.

ANALYSIS OF STATISTICS

The outstanding feature of the statistics is the high percentage of the eligible voters who failed to vote, especially the women. An explanation of this is given above.

See Comments above re absentees. The acceptance of some people as absentees on the ground that they were away in distant gardens would have improved the voting figures somewhat, but in my opinion this would result in a needless distortion.

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SUMMARY

The Waina/Sowanda people have little idea of what Local Government is, and at present little interest in it. On the brighter side however the men selected are keen, and seem to have authority in their own villages. The people of this area are generally reluctant to visit Imonda, but all five councillors were happy to accompany the patrol back to the station for the first meeting. Several men came as well, half a dozen of whom stayed one week at Imonda.

Active participation in a Council could be the means by which the people of the Waina/Sowanda division begin to identify themselves with the Administration, and the Imonda station.

It was thought that due to interpretation difficulties, the five councillors would be somewhat left out of Council Meeting activities. However they started well at the first meeting and voted as a group to elect Councillor Pwai of Funda as a member of the three man finance committee.

Pwai speaks a little pidgin, and is young and keenly interested. He should be successful in representing the Waina/Sowanda interest in the Finance Committee. If he is a success, with the ~~PROMOTION~~ ^{PROMOTION} this success could be felt by all five councillors from the area.

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Law and Justice

11. With reference to paragraph 2, the two offenders have been named in the village books of Funda and Umeda with a request for arrests to be made if the situation allows it at a future date.

Councillor Pom is from another sub group within the Umeda group and has agreed to try to find the men and either bring them to the station, or send a request for a patrol to come and arrest them.

Local Government

12. See Appendix 2.

L. W. Bragge
Patrol Officer.

WALSLEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Officers Supervising Elections;

Assistant Returning Officers: L.W. Bragge

Presiding Officers: J. Hayes

Date of Elections: 26th August to 1st September, 1965.

Date Elections Due: August/September, 1965.

(1) Village	(2) Total Popn.	(3) No. persons on roll.		(4) No persons on roll ab- sent at el- ection time		(5) No persons eligible to vote		(6) No eligible persons who voted		(7) No eligible persons who failed to vote		(8) % eligible persons who voted		(9) Overall %
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
		SOWANDA	231	71	56	-	-	71	56	33	14	38	42	
WIALA	106	26	28	-	-	26	28	12	12	14	16	46	43	44
WAINA	194	68	37	-	-	68	37	41	8	27	29	60	22	47
UMEDA	232	83	51	-	-	83	51	53	23	30	28	64	45	57
FUNDA	157	59	36	-	-	59	36	47	23	12	13	82	64	74
TOTALS:	920	(307	208)	(Nil	Nil)	(307	208)	(186	80)	(121	128)	(66	37)	52
		515		Nil		515		266		249		103		

VOTING SUMMARY

Ward	Name of Candidate	Address	No. Seats	First count	Second count	Third count	Successful Candidate	Informal Votes
SOWANDA	Amboi/Muna	Sowanda/No. 1	1	43	-	-	Amboi	4
WIALA	Uwei/Mohwi	Wiala	1	24	-	-	Uwei	-
WAINA	Usau/Moi	Waina	1	39	-	-	Usau	-
"	Femi/Atua	"		10	-	-	-	-
UMEDA	Pom/Fi	Umada	1	48	-	-	Pom	1
"	Kuvei/Fone	"		27	-	-	-	5
PUNDA	Pwai/Fet	Punda	1	65	-	-	Pwai	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>				256	Nil	Nil		10

Appendix A

Comments on Patrol Ride

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Reg No</u>	<u>Name</u>
6/9/65	9 days	Waina/Sowanda	Good	Reliable N.C.O.	9636	GWANGEB
"	"	"	"	Excellent Bushman	8732	KAHUN
"	"	"	"	Efficient	9885	TIAMAI
"	"	"	"	Reliable	10655	NIMKALOK
"	"	"	"	Satisfactory	11328	BEW

Bray

L. W. Bragg
Patrol Officer.

Cleared Day 4/2/69



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPIK..... Report No....3 of 1965/66.....

Patrol Conducted by.....Mr. K. MEMAMU, TRAINER, PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled BEMEI CENSUS DIVISION & PART EAST MONTARI C/D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL.....

Natives..... 2 members of P.H.D, 4 members of R.P. & N.G.C. & 1 member of Special Branch Police.

Duration—From.....3/12/1965.....to.....18/12/1965.....

Number of Days..... Fifteen (15).....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....ONE (Native under training)
Sept.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....22/1/1964.....

Medical San 1965.....

Map Reference..... Attached Sketch Map 1 inch to 4 miles.

Objects of Patrol..... Census Revision and Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13/1/1966

E. C. Othman
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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23rd February, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
ERWAK.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1965-66.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Memafu, covered by your memorandum 67-3-15/1670 of 14th January, 1966.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Moorhouse have been noted.
3. I am glad to hear that Mr. Moorhouse went through the report before it was submitted. That would be the only way for Mr. Memafu to learn to submit a good lengthy and informative one. I think he should also be taught to make copious notes every day in the field on the twenty odd sub headings suggested in the Standing Instructions and then he would find report writing a simpler job. He would have his facts and observations ready and all he would have to do is write an English composition.
4. Mr. Memafu has done a good patrol and has submitted an interesting report. His reports could be improved with a little more conscious effort on his part.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-3-15/670

Sepik District,
WERWAK.

14th January, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
AMANAB.

PATROL REPORT No. 3-65/66 - IMONDA.

Please thank Mr. K. Memafu for his patrol report.

It is noticed in his diary - Wednesday 8/12/65., that he was unable to stay at the Rest House at Fugari as it was occupied by a member of the Mission. This is not a permanent occupation I hope, as has happened before.

Would you show Mr. Memafu how he could save himself a lot of typing. An example of this is - "Health inspected by Tr. Medical Assistant, who accompanied the patrol". This could be covered by medical inspection made.

His diary is far too long and a lot unnecessary, as he deals with health and roads in the report itself.

Native Affairs.

The Bembi people haven't changed very much over the years. They are still with the Administration and anxious to help. I wish we could do more for them.

I fully realise your feelings towards these "airstrips", but there is nothing we can do about it. If these people allow themselves to be persuaded by Missions to do this work, then it will be done, and we would be most unwise to officially forbid them to take part. However, you may come down with a heavy hand if there is any force being used viz the village officials at Fugari.

Daughters and sisters exchange. Wont these people ever learn?

Health.

The report to me did not indicate that there is a shortage of food in the area and I am rather at a loss to understand Mr. Memafu's remarks on malnutrition.

Villages.

May I suggest that Mr. Memafu is on "thin ice" when he instructs people to build their houses in villages at a risk of losing their gardens. You may care to put him on the right track on this..

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Agriculture.

It was interesting about the rice, and providing the Agricultural Officer is agreeable, it could I think be encouraged. The main thing will be to endeavour to keep it within the "food crop" category and not to let them get commercial ideas. Not yet ~~at~~ any rate, with their complete lack of communications. *sk*

Village Officials.

I feel that Mr. Memafu of all people should have the greatest appreciation of the positions of Councillor and village official amongst Papuans-New Guineans and if those are his feelings then he is not going to contribute very much in assisting these people.

Education.

You have not commented on this aspect in your covering letter, and before I take up Mr. Memafu's statements with the District Inspector, I should like to know that what he has written is correct. If it is, what a retrograde step.

Conclusion.

I agree that the report and the reporting shows a distinct improvement.

E.G. Hicks
E.G. HICKS, J
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

67-1-2.

Patrol Post,
IMONDA
Sepik District.

27th. November 1965.

Mr. K. Memafu,
Patrol Post
IMONDA.

Dear Mr. Memafu,

Patrol Instructions - Patrol No. 3/65-66-IMONDA.

Please prepare to mount a patrol to the Bambi Census Division to carry out a Census revision of the area. You should leave no later than the 3rd. December. You should also attend the following while in the area.

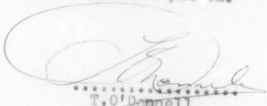
- (a) Inspect village housing and sanitation.
- (b) Visit gardens in the area and examine the food situation. Obtain some seed for distribution in the villages from D.A.S.F.
- (c) Hear all native complaints and settle those possible by arbitration. Serious matters refer to the station.
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T.O'Donnell
Officer in Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
Sepik District.

4th January 1966.

The District Commissioner,
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D. B. Moorhouse
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Assistant District Commissioner

Encl.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
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IMONDA Patrol Post

Patrol Post, IMONDA
Sepik District.

27th. November 1965.

Mr. K. Memafu,
Patrol Post
IMONDA.

Dear Mr. Memafu,

Patrol Instructions - Patrol No. 3/65-66-IMONDA.

Area Patrolled

Please prepare to mount a patrol to the Bembu Census Division to carry out a Census revision of the area. You should leave no later than the 3rd. December. You should also attend the following while in the area.

Duration

(a) Inspect village housing and sanitation.
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Last Patrol to

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T.O'Donnell

Officer in Charge.

67-1-14.

IMONDA Patrol Post
AMANAB Sub-District
Sepik District.

IMONDA PATROL No. 3/65-66.

Patrol Conducted by : Mr. K. MEMAFU, Trainee Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : BEMBI CENSUS DIVISION.
Returned ex part East KWOMTARI
CENSUS DIVISION.

Personnel Accompanying : Mr. J. TAMAI, Tr. Medical Assistant.
2 Medical Orderlies.
4 members of R.F. & N.G.C.
1 member of Special Branch Police.

Duration of Patrol : 3rd December to 18th December, 1965.

Last Patrol to the Area : D.D.A. (D.N.A.) ~~September~~ 1964.
P.H.D. October, 1965.
P.I.R. August, 1965.

Objects of the Patrol : CENSUS REVISION and ROUTINE
ADMINISTRATION.

Map Reference : Sketch Map Attached.

K. Memafu
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(K. MEMAFU)
Trainee Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday 3/12/65.

Lined up the carriers. 0905 departed Imonda Patrol Post, arrived WATAPE 1320. Paid the carriers. Walking was hard as it was wet season. Road was not actually exposed to the sun so it might get dried during the day. Explained the purpose of the patrol to V/Os. Attempted to do the census but the people were away in the bush. No complaints appeared. Passed through SIMOG.

Camped at WATAPE.

Saturday 4/12/65.

Assembled the people and revised census figures. Inspected the village housing and sanitation. General cleaning up as the village was untidy, with the people. No community garden but individual gardens scattered in the bush. Gardens don't supply enough food for the people. Distributed some food seeds to the people. No complaints. Camped at WATAPE - second night.

Sunday 5/12/65.

Heavy rain stopped the patrol from early start. 1045 departed Watape while it was drizzling, arrived KILIFAS 1845. Most of the time wasted in clearing the bush along the river, as a result the patrol arrived very late. The rivers were flooded after heavy rain in the morning. Explained V/Os the purpose of the patrol. In fact the half of carriers ~~stayed~~ camped on the road. I camped or spent ~~nigh~~ overnight at KILIFAS.

Monday 6/12/65.

Awaited for patrol gear to turn up. Attempted to revise census but it rained so waited till after lunch. People assembled ~~then~~ and revised census. Turn up was good although some unavoidable absentees. Inspected village housing and sanitation. General health inspected by Tr. Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol - found good. Lulua informed me that there was no community ~~which~~ I was to look and see (individual gardens mainly). Bought ample food for patrol party. Distributed some vegetable seed carried on patrol to Lulua. Minor complaints were discussed with the V/Os. Camped at KILIFAS - second night.

Tuesday 7/12/65.

Departed KILIFAS 0840, arrived FUGUNUI 0940 - mainly followed down the river, Manubu. Paid the carriers. Explained the purpose of ~~purpose~~ to the V/Os. Adjourned the assemble because of the heavy rain. Assembled the people again in the afternoon ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and census conducted. Health inspection conducted by Tr. Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol. Inspected village housing. There were no latrines and community gardens although individual gardens scattered in the bush. Distributed some vegetable seeds to the people. Settled some minor complaints that appeared. Stayed overnight at FUGUNUI.

Wednesday 8/12/65.

0820 departed FUGUMUI, arrived FUGARI 1200. Advised the village officials the purpose of patrol. Conducted census afternoon and inspected village housing and sanitation. Health inspection conducted by Tr. Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol. Village looked reasonable. Intended to spend overnight at Fugari but there was not big enough room to accommodate three persons - a member of Catholic Mission was accommodated in the Best House. I proceeded to FAS No. 2 - 1 hr. walk from Fugari. Settled minor complaints with the village officials. Camped at FAS No. 2.

Thursday 9/12/65.

Fas No. 2 villagers assembled and census revised. Inspected village housing and sanitation. Health inspected by John Tawai, the Tr. Med. Assist. Told four men to start their own houses for they had no houses in the village as Luluai reported me. 1120 departed Fas No. 2, arrived TAMINA No. 1 1230 - walking was hard because the tracks was completely waterlogged. Paid the carriers. Advised the V/Os about the patrol in their area for. Balanced the census figures (Fas No. 2). Camped at TAMINAX No. 1.

Friday 10/12/65.

Tamina No. 1 Tax-Sheet revised. Health inspected by the Tr. Medical Assistant who accompanied the patrol. Inspected village housing and sanitation. Luluai informed me that there was no community garden which I could inspect. Complaint from Luluai that there were some married people who had no houses in the village. I instructed these people to start their own houses. Departed for NESIKE - 25 minutes from Tamina No. 1. Revised census and found that over 20 new names were entered in the Tax-Sheet. Health inspected by Tr. Med. Assist. Distributed some vegetable seeds to Luluai. Instructed Luluai to replace a latrine. Discussed the C.M. airstrip with matter with people as raised by Luluai of Fas No. 2. No complaints so I returned to Tamina No. 1 for overnight.

Saturday 11/12/65.

Lined up the carriers. 0920 departed Tamina No. 1, arrived Tamina No. 2 1250. Track between this hamlet (Tamina No. 2 and Tamina No. 1) was ~~shallow~~ in bad condition - waterlogged and slippery - this patrol was conducted during wet weather. Walking was pretty hard. Paid the carriers. Advised the V/Os about the purpose of patrol. Purchased ample food for patrol party. Discussed minor ~~at~~ worries from Luluai with him. Camped at TAMINA No. 2.

Sunday 12/12/65.

Tamina No. 2 villagers assembled and revised census. Health inspected by the Tr. Med. Assistant who accompanied the patrol. Advised the villagers to hurry up on their permanent houses for present houses are shambles - after inspection of village housing and sanitation. Distributed some vegetable seeds to Luluai. Settled minor complaints. Balanced census figure. Stayed second night at Tamina No. 2.

Monday 13/12/65.

Lined the carriers. 0815 departed Tamina No. 2, arrived Fas No. 3 at 1410. Track between Tamina No. 2 and Fas No. 3 becomes too slippery when wet and it is actually up and down the ridges. Walking is pretty

Monday 13/12/65(continued)

tough in this section of the area. Paid the carriers. Advised the V/Os the main purpose of the patrol. Assembled the people and they selected a man, AFAIYI/TANAIYU, to take previous Lulua's cap for his death was advised in 'Village Book'. Village officials showed me good quality of rice that they harvested from first garden. They were encouraged to plant these seeds again. Discussed their garden problems. Camped at FAS No.3.

Tuesday 14/12/65.

Census revised, inspected village housing and sanitation, distributed some vegetable seeds to Lulua of Fas No.3. Health inspected by Tr.Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol. 1015 departed Fas No.3, arrived AIAMINA 1130. Inspected the village - clean. Lulua reported that there was no complaint. Stopped at Rest House for 1 1/2 hrs for it was heavy rain. Lulua from WURUBAI met the patrol ~~xxxx~~ here and reported that his village O.K. too. 1300 departed Aiamina, arrived UTAI 1415. Paid the carriers. Advised village officials that the patrol is its way back to IMONDA. Inspected Utai village, instructed Lulua to build two latrines. Camped at UTAI.

Wednesday 15/12/65.

0830 departed Utai, arrived FINAMOI 1220. Track between abovenamed villages was under cover-trees fell and covered the track and undergrowth was not kept short. Village was deserted. Lulua was also in the bush. Stopped at Finamoi for lunch and inspected the village. Told a man who was presented to tell Lulua that they've to get that track clean. 1340 departed Finamoi, after an hour walk the patrol faced the heavy rain. The ~~xxxxx~~ party was separated by flood while approaching ITOMI. Half of the patrol arrived Itomi at 1745, and other half camped over the other side of NINEBU River; and arrived Itomi next morning. Inspected Itomi village. Lulua of PIEMI met the patrol at Itomi and reported that one of his village man was taken by flood about two weeks after his report. I, the writer, intended to stop at E Piemi for search but patrol supply at this stage running short. Camped at ITOMI.

Thursday 16/12/65.

Paid the carriers from Utai. 0920 departed Itomi after Ninibu River went down. Track was good as the undergrowth is kept short, arrived WATAPE 1500. Village deserted and the Councillor was reported to be at Imonda for Council meeting. Camped at WATAPE (this was return point).

Friday 17/12/65.

Lined the carriers. 0905 departed Watape, arrived SIMOG 1140-hard walking, track waterlogged. Paid the carriers. Advised the Councillor about the patrol procedure. Revised census; distributed some vegetable seeds and inspected village housing and sanitation. Health inspected by Tr.Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol. Discussed the lining the houses with the Councillor. Balanced the census figure. No complaints but explained to the councillor about his worry of buying Shot-gun as he pointed out to me. Camped at SIMOG.

Saturday 18/12/65.

Lined the carriers. 0800 departed Simog, arrived Imonda 0945, Paid the carriers and organised the gear that were returned from Patrol.

End of Patrol Diary.INTRODUCTION.

The Bembi Census Division is situated to the East and North-East of Imonda Station. The Census Division mentioned consists of tropical rain forest intersected by numerous rivers and streams. The beds of the rivers and streams are the walking tracks for the most part. The tracks are very rarely cleared and some are covered with fallen trees and undergrowth. The patrol was mounted during the wet season and cleared some sections of the bush to avoid the river floods. The patrol party was divided for two days for heavy gear was unable to get across the rivers and camped on the banks of the river, NINEBU. We managed to get light weight gear across.

This was the second census of the two villages, SIMOG and WATAPE and these were censused earlier this year, as they ~~xxx~~ are in the Walsa Local Government Council. The first census was revised by Mr. P. Bouraga when he conducted the Imonda Local Census Division patrol before the Council Elections. The second census revision was for the Bembi Census Division. These abovenamed two villages are part of the Bembi Census Division.

Pidgin English is in common use in the area.

The census figure revised was only Bembi Census Division. Some villages of East KWONTARI Census Division were visited. These were passed through by the patrol enroute back to Imonda Patrol Post. The East Kwomtari Division is administered from Amanab.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The people have shown a great interest and accompanied the patrol party to neighbouring villages. Some acted as guides although the patrol carriers of each village visited were available to guide the patrol. The carriers volunteered to carry patrol cargo in each village. Some people have decided to seek employment at Imonda Patrol Post and followed the patrol party all the way. The people realised that if they remained in their own area it would not give them any idea of the outside world. During the census revision some males were recorded as absentees as they were employed either within the district or outside the districts. Some absentees were recorded to be patients at Imonda Hospital.

The people are under the influence of two Missions, C.M.M.L. at Kilifas and Passionist Fathers at Fugari. Regard to the Mission airstrip work at Fugari, the village officials of the villages nearby, Fugari and Fas No. 2, have complained about other villagers not turning up to work. Three villages, Tamina No. 1 and No. 2 and Nebike, which are about 2 to 7 hours walk to Fugari, have one or two representatives at this job. This number would not satisfy the concerned village officials. The finish of this airstrip at Fugari might give good benefit to the people.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Continued)

Actually the airstrip is under construction at the proposed area. Most of the people's cash income comes from employment at Imonda Station and payment of carrying cargo. The Mission are not making any payment for work on this airstrip. The two Mission airstrips in the area are Category D level. The Administration's help to this group of people have given the great help for some have always responded well to appeals for labour at Imonda Station since the Station was existed.

During the census revision of each village visited it was noticed that any female of 7 to 10 years of age is entitled to marry. This is mainly based on an exchange basis. As native custom if a person gives away his sister or daughter to a man who has sister or daughter to marry. This person expects to marry to his brother-in-law or father-in-law's sister or daughter respectively. If one party refuses to do the exchange, the other party gives ill-feelings towards the other. The young males marry to an old ~~xxxxxx~~ females of her 60's and an old ~~xxx~~ male marry to a young females of 7 to 10 years of age.

At the whole the patrol was welcomed within a friendly manner.

HEALTH.

The medical treatments were given at every village by Trainee Medical Assistant who accompanied this patrol. Most of the children about one to five months old were admitted to Imonda Hospital for treatment for malnutrition. The previous medical patrol in the area had admitted some children to the hospital at Imonda. The result of these healthy looking children returned from hospital to the area, has given a great encouragement to the parents to take their children to the hospital. The only Aid Post in the ~~xxxx~~ whole Gensus Division is at Kilifas. The people have assisted the Medical Orderly and have built new Aid Post. The Medical Orderly at Kilifas also accompanied the patrol and worked together with the Trainee Medical Assistant.

Throughout the area visited the general health of the people was good. The usual minor ailments and common skin diseases were encountered. The people were encouraged to take their sick children to Imonda Hospital or to the Aid Post at Kilifas as quickly as possible. The patrol noticed a child from Fugari was very sick when the patrol visited this village. The child died in the hospital after a week's treatment. The C.M.M.L. Mission Sister at Kilifas has given much help on people's health at this particular village.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The census figure revised was only the Bembi Census Division. The part East Kwomtari Census Division was visited, referring to the patrol diary. The patrol visited this part East Kwomtari Census Division which is administered from Amanab as the patrol ~~xxxxxx~~ was enroute back to Imonda.

The census figure revealed .3 per cent increase. Most increase figures showed in migration in. The people's movement from one census division to another is recorded. As per Village Population Register the most migration in was to NEBIKE for 24 new names have been entered in Census Tax-Sheets of this particular hamlet.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS(Continued).

The people migrated to Nebike from YIRIA hamlet which is in the Aitape Sub-District. The migrants reported that they were inhabitants of Nebike but migrated to Yiria before Imonda Station existed. They mentioned that some of their relatives still lived in Aitape Sub-District area. It is most likely that these people would soon return to the Bembi area.

Most absentees were revealed at Simog because they were absent at Imonda Station at Infant Welfare Clinic the day before the census figure of this village was revised. The people were called to Imonda Station for the Infant Welfare Sisters' visit to the Station.

VILLAGES.

Although the area is administered by the Australian Government since 1960 some earth floored houses are still in the area. The villages in the whole area are situated beside the rivers and streams. The suggestion was made to the Laluyal and some village elders of Tamina No.2 that they move their village which is situated amongst the mountains. The river runs by and if it should change its course, this village could be washed away. If the landslides occur in this area this village could be covered up. The site is not quite safe in viewpoint of changes of river courses and landslides if these suggested items happen. The answer to this suggestion was that the villagers did not want to shift their hamlet.

Some villagers in the area visited were instructed to build their permanent houses in the villages. Most people live in the bush and come to their villages for any patrol visit to the area. The people make their gardens far away from villages and live there for they fear to make gardens close by the villages because the village pigs always destroy the gardens.

AGRICULTURE.

These people do not make community gardens but make individual gardens scattered about in the bush. The gardens do not supply good food. The crops grown are bananas, sugar cane, 'pit pit', taro and a few sweet potatoes. The major staple food of the area is 'sago'. Some coconut palms were found in the area.

Some vegetable seeds were distributed to every village visited in the ~~area~~ Bembi Census Division. One village, Fas No.3, was issued with some rice seeds by the previous patrol mounted from Amanab. Good result of these rice seeds was harvested from villagers' experimental garden. This was also found in part East Kwentari Census Division visited during the patrol's return trip. The villages found with some rice seeds, the people were encouraged to start bigger gardens to try these seeds again.

Copal gum trees were seen along tracks but nothing much seen in each villages visited. The people gather this mostly for lighting or starting fires.

Livestock noticed in the area was mainly domestic animals, pigs and fowls. At Kilifas the C.M.M.L. Mission has a cow on the station.

MISSION.

There are two separate missionary activities operating in the Bembi area. The C.M.M.L. has influence in two villages, Kilifas and Fugumui, and the rest of the villages are under the Passionist Fathers. The latter Mission has given major effort to the building of an airstrip at Fugari. The Mission concerned has an European Staff who is supervising the airstrip work. The airstrip will do much to alleviate the isolation of these far-flung villages, at present about 32 miles or 4-5 days walk from Imonda.

The C.M.M.L. Mission airstrip at Kilifas is operating to Category D stage. The people of this particular village are helped a lot by the Mission and the people themselves working very well with the Mission.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

In the Bembi Census Division two of the village officials are Councillors i.e. Simog and Watape villages. The rest of the Census Division the village officials are still on the Luluai and Tultul base. They have much influence over their own people and some are hopeless for their orders are disobeyed by the people. In fact those hopeless Luluais and Tultuls have given their effort to assist the patrol party to move on. Comparing two Councillors with the Luluais and Tultuls in the division there is no difference in improvement of the village situations.

EDUCATION.

The only school noticed was the C.M.M.L. Mission school at Kilifas. It is most likely that the Passionist Fathers will open one at Fugari but it is not certain that they will at this stage. Some male children of this area are attending the Government Schools either at Imonda, Amanab or Vanimo. There are no females at school as they are marked to be married during their childhood stage. The C.M.M.L. Mission school at Kilifas is Primary 'I' School level.

The census figure revealed a great number of school age children in this area. Some smaller children were not permitted to go to the Primary 'I' School at Imonda, however, a few were keen to learn at Imonda Primary 'I' School. Some bigger students (males) who attended Technical School at Imonda were discharged because of the shortage of Staff at the named school. The parents of these students approached the patrol requesting why their children were discharged from school at Imonda. They were explained the present situation of Imonda Government School that the Government has not got many Staff to take in many students at this school. It is obviously that most students at Imonda School are from the area patrolled.

CONCLUSION.

The attendance at the census revision was quite good although the unavoidable absentees were noticed. These were accounted for on the Village Population Register as absentees. Bridges could hardly be built in this area as the courses of the rivers change very often. There is practically no bridges existed in this area. Minor complaints appeared and were dealt with and settled on the spot.

This area is pro-Administration in its outlook. This was the first District Administration patrol to patrol the Bembi

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CONCLUSION (Continued)

Division in the last 15 months. To maintain good Administration relations in this area it is thought that regular and more consistent patrolling should be carried out.

K. Memapu
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(K. MEMAPU).
Trainee Patrol Officer.

Appendix B.

COMMENTS ON THE MEMBERS OF R.P.& N.G.CONSTABULARY.

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SGT. 3/c MANDINA REG. NO. 3882 Excellent, experienced and capable of managing patrol, especially the lower ranks of his fellow members.

10255
CONST. GURENA REG. 10255 Good, experienced and carried out the instruction satisfactory, worked well with his officer in command.

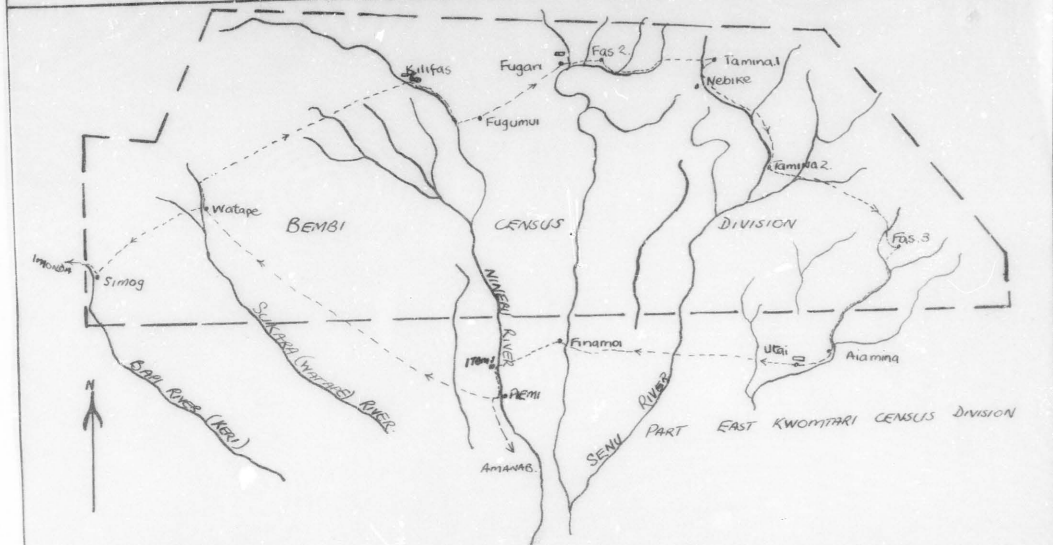
Tr. CONST. MATOPO REG. No. 11331. Good but little ~~lazy~~ bit lazy in movement. Inexperience of his duties while on patrol.

Tr. CONST. MEAS REG. No. 11332. Good but need experience. The member is quite easy going character. Takes everything into consideration when told.

The members comments as above have been entered in their Record of Service.

K. M. M. P.
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(K. MEMAFU)
Trainee Patrol Officer.

BEMBI CENSUS DIVISION AND PART EAST KWOMTARI CENSUS DIVISION



LEGEND

- Patrol Route.
- Rivers and Streams.
- Mission Airstrips.
- C. M. M. L. School.
- Mission Airstrip under construction.
- Aid Post.
- Census Division Boundary.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... **SEPIK** Report No. **IMONDA PATROL No 4/65-66.**

Patrol Conducted by..... **K.MEMAFU, Trainee Patrol Officer.**.....

Area Patrolled..... **WAINA-SOWANDA and IMONDA LOCAL SENSUS DIVISIONS.**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **Nil.**.....

Medical Assistant & Medical Orderly.
Natives..... **Members of E.P. & N.G.C.**

Duration—From..... **8./1./19.66. to 17./1./1966.**.....
Council Tax Tribunal Team, Walsa L.G. Council.

Number of Days..... **Nine(9)**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... **One(Native)**.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... **11./1966.**.....

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

Map Reference..... **See Sketch Map Attached.**.....

Objects of Patrol.....
1. To investigate the Rest House at Sowanda Village.
2. To collect initial Walsa L.G. Council Tax.
3. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
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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Sepik District,
WAWAK.

28th February, 1966.

67-3-15/2057.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMANIAB.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 - 65/66

Receipt is acknowledged of the report written by Mr. K. Memafu, and your own comments have been noted.

The patrol was well carried out and Mr. Memafu did a very good job.

As soon as the staff position improves, a strong patrol will be sent in to this area, and these people will be made to realise that they are not going to get away with what they have been getting away with in the past. However until the staff position is improved, we shall just have to go quietly.

E.G. Hicks
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E.G. HICKS
Actg. District Commissioner

→ c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROBOBU.

67-1-13

Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
Sepik District.

6th February 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
W E W A K.

IMONDA PATROL No. 4-65/6
WAINA-SOWANDA & IMONDA LOCAL.

The attached report is forwarded for your information and action, please. The main purposes of the patrol were to carry out the initial tax collection for the Walsea Council and to gauge the temperament of the Sowanda people following the burning of the rest house, as previously reported. The objects of the patrol were successfully attained and the following general comments are offered for your information.

The people of WAINDA are included in the Dauchendi-Togenendi ward and are registered in the census and electoral rolls. They will be included in the tax roll.

The attitude of the Sowanda and Umeda groups has been described exhaustively in the past. The Administration, as such, has little effect upon the people and is held in wary contempt. In order to avoid provocative action and to lessen the chances of further incidents in the area my policy has been to encourage administrative development in adjacent villages such as Wiala and Waina with the hope that in time this may have a settling effect upon the dissident groups. Previous experience has shown that the probable alternative to this could only be strong police action.

Follow-up action to the Adult Education course has been carried out by two patrols and I am informed that a Health Education Officer has now been posted to Imonda. The opuse was a success in that firm attempts by its participants to improve their lot are being made. However the basic apathy of the people soon overcomes ~~such~~ such progress as has been made.

In a year of patrolling and reporting at Imonda, Mr. Memafu's observation and description has improved steadily. He now has a much farmer grasp of field administration. The Officer-in-Charge's instructions are well set out.

D.B. Moorhouse
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D.B. MOORHOUSE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post.

IMONDA.

Sepik District.

4th. January 1966.

Mr. K. Memafu,

Patrol Post

IMONDA

Dear Mr. Memafu,

Patrol Instructions - Patrol No. 4/65-66 - IMONDA.

Please prepare to mount a patrol to the Waina - Sowanda and part Imonda Local Census Divisions. Arrange to depart no later than the 3th. January and or arise the patrol so you return to Imonda on the 17th. January. While in the field you are required to carry out the following.

(1) Attempt to make good contact with the Sowanda people and ascertain local thinking towards the Administration and see how general was the ill-feeling when the rest house and the police barracks were burned down. Point out to the people that both parties were in the wrong - the councillor for taking the young girl and the girl's father for burning down the buildings in his anger with the Councillor whom he regarded as a Government employee. Advise the people that the Administration is prepared to regard the matter as closed if a new rest house and police quarters are built. If not the Administration will have to take action against both parties.

(2) Make no attempts to arrest anyone in the area at this time. The two Umada gaol escapes are back in their village but do not attempt to apprehend them.

(3) You are being accompanied by two NCOs and three police to the area. The Sergeant is there to familiarise himself with the area. The Const 1/c and the police are quite experienced in dealings with the Waina-Sowanda people from previous patrols. Do not fail to obtain their impressions of local feeling toward the patrol if you are in doubt while in the Sowanda area.

(4) While in the Sowanda area check to see if any further work has been done on the "Sowanda airstrip" as mentioned in Patrol Report No. 2/65-66.

(5) The Council messenger AMOS of Imonda will accompany the patrol to act as interpreter. He is very helpful so make full use of him.

(6) While in the Waina Sowanda area collect what Council tax you are able. The Council Tax Tribunal will accompany the patrol but you will have to advise them of their functions. Tax exemptions throughout this area must be given out very liberally at this stage.

(7) Ben AMOS the trainee medical assistant will accompany the patrol to give what medical treatment that is necessary. He has been cautioned regarding his dealings in these matters with the Waina Sowanda people. Do not under any circumstances attempt to force any person to get medical treatment or bring any patients back to Imonda. Leo TRAMAI an aid post orderly will accompany the patrol to UMEDA where he will with Ben AMOS' aid , reopen the Aid Post. TRAMAI has been advised of the Sowanda's attitude to medical help and has been told to take matters very slowly and simply give medical treatment to those who come forward for it at this stage. Arrange for carriers to carry rations to the aid post, with the patrol.

(8) Check village housing and sanitation and see if any further work has been done on the construction of latrines and rubbish pits in the villages. Give any assistance in this matter while you are in the area.

(9) Read previous patrol reports to obtain information about the area and its people.

(10) Check the matters for attention on patrol file.

(11) Hear all native complaints and settle those possible by arbitration. If matters are serious refer them to the station. If the people are unwilling to come to the station investigate the matter and give a full report on the matter in your report when you return to the station.

(12) Read your instructions on patrolling as in the handbook.

(13) The patrol should return through villages in the Epmi Dauchendi area of the Imonda Local Census Division and collect Tax in as many villages as time allows.

(14) The Wainda people have erected a rest house and it would be good policy to go and remain overnight here to show the Administration's interest in this fringe village.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.



E. O. Donnell a/D.O.
Officer in Charge.

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IMONDA Patrol Post
AMANAB Sub-District
SEPIK DISTRICT

IMONDA PATROL NO. 4/65-66.

Patrol Conducted by : K. Memafu, Trainee Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : WAINA-SOWANDA and IMONDA LOCAL
CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Personnel Accompanying : B. AMOS, Assistant Medical Officer.
1 Aid Post Orderly.
5 Members of R.P. & N.G.C.
A Council Tribunal Team-Walsa L.G.C.
1 Council Messenger-Walsa L.G.C.

Duration of Patrol : 8th January to 17th January, 1966.

Last Patrol to the Area : D.D.R. November, 1966.
: P.H.D. January, 1965.
@ D.A.S.F.
P.I.R. October, 1965.

Objects of the Patrol @1. To investigate the Rest House at
SOWANDA Village,
2. To collect initial WALSA Local
Government Council Tax,
3. Routine Administration.

Map Reference : See Attached Sketch: 4 Miles to an Inc.

K. Memafu
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(K. MEMAFU)
Trainee Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.Saturday 8/1/66.

Relayed the weather report to Wewak. Lined the carriers. 0835 departed Imonda, arrived Umeda 1400. Advised the Council of Umeda of the patrol procedure and paid the carriers. Attempted to collect Council Tax today but failed because the villagers were in the bush. Purchased some local food for patrol party.
Camped at Umeda.

Sunday 9/1/66.

Waited for Umeda people to turn up for Council Tax - no sign for everybody enjoyed his tribal ceremonial 'singsing'. 1045 departed Umeda, arrived Punda at 1140. Inspected village housing. Collected Council Tax for Punda ward. Intended to spend a night here but patrol gear was left at Umeda. No complaints so returned to Umeda. Councillor and a man of Umeda turned up to pay Council Tax. No action has taken against Umeda people's disobedience towards the patrol. Advised the Councillor to be hard on his own people. Discussed ~~xxxx~~ this matter with the team of Council Tax Tribunal.
Camped ~~at~~ ~~W~~ second night at Umeda.

Monday 10/1/66.

0845 departed Umeda, arrived Sowanda 1020. Assembled a small group of people with the Councillor and discussed their attitude towards the Administration - most Sowanda people were in the bush. This small group mentioned that during the Dutch Administration in the area they had never listened to Government officers patrolled in the area, referred to absentees. This group failed to state to me why it was so. Willing to stay overnight here but the Rest House was burned down a week before this patrol. Only the Police Rest House was not burned although it was reported to be burned down at Station by the Councillor. Inspected the houses in the village. 1040 departed Sowanda, arrived Wiala 1245. Paid the carriers and advised the Councillor of the patrol procedure. Inspected village housing and sanitation. Minor ailments were treated by Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol. Collected Council Tax with ~~xi~~ the Council Tax Tribunal. Bought ample foodstuffs for patrol party. No complaints.
Camped at Wiala.

Tuesday 11/1/66.

Lined the carriers and 0840 departed Wiala, arrived Waina 1030. Paid the carriers and advised the Councillor of the patrol procedure. Inspected village housing. Collected Tax for Waina L.G. Council. Medical treatment was given by Med. Assist. who accompanied the patrol. Discussed the burning of Rest House at Sowanda as a group arrived to see me. Quite happy to listen to me, this mob. None of them offered a shilling for Council. Issued Tax Exemption strips to those who were present. Infact the collection of bush timber were gathered for building of new Rest House was seen at the spot. Bought ample food for patrol party from both Waina and Sowanda villagers. No complaints.
Camped at Waina.

Wednesday 12/1/66.

Lined the carriers. 0840 departed Waina, arrived Tokenendi 1515. Paid the carriers and collected Council Tax from few Wiala and Waina people who did not pay the Council Tax on the previous day. Advised the Councillor about the patrol procedure. Purchased some fresh food for patrol party. Adjourned the hearing of ~~xxx~~ a complaint appeared from the Councillor as it was reported in the night. Expected to hear it ~~x~~ on the next day. Camped at Tokenendi.

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INTRODUCTION.

The basic aims of the the patrol were to see if the work for the new Rest House, including Police quarter at ~~the~~ Sowanda was started to replace the old ones which were reported to be burned down by a man from the abovenamed village, by the Councillor; and to obtain information of Sowanda people's attitude towards the Australian Administration in this area. Refer to the Patrol Instruction the first WALSA Local ~~Government~~ Government Council Tax was collected in the Waina-Sowanda and part Imonda Local Census Divisions. As per the Patrol Instruction the patrol went into the Imonda Local Census Division with the exception of Daunda hamlet. The patrol went to the latter mentioned Census Division in order to collect Walsa Local Government Council Tax. The former Census Division is located to the South-West and the latter Census Division is situated to the North-West of the Imonda Patrol Post.

The villages in the both Census Divisions have been separated by undulating hills with patches of sago swamps. In fact the hamlets are situated about one to two hours walk apart with the exception of the distance of the boundary of the two Census Divisions. It was recorded about five to seven hours walk to achieve the Waina-Sowanda area.

The Council Tax Tribunal Team accompanied this patrol to conduct initial Walsa Local Government Council Tax Collection.

NATIVE SITUATION - WAINA-SOWANDA CENSUS DIVISION.

The patrol was not welcomed by the Umeda group as they didn't assemble to pay the Council Tax and/or to trade with the patrol. The people did not bother the patrol in their area and they all went to enjoy their tribal ceremonial 'siasing'. Not only for abovementioned items but the people refused to carry patrol cargoes to their neighbouring village. The Councillor of Umeda stated that it was ~~the~~ great grand-ancestors' ceremonial and the people of his village were forbidden to go to their neighbouring villages during that occasion. It was fortunate enough that the carriers from Punda which is situated to the South-East of Umeda arrived here to carry patrol cargo; the patrol moved on to another village. It was expected that if the interruption was made to postpone their 'siasing' there would be an attack on the patrol at that occasion. The Councillor and two interested men came to trade and paid the Council Tax.

Apart from Umeda and Sowanda the rest of villages and hamlets in the Waina-Sowanda Census Division, the patrol was received very well. The assemble was quite good when called for Council Tax Collection and to receive medical treatment. The Medical Assistant was badly impressed by the people's ignorance of receiving medical treatment as female groups refused to bring their children to see the Medical Assistant. However, apart from rest of the villages in the Waina-Sowanda area, Wiala villagers showed their ~~great~~ interest in receiving medical requirements.

The discussion between Sowanda and the writer about the burning of the Rest House was unsatisfactory. Very small group of people assembled, excluding an offender whom I preferred to obtain his personal viewpoint of the Administration mostly refused to come along. The group has given its attitude towards the Government by saying that 'we are the ones who obey the Councillor in this village but those other ~~hamlets~~ scattered hamlets do not take any notice of him or the Government officers patrolling in this area.'

NATIVE SITUATION - WAINA - SOWANDA CENSUS DIVISION (Continued).

In addition, especially the Councillor, that these people ^{they mentioned} wanted to be left alone to the affairs. In reply to the Councillor's point I said that the Government is interested to assist everybody in ~~the~~ your village as a whole.

The one of escapees of Amanab Corrective Institution from Umeda was seen during 'singsing' but there was no attempt made to arrest him re Patrol Instruction.

NATIVE SITUATION - IMONDA LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION.

This is good in comparison and a contrast between this and the above discussed Census Division. The people were quite friendly and assisted each other in paying the initial Walsa Local Government Council Tax. It was quite noticeable in this area that the Council activities ^{is} going on pretty good. The people have shared their Councillors' orders and cleared the surroundings in the villages to some extent. Each village visited was seen in the same activities and it impressed the writer that ~~the~~ it was great difference in comparison with my previous report of the same area.

The fringe hamlet in the Census Division, known as WAINDA which is situated about two miles from the West Irian Border. The people of this particular ~~village~~ hamlet were very pleased to see the Government patrol to stay overnight in their area for the first time. The previous patrolling officers used to visit the hamlet and returned to Dauchendi Rest House which is 50 minutes from Wainda for an overnight or so and proceeded to Imonda. This was because the hamlet had not built a Rest House but at the present the people of Wainda have built a Rest House which is in the hamlet itself. This discussion was made to the people about the Administration's interest in this isolated group. I suggested and marked the site to remove the Rest House so that the future patrols may not interfere with the people themselves. The people traded very well with the patrol and it was pity that the patrol had little shortage of trade goods at this stage. However, the people ~~xxxxxx~~ were advised that in future the trade between them and the patrol would be alright. The people most requested for salt to trade with. This ~~xxxxxx~~ friendly group did not participate in the initial Walsa Local Government Council Tax because their names were not entered in the Council Tax Register. This was probably missed entering the names of the people in the concerned register or probably forgotten to do so. The village official stated that their names were entered in the Common Roll with the Dauchendi group, and again none was discovered. However, the people were advised that the Australian Administration was interested to establish good friendship in all aspects that is needed; and they were not promised of anything that was specifically requested for.

Very close to the border the village official who was ex Lulual pointed out that he wanted to be officially appointed to look after his people. This hamlet is under the Councillor's care from Dauchendi which is 50 minutes walk apart. It is suggested that the Councillor is from another village and doesn't overlook the movement of ~~the people~~ this group of people closely.

EDUCATION.

This has been said a lot by the previous patrolling officer who have patrolled in Waina-Sowanda area. There is none in operation in this area at this stage. The old schools which were operated by the Dutch Administration at Umeda and Wiala were mainly attended by the children of the mentioned villages. At this point what was seen in the both named villages were the old classrooms and teachers' houses which were in bad conditions. Actually the classroom at Wiala was collapsed.

In the Imonda Local Census Division there were two ~~mission~~ Mission schools noticed in the area. They were at the present operating although one at Useugla is awaiting for staff, provided by the Catholic Mission to operate in full swing. The one at Swaketjil is also operating and the native teacher provided by the concerned Mission was met in the area. During the discussion the teacher mentioned that it was a kind of school for the Mission wished to maintain Mission activities in this village. It was fact that the children were not ~~sent~~ here but the few people gathered there for Sunday Morning Service or ~~3prep~~ 3 prep. It was thought that there must be a church for the Mission.

INITIAL TAX INFORMATION - WALSA L.G. COUNCIL.

In the Waina-Sowanda Census Division there was not much tax collected here because of the lack of cash income. The people of this Census Division are rarely to be employed at the labour at Imonda Patrol Post. This mainly depends on the people's lack of interest in seeking for labour either at Amanab Sub-District or Imonda in which they will work and have to be paid for. Although few people were brought in to Imonda and were employed by the Government. They remained at the Station for few days and returned home after they were paid.

The people of the abovenamed Census Division are primitive and have no idea of the Council. Most of the people involved in the Council Tax Register did not reveal ~~tax~~ tax either to pay the tax or to receive Council Tax Exemption. There was no reason offered for these absentees but it was same situation as applied to the initial Walsa Local Government Council Election.

In the Imonda Local Census Division there was a difference that the people of this area were participating the Council Tax. People were interested to pay the tax as they shared their fellowmen who had no cash income at this stage. Those who had cash remained after paying their own tax they distributed cash and assisted their friends.

In both Census Divisions where the patrol visited to collect the Council Tax, some people had no cash income and decided to carry patrol gear and paid their Council Tax after they received the payment for carrying cargo.

The Council Tax Collection was conducted as according to what was said in the Departmental Standing Instruction Volume 2. The Tax Tribunal stood by the table and each man involved in the Council Tax Register was called to the table. Those who paid the tax were received the Council Tax Tickets and the ticket numbers were entered in the Council Tax Register besides their names. Those who were unable to pay the Tax because of no cash income or physical troubles were issued with the Council Tax Exemption after their stories were heard by the Tribunals. Nothing was done to the absentees as they failed to appear before the Tribunal. However, some old aged group were issued with the Council Tax Exemption to the relatives to hand over to the persons concerned and the Exemption numbers were entered in the Council Tax Register for reference - i.e. they were absent in their homes.

SOWANDA REST HOUSE.

This group of people especially Sowanda have a record of having been ignorant of what the Government ~~mean~~ really means to them. When asked why the Rest House ~~is~~ in this particular village, Sowanda, was burned down the Councillor replied that the people ~~is~~ in this village had not changed their attitude since the Dutch Administration was in the area. The Councillor added that whichever hamlet he visited to give talks about the Council when he returned home from the meeting he always sees an arrow pointing to him. He continues with saying 'when I give them talks about the Government and Council at Imonda nobody takes any notice of me'. The only group listens to him, he said, is his own family group. In fact this group assembled when told to gather by the writer they gathered and discussed the burning of the Rest House with me and they were the only one received the Council Tax Exemption Tickets. In my opinion he is the only ^{Councillor} who faces the most hardship in encouraging people to his side more than the rest of the Councillors in Waina-Sowanda area. I think if the Police assisted this Councillor here it could mean an attack on the patrol. Regarding the Patrol Instruction there was no attempt to arrest anybody in this area to maintain law and order.

The man who burned the Rest House was present in the village but refused to come along for discussion when called for. The offender answered the Councillor who stated to me that 'you go and listen to the 'Iap' or officer, I don't want to.'

A collection of bush timber was seen around the Rest House site. It was reported at the Station that the Rest House and Police Quarters were burned down but it was seen one burned i.e. the Rest House for the Patrol Officers and the Police Quarters is still standing. The Councillor was advised to hurry up with the building of the new Rest House otherwise the Administration would take action against the offender. It was reported at the Station that the offender was annoyed with the Councillor whom ^{he} regarded as a Government employee for taking his young daughter to marry. The father of the daughter did not agree with the Councillor's idea of marrying his daughter. After sending number of message to the Councillor who was with the girl in the bush to return the girl, the offender decided to burn the Rest House.

HEALTH.

General health of the people of each village visited was good, applied to both Waina-Sowanda and the Imonda Local Census Divisions. Apart from this in the Waina-Sowanda area the patrol noticed swarms of flies. This was because of untidliness of the villages in the Waina-Sowanda area, and the people were advised ~~to~~ to maintain their villages clean. It was pity that many many people refused to receive medical treatment for their minor ailments and hear what was said about the health. The reasons were being submitted by the previous officer who patrolled in this area. People are not actually interested in such things as to receive simple treatment for their sores or their skin diseases. Most noticeable skin disease ~~is~~ was tinea which was commonly found in the both Census Divisions patrolled. If the people are urged or forced for treatment they show ill-feeling towards the patrol. Consequence of this the medical treatment and advice were given to those who showed the willingness.

HEALTH (Continued).

There are two Aid Posts, one in each Census Division. The one in the Maina-Sowanda area at Umeda have just started operation. The Medical Orderly accompanied this patrol to settle at Umeda to reopen the Aid Post there. He actually accompanied the patrol throughout whole Maina-Sowanda Census Division. The Aid Post concerned was in bad condition and the people were told to repair it with the Medical Orderly, however, the Medical Orderly was told to remain in Village Rest House for time being. He was told that as soon as the repair of the Aid Post was completed he had to shift in to it.

One in the Imonda Local Census Division at Swaketjil is under operational. The Medical Orderly at Swaketjil Aid Post reported that many people did not come for treatment, however, the people were encouraged to visit the Aid Post if they have any physical complaints.

REST HOUSES.

Each village visited in the both census divisions has Rest House of which some needed ~~xxx~~ repair and some ~~xxxx~~ were quite reasonable to stay. At Sowanda village the people have gathered bush timber for replacement of the old one which was burned down. Most about this particular Rest House has been said under the heading 'Sowanda Rest House'. At Punda village which is situated South-East of Umeda the people have almost completed new Rest House to replace the present old one.

An additional Rest House was erected at Wainda which is about two miles from West Irian Border in the Imonda Local Census Division. It was the first time for the concerned hamlet had a Rest House. Some comments were made about the hamlet re Native Situation - Imonda Local Census Division. Again they were in reasonable conditions when visited on this patrol.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Again there was none existed in the both census divisions but there were numerous walking tracks are available. Some are not kept under control as the undergrowths and the trees covered them. As a result they become slippery and muddy during the wet seasons and make walking hard in some sections. It was felt that they would be good to walk along if the people could maintain them clean from undergrowths. This applied to some sections of some tracks in the Imonda Local area as they were kept clean and sun penetrated to the surfaces. The Councillors of the Imonda Local Census Division were encouraged to maintain the tracks as they were seen on this patrol.

The tracks in the Maina-Sowanda area were bad with the mud. The Councillors told their village people what they were told at Adult Education at Wewak but the people seemed to live in their old life. As a result the tracks are not kept in reasonable condition for walking.

AGRICULTURE.

This is mainly shifting-cultivation-clearing the bush to garden and leaving it for about two or so years after the food has been harvested; and the people may return to garden in this old spot if the soil ~~xxxxx~~ gains its richness. Or the people may let it go forever, if the soil doesn't show the sign of goodness. The crops grown in the gardens are particularly native foods and the most staple food noticed in every village in the both census divisions was 'sago'. The people are mainly fed on this with supplement of some other native crops such as Banana, yam, sugar-cane, taro, 'mitpit', and coconut.

AGRICULTURE(Continued)

The latter crop, coconut, was seen throughout the whole Waina-Sowanda Census Division and there were very few seen in the Imonda Local area. The steep mountain between the Waina-Sowanda area and the Imonda Station would be a big problem to build an vehicular road. The maintain is practically the barrier between the abovenamed census division and the Station. The people are not particularly interested in any development at this stage and it is assumed that the Government's development in this area will be very slow. The people mostly interested ~~is~~ in their own mode of living which was lived by their ancestors long time ago.

COUNCIL ACTIVITY/ INTEREST.

It is obvious the Councilors in the Imonda Local area have shown the people of their area what they were taught during Adult Education Course. The noticeable activity was the maintenance of villages clearing. Not only this but some newly built latrines were seen in each village visited and the people were wearing ~~new~~ clean clothings both males and females ~~and~~ so as children. Some tracks with the undergrowths never kept cut before were improved. Both side trees and the undergrowths were cleared and let the sun penetrate to the surfaces. At the whole the villages visited in the Imonda Local area were seen reasonably clean.

In the Waina-Sowanda area not much Council activities was seen although some minor clearings were noticed. Only one village in the whole Census Division, Wiala, ~~which~~ have built a couple of latrines and it was hoped that the people would eventually realise what was good to have latrines in their area. Nevertheless, the sign of clearings over the villages surroundings was noticed in some villages. The Councilors of this area are young and activity sort of characters and was believed that they would soon persuade the people to their side. The people are very rarely keep their ~~in~~ bodies clean under covers and some people were seen naked in the area. This was of course the people have limited supply of clothings to wear and they wear these either to visit the Station or visit the patrol in their area. It was noticed that they people are very scared to come to the Station to seek for labour and/or to see the progress of the Imonda Station. However, the people were encouraged to visit the Station whenever they wished to.

CONCLUSION.

The amount collected for the initial Walsa Local Government Council Tax Collection was £31.3.0 which was more than the Draft Estimates. It is good to see that the people showed their interest to pay the tax to the Council. This was only in the Imonda Local Census Division, however, in the Waina-Sowanda area there was little Tax collected although the writer exempted large amount of Tax Collection in this area. It is hoped that regular patrol to this area might improve the people's attitude and maybe more tax will be collected in this area next year.


J. Memapu

 (K. MEMAPU)
 Trainee Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 'A'

COMMENT ON THE MEMBERS OF R.P.&N.G.CONSTABULARY.

The comments of the members ^{of} R.P.& N.G.C. accompanied the patrol were entered in their Records of Service and R.S. Form 1 which was forwarded to the Commissioner of Police.


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(K. MEMAFU)
Trainee Patrol Officer

