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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPIK..... Report No.....SI 1000 No. 1 of 1961/65

Patrol Conducted by.....Patrick J. Russell PC.....

Area Patrolled.....Milne Bay Coast (Part).....Milne Bay Coast Island (Part)

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

Natives.....J. Marhaus S.P.A.N.S.C.....

Duration—From.....4./1964.....to.....15./11/1964.....

Number of Days.....10.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../.....11/19.....63

Medical/.....5./19.....60

Map Reference.....Attached.....

Objects of Patrol.....1. Establishment Siarua B.C.....

.....2. Routine Administration Tax/Census.....

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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June 9th, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEHAK.

SISSANO PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 64/65

Receipt of the above report forwarded by
your memorandum 67-3-12/1558 of 11th May, 1965, is
acknowledged.

2. This is a good informative report by Mr. Russell,
of the prevailing situation and attitudes in the area
patrolled. It is noted that information recorded on the
patrol will be incorporated into recommendations for the
proposed extension of the SIAU Council.

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T.G. ARCHISON)
/Director

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59-3-12/1558



Dept. of District Administration,
Western District,
WEMA.

11th May, 1965.

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

SISSANO PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1964-65

Receipt of the above numbered Patrol Report by Mr. Russell Patrol Officer, of a patrol into the Aitape West Coast (part) and Aitape West Coast Inland (part) is acknowledged.

As unfortunately this patrol report was held and forwarded with Aitape Reports Nos. 4, 5 and 7 as part of an area study for the extension of the Siau Council it has lost a lot of its value.

No comments were received with these reports from the Assistant District Commissioner, Aitape, when the reports arrived at this office.

The report is well done and the information it contains, well presented. Copy of the consolidated report of the area studies for the extension of the Siau Council will be forwarded you when prepared by Mr. Pegg, District Officer, (Local Government).

J. E. Wakeford
(J. E. WAKEFORD)
S/District Commissioner.

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

*all
a good informative report
of the Sissano Patrol
is attached.*

Name P. S. Russell

Station

Date File No.

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

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1964

Tuesday 20/5 Still down with flu - Conference
 21/5 from Oitje requiring urgent attention received
 and answered.
 Wednesday 22/5 Work finish today on Office until
 23/5 after New Year - Leave to Oitje -
 24/5 Coast away to Harbor Area to Oitje.
 25/5 At Siana - conference - etc.
 Friday 25/5 to Monday 28/5
 29/5 Three holidays -
 Tuesday 29/5 To Oitje in am - returned
 30/5 in PM to Siana.
 WED 30/5 At Siana - conference - reports
 31/5 of outland.
 1/6 At Siana - preparation for patrol
 2/6 This morning
 3/6 Friday 4/6 to Sunday 3rd/11/65
 4/6 Patrol Report
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

Folio No. 22

Name

F. S. RUSSELL

Station

Sisima

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

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1964

- | Date | Para. No. | |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Monday
11/15 | 216 | Correspondence - radio - etc in am.
Walk continued on office - cars to
Malah. - Const Palf to Tainai |
| TUES
14/15 | 217 | Typing T.R. in PM.
Typing patrol report - cars to
Malah. - Palf will - walk on
office - home work continued |
| WED
17/15 | 218 | Typing patrol report - finished.
const Palf to Aitpa with const cars
visit by Subur from Kororua with
tax money. - outland motor up
again. |
| Thurs
18/15 | 219 | At Sisima - finished patrol report -
to go out on fresh plane. -
Clinical copying allowance to today
inclusive - P. 1/18/64 |

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Duplicate to Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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SISSANO.

13th December, 1964.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

SISSANO PATROL REPORT NO.1 of 1964/65.

WEST COAST CENSUS DIVISION. (Part.)

WEST COAST INLAND CENSUS DIVISION. (Part.)

ESTABLISHMENT SISSANO PATROL POST.

Officer Conducting : P. J. Russell, Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Aitape West Coast Census Division. (Part.)
: West Coast Inland Census Division. (Part.)
Personnel accompanying : Corp. NINAGRU. (Part.)
: Const. AWASE. (Part.)
: Const. PALMF. (Part.)
Duration of Patrol : 4th August, 1964 to 2nd November, 1964.
: 3rd November 1964 to 15th November, 1964.
Number of Days : Fifty Five. (95)
Last D.N.A. Patrol to the Area. : November, 1963.
" Electoral " " " " : March, 1964.
" Agric. " " " " : September, 1962.
" Medical " " " " : May, 1960.
Map Reference : Army series four millinch and District Map.
Objects of the Patrol : 1. Census revision.
: 2. Tax collection, West Coast Inland.
: 3. Establishment Sissano Patrol Post.
: 4. Routine Administration.
: 5. Area Study, West Coast Inland. (To be
: submitted on completion of area patrol.)

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P. J. RUSSELL.

Patrol Officer.

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DIARY.

- 4th August, 1964. At Aitape. Departed in per powered canoe for WARAPU and thence per foot to Rest house at Sissano. Set up house at Sissano.
- 5th August, 1964. At SISSANO. Further survey of plantation. People of Sissano and Warapu commence clearing of two proposed sites.
- 6th August, 1964. At Sissano. work continues at Plantation site. Survey of Eastern boundary in pm.
- 7th August, 1964. At Sissano. Survey of Northern boundary of plantation.
- 8th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties.
- 9th August, 1964. At Sissano. Sunday. Observed.
- 10th August, 1964. At Sissano. work continues on clearing at plantation.
- 11th August, 1964. At Sissano. Heavy rains throughout day. work at a standstill.
- 12th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine administration, correspondence in am. To plantation in pm.
- 13th August, 1964. At Sissano. work continues on clearing at plantation.
- 14th August, 1964. At Sissano. work finished on Site No. 1. Inspection of Sissano village, housing, etc in pm. In fair condition.
- 15th August, 1964. At Sissano. To Warapu for village inspection. returned to Sissano.
- 16th August, 1964. At Sissano. Sunday. Observed.
- 17th August, 1964. At Sissano. Work finished today on clearing of Site No 2.
- 18th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine administration. village practically deserted as most people have gone bush to collect food.
- 19th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties.
- 20th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties.
- 21st August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties.
- 22nd August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties.
- 23rd August, 1964. At Sissano. Sunday. Observed.
- 24th August, 1964. At Sissano. to PO village per canoe and foot in 5 1/2 hours. talks with people, inspection of village, Slept night.
- 25th August, 1964. Departed PO in am to AROF 2. Talks with councilor and villagers. To Sissano.
- 26th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties.
- 27th August, 1964. At Sissano. routine duties. canoe arrived from Aitape with supplies.
- 28th August, 1964. At Sissano. to Aitape per powered canoe.
- 29th Aug

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29th August, 1964. At Aitape..office duties.
30th August, 1964. At Aitape..Sunday Observed.
31st August, 1964. At Aitape..office duties.
1st September, 1964. Returned to Sissano in am.routine duties.
2nd September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
3rd September, 1964. At Sissano..census revision of MAINDOM and
 MAINERA hamlets.
4th September, 1964. At Sissano..visited by A.D.O. Mr A.M.Botterill,
 discussions, Mr Botterill returned Aitape.
5th September, 1964. At Sissano..census revision of ABSOR and
 NIMAS hamlets.
6th September, 1964. At Sissano..Sunday..Observed.
7th September, 1964. At Sissano..Nominations for council elections
 from Sissano.Routine duties.
8th September, 1964. At Sissano..Mr R.Cocheran and Mr P.Williams,
 Dept.of Education arrived.discussions with
 Sissano and Warapu re administration school
 and proposed site.
9th September, 1964. At Sissano.Mr Cocheran and Mr Williams departed
 in am.
10th September, 1964. To Warapu, census revision MORINI, PUPA and
 ARCFORO hamlets, returned Sissano.Mr Botterill
 arrived..discussions.
11th September, 1964. At Sissano..Mr Botterill departed in pm.
 Short talk with Mr B Gall on airstrip.
12th September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
13th September, 1964. At Sissano..Sunday..Observed.
14th September, 1964. At Sissano..New Guinea day holiday.
15th September, 1964. At Sissano..talks with owners of Land required
 by Education department. Land cleared of growth
 by people of Warapu and Sissano.
16th September, 1964. To Warapu..census revision of WOSURU and
 TOMANI hamlets...returned Sissano.
17th September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
18th September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
19th September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
20th September, 1964. At Sissano..Sunday..Observed.
21st September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
22nd September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
23rd September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
24th September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
25th September, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
26th September, 1964. At Sissano.."ROUNA FALLS" arrived am discharged,
 25 tons cargo.To Aitape aboard "Aouna Falls"
27th September, 1964. At Aitape..Sunday..Observed.
28th September, 1964. At Aitape ..Office duties.
29th September, 1964. Departed Aitape 9.00 am per car, thence motor-
 cycle, canoe and foot to SISSANO..arrived P.M.
 "Rouna Falls" returned to collect cargo, seas

too heavy. Mr Botterill in per cenna to collect cargo.

- 20th September, 1964. At Sissano .. discussions with people re visit by three West Irians.
- 1st October, 1964. At Sissano..change over to new police uniforms..so far only one member of detachment received new uniform.
- 2nd October, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
- 3rd October, 1964. At Sissano.. A.D.O. Mr M.Allwood and P.O. Mr F Sabben arrived for council elections.
- 4th October, 1964. At Sissano..Sunday..Observed.
- 5th October, 1964. To Warapu.. council elections returned Sissano ..council elections.
- 6th October, 1964. At Sissano.. Mr Allwood and Mr Sabben depart in am. routine duties.
- 7th October, 1964. At Sissano..rou inc duties..
- 8th October, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
- 9th October, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
- 10th October, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
- 11th October, 1964. At Sissano..Sunday..Observed.
- 12th October, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
- 13th October, 1964. At Sissano..routine duties.
- 14th October, 1964. To Aitape..per Mission Cenna in am. Office duties
- 15th October, 1964. At Aitape, visit by His Excellency, Sir Donald Cleland, ^{the} District Commissioner.
- 16th October, 1964. To Sissano per mission cenna, Installed radio..
- 17th October, 1964. At Sissano, routine duties.
- 18th October, 1964. At Sissano..Sunday..Observed.
- 19th October, 1964. At Sissano...set up double canoe to take outboard motor.
- 20th October, 1964. At Sissano...routine duties.
- 21st October, 1964. At Sissano...routine duties.
- 22nd October, 1964. At Sissano...routine duties.
- 23rd October, 1964. At Sissano...routine duties.
- 24th October, 1964. At Sissano...routine duties.
- 25th October, 1964. At Sissano...routine duties. Sunday..Observed
- 26th October, 1964. At Sissano...worked with canoe carting stone.
- 27th October, 1964. At Sissano...worked with canoe carting stone.
- 28th October, 1964. At Sissano...worked with canoe carting stone.
- 29th October, 1964. At Sissano...worked with canoe carting stone.
- 30th October, 1964. At Sissano...worked with canoe carting stone.
- 31st October, 1964. At Sissano...~~worked~~ to MALOL per canoe and thence to Aitape by car. office...returned to MALOL and SISSANO in pm.
- 1st November, 1964. At Sissano...preparing to depart on patrol.

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- 2nd November, 1964. At Sissano..preparations for patrol.
- 3rd November, 1964. Departed for AROF in am. Census revision, discussions,marked site for new aid post. Slept night.
- 4th November, 1964. To FO village,census revision,discussions, etc. Slept night.
- 5th November, 1964. 0600-0630 To NINGIAN village,census revision, discussions,1530-1500 To GOINMI village,census revision,discussions,etc. Slept night.
- 6th November, 1964. 0700-0730 To WAJANLI,census revision,discussions 1130-1230 To DAKOM/SARIRA villages .Census revision,discussions.Slept night.
- 7th November, 1964. To RANU village in one 1/2 hours. Census revision, discussions,etc.Slept night.
- 8th November, 1964. 0630-0815 returned to SARIRA village.0830-1400. To KALANU village slept night.
- 9th November, 1964. Census Revision and Tax collection of KALANU, KIIYA, and KALAU villages at Kalanu in am. To ANSUKU in pm. CENSUS reision and tax collection,discussions in evening.Slept night.
- 10th November, 1964. To MAFORA,census revision and tax collection, discussions,etc. Half hour to MORI No 1.census revision,tax collection,discussions,etc.Slept night.
- 11th November, 1964. To SAVAMU in three hours.Census revision,tax collection,discussions with SAVAMU and HEBIAI villages at Savami.Slept night.
- 12th November, 1964. To MUMBU in 3/2 hours.census revision,tax collection,discussions,Slept night.
- 13th November, 1964. Departed MUMBU 0615,arrived SUMO village 1345 Census revision,talks with villagers,etc. Slept night.
- 14th November, 1964. To SERRA village in 3/2 hours.Census revision, talks,etc. Slept night.
- 15th November, 1964. To SISSANO in 2 hours 35 min. Patrol finished.

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INTRODUCTION.

The patrol had as its main objective the establishment of a Patrol Post at Sissano to strengthen Administration contact with the large numbers of people returning from West Irian to Sissano and Warapu villages. The patrol first established itself at Sissano village on the 4th August, 1964 and details of contact have been dealt with in separate correspondence throughout the period.

On November 3rd, after three months at Sissano, I proceeded to visit all villages in the Sissano area. These included all the western villages of the Aitape West Coast Census Division with the villages of Arop and Po forming the Eastern boundary of the group, and the Western Villages of the Aitape West Coast Inland Census Division, with the village of Nengden as the most Eastern village of the group. In all five villages of the West Coast Division and sixteen villages of the West Coast Inland Census Division were contacted.

All transport throughout the West Coast Inland is by foot. Walking throughout the area is easy, the southern half of the division consists of low undulating hills where the tracks tend to follow watersheds and rivers. The northern portion is flat and inclined to be swampy in the wet. I agree with previous officers that it would be better to patrol the area in the March-April period rather than in the North-west season when there is every chance that the patrol could be stranded by the flood that rise in the headwaters of the Biri and Rivuan rivers.

Those villages of the West Coast division visited by the patrol are all within easy distance of Sissano, the furthest villages of Po to the East and Serra to the West are only three hours away by canoe and foot.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

During the patrol much information was gathered for an area study of both the West Coast and West Coast Inland Census Divisions. This report will not deal with this but a separate report will be submitted as soon as the rest of the necessary information has been collated.

A marked difference is to be found in the living standard throughout the area. By comparison, these people on the coast enjoy a good standard of living. Without any cash crops the average Inland relies on the casual employment he can obtain at Aitape to find the necessary money for tax, etc. Each man spends two weeks at either Aitape or Vanimo. These people are unable to boost their income by the sale of fresh foods to Mission or Administration centres as they are too far away from any market. A small source of income is the sale of pigs to neighbouring groups in the Lumi area. Of the sixteen villages visited only 27 men were absent at work. Of these 43 had casual employment for a few weeks at either Aitape or Vanimo.

The coastal area is closer to markets and the sea and inland waters offer a ready transport. On the coast 24.5% of the adult labour potential has permanent employment outside the area. The Catholic Mission at Sissano/Warapu pay a monthly wages bill of 265/70 to persons from these two villages and spend monthly a further 215/50 on the purchase of native foods.

The establishment of a Base Camp at Sissano has resulted in increased local employment and it is estimated that the people of the area have benefited by 2500 over the last five months.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

I was most impressed with the way the patrol was received throughout the entire area. Friendly and cheerful people, they are ready and eager to assist. In most villages there was always a group of persons around the resthouse waiting to hear the radio. Radio news proved extremely popular.

VILLAGES.

1. Standards and type of Housing.

The basic house throughout the area follows the coastal pattern of elevated flooring but the standard varies considerably and leaves much to be desired. The lowest standard was found at MUMURU where housing was practically non-existent. This has been justified since the conclusion of the patrol. Other sub-standard housing was found at SAVAMU/NEBIKE, EARRE, SUNC, MAPORA and RAMU.

With the exception of PO all villages in the SIAU Local Government Council area are failing to maintain a satisfactory standard. RAMU and SUNC are the worse, while many houses at SISSANO and WARAPU are below standard. This is reflected in poor leadership from council members, the councillor at ANSOR (31 sano) does not have a house while the councillors at BORURU (warapu) and RAMU own the two most dilapidated houses in the area. There is a definite need for a council hygiene/housing committee to take this matter in hand.

ii. Advantages and Disadvantages of Villages Sites.

NEBIKE Village. Mr Van Ruth dealt with this village in considerable detail in his Patrol report Aitape No 2 of 6/2/64. Since then a further 27 persons (19 male, 8 female) have migrated out to NE village in the Imonda area. When I arrived at Savami I found that the remaining 45 people have moved into this village. They told me they had abandoned the old Nebike site at the headwaters of the FIVAMI river, a further five hours upstream from Savami. This group are under the leadership of Tualal MAGO, although the Tualal should shortly join them at SAVAMU. Although Mr Van Ruth reported antagonism between the two groups the Savami's are happy with the arrangement. However I feel there is little real incentive for the Nebike to settle here and they will probably be somewhere else by next year.

WAMPEI Village. Acting on Mr Van Ruth's recommendations this group have now been transferred to the Luni administrative area.

MOLE NO 4 Village. This village has now moved north to a site within 20 minutes walk of MOLE. The site is well-chosen on the bank of the Fivami river and under the leadership of the present Tualal are building reasonable housing.

iii. Water Supply.

Mr Van Ruth's comments regarding water supply at RAMU are well noted, it has the worse supply in the inland division. As yet no improvement has been made but this should be an early item on the SIAU council scheme to improve water supply.

All other villages in the inland have a reasonable supply from nearby streams.

Villages on the coast suffer from an inadequate water supply, however this is being attended to by the Siau council.

iv. Cleanliness...Hygiene and Sanitation.

With the exception of MUMURU, EARRE/BROME and RAMU all villages are satisfactory. Instructions were given for the necessary improvement at the named villages.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

On the inland division the only change of officials has been the election of new local government councillors at LAMU and SUMO. Although only elected last September the Sumo representative is far from happy and has already approached me to see if he can resign. He does not receive any assistance from the people. He is not a forceful type and after speaking with several villagers it appears he was selected for what he would not do rather than what he would achieve.

Luluais continue to function throughout the rest of the division, with the exception of KAUAILO, MAFOKA, and MUMUKU they all appear to be carrying out their duties successfully.

On the coast there was a complete change of councillors at SISBANO and SEKAA. They have only just come into office and are still learning. As previously stated lack of leadership by councillors has resulted in a drop in housing standards.

OPINION OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

Since Mr Van Rutas reports the majority of people have become increasingly aware that political development is and must take place. Places like KARARU, GOIMARI, WALLI-WALLI and ASURU, who still maintain close contact with WAIKUPI since their entrance into the LMI Council were full of questions regarding their own amalgamation into a council. The subject was not approached by myself but by the people. Although they showed an ~~interest~~ interest in councils they showed an immediate dislike for anything that would increase their tax rate. Those villages close to LAMU and SUMO had the attitude: "We only pay 5/- tax and the council villages pay 30/-, what have they got that we haven't?" It was pointed out that in the event of their entering a council the tax rate would not necessarily be the same as the LAMU council but would be a tax rate based on the economy of the area.

With an established council the people on the coast are more politically aware. They welcome the establishment of a Patrol Post at Sissano, not only for the prestige value but for the economic and social development they think will follow. They envisage the establishment of the station a step towards bringing self-determination that much faster.

Although aware that the present Administration is all-important as a step towards self-government, the people do not consider it as their own government but simply as an Australian Government. A typical example was when I wished to purchase a small area of land for the station. They were quite prepared to allow me to build on the land but not to purchase the area. Then after much discussion one spokesman said to the group: "Let the Australian government buy the land because then they will school the children and help you. The quicker this is done the sooner you will have your own government and get the station back for yourself!"

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Throughout the area there is an abundance of native foods which may be purchased. As previously mentioned the Catholic Mission at Sissano purchase 240/30 monthly. Sage is most available, also yams, sweet potatoes, papaw, pine apple and banana, also introduced crops of pumpkin, cucumber, beans, tomatoes and spring onions.

Cash cropping is confined to the coastal area, where a small income is derived by some from the sale of copra. Sissano village is the largest producer, the average adult male income from copra sales is 7/0 per month. The other villages produce far less, the village of Seenu produces copra at all and at Warapu the monthly

income is fourpence per man.

With the exception of MUMBU and NBBINE all villages visited have experimental coffee plots. So far PO village is the only place with bearing trees. These people have not yet marketed any produce. (See Appendix "B" for tree counts.)

All villages have former trainees who instruct and assist with the coffee plots, however a patrol by an Agriculture Officer is definitely required. As mentioned by Mr Van Ruth in his report there is still an area which has never been visited by a European Officer from DASF. (Mr Mokeen made a flying visit through the area in his capacity as polling official for the House of Assembly elections.)

The majority of cash cropping has been carried out on a communal basis but the trend now is for individual plots owned by one family group.

Marketing remains a problem, when the people of the inland division do produce a cash crop transport will be a major factor. The nearest market is at Aitape.

The people of BARIRA/DROIE have a small herd of six cattle. These appear to be in good condition and the people have informed me that the herd has increased by 50% over three years.

Other domestic livestock is restricted to pigs, fowls and a few ducks. A small income is derived from the sale of these although the majority of the animals are used to supplement their diet. Pigs, cassowary, fish and other game are available.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

i. Trade stores. Since the last patrol into the area native owned have been set up at ARCP, KAIYA, MIAU, AMBUU, MAPONA and SULO. With the exception of Arap and Sulo all the licences were issued by the ADC, LUMI. These stores have been set up with the help of the Catholic Mission who continue to offer guidance. In most cases money to start the store has been subscribed by the villagers who have been issued with 5/- share certificates. A further native operated store will shortly start at BARIRA/DROIE.

The Catholic Mission at Sissano also run a trade store.

ii. Transport. Native owned powered canoes ply up the coast from BEIRA, SISSANO and MARCU to AITAPE during the South-east season. Smaller powered canoes could travel between SISSANO and MALOL via the inland waterway during the North West season. Over the past five months there has been good prospects for native owned transport to carry cargo for the Administration and the mission but lack of interest, bad management and faulty equipment has resulted in a considerable loss of income to native operators.

The Mission at Malol have a small dingy capable of pulling a canoe which they operate between Malol and Sissano.

iii. Fishing. Again confined to the coastal region. A small cash income is derived from the sale of fish, prawns and crabs to the Administration and Mission personnel at Sissano and from the sale of fresh and smoked fish at Aitape. There is scope for the development of this industry with markets as close as Aitape and Lumi.

iv. Mining. A native miner from the Lumi area has recently moved into KARABU village and has interested the people in prospecting for gold. At the time I visited the village he had won a few samples but nothing had been marketed.

LAND.

An area of 5.5 acres has been selected at Sissano for a Patrol Post site. It is hoped that this purchase will be finalised shortly.

The people of NEBIRE are living on SAVANUI land and the people of GOINIRI are living on NENGLAN ground. The people of Goimiri will not plant cash crops as they fear they may be asked to leave the present site and go back to their own lands.

All villages have ample land areas and consideration should be given to the resettlement of GOINIRI, RARAU, LAIYE, KAPANOU, NEBIAS, SAVANUI, and MUMURU into areas closer to the coast and in particular into a region in the proximity of the AITAPA-VANIMO road. From time to time it has been suggested that these villages make such a move, however all groups are reluctant to make permanent moves to land over which they have no title.

COMPLAINTS.

The majority of complaints were of a domestic nature and settled by arbitration.

A native was charged and a shotgun confiscated at Barira village. The shotgun was left in the village by a priest of the Catholic Mission at Drome. The native claimed that he had at one time been the shootboy for the priest. There has not been a priest in residence at Drome for over two years.

COURTS.

Nil.

RESTHOUSES.

Resthouses and police barracks were found in every village. With the exception of SERRA and GOINIRI villages all buildings were in good condition.

CARRIERS AND CANCES.

Carriers were hired on a village to village basis and were paid 1/- per hour. At most villages the young men were eager to accept this employment and several spent a few days with the patrol. Cances were used on the Arop-Po section and were hired at 10/- each plus 1/- per hour for carriers.

HEALTH.

Health throughout the area is generally satisfactory. The whooping cough epidemic reported by the last patrol has also resulted in a large number of deaths being recorded by this patrol. A 2% population decrease was recorded at GOINIRI, 2.5% at RARAU and DROME village remains constant. All other villages showed a slight increase with those villages having the least contact escaping the whooping cough epidemic. The most remote village, MUMURU has an 11.4% increase.

During the patrol only a few minor sores and a small amount of dysentery was brought to the notice of the patrol. Many people were absent from SUMO village seeking treatment at Ramu aid-post.

I agree with previous officers remarks regarding the need for more aid-posts throughout the area. Savanui has a definite need with LAIYA village as another desirable site. The area reported as unpatrolled by a medical assistant still remains unpatrolled.

Kapanou aid post. Has a competent aid post orderly in charge.

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however he has been delegating his work to a village native who acts as assistant in cleaning sores, giving injections, etc. A clean aid post.

Arop Aid Post. Orderly was not present when I visited. Inspected aid post and found it in a filthy condition. There were several complaints that the orderly will not visit people in the village, no matter how ill they may be. He does not patrol regularly to FO village.

Goindipi Aid Post. A well kept aid post. However it is run by a medical who takes far more interest in village politics than in his medical work. He is advanced in years and has difficulty in visiting other villages.

Baripa/Brome Aid Post. Another dirty aid post. The orderly has a separate colony of half built houses, no latrines, etc, where he houses leper patients who remain at the aid post for treatment.

Ramu Aid post. The best visited in the area, clean, well kept native material buildings.

Serra Aid Post. When I visited the orderly was in the bush hunting pigs, he had been for the past six weeks, he had left his younger brother to look after the aid post. At this time the brother had just finished administering the last of the drugs and bandages.

Sissano Mission Aid Post. Run by a trained nursing sister the aid post has a child welfare and Pre and post natal clinic as well as general services.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

At this date the only education supplied in the area is by the Roman Catholic Mission Order of Friars Minor who are the only mission operating in the region.

The mission has two stations, one at Brome which has not been running for over two years and the other at Sissano. The Sissano mission has a school which offers education from prep. to standard IV. There were over 400 children attending the school at Sissano and Warapu in 1964. Apart from this school there is no other school except small village groups taught by mission catechists.

The mission influence seems to extend into all villages throughout the area but those people who consider that they should be under the Brome mission are disgruntled at what they consider the lack of interest being displayed in their welfare by the mission in failing to have a priest at Brome for over two years. The mission at Sissano enjoys good relations with the people in the area.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Most roads throughout the area are well kept native tracks, although the road from KAHINDU to BARIPA is only a native foot pad. The majority of tracks tend to follow streams and it is almost impossible to arrive in a village with dry feet. Bridging has been attempted where possible.

There are no vehicular roads in the area although there is a need for some to help economic development.

AIRFIELDS.

The only airfields in the area are two private strips operated by the Catholic mission. These are at Sissano and Brome and

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I feel that all villages should be able to pay the tax rate in 1965 and have advised villagers accordingly.

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