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PATROL REPORT OF: LAE MOROBE

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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1963/64

LAE, WAU, MENYAMBA, and MUMENE

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
<u>LAE</u>		
1-63/64	P. T. Worsley	Wain Census Division
6-63/64	R. D. Donovan	Komalili Census Division
<u>WAU</u>		
1-63/64	A. R. Jones	Eloa
<u>MENYAMBA</u>		
6-63/64	C. D. Waite	Part Wapi Census Division
<u>MUMENE</u>		
1-63/64	P. Hayward	Buang Census Division
7-63/64	P. J. Wright	Buang, Mumeng and Middle Watut C/Ds



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WJU NO. 1/63-64

Patrol Conducted by A. R. JAMES PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled WLOA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 MEMBER OF RP & NGC.

Duration--From 15/7/1963 to 24/7/1963

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 6/1962

Medical 4/1962

Map Reference SKETCH OF MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol Revision of population census compilation of the
Common Roll and general administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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10th October, 1963.

The District Officer,
Morebe District,
L A E.

WAD PATROL REPORT 1-63/64:

The above report is acknowledged.

2. Written instructions should have been issued by the Assistant District Officer although the objectives were basically the same as for a previous patrol.
3. Officers should always be on the alert for opportunities to improve administrative techniques and if time can be saved through better accessibility it is important. I would like to have information on the feasibility of the new route in the report of the next patrol to the area.
4. The problems of small isolated communities in an area of difficult terrain are appreciated. New Missions moving into such areas frequently meet with spectacular initial success - the people aspiring to ends they hoped but failed to achieve through the body already established.
5. Mr. James' remarks on fish are interesting and the plentiful supply of barramundi up to 10 lbs. in weight make these people as well off in this respect as most in the Territory. Although not included in the Agriculture and Stock section of the report it is assumed that the information on fish was sent on to the Department.

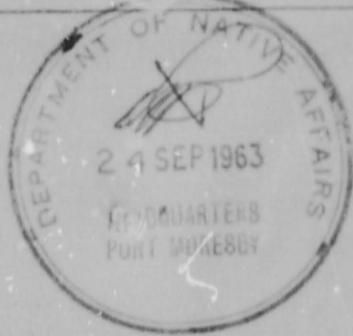

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-3

If calling ask for

Mr. _____

Department of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E., Morobe District.
18th September, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU

WAU PATROL NO.1 1963/64

I refer to my 67-2-3 of 30th August, 1963.

I am enclosing herewith sketch map of the route followed by this patrol submitted by Mr. James my paragraph three refers.

A.D.O., WAU, advises that verbal instructions were issued to Mr. James for the conduct of this patrol. He was instructed to comply with the instructions issued for Wau patrol of 1962/63.

(J.P. SINCLAIR)
District Officer



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Mr.

Department of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E...Morobe District.

30th August, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

WAU PATROL NO. 1 of 1963/1964.

I am forwarding herewith the above mentioned report submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer James of his patrol to the ELOA River of the Kareeba, Indivi Census Division.

The report is supported by comments by the Assistant District Officer, Wau and I am requesting him to forward me copy of the Patrol Instructions issued to Mr. James. These will be forwarded in due course.

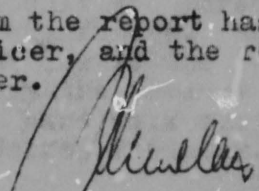
The patrol jacket notes there is a sketch map attached, but this has not been received. It will be forwarded in due course.

This is the report of a short patrol to one of the most rugged and isolated parts of the District. I am hopeful that a suitable track from the BIARU Census Division through to the ELOA River can be located and, as noted by Mr. Walters, this will save a considerable amount of walking time.

I agree that the future of this small isolated group appears to be dim. I cannot see any considerable economic development taking place in view of the nature of the terrain and the great distances that produce would have to be carried to market.

The ELOA has had little attention and all we can do in the foreseeable future is to continue patrolling the area.

An extract from the report has been sent to the District Agricultural Officer, and the report has been shown to the District Commissioner.


(J.P. SINCLAIR)
District Officer.

c.c. A.D.O. WAU

Mr. A. R. James, WAU.

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Sub-District Office,
W A U.

Morobe District.
26th August, 1963.

District Officer,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E.

WAU PATROL REPORT NO.1 of 1963-64

Forwarded for your information and comments please find the report submitted by Mr. A.R. JAMES, Patrol Officer, covering the ELOA RIVER area of the KAREEBA-INDIWI Census Division.

The ELOA RIVER area is at present included in the KAREEBA-INDIWI Census Division, however for easier access it is more suitable to patrol this area from Wau. Inquiries and investigation are still proceeding in an endeavour to find a suitable track from the BIARU Census Division through to the ELOA RIVER and if one can be found it will reduce the walking time required to visit both areas. As reported by Mr. JAMES there is good possibility that a track can be found and this route will be investigated in the near future.

The Census Division does not pay personal tax and I do not foresee that this will be possible in the near future.

Information required for compilation of the Common Roll has been collected.

With a total population of only 358 persons this area is one that does not appear to have any future. Economic development can not ever become very great due to the large distance that the people will have to carry the produce to Market. The prospect of three days long, hard walk must surely deter even the most enthusiastic Coffee Producer.

Claim for Camping Allowance is attached.

K. WALTERS *K. Walters*
Assistant District Officer *plg*

Encl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Sub-District Office,
W A U.

Morobe District.
1st August, 1963.

District Officer,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E.

WAU PATROL NO.1 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by: A.R. JAMES P.O.
Area Patrolled: ELOA River.
Duration: 15th July, 1963 to 24th July, 1963.
Map reference, objects of Patrol Revision of population census
compilation of Common Roll and
general Administration.

Introduction:-

This patrol visited the ELOA River area of the KAREBA INDIWI-ELOA census division with the object of finding a route from the BIARU census division to the ELOA River as well as population census and Common Roll work.

There is no great population in this area and the people speak the same languages of those of the UPPER WATUT and KAPAU-KABU areas. Although these people are almost completely isolated and not often visited they do show a slight shade of sophistication due possibly to contact with other groups in Wau and the BIANGAI people.

The patrol was well received in all centres and the carriers who were taken from the UPPER WATUT were well looked after.

Diary:

Monday 15th July.

Departed Wau 8.30am. via KALSINIK, BJAWENG, WARA BUNG, WINIMA to HAUS KARUGA 1645. Made camp and remained the night.

Tuesday 16th July.

0615 moved on through KUDJERU and WARA DRAI descent of about 3,000 feet to HAUS KANDA 1730 no water. Remained the night and collected rain water from the roof.

Wednesday 17th July.

Departed HAUS KANDA 0700 descended through rain to the Bulldog road then on to ANANDEA. Talks with village officials and village men regarding Bulldog road to Wau as an alternate route to the KUDJERU road, coffee, and village affairs. Remained the night ANANDEA.

Thursday 18th July.

Revised census and compiled common roll for ANANDEA. Talks re Legeo Elections and village affairs. Took soil profile for DASP. And patrol moved on to TEKADU. Purchased native foods for carriers, talks with village officials. Again complaints regarding Mission activities. Remained the night TEKADU.

Friday 19th July.

Revised census and compiled common roll for TEKADU. Talks with general gathering regarding common roll and LegCo elections. Discussions with village men regarding road into the BIARU, remained night TEKADU.

Saturday 20th July.

To YENAWI 1 hr. revised census and compiled the common roll. Talks with people regarding common roll, LegCo elections, health, and general administration. Police constable sent to review road into the BIARU. Two suspected T.B. cases picked up at YENAWI. Returned to TEKADU for the night.

Sunday 21st July.

Inspected track from ELOA to the BIARU 6 hrs. ascent to top of the range, 4½ hrs. return to TEKADU remained the night at TEKADU.

Monday 22nd July.

Departed TEKADU 0730 to ANANDEA then on to "HAUS KANDA" 1500, and camped for the night.

Tuesday 23rd July.

Departed "HAUS KANDA" 0630 ascended to WARA DRAI then to KUDJURU and on to HAUS KARUGA 1600 and camped for the night.

Wednesday 24th July.

Moved on from HAUS KARUGA 0600 to WINIMA village talks with LULUAI. On to BIAWENG village KAISINIK village arriving Wau 1200.

End of Patrol.

Geography

The ELOA or AIVAVI river is contained in a valley bounded on the north and east by ranges to 9000' and on the west by ranges to 5,000. The river flows south to the Papuan Gulf via the TIVERI and LAKEKAMU rivers, flowing into this stream near the old Bulldog air strip. It is typical limestone country with the ridges rising steeply to many sharp peaks and cliff faces.

Prospectors have found traces of gold in the ELOA. But to date nothing important has been achieved. More promising

prospects were found in a small creek south of Mr. Lawson and east of Bulldog approximately one day's walk from TEKADU VILLAGE.

Vegetation cover of the area is typical tropical rain forest and villages in areas of 1,500 to 3,000 feet altitude.

Native Affairs.

The most noticeable feature of the native situation in the ELOA is the split between the two Mission groups. The three villages in the area are split into two hamlets, one Lutheran the other New Tribes Mission. This area which until a few years ago was totally Lutheran is now predominantly New Tribes Mission. Many of the local people are concerned with this trend and claim that instead of uniting the people they are splitting them into sections.

The reason for the peoples' sudden acceptance of the New Tribes Mission is that the Mission workers speak in the local language and not pidgin or english which means that the young children receive no schooling in pidgin and when outside their home area cannot converse with other people.

Other than this the native situation in the ELOA can be considered normal. No crime was evident and no Courts were held. The people appear eager for economic development. Coffee seems to do well in the area although this product will have to be carried long distances to market points. Fish, Barramundi, are plentiful in the river near TEKADU and YEMAWI villages and the average size of fish seen was approximately ten pounds or more. Again transport and marketing presents difficulties. Marketing of fresh fish would be impossible but opportunities exist for a smoked or dried product on the native market.

Talks on the Common Roll and House of Assembly were received with interest but no comments or opinions were expressed.

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Agriculture & Stock.

Ecology of the area is typical rain forest with small patches of secondary bush on old garden sites. Choko has taken a strong hold here and constitutes a major part of the undergrowth in old gardens and along isolated SAGO Palms.

Local agricultural methods are interesting. When a garden site is chosen and prepared at first only the under brush and lower tree limbs are cut and cleared. The trees are allowed to stand with the crowns in tact. The food crops are then planted under the shading leaf cover and when the crops are established the trees are felled to expose the crop to sunlight.

The chief food crops are bananas, tar (x), tara (col), sugar cane and sweet potatoes in that order. Eipika and other native vegetables, casava, maize beans, cucumber, pumpkin and tomatoes are seen.

A number of coffee trees were seen at TAGATAUA Creek and the old TAGATAUA village site. Trees appeared quite healthy and doing well. Those at TAGATAUA creek owned by the LULUAI of TEKADU are reasonably well looked after and bearing well.

The usual native livestock was seen in the area though dogs were not as plentiful as in some areas consequently poultry was more abundant. No disease was evident in dogs or pigs.

Census & Statistics.

The population census was revised revealing an increase of seven over last year's count to give 358.

Six new names were recorded and a known three others are yet to appear for census.

Births exceeded deaths 21 to 20 making the natural increase practically nil.

Attendance at census was good and the check was done easily with no fuss or bother.

5% of the male population was absent at work at the time of the census.

Roads & Bridges.

Walking tracks between villages follow the war-time Wau-Bulldog road and except where slides have covered the old road are in excellent condition. All large streams and rivers are crossed by log or rope bridges, smaller creeks are forded.

The track from Wau is poor, uneven, and root strewn making walking uncomfortable. The road traverses several soft marshes and stony creek beds making the journey tough on leather.

The walk from WINIMA to the ELOA River involves several steep ascents and descents and the nature of the track makes carrying difficult.

Walking times (rest periods included)

KAISINIK - WARA BUNG - 2 hours over good even track.

WARA BUNG - HAUS KARUGA VIA WINIMA - 5 hours ascending on reasonable track to camp site just below war-time mule-track. Camp 15 minutes from water.

HAUS KARUGA - HAUS KANDA - 11 hours. 3 hours to KUDJURU. 4½ hours to ridge crests, descent to WARADRAI ½ hour, 1½ hours to resting place, 1½ hours descent to HAUS KANDA, rough walking. No water near camp site.

HAUS KANDA - ANANDEA - 1 hour descent to river, 1 hour to Bull-dog road (HAUS KOPA), 2½ hours to ANANDEA.

ANANDEA - TEKADU - 2½ hours over Bulldog road easy walking.

TEKADU - ANEWE - 1 hour over Bulldog easy walking.

LEACHES and scrub mites (bush moccas) make walking through the bush from BIANGAI to ELOA uncomfortable. The use of insect repellent or dybutalthalate on self and clothing is advised. During the journey camps have to be made at altitudes with cool to cold nights.

Road BIARU-ELOA. A short route from the BIARU to the ELOA is desired. Aerial photographs revealed a possible route from ULUM across the POPE or KORPERA river to the top of the ridge. The ELOA or TAGATAUA people have an old fight track following the POROMA river from half way between TEKADU village and YENAWI

to the top of the range and this road was inspected as a possible descent. The ascent takes approximately 6 hours the last 2 hours a steep climb along a sharp ridge. The descent takes 4½ hours the first section steep and slippery but the route quite good, and would make a passable track with a little clearing. The use of this track would save at least 3 days walking through unpopulated bush when doing the BIARU and ELOA patrols.

Health & Hygiene.

Villages were found to be clean and tidy and methods of refuse disposal apparently adequate.

The general health of the people appeared reasonably good. Five people requiring medical treatment were brought to Wau. The absence of small sores and other minor complaints was quite noticeable. A high spleen rate is evident in all sections of the community however.

Conclusion.

Until and unless some resettlement or agricultural programme is commenced at Bulldog the ELOA valley is likely to remain isolated and unadvanced for some time.

The nature of the terrain and distance from markets will make any large scale economic development virtually impossible.

A.R. James
A.R. JAMES
Patrol Officer.

WAU PATROL N°1 1963/64
ELDA RIVER.

Scale: 4 mile - 1 inch

△ Village sites

----- Patrol Route -----

----- Proposed route Binaru - ELDA -----

