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[6] 6 of 1971/72	71-82	D.J. MAHAR P.O	ARAT MAY CENSUS DIVISION	12-13	N.A.
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[9] 20 of 1971/72	115-131	D.B. ROBERTSON A.P.O	MAIN RIVER AND CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS	13-14	6.9.71 - 19.9.71
[10] 20 of 1971/72	132-143	D.B. ROBERTSON A.P.O	" " " " "	13-14	6.9.71 - 19.9.71
[11] 30 of 1971/72	144-148	D.B. ROBERTSON A.P.O	GAYI COUNCIL	14	N.A.
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[13] 4 of 1971/72	180-186	G.F. PAYNE ADC	SEPIK PLAINS & BURUI KUNAT	14	27.1.72 - 18.2.72
[14] 5 of 1971/72	187-195	G.F. PAYNE P.O	PART OF MAIN RIVER, SEPIK PLAINS & BURUI	14	N.A.
[]			& CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISION		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SEPIK Report No. MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 4
of 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by D. J. MAHAR PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled WANIAP - MAY CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 members of R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 20./10./1971 to 29./10./1971

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1970

Medical/19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision, 2. Update Area Study and Situation Report, 3. Purchase land at Ama, and 4. General 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 \$.....

*Area study
on 20/10/71*

EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971-1972

MAY RIVER

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
1-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Waniap-May C.D.
2-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Sepik-May C.D., and part Walic-Sic C.D.
3-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Waniap-May C.D.
4-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Waniap-May, Abai-May, Central-May & Arai-May C.D.
5-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Part Arai-May C.D.
6-71-72	D.J. Mahar	Arai-May C.D.

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1-71-72	G.F. Payne	Sepik Plains & Burui Kunai C.D.
1a-71-72	G.F. Payne	Burui Kunai, Part Sepik Plains & Part Main River C.D.
2-71-72	D.B. Robertson	Main River and Chambri Lakes C.D.
2a-71-72	D.B. Robertson	Main River and Chambri Lakes C.D.
3-71-72	D.B. Robertson	Gau Council
4-71-72	L.V. Bragge	Main River and Chambri Lakes C.D.
4a-71-72	G.F. Payne	Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai.
5-71-72	G.F. Payne	Part of Main River, Sepik Plains and Burui Kunai & Chambri Lakes C.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....**EAST SEPIK**..... Report No.....**MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 4**.....
 Patrol Conducted by..**D. J. MAHAR**..... **PATROL OFFICER**..... of 1971/72
 Area Patrolled.....**WANIAP - MAY**..... **CENSUS DIVISION**.....
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**NIL**.....

Natives..2..members..of..R.P.N.G.C..

Duration—From..20../10../19..71..to..29../10../19..71..

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on 1971/2*

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P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU

67-8-27

20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK

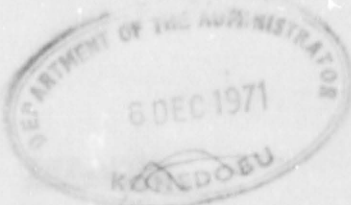
MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-13 of 1st December, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area
Study and Situation Report by Mr. D.J. Mahar, Patrol Officer,
of WANIAP-MAY Census Division.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary

The patrolling Officer has attended the forms
by examining the totals, including Aborigines. It is necessary to
reiterate the people who fall in the age category
of Aborigines should be placed in the village at the
time of census.



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5. With the forthcoming alterations in the census format, no need is seen to alter the attached District Village Population Registers.

Sub District Office,
Lakemba,
East Sepik District.

10th November 1971

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
Lakemba.

L. W. Bragge,

Assistant District Commissioner.

Reference: 67-1-13

District Office,
MEWAK, East Sepik District.

1st December, 1971.

c.c. Officer In Charge,

Patrol Post, relevant carrying allowance claim.

MAY RIVER.

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of this report are forwarded herewith. The subject matter is primarily of local interest. M.H.A. Mr. Nauwi Sainambi seems to have rapport with these people which will assist him in the coming elections.

Situation Report:-

Para 9 Economic potential of the production aspect. The marketing aspect which will have to be overcome, especially in the communication field due to distance involved.

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

Para 11. With road communication between MWA and the Sepik, river shipping could also be used to carry produce.

Area Study:-

Para 39. Is an indication of just how 'Low Level' a Local Government Council would be if established in this area.

Village Population Registers:-

4. The prevailing Officer has created the form by adjusting the totals, including Absentees. Presumably to accommodate the people who fail to fall into either category of Absentees or teachers or students at the village at the time of census.

FRAGILE

REPORT No. 67-1-13

MAY RIVER PATROL No. 67-1-13

SUB DISTRICT

AMBUNTI

Division of District
Sub District Office,
Ambunti,
East Sepik District.

DISTRICT

EAST SEPIK

COUNCIL / NON COUNCIL AREA

NON COUNCIL AREA

19th November 1971

PATROL The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
Wesak.

DENNIS JOHN MAHAR

DESIGNATION

PATROL OFFICER

May River Patrol Report No. 1/1971-72

AREA PATROLLED

Mr. D. J. Mahar - Patrol Officer DIVISION

REASON 1. ACCOMPANY Attached please find four copies of the above-mentioned report, plus one copy of the patrol map for sun printing, and the relevant camping allowance claim.

DURATION OF PATROL

29/10/71 to 29/10/71 10 DAYS

2. Could three sunprints of the map be returned please.

DATE AND DURATION OF LAST

AUGUST 1970 KORATS

DDA PART My Comments Are:-

OBJECTS 3. This is the first undated Area Study submitted from this Sub Districts. The saving of words, typing time and reading time proves this innovation successful. The report remains an informative document. UPDATE AREA STUDY & SITUATION REPORT

Situation Report:-

Para 9 Economic potential is limited to the production aspect. The marketing aspect holds difficulties which will have to be overcome, especially in the transportation and communication field due to distances involved.

MAP REF 11. With road communication between Ama and the Sepik, river shipping could also be used to carry produce.

Area Study:-

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER 39. Is an indication of just how 'Low Level' a Local Government Council would be if established in this area.

Village Population Registers:-

4. The patrolling Officer has amended the forms by adjusting the totals, including Absentees. Presumably to enumerate the people who fail to fall into either the category of Absent students or workers or Present in the village at the time of census.

PREAMBLE

REPORT No.	MAY RIVER PATROL No. 1 of 1971/72
SUB DISTRICT	AMBUNTI
DISTRICT	EAST SEPIK
COUNCIL / NON COUNCIL AREA	NON COUNCIL AREA
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	DENNIS JOHN MAHAR
DESIGNATION	PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED	WANIAP MAY CENSUS DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL	2 MEMBERS of R.P.N.G.C.
DURATION OF PATROL	20/10/71 to 29/10/71 10 DAYS
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST DDA PATROL TO AREA	AUGUST 1970 10DAYS
OBJECTS OF PATROL	1. CENSUS REVISION 2. UPDATE AREA STUDY & SITUATION REPORT 3. PURCHASE LAND AT AMA 4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED	— 668
MAP REFERANCE	AMA ADMINISTRATIVE AREA 1971/72
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER	ENCLOSED

PATROL DIARYWednesday 20th October 1971

Departed May River at 1200 hrs by canoe, to patrol the Waniap May Census Division. Accompanied by two members of the R.P.N.G.C.

Proceeded to Waniap village, arrived 1500 hrs, met village officials, and held discussions with the people re politics and economic development.

Slept Waniap.

Thursday 21st October 1971

Census revised and information collected for updating area study.

Departed 0930 hrs, proceeded up the Waniap creek to the highest navigable point, then proceeded overland to Ama (4 hour walk) arrived 1530 hrs.

Slept Ama

Friday 22nd October 1971

Revised census of Boropa village, held discussions with people and settled one minor dispute.

Afternoon spent on discussions with people re the setting up of a government station at Ama, looking for a possible site, and purchasing the Ama airstrip and a small adjoining piece of land.

Slept Ama

Saturday 23d October 1971

Revised census of Kawia and Wobaru villages, collected information for updating area study and held discussions with people re general administration matters.

Slept Ama

Sunday 24th October 1971

Departed Ama 0830 hrs, proceeded to Ienewe village (3½ hour walk).

held discussions with people re economic development and political education.

Slept Ienewe.

Monday 25th October 1971

Revised census for Ienewe village.

Departed Ienewe 1130 hrs, proceeded to Agrame village (1¼ hour walk). Revised census for Agrame, and held discussions with people re general administration.

Slept Agrame.

PATROL DIARY (continued)Tuesday 26th October 1971

Departed Agram 0800 hrs proceeded to Uwau (45 minutes walk).

Revised census for Uwau village , and held discussions re general administration, economic development and politics of the area.

Also did some work on figures of censuses revised to date.

Slept Uwau

Wednesday 27th October 1971

Departed Uwau 0700 hrs , proceeded to Tigi village (2 1/2 hour walk), through swamp land.

Discussions held with a small amount of people while waiting for the rest of the people to come infrom their gardens.

Slept Tigi

Thursday 28th October 1971

Revised census for Tigi village , attendance very poor.

Departed Tigi 1000 hrs ,proceeded to Waniap village , arrived 1500 hrs ,(1 hour walk and 4 hours by "pull" canoe).

Slept Waniap.

Friday 29th October 1971

Departed Waniap 0900 hrs , proceeded to May River Patrol Post By Government canoe.

END OF PATROL DIARY

SITUATION REPORTINTRODUCTION

1. The patrol covered a period of 10 days ,from 20th October 1971 to 29th October 1971. The objects of the patrol were to revise the census ,update the area study , compile a situation report , purchase an area of land at Ama , and routine administration work.

2. The objects of the patrol were achieved with out any difficulty . In contrast to the previous patrol to this area , this patrol was conducted at the beging of the wet season , tracks were found to be very slip-pery and difficult to walk along, and when sago swamps had to be crossed the patrol had to wade through knee deep mud and slush.

3. Due to circumstances the patrol had to re-cruit carriers from Waniap village and the comment of the previous patrol , that the people of Waniap as carriers have very shortcomings , are endorsed. It is suggested that following patrols to this area , arrange to recruit carriers from the Ama area.

POLITICAL

4. The area has been under Administration influ-ence since 1965 when the Village Officals system was in-troduced to the area. Due to the small population of each village , the majority of the villages only have one village offical , a Luluai or a Tultul. In the maj-ority of villages visited by the patrol, the Village Offical had a reasonable/^{amount of} respect from the village people , but it was noted that they carried little or if any authority outside their own village. The Lulusais from Agrame and Uwau villages , have left their villages to live elsewhere , and the Luluai from Tigi village is very excitable and has very little authority in the village.

5. The attitude of these people towards the Adm-inistration and mission , has changed very little over the past two or three years . They still accept the pre-sence of both , while they are receiving the benefits of Law and Order and health services provided by these two institutions.

POLITICAL (continued)

6. Even though it has been explained to the people of the area many times , the benefits of working in with the Administration to improve their economic standing , and to send their children to the mission schools, they are still holding on to their traditional and primitive background and living as their ancestors did. It will possibly be quite some time before these people will be able to break their superstitious ties with the past and begin to think of economic development and the future. One small step has been made in this field though as four boys are attending standard 1 in the S.D.A. mission school at Ambunti.

7. Political Education talks were given in each village , but it is felt that only a small amount of the information given in these was taken in by the people . Waniap village which has had more contact with Administration than the rest of the villages in the area , were able to understand more than most villages. Practically all the people in the area know their local Member of the House of Assembly , Nauwi, due to the fact that he has visited the area twice in the last twelve months , which has assisted the Administrations efforts greatly , but ^{the people} are still unable to grasp fully the work of present system of government.

8. It is felt that political education talks in this area would be more beneficial , if the officer conducting the talks had some form of visual aids to assist him.

ECONOMIC

9. Overall the area appears to have a very sound economic potential, but on a break up of the area , some village areas have very little economic potential, for example , some years ago the Administration supplied each village in the area with a wheat bag full of coconuts to plant, where as the ones planted at Ama and Wobaru villages are now bearing coconuts , the ones at other villages are little more than four to five feet in height.

ECONOMIC (continued)

10. Iyari of Ienewe village , who received training at Maprik on how to grow coffee , has tried to grow coffee twice near Ienewe Village , without any success. He was advised by the patrol to go and try again on some land in the vicinity of Ama , the people are willing to allocate a small piece of land. If this project is successful, then one of the problems of the area will have been solved.

11. If cash cropping does develop in the area the only way of transporting it for sale will be by flying it out , at present there is a S.D.A. Mission owned airstrip at Ama which is approximately 1500 feet long which could be lengthened to 3000 feet without any great difficulties .

12. Approximately 30% of the adult male population is absent from the area each year , due entirely to labour recruitment for East New Britain Plantations, this is virtually the only source of revenue coming into the area. Each man leaves the plantation at the end of term with approximately \$80 in his pocket the majority of this is spent on clothes and other small items during his trip home , as a result there are very few people in the area who do not have at least one set of European style clothes . Agrame village was the only village where traditional dress prevailed.

13. The only other revenue which comes into the area is the \$100 spent by the Administration on carriers each patrol, and about \$20 for artifacts sold by the Waniap people each year.

SOCIAL

14. The area has three distinct social groups , based on language differences , these are ; 'Wobari' group which represents Boropa, Kauvia, Wobaru, Ienewe and Tigi, 'Iyo' group which represents Agrame and Uwau, and 'Neinbonai' language group which consists of Waniap village.

15. Health in the area is not very good , cases of yaws were noticed during the patrol , almost every person has grilles and tropical ulcers are fairly common. The majority of deaths in the area are caused by Pneumonia and malaria , but the people put it down to sorcery.

SOCIAL (continued)

16. The housing in the area is reasonable considering that there are primitive people with nomadic tendencies . The houses always seem to be over crowded with a complete disregard for cleanliness, which no doubt adds to the health problem.

17. The average life expectancy is about forty to forty-five years , which is indicated by the census figures , which show only 19 male and 14 females over the age of forty-six years.

18. There have been no more migrations to Ama since the last patrol to the area. Kauvia and Wobaru groups are still living there quite peacefully , but now there is talk of government station being established at Ama no doubt this will encourage further migrations to Ama.

MISCELLANEOUS

19. Needless to say in an area like this there are quite a few who only come to the village site when a patrol is in the area , also there some who never turn up for a census , therefore the census figures are possibly not entirely correct, but it is estimated that the total figure would not be more than 5 or 6 out either way.

AREA STUDYINTRODUCTION

20. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol

No. 1 of 1970/71

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

21. Copies of village population register forms are attached. Also refer previous Area Study.

SOCIAL GROUPINGS

22. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol, No. 1 of 1970/71.

LEADERSHIP

23. No individual could claim to have influence through out the area , apart from his own village area. The groups have never been unified and some tension exists , so that obviously no individual holds the power to influence more than his own village.

24. The following is a list of village officials and their estimated abilities;

1. Nomnia / Gwainos. Luluai, Waniap village. Age 45 years, married with four children, no convictions, average ability.

2. Nawaik / Nasau. Tul Tul, Waniap village. Age 39 years , married with three wives and six children, no convictions understands his position and is willing to help.

3. Okapo / Waieko. Tul Tul , Boropa village. Age 41 years, married with no children, no convictions , limited ability.

4. Nakiam / Imari. Luluai , Wobaru village. Deceased. Recommend that Meira / Ainau , Aged 31 years, married two wives, with one child , no convictions and good ability replaces Nakiam.

5. Nakiam (Behai) / Imo. Luluai , Kauvia village. Age approx. 50 years, married with two children , no convictions , he is crippled man but has the respect of the people.

6. Tumai / Sipera .Tul Tul, Imewe village. Age 37 years, married with one child, no convictions, lacks initiative.

7. Jmoa / Tasko. Luluai, Agrame village. Has been recruited and proceeded to East New Britain plantation without informing the Patrol Officer , recommend he be dismissed and replaced by , Yari / Busiari, age 35 years married no children, no convictions , and reasonable ability.

LEADERSHIP (continued)

8. Parei/ Lewo. Luluai, Uwau village. He has migrated to Ienewe village , recommend he be dismissed and replaced by Sitisa / Wapi age 31 years , married with two children no convictions, and reasonable ability.

9. ~~Yaso/ Koro~~ . ruluai Tigi village , age 33 years, married with three children no convictions, Useless.

25. No change can be seen to the traditional pattern of leadership because no formal education exists with the young people to influence any change.

LAND TENURE AND USE

26. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol no. 1 of 1970/71.

LITERACY

27. No schools are operating at the present time in the area. Previous attempts have been made by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission to operate a school at Waniap village but due to lack of response it was closed.

28. The S.D.A. Mission hopes to open a school at Ama in 1972 , it is hoped that this school will receive a better response from the people of the area.

29. At the present there are three boys from Kauvia village and one boy from Wobaru village attending Standard 1 at the S.D.A. Mission school at Ambunti . Apart from ~~kk~~ these four boys no one else in the area could be classed as literate.

30. Almost all the villages in the area own radios , however none were operative during the patrols visit, mainly due to the lack of batteries . It is suggested that the next patrol carry a supply of batteries and issue a set to each village as this is the only medium by which knowledge can be gained of happenings in the outside world.

STANDARD OF LIVING

31. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol no. 1 of 1970/71.

MISSIONS.

32. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

NON-INDIGENES

33. No activity in the area.

COMMUNICATIONS

34. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

35. There are no people in the census division who have been trained in a professional capacity.

THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

36. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

37. The economy of the area is very poor, as mentioned in the situation report the only revenue that comes into the area is obtained through the following sources;

1. Labourers returning from plantations, each with approximately \$80, but from discussions with the people apparently all of this is spent on the trip home on buying clothing and other small items, therefore actual revenue coming into the area from this source, is nil.

2. \$100 spent on carriers by Administration patrols each year.

3. Approximately \$20 earned a year by Waniap village for the sale of artifacts.

38. There is only one Commonwealth Savings Bank account held in the area, which has a balance of \$2.00

39. The average annual income per person in the area is \$0.18.

POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

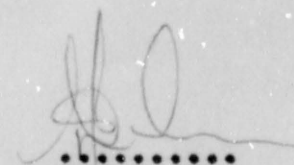
40. Refer Area Study, May RIVER Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

41. Refer Area Study, May River Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71.

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

42. Not applicable


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D.J. Mahar

Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX "A"INFORMATION NAVIGABLE RIVERS

Stream Name	Extent of Navigable Section	Length of Section	Water High	Depth Low	Restrictions to Navigation	Landing Places
Waniap Creek	From junction creek and May river, approx. 10 miles upstream to Waniap village then approx. a further 8 miles to junction of Tigi and Boropa creeks.	Approx 18 miles	not Known	6- 10 feet	Snags, Weeds & Floating logs	no jetties only river bank landings
Tigi Creek	From the junction of Tigi & Boropa creeks approx. 3 miles upstream	Approx. 3 miles	not known	3- 6 feet	Snags, Weeds & Floating Logs	no jetties only river bank landings
Boropa Creek	From junction of Tigi & Boropa creeks approx 1 mile to junction of Ienewe, Boropa & Ama creeks, then a further 2 miles upstream.	Approx 3 miles	not known	3-6 feet	Snags weeds & Floating Logs	no jetties only river bank landings

The above creeks are only navigable by motor canoes and paddle canoes. Ienewe and Ama creeks would be navigable for some distance if they were cleaned out, at the present they are overgrown with weeds and full of dead trees.

APPENDIX "B"SHOTGUN REGISTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
Numsat/Wang	Waniap	Make: Carrero S/No. 12128 Dec. 1972
S.D.A. Mission Employees licence	Ama	Make: Winchester S/No. 143201

APPENDIX "B" SHOTGUN REGISTER

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>
Numsat/Wang	Waniap	Make: Carrero S/No. 12128 Date: 1/1/72
S.D.A. Mission Employees licence	Ana	Make: Winchester S/No. 143201

APPENDIX "C"PATROL POLICEConst. 1/c 1161 SIPUP

Conduct was very good through out the Patrol, this member is an excellent bush worker, and shows plenty of initiative, his only problem is that he suffers from emphysema , which results in him suffering shortness of breath on long walks.

Const. 1/c 0956 KWAKA

Conduct was good through out the Patrol, keen worker but a bit slow at times in understanding instructions.

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of East Sepik Report No. May River Patrol No. 2 of 1971/72
Patrol Conducted by J.J. Mahar Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled Sepik May Census Division & Part Walio Sio Census Division
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
Natives 2 Members R.P.N.G.C. & 1 O.M.O.

Duration—From 18./11./1971 to 5./12./1971.

Number of Days 16 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9./19.70.

Medical /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision, 2. Updated Area Study and Situation Report, 3. and General Administration of Sepik May Census Division 4. Collect Witnesses and Interpreters for Supreme Court from Walio Sio Census Division.

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

Area study on file

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Females in Child Birth	M	

67-1-13

Division of District
Administration,
District Office,
WEWAK.

16th February, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.


MAY RIVER PATROL NO.2

OF 1971-72

Your 67-8-34 of 7th February, 1972 refers.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Ambunti reported verbally on the incident between the people and Carpentaria Exploration Ltd.. He has been asked to submit a written report.

A sun print copy of the patrol map is forwarded herewith.


(E.G. HICKS)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

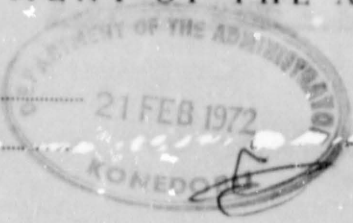
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Division of District
Administration,
District Office,
WEWAK.

16th February, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUI.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 2
OF 1971-72

see folio 22

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

map on Area Study file
P/A

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P.O. Box 2396 - KONEBOBU

67-8-34

7th February, 1972

The District Commissioner
East Sepik District
WEMAK.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 2 of 1971/72.

Your reference 67-1-13 of 27th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Reports by MR. D. MAHAR, P.O. of the SEPIK MAY and WALIO SIO Census Divisions.

If a full report has not been forwarded covering the incident between the people and the Carpentaria Exploration Co. Ltd., please do so.

Each heading in the Area Study should be on a separate folio to facilitate updating.

All Area Studies must be supported by a map. Please supply. Census figures will be commented upon separately.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

BMA 67-8-34

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PREAMBLE

REP 67-1-9.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 2 of 1971/72

SUB DISTRICT



Sub District Office

DISTRICT

East Sepik District

COUNCIL/NO COUNCIL AREA

18th January 1971

District Commissioner

DENNIS JOHN MAHAR

East Sepik District

WEWAK

DESIGNATION May River Patrol No 2/1971-72 ICER

1. Attached please find 3 copies of the above report together with camping allowance claim and the patrol map.

2. The report is late due to pressure of work upon Mr Mahar (Supreme Court sittings and establishment of Ama Patrol Post.)

DURATION OF PATROL

18/11/71 to 26/11/71

3. Mr Mahar's reports in future will be in accordance with 67-1-0 of 25th November 1972, a copy of which should have been sent to you.

4. The report is concise and brief and adequately covers the situation.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

1. CENSUS REVISION SEPTEMBER
 2. UPDATE AREA BRIDGE SITUATION
- Assistant District Commissioner

67-1-13

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION District Office, WEWAK. SEPTEMBER 27th January, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

4. COLLECT WITNESSES FOR SUPREME COURT CASES FROM WALIO SIO C.S.D.

Two copies of the report with amendments to the area study and village population registers are forwarded herewith. I regard the report as being "average".

PATROLLED

WALIO SIO - 95

MAP REFERENCE

AMBUNTI SUB DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

ENCLOSED

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



PREAMBLE

REPORT NO.	MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 2 of 1971/72
SUB DISTRICT	AMBUNTI
DISTRICT	EAST SEPIK
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA	NON COUNCIL AREA
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	DENNIS JOHN MAHAR
DESIGNATION	PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED	SEPIK MAY CENSUS DIVISION PART WALIO SIO CENSUS DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL	2 MEMBERS OF R.P.N.G.C. I O.M.O..
DURATION OF PATROL	18/11/71 to 26/11/71 30/11/71 to 5/12/71 16 days
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST DDA PATROL TO AREA	SEPIK MAY - SEPT. 70 - 14 days WALIO SIO - AUG. 71 - 22 days
OBJECTS OF PATROL	1. CENSUS REVISION SEPIK MAY 2. UPDATE AREA STUDY & SITUATION REPORT 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SEPIK MAY C.D. 4. COLLECT WITNESSES & INTERP- RETERS FOR SUPREME COURT CASES FROM WALIO SIO C.D.
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA P PATROLLED	SEPIK MAY - 860 WALIO SIO - 953
MAP REFERENCE	AMBUNTI SUB DISTRICT 1971/72
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER	ENCLOSED

PATROL DIARY

Thursday 18th November 1971

Departed May River Patrol Post 0830hrs., proceeded to mouth of the May River then up the Sepik to a place adjacent to Panewai village, arrived 1400hrs. 10 minutes and 20 minutes by paddle to Panewai village. Discussions with people re improving access to village, economic development and general administration.

Slept Panewai

Friday 19th November 1971

Revised census, and proceeded to motor canoe mooring, departed 1200hrs. proceeded down the Sepik to Iemombui village arrived 1630hrs.

Slept Iemombui

Saturday 20th November 1971

Revised census, collected information for updating area study and discussions held with the people. Departed 1200hrs proceeded to Mowi arrived 1230hrs. Discussions with people re economic development, and political education, while waiting for people to return from their gardens.

Slept Mowi

Sunday 21st November 1971

Observed

Slept Mowi

Monday 22nd November 1971

Revised census, collected information for updating of area study. Departed Mowi 1200hrs, proceeded to Auom arrived 1400hrs, worked on census figures revised to date and discussions with people.

Slept Auom

Tuesday 23rd November 1971

Revised census, collected information for updating of area study. Departed Auom 1030hrs proceeded to Freida River (1 hour) then up the Freida River to Paupe, arrived 1500hrs. Discussions with people re recent dissatisfaction with Carpenteria Ex. Co.

Slept Paupe

PATROL DIARY (continued)Wednesday 24th November 1971

Revised census , collected information for updating of area study , proceeded to Paupe fuel dump (½ hour) had discussions with labourers re relationship with C.E.C. Departed Paupe Fuel Dump 1200hrs. proceeded to Inioik village , arrived 1530 hrs . Discussions held with people re various matters.

Slept Inioik

Thursday 25th November 1971

Revised census , and collected information for updating of area study , Departed Inioik 0900hrs , proceeded to Kubkain with sick teacher, then returned to Leonard Shultz River and upstream to Sinen village, arrived 1600hrs Discussions with Sinen and Wusok re Murder of Wusok man in 1970 , in the hope of obtaining a motive for the killing

Slept Sinen

Friday 26th November 1971

Proceeded further upstream at 0600hrs , arrived Waswari 0800hrs conducted further investigations , returned to Sinen at 1000hrs. Departed Sinen 1030hrs , and returned to May River , arrived 1730hrs.

Slept MayRiver

Tuesday 30th November 1971

0630hrs Departed May River in a double canoe, accompanied by one member of R.P.N.G.C. and an O.M.O., proceeded down the Sepik to the Leonard Shultz River then up the Leonard Shultz to Walio arrived 1600hrs.

Slept Walio

Wednesday 1st December 1971

0645 hrs Departed Walio proceeded upstream to Sinen instructed Luluai to send word into the bush to witnesses in Wusok murder case to come to Sinen , then proceeded further upstream to Waswari to collect an interpreter, word left for interpreter to be in village next day , returned to Sinen.

Slept Sinen

PATROL DIARY (continued)

Thursday 2nd December 1971

0700hrs departed sinen proceeded upstream to Wawari to collect interpreter, returned to Sinen collected witnesses and departed Sinen 1200hrs, proceeded to Biaga at the mouth of the Wogamus River, arrived 1615hrs.

Slept Biaga

Friday 3rd December 1971

0800hrs departed Biaga and proceeded up the Wogamus River to Wori arrived 1100hrs, witnesses and interpreters from Waurinapi murder case not assembled, departed 1200hrs proceeded further up stream to Yabatawe sent word into the bush for witnesses and interpreters to return to their villages and prepare to go to Ambunti (Yabatawe 1½ hours from Wori)

Slept Yabatauwe

Saturday 4th December 1971

0830hrs departed Yabatauwe and proceeded downstream to mouth of creek to Waurinapi, unable to proceed to Waurinapi water level too low, continued to Wori and sent two men in paddle canoe to collect witnesses from Waurinapi Village.

Slept Wori

Sunday 5th December 1971

Witnesses from Waurinapi arrived at Wori 0930hrs Departed Wori 1000hrs, proceeded to Ambunti, arrived 1930 hrs.

Slept Ambunti

END OF PATROL DIARY

SITUATION REPORTINTRODUCTION

1. The Patrol covered a period of sixteen days during the months of November and December 1971.

The objects of the patrol were ; 1. Revision of Sepik May Census Division, 2. Situation Report and update Area Study for Sepik May Census Division, 3. Collect witnesses and interpreters for supreme court cases from Walio Sio Census Division and transport them to Ambunti by the 5th December 1971, and 4. General Administration of both Census Divisions.

2. The area patrolled is spread out over a large area of the Sepik River and three of its tributaries to the South, thus a lot of time was taken up travelling between villages. In the sixteen days the patrol covered approximately 950 miles by canoe.

3. The villages in the Sepik May Census Division have very little , if any, social or physical connections due to the great distances between villages , for example it is approximately 70 miles between Panewai and Iemombui villages.

4. The objects of the patrol were achieved without any great difficulty , although some difficulty was experienced in collecting the witnesses and interpreters from the Walio Sio Census Division for supreme court cases , due to the nomadic tendencies of some of the villages in the upper reaches of the Leonard Shultz and Wogamus Rivers.

POLITICAL

5. The Sepik May Census Division is controlled by the Luluai Tultul system, the majority of the villages in the census division, have been under administration influence for quite some time and the village official system appears to be working quite effectively. It was noted, due to the great distances between villages, that no one person could be said to be influential through out the census division.

6. Two thirds of the villages in the area are aware of Local Government Councils and of their operations, mainly due to the fact that each village owns at least one serviceable radio, thus some of the programmes on Radio Wewak have been absorbed by the people. Also during discussions with the people it was quite clear that they were interested as to how would assist them economically.

7. Although this interest in local government is genuine it is felt that one of the reasons being that they wish to find a easy means of obtaining money to purchase more outboard motors to keep up with their neighbours in the adjoining census division which is in the Ambunti council area.

8. The people of the Sepik May Census Division have a small knowledge of the House of Assembly and its operations, no doubt their interest and knowledge has increased since the last patrol visited the area and shall increase more as the elections draw near. This increase in interest can only be attributed to the political education programs on Radio Wewak.

9. All the people in the area are aware that their local member of the House of Assembly is Naui, but they have mixed feelings as to his effectiveness as they have not seen any direct benefits since his election to the House of Assembly.

POLITICAL cont.

10. The comments of the previous patrol, re the revisio~~g~~ of the boundaries of the census div~~s~~ion are endorsed, especially as the Yellow River area is to be included in the Ama Administrative area. It is recomended that Panewai Village be included inthe South Wapei Census Division, who's people are of the same language groupas the Panewai people.

11. Due to the activities of the Carpentaria Exploration Co.'s activities in the Freida River area, the people of Paupe Village have departed from their primitive, stone age existance at an alarming rate, during this transition period their sense of value and logic have become somewhat confused, as a result relationships with the Carpentaria Exploration Co. have become rather strained. Proir to the patrols visit this resulted in what could have ended in a nasty incident, as a result the Tultul and three men from Paupe village are now serving sentences in the Ambunti Corrective Institution for roitus behaviour. The situation will need to bw watched or a similar incident could occur.

ECONOMIC

12. The whole area is economically depressed , and the only villages with any land suitable for cash cropping are Panewah and Payne Villages but these two villages did not show any interest when the possibilities ~~was~~ of cash cropping were explained to them by the patrol.

13. A small amount of income comes in to the area from the sale of crocodile skins , but this is not a regular source of income as skin buyers do not visit the area regularly . Also a small amount of cash is brought into the area by Labourers returning from New Britain Plantations after the completion of their two year contracts.

14. The activities of Carpentaria Exploration Company in the Freida River area has supplied a small amount of men from the area with employment with a regular income, and if the company decides to extend operations in the area it will obviously ^{GIVE} a lot more people ~~with~~ employment and reduce the absentee rate from the area .

15. As mentioned by previous patrols , local government would possibly give these people some insentive to look for ways to develop the area economically , but while the Department of Agriculture , Stock and Fisheries maintain their present attitude of not operating in the May River area, this possibility appears rather remote.

SOCIAL

16. There are no recognized schools in the area, but the Assemblies of God Mission have set up village schools in Auom and Mowi villages, the teachers in these schools have received only standard six training, therefore these schools are of a poor standard. But it is a start in giving the children ~~of the~~ some education.

17. Health through out the area is reasonably good considering there~~are~~^{are} no Aid Posts in the area, and it is not visited regularly by a medical patrol. Paupe village has access to Carpentaria Exploration Co.'s medical supplies in emergencies, and the people of Mowi and Iemombui villages can receive medical treatment at the May River Aid Post if necessary.

18. There is very little Mission activity in the area, the Assemblies of God mission pays the occasional visit to the villages on the Sepik River and Auom village, but they have very little, if any, influence in these villages

19. Basically life goes on in the traditional manner through out the area, the womens days are taken up fishing and collecting sago, while the mens time is spent hunting and constructing and repairing houses where necessary. Practically all the men own at least one set of european style clothing, that is, shirt and shorts, while the majority of the women still wear the traditional grass skirts.


20. The villages of Paupe and Panewai have very little contact with other villages in the Census Division, especially Panewai, due to the great distances between villages in the Census Division.

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MISCELLANEOUS

21.

Nil.


(D.J. MAHAN)
Patrol Officer

AREA STUDYINTRODUCTION

22. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

23. Village Population Register attached
, also refer May River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1970/71

SOCIAL GROUPING

24. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

LEADERSHIP

25. This census division is typical of
the May River area in that no individuals exert in-
fluence over an extended area. The various village
officials appointed hold influence in their own im-
mediate village, but their authority is certainly
not dominant.

26. List of village officials;
- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| Pinia/Worikiau | ,Luluai Panewai village, age 36 years
married with two children(wife died
Nov. '71) |
| Inia/Masio | ,Luluai Iemombui village, age 43years
married with two wives and three
children. |
| Nami/Megwai | ,Tultul Iemombui village, age 39years
Married with two wives and one child |
| Nadmai/Nugran | ,Luluai Mowi village, age 43 years
married with two children. |
| Naramau/Nabrin | ,Tultul Mowi village ,age 41 years
married with two wives and six
children. |
| Nuguran/Naunin | ,Tultul Auom village ,age 39 years
married with two children. |
| Solwan/Yabine | ,Luluai Paupe village, age 31years
married with one child. |
| Nemnano/Namasio | ,Tultul Paupe village, age 41years
married with two children. |

(It will be recommended that the above be dismissed
as he was the instigator in a riot in Oct. '71 and
is now serving a sentence of four months in the
Ambunti Corrective Institution.)

POLITICAL cont.

Namagum/Pato ,Luluai Iniock village ,age 45 years
married with one child.

Habino/Wansu ,Taltul Iniock village ,age 43 years
married with three children.

Also refer May River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1970/71

LAND TENURE AND USE

27. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

LITERACYLITERACY

28. The census division has no recog-
nized schools, but there are small village schools
in Mowi and Auom villages ,set up by the Assemblies
of God Mission . The two teachers at Mowi and the
one at Auom have only received standard six educ-
-ation and very little training as teachers ,thus
the schools are of a poor standard .The school at
Mowi is attended by 36 boys and 15 girls,and the
school at Auom is attended by 11 boys and 2 girls.

29. The Christian Mission of Many
Lands from Yellow River visits Panewai village
once a month for two days and conducts a pigin
school , which ^{is} attended by 11 boys and 5 girls.

30. There is only one person from the
census division who is attending school outside
of the census division, he is, a boy from Iemombui
village who is attending standard two at the S.D.A
Mission in Ambunti.

31. There would be about 20 people in
the census division who could be classed as semi-
literate . All villages in the area own radio rec-
-eivers , the majority of which are out of use due
to lack of batteries .During the patrol it was not
-ed that each village owned at least one servicable
radio with which to ^{hear} Radio Wewak programs.

STANDARD OF LIVING

32. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

MISSIONS

33. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

NON-INDIGENES

34. The only non-indigenous company operating in the area is Carpentaria Explorations Company. They are actually situated in the Telefomin Sub-District. However access to their operations is gained via the Freida River. Paupe village is the off-loading point for petrol and other bulky supplies transported from Ambunti, other supplies are flown in to the airstrip situated approximately 12 miles upstream from Paupe village.

35. At present 22 men from the Census division are employed by the company, of which 10 are employed at the off-loading point at Paupe the rest are employed at the airstrip as general labourers.

36. The initial mining survey of the area has been completed by the company, but as yet the company has not decided whether a more detailed survey will be done, if it is decided to make a more detailed survey then no doubt more employment will be offered to the people of the census division.

37. It is improbable that the people of the area will ever be able to use the company as a market for fresh vegetables, as the small amount of land that is available is hardly suitable for growing crops which could be sold to the company.

38.

COMMUNICATIONS

38. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

39. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

40. Refer May River Patrol Report No.
3 of 1970/71

THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

41. There are no cash crops in the Census Division.

42. Wage earnings for the area comes from two sources; 1. 66 men employed on New Britain Plantations, at the end of their two year period they each receive an average payment of \$80.00, this would mean that some \$5280.00 could be brought into the area. 2, the 22 men employed by Carpentaria Ex. Co. earn \$15 a month, which represents approximately ~~\$4000.00~~ \$4000.00 per year.

43. A small amount of income is earned from the sale of crocodile skins each year, but this would not exceed \$500.00

44. The people of the area hold 24 Commonwealth Savings Account books, with balances totalling \$384.77

45. From the foregoing information it is calculated that an average per capita income figure could be as high as \$14.40. This is not an evenly realistic throughout the Census Division.

46. There are no outstanding entrepreneurs in the Census Division.

POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

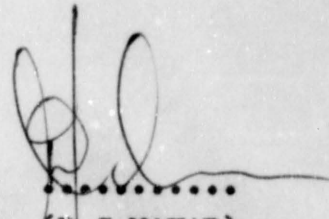
47. Refer May River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1970/71

ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT & CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

48. Refer May River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1970/71

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

49. Nil.


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(D.J. MAHAR)
Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX "A"

INFORMATION NAVIGABLE RIVERS

Rivers Name	Extent of Navigable section	Length of section	Water High	Depth Low	Speed	Restrictions to navigation	Landing places
666							
Sepik River	For the full length of the Census Division, from Iniock to Panewai. Navigable by Work Boat.	Approx. 120 miles	varies greatly		3 to 4 mph low water, 5 to 7 mph high water	Sand bars and floating logs	no jetties only river bank landings.
Freida River	From mouth at Sepik to Paupe village, navigable by River Truck and motor canoe, Jet boats are able to proceed a further 12 miles upstream to C.E.C.'s airstrip.	Approx. 40 miles	Varies greatly		up to 15 mph	Snags, weeds, and floating logs.	no jetties only river bank landings.

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APPENDIX "B"

SHOTGUN REGISTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Particulars</u>
...
Kwaima/Nanei	Iemombui	Make: BC My Luck S/No: 142198 L/No: 49708
Nasa/Kuaij	Iemombui	Make: Greener S/No: R67140 L/No: 53206
Nami/Meikwa	Iemombui	Make: Winchester S/No: 81509 L/No: 53225
Nuguram/Wene	Iemombui	Make: BC My Luck S/No: 142648 L/No: 72766
Wamaut/Nemino	Mowi	Make: Greener S/No: R66955 L/No: 72765
Kwakam/Inia	Mowi	Make: BC My Luck S/No: 142647 L/No: 53227
Naramai/Nabrin	Mowi	Make: Greener S/No: R67790 L/No: 56051
Wandei/Hobwi	Auom	Make: Winchester S/No: 0237261 L/No:
Nemnano/Namasi/Paupe		Make: S/No: L/No:
Namsak/Inowei	Iniock	Make: Winchester S/No: 069533 L/No: 56056
Mekwei/Pairo	Iniock	Make: Winchester S/No: 065809 L/No: 56055

APPENDIX " C "

PATROL POLICE

<u>Name and No.</u>	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Constable 1/c SIPUP 1161	Good	Shows Initiative
Constable 1/c BUNIMA 1283	Good	Reliable

APPENDIX "D"

OUTBOARD MOTOR REGISTER

<u>Village</u>	<u>Particulars</u>
Illoilo	Nil
Iemombui	one Mercury 7.5 hp
Nowi	one Mercury 7.5 hp one Johnson 9.5 hp Two Archamedies
Auom	one Mercury 20 hp
Paupe	Nil
Iniak	one Mercury 7.5 hp one Evinrude 9.5 hp one Archamedies

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Amount Returned to Store

P.O. Box 2396,
WINDHOLE.

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24th February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WINDHOLE.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 1/1971-2.

Your reference 67-4-13 of 15th February, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports arising out of the above Patrol of AMA Patrol Post, together with the appropriate assessments, as prepared by Mr. D. Mahar, Patrol Officer.

Turning first to procedural matters, Mr. Mahar has misinterpreted my 67-4-0 of 25th November, 1971. What he has included as three distinct Situation Reports is really his Patrol Report which should terminate at your Headquarters. The "Patrol Report", covering the establishment of AMA is really a Situation Report as most recently defined. It could probably be split into two Situation Reports, more correctly, viz :

- May River Patrol 1/71-72 Situation Report 1 - Establishment of AMA Patrol Post
- May River Patrol 1/71-72 Situation Report 2 - Local Attitudes and assistance Patrol Post establishment.

The Assistant District Commissioner and yourself assess each one separately in the spaces provided on the pro-forma.

We are committed to the move to AMA upon your own recommendations. I hope that in your imminent visit you can instil in Mr. Mahar a more positive and constructive outlook. Please let me have your comments on your return. It would seem that completion of the airstrip to D.C.A. requirements should be afforded priority over the building programme as

severe of all concerned will be lifted once a regular all weather supply route is opened.

The area is no doubt depressing but there must be potential in some directions.

(T.W. HILLS)
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
21 FEB 1972
KONEDOBU

67-1-13

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
WENAK.

15th February, 1972.

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Mr.....

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MAY RIVER SITUATION REPORT

NO.3 1971/72

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of the above report which deals mainly with construction of the new patrol post at Ama with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

Mr. Mahar points a depressing picture of the new patrol post site. He early took a prejudiced attitude towards the new site and is determined not to change his stand.

Mr. Mahar comments on the track between Ama and Panewai without having walked it. It seems incredible that in two months he could not have found the opportunity to make this four hour walk, although it was made clear to him that this is a vital link for the development of the area.

This wet season has proved to be an exceptionally severe one which has hampered progress. But it seems very strange that the water table should be so high when one considers the topography and soil structure in the area.

Personal observations and discussions with Missionaries and local indigenes do not support Mr. Mahar's comments on the agricultural potential.

I hope to make a personal inspection of progress on the new station in the near future.

A.D. STEVEN
DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

for (S.G. HICKS)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

3/1971-72

May River / AMA

D. J. MAHAR - P.O.

East Sepik

Ambunti

WANIAP/MAY

Non Council Area

Construction of Ama Patrol Post.

AMBUITI. E.S.D.

3rd February 1972

1. The depressing nature of this report will make the 'A.D.C.'s comments' more of a criticism. Any critical comment will be made with the full realisation of the A.D.C.'s position behind an office desk as compared with the Patrolling Officers' two months hard work in the field.

2. The first and last paragraphs explain that the decision to move to Ama from May River is wrong, the paras in between seek to show why.

AIR The airstrip is an authorised landing area with set down at 1,500' x 100'. D.C.A. closed the strip when the Missionary advised the width was 85'. Para 13 and Para 3 refer to an airstrip upon which the D.W.E. commented favourably.

LAND Para 4 is a comment made by an officer who, according to his journal did not see the road route. Mr. Binjari's description was "a rough and water covered track". Before writing this off completely a thorough examination will have to be made with alternative routes and drainage considered.

Para 6. This is not considered final and conclusive prove of the non existence of this waterway, or the possibility of construction of a channel, as the contry is low and swampy.

PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE This is to be expected from primitive sago eaters. Sustained effort in labour can only come with experience and possibly and improved diet.

GENERAL The original instruction to Mr. Binjari to construct the C.I.C.'s residence after the completion of the I.M.Q.'s has been ignored. Any local officer discontent during the remainder of the project will probably be related back to this, R. P. & N. G. C. staff are likely to remain for longer unbroken periods than are individual officers, and should thus be housed first.

The plan attached to thereport shows the commencement of a well planned station. The main source of concern expressed is the difference between wet and dry season conditions. It is acknowledged these problems exist, but they have not yet been proven to be insurmountable.

L. W. Bragge

9th February 1972

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May River AMA

D. J. MAHAR - P.O.

East Sepik

Ambunti

WANIAP/MAY

Situation Report - Construction of Ama Patrol Post.

AMBUNTI

3rd February 1972

1. ECONOMIC

Para 2. Coconut palms thrive at Ama, and drainage could well lower the water table. It will be even more difficult to obtain a qualified opinion on the potential of the area if a reluctant 'Didiman' can point out that even the 'Kiap' does not think it is worth while.

DISTRICT LEADQUARTERS ASSEMBLY
PATROL & REPORT

L. W. Brasse

9th February 1972

(9)

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER : 3 of 1971/72 OBJECTS OF PATROL: ESTABLISH NEW PATROL POST
 DISTRICT: EAST SEPIK STATION: AMA (MAY RIVER)
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D.J. MAHAR SUB-DISTRICT: ARESUNTI
 AREA PATROLLED: WANIAI / MAY C.D. DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER
 DURATION OF PATROL: 42 DAYS PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 3. MAJOR A.F.C.
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: OCTOBER '71 NUMBER OF DAYS: 10 4 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: N/A TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 668
 MAP REFERENCE: N/A COUNCIL AREA: NON COUNCIL AREA
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: UPPER SEPIK

The District Commissioner,
District,

Wewak

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 24 TO 29, (✓)
 - PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, ()
 - THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (✓)
 - AREA STUDY, ()
 - UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
 - SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 3, (✓)
 - PATROL MAP, ()

DATE: 9/2/1972

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[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY, ()
 - UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ()
 - SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ()

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 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF
 PATROL & REPORT ABOVE AVERAGE
 AVERAGE
 BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: / /19 .

.....
 District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 1971/72

STATION ..AMA (MAY RIVER).....OFFICER COMPILING ..D.J.MAHAR..P.O.
 DISTRICT..EAST SEPIK.....SUB-DISTRICT...AMBUNTI.....
 CENSUS DIVISION..WANIAK / MAY.....L.G. COUNCIL.....N/A.....

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AMA PATROL POST - SPECIAL REPORTINTRODUCTION

1. The patrol was conducted for the purpose of establishing a new patrol post at Ama, to replace the May River Patrol Post. The construction work is not yet completed due to lack of building materials, (nails, hinges, etc.). It became obvious during the Patrol that recommendations for the establishing of a patrol post at Ama must have been made on observations of dry season conditions only, as the wet season has presented many unfavourable factors which will be pointed out below in this report.

LOCATION

2. The Ama Patrol Post is situated approximately 16 miles North West of the May River Patrol Post, in the Waniak May Census Division. The site is central to the new Ama administrative area, which includes the May River area and Yellow River Base Camp area, which was formerly controlled by Luri Sub - District.

ACCESS3. AIR

At the present time there is an airstrip, which was constructed by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, the dimensions of which are 1200ft X 75 ft, this does not come up to Department of Civil Aviation regulations. Whilst the patrol was at Ama local labour was used to clear the airstrip to an area of 1600feet X 150feet, but as yet this has not been levelled, also the drainage problem will have to be solved, possibly by the digging of a ditch four to five feet deep along the Western side of the airstrip. After one or two nights of heavy rain the ground becomes saturated, thus making a fair proportion of the airstrip soggy, even though there is quite a lot of stone in the ground.

4. LAND

The only two ways of reaching Ama at present are by walking overland. One track is from Panewai village on the Sepik River, the condition of this track has no doubt been described by Mr. L. Binjari

ACCESS (LAND cont.)

in his patrol report no.7 Ambunti of 1971/72, as it took him and Mr. J.Mamo A.P.O. approximately 8 hour to complete the walk. The possibility of constructing a road along this route is very doubtful, the first section from ~~Patrol post to the Boropa creek~~ ~~will not~~ present any great problems, but the lowlying swamp area between the mountain ridge and Ama would prove very difficult as during the wet season after a heavy rain the majority of this swamp is under three to four feet of water.

5. The other track is from the Boropa creek which is on an average a four hour walk, after two days of good weather. The possibility of constructing a road along this route is practically nil, as the writer found out when he walked to the canoe point after a couple of nights of heavy rain, he found he had to wade through Chest to waist deep swamp for over a third of the distance.

WATER

6. There is reportedly a creek which originates close to the southern end of the airstrip at Ama. The writer and a group of local people from Waniap village, set out in six paddle canoes to follow the Ama creek upstream from where it joins the Boropa creek to form the Waniap creek. The creek lead into a maze of swamps, after paddling all day were unable to find a creek that came close to Ama, thus the writer had to spend a night in the swamp and return to Ama by foot through swamp the next day.

7. During the dry season a motor canoe can only proceed as far as the junction of the Ama and Boropa creeks which leaves a 4½ to 5 hour walk into Ama.

CONSTRUCTION WORK

8. At present the following work has been completed on the patrol post at Ama;

- (A) Officer in Charge's Residence
Completed, except for nailing of blind work onto walls.
- (B) Domestic Quarters
Completed, except for walls.
- (C) Office and Government Store
Foundation posts erected, and all building materials on site, except roofing.
- (D) 5 I.M.Q.'s
Foundation posts of three erected and posts for other two on site.
- (E) Transit House
Site cleared.
- (F) Water supply
Dam constructed at rear of O.I.C.'s residence

9. On paper ~~this does not~~ this construction work does not look like a very satisfactory result for the time that the Patrol was at Ama, this being mainly due to the fact that the 22 labourers recruited from Ambunti for house building had to spend three to four weeks on clearing work before they could start on the

CONSTRUCTION WORK (cont.)

houses. The Local labour that was available was not very effective and half of this was being used on the airstrip while the other half were collecting building materials.

PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE

10. Local interest in the new station was very keen at first, the patrol had no trouble in recruiting some sixty odd labourers (total work force of the area), but as time wore by the number became less and less until at the end it was difficult to obtain 25 to 30 labourers each day. It also became extremely difficult to obtain food to feed the Ambunti labourers as all the food that was being prepared by the village women was being consumed by the local labourers, who were not used to working from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm.

11. The people are still quite keen to have the station erected at Ama, but they do not seem to understand the amount of work that is required in establishing a station and an airstrip, although numerous efforts were made to get this across to them.

GENERAL

12. It should be pointed out that Yellow River area can be reached in the same time from May River Patrol Post as from Ama, also Ama has the added problem of finding carriers, where as from May River it is only a matter of getting into a motor canoe.

13. Taking into account the foregoing information, also the difficulty which is going to be experienced in moving heavy items (e.g. Safe, cabinets, etc.) to Ama, it would appear for administrative purposes that the Patrol Post is better situated at May River. The only advantage Ama will have is an airstrip, which does not look like it will be operative for at least another three to four months.

14. The economic aspect will be dealt with in the situation report. Attached is a locality map and a station plan.

3 of 1971/72

Ama/May River

D.J.Mahar P.O.

East Sepik

Ambunti

Waniap May

N/A

POLITICAL

1. The situation in the area has changed very little if any since the last patrol to the area, May River Patrol No.1 of 1971/2, October '71, the Tultul Luluai system is still operating reasonably effectively, although none of the village officials have any authority or respect outside their immediate village. It is worth mentioning here that whilst the patrol was in the area, there were one or two people who did not show any respect for their Luluai's authority, one who comes to mind is Sobei/Imamo of Kauvia (Ama) village, he is possibly a potential leader of the area.

2. The possibility of establishing a local government council in the area in the near future is very remote as there is no economic development in the area.

3. Over the last few months the people of the area have become more aware of the House of Assembly, due to the fact that the local member has visited the area, also while the patrol was at Ama. Two candidates for the 1972 elections visited the area, but the functions of the House of Assembly are still a bit of a mystery to these people.

4. Although continual efforts are made by each patrol to the area in the field of political education, it is felt that very little is absorbed by these people, and as mentioned in May River Patrol Report No. 1 of 1971/72, visual aids would possibly help get some points across where straight out talks fail.

5. Continued on page 2.(reverse side)

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Ama / May River

D.J.Mahar P.O.

East Sepik

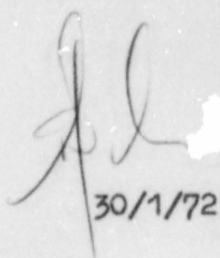
Ambunti

Waniap May

N/A

ECONOMIC

1. Economic development in the area is non-existent, even village gardens are few in number and poorly kept.
2. Previous patrols to the area have mentioned that the area has economic potential for cash cropping, apparently these assessments were made on the dry season conditions of the area, as during the wet season the ground becomes so saturated that a hole dug one to two feet deep in the immediate area around Ama, will strike water, which indicates a high water table during the wet season. In the writer's unqualified opinion the ground is undoubtedly rich in minerals but far too wet to grow cash crops, such as coffee.
3. While the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries maintain their present policy not to operate in the May River area, it will be difficult to obtain a qualified opinion as to the suitability of the area for the growing of cash crops.
4. There is no non-indigenous development in the area.



(D.J.Mahar P.O.)

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Ama / May River

D.J.Mahar P.O.

East Sepik

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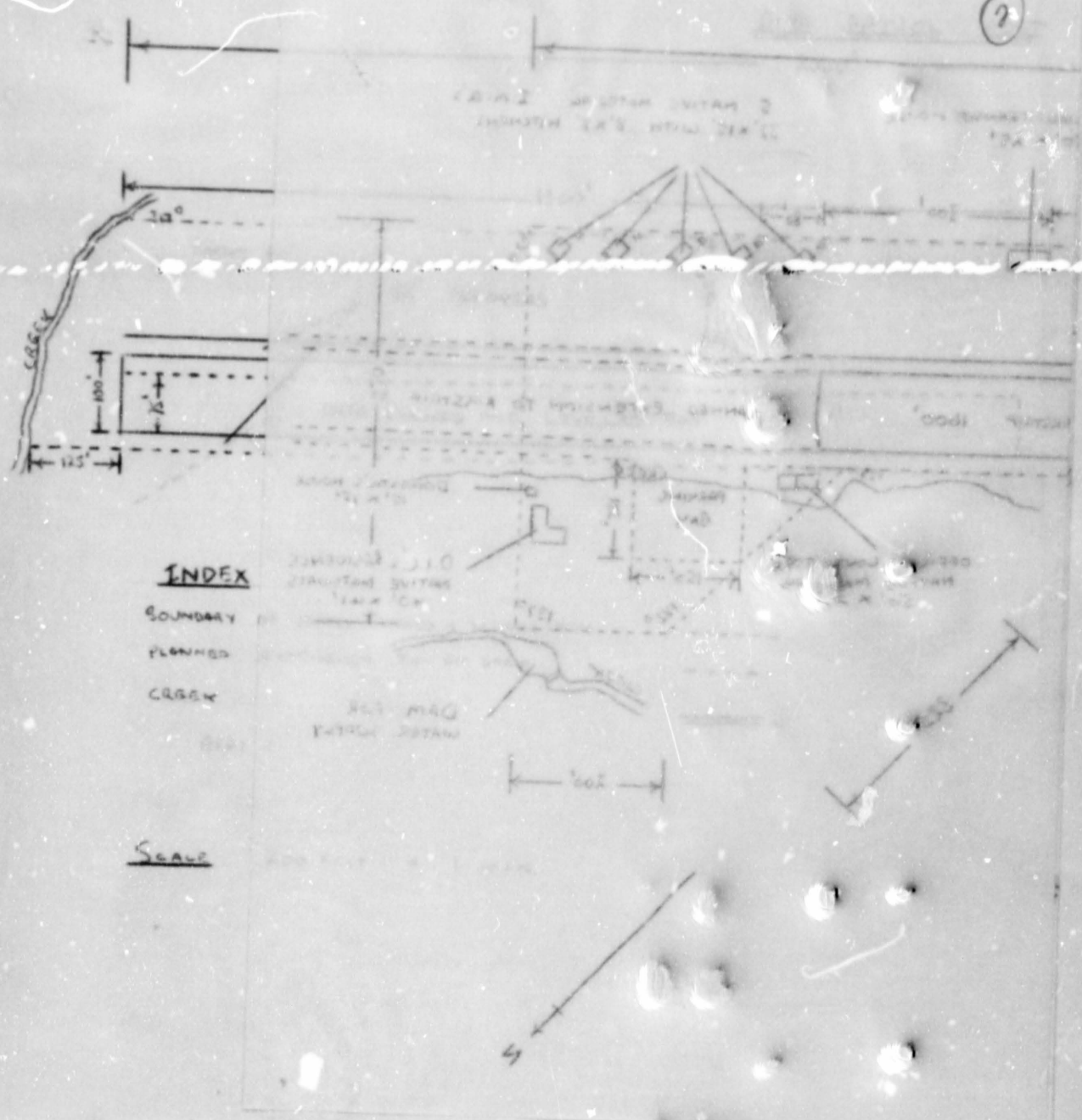
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Social

1. There are no schools operating in the area . The Seventh Day Adventist Mission have made attempts to establish a village school at Ama, but have been unable to obtain the support of the local people. A further attempt is to be made/the mission to establish a school this year , it is hoped they are successful.
2. The health of the people has improved somewhat over the past three months , this is attributed to the Seventh Day Adventist Missions Aid Post at Ama , from discussion with the Aid Post Orderly the number of patients has noticeably increased over the last three months . Although the majority of people still have "grille" , and are very susceptible to colds,also there are still many cases of the inevitable malaria.
3. Housing in the area has not changed , they are still flimsy huts with more than one family living in each house. Even though an average of 30% of the male population is absent each year working on plantations , and see how to construct good houses , they still revert to the old style of their forefathers on their return .
4. Services provided by the government and Mission , that is health, education and law and order, will increase with the establishing of a patrol post at Ama, it is hoped that the local people will appreciate the increase in these services and not abuse them.

(D.J.Mahar P.O.)

30/1/72



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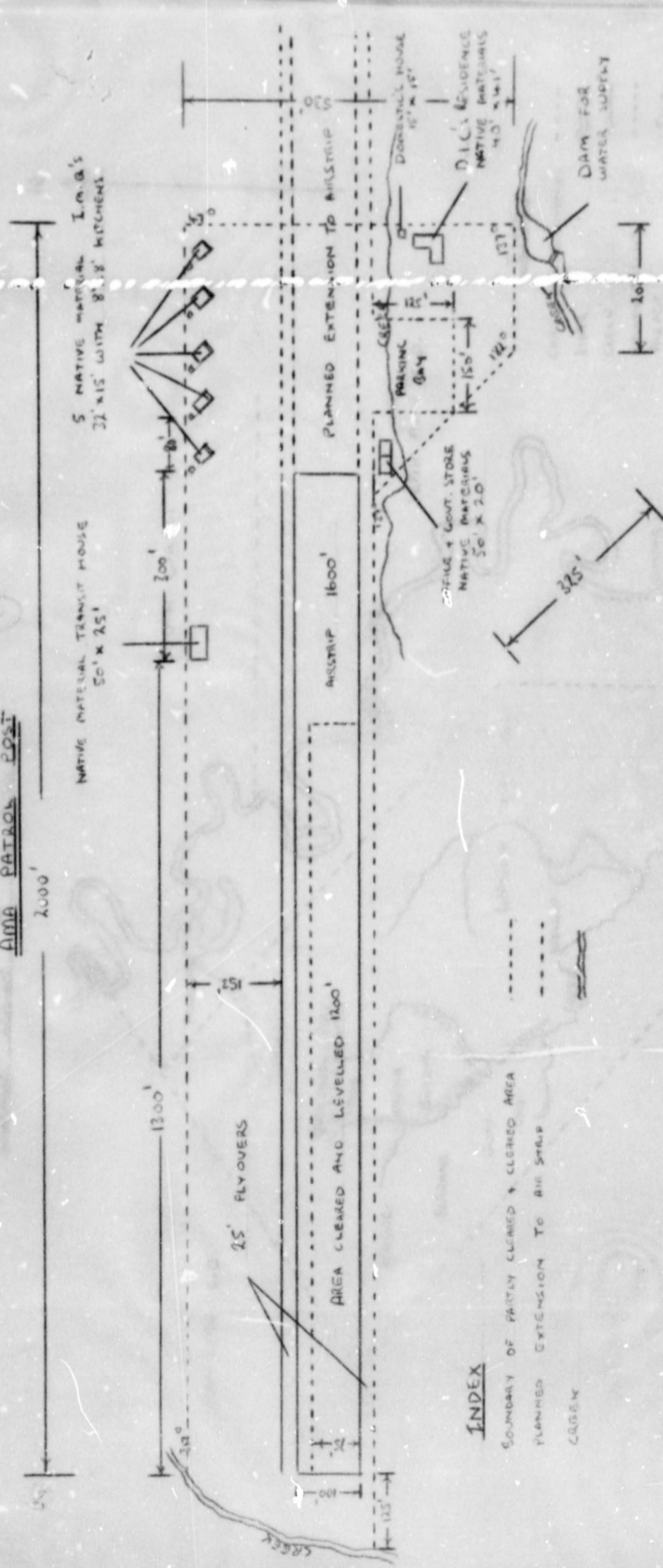
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(T.W. ELLIS)
 Secretary

AMA PATROL POST

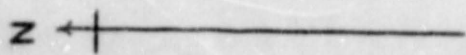


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- PLANNED EXTENSION TO AIR STRIP
- CREEK

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LOCALITY SURVEY — BONA PARADA POST



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- DIV. BOUNDARY
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P.O. Box 2396,
KOMEDORU.

67-8-55

26th April, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WENAK.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 4 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-1-13 of 17th April, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 3 arising out of the above patrol of the WANIAP/MAY, ABEI/MAY, CENTRAL/MAY, ARAI/MAY Census Divisions, as submitted by Mr. D.J. MAHAR, Patrol Officer.

Each Situation Report should be the subject of separate assessment by both the Assistant District Commissioner and yourself.

Steady overall progress in this area is evidenced. Concentrated patrolling will be required following the priority task of movement to AMA and provision of a reasonable standard of living for all staff. I doubt that the money provided for establishment has been "sufficient". Further funds have been sought for 1972/73.

Mr. MAHAR may need assistance in locating the most suitable road route to the Sepik.

With reference to your comments on the movement of the equipment from May River. Regrettably no helicopter time will be available in the near future as scheduled District requirements this year are final. Patrol funds for the payment of carriers may be utilized for the task. Advise me if your funds are insufficient. Urgency in bringing any funds used to account must be appreciated.

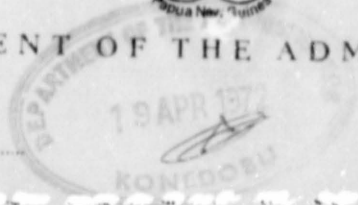
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Secretary.



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17th April, 1972.

The Secretary
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU

REPORT OF MAY RIVER PATROL
No. 4 of 1971-72

Forwarded herewith please find the original and one copy of the report of the above patrol conducted by Patrol Officer, Mr. D. J. Mahar. As most of the report is relevant to the construction of the new Ama Patrol Post the report is forwarded to you in toto.

It is unfortunate that progress in the construction of the patrol post was interrupted by the elections. The extremely wet weather experienced recently in that area has also hampered operations.

Mr. Mahar notes that the funds allocated will be sufficient to complete the construction of the new post. However, he makes no reference to the expenditure on his last fund certificate for the amount of \$1,500 which should have been brought to account by 31st March. He will be instructed to have this amount brought to account as soon as possible.

When this has been done, could further funds please be made available to enable the physical movement of patrol post equipment from May River to Ama. The use of a helicopter would make the task a lot easier.

The matter of selection of a site for a road from Ama to the Sepik River can be further investigated when the station buildings have been completed and the airstrip up to standard. I have no doubts that a suitable site can be located.

Your assistance in providing further funds when the last allocation has been accounted for will be appreciated.

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

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER : 4 of 1971/72 OBJECTS OF PATROL: 1; House of Assembly Elections, 2; Complete Construction of Ama Patrol Post, 3; Find route for road from Ama to Sepik River.

DISTRICT: East Sepik STATION: May River

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: D.J. Mahar SUB-DISTRICT: Ambunti

AREA PATROLLED: May River/Ama DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer

DURATION OF PATROL: 19/2-30/3/72 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 1 Outboard Motor Oper., 5 Members R.P.N.G.C.

LAST D.D.A. PATROL: Jan. 1972 NUMBER OF DAYS: 36 days

LAST O.L.G. PATROL: N/A TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 2688

MAP REFERENCE: N/A COUNCIL AREA: Non Council Area

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: Upper Sepik Open

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
Wewak

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 205 TO 247,	(X)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	()
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	(X)
AREA STUDY,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 3 ,	(X)
PATROL MAP,	()
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DATE: 10 / 4 / 19 72

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Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY,	()
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF
PATROL & REPORT ~~ABOVE AVERAGE~~
AVERAGE
~~BELOW AVERAGE~~

DATE: / / 19 .

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District Commissioner.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION May River Patrol Post OFFICER COMPILING D.J.Mahar P.O.
 DISTRICT East Sepik..... SUB-DISTRICT ... Ambunti.....
 CENSUS DIVISION Abel May
Central May.. L.G. COUNCIL Non Council Area.....
Wahlap May

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : 1972 House of Assembly Elections.

1. There were no incidents which contravened or broke the law with regard to the House of Assembly Elections Ordinance.

2. It was a little disappointing that only a little more than 50% of eligible voters actually voted, this low percentage of votes being recorded could be attributed to the following three factors;

(a) Over thirty percent of the male population of the May River / Ama area are absent from the area each year, working on plantations in the East New Britain area.

(b) The villages of Yei and Amu had moved from their old village sites and shifted further back into the Stone Mountain area and time did not permit the patrol to attempt to locate these people.

(c) An interpreter who had been sent ahead of the patrol to assemble the people of Itelinu Meseto and Sori villages, met the patrol at Sari Rest house on the Arai creek, with the information that the people of the following villages, Sori, Meseto, Itelinu, Didipas, Agrame, and Uwau, were attending a traditional "SingSing" in the headwaters of the May River area, again time did not permit the patrol to proceed to the "Sing-Sing" area which would have taken some 5 to 6 days.

3. Of the people who voted interest was quite keen but it was obvious that quite a lot of people did not comprehend what was actually occurring. A considerable amount of interest was shown by the female voters as was shown by voting statistics, which indicated that approximately the same amount of votes were recorded by females as males. One fact that appeared to affect local interest was the introduction of photo ballot paper, which enabled voters, who had forgotten the names of candidates to mark their preferences by the photos.

SGD :

DATE :

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

STATION Ama / May River OFFICER COMPILING D.J.Mahar
 DISTRICT East Sepik SUB-DISTRICT Ambunti
Abel May, Arai May
 CENSUS DIVISION Central May L.G. COUNCIL N/A

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SUBJECT : Construction Ama Patrol Post

1. At the completion of the House of Assembly Elections work was recommenced on the construction of the Patrol Post at Ama. During the Officer in Charge's absents for the elections the local people of Ama promised to prepare building materials, on the O.I.C.'s return it was found that only enough materials had been prepared for half a house, this again reflects the half hearted attitude of the Ama people towards the establishment of the Patrol Post at Ama.

2. Again labour problems were experienced, only thirty labourers were recruited from the Ama area and forty had to be recruited from the May River area then we were confronted with the problem of feeding the May River labourers, as mentioned in May River Report No.3 of 1971/72, very little local food can be obtained from the Ama area, as gardens are practically non-existent.

3. As a result of the factors mentioned above the establishment of Ama Patrol Post has taken a little longer than first expected, but it is hoped that the move from May River to Ama will be completed by the end of April '72.

4. Due to the delay caused by the house of Assembly elections, work has not advanced a great deal since the previous report (May River Patrol No.3 of 1971/72). The current situation is as follows;

- (a) Officer in Charges Residence - Completed
- (b) Domestic Quarters - Completed
- (c) Office and Govt. store Complex - Completed
- (d) 6 I.M.Q.'s Frame work completed for all six, and three with roofing completed.
- (e) Transit House - Site cleared
- (f) Water Supply - Dam constructed
- (g) Airstrip - Widened and lengthened from 1200' x 75' to 1500' x 100'

SGD.
 Date 2.6.72

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

STATION May River/. Ama.... OFFICER COMPILING .. D.J.Mahar.....

DISTRICT East Sepik..... SUB-DISTRICT Ambunti.....
Abei May , Arai May

CENSUS DIVISION Central May, Waniap May, L.G. COUNCIL ... N/A.....

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SUBJECT : Proposed Road - Ama To Sepik River

1. The writer, walked from Ama To the Sepik River , following the walking track which follows a reasonably direct line . The walking ~~in~~ time in good weather is approximately 4 hours.

2. Paragraph 4 of May River Report No.3 of 1971/72 was possibly a little inaccurate ,due to the fact that it was written on hearsay. With reference to the section from Ama to the Mountain ridge ,a road could be construct along this section although problems would be experienced as there are approximately Twenty creeks to be crossed.

3. The crossing of the 500 feet high ridge would be practically impossible as it is solid rock and rises at an average of 60 degrees, the possibility of finding ~~xxxxxxx~~ an alternative route was not investigated as time did not permit.

4. The short section of approximately half a mile from the mountain ridge to the Sepik River would require a lot of time an effort as it is all swamp.

5. Overall the possibility of constructing a road from Ama to the Sepik River is very remote as well as the engineering problems , labour problems would occur due to the fact that it is a sparsely populated area.

SGD :
DATE : 6/4/72

PATROL REPORT NO. 4

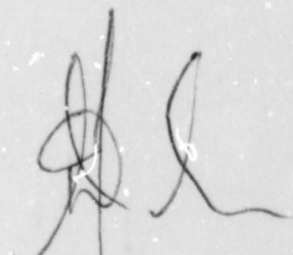
STATION May River/Ama Patrol Post OFFICER COMPILING D.J. Mahar
 DISTRICT East Sepik SUP-DISTRICT Ambunti
 CENSUS DIVISION Abei May, Arai May, Central May, Maniap May L.G. COUNCIL N/A

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No copy is required at Headquarters).

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1. The patrol was over a broken period of 36 days the objects of the patrol were achieved without much difficulty, but the following facts came to my notice during the patrol.
2. As mentioned in Situation report No. 1 a few villages in the Central May Census Division have moved their village sites, therefore it would appear that ~~the~~ a patrol through this Census Division should be done as soon as possible to locate these people.
3. Also mentioned in Situation report No. 1 that quite a few villages in the Abei May, and Arai May Census Divisions did not appear at the polling booths, and feel a patrol into this area should have priority to consolidate the Administrations presence in the area.
4. With regard to the establishment of Ama Patrol Post, the funds that have already been allocated namely \$2750 will be sufficient to complete the construction of house etc., but further funds will be required to shift from May River to Ama, also further funds will be required to complete the upgrading of the Airstrip.


6/4/72

SITUATION REPORT NO.

STATION May River Patrol Post OFFICER COMPILING D.J. MAHAR, P.O.,
DISTRICT East Sepik SUB-DISTRICT Ambunti
Abai May, Arai May,
CENSUS DIVISION Central May, I. C. COUNCIL N. C. DISTRICT
Kaliap May

SUBJECT : _____

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE
Ambunti

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED
10th April, 1972

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As I am not familiar with Ama Patrol Post as yet, I do not feel that I can adequately comment on Mr. Mahar's patrol activities. On the face of it, however, he appears to have done quite a considerable amount of work under what I understand are extremely adverse conditions.

This patrol report has been submitted promptly, and this is to be commended.

I have no further comments to make.

ACTION TAKEN :

SGD *[Signature]*
DATE 10th April, 1972

NLM/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONEDOBU

67-3-61

8th June, 1972

The District Commissioner
East Sepik District
WEWAK.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 5 of 1971/72

Reference your minute of 14th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your minute arising out of the above patrol of PART ARAI-MAY Census Division, as submitted by Mr. D.J. MAHAR, Patrol Officer, concerning an investigation into an alleged murder in the ARAI Creek area.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

P.O. Box 2396,
KOHEDORU.

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13th July, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

MAY RIVER PATROL NO. 6 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute of the 26th June, 1972.

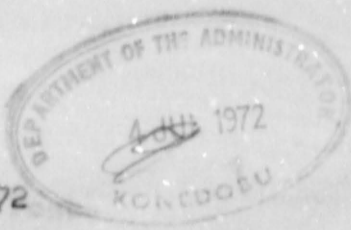
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of the ARAI-MAY Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. T.G. McNickle, Assistant Patrol Officer, and Mr. D.J. Mahar, Patrol Officer.

The patrol did well in achieving its objective. I appreciate the problem of introducing political education, even at the lowest possible level, in this area. However, a start has to be made and this followed up.

Mr. McNickle has written a Patrol Report, not a Situation Report, and this should have been retained at your office. As this was, I believe, Mr. McNickle's first patrol, either Mr. Mahar or Mr. Sanderson should have given him some guidance in his writing up. I do not understand the three paragraphs under "Patrol Administration".

Mr. Sanderson's assessments are comprehensive and a lucid accompaniment to the Situation Report and Patrol Report.

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6 of 1971/72

East Sepik

D.J. Mahar
Part Arai May
Census Division

April '72

N/A

N/A

May River

Ambunti

Patrol Officer

Investigate reported
murder in Arai creek area

2 members R.P.N.G.C.

6 Days

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Non Council Area

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May River Patrol Post

D.J. Mahar

East Sepik

Ambunti

Arai May

N/A

Reported Murder - Arai creek area

1. On the 7th May 1972 a man from Uwau village, Awasa, approached the Officer in Charge at Ama, and told him that he had heard that a man had been killed in a fight with bow and arrows at Momufra hamlet in the headwaters of the Arai creek area.
2. A patrol was mounted on the 31st May 1972 to investigate the report, the patrol was accompanied by, Mr T Mc Nickle A.P.O. and two members of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, the patrol was first positioned at Arai village where carriers were recruited.
3. The patrol arrived at Naukwi Amasu village on the 2nd May 1972, to find it practically deserted, the Tultul of Naukwi Amasu, Miar, informed the patrol that as far as he knew a fight had occurred but no one had been killed he also said he had not seen the people of Momufra hamlet for approximately a month.
4. The two members of the R.P.N.G.C. were then sent to Momufra hamlet to see if the people involved in the fight were still residing there, they returned later that day and informed the patrol that Momufra hamlet had not been lived in for over three weeks.
5. Two village men were then sent to visit various bush house to try and establish where the people of Momufra hamlet had moved to, these two men returned to Naukwi Amasu on the 3d May 1972, and much to the patrols surprise all the people involved in the fight at Momufra were with them.
6. The following facts were obtained from witnesses, on or about the 24/5/72 Awasairo/Wasa of Momufra told Sorino/Wanisa that he was going to take ~~his~~ Sorino's wife, which cause an argument, approximately one week later Awasairo shot Sorino high in the back of the right thigh with an arrow, and again stated his intention to steal Sorino's wife.
7. On receiving this information, Awasairo/Wasa was arrested and cautioned, the patrol then returned to May River with the accused and witnesses.

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8. Sorino/Wanisa removed the arrow from his thigh himself, he has now fully recovered from the wound, if the arrow had entered two or three inches higher it could quite well have been fatal.

9. Approximately one week after the shooting incident Sorino returned to his house to find his wife, Imali, had disappeared, his son, Imowa, informed him that a man by the name of Imari had stolen her, this man is to be prosecuted in the Local Court.

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Date
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May River Patrol Post

D.J. Mahar

East Sepik

Ambunti

Arai May

N/A

Political Education

1. Due to the nature of the patrol and the people seen by the patrol very little political education was undertaken by the patrol.

2. The only people seen by the patrol were those involved in the incident being investigated and all talks were based on Law and Order and the Administration's presence in the area.

3. It is felt that the people now have some understanding of these two subjects.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1, 2
REPORT NO. 1.

DISTRICT OFFICE: STATION: May River OFFICER COMPILING: D. J. Mahar, P.O.
DATE RECEIVED: DISTRICT: East Sepik
CENSUS DIVISION: Arai May L.G. COUNCIL: N/A
SUBJECT: REPORTED MURDER - ARAI CREEK AREA

SUB DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.
Ambunti

DATE RECEIVED:
9th June, 1972.

ACTION TAKEN:

A brief patrol which achieved its object with very little difficulty.

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SGD. *D. J. Mahar*

DATE: 13th June, 1972

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21st June 1952

I agree with the comments by the A.D.C. with regard to Mr. McNickle's report.

The situation report is badly presented and the Officer In Charge at May River should ensure better presentation in the next report submitted by Mr. McNickle's.

ACTION TAKEN: None required.

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DATE *27.6.52*

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Murder Investigation.

East Sepik.

May River.

D.J. Mahar

Ambunti.

Arai Creek

Assistant Patrol Officer.

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April, '72.

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SITUATION REPORT No 1

MAM RIVER PATROL REPORT NO. 6. OF 1971/72.

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STATION May.River..... OFFICER COMPILING G.McNickle.....
DISTRICT East.Sepik.... SUB DISTRICT...Abanti.....
CENSUS DIVISION.Arai.May.... L.G.COUNCIL.....Mal.....

INTRODUCTION:

1. This patrol was conducted over a period of 5½ days during late May and early June, 1972.

2. The patrol's purpose was the investigation of an alleged murder. I also regarded it as an exercise in compiling some, if little, information to produce a situation report in accordance with departmental requirements for Assistant Patrol Officers, and Mr Mahar's Patrol Instructions regarding the secretary's 67-1-0 of the 25th November, 1971.

POLITICAL:

1. Very little didactic political education as such, was undertaken during the patrol. I had no opportunity to give a formal talk, and doubt if it would be worthwhile, but I did listen to conversations with local people and Mr Mahar via an interpreter. During these discussions, Mr Mahar informed people involved in the case of their respective rights politely and firmly. I feel that his demeanour and patrol leadership enhanced the reputation of law and order in these primitive regions.

2. I also felt that talks on Self Government, Political Parties, National Unity, or any such relatively advanced topics would have been regarded as an imbroglia of unrelatable events and topics to the small number of people we encountered around Naukwi-Amasu. Additionally, they did not comprehend Pidgin and any conversation would have necessitated the use of an interpreter.

3. In a similar vein, the larger numbers of people at Arai are fairly primitive, and time was also a limiting factor.

ECONOMIC:

1. The Arai villagers are subsistence farmers cum part time fishermen and hunters. Little, if any, trading is carried out with other tribal groups and apart from occasional sales of foodstuffs to visiting patrols, no economic activity in the form of circulation of goods and services by the medium of money exchange is indulged in. No sizeable artifact industry exists. Some of the Arai men recently earned amounts of money while engaged in labouring work involved in the setting up of Asa Patrol Post.

2. The scattered hamlets we visited in the xx Arai Creek head waters, Naukwi-Amasu, Momufra, Nimo and Sari, seem to be fairly representative of all the scattered groups around that region, from all reports. They are hunter-gatherers and foodgatherers in the classical sense. I observed fish traps across narrow creeks and bird blinds during the course of the patrol. Agricultural activity was confined to small unsystematic plantations of bananas and pawpaws, etc., and the processing of sago plants into edible paste. Two or three villagers did approach us with arrows and penis cords for sale and received, in fact asked for, 10 cent pieces, indicative of an elementary understanding of the purchasing power of money.

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3. Some Arai Village men have brought some out-side money into the area from working away periodically at plantations. The amounts are not significantly large.

SOCIAL: (a) Education.

1. Formal education is non-existent, children being instructed in traditional skills involved with everyday life.

(b) Health;

2. General health appeared reasonably good around Arai Village, but upstream along Arai Creek, some of the men and women appeared anaemic and undernourished. Tinea imbricata was prevalent. We saw one tropical ulcer and a bad hand burn, both of which were ushered back to the May River Aid Post.

(c) Law and Order.

3. No disputed or complaints were brought to the patrol's attention and we mainly concerned ourselves with apprehending the alleged murderer and the associated witnesses.

PATROL ADMINISTRATION:

1. The following observations were made with the view in mind that they could prove useful for possible future unaccompanied patrols by myself.

2. The patrol advance is estimated for patrol requirements and taken out of the cash office. On the patrol's termination, the carriers are paid and a General X Expenses Form is filled out.

3. Security as outlined in the preceding Special Report is noteworthy for murder investigations.

MISCELLANEOUS:

nil.

Signed:

Timothy G. McNickle

Timothy G. McNickle,

Assistant Patrol Officer.

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SITUATION REPORT NO 1

SPECIAL REPORT

STATION: May River OFFICER COMPILING: T.G.McNickle, A.P.O.
DISTRICT: East Sepik SUB DISTRICT: Ambunti
CENSUS DIVISION: Arai May L. G. COUNCIL: N/A
SUBJECT: MURDER INVESTIGATION

SUB DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Ambunti

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PROJECT OFFICER: S.G.D.

DATE

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ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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The dates listed on Situation Report No. 1 by Mr. D.J. Maher
PARAGRAPHS 3 and 5 are incorrect. The corrected dates
should be paragraph 3 17th June 1972, and paragraph 5 3rd June
1972.

The comments of the Assistant District Commissioner at Ambunti
are noted and I anticipate that the situation in the May
River will be ~~received~~ as stated by the A.D.C. in more patrolling
and indoctrination courses at the patrol post.

ACTION TAKEN: None required.

SGD. *B. Kheer Me*
DATE. *27.6.72*

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