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WEST SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

AITAPE

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3 - 1965/1966	T.J.A. Houston	Sissano Patrol Post



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Segele Report No. 2 - 61/66

Patrol Conducted by R. P. Hobbs P.O.

Area Patrolled East Coast and Inland Gannan Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Const. P.O. P.O.C. 1 Range orderly
1 Range Tracker

Duration—From 26 / 7 / 1965 to 31 / 7 / 1965 Two phases
9 / 8 / 1965 to 19 / 8 / 1965

Number of Days Seventeen days

Did Medical Assistant accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11 / 1965

Medical 13 / 6 / 1965 - Small Fox Patrol.

Map Reference Army four mileish series A54/15 - A54/16

Objects of Patrol General and other routine duties.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ...

67-8-5

5th October, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
NEWAK.

AIRTAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 2-65/66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Sabben covered by your memorandum 67-3-2/449 of 8th September, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Roach have been noted. I agree with your remarks about crashed aircraft. As much information as can be obtained should be shown in the report to identify the plane.
3. Mr. Sabben has carried out a good patrol in a capable manner. His reporting is set out in an interesting manner, showing enthusiasm in his work.
4. I am really surprised at the side effects caused by the malaria eradication spraying. What are the views of the Public Health Department on the complaints of the natives?

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

67-3-2



Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
MERAU.

3th September, 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Subdistrict Office,
AITAPE.

AITAPE PATROL NO. 2 of 65/66

Receipt of the report and your covering comments of the above numbered patrol by Mr. Sebden into the Aitape East Coast and Inland is acknowledged with thanks.

In respect of your comments under Public Health, the District Medical Officer will again be contacted and a request made for a Health Education team to visit the area.

Re 'Economic Development' in the patrol report; would you please advise as to whether the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries have been consulted regarding the pigs for Malin and Balup.

Coordinates

Under 'investigation of crashed aircraft'; your advice as to the geographic co-ordinates of the site of the aircraft wreckage is required and advice as to when and by whom was the wreckage reported. Also have you any record of any previous report of this aircraft.

Your other comments have been noted and they adequately cover the report.

Ely Hicks
(E. G. HICKS)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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



67-5-2 (11)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference: 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr. _____

Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
AITAPE, Sepik District.

23rd July, 1965.

Mr. H.F. Sabben,
Patrol Officer.

AITAPE PATROL No. 2/1965-1966

Please prepare to patrol the East Coast Census Division; you should be able to leave on Monday 26th August, 1965.

2. Ensure you visit and inspect all villages in the division; compile the annual census during the patrol.
 3. You are aware of the recent proposals with regard to the extension of the Siyu Local Government Council and especially the very recent recommendations from Headquarters. Discuss these proposals fully with the people you visit and ensure they grasp the extent of the changes involved and their obligations in the new set up. Please report on your impressions of these proposals in the light of information gained during the patrol.
 4. As you are aware the Territory intends to change over to decimal currency in February, 1966. Ensure you take adequate educative material with you and take pains in explaining to those you visit the extent of the change and how it will affect normal trading life in the villages. Make sure all are aware of the transition period that is to be allowed.
 5. Take the Notice of Final Orders (New Guinea Land Titles Restoration Ordinance 1951-1963) for FHO, BRIMBOI, ULAU, TARAU, TADJI, FARIER, VELLAPERO, KOROKUL, FIMI LABOON, EVAF and FIMBAI. Take all steps to give and explain these notices to the people concerned and compile a separate report on each as outlined in the Director's 34-3-1 of 21st June, 1965.
 6. While in the vicinity of the NIGIA river crossing please investigate and report upon the possibility of bridging the river. Report on the width and depth of the river, recommended crossing point, abutment type and the extent of new road construction that will be required to link the crossing with the present road. Report on all other bridges that will need repair to make trafficable the old road after the Raimu River bridge is constructed.
 7. Make a check of coffee plantings in the area and ensure none are affected with the disease known as coffee rust. Ill tended or unpruned coffee gardens might prove an ideal breeding ground for the disease.
 8. See if you can arrange with the Franciscan Mission to pick you up at ULAU on Saturday and bring you back to Aitape for the Council meeting on August 2nd. Ensure that all Village Officials and leaders are here for the meeting.
 9. The rest of the patrol is to be of a routine nature; check on the Matters for Attention on Patrol File, unpaid H.M.F.A., expired Special Arms Permits and any other outstanding administrative or Court affairs. You are fully conversant with such matters and in the conduct and discipline of patrol personnel so further instruction is superfluous.
 10. Take a Native Medical Orderly with you and have him conduct a Medical examination in conjunction with the census. You might find it helpful to have an Agricultural worker accompany you as well.
- Smith*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik District.

1st September, 1965

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WBWAK.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT 2/1965-66

AITAPE EAST COAST AND INLAND.

Please find attached three copies of Mr. Sabben's report on his recent patrol to the Aitape East Coast Census Division, together with relevant allowance claims and Field Officer's Journal.

The report is well written; it is pleasing to note the general air of co-operation with the administration by these people that is brought out through the report. Some groups are notoriously hard to get on with but even the Yakumul may mellow with age. The area has been patrolled regularly and information is available from a number of recent reports and area studies.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

During the patrol arrangements were made for local leaders to attend a meeting at Aitape on the extension of the Siau Council: all village groups voted for inclusion in the Council and for all alienated land to be included as well. Proposals are currently with the Commissioner for Local Government. I hope that the extension of Local Government to the East Coast will be some incentive for area development. The extension should be completed as soon as possible.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. Sabben has been instructed to discuss the Aid Post Orderlies problems with the Medical Assistant at Aitape.

I have already written on my views on the way the Malarial spraying programme is being carried on in Aitape. The fact that we find it necessary to force the spraying of some houses leads me to believe a better approach is necessary. A programme designed to instill some desire for the Malarial programme in the population is important now. Malarial spraying will never be successful if the people don't want it. The District Commissioner has forwarded a copy of a letter from the Medical Officer in Charge of Malaria and I will comment on it separately; I would say that Infant and Maternal Welfare patrols have a decidedly greater effect on Infant Mortality than the spraying of the houses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I have already submitted the information gathered by Mr. Sabben on the extension of the coast road and the bridging of the Nigia River. In this road lies the only hope for the East Coast; the first important link; the bridging of the Raihu River is close to reality. The last economic survey of the coast revealed over 100,000 coconuts planted along the road, when the produce is more easily marketed (and this can be an important function of Local Government) the full potential of the coast may be realised.

Drimboi Plantation near Yakumul is a possibility for the re-settlement of groups such as LABUAIN. The 160 acres could be cut up and leased to individuals.

I would like to see more gold mined in the inland.

XXXX AITAPE.

30th August 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

PATROL REPORT 2 - 65/66

AREA PATROLLED; Aitape East Coast and Inland Census Division.

OFFICER CONDUCTING; H.F.Sabben P.O.


ACCOMPANIED BY; 1 Constable R.F.N.C.C.
1 Hospital Orderly P.H.D.
1 Farmer Trainee D.A.S.F.

AIMS; Census revision, Posting of Land Final Orders, Talks on Decimal Currency and other routine duties.

Duration; 26-7-65 to 31-7-65 and
9-8-65 to 19-8-65

TOTAL DAYS; Seventeen days.

DIARY; See attached Field Officer's Journal Folios 53 to 56 inclusive, paragraphs 313 to 335 inclusive.


(H.F.Sabben)
Patrol Officer

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PATROL REPORT No. 2 - 65/66

Aitape East Coast and Inland Census Div.

Introduction.

Following the receipt of Patrol Instructions issued by Mr J.H. Rosch A.D.C. on file 67-1-2 dated 23/7/65 a patrol was organized and visited all villages in the East Coast and Inland Census Division. The Patrol was carried out in two phases owing to the necessity of the patrolling officer to attend a Council Meeting at Aitape, see folios 54 and 55 of the Field Officer's Journal attached.

Patrol Aims.

As per Patrol Instructions the following duties were carried out; Census revision, Explanation and posting of Final Orders for eleven freehold properties in the area patrolled, investigation of alternative bridge site and road approaches on the NIGIA river, investigation of the reported wrecked aircraft in the vicinity of MALIN village, routine administrative duties including N.M.T.A. payments, check on expired S.A.P.S, village hygiene and cleanliness, economic development and settlement of minor disputes. Talks were given on the decimal currency change and progress to date in the efforts to incorporate the bulk of the Sub District into the Council.

One Medical Orderly and a Farmer Trainee of the Agriculture Department also accompanied the patrol. The former gave Health Education talks and the latter inspected Economic plantings with a special interest towards diseased coffee.

Reception & Cooperation.

Excellent throughout, a good comprehension seemed to prevail on decimal currency talks - possibly resulting from Pidgin circulars sent out weeks before hand. Interest was shown in Health Education talks and little hesitancy was shown in approaching the patrol to discuss economic development. No carrier difficulties were experienced nor any undercurrent of ill feeling on any subject either discussed by the patrol or brought to it's notice.

Census.

This was carried out with only eight people of LABUAIN village being convicted under R 113 of the N.A.R.s, attendance was excellent and not difficult to attain. Figures are shown on the attached forms. It will be noted that YAKAMUL large numbers are absent from the village, a letter to the A.D.C. WENAK requesting the return of unemployed natives was forwarded late last year, another full list will be forwarded shortly.

Housing & Migrations.

Fair throughout the Census Division, all previously given orders referring to rebuilding houses had, with the exception of one, been carried out. A tendency to build larger structures is in increasing evidence along the Coastal villages.

MIHER village has started it's migration to the coastal flats to a location known as "KUANL" close to CHAROK village, (one language group), which is quite a good site. To date two houses have been completed and seven men are continuing building works at the moment. The aim is to have migrated completely and have gardens producing by the time the WENAK - YAKAMUL road is in the area thus they could work on the road for cash.

The Labuain people want, I feel, to migrate to the economically better coastal area however their land joins that of ULAU at the base of the TORRICELLI Mountains thus affording little opportunity for development. The result of this desire is that many LABUAINS are spending extended visits to DEIA and thus crowding their small area of land - the remaining LABUAINS are the only complainants, claiming that they are short maned in the village. Two or three LABUAIN families, (ARUK hamlet), live behind SUAIN village in SUAIN land and pay "rent" by looking after SUAIN pigs.

Public Health.

Hygiene is relatively good throughout the Census Division, water drums were found to be clean and sources of drinking water good. Aid Posts were found in good condition and well stocked, the staff keen but having the unfortunate ability to cause strife, the ULAU A.P.O. with various village women and the LEBLENG A.P.O., after being moved from YAKASUL for incompatibility, is putting pressure on the LEBLENG, PRO and VOKAUS for quick completion of the Aid Post and house - both disputes have been settled.

Grillea patients in the inland areas were told to visit AITAPE for treatment, previously they had been ordered to the Father at ULAU Missica however he was out of stock of the required lotion. Small Pox vaccinations were recently given to this Census Division.

A Hospital Orderly recently returned from a course in LAE accompanied the patrol and gave talks on hygiene and other health education subjects, interest was fair, response remains to be seen.

Throughout the East Coast every village complained about Malaria Eradication spraying, complaints are listed shortly as follows:

- (1) Their cats are all dead.
- (2) Rats infest all houses.
- (3) Native materials roofing does not last as long as previously.
- (4) Lice and bed bugs are in evidence.

In full the following is a summary of complaints:

- (1) Loss of economic assets in cats which are valued at around 10/- each.
- (2) Rats exist in numbers as high as 20 per house with re-infestation within days of rat trap purges, surrounding undergrowth is infested to the degree that coconuts are being gnawed open both on the ground and in the trees. Food and clothing are being destroyed and cases of children being bitten are fairly common. I personally vouch for rats being in large numbers and have seen innumerable cases of destroyed coconuts.
- (3) The fact that roofing materials are not lasting as long as previously is a strongly claimed fact, I believe that the D.D.T. is killing an insect which preys on the morita eating bugs, whatever the reason the facts are the point.
- (4) Teachers and Missionaries in this and areas other than the East Coast back the claim that lice are in evidence and sores resulting from "bed bug" bites may be seen on many children.
- (5) Some villagers mentioned that most nights they spend in lean-tos on the beach to be away from the rats, lice and bed bugs.

The above together with Mr J.H. Roach's letter on the same subject following his patrol 1-65/66 of the Aitape Islands should be sufficient to warrant a P.H.D. investigation into the side effects of Malaria D.D.T. spraying. My feelings are as follows:

- (1) Rats are in larger numbers and a bigger health hazard than is realized.

- (2) Due to economic loss physical resistance against spray teams could easily eventuate although the laws governing spraying are understood. In the last spray round eight persons of YAKAMUL refused permission to have their houses sprayed, action was taken by this office and the spraying was carried out. The using of "force" such as in this case is not a good method of gaining cooperation and getting the job effectively carried out.
- (3) The figures below indicate that benefits from the spray program are not, as yet, particularly impressive. Savings in man hours would be hard to ascertain however A.P.O.s and resident Missionaries still treat numbers of patients and claim the drop in the sickness is not great. Children's deaths over the past five census years are as follows, 1963 being the first year of spraying:

Nil Spraying	{ 1961	35	deaths of children to 16 yrs						
	{ 1962	46	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Spraying	{ 1963	30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	{ 1964	43	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	{ 1965	14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

1965 - eighths only

From the East Coast Census Division.

While the idea behind and the effectiveness hoped for by Malarial Spraying is appreciated by this Officer, I feel a survey should be carried out with the aim to correct these side effects which are having a greater effect on the thoughts of the people than the benefits of Malaria Eradication are having. Your comments and action on this subject would be appreciated by all concerned.

Economic Development.

No unknown or new disease is in evidence in coffee plantings, most plots are clean and fairly well pruned though small in size. A subsequent patrol by Agriculture workers will prune and tend those gardens needing attention. MIHT village, after two unsuccessful attempts, have given up and will try again when their migration is completed.

Copra production still rests entirely with the VOKAU, PRO, LEMING and CHINAPELLI people. The mission at SUAIN is building a drier and hope to backload aircraft with copra at 6 bags per month until; 1/ The road is through, or, 2/ Sea transport is available.

Some Sago has been shipped to AITAP by canoe and sold however the high cost of canoe hire to date eliminates any hope of a permanent arrangement - the monopoly by one canoe owner is the main obstacle, a Council canoe, run at cost, could make the enterprise worth while. YAKAMUL, ULAU and PAUP have all recently sold Sago to AITAP.

The recommendations in my last report of this area concerning pigs as an economic enterprise for MALIN and BAHF villages have not been noted upon, they feel that the effort is not worth the return.

Gold production continues to improve, 7 dishes were sold during the Patrol, MALINIGA and ASAPAS have tried other creeks but with no further success, WORSIS has a second bearing stream, LAESJAIN a second but have not furthered their actual production. MIHT villagers have found one stream only, the small sample looks good, it has some sizeable flakes however only one day has been spent in washing. CHAROK village has a second bearing stream and, I feel, are in a position to earn around £3 per week each if they concentrated their efforts. Gold production is possibly the only real and practical economic asset these inland people will have for some years to come and production is being urged.

New plantings since the last patrol in October/November last year includes 123 coffee seedlings and 1318 Coconut trees, reports indicate that rats and pigs destroy the dry Coconut seedlings and newly planted Coconuts respectively and are the main causes of limited plantings.

Roads.

Roads and tracks were found to be in good condition and well cut, the dry weather and news of the Patrol's schedule no doubt had a beneficial effect. The "Taylor" road from MILLET to ULAU was in particularly good condition.

An investigation of an alternative bridge site for the NIGIA river was carried out between CHINAPELLEI and the coast, a full report was submitted to the A.D.C. Aitape as a separate letter. The results, in short, were that the surveyed site is the best when road work on approaches is included as a factor in choosing a site, this means approximately nine miles of relatively easy road building to the site from the Aitape side. Once built the major bridges on the Aitape/Wewak road for the section Aitape to Yakumul will have been completed.

Talks & Discussions.

Two pidgin notices concerning the change to Decimal currency had been sent to all villages prior to the patrol, these aided the talks on this subject considerably. I feel a fear does exist in this area concerning the change of currency, these people have seen German, Japanese and Australian money and worry lest the present or new currency depreciate in value like that of the Japanese occupation currency - which "hope" has the people still save. With this in mind the value of exchange and the period of using both currencies, (six months), was stressed.

Copra and gold production was pushed in their respective areas.

Public Health Education talks were given by a Hospital orderly recently returned from a course in LAE, attendance to the lectures was good, the results remain to be seen.

Land.

Notice of Final Orders for; FRO, DRIBDOI, ULAU, TARUAV, TADJII, FARIR, VIREAPRO, KOROKUL, PIMI LAGOON, PAUP and TIMBAI were explained and posted in the respective areas. One claim, that of payment for DRIBDOI plantation, was recorded, the relative reports have been posted to the Director of District Administration.

A land dispute between ULAU (2) and SUAIN (1) over a fairly large triangle of land was lodged with the patrol. It is recommended that a Lands Commissioner be made available to settle this as soon as possible as the knowledgeable witnesses are all old.

Missions.

Manned stations exist at LEMING, ULAU and SUAIN, all have or are organizing, schools. The SUAIN school, at present being established, will eventually take children to standard six. The Catholic Franciscan Friars are well liked and respected in the area.

A cattle project is underway at SUAIN and will shortly commence at ULAU. Copra is being "pushed" at SUAIN and will be worked in conjunction with the Mission plantings. A tractor owned and run by the LEMING Mission station will be assisting the local villages in copra production.

Education.

Mission schools as per above are the only ones in the area patrolled. Land at YAKAMUL has recently been purchased though nothing has yet eventuated re the establishment of a school. This area deserves and requires a school.

Village Officials & Social change.

All officials cooperated well with the patrol, many, however, are old and only holding their positions by official request until the Council extensions eventuate.

ULAU has shown the first signs of social change, the full village is trying to prevent the marriage of the Fulful of ULAU (1) to a second wife. Apparently an unwritten law has prevailed for a few years to the effect that a marriage consist of one man and one wife, this is the first internal dispute of it thus bringing the "change" to light. Villagers were told that they should raise the question in the Council once it is established and thus have it passed as law if all other villages are in favour.

Court Hearings.

Eight convicted under R 113 of the N.A.R.s as amended.
One convicted under R119 of the N.A.R.s as amended.

Investigation of Crashed Aircraft.

The reported crashed aircraft was located and identified as far as was possible as follows;

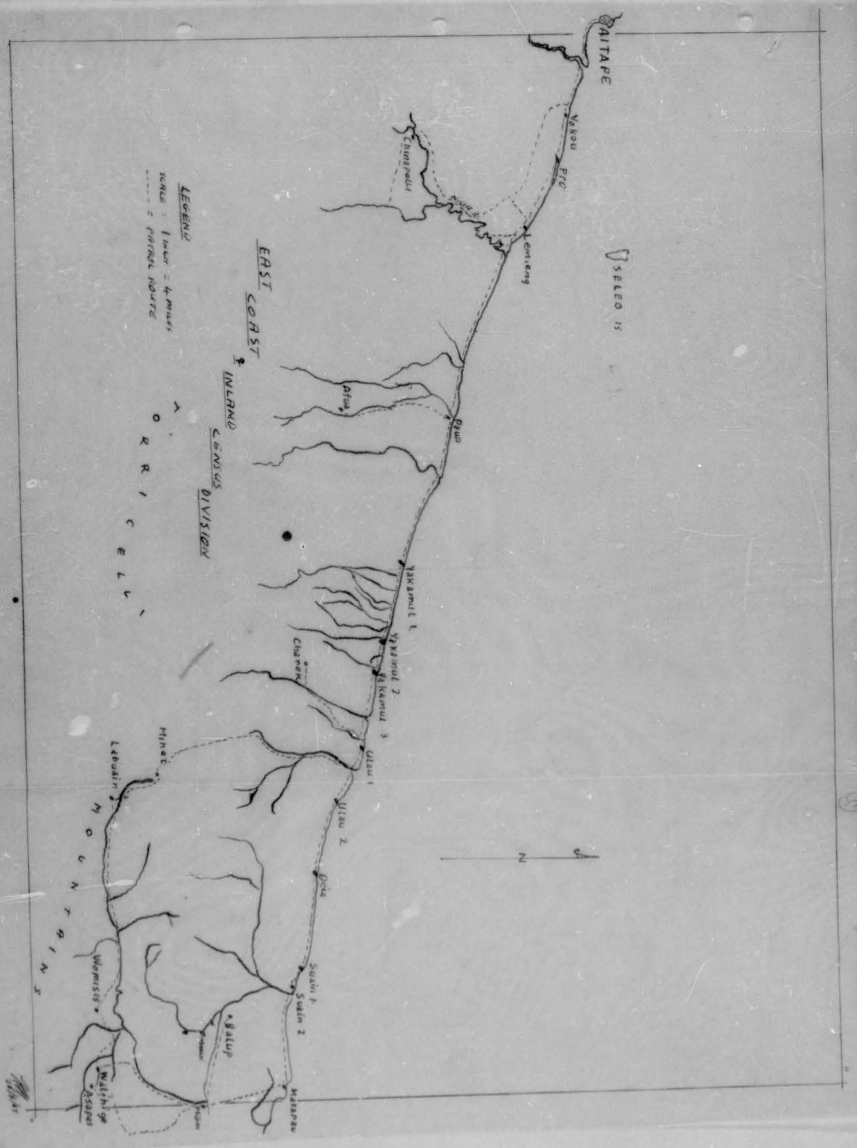
Type D.G.3 type - large two engined.
Tail marks.... C.U.F. the middle letter was difficult to identify properly.
Body marks.... A 6554 The underlined 5 is possibly some other number, a hole appears at this point. British "bulseye" circular markings, very faded.
Propeller.... DFG No. 6-477A-0

Carried aboard or used by the aircraft was a General Electric U.S. Army Corp radio EC -375-E serial No. 72855.

Identification was difficult to carry out due to the extremely battered condition of the aircraft, the fact that it lay side on an about a 55 degree slope and was inhabited by wasps. The estimated long walk to and from the plane limited time at the site. The cabin was completely demolished, one engine missing and the other broken away, one wing off and the body and tail squashed almost flat against the remains of the right wing.

End of Patrol

(H.F. Sabben)
Patrol Officer



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....WETI..... Report No.....3 - 65/66.....

Patrol Conducted by.....N. J. Gibson Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Portion West Coast Inland Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....N. J. Gibson Patrol Officer.....

Natives.....1 member N. J. Gibson..... 1 Hospital orderly

Duration—From.....3/3/1965..... to.....5/3/1965..... and 7/9/65 to 10/9/65

Number of Days.....6 days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....26/1/1965

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

Map Reference.....AREA BOUNDARIES SERIES - "A11400".....

Objects of Patrol.....census revision, Decadal Currency talks, Council extensions, Election propaganda, Health Education and Routine duties.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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67-8-11

Konedobu, Papua.

18th October, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEPAK.

Aitape Patrol Report NO3/1965-66

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Sabben, covered by your memo 67-3-2/708 of 4th October, 1965.
2. Your comments and those of Mr. Roach were noted. I concur with your statements found in paragraph 2. There is no need to form a new Census Division. The Officer in Charge, Sissano Patrol Post can just be responsible for these two Divisions.
3. Messrs. Sabben and Knott have concluded a short but effective patrol and Mr. Sabben has produced a very informative report.
4. I am pleased to note the progress being made in the Land Tenure Conversion/Resettlement Scheme around Bes, AISRAP and Marek, I do hope the inland people make a success of this economic venture.
5. It is about time some of these men who know the art of sluicing prospected for gold in these rivers. If they do discover "colours" it will be all to their advantage.
6. These people must be urged by every patrol into the area to try their best to exploit every avenue presented to them by the natural resources of their country. It is sheer waste and negligence if people do not try to process the coffee that is now in bloom.
7. I am glad to read of Mr. Sabben's observations of a good route from the Coast to the mountains. This is a very useful piece of information and will come in handy when consideration is given to find a road to connect LUMI/WUKU to the coast.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

67-8-11

67-3-2/208



4th October, 1965.

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

AITAPE PATROL No. 3/65-66.

Receipt of the report of the above numbered Patrol, conducted by Mr. R. Knott, Patrol Officer into portion of the West Coast Inland Census Division is acknowledged, with thanks.

Your comments have been noted and adequately cover this report. There is no point in changing census divisions within the Aitape Sub-district at this stage with the Siau Council being enlarged to cover the whole of the Sub-district. There is no reason why the Aitape West Coast and Aitape West Coast Inland Census Divisions cannot be the responsibility of the Officer-in-Charge, Sissano Patrol Post.

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

→ c.c. Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROHEO.

ENCLOSURE.

J.H. BRADY *inc*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-3-2

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Telegrams

Telephone

67-1-2

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik North.

27th September, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT No. 3/65-66

Enclosed please find a report covering a patrol to the Aitape inland area conducted by Mr. F. Sabben and accompanied by Mr. R. Knott, Patrol Officer.

Census and Statistics.

Now that Sissano Lagoon Base Camp is fully operational I would recommend that the Census Villages of Amsoe, Arop 1, Arop 2, Maindron, Mainya, Nimas, Po, Sarai, Puindu, Rainuk, Warapu, Ramu, Sumo, Savami, Mafoka, Amsuku, Karandu, Kalau, Kaiyei, Walwali, Barira, Drome, Gelniri, Nengian, ~~XXXXXX~~ be incorporated into a 'Sissano Census Division'. The villages visited by this patrol should be included in an 'Aitape Inland Census Division'.

Land Re-Settlement.

I have written previously (My 25-1-1 of 27/8/65) on Land availability in this area and the very prominent desire for some form of economic development in the form of cash cropping (coconuts, coffee, rubber) on individually owned blocks. As you have pointed out staff availability to give such a scheme proper supervision is a very real problem. The District Agricultural Officer, in a letter reference 12-2-A1 wrote "that if the land is purchased, one (an Agricultural Officer) will be reposted to Aitape to give assistance to the scheme."

General Development.

This area will be included in the new Siau Council when our previous submissions are approved. I hope Local Government will provide some sort of stimulus to development, bring more of a sense of unity to the people and allow for an increasing political awareness.

With increasing sales of copra, Sago blind, chairs and tables coupled with the possibility of increasing returns from gold mining these people have a basis of a small but viable economy.

Agricultural Extension.

I have written separately (My 6-6-3 of 27th September) on various aspects of cash crop extension and general DASF policy in the villages visited. Coffee is growing in the area but not being harvested. Mr. Sabben failed to mention that near Bes there is a mission sponsored village cattle scheme in its infancy. They have a herd of nine beasts.

DASF have not been able to re-place an officer here and for the most part the people are apathetic to or distrustful of economic development schemes without constant assistance and advice.

Generally the report is well written and requires no further comment. Field Officer's Journals and Camping Allowance claims are included.

J. H. BEACH



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik District.

2nd September, 1965

Mr. H.F. Sabben,
Patrol Officer,
Aitape.PATROL No. Aitape 3/65-66
AITAPE CENTRAL INLAND DIVISION.

Please prepare to patrol the Aitape inland in part; you should be able to leave on September 3rd. I will arrange for a vehicle to return you to Aitape to attend the Siau Council meeting on Monday 6th September, 1965.

2. Have Mr. Patrol Officer KNOTT accompany you and give him the opportunity of preparing census figures, inspecting villages, hearing minor complaints and other routine patrol duties. He should familiarize himself with the area and return with you to attend the Council meeting.
3. Revise the annual census in the villages now controlled from Aitape. Now that Sissano is operational recommend on the change of the old Aitape West Coast Inland Division. Prepare a schedule of villages to be incorporated into, say, an Aitape Central Census Division apart from those villages now controlled by OIC Sissano.
4. Take with you Local Government Electoral Rolls (Form 6) and compile them for each ward of the proposed new Council. While certain amendments that require geographic description are yet to be completed the wards will remain the same as recently proposed. Try to keep the interest in the extension of Local Government high in all the villages you visit. You should try and give people an insight into the roll of Local Government in village life and development and the considerable benefits accruing to them from active participation in local administration. I hope the present delay will not affect our earlier work. While it is not yet time to commence intensive electoral propaganda it will be valuable for you to give explanatory talks on the conduct of elections. (Refer Instructions in the Conduct of Local Government Elections)
5. Take with you the flip charts recently forwarded by the Decimal Currency Conversion Commission and ensure all you visit are beginning to grasp the extent of the change over in 1966.
6. At my request Mr. Agricultural Officer HARVEY, sent a Field Worker ~~per~~ to visit Coffee gardens in this area to assist in processing. Check on his work and ensure he is spraying young accounts being cut back by a common beetle pest identified by him last week.
7. Contact the Medical Assistant and have a Native Medical Orderly accompany the patrol to carry out a check on the population in conjunction with census taking; it may be easier to use Aid Post Orderlies on the spot if they are available.
8. You are aware of recent proposals (File 25-1-1) for Re-settlement, tenure conversion and economic development in the Bes/Siaute area. While on patrol get a list of clans who lay claim to the areas of land under discussion, especially the 200 acres originally surveyed by Mr. Bottrill. List those members of clans entitled to convert such blocks to individual title under the Land (Tenure Conversion) Ordinance 1963; try to ascertain how many ex-servicemen and others who are prepared to develop blocks with the assistance of loans from the Loans Board. In short complete the submission proposed some time ago.

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9. The rest of the patrol should be of a routine nature; check outstanding matters for Attention on Patrol; N.M.T.A. payments and other minor administrative or agency matters and clear them during the visit.

10. When submitting your report read DHA Circular Instructions #79 of 13/1/1949 and 217 of 14/10/50. This will assist in the proper setting out and subject matter of Patrol Reports. Although not strictly applicable to you this patrol, it would be valuable for you to read Circular Instruction 267 as you will be required to submit reports in the manner outlined therein during your next term.

Roach

J.H. ROACH.
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
 Telephone
 Our Reference
 If calling ask for
 Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
 Sepik District,
 Wewak, Aitape

24th September 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

PATROL REPORT 1 - 65/66, PORTION WEST COAST

INLAND CENSUS DIVISION

AREA PATROLLED..... Portion of the Aitape West Coast
 Inland Census Division.
 OFFICER CONDUCTING..... H.F.Sabben Patrol Officer.
 ACCOMPANIED BY..... R. D. Keott Patrol Officer.
 1 member R.F. & H.C.C.
 1 Hospital Orderly.
 AIMS..... To revise the Census figures, give talks
 on Council extensions, election propaganda,
 health education, economic development &
 land Tenure Conversion/resettlement. Other
 routine duties as required.
 DURATION OF PATROL..... 3/9/65 to 4/9/65 inclusive
 7/9/65 to 10/9/65 inclusive
 6 Patrol days.
 RAF REFERENCE..... Army Four Milinch Series - "AITAPE".

(H.F.Sabben)
 Patrol Officer.

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PATROL REPORT 3 - 65/66 - PORTION WEST COAST

INLAND CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was led by Mr H.F. Sabben Patrol Officer and accompanied by Mr R. Knott P.O. A Hospital Orderly carried out Public Health Department duties. Throughout, the patrol was well received and cooperation in all fields was excellent, no difficulty being experienced in obtaining carriers or required information.

The objects of the patrol were listed under Patrol Instructions from the Assistant District Commissioner per file 67-1-2, these included; the revision of the Census figures, talks on the Decimal Currency Conversion, forthcoming Council extensions and elections propaganda and discussions re land tenure conversion and resettlement.

The area covered is a portion of the West Coast Inland Census Division, see "Native Affairs" for further comment. The majority of the population live on the coastal flats at the base of the TORRIGRELLI Mountains, the walks into the foothills is tiring rather than hard, the low rainfall over the past month has dried out the tracks considerably allowing for faster travel.

DIARY

See attached Field Officer's Journal folios 58 and 59 paragraphs 348 to 356 inclusive.

OBSERVATIONS

Native Affairs

As mentioned above, this patrol took in only part of this Census Division. Previously this Census Division stretched from behind the Aitape Township West to the AMARAB Border, similarly, the West Coast Census Division starts on the Western boundaries of Aitape Township and extends West to the Vanimo border. With the introduction and establishment of SIASANO as a Patrol Post it is submitted that a "Siasano Census Division" be established to include all villages West of the YALINGI river with the exception of MALOL, and the Aitape Inland Census Division to include the remainder of the old West Coast Inland and West Coast Census Division Divisions. See the attached map.

Land Settlement

A move has been afoot by the BES, AITERAP, MAROK and SIAUTE people to have the inland villages of BEITUR, JONGIRI, LUPAI and KARATE move down and live on their, (the former's) land, the former were very keen on the idea when questioned however, without exception, the inland villagers were suspicious and unwilling. Per Patrol instructions from the A.D.C. Aitape questions were asked of the BES, AITERAP, MAROK and SIAUTE people re their ideas on Land Tenure Conversion and the possibility of selling a large area of land to the Administration for resettlement purposes. They claim willingness to have the Land Tenure Scheme implemented however this I feel was a direct result of talks on economic development loans and the idea of an Administration financial assistance, outweighed the consideration of conversion of titles, some did understand and were willing. On the question of selling a large area to the Administration most were in favour however this will have to be tested at the time of delineating the block required, they expressed a desire to see the previously mentioned inland people settled on this land. When this proposition was put to the inland people most were willing to migrate under an Administration sponsored plan. This idea of resettlement is not what I think the A.D.C. had in mind however it could be worth following up and would be beneficial as an example of individual ownership to the Sub District. A number of ex - servicemen approached the patrol asking about the ex servicemen's loans board, these were all told the pre requisites for the loan and that they should approach the A.D.C. Aitape for any further information and explanation.

Some of the SHIYBA villagers are moving from their site beside YONGITHI and are resident at KARAITI, most are squatting on Mission land at BEE or in BEE village on the pretext of looking after their children at the school, the few remaining claim their new village to be on their land behind KARAITI village however no buildings have been erected and at present they are living with the KARAITI. YONGITHI village is in much the same position, the bulk are squatting at BEE with the mission and the remainder are living with the DUFAL villagers. With this in mind their resettlement per the previous paragraph would be an asset.

The particular 200 odd acres surveyed by Mr A.M. Bottrill A.B.C. is owned by five families, the leaders of each family are as follows:

ANIS/URUB	of Aiterap village	X
WANIL/ALIO	" " "	"
KIBUAL/ILILONGGO	" " "	"
YALINGON/SARAU	of Marok village	
LIWA/SIWAINGO	" " "	"

all expressed willingness to have the land converted to individual title per the Land Tenure Conversion Scheme and so have opportunity to apply for a loan.

Orders were left in all villages for individual houses to be re - built and old ones broken down, the housing throughout was fair only, this is chiefly due to the numbers being away working and leaving a particular individuals family short of able bodied men for the work required, all villages have small populations thus the point can be appreciated

Economic development for this area has been slow and on a small scale though the potential is in evidence for a vast improvement. The Mission Father at BEE Mission has designed a weaving loom capable of producing 3ft by 3 ft building blind - mainly sold to border stations, some \$1700 has been spent on this product over the past 18 months by the administration. The construction of *makaki* cane casual chairs has also been organized by the Mission, the potential sale has not been recognized as yet however sales have been made and an income is being derived. Both these enterprises are undertaken by the indigenes, under supervision in the case of the chairs, a rotation system within the village allows each family a period of time on the loom to earn money. These two sources of income plus the selling of local foods to the Mission for use in boarding school appears to satisfy the people who make little effort to produce copra, (3 to 4 tons yearly only), nil to produce coffee and nil to plant for further primary production. The land is available and the quality of this land is excellent.

The villages of YONGITHI, SHIYBA and KARAITI all have gold bearing streams on their land, SHIYBA has, in theory, migrated back to their own land with the development of this gold as the primary reason, however, as mentioned previously, nothing has been done towards building houses and most of the small population are working at BEE. YONGITHI is in much the same position except that no one is living in the village, all are either at the Mission or residing at the nearby village of DUFAL where the economic potential is better. KARAITI village has still not tried to produce gold, these people were urged to try producing gold for a while to see what return was possible. All villages have sluicing boxes produced by the BEE Mission and given to them.

KARA-AUSI has nominated four men to learn the art of gold sluicing from the KARAITI people and to try all their, (KARA-AUSI), streams, I believe that gold will be found in their area as it has been found on both sides of their land.

KARA-AUSI, WEGAN, KIRIEL and KAPOEM have worked for a cash return on the RAHU River diversion, last year some 40 labourers per week on an average, for five months, brought considerable cash into the villages, this year work is continuing and it is anticipated that the same amount or more will be spent. Primary produce has suffered because of this, new plantings are very few in number for coconuts, new coffee plantings are nil.

Talks were given during the course of the Patrol on Decimal currency conversion, Council extensions and the accompanying elections, Economic development and Siau Council affairs. Talks on the extensions to the council and the elections were understood and appreciated by the bulk of the population, Council newsletters and the House Of Assembly Elections last year were of great assistance in this. Decimal currency talks seemed to produce a fair degree of understanding, again, newsletters sent out earlier had laid the groundwork for the talks thus assisting considerably. Economic development talks resulted in many nods of approval from the listeners but will have little resultant action.

For complete appendices and map see Area Study Report 6-64/65 carried out in January of this year.

Agriculture

No new plantings of coffee have taken place over the past nine months, existing trees are bearing, however no effort is being made to prepare and sell the produce. Gardens at BES, MAROK, AITERAP showed a hasty cleaning but no saleable coffee, the gardens at SIAUFE were in better order and had a minute (15 odd lbs.) being prepared for sale.

New coconut plantings are in evidence at SIAUFE only, the BES AITERAP and MAROK people claim they have too much work to allow for new plantings, FURALAU people appear to be completely apathetic to increased primary produce. Copra production in this area has been hampered by the impassability of the road for the majority of time over the last year. However there has been 3 to 4 tons produced from the existing trees. M^r. (A.O.) J. Harvey ordered the spraying of the palms in the area, the Patrol met the Agricultural trainees in the process of carrying out these instructions. An Agricultural Assistant was to have accompanied the patrol but failed to show up at the commencement of the patrol, He was subsequently asked to patrol the area alone carrying out such duties as he would have had he been with the patrol, his report will be submitted upon his return.

KAPOAM villagers requested coconut seedlings for planting in their area, they were told to send some men down to AITAFE to report this office and then collect what they needed for planting enterprise. However the constant movement of this village over the past ten years has resulted in scattered small stands of coconuts, most up to two hours walk from the site of the present village.

See Appendices in Patrol Report 6-64/65 for economic crop figures.

Medical & Health.

A Hospital Orderly accompanied the patrol, carrying out inspections of villages not staffed with a resident A.P.O.. He also gave Health Education talks which were well presented and attended. However the author feels that this Officer would do better to live in each village for three or four days with a couple of local men to assist him, and to personally supervise the improvement of village hygiene.

An Aid Post exists at BES and caters for all villages between BES and WAININGI - see attached map. The KAPOAN aid post is not sited as well as it could have been. KAPOAN itself has the bulk of its population within two hours walk of the Leprosarium whereas KATAIRE has a five hour walk, and WOMAN, KIRIEL and KARA-AUSI all have a walk of two and half to three and a half hours to the aid post.

Health was found to be good, very little tinea and no festering abscesses.

Education.

All villages with the exception of FUIEALUL are covered by a large boarding school at BES which has five Mission European teachers. Most pupils are boarders and have their parents resident at BES, AITAPAP and HAROK squatting, "looking after their children" as mentioned under "Native Affairs". FUIEALUL village children attend either the AITAPAP Administration School or the Mission school.

Roads and Bridges.

The existing road between AITAPE and WAININGI on the YALINGI River has recently had considerable work carried out upon it, this coupled with the recent dry weather has made the road passable to virtually all vehicles. However much needs to be done. Two bridges have been repaired to date.

The tracks connecting all villages were found to be in excellent condition, probably due to dry weather conditions. All were cut and easily negotiated, for walking times see the attached Field Officer's Journal.

The track between KARA-AUSI and the Leprosarium (direct) is, I feel, the best route from the coast to the mountains as it runs for most of its length along a ridge; when consideration is given to a road to connect NEMX/NUKI to the coast this route should be considered.

Anthropological.

No items of interest under this heading were noted.

War Damage.

Completed in past years.

Missions.

Franciscan
The Order of the Catholic Priars Minor has a strong influence throughout this area, the BES Mission with its headquarters in the BES village has an extremely strong following in the area patrolled. Children of all ages reside at the school as boarders they come from all the villages covered by the patrol with the exception of FUIEALUL. The local adults have an opportunity to earn money through the manufacture of woven building blind on looms which

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APPENDIX (A).

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>SHIRAZI</u>	<u>TOLEMI</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Paltalul	Tungi/Cemulu	Nil	Fair Efficiency
Marek	Timbel/Tobul	Nil	" "
Aiterap	Nil	Wano/Sola	" "
Bos	Tepu/Sepi	Kemila/Warpe	" "
Sianto	Atunai/Arok	Xrokai/Kungasi	" "
Wauningi	Kisini/Kolo	Sobi/Saiwaron	" "
Lapai	Opon/Sengur	Nil	" "
Seiyun	Salimin/Ya'ili	Nil	" "
Yongitai	Ei'bu/Apan	Nil	" "
Karaito	Kai'usi/Waim	Tutu/Mamausi	" "
Kara-Ausi	Kaimo/Soli	Nil	" "
" "	Mewai/Mosu	Seluni/Nilini	" "
Painwa	Semba/Takaku	Klor/Siren	" "
Kapom	Iwan/Ainol	Panlu/Sevon	" "

H.P.N.G.C. REPORT - Patrol 2 - 65/66

Accompanying member.....Snr. Constable BOWALKERE No. 6645

Comment..... An efficient member of the force and excellent for patrol work, well versed in patrol procedure.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. 4-65/66

Patrol Conducted by R.D. KNOTT (P.O.)

Area Patrolled AITAPE LOCAL ISLANDS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives MEMBER R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 29 9 / 19 65 to 2 10 / 19 65

Number of Days FOUR

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 13 3 / 19 65

Medical ... / ... / 19

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION COMPILATION L.G. ELECTORAL ROLL

DECIMAL CURRENCY TALKS ROUTINE MATTERS

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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67-8-13

28th October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK

AITAPE PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1965/66

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very brief patrol report by Mr. Knott covered by your memorandum 67-3-2/786 of 11th October, 1965.

2. As Mr. Knott has resigned from this service I have no comments to make on this report.

(T. G. Aitchison)
a/DIRECTOR

67-8-13 (10)

67-3-2/786

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEHAK.

11th October, 1965.

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

AITAPE PATROL No. 4/65-66.



Receipt of the above report of the above-numbered patrol is acknowledged with thanks.

Your comments are noted and adequately cover the report.

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone 67-1-2
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.

Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik North.

5th October, 1965.



The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

AITAPE PATROL REPORT 4/65-66.

Enclosed please find a short report on a routine visit to the Aitape Local Islands area by Mr. PO Knott. Mr. Knott resigns as from 7th October, 1965 so I did not expect any more than brief comments mainly for my office records.

2. During his visit he compiled the annual census to bring these villages in line with the rest of the sub district and completed the Electoral Roll in preparation for the inclusion of these villages in the Siau Local Government Council. It is important that the proposed extension be completed as soon as possible. The influence of numerous political education talks is strong but a delay may result in a waning of interest.
3. The Ali people are probably the most progressive in the sub district; already operate a number of small powered craft for charter work and sell copra direct to Madang.
4. Decimal currency talks were given at each island; as usual the Ali people are well up on the proposals; the rest of the people leave it as 'something belong government'.
5. The Airfield at Seleo is being constructed by the Priest in Charge to allow easier access to the mainland during the very rough N.W. season.
6. Mr. Knott will bring his claim for camping allowance to Wewak on thursday.

Roach
J.H. ROACH.

Assist. District Commissioner.

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Sub District Office,
Aitape, Sepik North.

25th September, 1965.

Sgt R.D.Knott,
Patrol Officer,
AITAPE.

AITAPE PATROL No. 4. LOCAL ISLANDS.

Please prepare for a short Patrol to the Local Islands near Aitape station. You should only be away a matter of a few days so you can make all arrangements with regard to police, stores etc.

The objects of the patrol are.

- 1. Census Revision.
- 2. Compilation of L.O. Electoral Roll.
- 3. Decimal Currency Talks.
- 4. Routine matters.

As you will be leaving Aitape in the near future your report need only be brief and for my records. Ensure you make adequate copies of census figures, complete the electoral roll for Geico, Ali, Tudeo and Yakoi, and give talks to the people you visit on the proposed conversion to Decimal currency.

Your comments on the degree of understanding shown by the people on these talks and matters of Local Government would be appreciated.

J.H. ROACH,
Asst. District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,
AITAPE.

5th. October, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AITAPE.

PATROL REPORT 4 LOCAL ISLANDS.

AREA PATROLLED	LOCAL ISLANDS and YAKOI VILLAGE
OFFICER CONDUCTING	R.D.KNOTT P.O.
ACCOMPANIED BY	MEMBER R.F.N.G.C.
AIMS	CENSUS REVISION COMPIATION L.G. SEMESTRAL ROLL DECIMAL CURRENCY TALKS ROUTINE MATTERS
LAST PATROL TO AREA	D.D.A. 13/3/1965
DURATION	4 DAYS

(b) INTRODUCTION

Following the receipt of Patrol Instructions issued by Mr. J.H. Roach A.D.C. file 67-1-2 of the 25th. September a patrol was organized and visited Ali, Angel, Selee, Tumlac Islands and Yakoi village on the mainland comprising the Aitape Islands Census Division. These islands are all within eight miles due east of the Sub-District Office. Access is by canoe or other sea transport, power driven craft are not uncommon.

(c) DIARY

See attached F.O.J.'s.

(d) OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTS

Reception of Patrol

Patrol was well received.

Villages

The villages were clean and tidy, the housing was of a high standard.

Village Officials

Counciller Wakst of the Yakoi village is functioning well, as also are the Luluais from Ali and Tumlac, Luluai Pabup of Selee is also the acting V.O. for Angel and is perhaps getting a little old for the job, however he is very co-operative.

Outline of Political Situation

Ali Island is the most active in economic development and these people are probably the most progressive of the Division. They are ready to join the Council but they stipulate that they do not wish it to interfere with a ship purchasing project which they have had under consideration for some fifteen years, and for which they've saved about £1600. However they're willing to postpone purchase until such time (preferably in the near future so they'll know where they stand) as they are included in the proposed Council Extensions. They will then review the situation in light of council activity. Generally the Ali people seem to be anxious as to how much they will have to expend on the council tax. etc. Also, should they purchase the proposed boat they don't want the Council g

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interfering with their running of it. Generally however the sooner these people are included in the Siam Council the better, they are progressive and will certainly benefit from it. They now feel the sooner they are included the better.

The Tumleo people are quite happy with the idea of inclusion in the Council and seem to have a fairly good conception of what this will entail. They also are desirous of entering the Council as soon as possible.

Contrariwise the Selio and Angel peoples (apparently under the influence of Laluai Pabup) are extremely apathetic about the whole idea and would much rather retain the status quo. Previously they rejected the proposed council extension completely on such grounds as inadequate population, cramped economic development, (due to Leasing opposition to their acquisition of sage rights) and limited land on Selio Island due to over alienation. The Field Officer to whom these reasons were given replied that they did in fact have a sufficient population and that they had more chance of overcoming other problems within the Council rather than excluding themselves as they wished to do. Eventually they did agree to inclusion but only under sufferance; as it was put to the author by Laluai Pabup, they acquiesced only because they were tired of the continual overtures made by D.D.A. (possibly four). Thus the agreement on their part was taken only because they thought this the easiest course. To sum up - the sooner these people are included in the Council the better, it may change their extremely negative outlook.

The Yakei villagers have been in the Council for some time now, Wakot the Councillor is the Vice-President.

Decimal Currency Education

A high level of comprehension was general among the Ali Islanders who seem quick to grasp new ideas. The other people seemed to have some understanding of what was involved but until the people can actually physically handle the new currency the whole concept is probably probably a little unreal to them. Probably as much as can be done has been done at this stage.

Agriculture

Cash cropping of coconuts has been going on for some years and the Islands have reached the point where maximum planting is now effective. Sage is obtained from the mainland in season. Some fishing is carried out.

Commerce and Industry

Some income is earned by hiring out canoes and building them. Many of the adult males earn money on the mainland as carpenters, plumbers etc.

Land

The purchase of some 300 acres along the Bes road xxx is under consideration for purposes of re-settlement. See Patrol Report 6-64/65.

Complaints

Only one complaint, settled to satisfaction of all at Ali.

Rest Houses

The Ali rest house urgently requires roofing repairs.

Carriers, Canoes, etc

The Ali canoe was hired for the Patrol's transport, the rate of hire is £1 an hour. No difficulty was experienced in the hiring of canoes.

Health

Health was generally good. A.P.O. at Ali reported everything ~~xx~~ in order. The environment is a clean, healthy one.

Education

The Catholic Order of the Franciscan Friars Minor is the unopposed Mission in this area. Ali Island is manned by a priest and has a primary school, Selie Island with a priest and lay brother boasts a secondary school teaching to second year standard. Tualoe Islanders send some of their children to mission and government schools at Aitape.

The priest on Ali Island also gives valuable assistance to the locals in the boat building and engine maintenance projects carried out by them. At the moment he has started a little group of practical crafts handiwork.

Missions

The Franciscan Friars have religious monopoly of the area and are apparently liked and appreciated by the Islanders.

Airfields

A Cessna type airstrip is under construction at Selie Island under the direction of the Mission staff there. The length of this

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proposed strip will be an estimated 2000', width 150'. This will be the first Island airstrip if and when its completed.

Census

Attached.

Personnel

Attached.

R.D. Knott

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(R.D. Knott)
Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX .. PERSONNEL

Const. MASINAGA No.9480 4 days Aitape Local Islands

Comment.. Performs patrol duties competently.