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NORTHERN DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

POPONDETTA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1 - 1966/1967	G. Medaris	Oro Bay Census Div.
2 - 1965/1966	J. Daras-Wells	Aiga, Waria, Small Goilala & Binandere
3 - 1965/1966	V. Bailey	Barili Managlas
5 - 1965/1966	I.M. Bates	Middle & Upper Musa
7 - 1965/1966	P.W.J. McKenzie	Dyke Ackland Bay
7B-1965/1966	B.J. Dunn	Portion of Buna Census Div
8 - 1965/1966	I.M. Bates	Middle & part Upper Musa

IOMA

1 - 1965/1966	J. Daras-Wells	Binandere Census Div.
2 - 1965/1966	M.J. Cunningham	Binandere Census Div.
4 - 1965/1966	J. Daras-Wells	Waria Census Div.
5 - 1965/1966	M.J. Cunningham	Binandere Census Div.

KOKODA

2 - 1965/1966	B.J. Dunn	Wawonga, Chirima, Biage Census Div.
1 - 1965/1966	D.J. Ludbrook	Chirima Census Div.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **NORTHERN** Report No. **1 65/65**

Patrol Conducted by **J. DARAS-WELLS PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled **BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION** *10/11/65*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**
1 MEMBER RPNCC

Natives **1 INTERPRETER**

Duration—From **2/7/1965** to **18/7/1965**

Number of Days **17**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **10/19/64**

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

Map Reference **FOURMIL BUNA**

Objects of Patrol **PRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TALKS AND CENSUS
REVISION . DECIMAL CURRENCY EDUCATION**

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14 / 8 / 1965

[Signature]
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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67-5-1

28th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Daras-Wells, covered by your memo 67-1-1 of 14th August, 1965.

2. Mr. Wells seems to have accomplished all the tasks set him in a capable manner.
3. Mr. Wells has reported fully on Council work accomplished on the patrol, but I would have liked him to have given me a fuller report on routine administration matters and how the people received his talks on Decimal Currency.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

67.5.1 (a)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
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No. 67.1.1

Department of the Administrator.

Department of District Administration,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.
14th August, 1965.

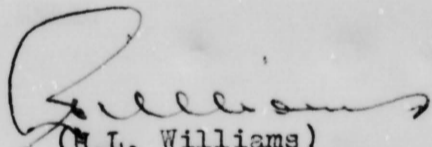
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATPOL No. 1/65-66 - BINANDERE.

Please find attached a copy of a report of a patrol to the Binandere Census Division by Mr. J. Daras-Wells.

The patrol was of a routine nature to check on the people's acceptance to the proposed Ward composition of the Council. The suggested amendments to the wards made as a result of this patrol have been accepted and incorporated in the proposal for the proclamation.

The patrol was carried out in a satisfactory manner and Mr. Well's report is concise and to the point and like his two previous reports submitted without unreasonable delay.


(H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

DIARY (Cont'd)

- 11/7/65 8.00am. Talks and census with Deboin people. Finished 10.45. Representatives from Sia and Taututu had discussions with Deboin people re joining in one ward with Deboin. Village inspection. 2to 3.30 complaints and general discussions with people. Night Deboin.
- 12/7/65 8.30am. To Mambatutu per canoe and walking. Arrived 2.45p.m. Census figures. Night Mambatutu.
- 13/7/65 7.00a.m. On foot to Ainsi, arriving 12.30p.m. 1 to 3.00p.m. Talks and census with Ainsi people. 3.30 by foot to Tubi, arriving 4.45p.m. 6.00 to 9.00 p.m. Census and talks with Tubi, Tabara, Batari and Kotaure people. Night Tubi.
- 14/7/65 8 to 10 am. Further talks with above villages. 10.30 on foot to Tave, arriving 1.30p.m. 2.30 to 4.30pm Talks and census with Tave, Boki and Dabari people. 8 to 9.30p.m. complaints and discussions with some people and census figures. Night Tave.
- 15/7/65 8.00a.m. To Bovera and Mataira. 10 to 1.00p.m. Talks and census with Bovera and Mataira people. Numerous complaints in afternoon and village inspection. 6to 8 p.m. more disputes. Night Bovera.
- 16/7/65 8.00a.m. Ti Ina mission station by canoe arriving 10.00a.m. Thence on foot to Taire, arriving 2.00p.m. Talks and census with Taire and Karude people. Night Tair
- 17/7/65 8.00a.m. To Nindowari on foot, Arriving 9.45a.m. 10.00a.m. to 12.30 a.m. Talks to Wagadare and Ewore people and census. 2 to 4.30 p.m. Numerous disputes and complaints. Some court cases to be sent to Ioma. Night Nindowari.
- 18/7/65 Sunday -Observed at Nindowari.
- 19/7/65 8.00 a.m. To Ioma on foot, Arrived 2.30p.m.

PATROL ENDED

INTRODUCTION.

As per attached sheets.

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Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.N.D.

29/7/65

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT NO1 OF 65/66 - BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION.

DIARY

- 2/7/65 9.00am. Departed from Ioma for Nindewari, arriving 3.30pm. Night Nindewari.
- 3/7/65 8.00am Talks and census with Nindewari, Wade and Onombatutu people. 2 to 4pm talks with village officials and councillor nominees re proposed council. 7 to 8 Census figures Night Nindewari.
- 4/7/65 7.30am Departed per canoe for Gira mouth, stopping at villages en route. Arrived 3.30pm. Walked to Mambatutu rest house, arriving 5.30pm. Night Mambatutu.
- 5/7/65 8.30am Talks and census with Manau and Mambatutu people. Village inspection. 11 to 12.30 To Anglican mission to see Brother Doolan. 5.30p.m. Ubuna arrived. Unloaded cargo and dinghy. Night Mambatutu.
- 6/7/65 6.30a.m. To Gira mouth with dinghy and outboard. Dinghy overturned. 7.30 to 9.30 attempts to salvage dinghy, engine and some cargo from sea. Returned Mambatutu, arriving 11.45am. 2 to 4.30 attempts to dry out and re run engine with help of Mr. Amos and his to 12. Night Mambatutu.
- 7/7/65 7.30am. Per canoe to Sia, arriving 12.45pm. 2 to 3.45 paddled upstream to investigate reports of volcano erupting. Large areas of flame on pek of mountain adjacent to Mt Albert Edward.. Returned to spend night Sia.
- 8/7/65 8.00am. Talks and census with Sia people. Finished 11 a.m. 12.30 to 3.30 Complaints and talks with Sia people re possible inclusion of Sia in Deboin or Manau/Mambatutu ward.. Night Sia.
- 9/7/65 8.00am To Taututu by canoe arriving 9.30am. 10 to 12.30 Talks and census with Taututu people 1 to 3.30 Further discussions with Taututu people. Night Taututu.
- 10/7/65 8.30 am Mr Visser arrived on double canoe. With him to Manau and Mambatutu to see outboard. Returned upriver arriving at Deboin turnoff at 3.30pm. By canoe to mouth of Mambare, arriving 5.30. Walked to point round from Deboin. Arrived 7.30pm/ By canoe to Deboin arriving 8.00pm. Night Deboin.

CENSUS FIGURES.

Census figures for the Binandere are attached. They are generally self explanatory. The natural increase is 2.5 with a birth rate of 3.6% and a death rate of 2.1%. The number of absentees at work is less in most villages than in the other two census divisions. The overall percentage is 29% of the adult male population is absent. This is not a very real figure as the numbers of absentees away from individual villages varies enormously, a few villages only providing the most absentees.

CONCLUSION.

The Binandere is the largest census division in the Ioma area. It is reasonable to assume that a large part of the council work will be in this area. The Binandere's will have the numerical advantage in the council, and also their area is the closest to Ioma. Care will have to be taken to see that they do not rely on this and become mere "passengers" in the working of the council.

away from them and also they have more affiliations with the coastal villages. Taututu village is in fact a group of Deboin people who settled at Taututu some time ago when Deboin became crowded. However, it is more convenient for them to join in a ward with Manau and Mambatu'u as they are closer and also quite happy about this arrangement.

Tubi and Ainsii wish to change around, also for matters of convenience, as they are each closer to the villages in the respective wards to which they have been changed.

NOMINATIONS.

Nomination papers for councillors were given out and explained in each village. The people were helped to fill them out.

Most of the Binandere villages seem more antagonistic towards each other than in the other two census divisions. Because of this, all the villages wished to have their own representative in the Council. Apparently each village had already decided before the patrol arrived, which man they wished to represent them. Some confusion was caused by the fact that only one representative from each ward will be elected. Most of the villages wanted the wards to be split up into smaller entities. However, when the reasons for having them as they are were explained, all reluctantly agreed that this was the best method. Unfortunately, it seems that when the elections are held, that the village with the highest population in each ward will be the one that supplies the councillor.

Most of the nominees so far have been younger men and not the influential men in the villages. These have generally a certain amount of education, either at government or mission schools, and this is probably why they were nominated. Unfortunately some of them also have rather inflated ideas about the extent of their own knowledge and abilities.

NAME OF COUNCIL.

As with the other two census divisions in this area the Binandere want the proposed council to be called TAMATA.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

Routine Administrative matters were dealt with by the patrol. Numerous disputes were heard, some of which were settled amicably. Others were sent to Ioma for court action.

Housing in the area was generally good. The roads were all rather poor, probably due to the fact that most patrols of this area are done mainly by double canoe or dinghy.

There are many instances of village pigs eating people's gardens. This is because people are too lazy to either fence the pigs or the gardens properly. Many people proposed that all village pigs should be killed to prevent this, which is a very unsatisfactory proposal. A future council rule about this matter would probably be the best way of solving the problem as both pigs and staples form a very necessary part of the people's diet. At the time of the patrol, food was rather short and considerable hardship was being caused by pigs eating the gardens.

INTRODUCTION.

The objects of this patrol were to give pre Local Government Council election talks and explain about nominations and also to do census revisions for all villages. Decimal currency conversion talks were given and other routine Administration matters seen to.

As with the Waria and Aiga census divisions, the Binandere people were all very keen for the establishment of a Council in the Ioma area. These people are more superficially sophisticated than the other two groups. This area is fortunate in that it has more economic potential than the other two although less use is being made of it. The number of cash crop plantings in the Binandere is roughly equal to the Aiga, although the population is double. Despite their extra opportunities, the people are less inclined to put any effort into helping themselves and their economy than the other two groups. Although marketing facilities in the area are quite reasonable, the people are only processing and selling about 20% of their cash crop produce, and purely for the immediate financial needs of the individual.

The patrol was received with resignation rather than with enthusiasm in most villages, despite the people's eagerness for the establishment of a council.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROPOSED COUNCIL.

As stated before these people were all very keen to start a council in their area. The reasons for this are rather mixed. Some people want a council rather more as a prestige symbol rather than for the overall political or economic improvement it could bring to the area. Others see that with the backing of the people, the council will do considerable good in advancing the area in many ways.

WARDS.

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There are seven proposed with eight councillors in the Binandere area. Some of the proposed groupings of villages within the wards are unsatisfactory to the people and a list of suggested alternative groupings is given below.

- (1) Iaudari , Kurereda , Waie, Barara, Borotutu (2councillors)
- (2) Sia , Taututu , Manau , Mambatutu. (1councillor)
- (3) Deboin (1 councillor)
- (4) Kotaure ,Tabara , Tubi,Batari, Taire. (1 councillor)
- (5) Nindewari , Onombatutu , Karude ,Ainsi (1 councillor)
- (6) Ewore , Wagadare , Wade. (1 councillor.)
- (7) Bovera ,Mataira , Tave , Boki ,Dabari (1 councillor)

Sia and Taututu do not wish to join with

with the upper

Mambare villages , as they are all two days canoe paddle

APPENDIX A. - VOTING FOR AND AGAINST COUNCIL

VILLAGE	NO PRESENT	NO ABSENT	FOR	AGAINST	% FOR
KOTAURE	71	18	71	NIL	100
TABARA	84	12	84	"	"
TAIRE	87	9	87	"	"
BATARI	40	6	40	"	"
TUBI	14	1	14	"	"
ONOMBATUTU	44	7	44	"	"
KARUDE	39	16	39	"	"
NINDEWARI	74	26	74	"	"
AINSI	68	16	68	"	"
EWORE	134	36	134	"	"
WAGADARE	96	22	96	"	"
WADE	53	16	53	"	"
BOKI	34	8	34	"	"
LAUDARI	140	33	140	"	"
KURNREDA	144	46	144	"	"
WAI'E	38	16	38	"	"
BARARA	55	9	55	"	"
POGADUMO	89	27	89	"	"
DEBOIN	165	37	165	"	"
MANAU	70	11	70	"	"
MAMBATUTU	76	17	76	"	"
SIA	84	4	84	"	"
TAUTUTU	45	7	45	"	"
MATAIRA	97	30	97	"	"
DARARI	44	2	44	"	"
TAVE	68	16	68	"	"
BOVERA	82	11	82	"	"

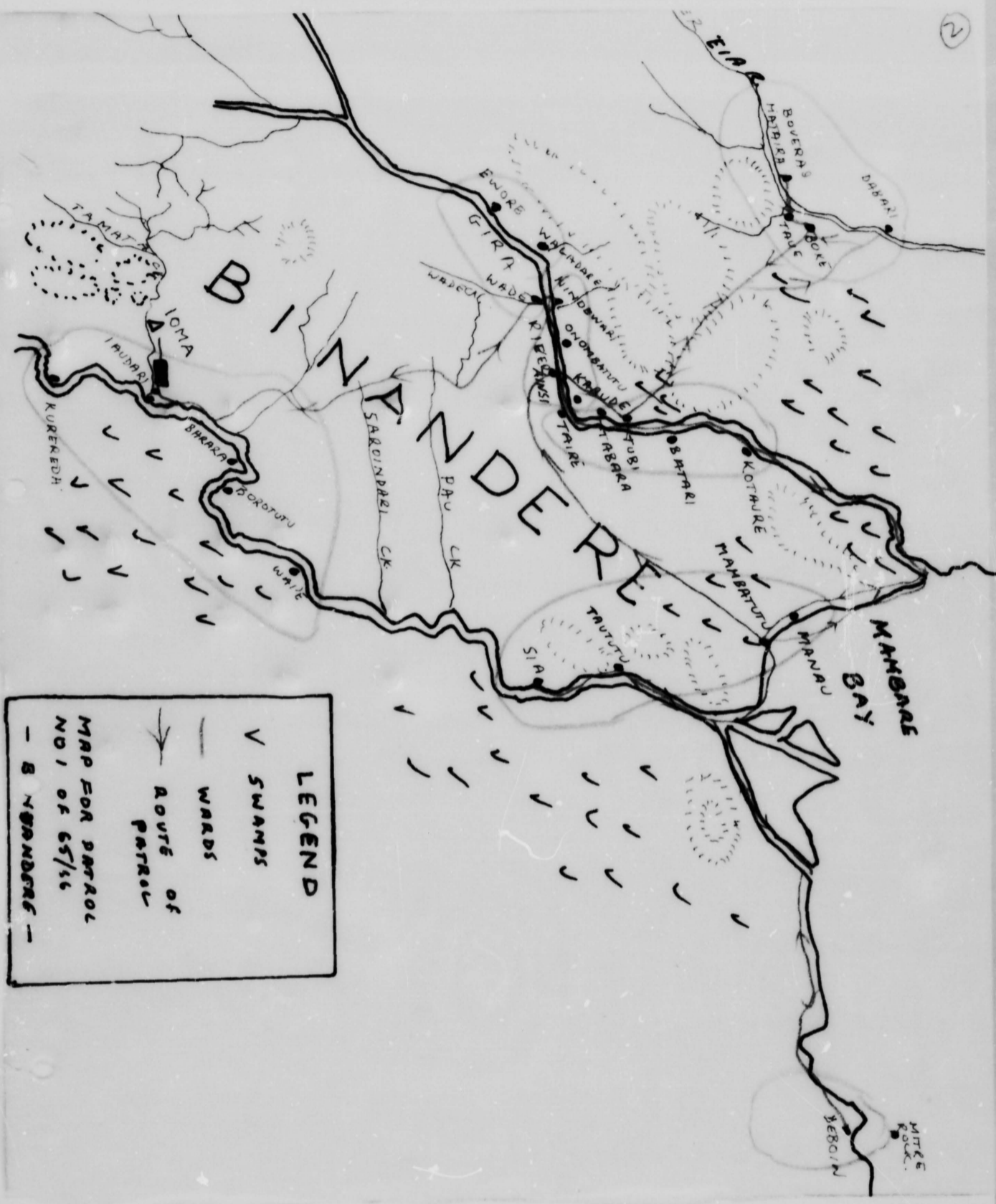
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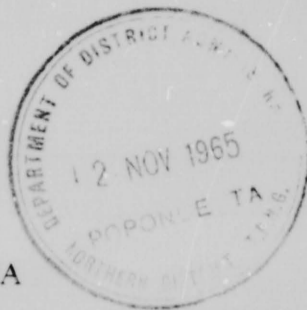
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 2 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by M.J. CUNN NGHAM, CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

1 MEMBER R.P. & N.G.C.

Natives 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 20./10./1965 to 31./11/1965 (11 Patrol Days)

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../7...../1965....

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

Map Reference FOURMIA, BUNA (Sketch Map Attached)

Objects of Patrol TO CONDUCT INITIAL ELECTIONS FOR TAMATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION & FAMILIARISATION.

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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67-5-3

4th January, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Cunningham, covered by your memorandum 67-1-1 of 17th November, 1965.

2. Your comments have been noted.

3. Mr. Cunningham seems to have performed his first solo patrol in quite a competent manner and has submitted an informative report on the initial elections of the Tamata Local Government Council.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-5-3, ⑩



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

WJ.J.NJ
In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67.1.1

Port Moresby,

Department of District Administration,
POPONNETTA. Northern District.
17th November, 1965.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - IOMA No. 2. 65/66.

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a Patrol of the Binandere Census Division which was carried out by Mr. M. Cunningham, Cadet Patrol Officer.

This was Mr. Cunningham's first solo patrol and I am pleased with the competent manner in which he carried out the patrol and compiled his report.

(H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

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67-1-2

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
I. O. M. A.

9th. November, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 65/66

BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

Please find enclosed the above report in triplicate
submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer Cunningham.

Contingency for Camping Allowance is also attached.

For your information, advice and further action, please.

Att.

.....
J. DARAS-WELLS
Officer-in-Charge.

67-1-2

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
I O M A.

8th. November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 65/66

BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

DIARY

- 20/10/65 Departed IOMA by tractor for IAUDARI at 0650, then departed IAUDARI for SIA by canoe at 0730, arriving after a wet trip down the Mambare at 1615. Night SIA.
- 21/10/65 Incessant wind and rain, making movement downriver impossible. Talks given to people on method of voting in coming Council Elections, also workings of L.G.C. Few petty complaints settled out of court. Night SIA.
- 22/10/65 Departed SIA by canoe at 1200 (due to continual rain) arriving DEBOIN at 1630. L.G.C. voting procedure explained and several complaints settled. Night DEBOIN.
- 23/10/65 Conducted DEBOIN ward elections. Talks given on Council objects and aims, also functions of committees. Name of successful candidate declared. At 1000 by canoe from DEBOIN to MANAU, arriving 1300. Conducted MANAU/MAMBATUTU/SIA/TAUTUTU ward elections, after voting procedure explained. Successful candidate declared after fourth count. Talks given on L.G.C. functions, also workings of committees explained. Night MANAU.
- 24/10/65 Three complaints settled out of court-MANAU and MAMBATUTU villages inspected. Walked to GIRA PT. (1½ hrs.) where canoes from KOTAURE were waiting. From GIRA PT. at 1030 for TUBI, arriving 1715, after inspecting KOTAURE and BATARI villages en route. Night TUBI.
- 25/10/65 Conducted TUBI/TABARA/BATARI/KOTAURE/TAINE ward elections. Successful candidate declared. Usual talks on L.G. given. Arbitrated several minor disputes. Departed TUBI at 1130 on foot for NINDEWARI, arriving 1330, after inspecting AINSI village en route. People told about elections early a.m. tomorrow. Two complaints settled in p.m. Night working on statistics. Night NINDEWARI.
- 26/10/65 Conducted NINDEWARI/AINSI/KARUDE/ONOMBATUTU/ ward elections. Result of poll declared. Fr. Andrews cast his vote, making Council multi-racial. Talks on L.G. given. Complaints settled and village inspected - one of the most orderly and clean inspected so far, perhaps due to the close proximity ~~of~~ and influence of the Mission. Departed NINDEWARI on foot at 1130 for EWORE, arriving at 1230, after inspecting WAGADARE village on the way. Conducted EWORE/WAGADARE/WADE ward elections. Result declared. Usual L.G. talks given to people. Village inspected - all satisfactory - few complaints. Night EWORE.

DIARY (Cont'd.)

- 27/10/65 Departed EWORE on foot at 0700 for BOVERA, arriving at 1030 - carriers all in by 1130. Conducted DABARI/MATAIRA/BOKE/TAVE/BOVERA ward elections. Poll result declared and talks given on L.G.C. workings, etc. 4 petty disputes settled, village inspected. Night BOVERA.
- 28/10/65 Arbitrated more complaints and then departed BOVERA by canoe at 1130 for BOKE, arriving 1330. Village inspected then departed BOKE on foot at 1400 for TUBI, arriving 1600. Night TUBI.
- 29/10/65 Departed TUBI by canoe at 0800 for GIRA PT, arriving at 1100. Walked around beach to rest house at MAMBATUTU, arriving 1330. Remainder of day spent listening to complaints from MANAU and MAMBATUTU people. Night spent working on election statistics. Night MAMBATUTU.
- 30/10/65 Departed MAMBATUTU by dinghy at 0600, arriving at IAUDARI 2000, after a weary trip. Walked from IAUDARI to Station after carriers had been arranged to bring the essentials that night, arriving 2100. Carriers paid.
- 31/10/65
to
2/11/65 At Station.
- 3/11/65 To IAUDARI by tractor to conduct IAUDARI/POGADUMO/KURUREDA/BARARA/BORUTUTU/WAIE ward elections. Poll result declared (two seats this ward) and usual talks given on L.G. Minor complaints settled. Returned to Station 1700.

END OF PATROL

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
I O M A.

8th. November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 65/66

BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION.

The main object of this patrol was to conduct Initial Elections for the TAMATA Local Government Council. Talks were also given, and discussions held, on the aims and functions of the Council and workings of the Village Committee in accordance with the directions as set out in the District Commissioner's 76.1.1 and 41.6.3 of 11th. October, 1965. Matters of routine Administration were also seen to.

The Binandere Census Division seems to afford quite a promise of future economic development if only the people could be persuaded to take a more concentrated and active part in this development. There still exists along the river banks quite an amount of unused ~~land~~ land, the soil of which is rather good for further coffee plantings. However, until this present critical food shortage is overcome, any steps taken to exhort the people to enlarge on their present plantings would meet with gross disapproval. As was stated in Patrol Report No. 1 of 65/66 the people are only interested in marketing their cash crop produce for their immediate financial needs. During this patrol the need for marketing all the produce available was stressed, because if the area showed its true potential then aid from the newly formed Council to help the marketing facilities could perhaps be obtained. But, this would depend entirely upon the Councillors and the people in their wards, also the Council itself.

With an approximate area of some 5,000 square miles and a total population of 3,852, the Binandere is the largest Census Division in the Ioma area of Administration. Being as such, the Binandere comprises of seven wards, with eight councillors, giving it a higher representation of councillors than either of the other two Census Divisions. This point is worthy of note in so far as the Binandere Councillors must not be allowed to become the dominant influence, nor must they be allowed to become "dormant partners", in the Council and its work, solely because of their numbers.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

The patrol was well received, but not with any obvious enthusiasm. Perhaps it could be the nature of these people to accept the Administration without any outward show of enthusiasm, but the formation of the new Council was readily accepted. However, nothing untoward occurred. Food was not readily forthcoming in the villages, and some of the carriers and paddlers wished to be paid in tobacco so that they might have been able to purchase food. This acute shortage of food was in existence throughout the whole Census Division.

The villages were, in the main, without fault, although on several occasions housing orders had to be given, but in each case only minor repairs were required. The villages were quite clean and tidy, and it was obvious that an effort had been made to maintain them that way.

In all villages the Village Constables were extremely helpful, especially in obtaining carriers, paddlers and canoes. Prior to the commencement of the voting it was apparent that the V.C's had done their best to ensure that the majority of the people were present for the election.

The Anglican Mission seems to be much more influential ~~xxx~~ than the Administration, due, perhaps, to their closer and more frequent contact with the people. There does not exist, though, any out and out flaunting of the Administration and its line of policy. Even though they are pleased with the advent of the Council, the Binandere people seem to prefer to look towards the Mission as the "ultimate guiding light" in their life. It could very well be, though, that after the Council has been flourishing for some time, and the people realise that the Council has in fact been helping them on the road to political and economic development, there will be a gradual swing - probably only slight at first - from the Mission "alliance" to an increasing confidence in the Council.

Although the majority of this patrol was carried out by canoe, those roads (tracks) which the patrol did use were in quite a satisfactory state. The mangrove and sago swamps encountered along the tracks are a formidable barrier to any further improvement. Bridges, of the single log type, were never in a state of requiring replacement, and the majority of the bridges were affixed with a hand rail for support.

Much petty litigation was encountered by the patrol. In every village complaints were always brought forward, but were amicably settled out of court. It was discovered that employing the wisdom of King Solomon was not always applicable, as one would encounter much difficulty in splitting an axe or a grove of coconuts. However, no serious cases were raised for arbitration, nor were there any that warranted court action.

At present throughout the whole Census Division people are experiencing a great shortage of food, Sago now constituting the main - and in some cases the only - part of their meal.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS NEWLY FORMED COUNCIL.

It was found that, prior to the elections beginning in each ward, the people of those wards were quite enthusiastic over the idea that Local Government has, at last, come their way, and the elections and their result were awaited with much eagerness. As the counting progressed, enthusiasm for the result mounted. The majority seemed to have formed the opinion that with the establishment of the Council the chances of economic and political development are increased. But they are not fully aware of just how much their chances have increased. This opinion was formed after the trend of questions and ideas raised was established when discussions and talks took place upon completion of the elections. Still, the "old hands" in the village - those who have been used to the Village Constable method of Administration for the greater part of their lives - did not appear to show a great deal of interest, preferring to sit back contentedly and just listen and observe while points were raised for discussion. A couple of the Councillors seemed to look upon their new position purely as a means to increase their standing in the village, while the others conveyed the impression that they were primarily concerned with helping

the advancement of their people. Whether the people have made the correct choice of councillor in these initial elections can only be born out by time.

WARDS

There was some dissension in several places as to the groupings of the people in the various wards. The SIA and TAUTUTU village groups expressed a preference for a ward of their own, rather than be joined with MANAU and MAMBATUTU. However, it was explained that because of the small numbers involved it would be very impracticable to do this. WADE wishes to join with the NINDEWARI/KARUDE/AINSI/ONOMBATUTU ward, purely for a matter of convenience, as WADE is much closer to NINDEWARI than either EWORE or WAGADARE. It was stressed that these groupings were purely for election purposes and had no bearing on Census taking or anything else.

METHOD OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS.

The method employed in conducting the elections was that as set out in the directions, Divisions 8 to 20. Nominations were received up to one hour before the beginning of the voting, the interim being used to write out the ballot papers after the draw had been made to decide the position of the candidate on the paper. It was then explained, with the aid of a blackboard, the method of filling out the paper, in order of preference. Those who wished to fill out their own paper were free to do so, and this was encouraged wherever possible. When everybody had cast their vote, the count then began, in accordance with Division 18 of the directions. The result of the poll was then declared as per instruction 36 (1) (a).

Upon completion of the count, talks and discussions were held. The aims and functions of the Council, and the workings of the Village Committees formed the basis of these talks. The people were then asked to raise any relevant points they wished in the general discussion that followed. They were encouraged to discuss what they thought would be a reasonable tax rate and in what projects they would like the Council to assist them. It was stressed that in the first year not a lot of finance could be made available for the various projects as the bulk of the revenue would be needed to set up the new Council. The main point emphasised during these talks was that the Council belonged to the people and only by their ardent efforts could it hope to achieve anything.

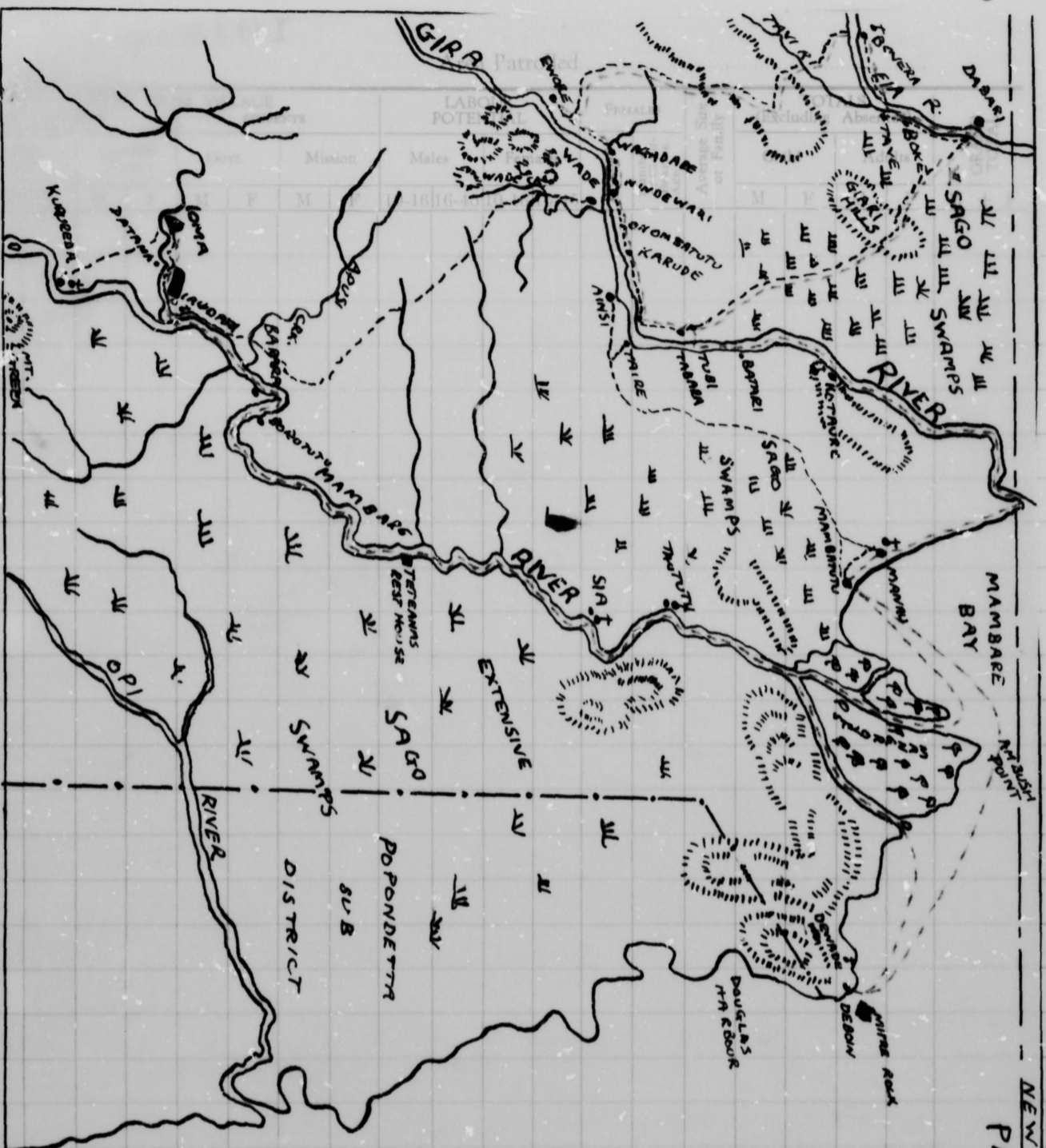
CONCLUSION.

The fact that the people are now in a Local Government Council was readily accepted and recognised by the majority of the inhabitants of the Census Division. Being the largest of the Census Divisions, having the advantage of largest Council representation, and being the area closest to the Station, the Binandere people must be dissuaded from assuming that they are being favoured in Council Administration. The basic idea of a Local Government Council being to serve the whole area and not just a Census Division, the Binandere Councillors must be told - should the occasion ever arise - that they, on their own, cannot run the Council.

The election report, returns and statistical analyses will be submitted separately.

This patrol covered a twofold purpose; to conduct the initial elections and to make myself familiar with the area. Consequently, those observations and comments made above are purely superficial ones, as I have not been within the area for a sufficient length of time to enable me to observe the deep-seated trends and attitudes of thought that are peculiar to the Binandare people.

M.J. Cunningham
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M.J. CUNNINGHAM
Cadet Patrol Officer.



NEW GUINEA BORDER

PACIFIC OCEAN

SKETCH MAP
OF
BINANDERE CENSUS
DIVISION

LEGEND

- PATROL ROUTE
- TRACKS
- AIRSTRIP
- VILLAGE
- ⊠ MISSION STATION

To accompany
Patrol Report
No. 4 of 1944

TRACKED BY
M. T. CUMMINGS
CPO S/11/45



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **HOCHIKI** Report No. **4 65/66**

Patrol Conducted by **J. JARAS-SULLIS P.O.**

Area Patrolled **WARIA GREEN DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **1 HIRIPETER**

Duration—From **23 1 65** to **10 2 66**

Number of Day **16**

Did Medical Assistant accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **11 65**

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

Map Reference **AREA JOURNAL**

Objects of Patrol **ACCURATE TAKING COUNCIL LEGAL TAX COLLECTION
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER.**

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 £.....



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

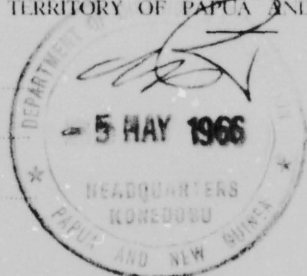
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Telegrams.....

Our Reference... 67-1-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Popondetta,
Northern District.
3rd May, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66.

Your memorandum 67-5-9 of the 26th April, 1966 refers.

The construction of KIRA airstrip is a self-help project initiated by the people of the area but proceeded with after we had received engineering advice that the efforts to be put into the construction would not be wasted. I am assured that a light aircraft strip can be constructed and when constructed will have the effect of boosting the development of a comparatively small group of people who are anxious to make progress but have virtually not outlet for their hopes and aspirations.

In the first instance the return for their effort will not be great but the mere knowing that their crops will be moved to a market will undoubtedly spur them to greater efforts.

It is not planned that perishable goods will be carried from this airstrip but there is a fair amount of coffee now being grown in the area and its airfreighting to a market would be an incentive for the Upper WARIA people to invest more of their energies into permanent tree crop cultivation.

The people constructing the airstrip have been told quite clearly that their work on the strip will not finish when their work on the construction of the strip is completed, but that maintenance will continue to be a demand on their time if the strip is to be kept in operating condition.

W. Williams
13/5/66

H. L. Williams
H. L. Williams
District Commissioner

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67-5-9

April, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-1 of 29th March, 1966, together with Mr. Darras-Well's patrol report.

Your comments only have been noted.

3. I have not heard of the KIRA Airstrip before. If the Administration is involved, has it been cleared through prescribed channels? If the people however are doing it themselves as a self-help venture to establish a private strip, which the Administration will not be expected to maintain, have implications been explained to them? There is no doubt that it can be useful to so isolated an area, but it involves work now for construction, and later for maintenance. Has the value of the return of this airstrip been considered (viz:- what produce will be marketed from it, in what volume, at what cost and also is the market assured?) The marketing of perishable crops from such areas is in practice most difficult.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

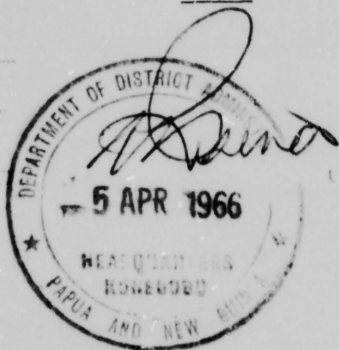
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Our Reference.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....



Department of District Administration.
POPONDETTA. Northern District.
29th March, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 4-65/66 - IOMA.

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the Waria Census Division by Mr. J. Darras-Wells.

The airstrip being constructed on a voluntary basis by the people at Kira gives every promise of being a worthwhile venture to assist with overcoming some of the problems of this area.

The patrol was of a routine nature and reveals a satisfactory situation in the area patrolled.

H.L. Williams
(H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

Refer this to SPO. Has DCA advised you have this report - in proposal stage see Fol 3

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Have not heard of this strip before. If Administration is involved, has it been cleared through prescribed channels? If people doing it themselves as a self-help venture to establish a private strip, which Admin will not be expected to maintain, have implications been explained? There is no doubt it can be useful to so isolated an area, but it involves work now for construction, and later for maintenance. What will be the value of the return - what produce will be marketed from it, in what volume and at what cost? Is the market assured?

(file copy of memo commenting on this on the appropriate airstrip file with identification of name & location of strip)

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Patrol Post,
IOMA. Northern District,
3/3/66

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

PATROL REPORT NO 4 OF 65/66

DIARY.

- 25/2/66 11.a.m. Per STOL charter to Garaina. 1.00 to 3.45 Garaina to Kipu. Night Kipu.
- 26/2/66 7.30 to 2.45 Kipu to Juwera. 4.00 to 6.30 general Admin. work, banking, payment gold subsidies.
- 27/2/66 8.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Council tax collection Juwera and Avihasa villages. Afternoon courts and complaints. Night Juwera.
- 28/2/66 7.30 to 12.45 from Juwera to Sedema. 1.00 to 2.30 p.m. tax collection Sedema. Complaints and talks re Council estimates. Inspection village. Night Sedema.
- 29/2/66 7.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. Sedema to Iariva. 1.00 to 2.30 tax collection Iarive and Kakeipo. Night Iariva.
- 30/1/66 8.30 to 11.30 Iariva to Sedema. Myself sick unable to continue. Rest of patrol to Oibe to collect tax. Night Sedema.
- 31/1/66 Sick, unable continue. Day and night Sedema.
- 1/2/66 7/00a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Sedema to Iema. Banking and other general work Iema. Rest of patrol at Gobe. Night Iema.
- 2/2/66 8.00 to 11.30 Court cases at Iema Afternoon rest of patrol returned. Checked tax collection money and books with Council Clerk. Night Iema.

- 3/2/66 8.00 to 12.45. Iema to Kira. 1.45 to 5.30 Council tax collection Gimine and Upupuro villages. Night Kira.
- 4/2/66 7.30 to 11.30 Tax collection Kira people. 1.00 to 4.30 general daily routine, Village inspections. Courts and complaints banking etc. Night Kira.
- 5/2/66 7.30 To airstrip site with labour force. Day spent in airstrip construction. 5.30 to Kira.
- 6/2/66 7.30 To airstrip site. Rest of patrol return to ~~Iema~~ Iema via road. Day at airstrip site.
- 7/2/66 Day spent at airstrip site supervising work. Night Kira.
- 8/2/66 7.30 a.m. Kira to Kipu arriving at 4.30 p.m. Night Kipu.
- 9/2/66 8.00 to 10.00 tax from ~~Aguan~~ Aguan Warias at Kipu 10.00 to 12.45 Kipu to Garaina. Night Garaina.
- 10/2/66 9.30. Returned to Iema via Stol charter.

INTRODUCTION

As per attached sheets.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol had two basic purposes. The main one was to accompany the Tamata Local Government Council's initial tax collection patrol. The second was to perform a routine Administrative patrol of the Isma Waria census division, which was due about this time.

TAX COLLECTION

A total of \$953-60 was collected, at the rates of \$4 for men and 20c for women. This was a better total than was anticipated. The Waria is the most economically backward area of the council and the Tax tribunal went up there with the intention of being generally easy in regard to issuing exemptions. Villages such as Iariva and Sedema, virtually have no source of income except from people absent at work.

In actual fact all the able bodied people in the area managed to pay their tax, many who would have qualified for exemptions, volunteering to pay anyway. When the fact that of the 1800 odd people in the Waria, 23% are absent, is considered, the sum total is very gratifying. Actually the good collection is probably due to the fact that this is the initial collection of the council and the first flush of enthusiasm at the fact of having a council has not worn off. Such a good reception is not to be expected in future, ~~and~~ unless by some means, the income of the area can be increased.

TAX TRIBUNAL.

After some initial guidance, the tax tribunal elected by the council performed its functions quite satisfactorily. The members seem to have a good grasp of the essentials, and will be quite capable of collecting tax by itself next year.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was received very well by the village people. The councillors on the tribunal were all treated very affably, in direct contrast to the usual reception an Administration tax patrol receives.

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Law and order.

In general the Waria's are a very law abiding people and only one man was sentenced to imprisonment. There were many minor disputes about village matters which were all settled amicably.

Roads and bridges.

The roads and bridges were all in good order.

Housing.

The houses were all of reasonable standard. There were no housing orders issued.

KIRA AIRSTRIP SITE.

The Kira airstrip site is progressing very satisfactorily. The people had done a considerable amount of work on the site. There is an area of about 1850 feet cleared and cut. It is 200 feet wide. At the moment the people are engaged in levelling a few mounds and corrugations in the surface.

The site is situated on a plateau, about 500 feet above local relief of the surrounding countryside. If it is constructed and fulfils D.C.A. specifications, it could possibly be classified as an all weather strip. Apparently in the wet season, the site is so well drained naturally, that no mud or surface water remains.

Although the present length is only 1850 feet, a further 400 feet could be added to the eastern end. There is a slope on the site going downwards from West to East. This will need looking into, but according to the representative of 19 (CRE) works who went out there in a helicopter some months ago, the slope is not steep enough to preclude the site from DCA specifications.

The surface of the site is not rocky, and previous vegetation was a type of kangaroo grass, which is very tufty. This will have to be replaced with proper "airstrip" grass. The soil is quite good and no problem should be presented in grassing the strip.

An officer will have to be sent up there to supervise the final stages of levelling and grassing. After possibly a further two months or so, a helicopter inspection by D.C.A. could be requested.

POSSIBILITIES OF KIRA STRIP.

The basic function of the Kira airstrip, if it eventuates will be to provide the Waria people with a way of marketing their cash crops. Also, it would save the Administration considerable funds if patrols were able to land at the Kira strip instead of either walking or going to Garaina for routine patrols.

The site is situated virtually in the middle of the Papuan Waria and nearly all the village groups have some land that is in fairly close proximity to the site. In fact there would be at the moment a population of 2000 x 1000 people within a day's return trip to the site. Eventually, should this prove a success, the villagers intend to move all their villages to a site closer to the site. This would bring 1800 people to the vicinity. As well as this there are several village on the New Guinea side who are within a day's return of the site. These could also make good use of it to market cash crops.

FUTURE ECONOMIC PROSPECTS.

The Waria area is very hilly and undulating. As such, it will never really be able to plant cash crops in the form of coffee to any great extent. At the moment there is a fair amount of coffee planted, but the terrain precludes much further

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extension of this crop.

However, due to the height and the climate, some of the Waria is ideally suited to grow European type vegetable and fruits. At the moment, potatoes, passion fruit, cabbages, oranges, tomatoes and are grown extensively at Iariva and Kakeipo. There is no market for these. With the advent of the airstrip at Kira, these could be marketed to Popondetta or other medium towns with a demand for such items. Extra seeds have been distributed to other villages in the area for planting similar crops. As these crops are all intensively cultivated, large areas of land are not needed. The crops could be used to add to the diet of the people as well as to provide a cash income.

SOCIAL DEVELOPEMENT.

One of the most urgent needs of the Waria is a school. At present there are only two non-certified mission schools in the division, going up to standard 2. Some children are sent to school at Garaina. This is nine hours walk away from the nearest village, and as parents have to provide food for the children, four days of the parents' week are taken up carrying food to Garaina. This is quite a hardship.

At the moment, there is a population of 600 people whose children could go to school daily, if there was a school placed at Kira. Also, the rest of the people could board their children at Kira and only be one day return journey away from the purposes of taking food to them. Thus a school would serve the total population of the Waria - 1800 odd with 800 children and 400 children between 1 and 10 years old .

A Council deputation saw the D.D.I. in Popondetta last December, and were told that a school would be considered. However, this will need to be taken up further both by the Department and the Council.

HEALTH.

At present there are two aid posts in the Waria, - one at Kira and one at ~~xxxx~~ Gobe. There is a man who has a Hospital orderl des certificate living at Iema. He wished to know if he could be employed by the Administration. This could be something for the Council to take up next estimates. If he was employed, the aid post at Gobe would need to be abandoned as there would be two aid posts serving only 600 people. This would be satisfactory as it seems the aid post orderly at Gobe has been creating trouble in the village and is rather unpopular,. A local man would be more agreeable to the ~~gpm~~ people.

CONCLUSION.

All objectives of the patrol were achieved satisfactorily. The Waria people are a pleasant and hard working group, comparatively, and welcomed the patrol in all places. Although the Waria can never be rich economically, a future ideal of the community centered around the airstrip, with adequate social facilities and a moderate income, could be satisfactorily aimed for.

J. Daras-Wells
(J. Daras-Wells)
Officer-in-Charge



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 5 - 65/66 IOMA

Patrol Conducted by M.J. CUNNINGHAM, CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 MEMBERS R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 21/2/1966 to 12/3/1966

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/1965

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

Map Reference FOURMIL BUNA (Sketch Map Attached)

Objects of Patrol TO ACCOMPANY TAMATA COUNCIL INITIAL TAX COLLECTION PATROL;
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-5-10

19th April, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
ROKONDIETSA.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Cunningham, covered by your memorandum 67-1-1 of the 28th March, 1966.

2. Your comments have been noted.

3. The patrol appears to have been conducted satisfactorily by Mr. Cunningham, but he has submitted a very brief and sketchy report of the people he met. He states that one of the objects of the patrol was "general administration", but in the body of the report, this matter was hardly dealt with. This report could have been improved with a little more conscious effort on his part.

(J. K. MCCARTHY)
DIRECTOR.

Map Reference:

Sketch Map attached.

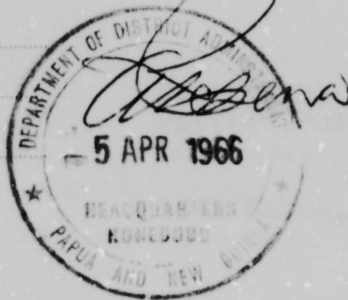
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference **67.1.1**
If calling ask for
Mr.....



WJJ.NJ
Department of District Administration.
POPONDETTA, Northern District.
28th March, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 5-65/66 - IOMA.

Please find attached a copy of a patrol report compiled by Mr. M. Cunningham covering a patrol of the Binandere Census Division.

The patrol was carried out in a satisfactory manner and the report reveals that a satisfactory situation exists in the area patrolled. It is to be hoped that the people will maintain their enthusiasm for the Council in the future and that the Supervising Officer continually stresses the fact that the Council ipso facto is not a panacea for all their problems instead it is an improved organisation for bringing the people's problems to their notice and encouraging them to find solutions by their own efforts.

H. L. Williams
(H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

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Map Reference:

Sketch Map attached.

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
IOMA.....Northern District.

15th March, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT IOMA No. 5 - 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by: M.J.Cunningham, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: BINANDERE Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by: Europeans: NIL
Natives: 2 Members of R.P.&
N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: 21st February to 12th March
(16 actual patrol days)

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. - November 1965.

Objects of Patrol: To accompany Tamata Council in
its initial tax collection
patrol.
General Administration.

Map Reference: Sketch Map attached.

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
IOMA.....Northern District.

15th March, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1965/66

BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

DIARY

- 21.2.66 To IAUDARI by tractor with council clerk and tax tribunal to collect tax from IAUDARI and POGADUMO people.
- 22.2.66 Departed Ioma at 0800 for KUREREDA, arriving 0930. Council tax collected and returned to station at 1700. Road in poor condition after continual heavy downpours.
- 23.2.66 To IAUDARI by tractor where council tax was collected from BARARA, WAIE and BORUTUTU people. Canoes arranged for Friday morning for Binandere patrol. Returned to station and checked receipts with council clerk.
- 24.2.66
to At Ioma.
- 27.2.66
- 28.2.66 Down to Iaudari by tractor at 0630 with patrol gear to be transported by canoe. Returned again at 0930. Self, tax tribunal and council clerk departed at 1015 in dinghy and 40 H.P. Johnson for SIA, arriving at 1315. Tax from SIA and TAUTUTU in afternoon. Village inspected and several complaints attended to. Cargo arrived by canoe at 1900. Canoes arranged for tomorrow as rough seas prevent use of outboard to DEBOIN. Night SIA
- 1.3.66 Settled two complaints and then departed for DEBOIN at 0900. Some cargo taken in dinghy to MANAU, remainder with self in canoes. Arrived at mouth of Mambare at 1300, then walked around beach to PUBETABI (old Deboin) where canoes were waiting. Arrived DEBOIN 1600. Half tax collected in p.m., remainder to be collected tomorrow. Night DEBOIN.
- 2.3.66 Remainder of DEBOIN tax collected. Inspected village and listened to several complaints. Departed DEBOIN by canoe at 1100, arrived MANAU at 1430. MANAU tax in p.m. Village inspected and visited Mission station. Night MANAU.
- 3.3.66 Collected MAMBATUTU tax, arbitrated complaints and inspected village. Departed Manau at 11AM

- 3.3.66 for GIRA POINT, arriving at 1300 after walking along beach. Canoes from KOTAURE waiting and arrived KOTAURE village at 1815. Night KOTAURE.
- 4.3.66 Collected KOTAURE tax. Village inspected - all matters satisfactory. Heavy rain delayed departure until 1330, arriving BATARI (JINGADA) at 1430. BATARI tax collected and village inspected. Night BATARI.
- 5.3.66 Inspected proposed site for new village; arbitrated two complaints. Departed BATARI by canoe at 0900, arrived TABARA 1200. Tax collected from TUBI, TABARA and TAIRE. Village inspected. Night TABARA.
- 6.3.66 Sunday - departed TABARA on foot at 1400, arrived AINSI at 1530 after inspecting TAIRE village en route. Attended Council festivities in p.m. Night AINSI.
- 7.3.66 Collected AINSI, KARUDE and ONOMBATUTU tax in morning. Two complaints heard and village inspected. Departed AINSI on foot at 1230, arrived NINDEWARI 1305. Collected tax from NINDEWARI. Village inspected. Night NINDEWARI.
- 8.3.66 Collected WADE and WAGADARE tax in morning. Departed NINDEWARI at 1300 for EWORE, arrived 1500 after inspecting WAGADARE village en route. EWORE tax collected in afternoon. Night EWORE.
- 9.3.66 Village inspected and then departed at 0830, arriving BOVERA at 1230 after an uncomfortable walk along rain-drenched track. Attended council festivities in afternoon and night. Night BOVERA.
- 10.3.66 Collected BOVERA and MAITAIRA tax; listened to several complaints, village inspected. Departed BOVERA 1500, arrived TAVE at 1600. Night TAVE.
- 11.3.66 Tax from TAVE, BOKE and DABARI. Village inspected, arbitrated two complaints. Departed TAVE at 1400, arrived NINDEWARI 1900 after a wet walk. Night NINDEWARI.
- 12.3.66 AINSI carriers arrived at 0530. Departed NINDEWARI at 0600, arrived IAUDARI village 1230. Walked up to Station, arriving at 1400. Carriers paid off. Patrol completed.

END OF PATROL

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
IOMA.....Northern District.

15th March, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1965/66

BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

The object of this patrol was to accompany the Tamata Local Government Council clerk and these members comprising the tax tribunal while initial council tax was collected in the area. Guidance was offered to the tax tribunal in the early stages of the patrol at those villages where exemptions were applied for and given. Assistance was also given to the council clerk in the method of checking tax ticket butts and all money received at each village before writing receipts. After a few days these people were then able to carry out their duties quite satisfactorily and with minimum assistance. At the conclusion of tax collection in each village talks were given and discussions held. The council president (a member of the tax tribunal) then gave talks to the people stressing the need for paying tax, otherwise the council could not function, and also discussed with them various projects which the council could undertake to help the people. During this patrol \$2015 was collected in taxation. The tax tribunal found 420 cases which were worthy of full and partial exemptions. Almost everyone present in the village at the time - excepting those 420 mentioned above - had the tax money available, and those that didn't assured that it would be available before March 31st, at which time proceedings can be instituted.

OBSERVATIONS and COMMENTS:

Contrary to what happened on the last patrol (No.2 of 65/66) when it was well received but not with any obvious enthusiasm, this patrol was most enthusiastically received. Great preparations had been made beforehand in each village for festivities. At least one pig had been killed in each village and native vegetables were in abundance. Food was readily brought forward and given freely to all members of the patrol. At night time dancing and singing festivities were attended by all villagers.

Housing throughout the area was generally good. Those orders which had been given previously were carried out. The roads were all in bad shape, due to the heavy rain experienced over these last months. One track, which usually takes three hours to cross, took five hours on this patrol. Most of the bridges had been washed out, and temporary ones were erected for this patrol, but orders were given for them to be strengthened. The 40 H.P. Johnson motor, recently repaired, was used on the trip from Ioma to Sia village, but large seas prohibited using it on the trip from Sia to Deboin, thence across to Manau. Use was made of canoes, which were readily supplied. Carriers were also readily available for that area which was covered on foot.

All councillors were most enthusiastic and helpful. At the time of tax collection all those people that could possibly be there were present, due, no doubt, to the frequent exhortations of their councillor. All complaints and disputes for arbitration were brought forward by the councillor of the village and no time was wasted in assembling the various people. Other than those disputes settled amicably out of court, two cases were sent to Ioma to be heard. One was for assault, the other for failing to carry out the order of a magistrate. On the last patrol to the area, food was in short supply, but the frequent rains have now helped to overcome this difficulty.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS NEWLY FORMED COUNCIL:

During this patrol the people expressed great satisfaction and showed much enthusiasm towards the new council, looking upon it as something they can really call their own. Those people with some education - and even those without - in the villages realised that the only way for 'all round' advancement is per medium of the council and those people whom they elected as councillors. Some, but only a minority, look upon the council as a prestige symbol, but when they see the good the council is doing to improve their lot undoubtedly this view will change.

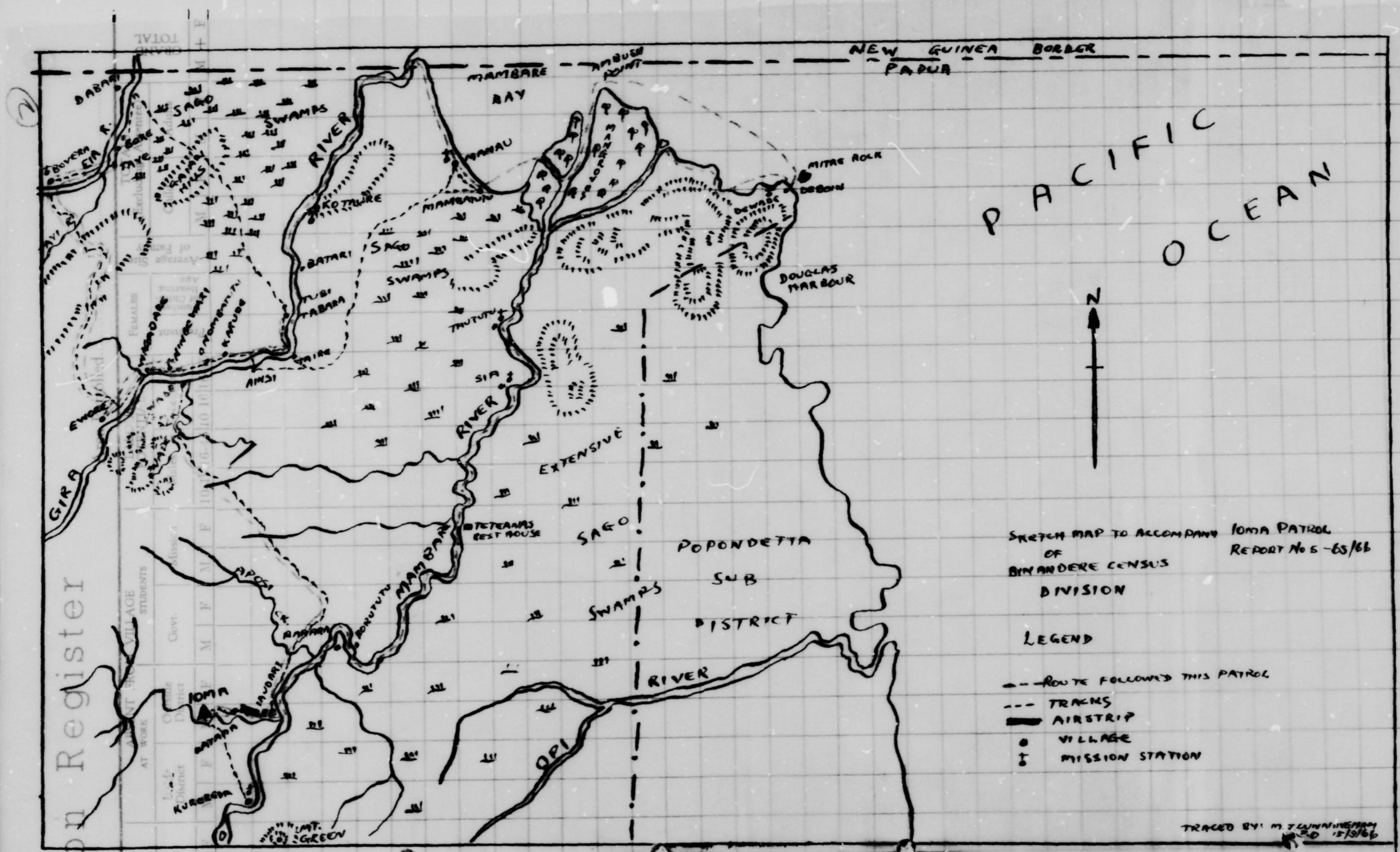
CONCLUSION:

Now that the Binandere people realise that the council can only function properly through their hard and constant work, they seem to be prepared to expend some of their surplus energy on working for and with the council. The councillors seem a keen and ready lot, and I am sure that with time this census division will rapidly progress, especially economically.

As the purpose of this patrol was mainly to accompany the initial tax collection of the council, little other matter is covered in this report. The general administration of this patrol comprised listening to and settling complaints, inspecting villages, and attending to other matters that were raised.

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SKETCH MAP TO ACCOMPANY IOMA PATROL
 OF BIMANDERE CENSUS
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- LEGEND
- ROUTE FOLLOWED THIS PATROL
 - TRACKS
 - ▬ AIRSTRIP
 - VILLAGE
 - ⊥ MISSION STATION

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