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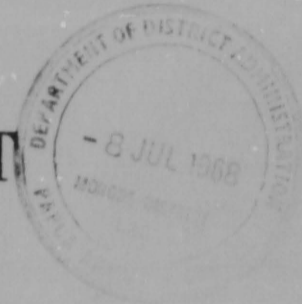
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



District of.....MOROBE..... Report No. I, 2, 3 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by.....R.K. NILAND..... P.O.

MOROBE MOROBE

Area Patrolled.....NORTH COAST, SOUTH COAST, LOWER WARIA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....I. AGR. OFFICER.....

Natives.....2 MEMBERS R.P.&N.G.C. I AG. ASSISTANT.

Duration—From.....2./II./1967.....to 25./II./1967..... 4/2/68-3/2/68
16/2/68-5/5/68.

Number of Days.....50.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....Nil.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....JULY...../1967.....

MedicalOCTOBER/1967.....

Map Reference.....FOURMIL: SALAMAUA. MILINCH: MOROBE? LUARD, LASANGA.

POLITICAL EDUCATION PRE ELECTION

Objects of Patrol.....GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION,

CONDUCTION OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24 / 7 / 1968

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-6-63

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

8th August, 19 68.

District Commissioner,
MOROBE DISTRICT
LAE.

PATROL NO. LAE Nos. 1,2, and 3 of 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by MR. R. K. Niland, P.O.
to... Morobe North & South & Lower Waria Census Divisions.

It is noted that an explanation for the long delays
is to be provided by the patrolling officer.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

c.c. Mr. R.K. Niland, P.O.
Sub-District Office,
LAE.
Morobe District.



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Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

25th July, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

MOROBE PATROLS 1, 2, & 3 OF 1967/68

I attach report of a Patrol to the Census Divisions of the Morobe Administrative Area conducted by Mr. R. Niland, presently Officer-in-Charge, Garaina Base Camp. A map of the area patrolled accompanies this report together with comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae Sub-District.

2. You will notice that the report covers the period from 2nd November 1967 to the 9th March 1968, with a total of fifty patrol days. The patrolling officer is to supply written reasons why submission was delayed for so long.

3. The report on villages, lists and describes about 35% of the villages visited by the patrol. Presumably notes were taken concerning the other villages but the officer was not apparently prepared to comment on these.

4. There is a problem in the enforcement of Rules in Council Areas and this could be overcome in part by the appointment of a Rules Inspector. However the Council is not at present in a financial position to afford this and will have to work through either the individual Councillors or an Inspectional Committee set up under the Rules of the Council.

5. The provision of medical supplies could possibly be improved and this has been referred to the Regional Medical Officer, Lae.

6. The Assistant District Commissioner, Lae has pointed out that copra production is the best source of cash income for this area and plantings could well be encouraged. This coupled with fishing provides the greater part of the cash income for the coastal villages. Opportunity for the sale of timber rights is still open. Reported attitudes to education are not promising but realistic in the short term. Education is probably seen to be a method of obtaining independence from the village environment. Perhaps a distinct bias towards practical agriculture in the syllabus of the schools would make some difference to the attitude towards education. I can see very little difference between commercial farming and cash cropping in this environment which deals essentially in cash crops.

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25th July, 1968.

7. Since the writing of the report the Council have changed their minds and are now no longer setting aside money for the purchase of a workboat. However two coastal villages Paiewa and Sipeza have purchased small ships which will no doubt ply for hire in the Morobe area. The Council should be able to hire these when necessary. While I agree that the Council should be developed as an autonomous body with a minimum of Central Government control, Administration officers as advisers do have a responsibility to give practical advice as to the feasibility of a particular expenditure and one which may utilize the greater part of revenue for some years in both purchase and running costs, and needs to be balanced against the gains from the provision of water supplies and copra dryers.

8. Extracts of this patrol report have been sent to the Departmental officers concerned.

H.P. Seale

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Sub District Office,
L.A.E.

4th July, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

Morobe Patrol Reports 1, 2, 3,- 67/68

Attached please find a composite report submitted by Mr. R. K. Niland P.O. covering 3 patrols conducted by himself at Morobe Between 2nd November, 1967, and 9th March, 1968. The report which was finally written on 2nd April, 1968, was received here on 24th June, 1968.

I have already advised Mr. Niland by letter and personally of the requirement that patrol reports must be submitted immediately after completion of a patrol.

Political: These people were ignored by the member for the old Lae Open Electorate, which probably contributed to their disinterest in political matters. As their present sitting member is from the Upper Watut, there is a danger that they will again receive little attention. This can only confirm present attitudes.

Medical and Health: Construction of an airstrip at Morobe Harbour should help improve the health service in the area, which, like all other Administration activity, is dependent upon erratic sea services.

Agriculture: Copra production still seems to be the best hope for this area in the agricultural field. Plantings however do not seem to be as extensive as one would expect after so many years of contact. The attitude arising out of formal education do not promote a healthy atmosphere of participation by the younger, educated, men in agricultural development. Escape from the village environment appears to be their chief aim. There does seem to be a real need for an agricultural bias in schools in areas such as this, if the education system is to do other than encourage absenteeism.

Forwarded for your information, please.

G. G. Hardy
G. G. HARDY

Assistant District Commissioner



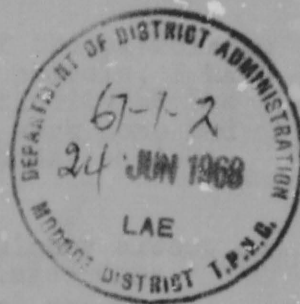
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Department of District Administration,
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Morobe District.
2nd April, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner
Sub-District Office,
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MOROBE PATROLS NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4-67/68
PATROL REPORT.

Patrols conducted by R.K.NILAND P.O.

Area patrolled MOROBE NORTH COAST AND MOROBE SOUTH
COAST AND LOWER WARIA CENSUS DIVS.

Patrols accompanied by
2. 1 MEMBER R.P.&.N.G.C.
3. 1 MEMBER R.P.&.N.G.C.
4. MR. A. LEONG AG. OFFICER
MR. A. MAKI AG. ASSISTANT.
2 MEMBERS R.P.&.N.G.C.

Duration of patrols
2. COMMENCED 2/11/67
COMPLETED 25/11/67
DURATION 23 DAYS
3. COMMENCED 4/2/68
Completed 8/2/68
DURATION 5 DAYS
4. COMMENCED 16/2/68
COMPLETED 9/3/68
DURATION 22 days

Last patrols to the area
D.D.A. JULY 1967
P.H.D. OCTOBER 1967
D.A.S.F. SEPTEMBER 1967

Objects of the patrols
2.I. POLITICAL EDUCATION
II. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
3.I. PRE ELECTION TALKS
II. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
4.I. CONDUCTION OF HOUSE OF
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.
II. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Map reference
FOURMIL: SALAMAUA
MILINCH: MOROBE, LUARD, LASANGA.

INTRODUCTION.

These three patrols had originally been planned as two patrols to cover the whole area, the first on political education and the second for the conduction of the House of Assembly elections. However the Political education patrol was cut short due to the opening of nominations for the House of Assembly elections.

I still wanted to complete the patrol but pressure of work and the unavailability of fuel prevented this until the beginning of February. The House of Assembly elections then commenced a week later.

Because of the close proximity of the patrols to one another and the tie-in of the work on the patrols, I have combined them into one report to show the continuity of the work and to present an overall picture of the work done and its effects as well as to prevent repetition under subject headings.

All patrols were carried out by dinghy except on the first patrol when a lot of the inland villages were visited and those necessitated walking most of the way.

PATROL DIARY. Patrol No. 1

2/11/67. 0630 Left Morobe and went by dinghy up to BUSO village, arriving 1130. That afternoon inspected village and had a talk to the local people about the economics of the area.

3/11/67. In morning gave talks on political education and discussed it with the people then departed and travelled by dinghy to KUI village. Spoke to people there and then inspected village. Spoke on political education that afternoon.

4/11/67 0630 departed and went round next day to SIPOMA village. Had talks with people there on political education and inspected village then left and went on to PALEWA village spent night there.

5/11/67. Had talks and discussion with people of Palewa on political education then inspected village and departed by dinghy and went on to MAIAMA village. Inspected village and later on had talk with people about political education.

6/11/67. Left in the morning by canoe up the Maiama river, went a short way then got out and walked to ZINABA village. Gave talk on political education and inspected the village, spent night there.

7/11/67 Left in the morning and walked back to Maiama village, loaded dinghy and went on to WABEDZAIRA village. Spent night there.

8/11/67 Spoke to people of Wabedzaira village on political education and held discussion, then inspected village. Later left by dinghy and travelled to GORI village. Spoke to people on political education and inspected village. Late that afternoon returned to Morobe.

9/11/67 To Bosadi village by dinghy, inspected village and gave talk on political education and had discussions with people then returned to Morobe.

10/11/67 By dinghy to Amoa village, spent night there.

11/11/67 inspected village then spoke with people of Amoa and Kobio villages on political education and had informal discussion then returned by dinghy to Morobe.

12/11/67 Sunday observed.

13/11/67 went to BARI village and had political education talks then inspected village and had informal discussion with people

15/11/67 To Mo village by dinghy, gave political education talks and had discussions then inspected village and departed and walked to Posei village, had political education discussions there and inspected village then walked on to ANA village and spent night there.

16/11/67 Spoke to people of Ana on political education and had discussion then inspected village and walked back to Mo village and canoed across to Morobe.

20/11/67 Left by dinghy and travelled to the mouth of the Waria river then up it to Zare village and spent the night there.

21/11/67 Inspected Zare village and held political education talks and discussion, AINSE and ZARE villages attended. Later inspected Ainse village then left and walked to SIU village inspected village and that night spoke on political education and held discussions.

22/11/67 Left Siu village and walked to Popoi village. That afternoon spoke to people of Popoi and Gomena villages on political education and then inspected Popoi village. Had informal talks with some of the people that night.

23/11/67 Walked to Gomena village and inspected it then walked on to Pema village and gave talk and held discussion on political education. Inspected village and returned by canoe to Popoi village and spent night there.

24/11/67 Departed Popoi 7 a.m. and travelled down Waria by canoe to Zare village, picked up dinghy and went on down to Dona village, gave political education talk and inspected village, had some discussions with the people and then returned to Morobe.

25/11/67 Went by dinghy out to Sappa village and spoke to people of Sappa and Yaminga combined village about political education and had discussions. Later inspected village and returned to Morobe that night.

Sun 25th February, worked on outboard motor and made preparations for walk to Posei

Patrol Diary: Patrol No. 2 by dinghy and travelled up the Mo river as far as navigable then got out and walked rest

4/2/68 Departed and travelled to GUGUMI village, inspected village and gave pre-election talk and had discussions then left and went on to Eia village inspected village and had pre-election talks and discussions. Spent night there.

5/2/68 Left early and went to Wuwu village, gave pre-election talk and discussion and inspected village then departed and went on to Auno, inspected village and then on to Bau village left patrol gear there and went on to Wainsoduna village, had pre-election talk and discussion and inspected village then returned to Bau that night.

6/2/68 Inspected Bau village then held pre election talks, people from Bau and Auno villages attending then departed and went on to Kobo village and held pre-election talks and had discussion that afternoon. Spent night there.

7/2/68 Inspected Kobo village that morning and returned to Morobe.

Patrol Diary Patrol No. 3

Fri 16th February. Departed in 2 boats for Kui - Self, Ag. Officer, Ag assistant, policeman and domestic. Several breakdowns along the way, arrived Kui 1313 had radio conversation with D.D.C. then spoke to village representatives re. conduction of the elections. Spent night there

Sat 17th February. 0800 opened polling booth and people from Kui, Buso and Sipoma villages voted. 1600 closed polling booth when all had finished.

Sun 18th February. Spent morning working on outboard motors 1230 departed for paiewa. Heavy seas forced both boats into Sipoma. 1700 tried again and managed to make it into the mouth of the Paiewa river. Spent night at Paiewa.

Mon 19th February. Conducted elections for Paiewa polling place, all the people of that village voting. Spent night there.

Tue 20th February. 645 departed and went on to Maiama village arriving 740 set up polling booth and people from Maiama, ~~Maia~~ Zinaba and Eipa villages voted. Spent night there.

Wed 21st February. Left Maiama 830 and went on to Gori village arriving 1040. That afternoon did some more work on the outboard motors. Had informal talks with people that night.

Thur 22nd February. Polling commenced 0800. People of Gori, Amoa, Wabedzaira and Kobio villages voted. Completed 1600 departed and returned to Morobe.

Fri 23rd February. Conducted Polling at Morobe in the Morobe Local Government Council Chambers. People from the villages of Mo, Bospaira, Digitu and Eware voted.

Sat 24th February. Again conducted polling at Morobe. People from Morobe Station voted.

Sun 25th February. Worked on outboard motor and made preparations for walk to Posei

Mon 26th February. Departed by dinghy and travelled up the Mo river as far as navigable then got out and walked rest of the way to Posei. Spent the night there.

Tue 27th February. Conducted polling for Posei polling place people of Ana and Posei voted. Polling completed 1200, later walked back to dinghy and went down river and back to Morobe.

Wed 28th February. Departed Moroby by boat and travelled to the mouth of the Waria river then up river, pulling boats by hand over several rapids, to Popoi village. Arrived 1530 Spoke to people from nearby villages re. polling and spent night there.

Thur 29th February. Set up polling booth and conducted polling. People from the villages of Popoi, Pema and Gomena came and voted. Also several people from the Middle Waria (Papua) who were passing through. Polling completed 1500, departed in boats and travelled down river to Siu Village. Spent night there.

Fri 1st March Conducted elections at Siu Polling Place, people of Siu voted. Polling completed 1130 then departed and travelled down river to Dona. Spent night there.

Sat 2nd March Conducted polling at Dona polling place. People from Ainse Zare, Dona and Zaka voted spent night there.

Sun 3rd March Returned to Morobe.

Wed 6th March Left Morobe and travelled by dinghy to Wainsoduna. Conducted polling there, people from Kobo, Sapa and Wainsoduna voted. Spent night there.

Thur 7th March Left Wainsoduna 0700 and went on to Bau, conducted polling there, people from Bau and Auno voting, spent night there.

Fri 8th March departed Bau 730 am and went on to Wuwu village, arriving 8 am conducted polling there then when all had voted, departed and went on to Eia village. Spent night there.

Sat 9th March Conducted elections at Eia - people from Eia and Gugumi villages voted as well as some from Papua. When polling was completed, returned to Morobe.

END OF DIARY

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL

Reception of the patrol overall was good although at times appeared rather cool. The people in this area have had contact with the administration for over 60 years so that for the majority of the population periodic administration patrols are something which they have seen all their life and they excite very little interest.

It is noticeable too in some areas that the people are somewhat 'browned off' with the administration. The reason for this I feel, has been the failure or otherwise changing of emphasis away from many of the developmental projects which had previously been started in the area, in the fields of agriculture, education and council development. These will be discussed more fully under topical headings.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AND VOTING.

The elections in the Morobe area were carried off extremely well, there were no incidents apart from one of the ballot boxes taking in some water while at the bottom of one of the boats during heavy seas.

There was always a good turnout for the elections and quite a great deal of interest shown, despite the fact that I feel the people have very little interest in the House of Assembly. The people have had very little contact with members of the House and have very little knowledge of its functions. No-one stood for the elections from the Morobe area. This rather surprising amount of interest shown would appear to point to a certain amount of success in the political education programme which was carried out a few months ago.

VILLAGES.

KUI. Site: Fairly good considering the small amount of land they have available. It is set along the coastline on a very narrow strip of land between the sea and the mountains behind. Three small streams running through the village supply adequate water and housing in general is fairly good.

SIPOMA. A very poor village site, is much the same as Kui but there is less land between the sea and the mountains and the land is much lower so that at high tide much of the village is covered by water. Housing is good being made from timber, Sago and Marita leaves, as are all the houses in this area. Water comes from a small stream about one hundred yards from the village.

PAIAWA. A rather poor site, has the advantage of being next to the Paiawa river for water supplies and has plenty of room for expansion, however the soil around the village is mostly sand and fairly poor. The people have to walk a long way to their gardens. Housing is good.

MAIAMA. A good site next to the Maiama river on good land with room for expansion. The housing is good although they are crowded too closely together.

GORI. Site is rather poor being on the side of a hill next to the sea. Little room for expansion although has a good sheltered beach for landing canoes and a freshwater stream about fifty yards away. Hill on which houses are built is mostly rock making the setting of the foundations of the houses difficult.

POPOI. On a good site on the Waria river, ample room for expansion, the houses are well set out and for the most part well built. Sanitation is good and fresh water is available from the river.

SIU. As for Popoi

DONA. As for Popoi

WAINSODUNA. A particularly good village, well set out with good housing and room for expansion. There is a well put in the village by the council for fresh water and the whole of the village area is grassed.

BAU. A rather good site although rather narrow, along the edge of the sea housing is fair.

WUWU. Site of village has been moved and the people now call their village Sowua. Site is a good one with room for expansion, there is a well put in by the council and housing is fairly good.

EIA. Also a good site, is next to the mouth of the Eia river. Fresh water available and room for expansion. Standard of housing is not so good.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The area is under the control of the Morobe Local Government Council and the councillors in general do a fairly good job. However although the council has a village hygiene and a road maintenance rule, no complaints have been made under these rules. The difficulties of the councillor being elected by the people and not wanting to prosecute the people who voted him in are recognised and I have suggested to the council that they consider employing a rules inspector to enforce the rules.

CARRIERS AND CANOES.

The whole of the patrol was carried out by motor boats and no carriers or canoes were used.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Medical services in the area are good there being six aid posts, three of them permanent buildings put up by the council and a fourth on the council works programme for this year. There is also a native hospital at Morobe under the control of two hospital assistants. The only complaint I found was that more often than not there were no medical supplies available for the Aid Post Oxierlies when they visited the station and I feel there could probably be better supervision of the requisitioning and allocation of medical supplies.

The Lutheran mission in conjunction with the Public Health Department has set up a monthly baby clinic service covering all the villages along the coast from Maiama village to Eia village. Two child welfare nurses cover the area travelling out from Morobe in the station dinghy to the furthest village then coming back by canoe.

COMPLAINTS.

There were several complaints during the patrol regarding divorces and the custody of children however these were settled amicably with the people concerned.

COURTS.

Only one court case was heard during the course of the patrol. This was held at Popoi and was over Adultery.

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Adultery and divorce are one of the main problems in the area and it is aggravated by unsatisfactory customary laws. I have asked the council to consider making a council rule regarding customary marriage and divorce to alleviate the problem.

AGRICULTURE.

Along the coastal areas the major cash crop is copra, while in the Waria and other river valleys the main cash crop is Robusta Coffee. There is also a small amount of Cocoa grown but this is mostly around the D.A.S.F. extension centre at DONA where there is a fermentery.

Over the years there has been a continual change of emphasis in cash cropping. First copra was the only crop being promoted, then later the fermentery was set up and cocoa was promoted. However because of disease problems the emphasis was again changed to coffee production. While this would appear the natural course to follow it has been a bit confusing for the people who are first told to plant one particular crop then later told to try something else.

LIVESTOCK.

Pigs are the only livestock in the area and for the most part they have all been removed from the villages and put in pig pens. Several of the villages keep pigs on small islands off the coast. The Department of Agriculture, stock and fisheries has started several pig projects, bringing in good breeding stock for crossing with the local domestic pigs. These could prove to be a successful venture in the future.

FISHERIES.

One of the major sources of income in the area comes from commercial fishing. A Lae businessman Mr. R. Vivian has three fishing boats which work in the Morobe area. Their method of operating is to tow a number of native canoes, generally around twenty, to a suitable fishing area and let the people catch the fish which they buy off them at ten cents per pound. The boats generally work with a different village each week. Payments for fish caught average around \$1000 per month.

FORESTRY.

A complete timber survey has been done in the Morobe area by the Forestry Department.

EDUCATION.

There is one administration school in the area which is situated at Morobe Patrol Post. This school takes classes from Prep. to Standard VI with the exception of standard I.

The Lutheran mission has a central school at Zaka Mission Station taking students up to standard VI and several village schools where children are generally taught a bit of mission vernacular and English, mostly to prep or standard I.

School enrolments have dropped off considerably since the introduction of the school equipment tax, especially in mission schools where there is already a subsidy required for other school costs.

The people in the Morobe area do not have a very high regard for the English syllabus in the schools and this is understandable. When parents send their children to a school this provides them with the burden of paying school fees and often with their food. Also they lose the benefit of having their children at home to help them with their gardens.

The benefits they receive are few. In sending them to school they expect that the children will gain some knowledge and be able to help them.

However once their children have some schooling, they almost always go into towns to find work and, often as not, stay there permanently. The parents as they grow older cannot look to their children to help them in their subsistence way of life and can only see the education of their children as being detrimental to themselves. #1 ✓

I have suggested to the agricultural officer and the head-teacher at the school that agricultural projects be started at the school under the guidance of the Ag. Department and that this be made a D.A.S.F. project. The emphasis being put on commercial farming rather than cash crop farming which would appeal more to the students when they leave school. // White the reference

MISSIONS.

There are two Missions in the area, these are: The Lutheran Mission which is controlled from Malalo in the Salamua area - control extends southward from Malolo as far as Paiawa village. And from Zaka Mission station, twelve miles south of Morobe on the Waria River. Circuit control extends from Maiama down to Mia on the coast and all the way up the Waria River.

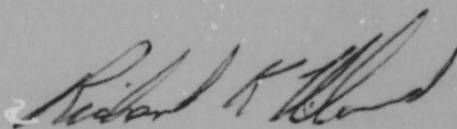
The Anglican mission which is controlled from Manau in the northern District and includes the village of Gugumi.

There is also a Summer Institute of Linguistics Missionary, Mr. D. Wilson at Sosadi village. He has been there for several years now and is at the stage of translating parts of the Bible into the local language.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are very few roads in the Morobe area, most travelling is done by water. There is one vehicular road from Morobe to Zare village in the Waria valley which was opened as a council project. However since then it has fallen into disrepair as it was felt that the cost of maintaining it would be too great. The council was advised to consider purchasing a workboat and they have become very enthusiastic about the prospect. The peoples' desire to have some water transport of their own may be seen by the fact that over the years several villages have started workboat funds, in most cases raising between one and two thousand dollars.

While workboats purchased by councils have nearly always proven to be unprofitable and uneconomical, I would hesitate now to try persuading them to drop the idea of purchasing one. The people of Morobe during past years have seen a large number of different forms of development being promoted in the area only to find later that they are advised that it is not feasible or the benefits they expected are not forthcoming. For these reasons I feel that the people must go through with what they have set out to do otherwise they will lose a lot of faith in the council and their own initiative.



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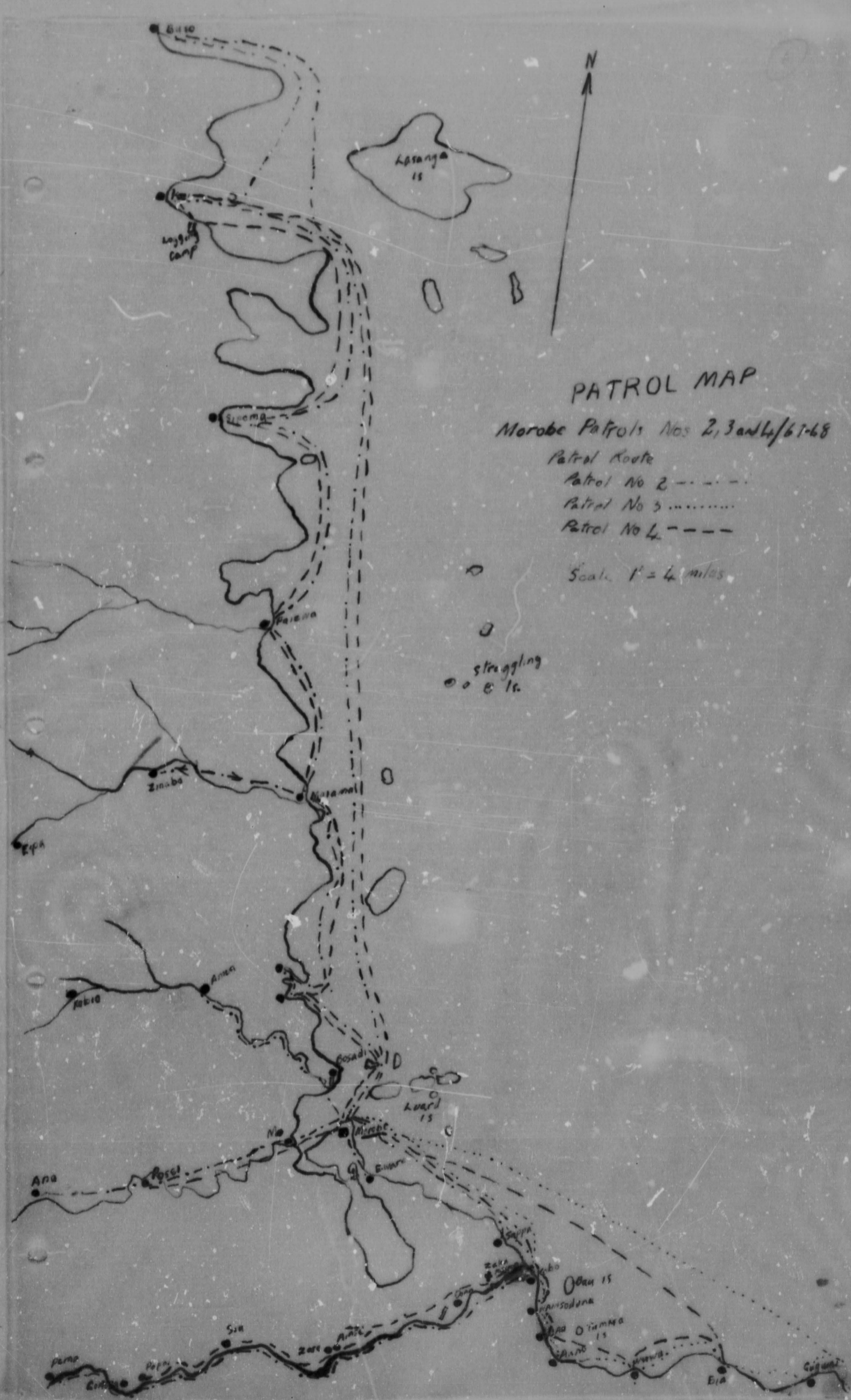
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APPENDIX I

REPORT ON POLICEMEN ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Constable FIANA An extremely reliable policeman, carried out his duties well at all times and shows initiative.. Definatly to be considered for promotion.

Constable Dengo Has recently been promoted to senior constable - is a good reliable man of average intelligence.



PATROL MAP

Morobe Patrols Nos 2, 3 and 4/67-68

- Patrol Route
 Patrol No 2
 Patrol No 3
 Patrol No 4 - - - -

Scale 1" = 4 miles

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