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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1966-67

KAIAPIT

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3-66-67	J.E. White	Yaros & Leron Census Div.
4-66-67	R.P. Morrison	Nara Census Div.
5-66-67	R.P. Morrison	Wantoat & Irumu Census Div.
5A-66-67	R.E. Hatherly	Arari Census Div.
7-66-67	Ronald Edwin Hatherly	Yaros Census Div.
9-66-67	Ronald Edwin Hatherly	Leron Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. KAIAPIT PATROL No. 3 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by J.E. WHITE C.P.O.

Area Patrolled YAROS AND LERON CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P.F.A. SEEFELD D.O.

Natives Const. ORBANGAWA Reg. No. 9632

Duration—From 19/8/1966 to 1/9/1966

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services YAROS October, 1965
LERON March, 1966.

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

Map Reference Morobe District, July 1963.

Objects of Patrol To Carry Out Markham Local Government Council
Elections.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/11/66

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

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

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

67-6-15.

6th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 1966/1967.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. J.E. White's patrol report of his patrol to the Yoros and Leron Census Divisions and of covering memoranda from yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit.

The report is well written and informative and most aspects have been commented upon in the covering memoranda. However, the Commissioner for Local Government has made the following comment :-

"The Assistant District Commissioner has not commented on Mr. White's recommendation that more Local Government education is needed in the Yoros area. Mr. White makes the point that one ward in particular has not received anything in the way of services from the Council. This suggests the people are more apathetic than blasé about council activities".

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67 6 15 (17)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 57-2-6
If calling ask for
Mr. Sinclair/rmr



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

16th November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROBUA.

KALAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1966/67 -
YARCS AND LERON CENSUS DIVISIONS.

I attach copy of this report which was submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer J.E. White. Comments by Mr. M. Lang, Assistant District Commissioner, Kalapit, are also attached.

2. The patrol was for the purpose of carrying out elections for the Markham Local Government Council and requires little comment other than that made by Mr. Lang.

3. I am pleased to see that Mr. White has taken the care to type his report neatly and clearly. The content of the report shows that he is developing his powers of observation. I commend the Departmental Standing Instructions to his attention.

4. Mr. Seefeld, District Officer, was with the patrol for its duration and Mr. White was given the responsibility of managing the patrol and writing the report for the sake of experience. I feel that he has done very well.

(D.N. Ashton)
a/District Commissioner.



Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-4

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT,
Morobe District,

4th November, 1966.

ML.ML

District Commissioner,
District Office,
L A E .

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1966/67.

Attached please find the abovementioned Patrol Report original and two copies. Compiling officer is Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer White.

1. This patrol was of a special nature, viz., to carry out elections for the MARKHAM Local Government Council in the YAROS and LERON census sub-divisions and does not require much comment. The elections were carried out smoothly and without incident.
2. These elections were significant however in that they were the first in this area to be held on a multi-racial basis. Two European candidates stood for election, Rev. K. Holtznecht of KAIAPIT missionary, and Mr. R. Spreag of KAIAPIT planter. Mr. Spreag was successful. (MR STAINES, CHIEFMAN OF GUSAP.)
3. Mr. White reports having got a better reception in the LERON census sub-division than in the YAROS census area. This can be ascribed to the fact I think that the former area was participating in local government elections for the first time the situation for electors in that area being novel. The YAROS area on the other hand having previous experience of council activities were somewhat blasé about it all.
4. Mr. White has I think written a good informative report. No claim for camping allowance appears to have been attached to the report.

M. Lang

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(M.Lang.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL

J.E. WHITE C.P.O.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY

**P.F.A. SEEFELD D.O.
Const. ORBANGANG Reg.No.9632**

AREA PATROLLED

**YAROS CENSUS DIVISION
LERON CENSUS DIVISION**

DURATION OF PATROL

19/8/66 to 1/9/66

NUMBER OF DAYS

14 days

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA

**YAROS October, 1965
LERON March, 1966**

OBJECTS OF PATROL

**To Carry Out Markham Local
Government Council Elections**

MAP REFERENCE

Morobe District, July 1963.

PATROL LOG

19/8/66
 Departed Bulimba 7.30 AM by council
 truck. Unloaded cargo Leron bridge 8.30 AM.
 Proceeded to plantations owned by
 Robinson and White. No roadblocks
 received for election. Returned Leron
 bridge 11.30 AM.
 Departed Leron bridge 11.45 AM
 Arrived Bulimba 11.55 AM
 Received instructions. Proceeded to
 Bulimba
 Departed Bulimba 12.15 PM
 Arrived Leron 12.30 PM

INTRODUCTION

Kaipit station lies (by road) 95 miles north-west of Lae.

The area immediately surrounding Kaipit, where this patrol was carried out, has a variable topography of flat grassland area to other sections of small, rugged mountains.

During the patrol one noticed a small degree of change in standard of advancement as regards social and agricultural trends. The people in the northern section of the Leron census division have not quite reached the same stage of social development as those closer to Kaipit station. However these people in the Leron seemed to have surpassed those closer to the station in agricultural advancement, especially crop growing.

The objective of the patrol, to carry out elections for the Markham Local Government Council, was accomplished without much incident. A varied interest was shown in the election throughout the patrol. The people in the Leron section, a more isolated area, displayed a keener interest than those of the Yarus area.

The Leron section was having its first Local Government Council elections, being included as two new wards. The elections were also significant because they were the Markham's first on a multi-racial standing.

Two European plantations were also visited and Europeans on these plantations were enrolled and voted.

PATROL DIARY

19/8/66

Departed Kaipit 8.50 AM by council truck. Unloaded cargo Leron Bridge 9.30 AM. Proceeded to plantations owned by Robinson and Ginter. No nominations received for election. Returned Leron Bridge.

Departed Leron Bridge 10.40 AM
Arrived Nariawang 11.40 AM
Received nomination. Discussions held.
Departed Nariawang 1.10 PM
Arrived Sira Sira 3.20 PM

PATROL DIARY (Cont).

20/8/66

Two nominations received at Sira Sira.
One from Puk Puk and one from Som.

Departed Sira Sira 8.45 AM

Arrived Sukurum 11.00 AM

Change-over carriers after 1½ hours
at Leron River.

At Sukurum three nominations received
for No.2 ward. Voting carried out in
the afternoon at Sukurum. Four of the
five villages in this ward voted.
Voting carried on until 7.00 PM.

Sukurum to vote on Monday.

21/8/66

Inspected village, Aid Post and school.

General discussions held with people.

22/8/66

Sukurum, last of Ward No.2, voted.

After polling completed, the count was
taken.

Katch/Singarion of Sukurum was the
winner with a big majority. Pupuk
village then voted as the start of
elections for Ward No.1.

23/8/66

Departed Sukurum 8.45 AM

Arrived Sira Sira 10.30 AM

At Sira Sira voting for Sira Sira
and Som villages carried out. General
discussions held.

24/8/66

Departed Sira Sira 8.40 AM

Arrived Nariawang 10.40 AM

Voting carried out for Nariawang and
Wengat villages.

25/8/66

Departed Nariawang 8.20 AM

Arrived Leron Bridge 9.20 AM

Some voting carried out at Leron
Bridge for some of the Wengat people
who failed to vote the previous day.

After this a visit was made to Robinson
and Ginter plantations where the
plantation workers were enrolled and
then voted.

The poll was then declared for this
ward in the afternoon at approximately
3.00 PM at the Leron bridge.

After the poll was declared we
returned to Kaiapit station,

PATROL DIARY (Cont)

25/8/66 (Cont)

26/8/66

27/8/66

arriving by council truck at approximately 4.15 PM. Preparing to depart for further patrolling to hold council elections in the Yares Census Division. Departed Kaiapit station 8.50 AM by landrover. The cargo was taken by tractor-trailer.

We travelled as far up the Mamu river as possible by landrover and then waited for the tractor-trailer which was following.

We then travelled by tractor-trailer with the cargo up the bed of the Mamu river where we met members of the village of Amari. These people were to carry the cargo to Amari village. Departed from the tractor-trailer approximately 9.40 AM. Arrived Amari village 10.40 AM. Elections carried out here for Ward 11 of Markham Council. Voting carried out in the afternoon for the four villages of this ward. After polling was completed the count was taken at approximately 3.15 PM and the winner declared.

28/8/66

Inspected village. Houses inspected. Discussions held with people.

29/8/66

Departed Amari 8.00 AM
Arrived Yampua 9.30 AM
Local Government Council elections held for Ward 10 at Yampua (three villages of Dantap, Samaran and Yampua).
Polling started approx. 10.00 AM.
Polling completed at 2.15 PM and count taken. Winner declared approx. 3.00 PM.

Departed Yampua 3.00 PM

Arrived Amari 4.30 PM

PATROL DIARY (Cont).

29/8/66 (Cont)

We returned to Amari to spend the night. The only cargo taken to Yampua was material for carrying out council elections.

The route Amari to Yampua was the following of the river bed of the Amu River.

30/8/66

Departed Amari 8.30 AM

Arrived Sumera 9.50 AM

Polling carried out at Sumera for two villages of Marafau and Sumera. Polling was concluded for this ward at 2.00 PM. The count was taken and the winner declared at 2.30 PM.

Departed Sumera 3.00 PM

Arrived Maramsariang 4.30 PM.

Departed by landrover for Kaiapit, arriving at Kaiapit in the evening.

31/8/66

Departed Kaiapit approx. 8.30 AM

by council truck for elections of Ward 13. (three villages of Tofmora, Gutsuap, Singitsrumpum).

Visited Tofmora and received nominations. Then proceeded to the roadhead in the vicinity of Singitsrumpum, arriving approx.

11.00 AM. Here one nomination received from Singitsrumpum. Voting was carried out at the roadhead for Singitsrumpum. After finishing voting here we proceeded by council truck to Tofmora. Voting was carried out here for the two villages of Gutsuap and Tofmora.

Polling was completed for this ward approx. 4.00 PM. The count was then taken and the winner declared.

We then departed Tofmora by council truck arriving back at Kaiapit approx. 6.00 PM.

1/9/66

Patrol completed. Preparing to depart for Lae. Departed Kaiapit by landrover 2.00 PM. Arrived Lae 4.00 PM.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTSSTANDARD AND TYPE OF HOUSING

The typical housing construction of both census divisions visited consisted of a wall of planks of timber, a grass thatched roof with either a timbered or bamboo floor. The houses were usually constructed about four feet from the ground. Most houses had a separate house for the cooking and for storing vegetables. The fireplaces in these houses were usually of a circular nature and not of any large size. The houses inside are usually sub-divided into at least two rooms.

I could not actually carry out an inspection of all villages visited because of the nature of the patrol as for election purposes. However from the observations that were made it was found that although the standard of housing was far from high at least it was uniformly equal throughout both census divisions.

I feel one should comment on the village of Yampua in the Yaros area. This is easily the best kept village observed during the patrol and here it was good to see a smooth, grass surface surrounding the houses.

All villages visited showed a satisfactory level of sanitation and the latrines seemed properly enclosed.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Of the Councillors elected during the patrol I am limited as to my personal knowledge of them to make much comment. The Leron Councillors are new and have yet to prove themselves.

A history of all the elected Councillors was composed during the patrol and has been submitted with all the other election data.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

I found the people of the Leron census division, namely the villages of Nariawang, Sukurum, Sira Sira, Puk Puk, Dumlinan, and Som to be very keen about this, their first council election. Polling was heavy and the villages showed a very small absentee rate compared with other areas. They seemed to absorb all the instructions and propaganda on the election with very

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION (Cont)

little trouble and were enthusiastic in coming forward with any problems such as preferential voting and the method of secret balloting. It will be interesting to see how keen they are in two years time.

As regards the Yaros area, I am afraid the situation is far from promising as to the attitude toward the Local Government Council.

One particular ward (Sumera and Marafau) is quite discouraging. The people were not prepared for our arrival and during the election we found trouble in response and trying to maintain interest and attention. The elected councillor, Nara/Tsungin, who has been a councillor for the previous two years does not command much authority from these people.

This ward stands as an example for other wards in this area, with a situation arising of lack of knowledge of the Local Government Council. I therefore recommend that some sort of propaganda patrol should be mounted in the near future with a main aim of trying to teach these people the powers and functions of the Local Government Council.

Probably one of the main factors involved here is that these people never seem to have anything to show for the work of the Local Government Council. During the patrol through the area I did not see any water tanks or anything of such a nature to suggest that the council had achieved anything in the area.

The last ward completed in the Yaros was contacted by a road which passes directly through two of the three villages in the ward (Singitsrumpum, Gutsuar, Tofmora).

The elected member, after a reasonable polling response was Sangam/Garan of Tofmora. Here again, due to the accessibility by road to Kaiapit, interest and response should have been slightly keener.

Again, at Amari village some of the people, especially those in the younger age bracket were absent building a church. They obviously knew of the approaching election but appear more interested in mission work than council elections.

Mention should be made of the two plantations of Robinson and Ginter. From these plantations four Europeans plus their employees were enrolled and voted. These employees incidentally, are mainly from the Wantoat area.

AGRICULTURE

Mention should be made of the peanut plantation of Mr. Ginter. He has three hundred acres. They are of the white spanish type and are harvested throughout the year. His main source of native employment is from the Wantoat area. Apparently there used to be more peanut plantations around this area but in recent years they have gradually dwindled in number due to consistent dry periods and unfavourable market prices on the Australian scene.

The other plantation, owned by Mrs. Robinson, only seems to be supporting a few head of cattle at the moment. Her main interest seems to be in running small stores around the Kaiapit area.

Both census divisions visited had the usual garden crops of potatoes, taro, pineapples, onions, oranges, cucumber, bananas, tomatoes, cabbage, beans, sugar-cane and mandarins.

Coffee is the main cash crop being developed in the area. Most villages had an average of one or two coffee machines and these are made available for general use. The coffee is marketed at the Atzera Co-Operative Society which is situated on the roadside about eight miles from Kaiapit station.

A few peanut gardens were observed around the Sukurum and Sira Sira areas. These, together with some surplus vegetables are also marketed through the society.

HEALTH AND AID POSTS

Three Aid Posts were observed during this patrol. These were situated at Sukurum, Amari and Nariawang villages. Interesting to note the comparison of standard of Aid Posts observed during this patrol. The Aid Post at Yampua is a permanent fibro construction built by village co-operation while the Aid Post at Sukurum is a native material hut with a somewhat doubtful future as regular supplies of medicine are not maintained.

Apart from the Aid Posts are the two hospitals at Kaiapit station. The Government hospital is run by Mr. Knee, a medical assistant, while the mission hospital is run by Mr. Holschnik.

EDUCATION

The Government school at Kaiapit is run by Aiari/Hanua and he has a staff of four other teachers. There are 125 pupils attending the school. Teaching is up to standard five level.

EDUCATION (Cont)

There are four classrooms. One is not in use at the moment.

Apart from this Government school the usual mission schools were observed in all villages.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The Yaros area was approached from dry river beds. This makes the villages in the Yaros a little easier to contact, especially as some are situated near the edge of these river beds.

The Leron area was partially approached from a dry river bed, but after visiting the first village we then left the river bed and travelled over the usual type of mountain country. The walking tracks here were very good and reasonably well maintained.

REST HOUSES

I found all rest houses to be in fair condition. However, the rest house at Sukrum may be in need of some repair within a year or so.

CARRIERS

Carriers were reasonably easy to obtain and the required number were generally made available without too much trouble.

John E. White
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JOHN E. WHITE
CADET PATROL OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe. Report No. 4/66-67

Patrol Conducted by R. P. Morrison. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Nabu Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans S. Gibson. P.O.

Natives Nil.

Duration—From 6/9/1966 to 21/9/1966.

Number of Days 17.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services/...../19.....

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

Map Reference Morobe District, July 1963.

Objects of Patrol Conduct Newae Local Government Council Elections.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/11/66
19

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 £.....

67-6-17/67-6-16

6th December, 1966.

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

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 4 of 1966/67 AND
NO. 5 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of the reports by Mr. Morrison and of your covering memorandum. As an exercise in observation and reporting, they are quite good efforts by a junior officer.

No further comments appear necessary as the patrols are covered by other reports by a more senior officer and by the Assistant District Commissioner Kaiapit, in his covering memorandum.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67. 6. 16⁹



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... **67-2-6**
If calling ask for
Mr. **Sinclair/rmr**

Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

21st November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KCHEDOBU.

Kaiapit. PATROL REPORTS NOS. 4 & 5 OF 1966/67 - NABA,
WANTOAT AND ARUMU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

... I attach copies of the abovementioned
reports written by Mr. R.P. Morrison, Cadet Patrol
Officer, covering Local Government Council election
patrols to the census divisions as named, together
... with copy of memorandum 67-0-0 of 14th November,
1966, from the Assistant District Commissioner,
Kaiapit.

2. The reports were compiled and submitted
purely for the sake of experience as the officer
who led the patrol, Mr. S. Gibson, has already
reported on them. I feel that it is excellent
training for a young Cadet Patrol Officer to be
given the opportunity of submitting narrative
patrol reports. These present reports indicate
that Mr. Morrison has powers of observation.

3. The reports are quite well written and
well set out and I look forward to more patrol
reports from this young officer of an even better
standard once he has obtained some field experience.

(D. A. Ashton)
s/District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-0-0

Sub-District Office,
K A I A P I T ,
Morobe District,

14th November, 1966.

ML.ML

District Commissioner,
District Office,
L A E .

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORTS NCS. 4-5/66-67.

Attached please find abovementioned patrol reports originals and two copies of each submitted by Mr. Morrison.

1. After completion of the MARKHAM Local Council elections in August, Mr. Morrison was temporarily taken off strength here to assist with other local government elections in the BOANA and WANTOAT areas. He accompanied Mr. Gibson on two patrols, one in the NABA census sub-division and one in the WANTOAT and IRUMU census sub-divisions. Mr. Gibson has put in electoral reports in respect of these patrols, and Mr. Morrison has prepared these two reports as an exercise of his powers of observation and ability to report.
2. Mr. Morrison has shown himself to be an accurate observer of social, economic and political factors as he saw them on his first patrols in the Territory, and the reports though brief, are articulate and comprehensive.
3. These reports have been given KAIAPIT numbers to aid our reference, but the Assistant District Commissioner LAE may wish to add his own numbers.
4. Attached please find three(3) claims for Camping Allowance for signature please.


.....
(M.Lang.)

Assistant District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,
Kaiapit.
Morobe District.
October 10th. 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner
LAE Sub-District,
LAE.

NAWAE L.G. COUNCIL ELECTION PATROL. 1966.
Naba Census Division.

Preamble.

Station : Boana
Sub-District: Lae.
District : Morobe.

- Patrol Conducted by : R.P.Morrison, C.P.O.
- Area Patrolled : Naba Census Division.
- Personnel
- Accompanying Patrol : S.Gibson, P.O.
- Object of Patrol : Conduct Nawae L.G.Council elections.
- Duration of Patrol : 6/9/66 to 21/9/66.

The area patrolled is an extremely large area of about 10000 acres, which lies between the Lae and Kaiapit rivers. The eastern boundary is the Kaiapit river and the western boundary is the Lae river. The area is very fertile and produces a large amount of cash crops, especially rubber and copra. The growing of the cash crops should be an important source of income for the people of the area. It is expected that there will be an increase in cash cropping however, as it will not be possible to increase the area of cash cropping unless the area is patrolled.

Water supply is adequate and reliable water is provided for all villages by means of streams of running water. There are also some small ponds in the villages and rivers. There is no electricity in the area. The roads are very poor and are only suitable for walking and carrying loads. There are no motor vehicles in the area. The people of the area are very friendly and helpful. They are very interested in the Nawae L.G. Council elections. They are very keen to participate in the elections and to elect their own representatives to the Council. They are very proud of their area and they are very keen to improve it. They are very happy to have the Nawae L.G. Council and they are very keen to see it develop and to see it become a model Council for the other areas of the district.

The Nawae L.G. Council is a very important body for the people of the area. It is responsible for the development and improvement of the area. It is responsible for the collection of rates and for the expenditure of the rates. It is responsible for the maintenance of the roads and for the provision of water supply. It is responsible for the provision of education and health services. It is responsible for the provision of social services. It is responsible for the provision of all the services which are necessary for the development and improvement of the area. The Nawae L.G. Council is a very important body for the people of the area and it is very important that it should be elected in a free and fair manner. It is very important that the people of the area should be given the opportunity to elect their own representatives to the Council. It is very important that the people of the area should be given the opportunity to participate in the elections and to elect their own representatives to the Council. It is very important that the people of the area should be given the opportunity to improve their area and to see it become a model area for the other areas of the district.

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INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled is an extremely rugged, mountainous type of country, which lies between Lae to the south and the Saruwaged ranges to the north. The eastern boundary is the Momilili and Bukaua census divisions, whilst to the west is the Wain Census division.

Although the area has a relatively large population, the development of these people is no doubt hampered by the lack of communications. Lae, which would provide a ready market for produce is not utilized due to this lack of communications. The nature of the terrain is not conducive to the construction of airfields and roads.

Thus the local populace has no great incentive to improve their present output of cash crops, as there is no easy means of marketing such products. The opening of the Kasanombe airfield should bring about an increase in cash cropping however, as it will cut the distance produce has to be carried to an outlet considerably.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.Reception of Patrol.

Received in a friendly manner at all villages, and to the extent of a mild "sing-sing" at Sambue.

Villages.Standard and Type of Housing.

Common type throughout, which was composed of:- kumul grass and/or bamboo leaf roof, plank walls and split bamboo type floor. Most houses lacked sizeable windows.

Advantages or Disadvantages of Village Site.

Most villages set on high, rocky ground, which is possibly due to the use of the softer, more fertile ground for garden use. Village drainage was good in this area, as water could get away easier than if the village were situated on softer ground.

Water Supply.

Adequate and reliable water is provided for all villages by mountain streams of varying size. These streams were in close proximity to the villages and required little walking and effort to draw water from. Bamboo pipelines were used to advantage in some villages to carry water from nearby stream into the village, for example, Momsalom.

Cleanliness, Hygiene and Sanitation.

All villages were clean and had sufficient latrines and rubbish pits, except one where new latrines were ordered.

Village Officials.

Despite the existence of the Nawae Council, it was obvious that in some villages the ex-Tultuls and Luluais still held a deal of power, one got the impression that the Councillor would need their support before he would be a success in his Ward. Most of the Councillors were active in their position.

The Councillor for the Zitari-Bilimang-Sanzang Ward had an idea he could threaten jail to help have his wishes carried out. It was explained to him that such cases should be reported to the Patrol Officer at Boana.

Political Situation.

The Lutheran Mission, which has been in the area for several decades is extremely influential among these people. Each village has a church and this obviously holds prestige value as several were quite sizeable seating up to 700 people. The churches were painted and some even had iron roofs. Boana, where a European missionary is in residence, is the focal point of activity, and at the time of the election there were at least two people absent from each village attending a meeting at Boana.

A noticeable facet of voting was the number of young men absent. In nearly all villages there were a considerable number of young men either working elsewhere or were "passengers" somewhere. Indications were that there was no incentive to remain at the villages and work, as their was very little reward attached to this.

The majority of the absentees who were working away were located at plantations on New Britain, Lae area or had gone to Port Moresby. I presume the considerable number of people listed as "passengers" and staying with friends were unemployed. A settlement near Lae, known as "The Second Seven", appears to be a popular venue for this latter group. Apart from the young men absent, there were a number of young women absent in Lae.

Agriculture.

Chief crop in the area is Arabica coffee. This is grown as a group concern or individually. Husking machines were visible in some villages. The coffee is carried to Boana, where it is flown to Lae by Crowley's Airways. Those in the Upper Naba area sell their coffee beans to the Boana Trade Store, which in turn sells them to Crowley's. The people in the Lower Naba area however, sell their coffee beans to the D.A.S.F. agent at "Second Seven".

Apart from coffee, there is a varied range of European fruits and vegetables: - oranges, potatoes, beans, cabbages, etc, which are mostly sent to the Lae market, by plane for sale. The people at Boana have a large market-gardening business, which is made possible by the suitability of the local soil and climate, and the availability of quick and efficient transport to market. A similar situation is hoped to eventuate at Kasanombe, when the airstrip is opened.

Livestock.

Poultry, pigs, a few goats and sheep comprise the only stock that play any part in village life. They play a minor role in the economy however. The few cattle that there are were introduced by the mission or D.A.S.F. over the years. Cattle are found at Boana, Sakalar and Kasanombe. Those at Boana provide some cash return for their owners as milk and cream are sold to a small number of customers in Lae.

Forests.

No commercial use being made of any timber at present, domestic use only. Timber is used in the construction of houses, fences and for firewood. Commercial exploitation of any timbers in the area would be difficult due to the lack of transport out of the area.

Commerce and Industry.

Due to the airstrip Boana is the commercial centre for the Upper Naba area. Whilst the Lower Naba and the eastern section are served by the "Second Seven", and a store near the Hobu Government school respectively. These three centres provide an outlet for any saleable goods especially coffee as well as being the centres from which the village stores make their purchases. Nearly all the villages have a small trade store.

Commerce and Industry. cont.

However the range and quantity of goods was reduced the further one was from either of the three serving centres.

The only other reportable concern was the bakery at Boana, which bakes bread and rolls regularly.

Complaints.

People in several villages complained about the number of young men leaving the villages to find plantation work and consequently reducing the number of persons available for work in the village gardens.

The passbook of a deceased person was claimed by several relatives at Sambue. They were told that this was a matter for the bank in Lae and to refer it there.

Court.

A man at Sambue, who had been away for several years complained that property owned by him had been taken and used in his absence. A token payment was agreed upon.

Rest Houses.

All in good condition, apart from having a shower room built at Kwembeleng, no improvements were needed. Distances between Rest Houses short.

Airfields.

The area has one airfield in existence and one under construction. Boana's airfield has been in existence for a number of years, whilst the Kasanombe airfield is in the early stages of construction. When the latter was looked over, work was at a standstill and had been so for six weeks due to the breakdown of the tractor.

Carriers.

Apart from Gevak, carriers were easily obtained and appeared satisfied with the rate of 1/- per hour. There were insufficient carriers when we left Boana, but the remainder of our patrol gear caught up with us two days later and we had no trouble obtaining carriers from then on.

Tobacco was the only trade good used to any extent, salt was used to pay some women carriers, however cash is preferred to trade goods.

Health.

Generally the condition of the people throughout the area was good. No trend in any sickness was noted and there was a negligible amount of deaths in the preceding twelve months. Goitre was the only exception and this was widespread throughout the area. Aid Posts were clean and well kept. Supplies for these posts are obtained from Boana.

Education.

Government Primary "T" schools are situated at; Boana and Hobu. The Lutheran Mission also conducts Primary "T" schools at Boana, Baidung, Kisituen and Sambuc. All villages had a mission school which taught some elementary writing and arithmetic. These didn't appear particularly regular though.

Roads and Bridges.

Vehicular roads in and around Boana were in good condition and provided good access to the airfield. Bridal tracks were in good condition also, being well-graded and clear of bush and debris. Bridges were of bush materials and satisfactory for the purpose.

Cemeteries.

The few cemeteries observed were overgrown.

Missions.

The Lutheran Mission Station at Boana has been established since the 1930's, and was established by the present missionary Rev. Bergman, who is at present on leave. Apart from establishing schools throughout the area there are also churches with resident native pastors in most villages. The Mission plays an enormous part in the lives of these people.

Labour.

As applicable under "Political Situation". There is a high rate of absenteeism among the young people of the area, due to the lack of opportunity in the area.

.....*Red. P. Morrison*.....
Red. P. Morrison,

Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE. Report No. 5/66-67

Patrol Conducted by R.P. MORRISON, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled WANTOAT AND IRIMU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans S. GIBSON, P.O.

Natives CONSTABLES: MARMI & BAURI, R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 29/9/1966 to 8/10/1966.

Number of Days 10.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference MOROBE DISTRICT, JULY 1963.

Objects of Patrol Conduct Wantoat Local Government Council Elections.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/11/1966

[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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67-6-17/67-6-16

6th December, 1966.

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

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORTS NO. 4 of 1966/67 AND
NO. 5 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of the reports by Mr. Morrison and of your covering memorandum. As an exercise in observation and reporting, they are quite good efforts by a junior officer.

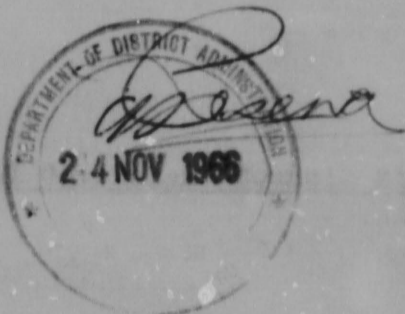
No further comments appear necessary as the patrols are covered by other reports by a more senior officer and by the Assistant District Commissioner Kaiapit, in his covering memorandum.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Sinclair/rar



Morobe District,
LAE.

21st November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KAIAPIT. PATROL REPORTS NOS. 4 & 5 OF 1966/67 - NABA,
WANTOAT AND ARIBU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

... I attach copies of the abovementioned reports written by Mr. E.P. Morrison, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering Local Government Council election patrols to the census divisions as named, together with copy of memorandum 67-0-0 of 14th November, 1966, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit.

2. The reports were compiled and submitted purely for the sake of experience as the officer who heads the patrol, Mr. S. Gibson, has already reported on them. I feel that it is excellent training for a young Cadet Patrol Officer to be given the opportunity of submitting narrative patrol reports. These present reports indicate that Mr. Morrison has powers of observation.

3. The reports are quite well written and well set out and I look forward to more patrol reports from this young officer of an even better standard once he has obtained some field experience.

(D.N. Ashton)
District Commissioner.

*M(12)
P.2. Savage official
2/12*

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

4
Dept of District Administration,
Sub - District Office,
Kaiapit.
Morobe District.

Wantat Local Government Council Elections.

PREAMBLE.

Station.	Kaiapit.
Sub-District.	K LAE.
District.	Morobe.
Patrol Conducted by.	R.P.Morrison.
Area Patrolled.	Wantat and Irumu Census Divisions.
Patrol Police.	Constables Bauri and Marmi. R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol.	29/9/66 to 8/10/66.
Object of Patrol.	Conduct Wantat L.G.C. elections.

OFFICE CONDUCTING PATROL

R.P.MORRISON. C.P.O.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY

CONSTABLES MARMI & BAURI.
R.P.&N.G.C.
S.GIBSON. P.O.

AREA PATROLLED

WANTOAT AND IRUMU CENSUS
DIVISIONS.

DURATION OF PATROL

29/9/66 to 8/10/66.

NUMBER OF DAYS

10.

OBJECT OF PATROL

CONDUCT WANTOAT LOCAL
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

MAP REFERENCE

MOROBE DISTRICT, JULY 1963.

INTRODUCTION.

The sole purpose of this patrol was to conduct elections for the Wantoat Local Government Council. Therefore this report will not be as comprehensive as one written at the conclusion of an ordinary administrative patrol.

The Wantoat and Irumu Census Divisions, lie to the north - west of the Lae Sub-District and to the south - west of the Wantcat Patrol Post. The area is rugged and densely forested mountain type country. Thick forest covers all but the south - eastern corner of the Irumu Census Division, this area merges into kunai hills.

Despite the location of an airstrip at Wantoat and a regular plane service to Lae, there is not a significant amount of cash cropping in the area patrolled. This is no doubt due to the distances some villagers would have to travel to the airstrip to export their crop. Although a considerable amount of coffee was flown out of this Council area last year, I believe the larger proportion of this came from villages situated in close proximity to the airstrip.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.Reception of Patrol.

All villages welcomed the patrol in a friendly manner. Mission blessings were bestowed upon the patrol by the local pastor when entering some villages, whilst others formed into a never ending line to shake hands. At Walikuya, the patrol was welcomed by the unusual provision of hot coffee and biscuits. According to the Patrol Officer conducting the patrol, S. Gibson, this was unknown to him and he therefore left a letter of explanation for the Wantoat officer, who was to conduct an administration patrol there shortly. This was in case anything unusual was happening when he arrived. People were co-operative and provided no trouble re-carriers.

Villages.i) Housing - Type and Standard.

Usual construction for housing in mountain area was; - plank walls, split bamboo and kunai floors, roofs and small houses. Windows only provided a minimum ventilation system. The houses were much the same in size, shape and construction. Those homes which belonged to the councillor were the only ones which deviated from this pattern at all. They usually were larger to the extent of two or three rooms and had a more extensive veranda.

Condition of these houses was quite good, although one would imagine the lack of ventilation would be detrimental to the inhabitants health when a fire was continuously smouldering inside.

ii) Advantages or Disadvantages of Site.

All sites were close to gardens and firewood. Sites were generally on rocky ground and a reliable source of fresh water was obtained from the mountain streams nearby.

Villages. cont.

Cleanliness - Hygiene and Sanitation.

All villages were clean and appeared well looked after. Most had a thick lawn between houses which improved the appearance of the villages to a marked degree.

Fresh water was available from nearby streams, the rubbish pits were well away from the village and latrines were also located a distance from the general village area.

Village Officials.

The Councillors in this area were a reasonably intelligent lot, who commanded the respect the position afforded. Apart from the defeat of the Vice - President of the Council, Muruwat, in Ward 7 there was nothing outstanding in the results.

It was noticeable however that the vast majority of the people in the area were under the impression that the idea was for the elders of the Ward to meet and select their councillor prior to the arrival of the patrol to conduct the election. This was particularly evident in Ward 5, where the elders announced that the present Councillor was the only candidate. We discovered that there had not even been a meeting in this case, but as it was decided on this chap for the first election he would do again. Generally the people seemed uninformed of election procedure and unless the councillor had done something to win the displeasure of the people, he had little or no chance of losing the election.

Outline of Political Situation.

Mission activity was widely noticeable, as all villages had a church of some size or form, plus the accompanying pastor or preacher. (Lutheran).

There was a good attendance in this area, as it appears the lack of transport out of the area is somewhat of a deterrent to potential job-seekers. There was a smattering of absentees throughout the area, but not so marked as to cause any shortage of labour in the area. A number of absentees were recorded toward the end of the Irumu Census division as one comes down into the Markham valley, but this is to be expected as work is found on the property of the Kelly Brothers and other plantations further down the valley.

Agriculture.

Only cash crop in the area is coffee. This has a ready market and means of transport out by means of Crowley's Airways. Coffee is carried to the airstrip at Wantoot, where a regular service using light planes is in operation. Villagers usually combine their money and buy a coffee husking machine (price about 70 dollars) several of which were noticed during the patrol.

Planting is usually a combination of both individual and a combined effort. Larger plots are worked in unison whilst the individual still maintains a personal plot.

The usual taro, yam, kau-kau, etc were grown plus bananas, English potatoes, beans, onions and pineapples. This latter group however is for local consumption only.

Forests.

No commercial use being made of any timber in the area that I could see.

Livestock.

Apart from pigs and poultry, there was no other livestock in the area.

Commerce and Industry.

Commerce in the area centres around coffee growing. Approximately ninety tons of coffee was flown out of Wantoat in the year 1965/6. This gives some indication of the amount grown in the area and the importance of the crop.

Trade stores were found in some of the larger villages but were not very well stocked, as supplies have to be brought in from Wantoat. A large store is located at Wantoat station and this provides for the needs of those in and around the station.

Trade and any extension to the cash economy is hampered by the lack of transport facilities in the area patrolled. The Irumu Census Division is somewhat luckier though as the Lae road is not a great distance away and there is a vehicular road from Faeyang to the road to Lae.

Complaints.

No complaints heard, or brought to our attention.

Courts.

No court held.

Rest Houses.

All rest houses were in good shape, having the usual amenities although a shower compartment had to be constructed at Uyange. Condition of rest houses ranged from one with the bare minimum to a four roomed "villa" at Doku.

Walking time between villages was short and therefore quite interesting to note that all villages had a rest house.

Carriers.

Easily obtained and appeared quite content with the rate of 1/4 per hour, tobacco was substituted for payment to some carriers. In some villages where there was a shortage of carriers those from the previous village often carried again to the next village.

Health.

Both the Wantoat and Irumu Census divisions have been relatively free of sickness over the past year as there were few deaths and no remarkable outbreaks of any one disease or sickness.

The aid posts that were observed were well kept, clean and appeared to have a reasonable stock of medicines. As there was no aid post at Ewok a woman from that village was sent to the Walikuya post to have some sores treated.

The Aid Post Orderlies in this area were a bright, intelligent lot who seemed to keep their people in pretty good shape health-wise.

Education.

There is a Government Primary "T" School at Wantoat station, where the head teacher is a European, Mr. Ian McKenzie. Children from the surrounding area attend this school, as it is the only Primary "T" School in the area. There are mission schools in the larger villages which teach Cotte and the elements of other subjects.

Roads and Bridges.

Apart from the vehicular tracks in and around the Wantoat station and the road which runs from Faeyang to the Lae road there are no tracks suitable for vehicles in the area, except the track from Wantoat to Bumbum. This road is large enough to take a vehicle and if suitable bridges were built in about three places the road would be usable for a motor bike.

Walking roads were in good condition in the area and were clear of any cush or debris. Although many parts become very slippery after rain and the area is prone to landslides it still has easy walking tracks. Bridges were constructed from local timbers and were suitable.

Apparently a site was surveyed by Max. Heggan, C.P.O. in 1965 for a road, but as yet nothing has been done about this. The route was from Wantoat Patrol Post to the Leron Bridge.

Cemetries.

Few seen, but these were overgrown.

Missions.

The Lutheran mission has been in the area for some years and now has headquarters at Wantoat station, where a European is in residence. The affect of mission activity was noticeable throughout the area as the people seemed deeply ingratiated with the mission way of life.

Pastors were present in most villages, the people attended church regularly twice a day and joined in singing etc. Mission ran schools were also scattered throughout the area.

Labour.

Not a high percentage of absentees working elsewhere. The lack of transport out of the area obviously hinders the departure of the young men to stations. Consequently there was no complaints of any lack of labour for the ggrdens. A substantial number of those working away are at the plantations of the Kelly Brothers, Mr. D. Ginter or Leron Plains.

Airfields.

The only airfield in the area is the one at Wantoat Patrol Post. The ruggedness of the terrain makes construction of airfields elsewhere impossible. The airfield at Wantoat was in good condition at the time of our presence there, and several hundred feet of the strip had recently been dug up and filled again with gravel to help improve the surface, this was being rolled at the time.

Patrol Police.

Both Constables Bauri and Marwi carried out their duties satisfactorily.

R. P. Morrison
R.P. Morrison. C.P.O.

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67-6-46

11th July, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Moroh District,
L.A.E.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 5 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-2-6 of the 9th May, refers.

2. I agree entirely with your comments in paragraphs 3 and 4. Political Education of the people of this country will not be accomplished by hasty day trips.
3. It requires lengthy, patient and repeated explanation; and quite a deal of effort.
4. Furthermore, it is important that the contents of the political education pamphlets be made known to these people by our officers as there is a danger that they may be used by literate or semi-literate persons to obscure the real message or to further their own ends. At this stage of development we obviously must make every effort to give as clear a picture as possible of the political arena.

(J. K. McCarthy)
MINISTER

67. 6. 46



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-6
If calling ask for JPS/RMR
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

9th May, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 5 OF 1966/67 - AMARI
CENSUS DIVISION.

...
Report on the above short patrol
submitted by Mr. R.E. Hatherly, Patrol Officer,
is attached herewith, together with copy of
... covering memorandum from the Assistant District
Commissioner, Kaiapit.

2. By the use of motor transport it was possible to cover this Census Division in four days only.

3. Since the patrol was primarily to revise the Common Roll such a hasty coverage is probably acceptable. There is always a danger, however, when villages can be reached by motor transport, that routine patrol coverages are superficial and inadequate.

4. There is little to comment upon in the report. Mr. Hatherly notes that the people on the whole do not appear to be very enthusiastic about acquiring knowledge of the operations of the House of Assembly. I suggest that insufficient time was spent talking with the people. This probably is inevitable since Mr. Hatherly was required in Lae on 1st May to attend a Local Government training course. The Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit, has been instructed to ensure that Mr. Hatherly conducts follow-up visits to the Amari Census Division and spends more time on the next patrol.

a/District Commissioner.

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67-2-6

JPS/HMR

Morebe District,
LAE.

9th May, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
M/NEBOBU.

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(S. A. Ashton)
a/District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office

KAIAPIT

1st May, 1967

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 5 of 1966/67

AMARI CENSUS DIVISION

Attached are three copies of the above report submitted by Mr. R.E. Hatherly P.O.. Copies of Patrol Instructions, 67-0-1 of 21st April are also attached.

The patrol was undertaken entirely by day trips from the station - no contingencies for camping allowance are required. A Police escort was not necessary - RS Form 1 not applicable.

Mr. Hatherly has done a good job on completing the revision of the roll of this division in the time allowed. The report is brief. This was necessarily so owing to his being required to attend a local government course in Lae. I considered that it was preferable to have a short report submitted before he departed rather than wait some weeks for a more elaborate one.

The objects of the patrol were accomplished with only one group failing to cooperate fully by attending in force. The non-attendance of the Antigurin people will be investigated during a follow-up patrol.

It is unfortunate that the level of political understanding is so low in the area, further education is obviously required and this will be carried out - uring a series of patrols which will again cover the sub-district after the roll has been revised.

For your information, perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

.....
(F.L. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

DISTRICT OF MOROBE REPORT No. 5 of 1966-67
PATROL CONDUCTED BY R.E.HATHERLY PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED AMARI CENSUS DIVISION

DURATION From 24/4/67 to 28/4/67
Number of Days 4

DID MEDICAL ASSISTANT ACCOMPANY? NO
LAST PATROL BY D.D.A. 26/1/66 to 21/2/66
P.H.D. Under constant surveillance

MAP REFERENCE Fouril of Markham Milinch of Onga
OBJECTS OF THE PATROL: Revise the Common Roll, Political Education

Director of District Administration
PORT MORESBY.

Forward Please.

/ / 1967

.....
District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for.....

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

KAIAPIT.

29th. April, 1967.

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

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 5 of 1966-67.

The patrol covered the Omari Census Division which lies to the north of the Umi river and situated in the floor of the Markham Valley. The area is serviced by a good system of roads enabling a Land Rover access to all villages. The area is included in the Markham Local Government Council. Most of the male population are members of the Atzera Rural Progress Society to whom they sell peanuts. The area is the richest peanut growing area in the sub-district and are showing the most potential.

DIARY.

The Patrol was conducted by Land Rover making daily trips from Kaiapit. It took approximately an hour to drive to each village all of which are almost adjacent to the Lae-Goroka Road.

24/4/67

To Ragitsaria where the Common Roll was revised for Ragitsaria, Wankun, Marasassa, and Marawassa villages. After the revision a lecture was given on the House of Assembly, Voting procedures, and recent changes.

25/4/67.

Anzac Day - observed

26/4/67.

To Atsunas and followed the same procedures as at Ragitsaria. Waritisan, Atsunas, and Naratumwa were gathered at Atsunas.

27/4/67.

To Antigurin where the Common Roll was revised for Untungutsung and Raglampun. The attendance was very poor. The younger generation and some of the older women went to their food gardens in preference to attending the revision.

28/4/67.

To Wankun where the revision for Raginam and Ragitsumang was carried out.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

The people on the whole did not appear to be very enthusiastic about acquiring knowledge about the House of Assembly. Before the lecture was given in each place, I put basic questions to the group. I found that women were less informed than men and were not prepared to participate when questions were being answered. I believe this was due to them being embarrassed about standing up in the group and giving answers also they were not sure of the correct answer or they were not listening.

Women had a tendency to sit at the rear of the group so I moved them up to the front of the group. This did not increase participation but it was easier to put questions to them and force some participation.

Only a few men were able to answer the questions. Even after giving the correct answer to a question several times they still failed to answer the question correctly.

The lack of knowledge could be attributed to the lack of interest in both the House of Assembly and the literature from the Department of Extension Services which is distributed to the Councillors. I questioned the Councillors and the people as to whether the literature was being read. It appeared that the people were refusing to gather to listen to the reading of the literature and those who could read were not prepared to read it to the non literates.

COMMON ROLL.

The revision of the roll was carried out without difficulties. The names were correct however mispronunciation did cause some delay. Over 50% of the new eligible voters were absentsees who were mainly working in the large settlements.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

The lecture followed the following lines.

- (1) What is the House of Assembly?
- (2) What does the House of Assembly consist of?
- (3) Who is the House of Assembly responsible to?
- (4) The purpose and duties of their members.
- (5) The mechanics of voting.
- (6) The theory of preferential voting.
- (7) Charges that have occurred since the last election.

The lecture was made as simple as possible so that it could be understood and some extent retained. The lecture was followed by questions. The lecture was repeated until they had grasped the information fairly well. Once the theory of preferential voting was understood they appeared to appreciate it.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Roads in the area have been neglected for some time. The rain was responsible for some of the damage but it was evident that the roads were not being maintained. Many complaints about the condition of the road had been made to the Council. Instructions were given under the roads maintenance ordinance for the road to be repaired. It was explained that the roads were essential to the success of their peanut industry. It was suggested that the various villages buy tip trailers which would be able to work on the road as well as carry their produce to the buying centres. The area has several tractors which they are prepared to use on the road but they have requested fuel for the tractors either from the Council or the Administration. There is more than enough money coming into the area to carry out the purchases.

COMPLAINTS.

Several complaints were received about the shooting of pigs.

PERSONNEL.

I was the only person on the patrol, however, the patrol programme coincided with the Infant Welfare Clinics. The people were gathered at the normal clinic places so that there would not be any ~~was~~ inconvenience to either party or the people.

CONCLUSION.

The people require further education. The mechanics is understood but their knowledge of the House of Assembly is limited. The people were advised to take an interest in their candidates that come around in order that they may make their preferences. They were informed that the nominations for candidates would be opened about November and that it was time to think about who would stand. It will take a lot of patience and effort to educate these people and get them to take an interest.


.....
R.E.Hatherly
Patrol Officer

ROADS



Patrol No 6 1966-67
Journal of Markham



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MORobe** Report No. **7 of 1966-67**

Patrol Conducted by **Ronald Edwin Hatherly** **Patrol Officer**

Area Patrolled **Yaros Census Division**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **No**

Natives **No**

Duration—From **15/5/1967** to **19/5/1967**

Number of Days **5**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **11/10/1965**

Medical / / 19

Map Reference **Markham Fournal**

Objects of Patrol **Revise the Common Roll, Political Education, General Administration**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... 67-2-6
C. Reference.....
If you ask for JPS/RMR
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Mobo District,
LAE.

30th May, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67 - YAROS
GENSUS DIVISION.

... I attach herewith copy of the above-mentioned Patrol Report compiled by Mr. R.E. Hatherly, Patrol Officer, together with sketch map of route covered and copy of patrol instructions and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit.

2. You will note that the principal object of the patrol was the revision of the Electoral Roll and political education. I am satisfied that the electoral work in the Kaiapit Sub-District is being carried out vigorously and effectively.

3. There is no doubt that the Upper Markham Valley people are exceedingly disenchanted with the performance of their local Member, Mr. Gaudi Mirau. Mr. Haviland has wisely ensured that his officers do not discuss the merits of the present Member. The people will no doubt make up their own minds when election time comes around next year.

4. I doubt whether it would be possible to present any reasonable argument on economic grounds for the construction of a road into the Upper Yaros. Future patrols could perhaps investigate the possibility but too much time should not be spent upon this aspect.

5. The Patrol Report is well typed and presented. No further comment is necessary.


(District Commissioner)
a/District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... **67-1-7**
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

20th May, 1967

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 7 of 1966/67

YAROF GENSUS DIVISION

Attached are three copies of a report on the abovementioned patrol submitted by Mr. R.E. Hatherly P.O.

This patrol was mounted with the object of revising the Electoral Roll for the Sub-District and of advising the people that another election was imminent. The preparation of the people in this Sub-District for the forthcoming elections is being undertaken by firstly, amending the roll and making them aware of the fact that a new election will be held early next year; and secondly, in a second series of patrols covering again the whole area the whole question of the House of Assembly, elections etc...will be gone into in more detail. This will give the people time to discuss the matter amongst themselves and thus make the political education program more meaningful.

In accordance with this policy, Mr. Hatherly achieved his main object of getting the roll revised for this Division. The patrol was short but effective.

The dissatisfaction of the people for their present member is fairly widespread throughout the whole area. It does appear to have impressed upon them the importance of choosing wisely. Officers at Kaiapit will continue to avoid discussion of the present member.

The question of a road into the Upper reaches of the Yarof area will be looked into more thoroughly. I feel however, that the nature of the country and small population will preclude anything in the nature of a road network in the area; it may be possible to put in an access road to which they can carry produce.

Contingencies for camping allowance for Mr. Hatherly are attached.

No Police accompanied the patrol.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

.....
(F.E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telgrams..... 1-5-6
Our Reference 67-0-1
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

12th May, 1967

Mr. R.E. Matherly,
Patrol Officer
KAIAPIT

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 7/1966-67

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Yarus Census Division on Monday, 15th May 1967. The patrol will be undertaken as far as possible by vehicle, it will, however, be necessary for you to camp out while the patrol is in the Eastern end of the Division.

The objects of the patrol will be :-

1. Revise the Electoral roll

Revise the roll for each village in the Division. Owing to the urgency of this task it will not be necessary for you to visit each village if several villages can conveniently be congregated at the one place.

2. Political Education

Explain fully in each village:

- (a) The fact that the next House of Assembly Elections will be in February/March 1968.
- (b) That the system of voting and counting will be the same as last time and similar to Council elections.
- (c) The proposed qualifications for candidates (ref. GEO's circular 3-1-1 of 3rd April 1967 on file 1-5-2).

3. General Administration

Attend to any disputes, litigation and courts which may be brought to your attention. Publicise the activities of the Markham Council whenever the opportunity arises.

At the conclusion of the patrol, please submit as soon as possible a report in accordance with the Standing Instructions Vol. 1 so far as the headings contained therein are applicable to the work undertaken by you during the patrol.

Do not hesitate to discuss with me any problems or difficulties which may arise.

.....
(F.E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department: of District Administration.
KALAPIT, Morobe District.
20th. May, 1967.

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

KALAPIT PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 66-67.

YAROS CENSUS DIVISION.

STATION: Kalapit.

SUR-DISTRICT: Kalapit.

DISTRICT: Morobe.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R.E.Hatherly patrol officer.

AREA PATROLLED. Yaros Census Division.

DURATION OF PATROL: 15/5/67 to 19/5/67 (2 nights camped out.)

LAST PATROL IN AREA: 11/10/55

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Revise the Common Roll, Political Education,
General Administration.

MAP REFERENCE. Markham Fourmil.

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol covered the Yaros Census Division which partly lies in the upper reaches of the Maniang and Yafats creeks and partly on the floor of the Markham Valley. The area in the upper reaches of the creeks is accessible only by walking. The remainder is serviced by a secondary road.

The aim of the patrol was to revise the Common Roll for the area and to give lectures on the forthcoming elections and the House of Assembly. Any routine administration matters were to be dealt with.

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DIARY:

15/5/67. 0600 departed for Amari by Land Rover to within one hours walk of Amari. I then proceeded on foot up the gravel bed of the Maniang Creek to Amari. Nawantmaran, Mitsing, Tari, and Amari gathered for the revision of the Common Roll. A lecture was given on the House of Assembly Elections. The Council A'd Post was inspected and found to be satisfactory. Oveenight at Amari.

16/5/67. Proceeded on foot up the bed of the Maniang Creek for one and a half hours to Tsafats where Yampua, Dantap, and Samaran villages had gathered for the revisior of the Common Roll and the lecture on the House of Assembly and the forth coming elections. On completion of the work I returned + Amari where I stayed overnight.

17/5/67.

I walked to Sumera over a small hill taking one hour fifteen minutes. The Common roll was revised for Marafau and Sumera. A lecture on the House of Assembly was given. I then returned to Kaiapit.

18/5/67.

A day trip to Gainarin where the roll was revised for Narutsaniang, Maiamsariang, and Gainarin. The lecture which followed the same lines as was previously used was given. The possibility of a road into the (upper) Yaros was discussed.

19/5/67.

By Land Rover to Toimora. The Common Roll was revised for Gutsuap, Sigitsrumpum, and Toimora villages. The usual lecture was given.

End of Diary

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

On most occasions the villagers had gathered prior to the arrival of the patrol. The reception was friendly. There was almost a 100% attendance of the residents.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

As the patrol was concerned with political education, the lectures on occassions stimulated discussion. It was readily apparent that the people were not satisfied with their present representation. They claimed that there should be greater communication between their member and the constituents. When displaying their dissatisfaction they also showed a good deal of Knowledge about the mechanics of voting and the role of the House of Assembly. The display of knowledge was probably probably helped by the previous lecture but

POLITICAL SITUATION CONTINUED:

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personalities were not discussed nor was any invitation given to discuss them. Even though the matter was brought up, I made no attempt to include it in the lecture and attempted to avoid it. It was also noticed that where the matter was brought up, the people knew more about the House of Assembly.

As Melanesian Pidgin was not understood by a large section of the community, it was hard to translate such words as House of Assembly, government, and other abstract words. An interpreter was used at all times and the subject matter of the lecture repeated several times during the lecture.

The lecture covered the following subjects;

1. the mechanics of voting
2. the role of the House of Assembly
3. the composition of the House of Assembly
4. the role of the Public Service
5. the role of the elected member
6. the role of the council in connection with the House of Assembly.

The lecture was made as simple as possible and dealt with only basic issues. The lecture lasted approximately one and a half hours. Questions to and from the lecturer were included.

The women failed to participate mainly because of the lack of pidgin (even though interpreters were used) and general shyness. Every attempt was made to encourage women to participate and the group as a whole instead of a few.

It appears that those who have dealings with politics in some form have a good knowledge of the House of Assembly where as those who can remain unaffected by it attempt to pass it.

There was some concern regarding the selection of persons to stand as candidates. They seem to be looking for a capable leader.

ROADS AND BRIGES.

The (upper) Yaros people wish to construct a road into the area which consist of ridges undercut by flooded streams. This road would be difficult to build because of the terrain and the lack of labour. The people concerned were advised to wait until a patrol officer could make a complete survey of the road. Any attempt to build the road might prevent the construction of a all weather road in the future. These people would also need assistance in constructing the road.

CONCLUSION:

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The patrol concentrated on the political education and the revision of the Common Roll. The people were informed that as soon as I had finished with the Common Roll, I would be coming around again to revise the Census register and to spend a lot longer time with them. Although the patrol was done quickly, I feel that the people understand the mechanics of voting and the role of the House of Assembly. The main problem I feel is to encourage participation.



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R.E.Hatherly
Patrol Officer

SUB-DISTRICT
OF
KAIAPIT.

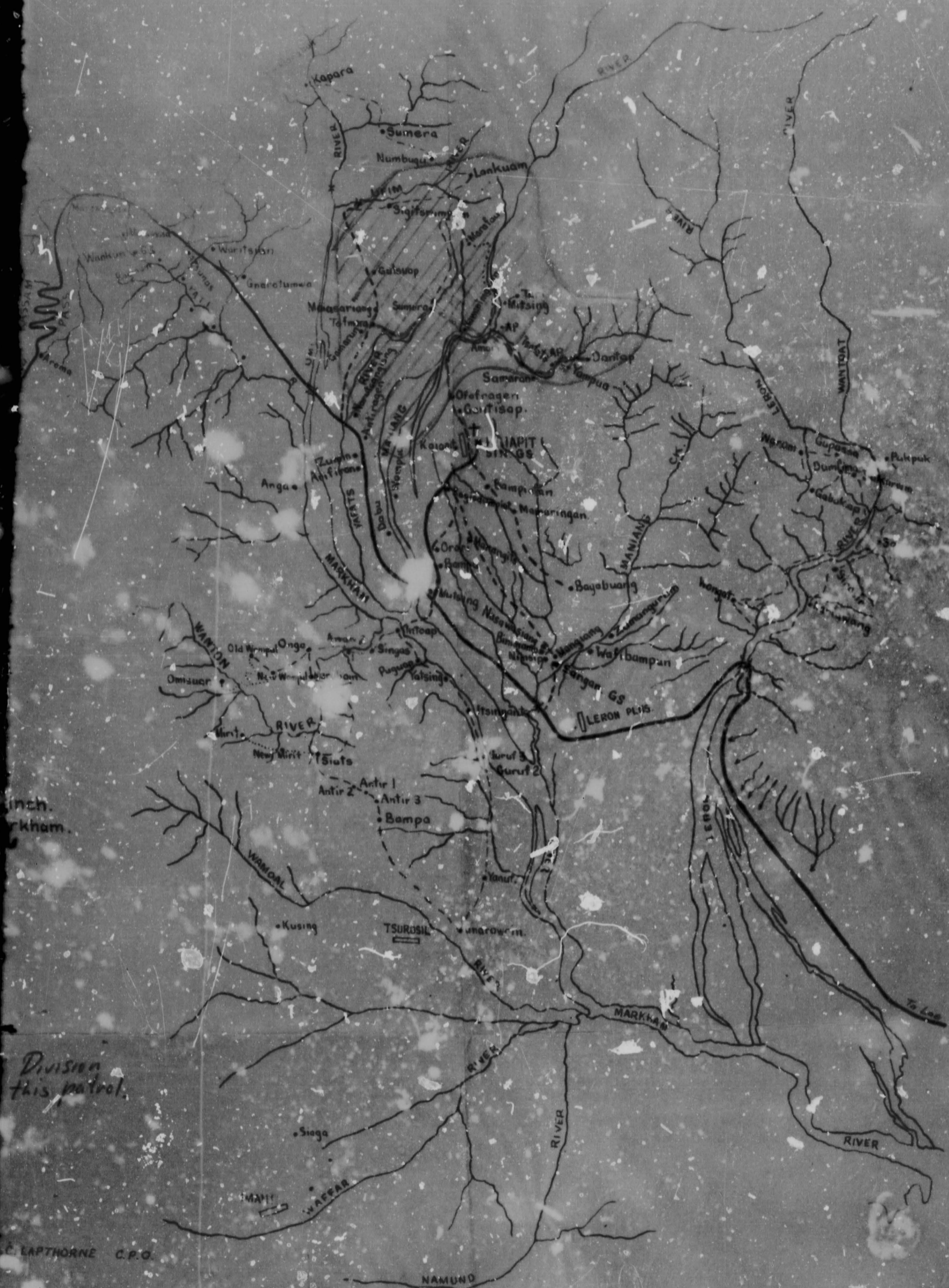
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Map Reference: Fournal of Markham.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. 9 of 1966-67

Patrol Conducted by Ronald Edwin HATHERLY Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Leron Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives Constable Jontipiho

Duration—From 5/6/1967 to 9/6/1967

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Fourmil Markham

Objects of Patrol TO REVISE THE COMMON ROLL, POLITICAL EDUCATION,
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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R. W. Hatherly
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

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2-6
If calling ask for PEL/RMR
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

22nd June, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. OF 1966/67,
LERON CENSUS DIVISION.

I attach herewith copy of the above-mentioned patrol report compiled by R.E. Hatherley, Patrol Officer, together with sketch map of route covered, and copy of a patrol instruction and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit.

2. This patrol completes another sector of the Kaiapit Sub-District in the current drive to revise the electoral roll and to commence political education.
3. This small group of people are satisfied with the income that they derive from casual labour in the Markham Valley, their relatively close contact with the Highlands Highway giving access to Lae, and due to the lack of potential in the area itself I do not see any immediate solution to this problem. The Markham Council, however, will have to assume the role undertaken by the Huon Council wherein the under-developed areas of Irumu, Kaiwa and Lower Watut need special consideration and assistance.
4. Administratively every effort should be made to step up patrols into the area by all Departments concerned.

D. N. Ashton

(D.N. Ashton)
a/District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

67-2-4

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

13th June, 1967

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT No.9 of 1966/67

LERON C/D.

Attached are three copies of the above report submitted by Mr. R.E. Hatherly P.O.

The patrol achieved its major object of revising the Electoral Roll for the area; it also made the people aware that the House of Assembly elections were again upon us.

The report, which is marred here and there by typographical errors, indicates a not very satisfactory native situation in the Division. I certainly agree with Mr. Hatherly that the area requires concentrated patrolling. This area is less well endowed than the Markham valley, however, it is not a completely isolated one.

The Leron Division will be revisited during the second series of patrols through the Sub-District - these will deal mainly with Political education. The opportunity will taken to examine the area more thoroughly than could be done during this present patrol with a view to impl. menting remedial action wherever possible. Probably some tangible evidence of the Markham Council's interest in the people there would in turn create some interest among those people in improving their lot. A foot bridge across the Leron, if possible, would be a start.

The question of future economic development presents a real problem. Coffee, the obvious cash crop, is not being encouraged; the area is probably too low for the Highlands alternatives of tea, pyrethrum and so forth. Past reports have indicated that there may be a timber potential, but here the problem of access arises.

A road from Wantat, through the Division, to the Highlands Highway was suggested by Mr. G. Hardy ADC in his 25-0-0 dated 24th March 1965. This would be a major undertaking and dependant for its justification on the potential of the Wantat area. It would be a tremendous boost to the Leron. I do not know what the reaction was to Mr. Hardy's suggestion and any comments on it would be appreciated.

The neglect of rest houses and the walking track mentioned in the report is probably symptomatic of the lethargy encountered by Mr. Hatherly.

R.S. Form 1 has been sent to the Commissioner of Police, a claim for camping allowance is attached.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

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(F.E. Haviland
A.P.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-3-1
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office
KALAPIT

3rd June, 1967

Mr. R.E. Hatherly,
Patrol Officer
KALAPIT

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

KALAPIT PATROL No. 9 of 1966/67

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Leron Census Division on Monday, 5th June 1967.

The objects of the patrol will be :-

1. Revise the Electoral Roll

Revise the roll for each village in the Division. This is the main objective of the patrol and it must be completed as speedily as possible.

2. Political Education

Explain fully in each village;

- (a) The fact that the next House of Assembly Elections will take place in February/March 1968.
- (b) That the system of voting and counting will be the same as last time and similar to Council elections.
- (c) The proposed qualifications for candidates (ref. GEO's circular 3-1-1 of 3rd April 1967, file 1-5-2).

3. General Administration

Attend to any disputes, litigation and courts which may be brought to your attention. Publicise the activities of the Markham Council whenever the opportunity arises.

At the conclusion of the patrol, please submit as soon as possible a report in accordance with the Standing Instructions Vol.1 so far as the headings in it are applicable to the work undertaken by you during this patrol.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any problems or difficulties that may arise.

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(F.E. Neviland)
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,
KAIAPIT, Morobe District.
10th. May, 1967.

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

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 9 of 66-67.
LERON CENSUS DIVISION.

STATION: Kaiapit
Sub-District: Kaiapit
District: Morobe
Patrol Conducted by: R.E.Hatherly Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled: Leron Census Division
Duration of Patrol: 5/6/67 to 9/6/67
Last Patrol in Area: 19/8/66
Objects of Patrol: Revise the Common Roll, Political Education,
General Administration.
Map Reference: 930430 Fourmil Markham

Introduction:

The Leron Census Division lies approximately 17 miles due east of Kaiapit Station. The area stretches from the Leron Bridge on the Lae-Goroka Road to the border of the Wantoat Patrol Post Area. The area consists of Mountains up to 3000' in height truncated by the Leron River. The only flat ground consists of river terraces small in area. The population of 1300 has access only by walking tracks.

The Aims of the patrol were:-

- (a) Revise the Electoral Roll
- (b) Political Education

1. Next House of Assembly Elections will take place in February/March 1968.

2. The system of voting will be the same as last time and similar to the Council elections.

3. The proposed qualifications for candidates.

4. The construction of the House of Assembly, its duties and role were also explained in order to give them some idea as to what they were voting for and why. A comparison was made with the Marikham Local Government Council

Political Situation Continued.

(d) General Administration.

DIARY

- 5/6/67 Departed Kaiapit Station by Land Rover to the Leron Bridge. After 20 minutes drive walked one hour into Nariawang. Revised the Common Roll and gave a lecture as directed. Overnight at Nariawang.
- 6/6/67 Three hours walk to Som where Sirasira and Som villages had gathered for the revision of the Roll and the Lecture. Overnight at Som.
- 6/6/67 Crossed the Leron river to Sukurum - a two and half hours walk. The Roll was revised for Warom, Gabakia, Dumlinan, Sukurum and Pukpuk. A lecture was given to a most unimpressive group. Overnight at Sukurum.
- 3/7/67 Six hours walk along an unmaintained track to Wongat. The Roll was revised for Wongat and a lecture given to a fairly responsive group. Overnight at Wongat.
- 9/6/67 Returned to Kaiapit after an hours walk to the Leron Bridge.

Observations and Comments.

The village people had gathered at prearranged villages. The patrol seemed to be received in most places with an indifferent attitude. No food was supplied to visiting carriers without asking. The carriers did not appreciate the fact even though they had been at fault with the previous lot of carriers. Any food offered to the patrol was at extortionate prices.

Political Situation.

It appears that these people on the whole are not interested in developing the area or gaining any knowledge about the Council or the House of Assembly. By questions put to me, it was obvious that there is little communication between the Councillors and the people. In my opinion the fault would lie with the people. I allowed the Councillor to answer any questions about the Council and backed him up. Councillor Sip who accompanied the patrol showed a lot of drive and initiative but received little support from the people.

Political Situation Continued.

The discussion section of the lecture had to be ^{abandoned} ~~aband-~~ed in all but Wongat Village. The villagers were reluctant to think or not capable of thinking about such a subject. Lectures had to be made extremely simple where quite often I had the people repeat the statement after I said it. This appeared to be the only method by which I could make the facts remain in their minds. The women would not participate at all. I gave them a lecture on why it was their responsibility to take an active interest in their government.

The people have a sound knowledge of the mechanics of voting but I feel that they should now be able to explain why they are voting. I carefully explained the roles of each of the House of Assembly, the Markham Local Government Council, and the Administration Departments.

Participation by women is probably the biggest problem. The younger men are able to gain more knowledge by the contact with the urban areas. Women do not have this opportunity to the same extent. As women are reluctant to converse with outsiders especially men, women field assistants might be able to overcome the ~~prohibit~~ ^{determine} problem of communication. They could educate as well as ~~edetermine~~ the knowledge and understanding of village women. This could be done through womens clubs and it could be done where there is access by land rover to villages.

Standard of Villages.

Housing in this area is old and dirty. Most houses need cleaning or replacing. The people have been ^{warned} ~~warned~~ to clean or replace them before the next patrol arrives in the next few months.

The villages were also unenclosed with pigs. It was advised that all pig fences around the villages should be repaired or replaced.

Agriculture.

An Administration Agricultural Assistant is posted to the area. The area is also patrolled by the Council's agricultural assistant. The service provided by these two officers is waste. The coffee gardens that I inspected were small and overgrown. As the Department of Agriculture is not encouraging more planting of coffee the area is unlikely to develop. Most of the Labour work on Mr. W. Jackson's property or are working in Lae. The remaining labour is inactive.

Roads and Bridges.

A road through the area was discussed. The Councillor from Som is not asking the Council for any projects to be carried out in the area until they have paid sufficient tax to build up a case to leave the Markam Council to construct the road. This road would have to be built by heavy equipment as there is insufficient labour and the terrain is fairly rugged. At the moment there is little economic potential to warrant the road. The area would have to wait until such a time as a road was going to be constructed into Wantoot.

The walking track from Sukurum to Wongat had been abandoned. This was done ~~on~~ apparently on Councillor Timas' order who does not represent this area. An order has been given to restore the road. The area neglected is an hour's walk long. Sukurum does have access via the other side of the river when the river is low. I felt that the road should remain open in the interest of Sukurum and adjacent villages. There is also an aid post at Sukurum.

The villages of Som and Pukpuk could ask the Council to construct a wire rope bridge across the Leron to give a reliable access route to the Aid Post. The bridge would be about 100 yards long. At the moment the people build sapling bridges across flooded sections. These bridges wash out after heavy rain.

Most of the remaining tracks were cut and clean.

Rest Houses.

There ~~was~~ ^{were} rest houses at Som and Sukurum but they were filthy and in a bad state of repair. Wongat and Nariawong ~~do~~ not have rest houses or Police barracks. ~~All~~ ^{all} villages were told to remedy the situation.

Conclusion:

The area needs concentrated patrolling. The people lack drive even to carry out the essentials. They are not making an effort to develop the area. The furthest village is six hours walk from the main road ^{and} there appears to be no legitimate reason why they should not have a reasonable income.



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R.E.Hatherly
PATROL OFFICER

