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WEST SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

VANIMO

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PATROL REPORT

District of North Sepik Report No. I of 1965/66, Vanimo.....

Patrol Conducted by... A.A. Brodie, Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled... Vanimo East Coast and part Imbio (Pagei) Census Divisions.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil.....

Natives... Two Members R.P.N.G.C.....

Duration—From... 6 / 8 / 1965 to 27 / 8 / 1965.....

Number of Days... Twenty one.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.....

East Coast

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... June / 19 65. Imbio: April, 1965.

Medical ... June / 19 64.

Map Reference... Patrol Map attached.....

Objects of Patrol... Dissemination of Council pre-election propaganda, to establish usage of inland areas owned by East Coast village groups, Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/9/1965

S. J. Hicks
District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-8-6

Department of District Administration,
Sapik District,
NEWA K.

19th October, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sapik District,
NEWA K.

YANIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of an interesting Patrol Report by Mr. Brodie, covered by your memorandum 67-3-9/462 of 9th September 1965.

2. The comments of both Mr. Aisbett and yourself have been noted.
3. Mr. Brodie has conducted another good patrol, spent twenty-one days in intimate contact with the locals and produced a highly informative report. His enthusiasm and interest in field work is apparent.
4. It is quite evident from this report that no-one seems to inhabit the inland areas, owned by the East Coast village groups and that roads and tracks are virtually non-existent. The people seem to use this area now for gardens, housing of pigs and the collection of forest products.
5. Mr. Brodie has noticed that the people generally in this area are showing an interest in preparing ground for new plantings of coconuts and coffee, and that they are continuing to sell crocodile skins. I would like to see these people visible benefit from the proposed timber development in their area. They appear to be making some effort to obtain money for taxes.
6. A patrol map was not attached to the copy of the report sent to me. It was very difficult to locate the exact positions of the villages of the Imbic and Yanimo East Census Divisions just by reading the diary and trying to follow the path taken by the patrol. I do not know why many village names mentioned in the report are not included in the Village Directory list. Mr. Brodie has not clearly informed me whether these inland people are "squatting" on the coast. If this is so, the matter needs to be solved quickly before any trouble arises.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.



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67-3-9/462

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

9th September, 1965.

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

VANIMO PATROL No. 1 of 1965/66.

Receipt of the report of the above numbered Patrol conducted by Mr. A.A. Brodie, Cadet Patrol Officer into the Vanimo East Coast and part Imbo Census Divisions is acknowledged with thanks.

Your comments are noted and adequately cover the report.

Mr. Brodie has conducted a good patrol and submitted another good and interesting report.

(E.G. HICKS),
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

MINUTE/

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDORU.

Forwarded for your information.

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

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
Sepik District.

4th September, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEHAK.

VANIMO PATROL REPORT No.1 1965/66.

Two (2) copies of the above report with relative claims submitted by Mr. Brodie, C.P.O., are enclosed.

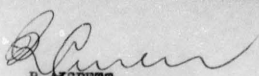
This is another good report from Mr. Brodie who is showing better than average capabilities as a field officer.

The detailed report, of the inland area south of the east coast villages, indicates that there is a large area of land practically unused and capable of supporting a substantial population.

The fact that copra has been shifted from the east coast in the past two months will encourage these people further. The people have had more than adequate reason in the past to be completely discouraged and it is indicative of their keenness that they are still planting more trees. Transport of produce by outboard motor is not the answer, because of cost, but at least it will maintain interest until an alternative means of transport can be found.

Education.

Provision of schools for the east coast area has been completely left to the Mission. Although the Mission are having staff difficulties at present they should be able to provide satisfactory schooling in the next year.


R. AISBETT.
Assistant District
Commissioner.

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The Commissioner of Police,
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Sub-District Office, Vanimo.
August 31st., 65.

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A. A. Brodie

The Commissioner of Police,
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Sub-District Office, Vanimo.
August 31st, 65.

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31/8/65 21 days Vanimo East Coast Excellent Above Average A.A. Brodie

A. A. Brodie

Sub-District Office,
Vanimo.
August 31st., 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Vanimo.

Report of a Patrol to the Vanimo East Coast and part of
the Imbic (Fagei) Census Divisions.

Vanimo Patrol Report No. I of 1965/1966.

<u>Patrol Conducted by:</u>	A.A. Brodie, Cadet Patrol Officer.
<u>Area Patrolled:</u>	Vanimo East Coast and part Imbic (Fagei) Census Divisions.
<u>Patrol Accompanied by Europeans:</u>	Nil.
<u>Duration:</u>	<u>East Coast:</u> 6/8/1965 to 9/8/1965; 11/8/1965 to 27/8/1965. <u>Imbic:</u> 9/8/1965 to 11/8/1965.
<u>Number of Days:</u>	Twenty one. ✓
<u>Last Patrol to the Areas:</u>	<u>East Coast:</u> June, 1965. <u>Imbic:</u> April, 1965.
<u>Map Reference:</u>	Patrol Map attached.
<u>Objects of Patrol:</u>	Dissemination of Council pre-election propaganda; ✓ to establish useage of inland areas owned by East Coast village groups; ✓ Routine Administration. ✓

Introduction.

The aims of this patrol were to establish useage of abandoned inland village sites and land, owned by the villagers of the Vanimo East Coast Census Division and the dissemination of Council pre-election propoganda.

Routine Administrative duties were also carried out by the patrol. In all cases the dissemination of news and information was executed by means of verbal communication.

In the performance of these duties the patrol visited all of the Vanimo East Coast Census Division villages and several Imbio Census Division villages, namely Imbio No. 1, Imbio No. 3, Samararu and the abandoned Samararu site.

The nature of the inland topography is mostly mountainous and the area is heavily timbered, while lush vegetation of a secondary nature is abundant. The main vegetation of the East Coast Division coastal stretch is of a secondary nature, while there are considerable areas of swamp and a network of lagoons.

The Pual and Basu Rivers are the largest in the area patrolled. There are many small streams, quite a few of which flow to the Coast and in times of heavy rain these flood and often assume the proportions of large rivers.

Wednesday 11/8/1965

Patrol Diary.

- Friday 6/8/1965 Departed Vanimo 1030 hrs., travelling by tractor. Arrived Waterstone 1105 hrs. Waited for carriers until 1125 hrs. Arranged cargo, departed Waterstone for Mingera 1200 hrs.
- Arrived Mingera 1445 hrs. Talks at night with councillor and committee. First aid rendered - three adults with T.U.'s - one adult suffering from a gashed foot to Vanimo.
- Saturday 7/8/1965 Most of villagers assembled and pre-election council talk given - some people in Vanimo at the market. People seemed to show a keener interest than had been apparent in June, when patrol spoke re council matters. Also noted that as a result of talks in June, a new copra house being built.
- Afternoon informal talks and discussion re imminent election and council matters in general. Village inspected, new toilets constructed as per previous instructions.
- Sunday 8/8/1965 Observed. At night pre-election talks given to people who were absent on Saturday. Most of village attended. Discussions followed. Several women prominent in these. Discussions ceased 2330 hrs.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Monday 9/8/1965

Patrol departed Ringera at 0830 hrs. for Imbio No. 1. 0930 hrs. patrol ferried across Pual River. Road uncut but in fair condition. About two hours from Imbio No. 1 deteriorates badly. Mud up to calf deep in stretches. Many leeches.

Heavy rain began falling 1140 hrs. Patrol sheltered for an hour, however rain continued and patrol pushed on.

Arrived Imbio No. 1 at 1535 hrs. Talks re council given at night. Good attendance and some interest shown. Noted during talks later that excouncillor API withdrew from Council elections in April so that a representative of another group in the village would be elected.

Tuesday 10/8/1965

Departed Imbio No. 1 for Imbio No. 3 at 0815 hrs. Arrived Imbio No. 3 at 0905 hrs. Village inspected, talks re council.

Departed Imbio No. 3 1230 hrs., arrived Samararu 1330 hrs. Talk re council given. Much interest shown. Discussions afterwards. Stayed over night.

Wednesday 11/8/1965

Departed Samararu 0800 hrs. for Old Samararu. Road overgrown in parts and wet. Arrived Old Samararu 1010 hrs. Inspected Old site and gardens. Departed 1215 hrs. Large sago stands in this area, which are still used by the people. Road to the NILI Creek took on a hour to negotiate - overgrown. Arrived NILI 1315 hrs.

Track finishes here and it is necessary to follow the course of the NILI from this point. Creek bed covered in gravel and sand together with rock, which appears to be of a slate type. Heavy rain falling 1430 hrs. Suitable camp site located on high ground. Banks of the NILI to this stage are high - about 8 to 12 feet in places and consist mainly of rock. Camp set up 1620 hrs.

Thursday 12/8/1965

Departed 0815 hrs. Still following creek bed. Direction generally East, East North. Depth of water never more than about two or three feet high. However high water marks indicate that in flood the NILI is about 35 feet wide in many places and reaches at least five or six feet in depth. Patrol members wearing boots finding difficulty due to gravel and sand seeping into same and chaffing the feet.

1100 hrs. left NILI and proceeded overland in an East, East-Southerly direction. No road apparent and bush had to be cut to facilitate movement. 1145 hrs moving through small sago stand.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

- Thursday 12/8/1965
 Road wet and carpeted with leeches. Heavy rain began falling 1215 hrs. 1300 hrs arrived at a large sago stand at the base of a series of mountain ridges. Proceeded along ridges to the abandoned Puari site. Village was located on several ridges, which are spread out in fork shape. The ridges are heavily overgrown and because of this and their narrowness movement was quite restricted. Arrived on first ridge at 1345 hrs. Moved to second ridge and set up camp about 1445 hrs. First aid rendered to patrol personnel, mainly for leech bites and cut feet.
- Friday 13/8/1965
 Patrol to rest today—give carriers opportunity to manufacture sago and nurse ailments.
- Saturday 14/8/1965
 Departed camp at 0700 hrs. for WARISKAL. Road heavily overgrown, most sections had to be cut. Arrived WARISKAL 0915 hrs. This site is located about 600 foot above sea level and is on a ridge. There is now no trace of the old village buildings. The area is overgrown and many of the coconut trees are unproductive. Large sago stands lie about half an hours walk East of the village.
- Sunday 15/8/1965
 Departed WARISKAL 1030 hrs. for WURIAGA. Arrived WURIAGA 1250 hrs. No buildings standing, area overgrown. Much the same as WARISKAL.
 Returned to camp 1515 hrs.
- Monday 16/8/1965
 Departed Puari 0800 hrs. Unable to locate old government road - followed the remains of an old native track. 1015 hrs. arrived at the NYERLI Creek. Track petered out and some time spent trying to find another. Finally patrol proceeded cutting a track in the general NE direction of POKO. Bush very dense in this area. Many landslides encountered, necessitating lengthy detours. Area between PUARI and POKO very mountainous and a considerable time spent negotiating narrow ledges. Arrived POKO 1530 hrs., camp set up 1650 hrs.
- Monday 16/8/1965
 Departed POKO for RAWO No.1 site 0830 hrs. Unable to follow old road due to landslides. New road cut. Arrived No.1 site 1040 hrs. Some coconuts but no houses and no signs of itinerant occupation.
 Departed 1115 hrs. for RAWO No.2 site. Bush still very thick, while ground seems to be wetter. 1400 hrs. passed by a sago stand and 1445 on top of a ridge, the old RAWO No.2 site. Two houses located on the ridge, these belong to one MASU of RAWO.
 Camp set up, patrol stayed overnight.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Tuesday 17/8/1965

Departed RAWO No.2 0800 hrs. Followed bush track used by Masu and his family on their visits to the site - fairly rapid decent. Arrived Basu River 0930 hrs., about two miles south of the point where the Nyil Creek joins the Basu. Masu has established large gardens in this area. Crops include paw paws, bananas, kau kau, taro and coconuts. Occupants at the time of the patrol's arrival included an old man and two old women.

Departed for RAWO (coast) 1015 hrs. III5 hrs. passed point where NYIL joins the Basu. 1215 hrs. arrived at a second garden belonging to MASU.

1330 hrs. arrived RAWO. Village inspected. Neat and clean. Rebuilding progressing slowly.

Wednesday 18/8/1965

At RAWO. Coffee gardens inspected. Still in need of pruning, but grass cut and cleared. Returned to village 1140 hrs.

Afternoon, pre-election council talks, good attendance. General discussion followed.

Thursday 19/8/1965

Departed RAWO for PINO 0830 hrs. Arrived Pino 0935 hrs. Coffee gardens inspected. Returned to village 1250 hrs. Afternoon talks re council and elections. Complaint of a minor nature heard and settled amicably.

Friday 20/8/1965

Departed PINO for LEITRE 0800 hrs. Arrived ISI 0835 hrs. Courtesy call to Mission. Returned to Isi 1045 hrs.

Inspected villages - Isi, Taria and Nowage. All in fairly good order, some cleaning up required at Nowage. Afternoon spoke to villagers re council and election -s. Further discussions followed at night.

Saturday 21/8/1965

Inspected Isi coffee garden, also the new area of ground cleared by the Nowage people, which will be used for coffee. Warned local trade store not to engage in the sale of beer.

At night discussions re Leitre land ownership.

Sunday 22/8/1965

Observed.

Monday 23/8/1965

Departed Isi at 0815 hrs. for Puari. Loose surface on track made walking difficult. Most of the time the patrol walked on the beach close to the water's edge, where the sand was reasonably firm.

Arrived Puari 1110 hrs. Inspected village housing and general area. Very good. Afternoon, talks re council and electricis. Stayed o/night.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Tuesday 24/8/1965

Const. Yogel unable to walk. Given sufficient rations for two days and Councillor instructed to remove him to Leitre and have the Priest there contact Vanimo if his condition should worsen.

Departed Puari for Onei 0900 hrs. Road cut, however once again surface conditions made walking on the beach front necessary. Arrived Onei 1300 hrs.

Afternoon talks re council and elections given. Minor dispute settled.

General discussions at night re council, copra, decimal currency and the Puari/Onei power canoe, now being built.

Wednesday 25/8/1965

Departed Onei 0800 hrs. for Mori No.2, previously the main inland village of the Onei's. Track in fairly good order, however follows a mountainous route. The track is used by the Onei people when they go to their sago stands, which are located about two hours walk inland from their present village site and close to the track.

Arrived Mori No.2 1110 hrs. Inspected general area. Overgrown, no houses. Appears as if rarely visited.

Departed Mori No.2 1230 hrs., arrived Onei 1510 hrs. Stayed o/night.

Thursday 26/8/1965

Departed Onei for Puari at 0800 hrs. Arrived Puari 1150 hrs. Const. Yogel still unable to walk. Hired small car canoe to transport him to Leitre.

Patrol continued on foot, arrived Leitre 1630 hrs. Mission asked to relay by radio a message to Vanimo, requesting transport for disabled policeman.

Friday 27/8/1965

Departed Isi 0700 hrs. for Vanimo. Arrived Waterstone 1655 hrs. - station 1800 hrs.

Patrol stood down.

Native Affairs.

The inland area of the Vanimo East Coast Census Division does not reveal evidence of much usage. Roads in the area are almost non-existent and the odd houses seen did not appear to receive much use, if any at all. Nevertheless the people of Rawo still visit their sago stands near the old Rawo No.2 site, whilst the Nowage people visit Poko to manufacture sago and hunt game. However these activities are of a transient nature and the established homes and gardens of these people are on the coast.

The patrol approached the inland area from the Imbio Census Division and the first abandoned village to be inspected was Samararu. The old Samararu site is located on a ridge and four substantial buildings stand on it. There is an old woman living in one of the houses, she being the sister of the councillor and the only permanent resident. It would appear that the village pigs are kept at the old site which is some two and a half hours walk from the present Samararu site, and that the woman watches over these. There are large sago stands and gardens around the old site and the area is frequently visited by men and women gathering food and tending gardens.

From Samararu the patrol proceeded to the abandoned Puari village sites, by route of the Mili Creek. Approximately two miles from the head waters of the Mili the patrol cut a track overland, in a generally Easterly direction and after walking for some two and a half hours arrived at the abandoned Puari site. This site is located on several ledges, two of which are little more than fifteen feet wide in places.

Around the abandoned Puari, Wariskal and Wariaga sites there are very large sago stands, however these show no signs of use. The Wariskal and Wariaga sites have no buildings on them and are completely overgrown. Coconuts on the sites are now mainly unproductive. On the Puari site there are three houses, one of which shows signs of occasional occupation. The Puari people have their main gardens in between the Puari Creek and their present village site, and when on one of their rare visits to their old site are usually hunting pig or other wild game.

From abandoned Puari to Poko there is no road and it was necessary for the patrol to cut one. Much time was spent negotiating narrow mountain ledges, while several landslides made several lengthy detours necessary.

The people of Poko now live with several Leitre groups in the village of Nowage. These people visit Poko fairly regularly to manufacture sago and hunt wild game. Several substantial houses are established on the old site and food seekers often stay up to a month in execution of their quest. Festive periods such as sing singa and Christmas cause an influx of people into the area in search of food. There are large numbers of coconuts, paw paw trees and other natives foods in the area, apart from large sago stands. A fairly good walking track, which takes four hours to negotiate, connects Poko and Leitre.

The patrol noted that it is possible from several points on the Poko ridge to observe the Vanimo Station, its airstrip and harbour traffic movements. With a good pair of binoculars, accurate observations could be made.

The Rawo people have gardens in several places along the Basu River and one of these, about four hours walk South from the coast usually has a caretaker in attendance. About two hours walk East from this spot lies the old Rawo No.2 site where large sago stands are to be found. Two houses have been built on the site, but are only of a temporary nature and show no signs of continued occupation.

*Good
mountain*

Native Affairs Cont'd.

The Rawo No. I site shows no signs of any kind of human habitation. This site is located between Poko and Rawo No. 2, and many of its former residents and their descendants now live at Pino, a village of the Leitre group.

The Mori No. 2 site is now completely overgrown and there are no buildings of any description. Sago stands are close to the old site and these are a source of food for the Onoi people.

In the Imbio Division there are still misconceptions about the council, its mode of operations, reasons for existence etc. For example, during talks with the ex-councillor of Imbio No. I, it was ~~XXXX~~ revealed that he withdrew from the Pagei Council elections in April last, so that a representative from the old Imbio No. 2 could gain election. It should be noted that the present Imbio No. I village is the result of concentrating the people's old Imbio No. I and Imbio No. 2 in the one village.

The impression gained was that the people treated the council as a kind of social whirl, in which it was imperative to have a group representative as councillor at one time or the other. The ex-councillor has been assured that his turn will come again next year. During talks the patrol endeavored to point out the fallaciousness of such a system and the benefits of keeping a council representative who was knowledgeable, efficient and interested in developing the council and the area. In doing this the patrol took care not to allow the people to think that its sympathies lay any one group or individual.

In the East Coast Division the people displayed much interest in the patrol's lectures on the council and the coming elections. It was stressed that the council belonged to the people and, that although the Administration would advise and help where and when possible, the council would only respond according to the amount of thought and effort they put into it. Also stressed was the value of being free to elect one's own representative and the importance of actively supporting him after his election, rather than allowing him to undertake all council work and worries on his own.

I feel that the people understand most of these matters however tangible evidence of the council's capability to benefit them and their area will be necessary before a distinctly active participation will be noted. One gains the impression that the people are trying to decide what their creative commitment in regard to the council, will be.

It was encouraging to see that the Ningera people have finally motivated themselves and built a new copra house. It is to be hoped that this indicates a change to a more positive attitude by these people towards their development and Administration efforts directed thereto.

The people of Pino have cleared extensive areas of land to the West of their village, so as to facilitate the planting of new coconut plantations. In a vague way, the question of land ownership was presented to the patrol by the Pino councillor, who was worried that the work may be completed and then some other Leitre resident may claim compensation.

Efforts were made to establish ownership of the land however these were thwarted by lack of knowledge of the Leitre people themselves. This state of affairs stems from the fact that many of the men of the group were killed about the turn of the century by an outbreak of small pox, carried by Malay traders. From that time onwards, until the thirties, the people lived on the Leitre Lagoon and only used land in the immediate vicinity. Thus they have no definite knowledge of ownership and have since the thirties been using it communally.

As no definite issue was in dispute and no trouble such as any individual or group claiming ownership recorded, the people were advised to continue as they have in the past.

Native Affairs Cont'd.

With the exception of the Mingera people, representation was made to have a Patrol Post established at Leitre. The Patrol pointed out that ~~KMIM~~ with its widespread and small population, a Patrol Post could not be established at present and that in any case, this section of the coast line received constant patrol attention. Some reference was made to the Wutung Patrol Post and it was explained that the establishment of this Patrol Post was a necessity from point of view of the protection of themselves and the rest of the Territory from Health, Agriculture and other associated problems arising from sharing a common border with another nation.

Short refresher talks on Decimal Currency were given, however the matter was not stressed. I do not think the changeover will present any major problems in this area, as many of the people used visit Hollandia during the Dutch Administration and are fairly conversant with the matter of currency conversion.

The people in the areas visited by the patrol appear to be happy and contented, although on the East Coast, through Council influence, they are beginning to realize that they can formulate and achieve a new and better way of life, if they are prepared to work towards this end.

Economic Activity.

Few obvious signs of economic activity were noticeable in the Imbio Census Division, although some native foods are grown for subsequent resale, mostly on the Vanimo market. Attempts are being made to start copra plantations but these are generally in the initial stage of development and will not be a source of income for years to come.

The interest in economic activity on the Vanimo East Coast Census Division has been maintained and if anything has deepened. New plantation areas are being cleared and every village in the Division is playing its part.

Since it was last reported on, this Division has produced and sold some sixty bags of copra. The copra was bought by Mr. G. Campbell, who also provided the shipping at a cost of ten shillings per bag. The present market price of the copra has enabled these freight charges to be easily defrayed and the producers are contented with the profit they have made. It is hoped that some forty more bags of copra will be produced and shipped to Vanimo while the present favourable weather remains with us.

As the purchase and shipping arrangements have proved satisfactory to both the producers and Mr. Campbell, it is possible that similar arrangements will exist during the next favourable shipping season. Although, with regard to shipping, the patrol has encouraged the people to use their own shipping, for obvious economic reasons. Unfortunately the Leitre power canoe suffered yet another engine failure just before the copra was ready for shipment. However the Rawo and Puari/Onei people have built power canoes and these should be available next season to transport the copra production and to participate in the transport market provided by the Administration and private enterprise at Vanimo.

At present coffee plantations in this Division are small - some 1000 trees - and have not as yet reached productivity. However there is a deep interest in coffee as an economic venture plantings should be increased by 50 per cent before the end of 1965. The problem of transport will of course occur and in this regard the Mission at Leitre may be able to help by providing airfreight space, when its aircraft calls.

Economic Activity Cont'd.

Crocodile skins

Interest in the sale of crocodile skins continues on the the East Coast and now every village has some interest in this trade. So far this year some £160 worth of skins has been sold to traders. The people of Imbio No.1 also engage in this trade, however to a smaller degree. It is of interest that at Onoi the people manufacture their own salt for salting skins by boiling large quantities of sea water.

timber

Apart from the sale of timber rights the people of these areas should benefit greatly from the proposed timber development in their area. Adequate opportunities should be afforded by this scheme for the people to participate in the fresh foods, transport and a variety of other business enterprises, apart from the obvious advantages of a road system in the area.

Health and Hygiene.

The people of the villages in the Imbio Division visited by the patrol seem to have benefited from the establishment of the Aid Post at Ibrinis. No sickness of a major nature was noticed by the patrol and even minor ailments were in absence.

However on the Vanimo East Coast there still remains a lethargic attitude towards Leprosy, mainly from point of view of aftercare treatment and observation. This attitude can be credited to both the general population and the affected individuals. Two patients with what appeared to new outbreaks of the disease were sent to Vanimo hospital. The patrol once again stressed the necessity for those affected to report to Vanimo for observation as required.

Instructions were given for minor repairs to be made to the floor of the Leitre Aid Post, the patrol bearing in mind that a new permanent structure is to be erected in the near future by the Vanimo Council.

It was noted that two women have had difficult childbirths in this area of late, one subsequently dying before she could be evacuated to Vanimo. The advantages and necessity of sending women to Vanimo for childbirth were again explained to the people. Perhaps the pre-natal and infant welfare service planned for this area will be effective in overcoming this problem.

A definite change in ~~XXXXXXXX~~ attitude to the use and care of village toilets in the East Coast Division was noticed by the patrol. Where previous instructions had been given, new toilets have been constructed and toilets in villages show signs of use and care.

From an overall point of view health is fair in the East Coast Census Division, however the people need constant guidance in the art of preventive medicine and hygiene.

Native Agriculture and Livestock.

In both Census Divisions agriculture is in the main restricted to subsistence type gardens. Sweet potatoes, taro, sago, sugar cane and paw paws are common foods in both divisions while ~~XXXXXXXX~~ in addition water melons, oranges and lemons are to be found in the East Coast Census Division.

This Division has shown an interest in cash cropping and that this is being regenerated is evidenced by the large areas of land being cleared to facilitate the establishment of new copra plantations.

Native Agriculture and Livestock Cont'd.

Nurseries for young coconuts are to found in most villages and in all cases adequate precautions have been taken to protect these from wild pigs. Copra production for the season is expected to reach 90 bags.

The East Coast is also very interested in coffee as a cash crop. The people are taking pains to ensure the success of their venture and it is felt that D.A.S.F. could render more technical assistance. A D.A.S.F. officer has visited some of the coffee gardens since last June, however the visit consisted of a one day trip and it appears that little was gained by the villagers in the way of advice and assistance. The Rawo group, for example, are still in doubt as to the method of pruning the plants. New coffee areas have been cleared at Nowage and Puari, and are ready for planting.

Livestock in the areas patrolled consist mainly of pigs, fowls and dogs. The number of diseased dogs in the East Coast Division had notably decreased. A tree climbing Wallaby was obtained by the patrol for onforwarding to the Zoological group at Lae.

Education.

The Imbio Census Division villages visited by the patrol have no school within close proximity which can service their educational requirements. There are classrooms in Imbio No. I and Imbio No. II which have been erected by the villagers, but there are no trained teachers. In both cases catechists from the Ossima Mission operate some form of school, however this is extremely ineffective and unsatisfactory. The nearest school with recognized standards is the Mission school at Ossima and only a small percentage of the children from these villages attend it. A very small number also attend the Primary I school at Pagel.

On the Vanimo East Coast, the position educationally has changed since patrolled last June and unfortunately not for the better. Since this time two of the trained European teachers from the Leitre Mission school have been posted to other mission stations due to unforeseen circumstances, and only one trained replacement is available to alleviate the position. The Ningera children who formed a substantial number of the boarders at the school have now ceased to attend. Several attempts have been made by the Mission to induce the children to remain, however these have failed. The crux of the problem seems to be that the children need a couple from Ningera to stay with them at Leitre and the Ningera adults are not forthcoming in performing this task.

At the Mission school itself two new classrooms have been erected and these are of a very high standard. It is felt that apart from the fact that it will be understaffed in the third term, the Mission will continue providing a reasonable standard of education for most of the children in this Division and in most respects fill the vacuum created by the absence of any local form of Government educational facilities.

Villages and Housing.

All villages visited in both Census Divisions were for the most part clean and tidy.

A definite change for the better in village housing in the Imbio Division was obvious to the reporting officer, who last visited this area in October, 1964. A new rest house has been erected at Imbio No. I and it is a credit to the people of the village.

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Villages and Housing Cont'd.

In the East Coast Division a gradual rebuilding program has been under way for some time in most of the villages. Accordingly some new houses have been built since the patrol's last visit in June and on the whole were of a very high standard. The people in this area use pungal, light bush timbers, kwiña posts and morota roofing in the construction of their houses. These are generally adequate for a family of five or six and are erected about three or four feet above the ground.

Rest houses in the East Coast Census Division were in fairly good order and it was noted that the repair work that the Ningera's were instructed to carry out had been completed satisfactorily.

Roads and Bridges.

A small section of road runs from Vanimo Station to Waterstone, but movement on the road is restricted to four wheeled drive vehicles and tractors. There are two wooden bridges on this road and at present the one closer to Waterstone is unserviceable. Generally, roads in both Divisions are only walking tracks. In the East Coast Division many of these have loose sand surfaces and because of this it is often easier to walk close to the waters edge due to the firmer nature of the sand. From Waterstone to Onei there are no bridges and small canoes are used to cross the Pual and Basu Rivers. The road from Ningera to Imbio No.1 generally follows the bank of the Pual River and is wet and slippery. This road is now rarely used by patrols, due to the establishment of the Pagi Patrol Post and consequently is not maintained.

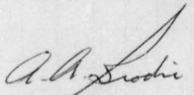
Roads in the inland area of the Vanimo East Coast Census Division are virtually non-existent. The patrol spent much time cutting tracks and negotiating steep mountains and narrow ledges. From abandoned Samararu to a point about two miles from abandoned Fuari there is no track and it is easier to follow the course of the Hill Creek. The only defined tracks in this area run from Leit-e to Poko, Rawo No.2 to the garden of Masu on the Basu River and from there to the present Rawo village, and from Onei to Mori No.2.

Law and Order.

Several disputes of minor natures were settled amicably by the patrol and no offences requiring formal court action were brought to the attention of the patrol.

Conclusion.

It is felt that the objects of the patrol were attained, and all patrol personnel received a good reception in the areas visited.



A. A. Brodie
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPTK..... Report No. VAN. 2/65-66.....
 Patrol Conducted by.....R.J.BURKE..... Patrol Officer
 Area Patrolled.....West Coast Census Division; East Coast Census Div.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....
 Natives.....1.....
 Duration—From...15/...9/1965...to...2./10./1965.
 Number of Days.....15.....
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....NO.....
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...JULY.../19...65
 Medical /...../19.....
 Map Reference.....VANIMO SHEETS; FOURMIL SERIES.....
 Objects of Patrol..... 1) Pre-election campaign.....
 2) Routine Administration.....
 3) Compilation of Common Roll.....

Director of Native Affairs,
 FORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
 Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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11th November, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Vanimo Patrol Report HQ2/1965-66

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Burke, covered by your memorandum 67-3-9/974 of 1st November, 1965.
2. Mr. Aisbett's comments and yours have been noted.
3. Mr. Burke has done all the tasks set him and has written a very informative report. He appears to be interested in his work and apparently has done a good job giving talks and holding discussions about the forthcoming council elections. It is a pity that the West Coast people seem so disinterested in Council affairs, although this cannot be said of the people from the East Coast.
4. No reason is given by Mr. Burke why these West Coast people are not inclined to produce copra on a commercial scale. However, once again, I notice that the people of the East Coast are eager to start such a business. I am sure in the end these East Coast people will outshine the others even though Mr. Howard describes the West Coast people as more advanced politically and in intelligence.

(F.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

67-3-9/974

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

1st November, 1965

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



VANIMO PATROL No. 2 of 1965/66.

Receipt of the report of the above numbered patrol conducted by Mr. R.T. Burks, Patrol Officer, is acknowledged with thanks.

Your comments are noted and adequately cover the report.

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

→ c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
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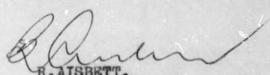
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The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
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VANIMO PATROL REPORT NO.2 1965/66.

Three (3) copies of the above patrol report and camping allowance claims submitted by Mr. Burke, are enclosed.

The report gives a concise account of the peoples' reaction to the council pre-election campaign. It is anticipated that the election will be carried out without trouble and a high percentage ballot is expected. Interest in the council is gradually increasing but cannot be pushed ahead while the present economic stagnation remains.



R. AISBETT.
Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
Sepik District.

22nd October, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
VANIMO.

VANIMO PATROL NO.2 of 1965/66.

<u>Patrol Conducted By:</u>	R.J.Burke, Patrol Officer
<u>Area Patrolled:</u>	Vanimo East Coast and West Coast Census Divisions.
<u>Patrol Accompanied by Europeans:</u>	Nil
<u>Duration:</u>	<u>West Coast:</u> 15/9/65 to 20/9/65 <u>East Coast:</u> 24/9/65 to 2/10/65
<u>Number of Days:</u>	15
<u>Last Patrol to Area:</u>	<u>West Coast:</u> June, 1965 <u>East Coast:</u> August, 1965
<u>Map Reference:</u>	Attached.
<u>Objects of Patrol:</u>	1) Pre-election campaign. 2) Routine Administration 3) Compilation of Common Roll

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PATROL DIARY

Wednesday, 15/9/65	0800 To Wutung per powered canoe. Arrived 1100. Discussions with Mr. Walters, G.I.C. Wutung. 1400 Census check at Wutung Village Meeting of people and talk given on Council elections. Slept Wutung.
Thursday, 16/9/65	0840 departed Wutung by powered canoe thence to Musu - 1 hr. Census check and talk given on Council elections. Slept Musu.
Friday, 17/9/65	0800 departed Musu, thence to Yako - 40 min. Census check, compilation of common roll. Talk given on Council elections. Slept Yako.
Saturday, 18/9/65	0830 departed Yako, thence walked to Warimo - 40 min., where census check, compilation of roll and talk on elections given. 1230 to Vanimo, census check, compilation of roll etc. Slept Vanimo.
Sunday, 19/9/65	Observed at Vanimo.
Monday, 20/9/65	0900 from Vanimo village to Vanimo station by powered canoe - 20 min. End first section of patrol.
Tuesday, 21/9/65	At Vanimo.
Wednesday, 22/9/65	At Vanimo.
Thursday, 23/9/65	At Vanimo.
Friday, 24/9/65	0800 departed Vanimo per powered canoe thence to Leitre (IPI) - 3 hrs. Discussions with Father Anselm at Leitre Mission. Slept Leitre.
Saturday, 25/9/65	0810 departed ISI thence to ONEI - 2 hrs. Census check, compilation of roll. Talk given on elections, L.G.Councils etc.
Sunday, 26/9/65	Observed at ONEI.
Monday, 27/9/65	0800 departed ONEI thence to PUARI - 1hr. Census check, common roll compiled. Discussions with councillor and villagers re elections. Slept PUARI.
Tuesday, 28/9/65	0830 departed PUARI thence walked to ISI - 2hrs. 40 min. Inspected villages of PINO- ISI-FARIS-NOWAGE. Census check of these villages. Common roll compiled. Talks on elections to assembly of people. Slept ISI.
Wednesday, 29/9/65	Departed ISI, thence walked to RAWO - 1hr. 30 min. Village inspected. Census check. Common roll compiled. Talks on elections etc. Slept RAWO.
Thursday, 30/9/65	At RAWO. Heavy continual rain prevented movement to NINGERA. Slept RAWO.
Friday, 1/10/65	0900 to NINGERA in heavy rain. Arrived NINGERA 1010. Census check, compilation of

Friday, 1/10/65 roll in afternoon. Discussion with people re elections and councils. Slept NINGERA.

Saturday, 2/10/65 0930 departed NINGERA thence to WATASTON and Vanimo. Arrived Vanimo 1100. Patrol end.

Native Affairs.

The primary object of the patrol - that of giving talks and holding discussions regarding the forthcoming council elections was carried out in each village of both Census Divisions. The talks were roughly divided into three sections - 1) Nominations and eligibility etc.; 2) Conduct of the elections, ballot papers, how to vote, formal and informal ballot papers, who may vote etc.; 3) Duties of the councillor to the people, and vice versa the advantages of Local Government etc.

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The first part of the talk was understandable by all: the people realise that a candidate must be nominated before he can be elected. I feel sure, however, that many do not realise that the nomination of a person rests entirely with that person. In previous elections, pre-selection of candidates has been obvious. Whereas, this indicates the peoples' choice, it certainly does not indicate that every candidate is willing. An attempt was made to explain this difference - without much success, it would appear.

The second part of the talk was also understandable by most - possibly the older men and women would have only a slight comprehension. However, as these elections are to be run along the same lines as those for the House of Assembly elections in 1964, the people readily saw the similarity, once explained. It needed only a few minutes prompting to refresh their memories. Consequently, there should be very little difficulty in the conduct of the elections.

Quite obviously, the people realise that Local Government is a progressive step. What many of them do not realise is that a council can be efficient only if the people and councillors actively support it. On some occasions the councillors took the opportunity, at the end of the talks, to give a short lecture to the people. It was also emphasised by myself that co-operation between the people and the councillors should at all times be mutual.

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It is, however, evident that many are disinclined to do much in the way of active support; their thought is that once the councillor is elected, their part in council affairs is finished. All too often the councillors have complained to me that their people will not listen to them. This has the effect of discouraging some to the extent that, they have informed me, in private, of their unwillingness to nominate in the forthcoming election.

In most villages, response to the talks was fair to good. On the whole the people of the East Coast division displayed more interest than those of the West Coast. At the end of each talk, the people were encouraged to ask questions concern-

ing the elections and the council in general. Not one question was raised in the West Coast division; some questions were forthcoming in the other division, mainly concerning the council's works program and tax rates.

Although a census, as such, was not required, a check was done in order to compile the common roll. At the time of writing, the only roll not complete as yet is that for the Vanimo Station ward. The rolls were compiled to include those who will be eligible to vote in from one to three years i.e. the 15-17 year old group.

In all the total number of voters is 734 for the West Coast Division and 524 for the East Coast Division. A further 200-225 is expected for the Vanimo station ward. Of the total number of voters in the two census divisions, 98 are ineligible to vote in these elections, being in the 15-17 year old group.

Although no great enthusiasm was displayed by the people in general, the percentage of actual voters should be quite high. In previous elections, statistics have shown that only a small percentage of electors fail to vote.

Villages.

Throughout the two divisions, housing is generally good. Villages are kept clean and tidy and, in some cases, are well grassed.

PUARI, in the East Coast area, is the worst village, in the above respects, that was seen. Eight houses were in a deplorable condition; instructions were given to remove these and build new houses. Pigs were evident within the village environs; the councillor was instructed to ensure that pigs were to be kept within properly constructed pens.

The people of the village of RAWO have cleared a new site for their village approximately one mile upstream of the BASU River. For some years the people have been dissatisfied with the present site by reason of the unclean drinking water available. Previous officers to this village have commented unfavourably about the water, which was very dirty when I visited the village. It is therefore recommended that the people move to the new site; water at the new site is good and construction of houses is underway.

Instructions given by the previous patrolling officer, relating to housing and hygiene, had been carried out.

Agriculture & Livestock.

All types of native foods are available in both census divisions - sago being the predominant one. European type of vegetables are more in evidence in the West Coast area; the East Coast has only small supplies.

Coconuts are plentiful in both areas, but the West Coast people are disinclined to produce copra on a commercial scale. The East Coast people are eager to start such a business and have had a small success so far. In the near future PUARI and RAWO may have powered canoes - which could engender greater incentive in this work.

Pigs and dogs are fairly plentiful in both areas. In the West, the pigs are well fenced in; the East Coast people do offend somewhat in this way. Dogs are plentiful but it is ex-

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pected that there will be a sharp decrease in the canine population in the near future, as the local council will soon introduce a Dog Licencing Rule.

Fowls are abundant. The people have been urged to construct chicken runs and attempt the marketing of eggs at Vanimo and the Mission stations. With the high price of eggs from Wevak, there would be a ready market for cheaper locally produced eggs at Vanimo.

Medical & Sanitation.

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Leprosy is ~~the~~ ^a prominent disease in the East Coast area; the people of the West Coast suffer from it very little. A few deformities and wounds were noted and queried; in all cases, attention had been received or was being received. The incidence of "grille" was only slight in both areas. No other diseases or illnesses were noticed.

Sanitation in the villages was very good. There were sufficient toilets in all villages and they are being used. Village environs were clean, compost pits being used for all refuse.

Two Infant Welfare Nurses from Vanimo Mission periodically visit some of the villages of both areas. Their guidance and instruction should lead to greater care and consideration on the part of the adult population.

Roads & Bridges.

As most of this patrol was carried out by powered canoe, very little of the roads was seen. However, that part which was seen was very good - except where loose sand was encountered. For example, in the East Coast, the bulk of the "roads" are along the foreshore which can make for difficult and tiring walking.

Only small streams and watercourses are bridged. The larger rivers are obviously impossible to bridge at this stage of development.

Native Complaints.

Some minor matters, not requiring court action, were heard and settled in the villages.

One complaint, regarding the alleged stealing of money from a native of ONEI by a native of MURURU in the Aitape Sub-District, has been referred to the S.I.C., SISSANO.

No other complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol.

Conclusion.

The patrol was well received in all villages, and the councillors were helpful and considerate. A few of the councillors, however, are not overburdened with brains.

Politically, the West Coast people are more advanced than those of the East coast; they also display more intelligence. However, the East Coast people display greater energy and enthusiasm and greater interest in council affairs - as indicated by the better response to talks given by the patrol.

[Signature]
R. J. BURKE
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... SEPIK Report No..... VAN. 3/65-66

Patrol Conducted by..... R. J. BURKE, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled..... EAST COAST AND PART WEST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... ONE

Natives..... FIVE

Duration—From..... 31. / 10. / 19. 65 to..... 5. / 11. / 19. 65

Number of Days..... 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... SEPT. OCT, 19 65

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Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... 1) CONDUCT VANIMO L.G. COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

2) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1/15/1965

E. G. Hicks
District Commissioner 5

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

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

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67-2-30

6th January, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
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WANIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 3/65-66.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-9/1174 dated 1st
December, 1965 and the patrol report by Mr. R. G. Burke.

2. Your comments have been noted.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
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1st December, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
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VANIMO PATROL REPORT No. 3 65/66.

Attached please find Mr. Burke's report on the East Coast and Part West Coast Census Division.

The report on the election has been passed to the Regional Officer, Local Government.

E. G. Hicks
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a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

VANIMO PATROL NO. 3/65-66.

Patrol Conducted by : R.J. BURKE, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled : Vanimo East Coast and part West Coast Census Divisions.

Patrol accompanied by Europeans : One

Duration : East Coast : 31.10.65 to 5.11.65.
West Coast : 10.11.65 and 11.11.65.

Number of Days : 5

Last Patrol to Area : East Coast : September/October 1965.
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Objects of Patrol : 1) Conduct Vanimo L.G. Council Elections.
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R.F. BURKE.
Patrol Officer.

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