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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

WANTOAT

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4-67-68	T.H. Larkins	Part Wantoat & Awara C.D.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WANTOAT 1/67-68

Patrol Conducted by B. SIGAMATA, P.O.

Area Patrolled AWARA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 Police Constable

Duration—From 10/8/1967 to 21/8/1967

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services June/1967

Medical No Know /19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Political Education

Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2-8
If calling ask for
Mr..... JPS/CEB



Department of District Administration.

Morobe District,
LAE.

28th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WANTOAT PATROL NO. 1 OF 1967/68
AWARA CENSUS DIVISION
MR. D. SIGAMATA, PATROL OFFICER

I am attaching herewith a copy of Mr. Sigamata's report of his patrol of the Awara Census Division, together with a well drawn patrol map, copy of patrol instructions issued by the Officer-in-Charge, Wantoat, and copy of comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Lae.

2. Mr. Sigamata has again carried out a good patrol, and his report, though brief, is informative and well set out. It is apparent that his powers of observation are increasing each patrol.

3. The main purpose of this patrol was Political Education. It is quite apparent that the people are very far from having any real degree of understanding of Local and Central Government at this stage. Continual patrol activity will obviously be essential here.

4. I have referred the matter of anti-goitre treatment in the Wantoat area to the Regional Medical Officer, Lae.

5. Mr. Hardy's comments adequately cover the patrol.

6. Material of interest to other Departments has been referred to them.

D.N. Ashton

(D.N. ASHTON)
a/District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
Morobe District,
WANTOAT.

11th September, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
L A E.

WANTOAT PATROL No. 1/67-68: AWARA CENSUS DIVISION.

(a) Preamble:

Station:	Wantoat
Sub-District:	Lae
District:	Morobe
Patrol No.	Wantoat No.1/67-68
Patrol Conducted by:	D. Sigamata, Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled:	Awara Census Division
Personnel Accompanying:	1 Member of R.P.N.G.C. 1 Field Worker, D.A.S.F.
Duration of Patrol:	10/8/67 - 21/8/67
Last Patrol to the Area:	D.D.A. 12th June - 14th June, 1967. P.H.D. Not Known D.A.S.F. Not Known
Objects of the Patrol:	Political Education Routine Administration
Map Reference:	Wau Stret.

(b) Introduction:

The area patrolled constituted the whole of the Awara Census Division. A night was spent in each village except the villages in the lower part of the area. The main object of the patrol, discussing the role of Local Government in the local community, was achieved.

Economically, the area relies on the coffee produced. There is no other cash crop bringing a reasonable income, so all the people's efforts are put into coffee only. The area's ruggedness makes it unlikely for any other cash crop to be introduced in the near future.

The area needs more frequent patrols aiming at political education as it is evident that the whole administrative area of Wantoat has been sadly neglected in the past in this field.

(c) Diary:

- 10/8/67: Departed Wantoat Station 0910 for YOPAINANG arriving at 1015. Departed YOPAINANG 1025 following a wet track uphill then downhill to arrive GUNINGWAN at 1230. Villagers from GUNINGWAN were present and talk on the role of Local Government in the local community was given, also contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea was explained. Village inspected. Camped GUNINGWAN.
- 11/8/67: Departed GUNINGWAN 0815 along a sloping hill-side track then crossing a tributary of the Leron River to arrive BAKONTUPI at 1003. Villagers from KANAI'IK and BAKONTUPI were present and talk on the role of Local Government in local community was given followed by a talk on the Literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea. Walked to KANAI'IK to inspect village site and then returned to BAKONTUPI to inspect. Camped BAKONTUPI.
- 12/8/67: Departed BAKONTUPI 0840 and walked for thirty minutes before coming to the widest landside in the area. This stretches for at least 400'. Track across this is very dangerous. Walked downhill, crossed another river then uphill to Gainan. The site is at the end of a cliff. Talk given on role of Local Government in the local community and also contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea explained. Inspected village. Camped GAINAN.
- 13/8/67: Sunday - Observed at GAINAN.
- 14/8/67: Departed GAINAN 0820 downhill on a wet and slippery track. Crossed the headwaters of the Leron River at 0903 then climbed to GAITAPA arriving at 0933. Talk given on role of Local Government in the local community. Contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea was explained to the villagers. Inspected village. Camped GAITAPA.
- 15/8/67: Departed GAITAPA 0845 following the ridge down to MATEIY. Arrived MATEIYA 0950. Talk on the role of Local Government in the local community was given and also contents of literature on Government in Papua and New Guinea explained to the villagers. Inspected village. Camped MATEIYA. Some villagers visited camp at night and discussions held concerning coffee and talks on Local Government and literature on Government given during the day.

- 16/8/67: Departed MATEIYA 0845, following the same ridge, arrived TANGWENTA 0940. Talk given on role of Local Government in the local community and contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea explained. Inspected village and camped TANGWENTA.
- 17/8/67: Departed TANGWENTA 0805 and following a steep ridge arrived SUAT at 0900. Villagers were present so talk given on the role of Local Government in the local community and explained contents of literature on Government in Papua and New Guinea. Inspected village. Camped SUAT.
- 18/8/67: Departed SUAT 0825 following a steep ridge arrived DABARAM at 0900. Talk given to villagers, numbering no more than forty, on the role of Local Government in the local community and explained contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea. Inspected village site. Departed DABARAM 1110 for MATAK. Arrived MATAK 1215. Inspected MATAK and YANULI - sites of these villages and coffee gardens. Camped MATAK.
- 19/8/67: At MATAK. Villagers from YANULI, YUDAN and MATAK gathered. Talk given on role of Local Government in local communities also explained contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea. Villagers visited camp at night concerning problems with coffee and had further discussions in Local Government and Government in Papua & New Guinea. Camped MATAK.
- 20/8/67: Sunday - Observed at MATAK.
- 21/8/67: At Matak. Villagers from HIKWOK and SAWIN gathered at MATAK and talk on the role of Local Government in the local community was given followed by explaining the contents of literature on Government in Papua & New Guinea. After making sure that all was understood and that they had nothing further to say, the patrol departed for the Station. Passed through YAPURAK after crossing the Leron River to arrive at GUNINGWAN Rest House at 1100. Changed carriers then walked uphill changing carriers again on the boarder of the WANTOAT/AWARA census divisions - 1240. Track wet and slippery but managed to arrive YAPAINANG at 1330 and at the Station at 1545.

End of Patrol.

(d) Observations & Comments:

1. Reception of the Patrol:

The Patrol was well received at all villages visited. The Councillors saw that the needs of the patrol were met.

2. Villages:

The housing in the villages is of kurai roof and the walls are made of bamboo blinds. The houses are fairly well laid out in most villages and are off the ground except one or two in some villages. Water is obtained from the nearby streams. At SUAT drinking water is obtained some distance away. Women have to walk the distance to get water and should the Wantoat Council put in a pipe to bring the water to the village, women could spend more of their time in & communally owned coffee gardens. SUAT and MATAK are the only two villages in the area not in danger of landslides. The sites in the upper area are not suitable but the people are not willing to leave the place. A paramount luluai from Ginonga was said to have asked these people to move to some suitable land in his area but the people are not interested. Most villages are tidy. Some villages do not have rest houses eg. KANAI'IK. At each village the people were notified of the Health Rule passed by the Wantoat Council.

3. Outline of Political Education:

The main object of this patrol was to establish a reasonable appreciation of Local Government in the local community. This was achieved but it is evident that not much was told to the people of the role of Local Government and its functions when the Wantoat Council was being formed. As a result many people do not know where their tax money goes to or what benefits they get by paying tax to the Council. The literature (Government in Papua & New Guinea) was again distributed and through an interpreter the contents explained to the people in the local language. These should form some base from which the next patrol, before the House of Assembly Elections, could build on. It is noticeable that it is easier and more rewarding if a small group is gathered because the message gets across. To concentrate on a large group it is hard to get across what the aims are and it needs patience and careful explanations.

4. Agriculture:

Coffee is the main source of income to the people. Most gardens and trees were well kept except one or two and the owners were advised to have them cleared. At one village one garden had coffee rotting on the trees. People asked about a market for the cabbages and potatoes they grow and the problems of marketing were explained to them. The villagers wondered why the Dept. of Agriculture does not give them saws and sissors any more. The Agriculture Field Worker accompanying the patrol was able to explain on this and matters concerning agriculture and farming. Coffee is worked individually and communally in all villages. Prospects of introducing other cash crops is nil at the moment. Until the people are willing to move to good land, they will have to rely on coffee to earn money in the villages.

5. Livestock:

In each village there were the usual number of fowls and pigs. These usually are a symbol of prestige and, on occasions, for consumption.

- (d) Observations and Comments:
6. Forests:
No trees have been planted for development purposes, and there does not seem to be any future prospects. The ruggedness of the area makes this improbable.
 7. Commerce and Industry:
No trade stores have been set up in the area yet. The peoples' limited needs are obtained at Wantoat. Even if there were one or two stores they would be more of a symbol of prestige than for profits.
 8. Land:
As mentioned earlier, the land is rugged and the only reasonable flat area is around MATAK. No land disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol. Signs of landslides are everywhere. What available land, which is not much, is used for coffee or the village sites. The area has chosen its committeemen for the Demarcation Committee and they have had several meetings.
 9. Complaints:
One complaint was brought to the notice of the patrol but as it happened about six months ago and because it was only a minor complaint, the people concerned were cautioned.
 10. Courts:
None was held as the writer does not have magisterial powers. Any matter requiring court action was to have been brought back to the Station to the Officer-in-Charge who has magisterial powers.
 11. Carriers:
There were no problems with carriers. Every Councillor ensured that at each village in area there were carriers. At GAINAN, however, carriers came from the next village to carry the patrol gear as there were no young men in the village to do the carrying. This was the practice in the past so there was no need to send word for them. All carriers were paid at the rate of 10cents per hour.
 12. Health:
Compared with the Wantoat and the Irumu people, the Awaras do not have as many people who suffer from Coitre. It is noted that more adult females suffer from this than adult males. Many children are deaf and dumb in the area. Aid Posts at SUAT and YANULI are well kept. Notified villagers of the Council Health Rule.
 13. Education:
This area has no Administration Schools. It has, however, schools run by the Lutheran Mission at BAKONTUPI, MATAK, SUAT, TANGWENTA and YAPURAK. Languages used are YABIM and PIDGIN.

(d) Observations and Comments:

14. Roads & Bridges:

Many of the roads in the upper area are dangerous. The roads follow ridges and steep valleys and at many parts of the roads there is nothing to hold onto if one slips. The ruggedness of the area makes it impossible to find a better route than the one followed on this patrol. The BAKONTUPI/GAINAN road is always in danger of landslides after slight rains. This particular landslide extends for approximately 400' and occurs frequently. A permanent bridge across the Leron River on the SUAT/GUNINGWAN road would be of great benefit to the people when bringing coffee to Wantoat for sale. The Wantoat Council may care to look into this. It is not surprising why the people are wondering when the Council will do something for them. At the moment bridges made of bush materials are at the GAINAN/GAITAPA road, the GUNINGWAN/SUAT road and the MATAK/YAPURAK road. All are across the Leron River and were good indicating that they had to be regularly maintained. However, a permanent bridge would make the people feel that they have not been forgotten by the Council.

15. Missions:

The Lutheran Mission is firmly established in the area and it is the only mission operating in the area. The Mission has schools, teachers, pastors and mission workers throughout the area. Its relations with the Administration is good.

16. Anthropological:

The group is patrilineal and polygamy is still practised. Bride price payments and sister exchange still exists in the area. The custom of having wives both aged and young is now dying out.

17. Labour.

As noted in the Wantoat Patrol No.7/66/67, there are not many able-bodied men in the villages. The majority have gone to towns to seek employment and feel the town life. Unless some development occurs here in the near future, this will be the pattern. Many women work in the coffee gardens where the coffee is communally owned because there are not enough men to do the work.

18. Personnel:

Senior Constable KILONGEN Reg.No.7293 was the only member of the Police detachment who accompanied the patrol. His knowledge of the area and his patrolling experience with these people was of great help. He showed initiative and was alert at all times during the patrol and would rate him as an above average member of the Police Force.

PARE AMENDAN - A Field Assistant With the Department of Agriculture, Stocks and Fisheries. A conscientious worker who gave valuable assistance and advice to the people in the field of agriculture especially on coffee.

19. A Patrol Map is attached showing waking times and route followed on this patrol.

D. Sigamata
D. Sigamata
Patrol Officer.

67-1-4

GGH/CEB

Department of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
LAE.

22nd September, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

WANTOAT PATROL NO. 1/1967-68

D. SIGAMATA, PATROL OFFICER.

Attached please find the report of a patrol to the Awara Census Division conducted by Mr. D. Sigamata, Patrol Officer, being Wantoat No. 1/1967-68.

Political Education -

These people are very unsophisticated and will require continual attention before they achieve a working understanding of Local Government and Central Government.

Agriculture -

Chili planting seems to offer these people a further economic activity. Current price for dried birds eye chilies offered by Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries is 22 cents per lb. The matter is being followed up by the District Agricultural Officer, and the Officer-in-Charge, Wantoat.

Health -

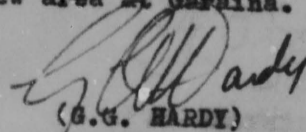
In my covering memorandum 67-1-4 of 28th June 1967 on Wantoat Patrol Report 6/1966/67, I requested advice of Public Health Department's intentions, if any, regarding anti-goitre treatment in the Wantoat area. Could this be followed up please.

Roads & Bridges -

Mr. Sigamata's comments on the need for a permanent footbridge across the Leron River are worth consideration by the Wantoat Council.

2. Camping Allowance Claim is returned to Mr. Sigamata for completion of certification on the reverse side.

3. Mr. Sigamata has carried out a useful patrol and has gained considerable patrol experience since his appointment as a Patrol Officer. He should have no difficulty in patrolling his new area at Garaina.


(G.G. HARDY)

Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference... 67-1-1.....

If calling ask for

Mr. T.H. Larkins/kmt.

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,

Wantoat,

Lae Sub-District.

3rd. August, 1967.

Mr. D. Sigameta,
Patrol Post,
WANTOAT.

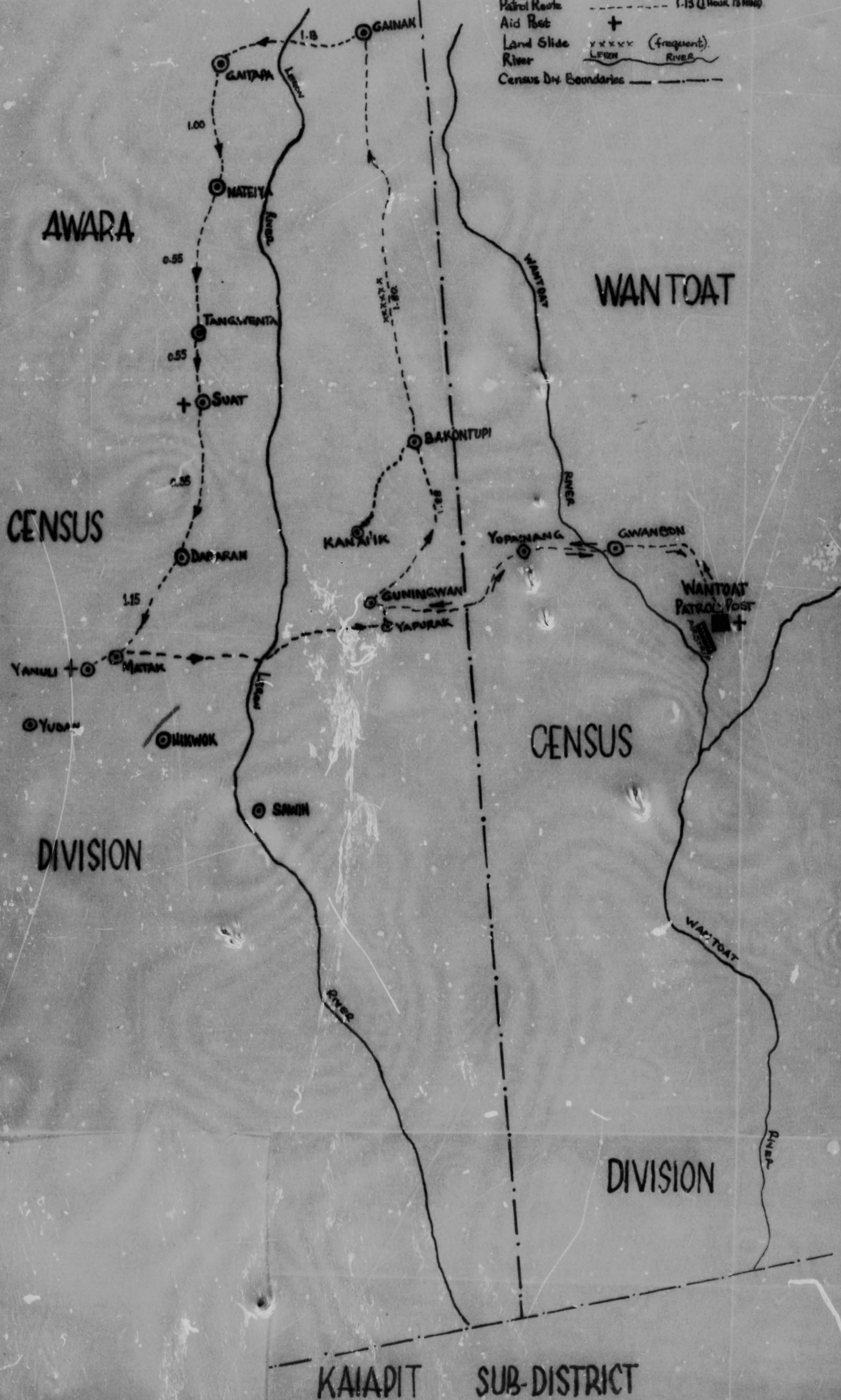
WANTOAT PATROL No1-1967/68.-AWARA.-CENSUS DIVISION.

1. As verbally discussed, please be ready to depart for the AWARA Census Division by the 10th August, 1967.
2. The Aims of the patrol are (i) Political Education and (ii) Routine Administration. In the field of Political Education, I suggest you concentrate on the role of Local Government in the village Local community, however discuss the information contained in the printed matter that was distributed during the last patrol and issued the new information sheets. The area will be patrolled again, before the elections, so if you can concentrate on establishing a reasonable appreciation of Local Government, subsequent patrols should be able to enlarge on this base. In routine Administration check such things as Trade Store licences-these were due by 1st. July., shotgun permits-how many guns per village, and any civil or criminal matter that are referred to you, should be sent back to the Station. As mention in Wantoat Patrol No6-66/67 checks for new sites for Villages.
3. S/Const. Kilongen will accompany you throughout and should be of assistance. He knows the locals and has had considerable experience in this area. Any matters or problems that arise that you are uncertain of, do not hesitate to contact me. You will be no further than on days walk at any stage of this patrol from the Station.
4. Please take your Dept. Standing Instructions and refered to them which necessary.
5. I suggest you take a patrol Advance of \$50. which should cover your requirements. Record the details of your carriers so that you can not commit the Advance on return.
6. The patrol should take you two to two and a half weeks and you should aim to spend at least one day per village.
7. On your return please submit a formal patrol report. I draw your attention to the District Commissioner's 51-1-8 of 27/7/67 in which he requires special comments on political education.

T.H. Larkins.
Patrol Officer.

WANTOAT PATROL No: 1/67-68.

Village ⊙ GAINAN
 Patrol Route - - - - - 1.13 (1 Hour, 13 Min)
 Aid Post +
 Land Slide xxxxx (frequent)
 River L FISH RIVER
 Census Div. Boundaries - - - - -



KAIAPIT SUB-DISTRICT



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. Wantoat No. 2. 67/68

Patrol Conducted by Terence Hugh Larkins. (Patrol Officer).

Area Patrolled Wantoat, Irumu and part Awara Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by ~~Europeans~~ Five Members - R.P.&N.G.C.

Natives - two at any one time.

Duration—From 10/10/1967 to 23/11/1967

Number of Days Thirty (30)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services June 1967

Medical Not Known

Map Reference Markhim Fourmil

Objects of Patrol (1). Political Education and (2). General Administration.

Director of ^{DIST. ADMIN.} ~~Native Affairs,~~
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3 / 1 / 1968

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-6-23

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, MIMIA.

5th March, 1968.

District Commissioner,
~~Morobe District,~~
LAE.

PATROL NO. WAWOAT 2 OF 1967 '68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- * ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- * Patrol Report No.

covering patrol by..... T. H. Larkins P.O.

Your comments fully cover the material in this report.

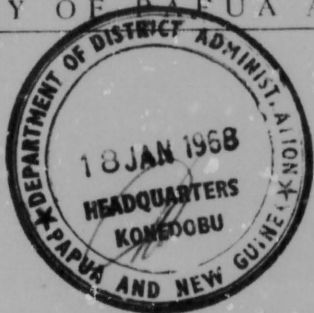
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(T. W. Ellis)
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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67-6-23



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Department of District Administration.

Morobe District,
LAE.

29th December, 1967.

Telegram.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-8
If calling ask for
Mr.....

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

WANTOAT PATROL NO. 2 OF 1967/68

Attached please find the report of a patrol of the Wantoat, Irumu and part Awara Census Divisions of the Wantoat Patrol Post area, conducted by T.H. Larkins, Patrol Officer, together with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae.

The Administration policy on coffee growing by native growers appears to have been misunderstood by the Assistant District Commissioner and he has been advised that the Administration stand is a neutral one in that new plantings are not discouraged while at the same time there is no active encouragement of new plantings, but assistance is given whenever asked for. He has been asked to ensure that Mr. Larkins does not actively discourage new plantings.

I feel that a course for trade-store owners from Wantoat conducted at another centre, for example Lae, would have little lasting effect. These people are of low literacy and because of this it would not be possible to commit much of the substance of the course to paper for their later reference, and their ability to retain information would be very limited. I feel it would be better for on the spot instruction to selected trade-store owners who show some capacity for advancement and ability to learn new techniques.

This report shows the continuing satisfactory situation in the area patrolled. Mr. Larkins has conducted a useful patrol and has maintained the high standard that I have come to expect from him. It is unfortunate that his otherwise well presented report is marred by numerous spelling and grammatical errors which have been brought to his attention.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

DISCOM
67-1-4

Sub-District Office,
LAE.

18th December, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

Comments - Wantoat Patrol No. 2 - 1967/68.

1. I attach the original and one copy of Wantoat Patrol No. 2. - 1967/68. Some comments follow:-

(a) Page Six. With regard to political, or indeed any other sort of 'education', it would be better for Mr. Larkins to concentrate on small groups rather than large ones. Research points to the fact that if opinion leaders are changed in their attitudes (which is very hard to do even under the most favourable conditions) they will have more impact on their respective groups than any amount of "mass media" (used here in the sense of distributing leaflets in a "foreign" language). In the circumstances in New Guinea, it is probably best to use a combination of both techniques.

(b) Page Seven. I understand that policy is to discourage new general coffee plantings as much as possible to avoid over production. An exception to this general rule is when a man has less than an economic unit of 500 trees and wishes to bring the number up to 500. I shall ask Mr. Larkins to discourage new plantings wherever possible pointing out the reasons. I shall contact D.A.S.F., Lae, to ascertain what help can be given to the proposed Rural Progress Society. It is heartening to see the people are the main driving force behind this move. I understand there is still a good market for Chillis and this form of cash cropping should be encouraged. I understand that Vanilla is being looked on by agriculture, but at the moment they are not prepared to recommend introduction. I shall also contact D.A.S.F. about the supply of extra poultry and pigs.

(c) Page Eight. The success of the Trade Stores depends of course, apart from managerial capacity, on the economic development of the area. The present officer seems keen to support this form of development and should be congratulated on his attitude. It is a pity that the standard of education of the local entrepreneurs is so low as this points to a poor managerial capacity. I shall contact the Department of Trade and Industry in the matter and see if some kind of training scheme can be introduced. Mr. Larkins is to be congratulated on the success of his Demarcation Committees.

The attitude towards Rest Houses seems to be fairly typical. I am pleased to see that more villages will be slept in than was possible on this patrol. The carrier position seems adequate at the moment, but should it deteriorate in the future patrolling will be made more difficult.

(d) Page Nine. Mr. Larkins has been asked to advise if he requires funds for road maintenance.

2. Mr. Larkins has carried out a useful patrol. It is a great pity that the report is marred by numerous spelling mistakes.

3. For your information please.

R. Hill

Department of District Admin.
WANTOAT Patrol Post,
Morobe District.
27th November, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
Department of District Administration,
L A E.

PATROL REPORT - WANTOAT PATROL NO 2 - 1967/68.

Preamble.

Station	:	Wantoat
Sub-District	:	Lae
District	:	Morobe.
Patrol Number.	:	Wantoat 2 - 67/68
Patrol conducted by	:	T.H.Larkins Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	:	Wantoat, Irumu and part Awara Census Divisions.
Personnel accompanying:	:	Three Members R.P.&N.G.C. - Two at any one time.
Duration of Patrol	:	10/10/67 to 23/11/67 - 30 days Broken period - See Diary
Last Patrol D.D.A	:	June and July 1967. Other Depts - not known.
Objects of Patrol.	:	1. General Administration 2. Political Education.
Map Reference	:	Markham Fourmil.

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Introduction.

The area patrolled constituted the larger part of the Administrative area - Wantoat, Irumu and part Awara census divisions. The main aims were political education - an attempt was made to continue on from the last patrol - and any matters of general administration that required attention. I also used the patrol as a means of increasing my local knowledge - this was my second complete coverage of the administrative area, the first however was rather brief and hurried.

In general terms the conditions that existed during Wantoat Patrol 6 -66/67 still remain and are dealt with in the body of the report. In a matter such as political education it is extremely difficult to assess results in the short term, however it is hoped that the aim of the patrol did contribute to the local understanding of some of the basic concepts of government - both local and central.

Diary.

10th October, 1967. General station duties. Dept. and walked to UBIABOM - 25 minutes - Village inspected and talks held with people on political development and government. Literature in pidgin english given out. Talks on forthcoming elections etc. In p.m. returned to Station.

11th October, 1967. General Station duties. Dept. and walked to Se'engaban village. Talks with the local people on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english distributed. Return Station late in P.m.

12th October, 1967. Dept Station to Gwenbungwak - 15 minutes - talks with local people on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Village and coffee inspected. Literature in pidgin english given out. Returned to Station in p.m.

13th October, 1967. General Station duties. Dept Station to Mamanban. Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming Election. Literature in Pidgin english given to the locals. Slept Mamanban.

14th October, 1967. Departed Mamanban to Gwanbor - 20 minutes. Talks given on political education, government, and forthcoming elections. Village and coffee inspected. - Road mileage in the area checked. Slept Manban

15th October, 1967. Observed at Mamanban.

16th October, 1967. Departed Mamanban to Awarik - 1 1/2 hrs - village and coffee inspected. Talks with the local people on political development, government, and the forthcoming election. Dept. Awarik to Kupandu. - 1 hr. - Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming election. Literature in pidgin english given out. Dept. Mamanban reached in late p.m. Slept Mamanban.

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17th October, 1967. Departed Mamanban to Matap - 30 minutes - Village and coffee inspected, Talks with local people on political development, government, and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. In p.m. returned to Mamanban. Slept Mamanban.

18th October, 1967. Departed Manaban to Yopainang - 1 hr - Village inspected and talks with local people on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. In p.m. returned to Mamanban. Slept Mamanban.

19th October, 1967. At Manaban people from various villages present and talks held on political development and details of the elections. Slept Mamanban.

20th October, 1967. Departed Mamanban to Station - general duties - in p.m. to Taput village - 30 minutes. Slept Taput.

21st October, 1967. At Taput discussion held with local people on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Slept Taput.

22nd October, 1967. Observed at Taput.

23rd October, 1967 Departed for Mupiapun - 15 minutes walk. Talks with local people on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english distributed. Query re demarcation committee. in p.m. returned to Taput. Slept Taput.

24th October, 1967. Departed Taput to Station. M. L.T.C. Macillwan and meeting of demarcation Committee.

25th October, 1967. Council Meeting.

26th October 1967, Council Meeting.

27 - 30th October 1967 At Station refer Pages 66 & 67 F.O.J.

31st October, 1967. To Kubung - 2 1/2 hrs walk - Villages of Kubung, Cekeing and Giung - they all live at one site present. Talks with the people on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english distributed. in p.m. returned to Station.

1st November, 1967. To Gwanpsit. Village present, Talks on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given to the people. In p.m. returned to Station.

2nd to 8th November, 1967 at Station - Refer to pages 63 & 69 of F.O.J.

9th November, 1967. Departed Wantoat 800hrs to Yopaiang 910 hrs. Dept. Yopainang 920 hrs to Guningwan 1130 hrs. Dept Guningwan 12.00 hrs to Suat 1310 hrs. Dept Suat 1400 hrs to Dagaaram 1430 hrs. Investigate complaint. returned Suat. Slept Suat.

10th November, 1967. Departed Suat 630 hrs to Wantoat 1130 hrs.

11th & 12th . At Station refer F.O.J Page 69.

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12th November, 1967. To Bumbum - 1½ hrs walking time. Slept Bumbum.

13th November, 1967. Departed Bumbum and walked to Daku. Walking times - Bumbum - Ewok 2hrs. ; Ewok to Walukuya - 1 hr. ; Walukuya to Uyangan 2½ hrs. ; Uyangan to Daku - 1½ hrs. Slept Daku.

14th November, 1967. Departed 730 hrs to Zuebek - 1 hr 5 minutes. Village and coffee inspected. Talks with local people on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Also discussed R.P.S. and details of election with a proposed candidate. Returned Daku 1200 hrs. In p.m. talks with local people on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Slept Daku.

15th November, 1967. Departed Daku at 630 hrs to Gumia - 1 hr. Talks given on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Departed Gumia to Dagaman - 1hr 40 minutes. Talks held on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Departed Dagaman at 1400 hrs to Uyangan - Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Slept Uyangan.

16th November, 1967. Departed Uyangan to Walakuya - 2hrs - the hamlets of Piwin and Sasang inspected on the way. Villages of Walakuya, Kaman, Piwin and Sasang present. Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Departed 1030 hrs to Donan - 30 minutes - Villages of Donan and Fugan present. Talks given in pidgin english on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature given out. Departed 1300 hrs to Ewok - 30 minutes. The Villages of Waak, kikiwi and Kandumin present. Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Departed 1500 to Bumbum - 2hrs. Slept Bumbum.

17th November, 1967. At Bumbum Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Departed Bumbum to Gesiaut where the following villages were present, Gapmaprapa and Yiwondaga. Talks given in pidgin on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Departed and returned to Station.

18th November, 1967. To Uyam - 30 minutes walk. The Villages of Kwanda, Kesan and Sangurak were present. Talks given on political development, government and forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. In p.m returned to Station and general duties.

19th November, 1967. Departed Station to Doren.

20th November, 1967. At Doren Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Slept Doren.

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21st November, 1967. Departed Doren to Gusiparan - 2½ hrs walking time. Villages of Asindan and Munbantagen present. Talks given on political development, government and the forthcoming elections. Literature in pidgin english given out. Slept Gusiparan.

22nd November, 1967. Departed Gusiparan to Ginonga - 1 hr 20 min. The Villages of Guanganan and Buran present. Talks given on forthcoming election, political development and government. Departed Guanganan to Station.

END OF WANTOAT PATROL 2 -67/68.

In the villages of the Wantoat Patrol 2 area, the villages have had a history of being visited in half years by the local government officials to provide village water supplies.

The Wantoat Patrol 2 has passed a hygiene Par but this has not as yet been completed. The health committee intend to make their first annual report in April next year - this will be at the same time as the health is revised and they can be assisted in the initial stages to fully understand their functions and responsibilities.

Village Officials. The report of the Councilor shows that the Councilor is regarded as the government's representative still persists to a large extent, unfortunately in some cases it is the Councilor himself who maintains this, he is not in a position of power. The average villager will look for direction in his social order and this is provided by a wide range of institutions - Mission, Council, and traditional leaders. It will be a lengthy period before this pattern is altered.

Outline of Political Situation. The main aim of the patrol was to discuss reports of Government and village development of the local level. It is difficult to assess the result of this work as the audience varies to a large extent from the well-sophisticated to the village dweller and there are the former group although in a minority have a reasonable understanding of some basic concepts of government, the latter group have none.

During the patrol, emphasis was placed upon the area of the Mission, the village, the local representative and the House of Assembly and Council of Local Government. Local Government was shown as an example where possible. Literature in pidgin english was distributed and has been well received. Literature previously distributed had been given the usual treatment - left spread in the Councilor's house - the people were urged to find the literature which they had and have it translated into the local 'talk'. It was suggested that this should be after church each evening as this is one of the best times that the majority of the people are together. I will be prepared to give the results from this.

Special attention is given to the local level and to encourage candidates for the Elections. He has been of great help and has been highly successful through the Mission and National Service Division. It was of great value was discussed with him, he has decided to go to the next election to complete the necessary work and get his report ready.

Observation and Comments.

Villages. Almost all villages in the Wantoat and Irumu census divisions were visited during the patrol. Generally they were clean and well kept with the usually number of pigs and poultry present. It appears that until there is a real understanding of the health hazard caused by these animals, little support can be expected from local opinion. The Wantoat L.C.C. have discussed a pig rule but when taken back to the village people for their ideas it received no support at all.

The housing standards are on the improve-the trend being towards the house off the ground as opposed to the traditional style at ground level. The grass sections in the villages have been retained so the dust is kept down to a large extent. Only a few of the more isolated villages have not a hereby water supply and in many cases the local have made good use of bamboo to provide village watersystems.

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Village Officials. The cocept of Luluai-Councillor change where the Councillor is thought to be the government's representative still persists to a large extent, unfortunately in some cases it is the Councillor himself who continues this, as he sees it, a meduim of power. The average villager still looks for direction in his social order and this is provided by a wide range of institutions-Mission, Council, and traditional Leaders. It will be a lengthy period before this pattern is altered.

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During the patrol emphasis was placed upon the area of the Markham electrate, who could vote or stand, the duties of the elected representative and the House of Assembly and functions of local Government. Local Government was used as an example where possible. Literature in pidgin english was distributed and its purpose explained. Literature previously distributed had been given the usual treatment-left unread in the Councillor's house-the people were urged to find the literate pidgin reader and have him translate it into the local 'talk'. It was suggested that this should be after Church each evening as this is one of the few times that the majority of the people are together. I will be interested to see the results from this.

Apoint of interest is that the Irumu section have decided to nominate a candidate for the Elections. He is Muruat of Zuebek and he has been quitely working through the Irumu and Wantoat census divisions. The mode of nomination was discussed with him, he has decided to go to Kaiapit to complete the necessary forms and pay his deposit which

he has already prepared. Muruat was a former village Official and Local Government Councillor who did not seek re-election-to quote him-because of the distance involve to attend Meetings. He did however keep an active interest in local affairs.

Agriculture:-

Two points of interest were noted during this Patrol, firstly the increase in new coffee plantings and secondly the suggested formation of a Rural Progress Society in the Irumu Census Division.

At this time I am unable to provide any figures in regard to new plantings-the Agricultural Assistant is at present conducting a survey, however they are on the increase. The movement towards individual rights over small Coffee holding plus the return of workers have been responsible for this. An interesting aspect of the whole situation is that a percentage (reasonably high) of the Coffee at present maturing is not picked.- This is in many cases communally owned coffee.

At the time of the Patrol visit to the Irumu, an Agricultural Assistant was in the area inspecting Local Coffee and discussing the formation of a Rural Progress Society for the entire Irumu Census Division which at present is Administratively divided between Wantoat and Lae. It is planned to established the proposed Headquarters of the Society at PIYUNG where a Store and Clerks house have already been built. A young local of Standard form education from Daku is interest in the position of Clerk and he accompanied the Agricultural Assistant to PIEYUNG.

The Locals discussed the sale of Coffee with the Officer and asked if there was any real need to send their coffee to Wantoat. They were told that they would probably be better of carrying their coffee to the Markham than to Wantoat because it is easier walk, in Theory, at Least, the price per pound for Coffee should be higher and this would help to relieve the pressure on Wantoat which relies so heavily on aircraft.

In general terms the area still relies only on coffee which appeared wellkept. There is a trend towards more Coffee shed with small peeling Machines in the area- these usually being owned communally but each individual has his own fermenting bowl. A small quantity of European vegetables are to be found in each village but there is at present no prospects of any development. Prospects for future expansion would appear to be (a) chillies-already growing at Wantoat in a small sample garden at the Government Station and (ii) Vanilla-not as yet tried but which is thought to be suitable to this area.

Livestock.

In recent months pigs and poultry have been distributed to the area. The increase in cost has not affected the demand. The Poultry were distributed on the basis of two per village and whatever remained were purchased by who-ever was first in-a limit of two per person however was fixed. The area could still use additional Pigs, and Poultry as they become available.

Commence and Industry.

There area has a small commercial centre on the Station (Trade Stores) and also there is emerging a series of larger village trade stores, owned usually on an individual basis which purchase Coffee and then resell it to the buyers at the Wantoat. This individual enterpriser emergence is an encouraging sign, and it should result in a larger consumer demand as the Stores develop. These Stores are generally close to the Station and operate on a reasonable profit basis—buying Coffee for ten cents and reselling for 15 cents. The prices of goods available for sale in their Stores, although the range is limited, is higher than the Station trade stores and they usually purchase their goods at wholesale price.

The standard of Education and the numbers of owners is lower than that required for a course by the Department of Trade and Industry. Possibly they could be sent to Lae or another centre when one of these courses are in progress.— For them to benefit the course would have to be in Pidgin.

Land.

There are no outstanding Land matters—the Lutheran Mission investigation which was outstanding was completed in September. The Demarcation Committee has been very active in recent months—the Awara Census Division has been completely mark out by the people and no disputes have been found. During a recent visit Land Commissioner Mr. R. Macawallin discussed the position with all the committee members. This has lead to increased activity in the other two Census Division—Wantoat and Irumu. It is envisaged that the Awara Census Division could be surveyed and cement pegs placed by a field Officer if one was available. By the time this was completed the other Census Division might be ready to also have their area's surveyed and permanently mark marked.

Complaint and Court.

A complaint was received from the Awara Census Division which took the Patrol to Suat Village—where upon examination a charge of Adultry was heard against two people in the Local Court.

Rest Houses.

The number of usable rest house is small, there are many that badly need repairs and the people were advised of this. In the future a larger number of Village should be able to be slept in. One can hardly blame the Village people as little use has been made of the houses and the people have tired of repairing Rest House that are not used.

Carriers.

As mentioned in my last report the people are not keen to carry however will, when called upon. Carriers were paid at rate of ten cents hour.

Health.

The general health standard of the area is good, with the exception of goitre, and the present health services in the area are adequate. All Aid-Posts inspected were clean and reasonably well stocked - many basic items of issue were missing however and this has been referred to the A.P.O. Supervisor, Wantoat. The Aid-Post at Daku was closed while the A.P.O. was absent at a training course at Mt. Hagen. The three Aid-Post Buildings planned by the Council for this financial year have not as yet been commenced but the materials have been ordered and these should be commenced early next year. The proposed Aid Post Ward for Wantoat has been approved by the Council - refer Revision Note - 67/68.

Education.

In the area there are two primary 'T' Schools, one staffed by the Administration and the other by the Lutheran Mission. The Mission have also schools in the area teaching in both Kotte and Yabim. Students from these schools usually proceed to either the Mission Primary 'T' school at Wantoat or to Heldsbah, Minschhafen.

The number of semi-educated young men - up to standard 3 to 5 - is increasing, however they are finding it extremely difficult to find employment at either Lae or Wantoat. If there was a basic education course in agriculture available to them, this would prove to be, in some cases, the required stimulant to interest them in commercial crops, which would be of assistance to the area.

Roads and Bridges.

During the patrol the vehicular road of the area was measured. The following are the details of the various sections.
Station to Kongain Mission 1 Mile ; Kongain to Mamanban 2.3 Miles
Mamanban to Kubandu 1.3 Miles. ; Kongain to Gwanbon .5 mile
Mamanban via Gwanbon, and Gwenbungwak to Station 3.4 Miles
Gwenbungwak to Wantoat River 1 Mile; Station to Ekwap Bridge 2.5 m.
Ekwap to Bumbum 3 Miles/ ; A total distance of 15 miles.

The larger part of this network is in immediate useable condition - several bridges have to be completed yet. The Council had allocated funds this year for road maintenance and improvements but this has had to be heavily reduced because of the shortage of funds. A Road Maintenance Rule is to be passed by the Council and this should help with the problem.

It is understood that the above sections of road could be declared minor roads by the District Commissioner and this could then enable additional funds to be applied for. The Council plan to use their tractor and trailer on general road maintenance.

In the development and opening of these roads the economic effort of the local people should be assisted.

Mission.
The only active Mission in the area at present is the Lutheran Mission. Relations with them are good and no friction between their personal and the local people was noted. The Mission do hold a strong position in the local community.

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Airfields.

The only airfield in the area is situated at the Patrol Post. The Wantoat L.G.C. have commenced a maintenance contract on the 1st November, 1967, and have purchased a tractor, trailer and grass cutter. The strip is in reasonable condition, although it is still inclined to wash out in certain sections during heavy rain. It is essential to the Wantoat area that the strip be well maintained as this is the only means of transport out of the area.

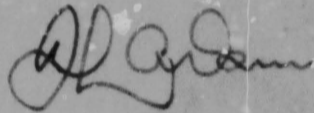
Labour.

The movement of Local people to and from the farms in the Markham valley continues, it has been noted lately that there are an increasing number of Rye Coast people moving through Wantoat on their way to seek employment. On their return they carry a large range of consumer goods.

Conclusion.

This was the second patrol through the area dealing with political education. It is hoped that the Local people have gained some of the basic concepts involved. It is planned to cover the area again before the Elections, however the education will be limited to Electoral matters.

A Map and a personal report are attached.



T. H. Larkins. (Patrol Officer.)

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Police Personal on duty with Wantoat Patrol No. 2-67/68.

All Members of the detachment at present on strength were given duties during this patrol. The personal records of the Members have been entered and copies of these entries have been forwarded to the Commissioner, and the District Inspector of Police, Lae.

Const Mamai. 9214. Was with the patrol for three days and was helpful. He has been provisionally promoted to 1st Constable and should carry out this role well.

S/C Kilongen 7293. Was with the patrol for six days and proved to be of great assistance in the investigation and Court hearings during the patrol. A good N.C.O..

Const Mayam. 8673. Was of assistance for the 5 days he was with the patrol. He had just returned from leave and was a little unfit for the section of the patrol he went on. He has been promoted - provisionally - to 1st Constable and he should be effective in this role.

Const. Maiwatuka. 9736. A reliable and helpful Constable. He accompanied the patrol for eleven days.

Const. Samba. 6581. A reliable Constable who was with the patrol for three days, He was unwell during most of it.

H. L. S. a.i.c.



• WANTOAT VILLAGE

ARAWK

GWANG

KUDANDU

MATAP

MANULOBAN

ATAWAGAR

YODNINANG

WAMPON

UMRIBON

KURUNG

• SANGURAK

• LIAN

WANTOAT

BENGARAI

WAGNA

GWABARAI

GWABESI

TAPOT

UYAM

ETAUT

SUDARAU

YIWONDACA

YONGA

GISIAP

BUMBUN

DANDUSI

GADAGA

GWAMOGI

• YONDANK

• KIKELIA

RUAT

• SUNGUSWAN

DABAWA

• GUANCONAN

WANTOAT RIVER

• PURAI

• GABICA

• WAK

EMOK

PANDUMIN

DONAS

• BUGAN

KAMAN

WABUKA

SALANG

LERON RIVER

GUSITARAN

• ASUNDAN

• MAMANTAGEN

UYANGRI

• DIGAMA

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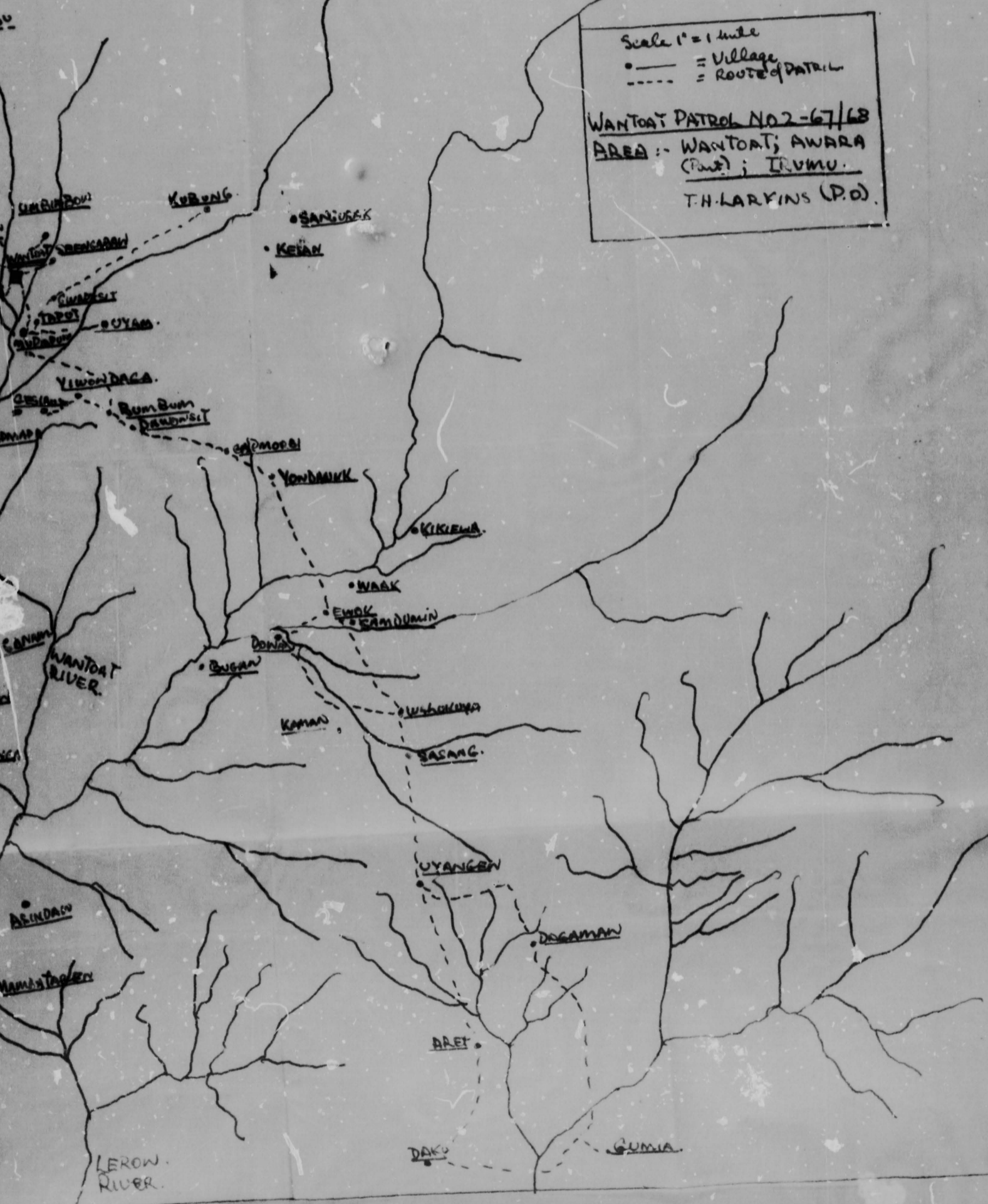
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Scale 1" = 1 mile
 • = Village
 - - - = ROUTE of PATROL

WANTOAT PATROL NO 2-67/68
 AREA :- WANTOAT; AWARA
 (Part); IRUMU.
 T.H. LARKINS (P.O.)

LEROW RIVER

DAK

GUMIA

ARET

DIGAMAN

UYANGEN

SASANG

Wuhakupa

KAMAU

EMOK SANDUMIN

WAAK

KIKIEMA

YONDAK

MOSSI

BUM BUM

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. Wantoat 3 - 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by Terence H. Larkins. (P.O.)

Area Patrolled Wantoat Administrative Area.

Patrol Accompanied by ~~Europeans~~ Five Members of R.P.&NG.C

~~Natives~~ Two at any one time.

Duration—From 21/12/1967 to 13/1/1968.

Number of Days Seventeen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Oct/Nov, 1967

Medical Not Known

Map Reference Markham Fourmil

Objects of Patrol (1). Electoral Education, (2) Taxpayers Meetings - Wantoat L.G.C. and (3). General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/1/68

District Commissioner

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

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

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: **67-6-38**

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

19th March, 1968

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE

PATROL NO. WANTOAT 3 OF 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by.. **T. Lorkina R.O.....**
to **.Wantoat. &..Award.....** Census Divisions.

**A fairly well written report indicating
effective action in accomplishing the aims of the patrol.**

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director *fs*

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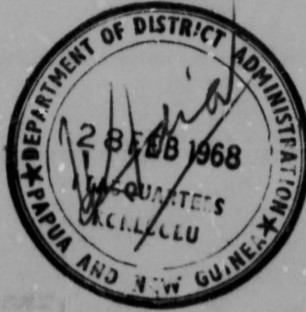


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Meroke District,
LAE.
22nd February, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WANTOAT PATROL NO. 3 OF 1967/68

Attached please find a copy of a report of Wantoat Patrol No. 3 of 1967/68 conducted by Mr. T. Larkins, Patrol Officer, together with covering comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Lee Sub-District. These comments adequately cover the contents of the report which reveals a satisfactory situation.

The District Agricultural Officer has advised that tea planting in the Wantoat area is not an economic proposition, and therefore cannot be encouraged in any way.

[Signature]
(H.P. SEAL)
District Commissioner

67-1-4

Sub-District Office,

LAE.

13th February, 1968.

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

The District Commissioner, Wantoat Patrol No. 3.-1967/68.
District Headquarter s,

Department Attached are the original and one copy of the report.

L.A.E.

2. I have little comment to make on the report which shows a pleasing situation. The question about tea is heartening and shows some people at least are aware of the need to diversify crops in the area. I will ask D.A.S.F. about tea planting in the area. Only more contact and constant explanation will make the situation better with regard to complaints. The fact that most minor matters are settled in the villages is, I think, unimportant. I am glad to see the rest houses are being renovated. It is extremely pleasing to see the roadwork being carried out and that the people are showing a healthy attitude towards communications.

3. Local Government appears to be achieving one of its main aims that is the linking of income and tax to public works. I will discuss the matter of tanks as opposed to small dams with pipelines to the villages with Mr. Larkins next time I visit Wantoat.

4. Memo 1-3-1 of 15th January, 1968 will be forwarded under separate cover.

5. For your information, please. Mr. Larkins has submitted a well prepared report which shows that a great deal of work must have been carried out in the villages. Camping allowance claim is attached.

Map Reference

RCH

R.C. HILL
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,
Wantoat Patrol Post,
Morobe District,
15th. January, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarter 3,
Department of District Administration,
L.A.E.

PATROL REPORT - WANTOAT PATROL No. 3. 1967/68.

1. PREAMBLE:

Station	:	WANTOAT
Sub-district	:	LAE
District	:	MOROBE
Patrol Number	:	WANTOAT 3 - 67/68
Patrol Conducted by	:	T. H. LARKINS (P.O.)
Area Patrolled	:	Wantoat Administrative Area
Personnel Accompanying	:	Five members of R.P. & N.G.C. two at any one time
Duration of Patrol	:	21/12/67 - 12/1/68 Broken period - 17 days See diary
Last Patrol - L.D.A.	:	October/November 67
Objects of Patrol	:	Other Departments not known (1) Electoral Information (2) Taxpayers Meetings of Wantoat Local Government Council (3) General Administration
Map Reference	:	Markham Fourmil.

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2. INTRODUCTION:

The three Census Divisions of the Administrative Area were visited and the aims - (1) Electoral Information, (11) Tax Payers Meetings for Wantoat Local Government Council, and (111) General Administration - were achieved.

At the commencement of the patrol I had intended to follow the Electoral Patrol route, but this was varied to fit in with Tax Payers meetings which were held quite successfully. It was not possible during this patrol to spend a large number of nights camping out as the patrol followed so closely on Wantoat patrol No. 2, and there were very pressing duties at the Station. The situation which existed in Wantoat Report 2 - 67/68 still prevails; details of the patrol are contained in the body of the report.

3. DIARY:

Monday 18th. December, 1967: To office. Police and bridge inspection. To GWENJUNGWAK - 15 minutes. Villages of PWIAGNA, GWAMBON, and GAWAN present. Talks held on (1) Date of Election, (11) Nomination and voting rights, (111) Mode of voting. Discussion held with interested group on Elections. Returned Wantoat.

Tuesday 19th. December, 1967: At station awaiting District Commissioner Seale. In p.m. to MUPIAPUN. Talks held with SE'ENGABAN, UMRIABON, TAPUT and MUPIAPUN people. Discussions held on date of Election, (11) Preferential Voting, (111) Voting Rights. General talks on Council. In late p.m. returned to station. Rest house at TAPUT to be repaired for Elections.

Wednesday 20th. December, 1967: To MAMABAM. Talks held with villagers from YOPAINANG, ATAWAGAP, MATAP and MAMABAM. The matters discussed were (1) Voting, (11) Date of Election (111) Mode of Election. Discussion held with interested group after general meeting. Then to Kongaim Mission re nomination of MUPUAT for Markham Open. To station and Finance Committee Meeting of the Wantoat Local Government Council which finished late in the p.m.

Thursday 21st. December, 1967: General Meeting of the Wantoat Local Government Council held.

Friday 22nd. December, 1967: To KUBAN DU - 1 hours walk from station. Talks held with ARAWIK, GWAI'ING, WANTOAT and KUBANDU villages. Matters discussed were (1) Voting, (11) Election date, (111) Mode of Election. General talks held with people after main meeting. To Wantoat. Finance Committee Meeting held and completed in p.m.

Saturday 23rd. to Tuesday 26th. December, 1967: Observed at station.

Wednesday 27th. December, 1967: Day spent at MUPIAPUN on road and bridge work. In p.m. returned to station.

Thursday 28th. December, 1967: To GWAMPSIT - 1 hours walk from station. Villages of GWAMPSIT, KUBUNG, PIUNG and GEIRANG present.

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Talks given on (1) Voting rights, (11) Date and mode of forthcoming Elections, (111) Preferential system. Returned to station. Rest house under repairs at GWAMPSIT for Elections.

Friday 29th. December, 1967: At station to meet A.D.C. Lae. In p.m. Treasury duties.

Saturday 30th. December, 1967: (Public Holiday)
To UYAM - 1 hours walk from station. Villages of SANGURAK, KESAN, and KWANDA present. Talk held on (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of Election (111), Preferential system. Returned station.

Sunday 31st. December 1967 and Monday 1st. January, 1968: Observed.

Tuesday 2nd. January, 1968: Station duties after holiday period.

Wednesday 3rd. January, 1968: General duties. Departed Wantoat 10.00 hours for DOREM. Arrived 11.15 hours. Departed DOREM 11.30 hours to GUANGANAN 12.30 hours. Departed 13.00 hours arriving GUSIPARAN 14.45. Discussions held with people on forthcoming Elections. Villages GUANGANAN, PURAN, GIONGNA, ASIDAN, GUSIPARAN and MUMBATAGEN present at talks. Matters discussed were (1) Voting (11) Date and mode of Election, (111) Preferential voting. Council Finance Committee and Clerk held taxpayers meeting. Discussed (1) Current years Works Programme (11) Tax rate, (111) New projects. Completed 18.00 hours. In the evening held talks with locals. Slept GUSIPARAN.

Thursday 4th. January, 1968: Departed GUSIPARAN 7.30 hrs. to MATAK. MATAK, HIWOK, SWWIN, YUDAN, XANULI villages present. Talks held on (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of Election (111) Preferential system. Tax payers meeting held by Clerk and Council Finance Committee. Matters discussed were (1) Current Works Programme, (11) Tax rate, and (111) New projects. Departed MATAK 13.15 to SUAT arriving 14.25. Villages of SUAT, DABARAM, TANGENWENDA, MAITEIY A, and GAITAPA present. Discussions held on (1) Voting, (11) Mode of Election and date of Election, (111) Preferential system. Tax payers meeting held by Clerk and Finance Committee to discuss (1) Current Works Programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New projects. Completed by 18.00 hours. In the evening talks held with locals. Slept SUAT.

Friday 5th. January, 1968: Departed SUAT 7.30 hours to GUNING'GWAN arriving 9.00 hours. Villages of BAKONTUPI, KAWI'IK and GAINAN present. Talks given on Elections - (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of Election (111) Preferential system. Tax payers meeting held by Clerk and Finance Committee to discuss (1) Current Works Programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New projects. Departed 11.00 hours to YOPAINANG arriving 13.30 hours. Departed 13.30 hours and arrived Wantoat 14.30.

Saturday 6th. January, 1968: To GWENBUNGWAK - 15 minutes walk. Villages of ETAUT, DOREM, GAWAN, and GWAMBON present. Clerk and Finance Committee held tax payers meeting to discuss (1) Current Works Programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New projects. Discussions held after the meeting with interested persons. Meeting held to discuss Elections, (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of Election, (111) Preferential system. Returned to station. Checked patrol equipment.

Sunday 7th. January, 1968: Police and cargo to BUMBUM.

Monday 8th. January, 1968: Departed to BUMBUM (motor cycle - $\frac{3}{4}$ hr. trip for six miles). Departed BUMBUM 9.00 hours to EWOK arriving 11.00 hours. Departed to WALUKUYA arriving 12.00 hours. Departed and arrived UYANGEN 14.15 hours. Villages of DAGAMAN, ARET, UYANGEN GUIN IA and DAKU present. Talks given on (1) Voting, (11) Mode of election and date of election, (111) Preferential system.

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Council Clerk and Finance Committee held discussions and tax payers meeting on (1) Current works Programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New works. Discussions held until late evening with councillors and interested people. Slept UYANGEN.

Tuesday 9th. January, 1968: Departed UYANGEN 7.00 hours to WALUKOYA arriving 9.00 hours. Villages of PIWIN, SASANG, and WALUKUYA present. Talks held with people on (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of election, (111) Preferential system. Departed 10.30 hours to EWOK arriving 11.30 hours. Villages of KANDUMIN, KIKIEWA, WAAK, DONAN and BUNGAN present. Talks held on (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of election, and (111) Preferential system. Council Clerk and Finance Committee held a tax payers meeting to discuss (1) Current works programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New works. Departed EWOK 14.00 hours to BUMBUM 16.00 hours. Slept BUMBUM.

Wednesday 10th. January, 1968: At BUMBUM. Villages of GAPMARPA, GESIAUT, YIWONDAGA DAWONSIT, GAPMOBI and YONDAMUK present. Talks given on (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of election, and (111) Preferential system. Council Clerk and Finance Committee held a tax payers meeting to discuss (1) Current works programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New projects. Returned to station. Local Court convened re complaint from IRUM Census Division.

Thursday 11th. January, 1968: To MUPIAPUN. Villages of TAPUT, UMBIABUM, SE'ENGABAN, GWAMPSIT, KUBUN G, UYAM, KESAN and SANGUPAK present. Discussions held on forthcoming elections, and talks given on (1) Voting, (11) Date and mode of election, and (111) Preferential system. Council Clerk and Finance Committee held tax payers meeting to discuss (1) Current works programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New works. In p.m. returned to station.

Friday 12th. January, 1968: At station. Numerous items of correspondence to be attended to, and Treasury duties (Pay period).

Saturday 13th. January, 1968: To MAMABAM - 1 hours walk from station. Villages of YOPAINANG, ATAWAGAP, MATAP were present. Council Clerk and Finance Committee held a tax payers meeting to discuss (1) Current works programme, (11) Tax rate and (111) New works. General discussions held. Departed to KUBANDU - 15 minutes walk from MAMABAM. The villages of ARAWIK, GWAI'ING and WANTOAT present. Council Clerk and Finance Committee held a tax payers meeting to discuss (1) Current works programme, (11) Tax rate, and (111) New works. General discussions held. Returned to station.

END OF PATROL.

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4. OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

4. VILLAGES: The villages visited were in fair condition. The residents have been busy during the year season which has just been completed; however, there are numerous houses which need attention and the village areas were in many cases untidy. This was the worst I have seen them but do feel it was due to the work required in the gardens. The whole subject will come under the close review of the Council Health Committee in April and May during Census Revision patrol.

The supply of water tanks to villages with roofing-iron roofs was a popular request during the tax payers meetings - this is dealt with under the heading of tax payers meetings.

5. OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION: No political education as such was undertaken during the Patrol. Educational talks on (1) Voting, (11) Mode and procedure of Elections and (111) the Preferential System were given, and afterwards discussions were held with interested parties - these for the main were older people, and were men than not represented some responsible position in the local society, e.g. Mission Pastors, Teachers, Committeemen, Councillors, retired Luluais and Tultuls or ex-Policemen and other persons who have travelled more broadly than the average Wantont.

Two matters that the locals found difficult to understand were (1) The two Elections, i.e. Markham Open and Regional, and (2) The preferential system. The first matter will partly resolve itself at the day of the Election - the photographs of the candidates will provide a reasonable understanding of the fact that there are two different Elections. The more important point - the reason for the two types of Electorate - will not be appreciated by the majority of the people. In an attempt to explain the reason for preferential voting a parable built around taro was used, however, I feel that only a small percentage have much idea on the subject.

The dates and the route of the patrol which will carry out the Elections was fully explained to the people. Part of this is still tentative as it is not known yet if a second team will be available.

As candidates have been in the area electioneering, three for the open electorate, Mr. T. Leahy, Mr. Bilun Ganguts, and Mr. Murust Wamanda; one candidate has been here for the regional, Mr. H. L. Miall; however, from my point of view it appears rather tame, very little being asked for or given on either side. No indication has been given as to whom is the most popular candidate, and I'm not sure if the Wantont is just tight-lipped or if the whole subject is too much for them.

In the matter of Pidgin literature I found little effort had been made to digest the information supplied, and in general my advice to read a small section each evening after church meetings had been followed for several nights then dropped when difficulty was experienced with some of the pidgin. It is planned to follow this matter up after the Elections.

6. AGRICULTURE: The Agricultural Assistant is still engaged in counting new coffee plantings. It is understood that a survey to establish the coffee production of the area is to be carried out this month by a team led by a university student, and that this will be concluded before the Elections. If this is so the information produced should be valuable to the future planning of the area.

At a recent Election meeting several well-informed locals asked Mr. T. Leahy and Mr. H. Miall if tea could be planted at Wantont. This matter was only brought to my notice secondhand and is the first indicator I have had that there is an interest in tea. From what I can gather this interest is confined to a small group.

The Agricultural Assistant is now patrolling in the Awara Census Division.

7. COMPLAINTS: A complaint was received from the Irumu regarding spreading of false reports - refer by 1.3.1 of 15th. January, 1968 - and another complaint of sexual assault on a young female is still being investigated. Of late I have noticed an increase in reported crime, the usual delay period in the past of over six months seems also to be becoming less. It still makes it difficult in some cases to achieve any result, as much of the evidence is lost during the time lapse. Another observation is that the reports appear to be coming more from the individuals, and not as in the past through Mission or Council leaders, though the individual still brings his group of advisors. Most minor matters are still settled at village level.

8. COURTS: The Local Court was convened once during patrol and a charge of spreading false reports was heard against an Irumu resident.

9. REST HOUSES: As noted in Wantoat Report No. 2. - 1967/68 the people were advised of the need to repair the houses in each village. The results seen on this patrol were pleasing - three rest houses were under re-construction and another was to be removed when the patrol departed and rebuilt for the Elections. Two new houses for Police accommodation have been built.

10. CARRIERS: Carriers were again not keen to carry - the area has received more patrolling in the last twelve months than for quite a period, so I feel the carriers had been used to infrequent visits and are finding the more frequent patrols hard to adjust to. I hope time will solve the problem, one way or the other.

11. HEALTH: At present the area is experiencing what the locals describe as the sick period of the year. The number of colds, sores and other ills has increased but apparently this is so each January. With the planting of yams and bananas the locals say the numbers of insects increase and so does the variety of ills.

The area for the new Aid-post-Hospital at Wantoat is now being prepared and it is hoped work will commence shortly. The A.P.O. from DAKU has returned and is carrying out his duties with zeal. The A.P.O. supervisor from Wantoat Mr. G.A. Aporo is at present on patrol inspecting Aid-posts on the Rai Coast, and is expected to return in February.

12. ROADS AND BRIDGES: Since Wantoat Patrol No. 2 67/68 two important bridges and their road links have been completed. These are the BKWAP Bridge - commenced last year by university students and left without the top decking placed on it - (this is marked on the attached map), and the MATAP Bridge which links the Government and Mission stations. Both these bridges are extremely important to the economic development of the area.

Another small bridge and several miles of road have had a large amount of work put into them. The fifteen miles of road at Wantoat should be fully available in two months. There will still remain much to bring this road up to all-weather class. Time and constant maintenance is required, and in the long run it will depend how much the people need the road.

The subject of the Lae - Wantoat road is again topical, mainly due to Election talks and tax payers meetings.

13. AIRFIELDS: The Council continues to maintain the airstrip and has to date carried out its duties very well. Recent heavy rains caused several minor wash-outs but the strip has remained open. Aeroplane movements of late seem to be on the increase - seasonal I assume - and this also has meant more maintenance.

14. ANTHROPOLOGY: Two incidents discussed during the patrol were of interest. Both were based on the supernatural aspect of yam planting. The first occurred at GWENBUNGWAK when a snake was caught by several young schoolboys on holidays. They took the live snake back to the village and after showing it to everyone they decided to kill it. This brought a spate of protests from several of the elders who feared poor yam crops if the snake was killed. The mission representative used his influence and the animal was eventually despatched, much, I might add, to the horror of the elders.

The second incident was at YOPAINANG village, and again involved the elders. Here a group prepared a traditional head-dress which is made to honour Qupang, the Spirit of the Gardens. The aim was to ensure a fertile and quantitative yam and banana crop. The traditional sing-sing ceremony that accompanies this was performed and the head-dress placed in a house. The mission representative, upon discovering what had taken place, used his influence and the head-dress was thrown into the nearby Wantoat River. The Mission has been working for forty years here, but in many cases have made little headway with the older people. This is further evident from the fears of the Water Spirits and the still large numbers of polygamous marriages.

15. TAX PAYERS MEETINGS: In all eleven Tax payers Meetings were held, which gave all residents a reasonable opportunity to express any thoughts. The purpose of these meetings was explained to the people by this Officer, as this is the first real existence of the Tax payers meeting. Last year only one such meeting was held at the station. The Council Clerk described this year's revenue and expenditure, this being followed by a speech by one member of the Finance Committee on current works and tax. The meetings were then open for general discussion - all of which took place in the local "talk" - Nisiwan. The President then asked those present for their comments on (1) Tax and (11) New works. The average length of the formal meetings was approximately one and a half hours, however, informal talks often continued late into each night of the patrol.

This is an excellent medium for general council education, I feel, and I was agreeably surprised with the peoples' response. The main topics of discussion - tax and new works were highlighted by the following:-

There is a wide range of opinion on the tax rate. Some want it to remain as it is, others thought a female tax of fifty cents should be introduced, while a small minority thought the tax should be increased by \$1.00 to \$6.00. In the long run the Council itself will have to make the decision. The main reasoning was the Council's need for extra revenue, and the fact that much more coffee was maturing each year giving a theoretical proportionate rise in income. At least, therefore the people should be prepared to help develop their area through contributing a higher rate of tax. On the present coffee prices I feel a tax rate of \$6.00 would be well within the paying ability of the average resident.

On proposed new works the main demands were for water supply, road links and foot bridges. In many of the ridge villages the usable water is a considerable distance away, and there is usually a church with an iron roof available as a catchment area. The people realize that a tank would be ideal for drinking water at least. This should provide a substantial item for Capital Works in the draft estimates as it is definitely a "felt" need. The Lae - Wantoat road was again under discussion, two points being brought up at the meeting, the first being the cost and the second the maintenance. The average villager has no appreciation of large amounts of money, nor economics, and it is extremely

difficult for him to understand that money will only be spent where there will be a return for it. He sees a road as the solution to most of his problems. The point of maintenance was explained, and it was also suggested that such a road would take ten to fifteen years to complete, with constant maintenance again being a problem.

The three largest points against the road are (1) the small population, (11) areas of no population, and (111) sections of rugged terrain. This matter will be discussed at the draft estimates and on present local opinion the Council should spend a reasonable sum on road maintenance, and possibly have some money available for new works.

Foot bridges are required for at least four large rivers and these were discussed at the meetings. A survey will be required before anything definite can be done, but these should be under consideration at the time of the draft estimates.

In all, I feel that the meetings have been beneficial to both Councillors and Electors.

16. A map and personnel report are attached.

T. H. Larkins

T. H. LARKINS. (P.O.)

(8).

17. Police Personal on duty with Wantoat Patrol 3 - 1967/68.

As has become the custom, the Police detachment on strength were given duties during this Patrol. The Members record of Services have been entered with copies to the Commissioner and District Inspector, Lae.

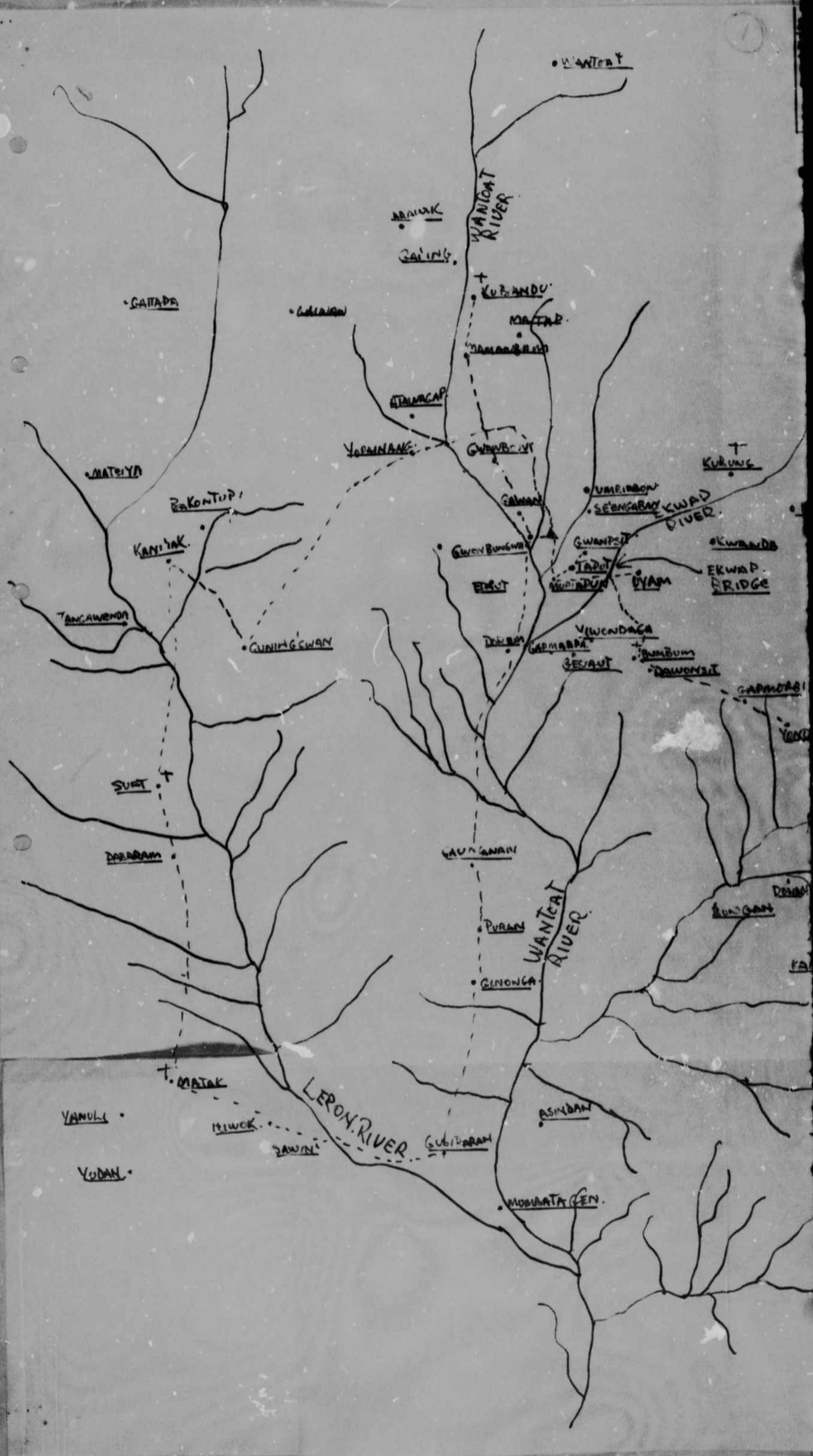
S/C. Kilongen 0289. He accompanied the patrol for three days and was his usual helpful self. A good N.C.O.

Constable Mamai. 1180. He was with the patrol for three days and carried out his duties well.

Constable Mayam. 0961. He was with the patrol for four days and was helpful

Constable Samba 0577. He was on duty with the patrol for four days and was reliable.

Constable Maiwatuka. 1370. He was with the patrol for ten days and carried out his duties well.



WANTOAT - 3 - 1967 - 68.

Scale 1" = 1 Mile
 ▲ = WANTOAT STATION
 + = AID. POST.
 --- = Route of Patrol

Labano P.O.



• WANTOAT

• BEAWAK

• GALING

WANTOAT RIVER

+ KUBANDU

• MATAK

• MAMABANDU

• ATAWACAP

• YAPINANG

• GWANGWAT

+ KURUNG

• SANGUKAK

• UMERISON

• SEENGABAD

KWAD RIVER

• KESAM

• GWENBUNGWA

• GWANGSI

• KWANDU

EKWRP BRIDGE

• ERUT

• JADOT

• UYAM

• GUNINGSWAN

• DREBA

• GAPMABA

• VIWENDAGA

• BUMBUM

• BESIAYI

• DAWONSAT

• GAPMABAI

• YADAWUK

• KIKIWA

• LAUNANAN

• WAAK

• EWOK

WANTOAT RIVER

• KANDURAN

• PURAN

• BUNGAN

• KAMAN

• WALUKUYA

• GINONCA

• PULIN/SASAS

• MATAK

• LEROY RIVER

• BIWOK

• SANIN

• GUBIBORAN

• ASINDAN

• MORBATAGEN

• UYANGEN

• DAGAMAN

• ARET

IRUMU RIVER

+ BAKU

+ GUMIA



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MORORE.....Report No.....Wantoat No.4 - 1967/68....

Patrol Conducted by.....Terence Hugh Larkins.....Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Part Wantoat and Awara Census Divisions.....

Patrol Accompanied by ~~Europeans~~ Mr. S.B. Mambom - a/Presiding Officer,
Mr. L. Gari - Polling Clerk.
Natives.....Mr. Misasong and Kaiwa - Interpreters.
Two Members of R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration--From.....17/2/1968.....to.....28/2/1968.....

Number of Days.....Eleven.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by--District ~~Staff~~.....Jan...../1968.....

Medical N/known, /19.....

Map Reference.....Markham Fourmil.....

Objects of Patrol.....(1). House of Assembly Elections 1968. (2) General
Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/4/1968

H. M. [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

Ref: 67-6-45

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

May 1st, 19 68.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. WANTOAT 4/67-68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by T.H. LARKINS P.O.
PAIT WANTOAT AND AWARA
to Census Divisions.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director *JS*

* Delete as necessary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.6.45. (7)

Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-2-8
If calling ask for
Mr.



Department of District Administration,

Morobe District,
LAE.

5th April, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WANTOAT PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68

Attached please find the report of Wantoat Patrol No. 4 of 1967/68, conducted by Mr. T.H. Larkins, Patrol Officer, for the purpose of conducting the House of Assembly elections in the Wantoat administrative area.

2. Mr. Larkins carried out a fairly intensive political and electoral education campaign in his area, and the success of this is reflected in the manner in which the people took part in the polling.

3. Covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner accompany the report and no further comment is necessary.

(H.P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

67-3-1

Sub-District Office
Kaiapit

22nd March, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

WANTOAT PATROL 4/67-68

Attached are three copies of the above report submitted by Mr. F.E. Larkins, P.O. Contingencies for camping allowance for Mr. Larkins and the Wantoat Public Servants who accompanied electoral patrols - could you please pass the DASF ones on to the District Agricultural Officer. I assume Mr. Larkins has forwarded claims for the Police accompanying the patrols direct to the Regional Superintendent.

The patrol was mounted for the specific purpose of conducting the 1968 House of Assembly elections in part of the Markham Open Electorate. This object was achieved according to the Polling Schedule. I was particularly pleased with rapid compilation and despatch of the electoral returns from Mr. Larkins' team.

The report calls for little comment. It is pleasing to note the good reception and interest taken by the Wantoat people in the election.

Mr. Larkins is currently continuing his investigation of road routes along the Leron river (ref. para 4.6) and we hope to finalise this matter at a Council meeting in Wantoat on 26th March.

Forwarded for your perusal, comment and on-forwarding please.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....67.4.4.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Wantoat Patrol Post,

Morobe District,

1st. March, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
Department of District Administration,
L A E.

Patrol Report - Wantoat Patrol No. 4 - 1967/68.

1. PREAMBLE:

Station	:	WANTOAT
Sub-District	:	KAIPIIT
District	:	MOROBE
Patrol No.	:	WANTOAT 4 - 67/68
Patrol Conducted By	:	T. H. MARKIN S (P.O.)
Area Patrolled	:	PART WANTOAT AND AWARA C.A.
Personnel Accompanying	:	B. MANNING (Assistant Presiding Officer) L. GARE (Polling Clerk) MISASONG GAIYON (Interpreter) KAIWA (Interpreter) TWO MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.
Duration	:	17/2/ to 28/2/68 - 11 days
Last Patrol D.D.A.	:	December/January 1968
Objects of Patrol	:	Other Departments not known. (1) House of Assembly Elections (11) General Administration.
Map Reference	:	Marketa Forest 1.

2. INTRODUCTION:

The Patrol's aim was to conduct the House of Assembly Elections in part of the Wantoat Administrative Area. No difficulties were experienced, and no incidents noted. The Elections were successfully completed, and all equipment, ballot boxes and forms have been forwarded per Government Charter today - 1/3/68 - to the Returning Officer Markham Oren at KAJAPIT.

Observations were made as time permitted, and these plus a detailed report of the Elections are embodied in the Report.

3. DIARY:

17th. February 1968: Elections commenced at Wantoat Station.

18th. February 1968: Patrol departed to GIONAGA to prepare for Elections on Monday - 2 hours walking distance ex Wantoat.

19th. February 1968: Election held at GIONAGA. People from ETAUT, DOREN, PURAN and GUANGAIAN present. Departed GIONAGA and walked to GUSIPARAN - 1½ hours. Slept at GUSIPARAN.

20th. February 1968: Election held at GUSIPARAN. Departed and walked to MATAK - 3½ hours walking time. Slept at MATAK.

21st. February 1968: Election held at MATAK. Villages present were YANULI, YAWAN, SAWIN and NIWAK. Departed MATAK and walked to SUAT - 1½ hours walking time. Slept at SUAT.

22nd. February 1968: Election held at SUAT. Villages of GAITAPA, MATEIYA and WANGEWENTA were present. Departed SUAT and walked to GUNING'GWAN - 1½ hours walking time. Slept at GUNING'GWAN.

23rd. February 1968: Election held at GUNING'GWAN. Villages of KAIN'IK, BARONTUP and GAINAN were present. Departed and walked to MAMABAM. Slept at MAMABAM.

24th. February 1968: Election held at MAMABAM. Villages of YOPAINANG, ATAWAGAG and MATAP present.

25th. February 1968: Observed.

26th. February 1968: To KUBANDU - 1 hour walk. Election held. Villages of AWAREK, WANTOAT and GWAIANC present. Returned to WANTOAT.

27th. February 1968: To GWENBUNGWAK, ½ hours walk from Station. Villages of GWAMBON, GAWAN were present. Election held, and returned to Wantoat.

28th. February 1968: To MUPIAPUN - ½ hours walk from Station. Villages of UMBIABUM, SE'ENGABAN and TAPUT were present. Election held and returned to Station.

END OF PATROL.

4. OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

4.1 VILLAGES. The route of the patrol had received wide publicity and the village people had prepared. The rest houses and other accommodation for the team were clean, supplied with fresh food and water, and had in three cases been completely rebuilt. This was pleasing as most of the accommodation had been in poor condition.

4.2 OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION: The matters most noticeable during the Elections were (i) preselection (ii) almost all the people followed (i), and (iii) a small percentage voted preferentially, and (iv) little difficulty was experienced with the two Electorates.

It became apparent very early that every village had held a meeting and decided the order of the voting. This order differed slightly at some polling centres, but was well rehearsed; this was clearly shown by the older non-pidgin speaking person. At several polling centres I asked after the Elections were completed who had been responsible for the meeting, and who had decided which candidate would receive support. Initially this question met with silence, but with a little prompting it emerged that the influential members of each village called a general meeting, similar to Mission meetings, and it was here that the fortunate candidate was chosen.

This type of pre-selection was also noticed by Mr. P. Lancaster at the Wantoot Local Government Council Elections of September, 1966. Because of this pre-selection there was very little variation in voting at each centre; however, different areas supported different candidates.

There are points for and against this selection and mass adherence to it, but it is my opinion that it does not do any real harm at this stage of development; at least the matter has been discussed and a decision reached.

Preferential voting had been discussed at pre-election meetings but only a small percentage employed it. The general answer when asked for 3rd. and 4th. preferences - 1st. and 2nd. created no problem - was that the voter did not know or was not interested in the other candidates. At this stage of development I see nothing wrong with this. The people had seen all the candidates in the Open Electorate so had had a reasonable opportunity to make up their minds. In the Regional Electorate very little was known about either candidate, as all propaganda had been limited to the Station.

Prior to the commencement of each election the difference between the two electorates was explained and it was emphasized that each qualified person could vote in both. The people had also decided at their meeting their preference in the Regional and this again was followed almost to the voter.

The rate of voting was slightly under 40 per hour - this varying depending on the sophistication of the area - i.e. the people here at the Station were faster than the people at the edges of the area.

No incidents occurred during the patrol and all members worked efficiently.

4.3 AGRICULTURE: The area had been recently patrolled by the Agriculture Assistant, and the results of his work are quite pleasing. The majority of coffee gardens were clean and recently pruned, and all ripe coffee had been harvested. The proposed visit by the Survey Team did not eventuate, unfortunately, as there is a great need for such a coffee survey.

4.4 COMPLAINTS: No complaints of a serious nature were reported during the patrol but several incidents which occurred at the Station during my absence are being investigated. The Local Court was not convened during the patrol.

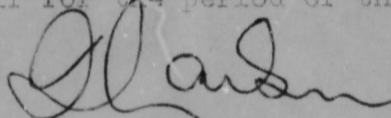
4.5 CARRIERS: As mentioned, the patrol route had been well advertised and carriers were ready at each stop.

4.6 ROADS AND BRIDGES: In most cases the walking tracks were reasonable but still require more maintenance. In the Awara complete sections of the route along the Leron River have been lost since the last visit which was only five weeks ago. An examination of the suggested route along the western bank of the Wantoat River for the proposed Wantoat to Merkhams Valley Road revealed that while it would be comparatively simple to build the road it would be impossible to cross the Wantoat. A full investigation will be commenced later this month.

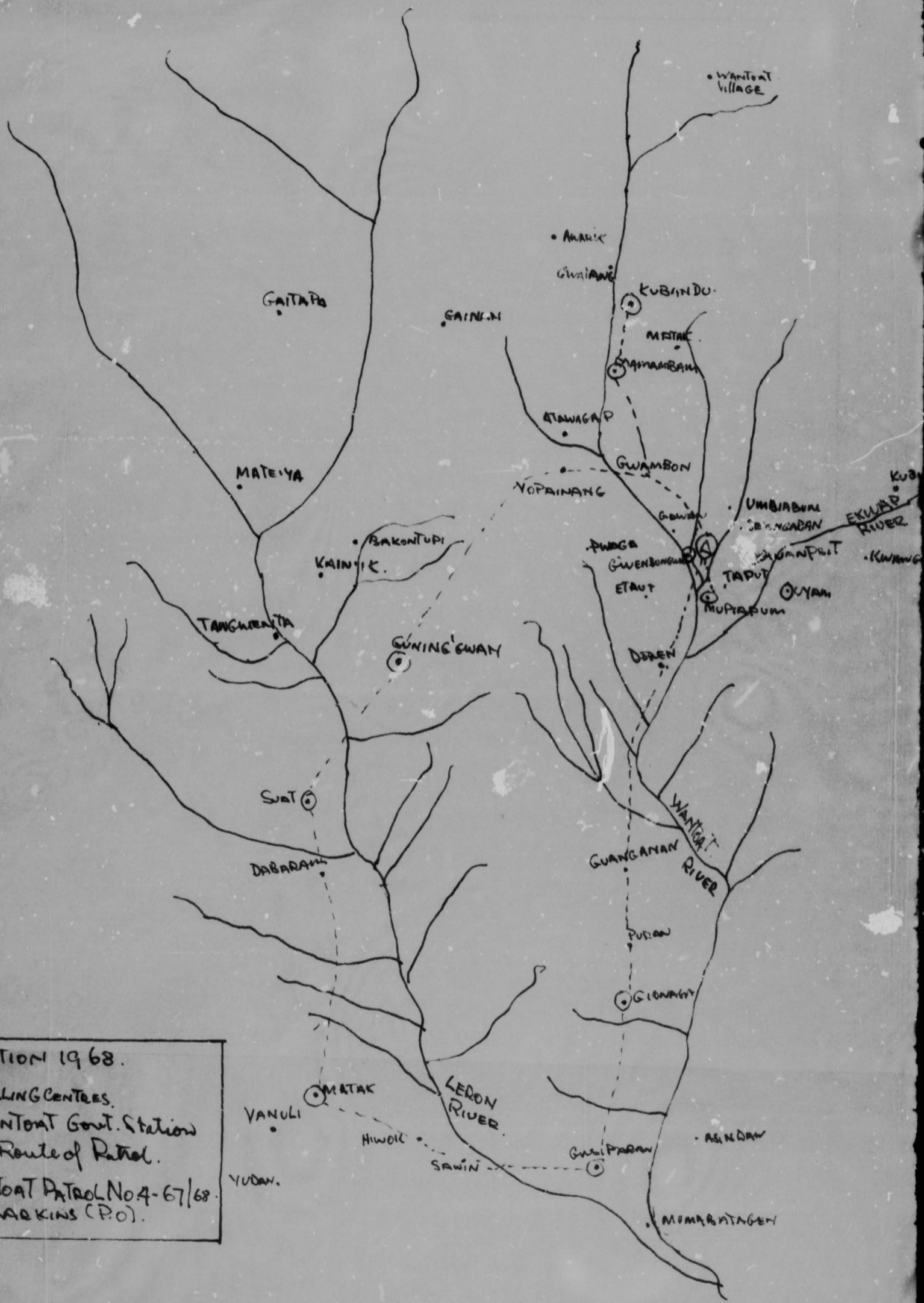
5. CONCLUSION:

As the patrol was for a limited aim and was fully occupied in this, little else could be achieved. The patrol members who comprised two members Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary, two interpreters, -Administration employees- and two private individuals, carried out their duties well. I was particularly impressed by Mr. S.B. MAMBON who acted as Assistant Presiding Officer. If he applies himself to his enterprise in the same manner, Wantoat Traders should be successful.

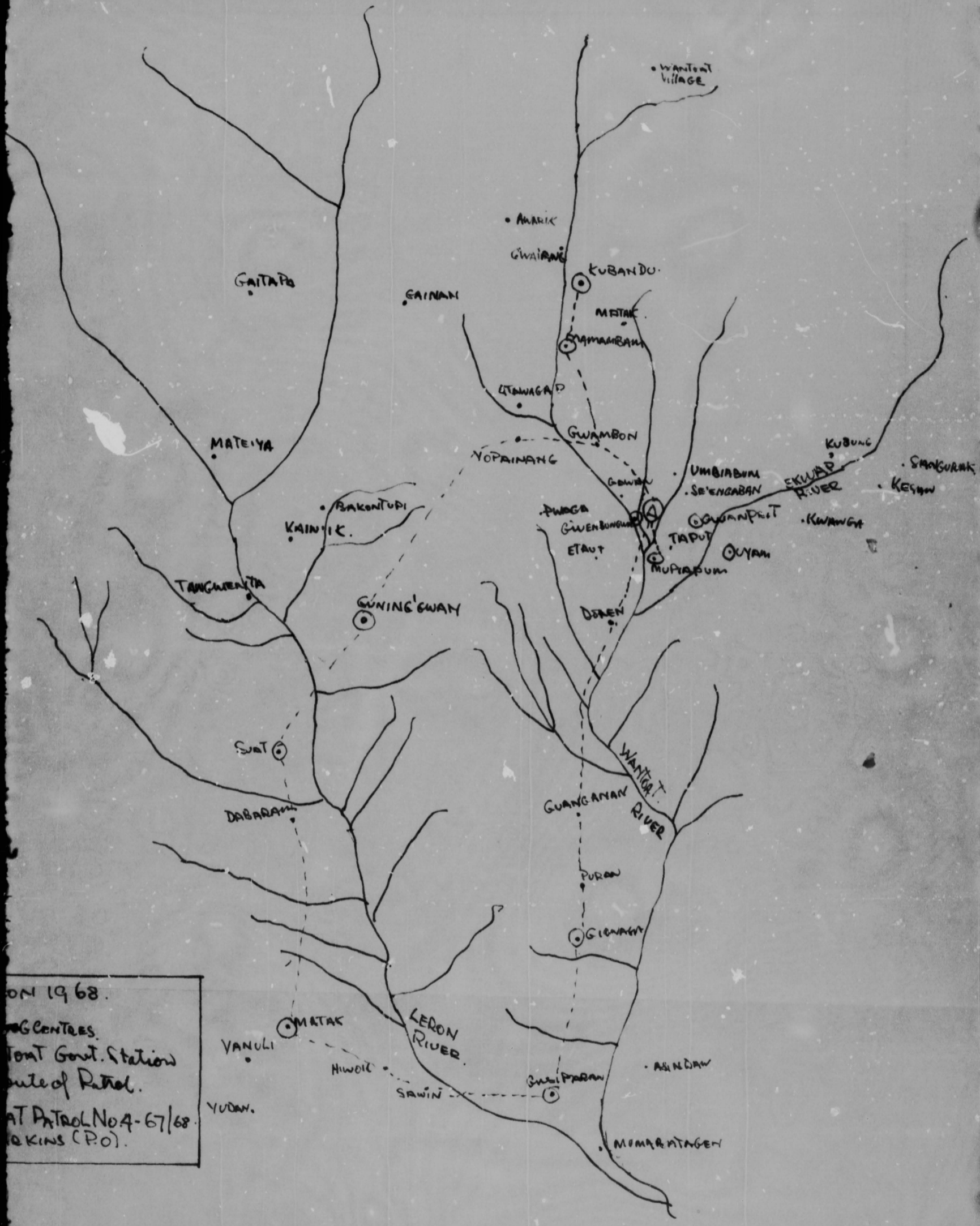
I attach a Patrol Map and Camping out Allowances for Local Officers and myself for the period of the Elections.



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