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PATROL REPORT No. 2-70-71

BY

D. H. AGG.

WOSERA.

EAST

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... **EAST SEPIX** Report No..... **MOBUC. NO. 2 OF 1970/71**

Patrol Conducted by..... **D.H. AGG PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled..... **NORTH MOBIRA CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **1 PART-TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT**

Natives..... **1 B.P.N.G.**

Duration—From..... **4**./..... **5**./19 **71** to..... **17**./..... **6**./19 **71**..... **(BROKEN PERIODS)**

Number of Days..... **37 (34 NIGHTS)**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... **SEPT/OCT/19 70**

Medical **?** /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, CENSUS REVISION, LIMITED GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.**

Director of District Administration,
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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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik, ESD.

67-6-1

9th July, 1971.

Deputy District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
M A P R I K

Wosera Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71 -
North Wosera Census Division

Please find attached four copies of the above report together with Village Population Registers and patrol map. Also claim for camping allowance by Mr. Agg, and a copy of my patrol instructions.

This patrol was mounted for the purpose of revising the census so that the Common Roll could be amended and was efficiently carried out by Mr. Agg. In relation to these census figures it is pleasing to note that the natural increase over the last three years has been in the region of 1.72% per year. The number of adult males absent is not alarming as they total less than one quarter of the total adult male population. Generally the census indicates a healthy situation in the division. The discrepancy of 300 in the balance of this census and the last census must be attributed to new names, unaccounted for migrations in and out.

The situation in general also appears to be quite satisfactory. Apparently the presence of returned workers from the Rabaul area, who have been in contact with Mataungan philosophies, is not causing any unsettling effects of any significance.

It has always been apparent that the Wosera should have at least two officers of three or four years experience on permanent posting. With the arrival of Mr. Blythe, Patrol Officer, who has magisterial powers, I anticipate that there will be a considerable progress in the North Wosera. This, together with the opening of the Amogu and Nanu bridges, should herald the start of the development of the undoubted potential which exists in this census division, and in the Wosera as a whole.

I get the distinct impression from the report that the Wosera people are merely waiting for guidance and encouragement to realise their full capabilities. I see no reason why in a couple of years development in the Wosera should not equal, if not out-distance, development in the Maprik sub-district.

C.G. Sanderson
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Assistant District Commissioner

67-6-1
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik, ESD.

18th August, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Wosera Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71
North Wosera Census Division
Mr. D.H. Jagg, Patrol Officer

Attached please find:

- (a) original and duplicate patrol report;
- (b) copy of memorandum 67-5-2 dated 5th July from the District Officer-in-Charge, Wosera;
- (c) copy of memorandum 67-6-1 dated 9th July from the Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik, to myself;
- (d) copy of patrol instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner to the Officer-in-Charge Wosera;
- (e) tracing of map of patrol area, to follow later.

2. I have the following comments to make :

Economic - paragraph 11. There has been quite a drastic drop in coffee prices of late and the S.P.C.A. is now buying at 14c. per pound, instead of the original 17c four months ago.

Roads - paragraph 12. I expect the roads will improve in the Wosera area with the posting of a patrol officer. This officer has local court magisterial powers and cases can be heard on the spot in future, rather than have a magistrate visit the Wosera or have offenders brought to the court at Maprik.

Bridges - paragraph 13. The Amogu low-cost, high-risk bridge has now been completed, and the Wosera council is constructing a road from the Wombissa - Kumunugum road, and this is being upgraded rapidly with loan funds received from the Commonwealth Bank. The completion of this bridge has already been of great value to the people as D.A.B.F., S.P.C.A. and private coffee buyers are regularly making visits to the area to collect produce. In discussions with the Council Adviser and some Councillors it is proposed to upgrade the Amogu bridge, Wombissa - Kumunugum - Bobmagum road to all-weather standard this financial year, mainly from Rural Development funds. It is considered that this road will be the main access road for the Wosera area and therefore should receive priority attention from the Council.

Council Tax - paragraph 14. It is pleasing to note that Council tax has been increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per male this financial year. As a result of this increase, attention can be given to requests for assistance from outlying wards in the Wosera Council area.

Malaria Spraying Team - paragraph 18. This section will be extracted from the report and forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge, Malaria Control, Maprik for his attention.

3. A map of the patrol area will be forwarded later when sunprint copies have been received from Wewak.

4. The report indicates a good situation in the Wosera with the completion of the Amogu bridge and the posting of a general field officer to the area. I envisage that economic development in the area will increase and attitudes towards the Administration will improve dramatically.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
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Wosera Division
 Wosera Council
 Wosera Local Government

J. Young-Whitford
 Deputy District Commissioner

c.c. District Commissioner, Wewak.
 Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik.
 Officer-in-Charge, Wosera.

- No. 1 Tumbaba
- No. 2 Nganda
- No. 3 Isogun
- No. 4 Balampita
- No. 5 Gwairera
- No. 6 Tuwakaia
- No. 7 Swingingi
- No. 8 Kungingini
- No. 9 Kalgawaga
- No. 10 Mawaka
- No. 11 Turaikia
- No. 12 Kaitagan
- No. 13 Sumpigun
- No. 14 Saragan
- No. 15 Kumbitanga
- No. 16 Wawoko
- No. 17 Wabakongak
- No. 18 Sipaga
- No. 19 Tibukin
- No. 20 Ngataga
- No. 21 Welker
- No. 22 Mungwa
- No. 23 Intigan

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J. Young-Whitford
 Deputy District Commissioner

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
Wosera,
East Sepik District,
T.P.N.O.

29th June, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

REPORT FOR WOSERA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by:- D.H. Agg. Patrol Officer.

Type of Patrol:- Census Revision.

Area Patrolled:- North Wosera Census Division.

Council Area:- Wosera Local Government Council Wards:-

- No. 1 Tendegum
- No. 2 Bobmagum
- No. 3 Kwanambandu
- No. 4 Kumunugum
- No. 5 Tatumba
- No. 6 Bapandu
- No. 7 Isogum
- No. 8 Balampta
- No. 9 Gwairuru
- No. 10 Tuwaikim
- No. 11 Gwinyingi
- No. 12 Kunjingini
- No. 13 Waigamaga
- No. 14 Maundu
- No. 15 Tugaikim
- No. 25 Kwatmagum
- No. 26 Stapigum
- No. 27 Saragum
- No. 28 Jambitanga
- No. 29 Umonoko
- No. 30 Wabindumagak
- No. 31 Jipmago
- No. 33 Jibakim
- No. 34 Ugatagwa
- No. 35 Weikor
- No. 36 Nungwais
- No. 37 Kutigum

Personnel Accompanying:- R.P.N.G.C. Const. 1/e Andrew. JIMBONO
Mrs. K.J. Agg (employed part-time to amend
Common Roll)

Duration:- May 4th, 1971 to June 17th, 1971 (in broken periods - refer Patrol diary) (34 nights)

- Objects of Patrol:-
- 1) Complete revision of census, North Wosera Census Division.
 - 2) Amendment and updating Electoral Roll North Wosera Census Division (Wosera-Gauw electorate)
 - 3) Political Education discussions; discussions on Council's current and 1971/72 works programmes.
 - 4) Village and garden inspections.

D.H. Agg
(D.H. Agg)

Patrol Officer.

Wosera Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71.

Patrol Diary

- Tuesday, May 4th Patrol packed, walked to Balampta. Census Balampta village inspection and talks on Council activities. Walked to Talangu, Census Talangu village, village inspection. Set up camp. Evening discussions current events village people, work on census figures, common roll.
Night Talangu.
- Wednesday, May 5th Patrol packed, to Rubugum. Census Rubugum 1,2,3 villages. Discussion current council works programme. Inspection Rubugum 1 and 2 villages. Evening work on census figures and common roll.
Night Rubugum.
- Thursday, May 6th Patrol packed, to Kwanembandu, census Kwanembandu, afternoon village inspection. Evening discussions with those interested on current cargo cult unrest. Work on census figures, common roll.
Night Kwanembandu.
- Friday, May 7th Census Kaugiak, village inspection. Talks on Self Government, cargo cult. Evening worked on census figures, common roll.
Night Kwanembandu.
- Saturday, May 8th. Patrol packed, moved to Bobmagum. Census Revision Bobmagum and Chigiangu villages. Discussions on P.N.G.'s possible political future, current cargo cult activity at Yangoru. Inspection Bobmagum village. Evening worked on census figures and electoral roll.
Night Bobmagum.
- Sunday, May 9th Patrol packed, to Waigamaga. Inspection Waigamaga village. Afternoon observed.
Night Waigamaga.
- Monday, May 10th Census Waigamaga village, discussions with those interested on cultist activity, looked at coffee and coffee gardens. Supervision road maintenance work, marking out of work to be done, on Waigamaga roads.
Night Waigamaga.
- Tuesday, May 11th Patrol packed, moved to Mul. Census revision, Kunjingini 1 and Mul. Village inspection Mul. Afternoon patrol returned to Wosera Council Camp by mission vehicle.
- Wednesday May 12th - Sunday May 16th. Visit L.C. Magistrate from Maprik, Wosera L.G.C. meeting and an attack of tonsillitis on writer caused the patrol to be broken for this period.
- Monday, May 17th. Patrol packed, to Kumunikum 3. Census Kumunikum 3, Kulungu villages, inspection Kumunikum 3 village. Discussions with those interested on current cultist activities and interest of Wosera people in same. Patrol to Bapandu, set up camp. Discussions with Bepandu people what a self-governing N.G. could be like. Evening census figures and common roll work.
Night Bapandu.
- Tuesday, May 18th. Census Bapandu, Tatumba. Inspection Bapandu village. Evening census figures and common revision.
Night Bapandu.
- Wednesday, May 19th. Patrol packed, to Kumunikum 1 and 2 villages. Census Kumunikum 1 and 2 villages. Patrol moved to Maundu. Discussions on cultist activity, thought of village on this. Evening Kumunikum census figures, revision common roll.
Night Maundu.
- Thursday, May 20th. Census Gwairaru village. Checking on Council project (Bobmagum road-workers working near Rubugum) and carried out maintenance Council tractor. Evening worked on census figures, common roll.
Night Maundu

Patrol Diary Continued

- Friday, May 21st. Maundu village census. Inspection Maundu village. Patrol packed, moved to Kutikum village. Set up camp. Discussions with those interested on Council's current and 1971/72 works programme. Evening work on Maundu common roll and census figures.
Night Kutikum.
- Saturday, May 22nd Census Kutikum, Village inspection. Patrol packed, moved to Kunjigini village. Talks village people on reported cult meeting of previous week at Kunjigini. Kutikum census figures and common roll worked on evening
Night Kunjigini.
- Sunday, May 23rd. Day observed. Discussions local mission staff on cargo cult activity.
Night Kunjigini.
- Monday, May 24th. Census Kunjigini 1. Patrol packed up, moved to Abusit. Inspection village, talks on local current events, discussion of new electoral boundary, Wosera-Gauli electorate. Afternoon Abusit village censused.
Night Abusit.
- Tuesday, May 25th Census Gwinyingi village, patrol moved to Tugwaikim. Census Mikau No. 2 village. Inspection Tugwaikim village. Discussions cargo cult interest, councils 71/72 works programme with those interested. Evening work on census figures and amendments to census roll.
Night Tugwaikim.
- Wednesday, May 26th Census revision Tugwaikim village. Check of Council project roadworks, catholic mission "T" School which council is to assist, discussions people re these matters. Evening work on census figures, common roll.
Night Tugwaikim.
- Thursday, May 27th Patrol packed, moved to Mikau No. 1, inspecting Mikau No. 2 en route. Census revision Tandegum and Mikau No. 1 villages. Inspected Mikau No. 1 village.
Night Mikau No. 1
- Friday, May 28th Patrol packed, moved by P.M.V. vehicle to Kunjigini, thence walked to Kamge. Census Kamge village. Talks on cargo cult activity village people. Evening Census figures worked on.
Night Kamge.
- Saturday, May 29th Patrol packed, picked up mission ~~van~~ vehicle early morning, moved to Isogum. Census Isogum, Numakaka villages. Informal talks on cultist activity.
- Sunday, May 30th To Maprik for discussions A.D.C. and to hand in common roll amendments to date. Rest of day observed.
- Monday, May 31st. Patrol to Tugaikim, census revision Tugaikim village. Returned to council camp, gear packed, thence to Kwatmagum village, camp established. Evening talks with village people re. Council activity and cargo cult thinking.
Night Kwatmagum.
- Tuesday, June 1st Census revision Kwatmagum and Gulaikim villages. Inspection Gulaikim village. Work on census figures and common roll amendments in evening.
Night Kwatmagum.
- Wednesday, June 2nd. To station by motor cycle for Council finance meeting. Unable return due rain in afternoon.
- Thursday, June 3rd. Patrol equipment and policeman accompanying had moved to Stapigum in my absence. Returned to Stapigum. Census revision Stapigum. Moved to Saragum village as Stapigum rest house unsatisfactory. Set up camp. Talks on current cargo cult activity and attitudes to same. Evening Census figures, Stapigum.
Night Saragum.

Patrol Diary continued

- Friday, June 4th. Census revision Saragum. Rained until 10 a.m. so people late in arriving. Worked on census until 6 p.m.
Night Saragum.
- Saturday, June 5th Patrol to Jambitanget, set up camp. Village inspection Jambitanget. Discussions cult activity with village people.
Night Jambitanget.
- Sunday, June 6th. Day observed. Night Jambitanget.
- Monday, June 7th Census revision Jambitanget. Patrol packed, moved to Wabindumagak
Night Wabindumagak.
- Tuesday, June 8th. Census revision Wabindumagak. Village inspection late afternoon. Discussions on Mataunganism reported in area, also on current cult activity.
Night Wabindumagak.
- Wednesday, June 9th. Census revision Umonoko village at Umonoko. Village inspection Umonoko village. Returned to Wabindumagak. Patrol packed, policeman and patrol gear moved to Jibakim, self to station for council meeting on the morrow by motor cycle.
- Thursday, June 10th Council meeting all day. Returned to Jibakim in late evening due no rain.
Night Jibakim.
- Friday, June 11th Census Jibakim, Pa'appuma villages. Inspection Jibakim village. Late afternoon worked on census figures these 2 villages.
Night Jibakim.
- Saturday, June 12th Census Ugutagwa. Meeting and discussion with interested Jibakim, Pa'appuma and Ugutagwa villagers on Mataunganism and current cult activity. Evening worked on census figures and common roll amendments.
Night Jibakim.
- Sunday, June 13th Patrol packed, moved to Nungwaia established camp.
Night Nungwaia.
- Monday, June 14th Census and common roll revision Nungwaia. Inspection Nungwaia village afternoon. Meeting of Nungwaia, Waikor and Dumak interested villagers where current cargo cult activity at Yangoru, Council's works programme and roadworks were discussed.
Night Nungwaia.
- Tuesday, June 15th. Census revision Waikor. Patrol packed, moved to Jibako. Set up camp. Evening worked on census figures.
Night Jibako.
- Wednesday, June 16th Census revision Jibako and Manjukwari villages. Village inspection these two villages. Evening worked on census figures.
Night Jibako.
- Thursday, June 17th Patrol to Station.

END PATROL DIARY.

Situation Report

A Introduction

- 1) As outlined in the patrol instructions (attached) the principal aim of this patrol was to update the census roll and to carefully revise the common roll for the North Wosera Census Division.
- 2) This Census Division contains, as will be realised from a glance at the attached census figures, some 15,138 names in 45 villages. It was found that satisfactory turnups for census (100% of population present in the village) were only achieved if the patrol arrived at a village the day before the census was to take place. Thus this was done in almost all cases.
- 3) The last census revision took place in 1968; thus there were a considerable number of changes to the census book in the form of marriages, births and deaths.
- 4) The writer is nominally Council Adviser; however, keeping in mind the Director's directive concerning high priority of common roll revision, Council assistance activities had to be largely ignored for the 6 week period of the patrol.
- 5) The area geographically classifies as lowland high rainfall forest-gardening. Terrain is undulating with easy walking and generally short distances between villages. Most villages exist as tight groups or collections of clan hamlets which work together when convenient e.g. on garden building (large, joint village gardens of approximately 20 acres or so are not uncommon)

B Political

- 6) L.G.C. Influence This varies greatly, and, as in all Councils, is largely due to the standing (traditional or otherwise) of the individual councillor concerned.
People generally are satisfied, or, at least, not dissatisfied with the Council. There are notable exceptions, generally in areas where the Council has not done any constructive work for some time.
The Council is seen as the people's forum where grievances can be aired both with the government and with the world and life generally.
The hope continues that Council strength will be connected directly with the area's economic strength and that the development of the two will be synonymous.
- 7) Councillor Influence This is, as in most councils, largely proportional to the traditional influence of the individual concerned. Some Councillors, those interested in doing a good job with such influence ~~exercise~~ exercise strong and effective control over their groups, whilst at the other end of the scale there are some councillors who are completely ineffective and not even vaguely interested in doing a job.
- 8) Political Awareness In terms of western political systems and structures the people of the area patrolled are virtually completely ignorant; past attempts at political education have had no discernable effect. During the course of the patrol I made a point of having informal talks in most villages camped in during the evening on the

following general topics.

- (a) Political parties - their structures and function.
- (b) Trade unions. These were compared with existing Associations (the S.P.C.A., Highlands groupings in the House of Assembly and the Council structure and committees).
- (c) Government forms possible in New Guinea in the future.
- (d) How various items of European machinery and day-to-day items came to be invented.

Talks were at all times completely unorganised and as spontaneous as possible. In this area only a very small percentage of the population has much interest in anything non-traditional, and most of those that do express interest are without any form of formal education to assist them. Thus I feel that the only form of political education which meets with any degree of success is the continual comparison with existing, somewhat known forms of social organisation, such as mission, council and village committees and institutions.

9) Mataungan Influence A relatively large proportion of the adult male population is at present working away from the district and almost all adult males have at some time worked out of the district. (At present 872 of a total adult male population of 4471 are working in other districts) About half of these are working on New Britain - many have lived for many years there. Consequently from time to time men return (on leave and permanently) who have been thoroughly "steeped" in Mataungan thinking and attitudes. These naturally talk with other members of their villages about these attitudes and this will, of course, in time have an effect on their attitude to Europeans, Police, Councils and the Administration. However, to date, as far as I could discern no serious or concrete attitude has formed to date. I had an informal discussion with two recently-returned Mataungan members at Wabindumagak village about this. Both were emphatic that they considered the Mataungan Association and its activities were something for Tolais only. Both said they had no objections to paying Wosera Council tax or to the Administration. I feel that it should be some time before any Mataunganistic movement arises within the area patrolled, on present indications.

10) House of Assembly Representation Great dissatisfaction was shown with the present M.H.A. for the area who has not even visited any of the Wosera area for over a year. I explained the boundaries of the new Wosera-Gauli open electorate and also the fact that the population distribution of the new electorate will favour the election of Wosera candidate if care is taken with voting preferences and if the vote is not split too much. Much interest was shown to this. Effective representation is thought to be a prerequisite for vigorous area development - this because the rapid road and area development around Maprik has coincided with the time that the present Maprik open M.H.A. has been in office, largely.

C Economic

11) Crops Coffee is the area's main income-earner. At the time of the Patrol the coffee season's first "peak" cropping period was in

progress. Coffee gardens and coffee beans drying were looked at wherever time permitted and during village inspections. Present good coffee prices have boosted interest in coffee picking and drying considerably.

12) Roads Roads for which the various villages are responsible were inspected during the course of the patrol and needed maintenance work marked out. As always happens when a D.D.A. Patrol visits, most villages had spent a few days prior to my arrival getting their road section into reasonable condition. Those that did not had sections marked out for them for future work - this will be checked on future day trips. The absence of an officer able to exercise magisterial powers at Wosera Patrol Post has had a noticeably detrimental effect on the amount of roadwork maintenance done. While Councillors are unable to bring people before a local court on a regular basis for violations of the Council's Road Maintenance rule a proportion of the "negative incentive" to work on roads voluntarily is unfortunately removed.

13) Nanu and Amogu River Bridges The Amogu bridge is at the time of writing all but completed. The Council has organised several groups for work on the access road and drainage for this at the time of writing this report. These bridges have been promised and awaited for many years now - considerable expectations rest on these bridges so that progress in their construction is shown great interest.

14) Council Tax - Works Programmes The Council has raised its tax rate from \$4 to \$5 per male head for the 1971/72 financial year. In discussion, no particularly vigorous opposition to this was noticed, although many said they might have difficulty finding the amount. The Council's 71/72 works programme was discussed on several occasions. A general view seems to be that the Council does not get enough done in each year. The idea that a certain minimum proportion of Council expenditure is inevitably swallowed in basic administration was hard to get over.

D. Social

15) Missions All missions within the area patrolled were visited and discussions were held regarding the Council's works programme where applicable, mainly in regard to the 2 classrooms and 2 teachers' houses the Council intends building in mission primary "T" school assistance within its area.

16) Yangoru Cargo Cult unrest Extensive discussions were held in all villages on the current cult rumours and their effects. A separate account of reactions of the people generally will be forwarded separately to the A.D.C. Maprik on this. Generally, though, although all people are interested in the cult stories, only a small percentage (not more than 5% probably) would have contributed to the organisation to date of writing this report. All villages initially deny any connections with the cult but will readily discuss neighbouring villages' interest and financial contributions which any individuals may have made. The movement is largely seen as a concern of Yangoru people only. "Membership" varies from perhaps 20% of male adults

in some villages close to the Pagwi-Hayfield road (Serangwandu, Palge, Patukwa, Mikau No. 2) to virtually non-existent in the Western most part of the Wosera area (Nungwaia, Ugutagwa, Wabindumagak, etc.) The general Wosera attitude is one of wait-and-see.

17) Health Several cases of whooping cough were detected by the writer during the patrol and immediately sent to Wombisa Rural Health Centre where they were confirmed and treated by the Medical Assistant there. No deaths from this sickness were reported. At time of writing the number of cases being currently treated at the Health Centre has dropped considerably. Apart from this, general health remains good. Very few along-time sores or illnesses were noticed during census. Some villages had a relatively high percentage of aged (over 45) people's deaths. This is hard to explain, although it seems to coincide somewhat with the more mosquito-infested areas.

The birth rate stands at about 3% per year - as this is the first revision of census for the North Wosera C.D. for 3 years the infant mortality rate (under 12 months deaths) could not be calculated; however the sister-in-charge of the Kaugia Catholic Mission infant welfare clinic reports that it is not high.

The chief physical afflictions remain grille and malaria.

18) Malaria Spraying Teams A general complaint with these groups was that spraying teams were rude, careless and often thoughtless in their attitude to people in the course of their work. I instructed people with this complaint to report the matter with names of the persons involved and actual instances of bad behaviour to their Councillor so that the Council can report such persons. The attitude of these teams often seems to be that as they are assisted by the Malaria Prevention Ordinance they do not have to consider unduly the people they are supposed to be assisting.

19) Villages Almost all villages visited were tidy and houses neat and grass well cut back. Some villages had pigs unfettered in the village - the provisions of the Council's pig rule were again explained and areas for pig yards were marked out with instructions to the Councillor concerned regarding the work to be done.

As villages always had at least a days warning of my inspections, the neatness of villages was frequently and obviously a very recent state-of-affairs.

20) Law and Order The difficulty in prosecuting people for breaches of Council rules remains a problem - however, this situation will improve considerably with the arrival in July of a generalist D.D.A. officer who can perform magisterial duties, as is expected at present.

21) Common Roll Revision This was carried out by Mrs K.J. Agg as per A.D.C.'s instructions.

At first the amendments were carried out in the evenings after the day's census for that village had been done. However, such is the state of chaos of the Census book (use of which should have ceased in 1967) that this was found to be impossible if any degree of accuracy was to be achieved.

Accordingly, the amendments were done simultaneously with my census.

Although this meant lengthy days for Mrs. Agg in some cases, complete accuracy has now been achieved and all duplications removed.

22) Census This was completed without any holdups or problems. The census book remains complete chaos. As mentioned, use of the book should have been discontinued with the introduction of the new Tax/Census sheets; however, no staff has ever been able to spend time on this work apparently. Until these sheets have been completed, a further census of the North Wosera Census Division will be impossible.

23) Conclusion This report is as per A.D.C. Maprik's instructions, short and has covered only the Native Situation. As explained in the Introduction, I am nominally Council Adviser for Wosera Council, so have been instructed to not spend undue time on an Area Study as is normally the case with a Census Revision Patrol Report.

The Patrol was somewhat hurried and covered about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Wosera Council Area - however it easily achieved its modest objectives.

The revised census figures are with this report; the amendments to the Common Roll were forwarded, as per instructions, at the completion of the Patrol.

D.H. AGG
PATROL OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... EAST SERIK..... Report No..... MOSEBA NO. 2 OF 1970/71

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Natives..... 1. H. B. N. G.....

Duration—From..... 14...../..... 5...../19..... 71..... to..... 17...../..... 6...../19..... 71..... (BROKEN PERIODS)

Number of Days..... 37 (34 NIGHTS)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... SEPT/OCT/1970.....

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

Map Reference.....

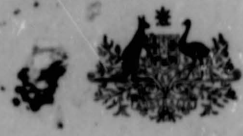
Objects of Patrol..... ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION, CENSUS REVISION, LIMITED
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
20 AUG 1971
KONEDOBU

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik, ESD.

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Mr.....

18th August, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Wosera Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71
North Wosera Census Division
Mr. D.H. Agg, Patrol Officer

- Attached please find:
- (a) original and duplicate patrol report;
 - (b) copy of memorandum 67-5-2 dated 5th July from the Officer-in-Charge, Wosera;
 - (c) copy of memorandum 67-6-1 dated 9th July from the Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik, to myself;
 - (d) copy of patrol instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner to the Officer-in-Charge Wosera;
 - (e) tracing of map of patrol area, to follow later.

2. I have the following comments to make :

Economic - paragraph 11. There has been quite a drastic drop in coffee prices of late and the S.P.C.A. is now buying at 14c. per pound, instead of the original 17c four months ago.

Roads - paragraph 12. I expect the roads will improve in the Wosera area with the posting of a patrol officer. This officer has local court magisterial powers and cases can be heard on the spot in future, rather than have a magistrate visit the Wosera or have offenders brought to the court at Maprik.

Bridges - paragraph 13. The Amogu low-cost, high-risk bridge has now been completed, and the Wosera council is constructing a road from the Wombissa - Kumunugum road, and this is being upgraded rapidly with loan funds received from the Commonwealth Bank. The completion of this bridge has already been of great value to the people as D.A.S.F., S.P.C.A. and private coffee buyers are regularly making visits to the area to collect produce. In discussions with the Council Adviser and some Councillors it is proposed to upgrade the Amogu bridge, Wombisa - Kumunugum - Bobmagum road to all-weather standard this financial year, mainly from Rural Development funds. It is considered that this road will be the main access road for the Wosera area and therefore should receive priority attention from the Council.

Council Tax - paragraph 14. It is pleasing to note that Council tax has been increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per male this financial year. As a result of this increase, attention can be given to requests for assistance from outlying wards in the Wosera Council area.

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Malaria Spraying Team - paragraph 13. This section will be extracted from the report and forwarded to the Officer-in-Charge, Malaria Control, Maprik for his attention.

3. A map of the patrol area will be forwarded later when sunprint copies have been received from Wewak.

4. The report indicates a good situation in the Wosera with the completion of the Amogu bridge and the posting of a general field officer to the area. I envisage that economic development in the area will increase and attitudes towards the Administration will improve dramatically.

J. Young-Whitford
J. Young-Whitford
Deputy District Commissioner

c.c. District Commissioner, Wewak.

Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik.

Officer-in-Charge, Wosera.



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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
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Majrik, ESD.

22nd April, 1971.

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
WOSERA.

Patrol Instructions
North Wosera Census Division

Our discussion of today's date refers.

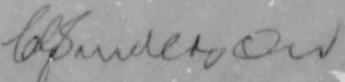
Please prepare to proceed on patrol to the North Wosera census division commencing 3rd May 1971.

The objects of the patrol will be to up-date the census figures so that the Common Roll for this census division can be amended. The method by which this will be carried out has already been discussed with you. As target dates for the completion of the Common Roll have been set, it will be necessary for you to concentrate solely on census revision.

Provided it does not interfere with the census the opportunity could also be taken on this patrol to check up on various Council matters within the division. However, I repeat that the essential task is to up-date the census figures and amend the Common Roll.

It is expected that Mr. J. White, patrol officer, will carry out a similar patrol in the South Wosera census division sometime towards the middle of May.

On completion of this patrol all that will be expected from you by way of a patrol report is census figures, a diary and a situation report.


C.G. Sanderson
Assistant District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
Wosera,
East Sepik District,
T.P.N.G.

29th June, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

REPORT FOR WOSERA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by:- D.H. AGG. Patrol Officer.

Type of Patrol:- Census Revision.

Area Patrolled:- North Wosera Census Division.

Council Area:- Wosera Local Government Council Wards:-

- No. 1 Tendegum
- No. 2 Bobmagum
- No. 3 Kwanambandu
- No. 4 Kumunugum
- No. 5 Tatumba
- No. 6 Bapandu
- No. 7 Isogum
- No. 8 Balampta
- No. 9 Gwairuru
- No. 10 Tuwaikim
- No. 11 Gwinyingi
- No. 12 Kunjingini
- No. 13 Waisanaga
- No. 14 Maundu
- No. 15 Tugaikim
- No. 25 Kwatmagum
- No. 26 Stapigum
- No. 27 Saragum
- No. 28 Jambitanga
- No. 29 Umonoko
- No. 30 Wabindumagak
- No. 31 Jipmago
- No. 33 Jibakim
- No. 34 Ugatagwa
- No. 35 Weikor
- No. 36 Nungwaia
- No. 37 Kutigum

Personnel Accompanying:- R.P.N.G.C. Const. 1/c Andrew. JIMBONO
Mrs. K.J. Agg (employed part-time to amend
Common Roll)

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Duration:- May 4th, 1971 to June 17th, 1971 (in broken periods -
refer Patrol diary) (34 nights)

- Objects of Patrol:-
- 1) Complete revision of census, North Wosera Census Division.
 - 2) Amendment and updating Electoral Roll North Wosera Census Division (Wosera-Gauli electorate)
 - 3) Political Education discussions; discussions on Council's current and 1971/72 works programmes.
 - 4) Village and garden inspections.

D.H. Agg

(D.H. AGG)

Patrol Officer.

Wosera Patrol No. 2 of 1970/71.

Patrol Diary

- Tuesday, May 4th Patrol packed, walked to Balampta. Census Balampta village inspection and talks on Council activities. Walked to Talangu, Census Talangu village, village inspection. Set up camp. Evening discussions current events village people, work on census figures, common roll.
Night Talangu.
- Wednesday, May 5th Patrol packed, to Rubugum. Census Rubugum 1, 2, 3 villages. Discussion current council work programme. Inspection Rubugum 1 and 2 villages. Evening work on census figures and common roll.
Night Rubugum.
- Thursday, May 6th Patrol packed, to Kwanembandu, census Kwanembandu, afternoon village inspection. Evening discussions with those interested on current cargo cult unrest. Work on census figures, common roll.
Night Kwanembandu.
- Friday, May 7th Census Kaugiak, village inspection. Talks on Self Government, cargo cult. Evening worked on census figures, common roll.
Night Kwanembandu.
- Saturday, May 8th. Patrol packed, moved to Bobmagum. Census Revision Bobmagum and Chigiangu villages. Discussions on P.N.G.'s possible political future, current cargo cult activity at Yangoru. Inspection Bobmagum village. Evening worked on census figures and electoral roll.
Night Bobmagum.
- Sunday, May 9th Patrol packed, to Waigamaga. Inspection Waigamaga village. Afternoon observed.
Night Waigamaga.
- Monday, May 10th Census Waigamaga village, discussions with those interested on cultist activity, looked at coffee and coffee gardens. Supervision road maintenance work, marking out of work to be done, on Waigamaga roads.
Night Waigamaga.
- Tuesday, May 11th Patrol packed, moved to Mul. Census revision, Kunjingini 1 and Mul. Village inspection Mul. Afternoon patrol returned to Wosera Council Camp by mission vehicle.
- Wednesday May 12th - Sunday May 16th. Visit L.C. Magistrate from Maprik, Wosera L.C.C. meeting and an attack of tonsillitis on writer caused the patrol to be broken for this period.
- Monday, May 17th. Patrol packed, to Kumnikum 3. Census Kumnikum 3, Kulungu villages, inspection Kumnikum 3 village. Discussions with those interested on current cultist activities and interest of Wosera people in same. Patrol to Bapandu, set up camp. Discussions with Bapandu people what a self-governing N.G. could be like. Evening census figures and common roll work.
Night Bapandu.
- Tuesday, May 18th. Census Bapandu, Tatumba. Inspection Bapandu village. Evening census figures and common revision.
Night Bapandu.
- Wednesday, May 19th. Patrol packed, to Kumnikum 1 and 2 villages. Census Kumnikum 1 and 2 villages. Patrol moved to Maundu. Discussions on cultist activity, thought of village on this. Evening Kumnikum census figures, revision common roll.
Night Maundu.
- Thursday, May 20th. Census Gwairaru village. Checking on Council project (Bobmagum road-workers working near Rubugum) and carried out maintenance Council tractor. Evening worked on census figures, common roll.
Night Maundu

Patrol Diary Continued

Friday, May 21st. Maundu village census. Inspection Maundu village. Patrol packed, moved to Kutikum village. Set up camp. Discussions with those interested on Council's current and 1971/72 works program. Evening work on Maundu common roll and census figures.

Night Kutikum.

Saturday, May 22nd Census Kutikum, Village inspection. Patrol packed, moved to Kunjigini village. Talks village people on reported cult meeting of previous week at Kunjigini. Kutikum census figures and common roll worked on evening

Night Kunjigini.

Sunday, May 23rd. Day observed. Discussions local mission staff on cargo cult activity.

Night Kunjigini.

Monday, May 24th. Census Kunjigini 1. Patrol packed up, moved to Abusit. Inspection village, talks on local current events, discussion of new electoral boundary, Wosera-Gauli electorate. Afternoon Abusit village censused.

Night Abusit.

Tuesday, May 25th Census Gwinyingi village, patrol moved to Tugwaikim. Census Mikau No. 2 village. Inspection Tugwaikim village. Discussions cargo cult interest, councils 71/72 works programme with those interested. Evening work on census figures and amendments to census roll.

Night Tugwaikim.

Wednesday, May 26th Census revision Tugwaikim village. Check of Council project roadworks, catholic mission "T" School which council is to assist, discussions people re these matters. Evening work on census figures, common roll.

Night Tugwaikim.

Thursday, May 27th Patrol packed, moved to Mikau No. 1, inspecting Mikau No. 2 en route. Census revision Tendegum and Mikau No. 1 villages. Inspected Mikau No. 1 village.

Night Mikau No. 1

Friday, May 28th Patrol packed, moved by P.M.V. vehicle to Kunjigini, thence walked to Kange. Census Kange village. Talks on cargo cult activity village people. Evening Census figures worked on.

Night Kange.

Saturday, May 29th Patrol packed, picked up mission zakritix vehicle early morning, moved to Isogum. Census Isogum, Nunamaka villages. Informal talks on cultist activity.

Sunday, May 30th To Haprik for discussions A.D.C. and to hand in common roll amendments to date. Rest of day observed.

Monday, May 31st. Patrol to Tugwaikim, census revision Tugwaikim village. Returned to council camp, gear packed, thence to Kwatmagun village, camp established. Evening talks with village people re. Council activity and cargo cult thinking.

Night Kwatmagun.

Tuesday, June 1st Census revision Kwatmagun and Gulaikim villages. Inspection Gulaikim village. Work on census figures and common roll amendments in evening.

Night Kwatmagun.

Wednesday, June 2nd. To station by motor cycle for Council finance meeting. Unable to return due rain in afternoon.

Thursday, June 3rd. Patrol equipment and policeman accompanying had moved to Stapigum in my absence. Returned to Stapigum. Census revision Stapigum. Moved to Saragum village as Stapigum rest house unsatisfactory. Set up camp. Talks on current cargo cult activity and attitudes to same. Evening Census figures, Stapigum.

Night Saragum.

Patrol Diary continued

- Friday, June 4th. Census revision Saragum. Rained until 10 a.m. so people late in arriving. Worked on census until 6 p.m.
Night Saragum.
- Saturday, June 5th Patrol to Jambitanget, set up camp. Village inspection Jambitanget. Discussions cult activity with village people.
Night Jambitanget.
- Sunday, June 6th. Day observed. Night Jambitanget.
- Monday, June 7th Census revision Jambitanget. Patrol packed, moved to Wabindumagak.
Night Wabindumagak.
- Tuesday, June 8th. Census revision Wabindumagak. Village inspection late afternoon. Discussions on Mataunganism reported in area, also on current cult activity.
Night Wabindumagak.
- Wednesday, June 9th. Census revision Usonoko village at Usonoko. Village inspection Usonoko village. Returned to Wabindumagak. Patrol packed, policeman and patrol gear moved to Jibakim, self to station for council meeting on the morrow by motor cycle.
- Thursday, June 10th Council meeting all day. Returned to Jibakim in late evening due no rain.
Night Jibakim.
- Friday, June 11th Census Jibakim, Pa'appauna villages. Inspection Jibakim village. Late afternoon worked on census figures these 2 villages.
Night Jibakim.
- Saturday, June 12th Census Ugutagwa. Meeting and discussion with interested Jibakim, Pa'appauna and Ugutagwa villagers on Mataunganism and current cult activity. Evening worked on census figures and common roll amendments.
Night Jibakim.
- Sunday, June 13th Patrol packed, moved to Nungwaia established camp.
Night Nungwaia.
- Monday, June 14th Census and common roll revision Nungwaia. Inspection Nungwaia village afternoon. Meeting of Nungwaia, Waikor and Dumzik interested villagers where current cargo cult activity at Yangoru, Council's works programme and roadworks were discussed.
Night Nungwaia.
- Tuesday, June 15th. Census revision Waikor. Patrol packed, moved to Jibako. Set up camp. Evening worked on census figures.
Night Jibako.
- Wednesday, June 16th Census revision Jibako and Manjukwari villages. Village inspection these two villages. Evening worked on census figures.
Night Jibako.
- Thursday, June 17th Patrol to Station.

END PATROL DIARY.

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Situation Report

A Introduction

- 1) As outlined in the patrol instructions (attached) the principal aim of this patrol was to update the census roll and to carefully revise the common roll for the North Wosera Census Division.
- 2) This Census Division contains, as will be realised from a glance at the attached census figures, some 15,138 names in 45 villages. It was found that satisfactory turnups for census (100% of population present in the village) were only achieved if the patrol arrived at a village the day before the census was to take place. Thus this was done in almost all cases.
- 3) The last census revision took place in 1968; thus there were a considerable number of changes to the census book in the form of marriages, births and deaths.
- 4) The writer is nominally Council Adviser; however, keeping in mind the Director's directive concerning high priority of common roll revision, Council assistance activities had been largely ignored for the 6 week period of the patrol.
- 5) The area geographically classifies as lowland high rainfall forest-gardening. Terrain is undulating with easy walking and generally short distances between villages. Most villages exist as tight groups or collections of clan hamlets which work together when convenient e.g. on garden building (large, joint village gardens of approximately 20 acres or so are not uncommon)

B Political

- 6) L.G.C. Influence This varies greatly, and, as in all Councils, is largely due to the standing (traditional or otherwise) of the individual councillor concerned. People generally are satisfied, or, at least, not dissatisfied with the Council. There are notable exceptions, generally in areas where the Council has not done any constructive work for some time. The Council is seen as the people's forum where grievances can be aired both with the government and with the world and life generally. The hope continues that Council strength will be connected directly with the area's economic strength and that the development of the two will be synonymous.
- 7) Councillor Influence This is, as in most councils, largely proportional to the traditional influence of the individual concerned. Some Councillors, those interested in doing a good job with such influence ~~xxxxx~~ exercise strong and effective control over their groups, whilst at the other end of the scale there are some councillors who are completely ineffective and not even vaguely interested in doing a job.
- 8) Political Awareness In terms of western political systems and structures the people of the area patrolled are virtually completely ignorant; past attempts at political education have had no discernable effect. During the course of the patrol I made a point of having informal talks in most villages camped in during the evening on the

following general topics.

- (a) Political parties - their structures and function.
- (b) Trade unions. These were compared with existing Associations (the S.P.C.A., Highlands groupings in the House of Assembly and the Council structure and committees).
- (c) Government forms possible in New Guinea in the future.
- (d) How various items of European machinery and day-to-day items came to be invented.

Talks were at all times completely unorganised and as spontaneous as possible. In this area only a very small percentage of the population has much interest in anything non-traditional, and most of those that do express interest are without any form of formal education to assist them. Thus I feel that the only form of political education which meets with any degree of success is the continual comparison with existing, somewhat known forms of social organisation, such as mission, council and village committees and institutions.

9) Mataungan Influence A relatively large proportion of the adult male population is at present working away from the district and almost all adult males have at some time worked out of the district. (At present 872 of a total adult male population of 4471 are working in other districts) About half of these are working on New Britain - many have lived for many years there. Consequently from time to time men return (on leave and permanently) who have been thoroughly "steeped" in Mataungan thinking and attitudes. These naturally talk with other members of their villages about these attitudes and this will, of course, in time have an effect on their attitude to Europeans, Police, Councils and the Administration. However, to date, as far as I could discern no serious or concrete attitude has formed to date. I had an informal discussion with two recently-returned Mataungan members at Wabindumagak village about this. Both were emphatic that they considered the Mataungan Association and its activities were something for Tolais only. Both said they had no objections to paying Wosera Council tax or to the Administration. I feel that it should be some time before any Mataunganistic movement arises within the area patrolled, on present indications.

10) House of Assembly Representation Great dissatisfaction was shown with the present M.H.A. for the area who has not even visited any of the Wosera area for over a year. I explained the boundaries of the new Wosera-Gauli open electorate and also the fact that the population distribution of the new electorate will favour the election of Wosera candidate if care is taken with voting preferences and if the vote is not split too much. Much interest was shown to this. Effective representation is thought to be a prerequisite for vigorous area development - this because the rapid road and area development around Maprik has coincided with the time that the present Maprik open M.H.A. has been in office, largely.

C Economic

11) Crops Coffee is the area's main income-earner. At the time of the Patrol the coffee season's first "peak" cropping period was in

progress. Coffee gardens and coffee beans drying were looked at wherever time permitted and during village inspections. Present good coffee prices have boosted interest in coffee picking and drying considerably.

12) Roads Roads for which the various villages are responsible were inspected during the course of the patrol and needed maintenance work marked out. As always happens when a D.D.A. Patrol visits, most villages had spent a few days prior to my arrival getting their road section into reasonable condition. Those that did not had sections marked out for them for future work - this will be checked on future day trips. The absence of an officer able to exercise magisterial powers at Wosera Patrol Post has had a noticeably detrimental effect on the amount of roadwork maintenance done. While Councillors are unable to bring people before a local court on a regular basis for violations of the Council's Road Maintenance rule a proportion of the "negative incentive" to work on roads voluntarily is unfortunately removed.

13) Nanu and Amogu River Bridges The Amogu bridge is at the time of writing all but completed. The Council has organised several groups for work on the access road and drainage for this at the time of writing this report. These bridges have been promised and awaited for many years now - considerable expectations rest on these bridges so that progress in their construction is shown great interest.

14) Council Tax - Works Programmes The Council has raised its tax rate from \$4 to \$5 per male head for the 1971/72 financial year. In discussion, no particularly vigorous opposition to this was noticed, although many said they might have difficulty finding the amount. The Council's 71/72 works programme was discussed on several occasions. A general view seems to be that the Council does not get enough done in each year. The idea that a certain minimum proportion of Council expenditure is inevitably swallowed in basic administration was hard to get over.

D. Social

15) Missions All missions within the area patrolled were visited and discussions were held regarding the Council's works programme where applicable, mainly in regard to the 2 classrooms and 2 teachers' houses the Council intends building in mission primary "T" school assistance within its area.

16) Yangoru Cargo Cult unrest Extensive discussions were held in all villages on the current cult rumours and their effects. A separate account of reactions of the people generally will be forwarded separately to the A.D.C. Maprik on this. Generally, though, although all people are interested in the cult stories, only a small percentage (not more than 5% probably) would have contributed to the organisation to date of writing this report. All villages initially deny any connections with the cult but will readily discuss neighbouring villages' interest and financial contributions which any individuals may have made. The movement is largely seen as xx a concern of Yangoru people only. "Membership" varies from perhaps 20% of male adults

in some villages close to the Pagwi-Hayfield road (Serangwandu, Palge, Patukwa, Mikau No. 2) to virtually non-existent in the Western most part of the Wosera area (Nungwaia, Ugutagwa, Wabindumagak, etc.)

The general Wosera attitude is one of wait-and-see.

17) Health - Several cases of whooping cough were detected by the writer during the patrol and immediately sent to Wombisa Rural Health Centre where they were confirmed and treated by the Medical Assistant there. No deaths from this sickness were reported. At time of writing the number of cases being currently treated at the Health Centre has dropped considerably. Apart from this, general health remains good. Very few long-time sores or illnesses were noticed during census. Some villages had a relatively high percentage of aged (over 45) people's deaths. This is hard to explain, although it seems to coincide somewhat with the more mosquito-infested areas.

The birth rate stands at about 3% per year - as this is the first revision of census for the North Wosera C.D. for 3 years the infant mortality rate (under 12 months deaths) could not be calculated; however the sister-in-charge of the Kaugia Catholic Mission infant welfare clinic reports that it is not high.

The chief physical afflictions remain grille and malaria.

18) Malaria Spraying Teams A general complaint with these groups was that spraying teams were rude, careless and often thoughtless in their attitude to people in the course of their work. I instructed people with this complaint to report the matter with names of the persons involved and actual instances of bad behaviour to their Councillor so that the Council can report such persons. The attitude of these teams often seems to be that as they are assisted by the Malaria Prevention Ordinance they do not have to consider unduly the people they are supposed to be assisting.

19) Villages Almost all villages visited were tidy and houses neat and grass well cut back. Some villages had pigs unfettered in the village - the provisions of the Council's pig rule were again explained and areas for pig yards were marked out with instructions to the Councillor concerned regarding the work to be done.

As villages always had at least a days warning of my inspections, the neatness of villages was frequently and obviously a very recent state-of-affairs.

20) Law and Order The difficulty in prosecuting people for breaches of Council rules remains a problem - however, this situation will improve considerably with the arrival in July of a generalist D.D.A. officer who can perform magisterial duties, as is expected at present.

21) Common Poll Revision This was carried out by Mrs K.J. Agg as per A.D.C.'s instructions.

At first the amendments were carried out in the evenings after the day's census for that village had been done. However, such is the state of chaos of the Census book (use of which should have ceased in 1967) that this was found to be impossible if any degree of accuracy was to be achieved.

Accordingly, the amendments were done simultaneously with my census.

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Although this meant lengthy days for Mrs. Agg in some cases, complete accuracy has now been achieved and all duplications removed.

22) Census This was completed without any holdups or problems. The census book remains complete chaos. As mentioned, use of the book should have been discontinued with the introduction of the new Tax/Census sheets; however, no staff has ever been able to spend time on this work apparently. Until these sheets have been completed, a further census of the North Wosera Census Division will be impossible.

23) Conclusion This report is as per A.D.C. Maprik's instructions, short and has covered only the Native Situation. As explained in the Introduction, I am nominally Council Adviser for Wosera Council, so have been instructed to not spend undue time on an Area Study as is normally the case with a Census Revision Patrol Report.

The Patrol was somewhat hurried and covered about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Wosera Council Area - however it easily achieved its modest objectives.

The revised census figures are with this report; the amendments to the Common Roll were forwarded, as per instructions, at the completion of the Patrol.

D.H. Agg

D.H. AGG

PATROL OFFICER.