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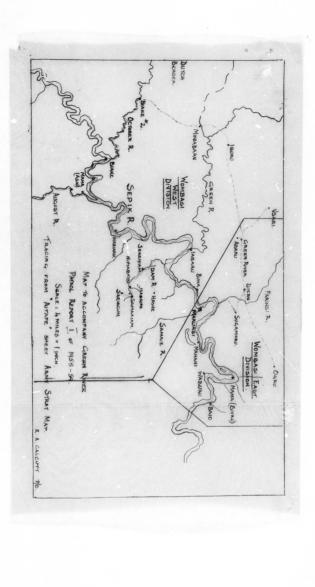
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK (GREEN RIVER) Report	
Patrol Conducted by MR. R.A. CALCUTT, PATROL	OFFICER.
Area Patrolled WOMBASI EAST AND WOMBA	SI WEST CENSUS DIVISIONS.
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans. NIL	
Natives TWENTY TWO.	
Duration—From 21/ 7/19 58 to 17/8 19.58	
Number of Days WENTY	EIGHT
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?	
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services. VARIOUS /19	
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Map Reference Sketch MAP ATTACHED	
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23rd September, 1958.

The District Officer, Segik District, WEWAK.

Patrol Report No.1. 1958/59-Green River.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

In your remarks to me I thoroughly concur and support you in your statement that Mr. Calcutt should not be disheartened at this stage. His work in the area is unspectacular and offers little remard.

I agree that Mr. Calcutt requires a spell in a more advanced area at an early date.

PG (A.A.Roberts.)
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply Please Quote

No. Green River No.1 1958/59-18 DISTRICT OFFICE SEPIK DISTRICT MEWAK

11th September, 1958

The Director, Department of Native Affairs, PORT MORKSBY.

GREEN RIVER PATROL No.1 of 1958-59

Enclosed is the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. Calcutt, Patrol Officer.

Mr. Calcutt should not be disheartened as offers little reward. The changes brought about by operating from a post at Green liver will at first be slight but will become perceptible and encouraging in retrospect as time passes.

Mr. Calcutt has been advised to introduce the one-third honour system to control over recruitment. This system is operating successfully in most other parts of the Sepik District.

Mr. Calcutt continues to carry out his good area early in the new year when a relief should be available.

(T.W.ELILS)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT .

GREEN RIVER NO. 1 OF 1958-59.

AREA PATROLLED: Wombasi East and Wombasi West

Census Divisions.

DWRATION: From 21.7.58 to 17.8.58.

NO. OF DAYS: 28.

PERSONNEL: European: Mr. R.A. Calcutt, Patrol Officer.

Natives: 7 Police 1 interpreter 1 N.M.O. 13 carriers.

OBJECTS OF 1. Revision of census
PATROL 2. Consolidation of Administration

Influences.

APPENDICES:

A. Report on Police Personnel.

B. Medical and Health.

C. Census Statistics.

D. Sketch Map.

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R.A. CALCUTT.

Patrol Officer.

Wewak. 23rd August, 1958.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 21/7/58.

No. 1.

Left Station 0930 and walked Usari, arriving 1100. Village inspected, Census revised and people addressed. Returned Station 1400. To Abaru 1600. Census revised, returned Station 1745. Station and local carriers sent to Faringi River to bring station canoes to Biake on October River.

Tuesday 22/7/58.

No. 2.

Left Station 0910, and walked to Dieru, arriving 1025. Inspected village and revised Census. Returned station 1430.

Wednesday 23/7/58.

No.

Departed Green River 1000 for Iburu with Station and local carriers. Arrived Iburu 1245 after 25 mins rest. Village inspected and census revised. Word sent to Miniabaru re patrol. Talks held with locals. Camped in rest house. Some native food purchased.

Thursday 24/7/58.

No. 4.

Left Iburu 0805 and walked to Miniabaru, arriving 0900, crossing both Green and Hauser Rivers on way. Inspected village. Natives assembled and census revised. Plenty of native food available.

Friday 25/7/58.

No. 5.

Left Miniabaru at 0840 and walked across flat and swampy country which would be almost impassable in the wet season. Initial delay in obtaining carriers. Rest 1030-1055. Rest 1310-1350. Arrived small camp No. 2 Biake on October River 1445. Last hours walking in heavy rain which continued till after dark. Made wet and swampy camp. Natives of No. 2. Biake assembled as word had been sent ahead from Miniabaru. No food available.

Saturday 26/7/58.

No. 6.

Eight station carriers sent back to Green River; they are to collect more meat and rice there and take it to Iabaru. Compiled initial census for Biake No. 2. Then per native cance down flooded October River to its junction with the Sepik at No. 1 Biake. Left 0930 arrived 1420. Station cances much us there. Made campo nright bank of Sepik near the Luluais house. Some food purchased.

Sunday 27/7/58.

No. 7.

Revised census Biake No. 1, then left per canoe for Enterprise of N.G. Base camp at Sepik/August Junction. Arrived drill rig 1040 and there met Enterprise party and proceeded to base camp in their power canoe. Word sent to Maha to await census on morrow.

Monday 28/7/58.

No. 8.

Left camp per Enterprise power cance and proceeded maha. Inspected house, which was 90' x 40'. Thirty natives present of total of 53 last census. Eventually revised census, returned Augu t camp.

Tuesday 29/7/58.

No. 9.

Proceeded up August River in Newer cames for 23 miles and inspected mouths of Bowye Annabranch and Gwin River. On return trip visited all three hamlets seen. Some natives present.

Wednesday 30/7/58

No. 10.

Proceeded same as yesterday, this time compiling initial census for all hamlets, combined in one book under name YAPSI, native name for August River. Main body of patrol moved off in station canoes and prepared camp at Mailaru.

Thursday 31/7/58

No. 11.

Departed Enterprise Base camp and proceeded per power cance to Marbiaru. Village inspected, census revised and people addressed. Marked out places for rest house and village cemetery.

Friday 1/8/58.

No. 12

Left Mabiaru 0810 and paddled downstream to Iabaru arriving 1100. Inspected village and Aid Post, and then revised census. Purchased large pig with one tomahawk and one knife.

Saturday 2/8/58.

No. 13.

Bulk stores for party sent Buna to await patrol there. Group of natives with bad sores collected from Blake, Yapsi and Maha. Sent to Green River under police guidance, as they are unfamiliar with and afraid of this area and its people. Main party left Itabaru 0845 and paddled downstream to Idam Creek, which was followed upstream to Sereniam (Tabaru-1dam) arriving at 1305. Assembled natives then revised census, departed 1590 and paddled upstream to deserted hamlet of Isapsupe, where camp was made at 1600.

Sunday 3/8/58.

No. 14.

Left camp 0745, paddling and dragging canoes upstream until reached mouth of Nifiab Creek and hamlet of Nifiabtibi, where Luluai lives. Hamlet of Paninau passed on way. Census revised for these two hamlets and also for Anai-efiam and Seneriam. Purchased quantity of food.

Monday 4/8/58.

No. 15

Broke camp 0740. Stream very low. Paddled and dragged anoes against current over rapids and sand banks until 0915, hen further cance progress became impossible. Cargo 100ded, cances left, and walked along bank for about 20 mins Samakiam, passing Sopamsupiam on way. Natives of these o hamlets assembled and census revised. Camp made on 1k opposite Samakiam. Ample food purchased.

Tuesday 5/8/58

No. 16.

Remained in camp. L/CPL BOIU, three constables, interpreter, and Luluai sent to find and assemble people of Sariogum (Idam River 3) said to be roaming bush. Samakiam people brought plenty of food to camp. Police returned with most of Sariogum people at 1400. Census revised and natives addressed.

Wednesday 6/8/58

Broke camp 0740, walked to where canoes had been left, loaded personnol and cargo and paddled downstream to Nifiabtibi, arriving 0905. Left 0920 and walked to new hamlet of Isapsupe. Only ten people present, eventually further 25 rounded up and hamlet census revised. Returned Idam River, embarked 1430. Arrived Old Isupsupe hamlet 1645 . Made camp.

Thursday 7/8/58

Departed camp 0740 and paddled to Sereniam arriving 0845. River at lowest ebb and navigation most difficult. Took greater time to go downstream than upstrea against 2-3 kmot current. Left cances and walked generally N.B. for I hour 45mins to Hawe (Bosiabaru) hamlet. Inspected and census revised. Left 1130 and returned to Sereniam. Re-embarked on cances 1330 and paddled to mouth of Idam, then down maxibu mi Sepik to Buna, arriving 1720. Camp made. Paid off Iabaru paddlers and canoes.

Friday 8/8/58

Inspected village and revised census. Marked out sites for cemetery and latrine. Five natives convicted C.N.A. each two momths I.H.L. Green River - failing to obey lawful order of Luliai. Const. TARAGUM and prisoners with one labaru-Idam and one Buna native to Green River, latter to await plane for Wewak hospital. Left Buna 1445 and paddled downstream to Makuasi arriving 1440.

Saturday 9/8/58/

Inspevted village, revised census and addressed people. Marked sites for village Cemetery and latrines. Two constables followed Samaie Creek upstream to arrest a native for census evasion. Later sentenced in C.N.A. to 2 months I.H.L.

Sunday 10/8/58

No. 21.

Observed; remainded at Makuasi. Const. TARAGUM returned from Green River.

Monday 11/8/58.

Left Makuasi 0740 and paddled down Sepik . Mahani 0935. Met Mr. G. Swift, crocodile shooter, 1150. Left him 1230. Maha 1330. Waburu 1410. Babo 1445. Disembarked and made Marked out site for cemetery.

Tuesday 12/8/58.

Inspected village, revised census. Discussed village affairs. Left Baio 1100 and paddled upstream to Waburu (Briwaio) arriving 1235. Disembarked. Made camp. Inspected village and revised census. Marked out semetery site. Arranged for eight natives and their guardians to go to hospital.

Wednesday 13/8/58

No. 24.

Broke camp 0800, and paddled upstream to Maha arriving at 0940. Inspected village and revised fensus. Ordered eight natives to hosuital.

Thursday 14/8/58

No. 25.

Left Maha 0740 and paddled upstream to Mahani, arriving 1140. Inspected vill ge and revised census. Power cance driven by two natives passed Mahani 1330 bringing supplies to Mr. G. Swift upstream.

Friday 15/8/58

No. 26.

L/Cpl BOIU and two constables inland to arrest various natives for census evasion. Broke camp 0800 and proceeded upriver to mouth of Faringi River, arriving 1000. Unloaded cargo, left per road for Sugamoru 1015, arrived 1130. Inspected virlage, revised census, addressed people. Main body of patrol to Bleru direct. Left Sugamoru 1340, arrived Dieru 1440. Paid off canoe paddlers.

Saturday 16/8/58

No. 27

Left Dieru 0720, proceeded Ogru, arriving 1020, with 10 mins inspection of No. 2 Ogru from 0925 - 0935. Inspected village. Waited for majority of natives to assemble, then revised census. Camped in rest house.

Sunday 17/8/58

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Left Ogru 0730 and walked in pouring rain to Dieru, arriving 1015. Returned to Green River, arriving 1130. Patrol stood down.

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INTRODUCTION.

This patrol visited that area of the Green River Patrol area known as the Wombasi E. and W Census Divisions, Wombasi being the general name for the language spoken by the people living on the banks and tributaries of the Upper Sepik between the mouths of the West and Hordern Rivers, and the villages within walk of the main river - see sketch map for an indication of the area covered.

This is the first patrol of the area as a whole since Mr. B.A. McCabe P.O. visited Wombasi in 1952. Some of the villages were revisited in 1953, and most of them in April or November 1957. It will be seen from the attached Bensus Sheets that two villages were censused initially. These comprised peoples living in hamlets on the middle October, and August, Rivers.

The natives range in sophistication from the most advanced in the Green River area, in villages such as Abaru, Dieru, and Iabaru, to fairly primitive perples such as those of Biake, Biake 2 and Yapsi (August River). The patrol, a routine one, was everywhere received cordially and there were no untoward incidents. The presence, in almost all villages, of repatriated labourers has done much to spread an awareness of Administration Aims and intentions, and relieve initial suspicion and itnorance.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

As has been remarked in earlier reports, notably that of Mr. P.O. Alfwood, No. 7 or 1956/57, the people have displayed an apathy in face of official instructions and propaganda, .. the people still exhibit a disinterestness in the Administration which is little short of appalling. Their whole attitude is one of apathy and resignation mingled I feel, with fear and resentment!" There seems to be a certain improvement in this situation and I believe the reason lies the fact that considerable numbers of the men up to the age of 35 or so, having been recruited through Government offices at Lumi and Green River, are identified with the Administration and identifying themselves as Administration spokesmen. They have seen and experienced the imp rtance of law and order, hygiene and sanitation, and are becoming increasingly vocal in their su port of measures to achieve these aims. The mass of the people remain relatively unmoved, as yet, however, and they clean villages, erect better houses, clear tracks and build latrines, not because of an acquired belief in their value but because it is necessary to do so in the face of provalue but because it is necessary to regulations, which it has been deneided exhadient to enforce. In relation to such visions in the wattre Administration regulations, which it has been considered expedient to enforce, in relation to such villages as Abaru, Dieru, Usari, Iabaru, Buna, Makuasi, Ogru Sugamoru and Miniabaru. Centain of the more distant villages are allowed greater latitude, but on the understanding that a year or so will see improvements. Whereas in the Highlands and other recently developed areas, ther appears to be an enthusiastic response to suggestions and instructions from the Administration, we must hope that their intrinsic value will be realised, and the reasons understood.

However, granted that 'e canfairly readily get the people in these divisions to report offences, bring the sick to hospital, clean the villages and improve the housing to a satisfactory stundard, what next? There still remains the question of economic and solitical development. The potential in both is poor, but with large numbers of the men visiting centres such as Rabaul and Kavieng, even from the seclusion of compounds and plantation labour lines a comparison between the more fortunate areas and their own backward and isolated communities is medily available. The logic of the situation, that Rabaul has been able to develop because of factors involving communications, topography etc. whereas the lack of these deprives Green River of much hope, is largely irrelevant in attempting to assess the situation.

Native mentality being what it is we must be prepared for, and have developed methods to meet, the likely conclusion that the reason for lack of opportunities is the disinclination of the Administration to assist.

One thing which could be done is to gradually and carefully list the difficulties facing the economic development in an attempt to forestall such future disillusionment, but this of course has the drawback that it might increase existing apathy to achieve this. A further measure would be to attempt to find some local product which could be marketed at competitive prices. One possible avenus could lie throught the sale of crocodile skins, which are in demand and seem fairly phentiful on the main river, its tributaries, lazons and backwaters. Their price at the moment is such that the cost of transport up and down the Sepik for an average 500 miles is not prohibitive, whereas Agricultural Crops such as sago, sopra, or timber are not valuable enough in relation to their weight and volume to warrant large scale expolitation. The planting of coconuts is being constantly encouraged, but primarily to augment food supplies. A European concern, Messrs. Bromley & Swift, shooting for Mr. A. Saave of Angoram are using two rigs powered by outboard motors in the area between the May and October Rivers. They each employ a fleet of attendant paddle canoes, manned by native shooters who do all the killing with harpoons. The proceedures of shooting crocodiles and curing the skins will have to be taught and this will probably involve as many difficulties as teaching the proper drying of copra. However as the one feasible alternatige to nothing in the way of ecanomic development, I feel the subject worthy of study and attention.

Recruiting has reached a fairly high level in some villages with a total of 231 employed outside the district in respect of the two divisions. A number of villages will be found below listing the men away at work outside the district and the number of fit adult males.

VILLAGE.	EMP. OUTSIDE DISTRICT	FIT ADULT MALES	8
BAIO	10	26	38.4
WABURU	13	22	59.1
MAHA (BIVRO)	21	42	50.0
BUNA	9	16	56.3
IABARU	26	65	40.0
IDAM RIVER 3	5	10	50.0
MAHA	13	18	72.2

This will be discussed further in a separate memo to the District Officer, Wewak.

There is rumoured to be a significant population in the foothills of the mountains between the Sepik villages and the Mianmins to the suuth, and also in the swamp and grassland country east of Ogru. Both these areas are so far unpatrolled and are liable to remain so for some time, as the patrol programme is complete for the next six months at least.

Part of the patroll was through restricted area. Its boundary from the International Border follows the right bank of the October River to its junction with the Sepik, and then dwn the right bank of that stream into Ambunti area. The following villages, Blake, Maha, Yapsi, Idam R. 1,2, 3, Iabaru-Idam, Makuasi, Mahani, Maha (Birro) Waburu and Baio are in restricted territory.

The boundary, because of increased contact over the last few years, could conceevably be shifted further south but this would raise problems of finding some suitable natural barrier which can be readily identified on the ground.

MISSIONS.

The Christian Mission to Many Lands staffed by Mr. & Mrs. K. Liddle is the only mission operating in the area. They operate a school, and Mrs. Liddle does a little Infant Welfare work for the women on the station and in the village if Abaru. Mr, Liddle occasionally visits some of the nearer villages for Evangelical purposes.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Good foot-tracks exist between the Green River Station and the villages of Iburu, Miniabaru, Dieru, Oggru, Sugameru and Usari, and the mouth of the Faringi River. Quite a bit of work has been put in on these tracks and the natives are to be commended. Becuase this was the dry season, these tracks were in good state but I have not yet seen the effects of a wet season on them. I believe a light vehicle road can be built between the Faringi/Sepik River Junction and the station, and this would prove most useful if launch-loads of stores could be shipped from Wewak via Ambunti, the reby saving money on the staggering air-freight bill.

On the Sepik and its tributaries, paddle cances are the only means of transportation for both the natives and patrols. As will be seen by the diary, this meant that, like all earlier patrols, much time and patience was spent in moving between villages. Outboard motors for this station have not eventuated, and a certain lessening in prestige was felt when a crocodile shooter twice sailed past in a cance powered by two Archimedes engines. The ideal motor to my mind is the 35MB Journson Seahorse which, while using a fair amount of benzine, has the power to enable loaded cances to cover a substantial distance in a given time, whereas less powerful engines take so much time pushin loads against the current, that their petrol consumption to wober the same distance is almost as high. The use of engines would allow more time to be spent on the river and would perhaps ensure that visits to some villages are not meparated by up to six-year intervals. The Johnson engines are made in America, and their jurchase requires an import licence, because of currency restrictions, but if the Enterprise of New Guinea Co. can obtain them, surely the Administration can do so.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

 $\ensuremath{\mathrm{I}}$ have nothing to add to the imformation contained in previous reports.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

I have nothing to add to what has been written about this area by Mr. McCabe in 1952. No anthropological specimens were obtained.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

In this regard, the area shows a marked and gratifying improvement over conditions noted on the last pa rol. The majority of villages show an orderly array of neat, one-family houses in a clean village site.

Most have rest houses and Police Barracks. The Rest-house at Mahani is excellent and would do credit to any long settled coastal village.

Village cemeteries were marked out for most villages and the NAR provisions relating thereto were explained to the people. The returned labourers have succeeded in germinating the beginnings of village pride in cleanliness and order, and the planting of ornamental shrubs.

The community houses where 40 or 50 men, women, children, dogs and pigs live are still in evidence in places like Blake, Yapsi, Maha, (Asio) and the Idam River Villages. These are flithy, flimsy and poorly-made, and are a relic of the days when the people had no steel tools with which to cut adequate sized timber. The tendency is to forsake these in favour of the smaller "Haus veranda". As much time is spent in small bush houses near gardens or sago stands, as is spent in the village or community house.

EDUCATION.

OFFIC PERMIT BLADE

The Christian Mission To Many Lands operate a small school at Green River. At the time of the natrol this had a total of 34 pupils, of whom seven are girls, but the term average had been 40. It is rated as an "Exempt Village School". Subjects taught include religious instruction, arithmetic, writing, spelling, handwork. Instruction is carried out in pidgin.

A few children from the area attend schools, both mission and Administration, at Lumi and Maprik.

There is no doubt that were the facilities available 80 or 90 children of various ages would attend whool. More interest in education is developing, and expulsion from the mission school for disciplinary reasons is coming to mean something.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Nearly all villages have a Luluai and a Tultul. Most are equipped with little real understanding of their duties, but it is hoped there will be some improvement as a result of this patrol. It is believed none has been officially appointed but I propose making recommendations for the appointment of various officials throughout the Green River area in the near future.

CENSUS.

Consus sheets for the two d'visions are attached as Appendix B. The census for all villages was revised with the exception of one formerly known as Sowara, which had been visited one; by Mr.McCabe in 1952. The total was 134. The natives of the villages neach side, Baio and Waburu, had no knowledge of the name and it would appear that the people have been absorbed in these two villages. Two new villages were added in the Wombasi West division, Biake No. 2, which is five hours by cance from the mouth of the October R., or five hours across the swamp from Miniabaru, and Yapsi, croprised of the people from three hamlets on the August River, up to 14 miles from the mouth. The total popplation of the two divisions is now 2,578.

R.A. CALCUTT.
Officer-in-charge.

APPENDIX "A".

Report on Police Accompanying Green River Patrol No. 1 of 1958-59.

Reg.No. L#Cpl. BOIU Conduct good, bearing good. Led Poilce 2855 well and was effective patrol 2 i.c.

5178 Const/Bugler Conduct good, bearing good. Did everything asked of him cheerfully and well.

Should make good N.C.O.

7922 Const TARAGUM Conduct good, bearing good. Carried out his duties efficiently. Needs tight discipline.

7942 Const TUGA Conduct good, bearing good. Quiet steady type who is usually reliable.

9413 Const SIAUK Conduct good, bearing good. Notwithstanding his relative inexperience the best patrol policeman on the station. Always alert, cheerful and efficient.

9415 Const.NAFTWARAM: Conduct good, bearing good. With experience he is becoming quite good.

9482 Const.FASU Conduct good, bearing good. He is improving all the time but needs discipline and close supervision.

R.AV CALCUTT.
Officer of Police.

APPENDIX "B". PATROL REFORT NO. 1 OF 1958 59.

Medical and Health.

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General h alth appears reasonably good. There are in the area two Aid Posts, at Green River and Iabaru, cat ring for the less serious cases of sickness and sores which are brought forward. More serious cases are flown to Wewak Hospital.

The incidence of malaria must be high. There are large areas of swamps and further areas which are periodically flooded after rainy weather, which afford many square miles of breeding ground for mosquiboes. The natives appear to develop some form of partial immunity, probably because of the continual exposure since infancy.

The Iabaru Aid Post treats quite a few patients who come in for treatment for sores and mlnor illness. The Aid Post Orderly is a Green River native who has received a grounding in applying dressings and making simple diagnoses, but he has so far not visited the villages in the adjacent area.

Despite intensive propaganda through the years there were still discovered numbers of eep sorem and ulcers of long standing. The previous patrol had ordered such cases to hospital but this had not been faithfully obeyed, and this time it was thought best to provide police guides lest the patients get lost or be deterred by Passing through land owned by formerly hostile people.

N.M.O. Gr. 2 SUWAU accompanied the patrol and did an excellent job. He treated many sores and ulcers and gave treatments for minor illnesses.

The vital statistics are given below:

	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	DEATHS IF CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF ONE YEAR PER EVERY 1000 DEATHS.
Wombasi E.	84	58	51.7
Wombasi W.	104	107	158.8

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

	of GREEN RIVER (SEPIK) Report No. 2 OF 1958-59.	
	Conducted by MR. R. A. CALCUTT, PATROL OFFICER	
Area Pa	atrolled luri Census Division.	
Patrol A	Accompanied by Europeans NIL	424
	Natives THIRTY EIGHT	
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27th January, 1959

The District Officer, Sepik District, WEWAK.

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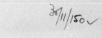
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- 2. I am gratified to note that the friendly reception everywhere tended to the natrol is the best index of the native affairs situation in the area and that there is a general improvement in the housing and general living conditions.
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(A. A. Roberts)
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Assistant District Officer, Ambunit, SEPIK DISTRICT.





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DISTRICT OFFICE SEPIK DISTRICT WEWAK

6th January, 1959

The Director, Department of Native Affairs, PORT MORISBY

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GREEN RIVER PACROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1958/594

Conducted by	Mr. R.A. Calcutt
Area Patrolled	Iuri Division
Patrol Personnel	Mr. R.A. Calcutt P.O. R.P. & W.G.C 5 Health 1 Carriers 30
Duration	From 19/11/58 to 3/12/58
Number of days	Fifteen
Objects	Consolidation of Administration Influence.
Abtached.	Appendix "A" - Census Statistics Appendix "B" - Report on Police Appendix "C" - Medical and Health.

(R. A. Calcutt)

Wewak. 2nd January, 1959. GREEN RIVER PATRO REPORT.

NO. 2 OF 1958/59.

PATROL DIAMY.

Wednesday 19/11/58:

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Left station 0905. Walked to Green River crossing, arriving 1300 with 15 min. mest on way. Green River in flood. Impossible to get carriers across and too broad to bridge. Made camp. River level droping in afternoon but slowly.

Thursday 20/11/58:

No. 2.

Heavy rain 0400 - 0530. River again in flood. Took much longer alternative route arriving TERAUVI 1130 after leaving camp 0795. 35 mins rest. Five-house village, rest house and Folice Barracks. Sent some natives to assemble people. Census held 1700, and plenty of food bought.

Friday 21/11/58:

ic. 3.

9015. Route follows bed and bank of LLWO Creek for twenty mins. Village abandoned. Police interpreter and some TERAUVIS sent to find natives. About 80 natives with plenty of food arrived by 1500. No village book so census postponed until morrow. Heavy rain 1300 - 1430. River ross swittly. Would now be impossible to proceed to PAMANGGAN as route is along river bed. Ample food purchased.

Saturday 22/11/58:

No. 4.

No rain in night. River level down. Reassembled natives. N.M.O. SUWO gave many treatments for yaws and T.U. s Census revised and people addressed at 1400.

Sunday 23/11/58:

No. 5.

Observed; patrol remained in camp.
Violent electrical and rainstorm in night. River in flood, but subsided by noon. Issued little rice to augment last of native faces.

Monday 24/11/58:

No 6

River fairly low. Broke camp 0650 and walked along banks and bed of Green River until 0850. Rested 35 mins, then climbed ridge, arriving PAWANGGAN main hamlet 1010. Few natives present including Luluai. Made camp on old camp site north of willage. Two parties of Police out in two directions with guides to round up natives. One party returned 1420 with about 20 and the other in with 30 more at 1630. Census revised and people addressed. Food purchased in ample quantity.

Tuesday 25/11/58:

No. 7.

Left FAMANGGAN 0745 and walked to FONGGWINAN, arriving 1405 with rests 0930-0950 and 1325-1400. Steep country with limestone and swarming with leeches. Sent runners to assemble natives. Most had arrived by evening but too late for census. Plenty of food available.

Wednesday 26/11/58:

No. 8.

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Census revised and people addressed. Left FONOGWINAN 0910 and arrived at new garden hamlet of THOIRABU (FUNUMBU) at 1500. Rest 1140 - 1200. Passed through two-house Familet of SIAUWI at 1315. Camped in bush near FUNUMBU.

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About 40 natives visited camp late aftermoon but only small amount of Bood purchased. Road to-day over rugged terrain with much broken limestone. Leeches everywhere.

No. 9.

Large amount of native food purchased. Remained in camp. Number of natives breated for nores and T.U.; as well as most carriers and police with feet lacerated by limestone.

Friday 28/11/58:

Departed camp 0740 and headed first south-east then in south direction to No. 2 IURI, arriving 1240 with rest 1030-1045. Track followed ridge-top after dropping into creek near TSGIRADU. Left No. 2 IURI 1340 and descended via steep spur to MOBROM Creek then climbed steeply to No. 1 IURI arriving 1550. Four native houses and rest house. Made camp in village. Plenty

Saturday 29/11/58:

No. 11.

Runners sent to various garden hamlets advising of census. Eventually 145 natives in by 1600 and census revised. More native food bought.

Sunday 30/11/58:

No. 12.

Observed; party remained at IURI, with exception of Const. MODZIP who went to AUXIA to advise people to assemble. Compiled new village book for IURI and worked on

fonday 1/12/58:

Left IURI 0715 in heavy rain climbing to top of main ridge then down south-east face of Mt. IURI to AUIA Hamlet of BINIMBENUM arriving 1045. Hamlet deserted as people from here living on U Creek near USANI. Waited until 1350 for son of dead Luluai, who has been living on the far side of Green River, to bring the village book. Bedied to campovermight at USARI and to line AUIA in the morning as book cannot arrive until too late. Arrived USARI 1740. Camped in rest house. Const. TIWOT to Green River to warm SAMANAI natives of census on Wednesday.

Census for AUIA revised and people addressed.
Desarted for Green River 1140 arriving 1310. Patrol stood down.

Wednesday 3/12/58:

0910 for SAMANAI arriving 1110. Census revised and people addressed. Returned station 1830.

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INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled, the LURI division, is in the southern border mountains which rise about 3,000 above the adjacent Sepik mlain. The mountains extend beyond the division in an arc from the east- N.E. round to the west, but the LURI division contains the highest country. The division is bounded on the sest by the Dutch border.

The villages in the division have received a varied amount of patrolling. The three southorn most, SMANAI AUIA and IURI, have been visited regularly since 1951, while the others were first visited in 1956 and their initial census was conducted in 1956 and 1957. The division probably contains the most concentrated population in the sparsely inhabited Green River area. The censused population for the eight villages is now over 1,000, and there are almost certainly 300-400 more people who have not yet presented themselves for census.

The aims of the patrol, namely census revision, general administration and consolidation of administration influence were, it is felt, successfully achieved. The patrol averaged two days at each village including walking time, and was woll received wherever it went. There were no untoward incidents of any kind, the patrol on the contrary being greeted everywhere in a cordial and ffiendly manner.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The friendly reception everywhere tended to the patrol is the best index of the native affairs situation in the area. Even at such villages as FONCOVINAM and TIGIRABU, which had only been visited twice previously, the people welcomed the arrival of the patrol and were quick to produce large quantities of native food for the police and carriers. This was purchased in all cases, the most popular trade items being giri-giri and salt - by the far the most in demand - then beads, matches, mirrors, small knives and trade bangles.

Every village now had at least a few finished time labourers whose influence for the assimilation of ideas re co-operation with the Administration, improvements in housing and hamlets generally, and the encouragement of law and order, is becoming increasingly more apparent! They have also brought to the villages more steel, and this is probably the reason for the gardens being larger, or so they appear, than I remember them from my last patrol of the area in 1956. Lap-laps, which were very few and far between them, are now worn by almost every native, male and female alike.

one factor militating against more concentrated administration is the wide dispersal of the people in dozens of widely-scattered and temporary one- or two-family garden humlets. These are quite often two or three hours - sometimes more - away from the central hamlets, where the natives assemble for census and other purposes. Although they themselves recognise various village affinities, and identify themselves as "IURIS" "KAMPRIAPS" and so on, there is no village cohesion or co-éperation in the normal sense. There are a few cases, such as No. 1 IURI, but these account for only a small percentage of the population. The nature of the terrain, steap ridges and numerous deep and nurroe valleys, and areas of fragmented limestone, also contrives to accentuate this problem of village disintegration. However despite this, we are faced with this system of small garden hamlets and no stops were taken to discourage the practice. While the people choose to live in this manner, gardening on individual

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Occasionally a fallen tree spacning a creek or gully could be used as a bridge, but there is no bridge worthy of the name in the entire division.

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The staple food is green bananas, then following in approximate order of importance sago, leaf greens, pumpkin, taro, yam, pitpit, paypaw and tapice. Pumpkin has been introduced only recently, but it is already of considerable importance as a food, and is the only European vegetable grown.

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A few pigs are kept but not in any significant numbers so far as is known. No other livestock is kept, Game is abundant and this probably accounts for the lack of domestic livestock.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

A few villages have officials who have been appointed on probation. No appointments were made by this patrol, nor are any of the probationary appointments recommended as yet for confirmation.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The cansus was revised for all eight villages in the division. As was expected, some of the rilages which had been patrolled only once or twice showed substantial increases as more people came forward to have the remass recorded.

The total population for the division is now recorded as 1042. It is estimated there are an additional 300-100 people still to be listed, but these will come forward in time. The annual census totals listed below show the progress made in contacting the people.

1951	1953	1956	1957	1958
339	379	608	886	1042

Births exceeded deaths by 36 - 28; this is an encourageing sign as in the previous census the corresponding figures were births 8, deaths 20.

Census Reconciliation.

Previous census total		886
Births Deaths Excess	36 28	8
Migrations in Migrations out Excess	30	148
Expected present total		1042
Actual present total		1042

ALIENATED LAND.

No land has been alienated within the division, and there is no European economic activity.

MATIVE POLITICAL AND E CONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

As the people are among the most primitive in the Green River area, there is no question yet of any movement towards local Government Councils or Co-Operatives. There seems to be no economic potential in the area, being as it is, so isolated, and its people so backward.

Page 6. The objectives of the patrol were attained. However this area requires frequent, regular patrolling before it can be said to be completely under control. The people are responding to Administration propaganda and advice, but the response is so slow in some ways as to be barely perceptible. This patrol contributed nothing of a special note to the Administration of the division, but it is believed it represents one more step along the way towards a system of things in which law and order, health and hygiene, improved housing and villages, and better use of the land will all be evident. (R. A. Calcutt) Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON POLICE.

Reg. No. 1855	L/Cpl BOIU.	Carried out his daties efficiently and well. This member has proved a decided acquisition to the Green River datachment.
Reg. No. 6345	Const, AUTAU	A quiet steady and cheerful member who proved reliable and efficient.
Reg. No. 6780	Const.TIWOT	An excellent bushman who gave very good service to the patrol.
Reg. No. 8305	Const.KALYO	Very inexperienced but tried hard. Tends to be offictous and over- bearing among primitive natives.
Reg. No. 8477	ConMt.MODZIP	Not at all outstanding, but did what was asked of him.

(R. A. Calcutt)
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APPENDIX "B"

REPORT ON MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Because the people are primarily gardeners, who do not use sage as a staple, their dist is consequently more balanced and the people more healthy than those of the Sepik basin. Malaria seems to be non-existent in this region of the Border Mountains, and this has an effect in contributing to extra health and vigor.

Large gardens are planted on hillsides and the people in the main occupy occupy small garden hamletd. Crops include bananas, tare, yam, mami, numpkin pitpit, abika and other native greens. Some sage is also eaten.

The main complaints treated during the patrol were sore, ulpers and yaws. N.M.O. Cr. 2. SUWO accompanied the patrol examining all natives who presented themselves for conseq carring out various treatments as indicated. He was also invaluable in treating cuts and scratches on the feet and legs of the police and carriers caused by the broken limestone over which the patrol passed. Leech bites were also most numerous and required treatment SUWO carried out his duties cheerfully and efficiently.

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(R. A. Calcutt)
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Appendix A

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3/58-59 Sub-District Green River District Sep14
Officer Conducting Patrol Mrs. St. A. Calcutts Patrol Officer.
Census Division Patrolled Parts of Azanah, Nai and proposed Border Divisions
Objects of Patrol (1) Escort and escist EMA to investigate scope of
diphtheria outbrest Border erea.
(2) Land purchase station site - Amanab.
(3) Consolidation of Administration influence.
Date Patrol Commenced 2th December, 1950ate Completed 20th December, 1958.
Ouration—days
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL
Lend Purchase Apannb- GRE 34-1/159 of 21st. January, 1959.
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Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Head-quarters. Department of Native Alfairs, Port Morally.

District Officer.

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