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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... WEST SEPIK Report No. PAGEI No 1 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by..... Malcolm J.P. MORRISON A.P.O.

Area Patrolled..... JABIRI River, SKOTCHIAU and Border areas.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

Natives..... 3

Duration—From..... 11. 8 / 19 70 to 17. 8 / 19 70

Number of Days..... 7 (seven)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... April / 1970

Medical 7/19

Map Reference..... BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET No 1

Objects of Patrol..... a) collection of information b) Census
c) Routine Administration and Political Education
d) Erect Border signs

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2, 19, 1970

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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District Office,
V.N.T.M.C.,
West Sepik District,
2nd September, 1970.

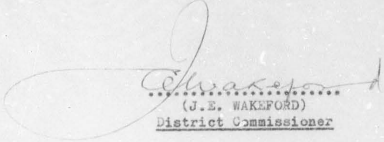
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The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDGBU.

PATROL REPORT PAGE1 NO.1/70.

As this report concerns the Border Area and people from West Irian it has been put under confidential cover.

I do not see that there is any necessity to attempt to give these people Permissive Residency. The main thing to watch will be if there is any extension to the timber area, that we make sure that land boundaries are correct. In the meantime I suggest we leave these people as they are.


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(J.E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

26th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 1/1969-70 - JABIRI RIVER
Attached please find the original and two (2) copies of the above mentioned Report submitted by Mr. M. J. P. MORRISON, Assistant Patrol Officer, PAGEI.

The Patrol visited all known West Irian Camps in the area as well as NEW SEKOTCHIAU which is located at POKIO. During the week prior to the Patrol departing, Mr. MORRISON and myself flew over the area by Helicopter and pinpointed the location of these Camps. It was obvious from this aerial inspection that new houses had been built at these localities and thus the settlements are becoming more permanent.

It is apparent from reading Mr. MORRISON's Report and earlier Reports that the inhabitants of these settlements will not return to West Irian of their own free will. The question of whether or not these people can be granted Permissive Residency status has been raised in earlier Reports and covering comments. I feel that sympathetic consideration should be given to the granting of such status to these people. They own land where they are now settled and show every intention of settling down well and not drifting backwards and forwards across the Border.

With regard to the population of NEW SEKOTCHIAU, the Village Population Register appended to PAGEI Patrol No. 15/1969-70 shows a total population of 92. Apparently the Census Register lists only 79 of these people. The remaining 13 were possibly considered as transients who had come from the KIBAI/YETI groups. Mr. MORRISON has established that there are now a total of 122 persons at POKIO including 54 of the Old SEKOTCHIAU group and 68 persons from the KIBAI/YETI groups.

Mr. MORRISON has submitted a good concise Report which was worthwhile in that it has brought us up to date on the locations, population and situation at the West Irian settlements in the PAGEI area.

His Camping Allowance Claim is attached for Certification and Payment action, please.

(A. S. WRIGHT).

Assistant District Commissioner.

C.C.
The Office, in Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

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ASB/LMS :

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

CONFIDENTIAL :

7th. August, 1970.

Mr. N. Morrison,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 1 - 1970/71.

As already discussed, please prepare to depart PAGEI on Tuesday, 11th. August, 1970, for a Patrol to the JABIRI River - SERKOTCHIAU Area. The number of Police personnel that you take with you is left to your discretion. If available take a Medical Orderly and medical supplies.

The main objects of the Patrol are :-

1. To collect any information which may be of intelligence value;
2. To conduct a Census of the settlements in the area;
3. Routine Administration as necessary, including Political Education discussions where appropriate;
4. Erect Border Signs on tracks adjacent to the Border near OLD SERKOTCHIAU. I understand that the Signs are stored in the Rest House at OLD SERKOTCHIAU. Take with you any materials necessary to erect these Signs. If there is not sufficient piping etc. then the Signs may be nailed securely to sturdy posts.

It is suggested that you proceed via. PAGEI :
WARABUNG : KONO : SUHARDA : SINANU : YUNANU : OLD SERKOTCHIAU :
NEW SERKOTCHIAU : PAGEI.

Please peruse earlier instructions and reports on the area before departing for purposes of familiarisation.

Take with you the PAGEI 'Squadral' Transceiver and call me at the usual Sched. times. Mr. SCHMIDT, Assistant Patrol Officer, PAGEI, will be able to contact VANIMO on the Crammond Radio during your absence. Impress on Mr. SCHMIDT that he is to call me if he encounters any problems at PAGEI whilst you are away from the Station.


(A. S. WRIGHT).

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
PAGEI,
West Sepik District

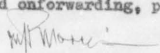
20th August 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner
Sub District Office
VANIMO

REPORT ON PAGEI PATROL No. 1 - 1970/71

Report Number : PAGEI 1 - 1970/71
Sub District : VANIMO
District : WEST SEPIK
Council/Non Council Area : Non council
Patrol Conducted by : M.J.P. MORRISON
Designation : Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled : JABIRI River, SEKOTIRIAU
and Border Area
Personnel Accompanying : 0612 MANJAMBAN Const
1264 MANURI Const 1/c
1285 MANDEKAI Const 1/c
Duration of Patrol : 11/8/70 to 17/8/70 inclusive
7 days, six nights camp out.
Date and Duration of
last D.D.A. Patrol to
Area : 11/8/69 to 17/8/69, six days
Parts of area patrolled in
March and April 1970
Objects of Patrol : a. collection of information
b. census
c. Routine Administration
and Political Education
d. Erect Border signs
Total Population of
Area Patrolled : Approximately 420 persons
Map Reference : Border (Special) Sheet No 1
Series 3
Village Population Register : Not enclosed

For your information and onwarding, please.


(M.J.P. MORRISON)
Officer in Charge, PAGEI

Introduction

In accordance with your written instructions C 1/3 of 7th August 1970, the patrol departed from PAGEI on 11th August 1970 for the JABIRI river area.

The area patrolled lies North and West of the Station, adjacent to the Indonesian border. The area consists of a plateau region about 500 ft above sea level with a hill range rising to 2000 ft. The BENANI and SANGKE rivers flow West into West Irian, whilst the JABIRI and PULAH rivers flow East then North to the sea.

Patrolling was relatively easy in this area, since there had been little rain and most tracks were dry and without leeches.

The main object of the patrol was to visit West Irianese camps in the border area, check the census of inhabitants, and carry out routine tasks where necessary.

Diary

4 Aug 70

A survey of the border area was made by helicopter in the company of ADC Vanimo. All occupied camps were located from the air and their locations checked on the map. The KOHARI hills area was overflowed; no inhabited camps were found in the hills.

Monday 10th Aug 70

Carriers left station with two Police. Stayed overnight at WARABUNG. O.I.C. remained on station to meet visitors from VANIMO.

Tuesday 11th Aug 70

0900 Departed PAGEI with one Police and carrier with radio.
1230 Rested at WARABUNG
1830 Met carriers at camp site on JABIRI river.
Patrol remained overnight.

Track was dry and in good condition in dry weather
Met hunting parties from ILUP village at WARABUNG and JABIRI river campsites.

Wednesday 12th Aug 70

0830 Departed for KONO on JABIRI river
1200 Arrived KONO and set up camp
1230 With Police to check track from KONO to border at SUH MPA.
1600 Radio to VANIMO.
1800 Inspected West Irian camp, checked census and held discussion with headmen. Stayed overnight.

The tracks to Kono and on to Suhampa were obviously much used, apparently by hunting parties from Kono and for gathering sago from the stands at Suhampa.

Thursday 13th Aug 70

0800 Departed KONO to return to WARABUNG.
1530 Arrived WARABUNG and set up camp for night.
1600 Radio to Vanimo, carriers arrived from PAGEI with food for remainder of patrol

An uneventful day circling the end of the KOHARI hills to gain access to the remainder of the border camps.

Friday 14th Aug 70

- 0800 Left WARABUNG after radio to VANIMO
1200 Arrived campsite at SINANU. Set up camp
1230 1/2hr walk through valley to YUMAMI camp. Met
YUNDUN YALI of SEKOTCHIAU. Census of camp
inhabitants, inspected housing and gardens and
held discussion with people.
1600 Radio to VANIMO Stayed overnight

Saturday 15th Aug 70

- 0820 Left Sinanu and moved South on a good new track
to SAWAN (formerly called IGURTUANK)
0930 Arrived SAWAN. Census of inhabitants and inspection
and discussions.
1100 Departed for Old Sekotchian. Track overgrown and
unused. Arrived at Sekotchian and set up camp
1400 in houses.
1500 Walked out to border marker along river bed. Signs
and cement marker reasonably well cleared and visible.
Observed footprints heading to and from West Irian.
1600 Radio battery broken when set was dropped earlier
No radio to Vanimo: sent runner to Pagei for
replacement. Set up two more Border warning signs
at Sekotchian village. Stayed overnight.

Sunday 16th Aug 70

- 0920 Departed Old Sekotchian for FOKIO (New Paw Paw)
1110 Arrived FOKIO to be met by usual fire and drum
band welcome. Set up camp.
1400 Revised census of SEKOTCHIAU people and listed
KIBAI people living there.
1600 Discussions with West Irians found near village.
Stayed overnight.

Monday 17th Aug 70

- 0700 Departed FOKIO for Pagei
0930 Arrived PAGEI. Carriers came in later with
West Irians and Police. Patrol stood down and
carriers paid off in afternoon.

END OF DIARY

General

The patrol visited all known camps inhabited by West Irians in the PAGEI area. The location of these camps was fixed more accurately than before from helicopter observation earlier in the month. It is unlikely that any further camps exist in the area.

At each camp a census was taken or checked, health and hygiene standards observed, and discussions held with the people.

The camps visited were :

BAWAN (formerly at IGURTUANK)	Map ref WB 045723
YUMAMI (location amended)	WB 032755
KONO (location amended)	WB 060895

PAGEI Intelligence Reports 16 and 17 of 1970 refer to events at POKIO (New Paw Faw)

Situation Report

The general situation in the border area has changed little from that reported by the previous patrols to the area. PAGEI Patrol Reports 2 and 3 of 1969/70 give details.

The West Irians at all three camps have apparently settled in for a long stay. Mature food gardens now exist, housing has been improved and permanent buildings erected, and from the state of tracks in the area, all movement is within TENG and between the camps. Unless they are forced to move back across the border, they are likely to remain in TENG indefinitely.

The SEKOTCHIAU people are now firmly established at their new village site at POKIO (PageI Patrol Report No 11 of 1969/70 refers). There has been some movement of KIMBAI people from border camps and from West Irian to POKIO.

Political

A total of 424 people were seen by the Patrol. The people at all the camps have severed their ties with their old villages in West Irian and are now establishing permanent village sites within TENG. At each camp the mer acknowledged the previous order that they were to move back to West Irian but are making no move to do so.

The KONO camp in the North of the Area is quite isolated but had contact with the people of IUP who hunt and fish as far as the JASSI river.

Those from SANKE, now living at YUMAMI have cut tracks to BAWAN and POKIO and there is obviously close contacts between these groups.

Although they are quite sophisticated people they have had no access to outside news and are dependent on SEKOTCHIAU for information.

Economic

All the people visited are without a cash income. They are dependent on traditional crops such as sago, banana and sweet potato. This is supplemented by fishing and hunting using spears and bows and arrows.

All complained of being short of salt, sugar and cloth. Requests were made to the patrol that the men should be allowed to come to Pagel to work, or that they be allowed to work elsewhere in the Territory as contract labourers - a labour recruiter has recently been in the Pagel area.

It was explained that although they are living on their own land, they are still regarded as being citizens of West Irian and that any work available in the Pagel area is eagerly sought after by the local people.

As they have no cash, very little to trade and no access to trade stores it is likely that this kind of request will be made again in future. They are also inclined to visit relatives at ILUP, SEKOTCHIAU and at MUSA on the coast west of VANIMO, where they can find the goods they lack at present.

Social

The health of all those seen was good. One case of sores and two of malaria were treated by the patrol; none of these was serious. Two babies have been born at KONO.

At all three camps the dog population probably exceeds the humans. These are very poor specimens, many with open cuts and sores received during hunting trips.

Protestant church buildings have been erected at each camp and regular services are held. Elementary schooling is given to the children and most are literate to some extent.

The Pagel people accept that these camps are on ground belonging to the people concerned. However the precise boundaries are disputed. The KONO and YUMAMI people claim land as far from the border as WARABURG; the ILUP and SEKOTCHIAU people place the boundary much nearer to the border. Although not important at present, this could cause difficulty if it were decided to buy timber rights in the border area.

Two families from the KONO camp are absent at present. One has been living at MUSA since the father died, the other is reported to be in hospital at Vanimo. Requests were made that these people should be returned to their village.

Miscellaneous

As instructed two more border signs were erected at Sekotchian. As the track to the border is actually the bed of the BENANI river, these were erected at the deserted village site - the only secure dry ground on the route from West Irian.

Conclusions

The people at the three West Irian camps have no intention of returning across the border at present.

There has been little or no further movement to these camps from West Irian. However some movement into POKIO has been noted. This is detailed at Appendix 'A' along with population figures for the other camps.

New tracks observed between YUMAMI, SAWAN and POKIO show that there has been movement between these camps. YUMUN YALI at POKIO, continues to side with the Administration but his role is somewhat equivocal.

All these people were warned of the Army exercise due to take place in the area in the next two months. This may cause some upset. Many of the people admitted running away when a helicopter appeared and the same reaction is likely to an Army patrol.

The patrol achieved all its aims.

M. J. F. Morrison

(M. J. F. MORRISON)
Assistant Patrol Officer

Attachments : Appendix 'A' Population figures in camps

Appendix 'B' Patrol Map

Appendix 'A' to PAGEI Patrol
Report No 1 of 1970/71

Name of Group	Current Location	Adults		Children		Total
		M	F	M	F	
NEKO	KONO	11	11	18	14	61
KOPRO	KONO	18	21	23	22	84
SANGEE	YUMAMI	13	7	17	9	46
SKOPRO	SAWAN	13	18	26	19	76
KRIKU	SAWAN	6	9	11	9	35
KIBAI/YETI	POKIO	14	15	23	16	68
SEKOTCHIAU	POKIO					54
						424

Comments

The population at KONO has increased by three - two births and one aged woman not noted before. Six persons in the group are absent at MUSU and VANIMO.

The population of SEKOTCHIAU as shown in the Census book compiled by Patrol No 15 of 69/70 shows 79 persons. Of these, Yundun YALI the headman, states that 54 are residents from old SEKOTCHIAU. The remainder are KIBAI's and YETI's from West Irian, who claim to be related to the SEKOTCHIAU people. This increase of 43 in the population at SEKOTCHIAU had taken place during 1970 by gradual movement from the border area to POKIO.

Hendrikus BEKES, ex-inmate of VANIMO Corrective Institution is living at SAWAN. His child is being cared for by a family at YUMAMI. (PAGEI Patrol Report No 11 of 69/70, page 4 refers to him as Andes CORA - BEKES is the correct name)

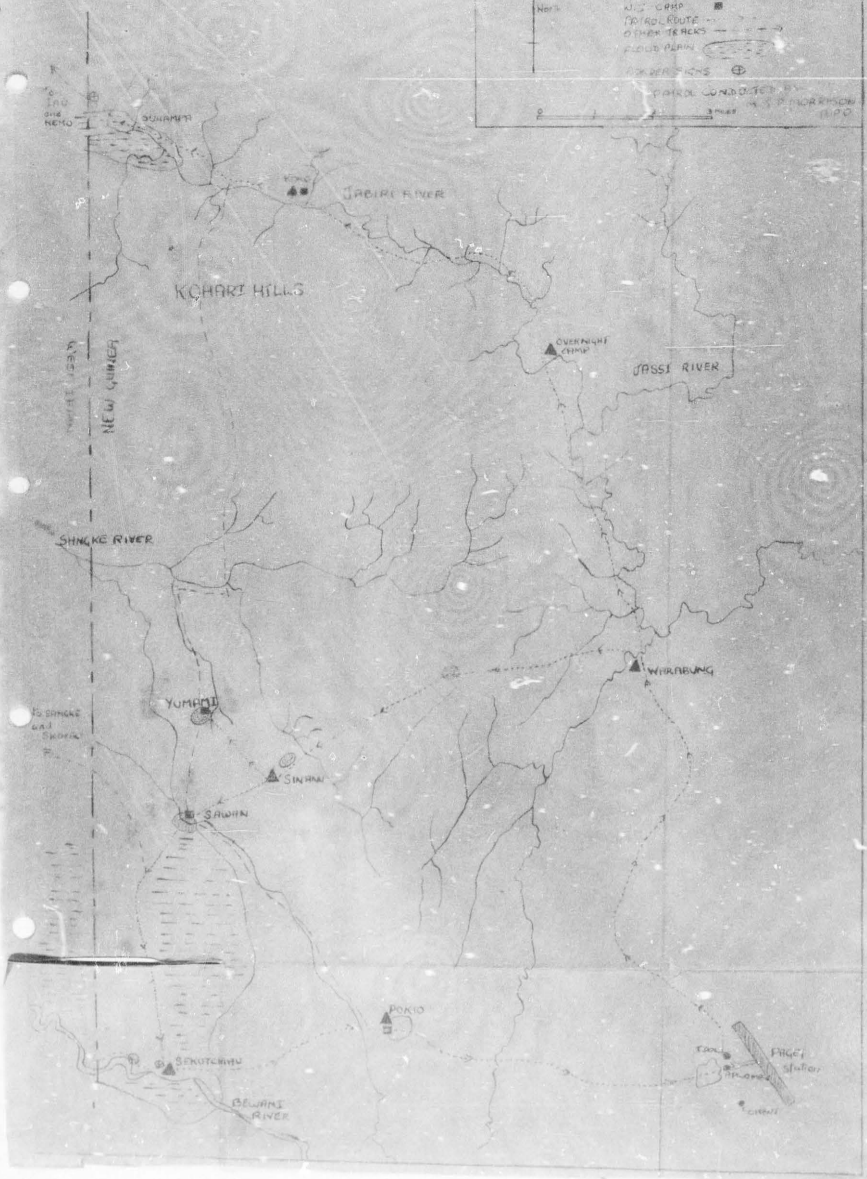
Census lists are held at PAGEI for all camps detailed above.

PALET and
KILIMERI
CEASLES DINE

PALET DATUM NO. 4, 1957

ROAD
VILLAGE
CAMP SITE
M.T. CAMP
TRAIL ROUTE
OTHER TRAILS
RIVER PLAIN
OVERLOOKING

Scale: 1:50,000
PALET CONDUCTED BY
M. S. P. MORRISON
1950





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. PAGEI 2 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by M. J. P. MORRISON

Area Patrolled IMBIO Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives..... 2 R.P. & N.G. G.

Duration—From 25/8/1970 to 4/9/1970

Number of Days.....11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 22/1/1970

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

Map Reference..... BORDER (Special) SHEET ONE

Objects of Patrol..... a. Census revision b. Area Study c. Political Education
d. Information for Forces Benefits e. Routine Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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*Area Study
contracted*

GFB:HC

67-16-6

Division of District Administration,

KONEDORU, PAPUA

26th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 2/70-71

Your reference is 67-3-11 of 5th October,
1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual
Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr.
M. I. P. Morrison, Assistant Patrol Officer, of IMBIO
Census Division.

The covering comments are noted. This
neatly presented report gives an informative if
not penetrating assessment of conditions in the
area.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator

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Our Reference: 67-3-11
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Mr.

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters
VANIMO
West Sepik District.



5th October, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONDOBU Papua.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT

No. 2. 70/71.

I am not particularly impressed with Mr. Morrison's report on his Pagei No. 2 patrol. I know the area and the people do not give a great deal of incentive to patrolling officers, however I should have thought that an Assistant Patrol Officer would have taken more interest in both the area and the people. The report to me has a "tired" feeling.

I do agree that Members of the House of Assembly are not known to the people. Arrangements have been made on a number of occasions for both Mr. Langro and Mr. Awol to go to the Pagei area. If they do go, they rarely go further than the Government Station and the three villages that are only a matter of some half hour or so away.

I am bringing the matter of copra production to the attention of the Rural Development Officer at Vanimo. I would suggest plantings of coconut, but not production at this stage. The canoe to Vanimo mentioned in the report is going to be fatal for "Bushmen" especially from Kingera. When the road reaches the Pual river east of Vanimo, they will be able to get their copra out, but for them to face the open sea from the mouth of the Pual is impossible.

There has always been friction between these two denominations, and just why the S.D.A. persist in a Catholic stronghold is beyond me.

The people from Samaruru are now situated on the eastern slopes of the Bewani range., towards Kilifas and I am hoping that we can get them interested in mining.

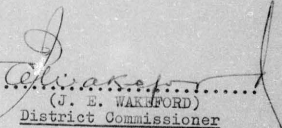
I do hope that the pepper venture will be a success. Market gardening is good providing it doesn't entail using aeroplanes to Vanimo. These people despite their low income and limited potential are moving slowly ahead. In 1947 they were the wild men and patrols moved through these areas with caution. I only hope they do not revert to their previous wildness over this "Timber business". I am most concerned at some of the wild and woolly proposals that have been mentioned in this area by some Forestry officers.

J. E. Warkentin
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(J. E. WARKENTIN)
District Commissioner

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Assistant District Commissioner.
VANIMO
West Sepik District.

I found it extremely hard to comment on this report. There just didn't seem to be a lead anywhere.


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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner

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ASW/LNW :

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

25th. September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1970/71.

Attached please find the Original and two (2) copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. N.J.F. MORRISON, Assistant Patrol Officer. The Patrol covers the Annual Census and Area Study Patrol of the IMBIO Census Division.

The Patrol had to be hurried towards the end as a Border matter had arisen which required Mr. MORRISON to return to PAGEI. Fortunately, however, he was able to complete the Census and Area Study before returning to the Station.

Mr. MORRISON has submitted a well set out Report and has achieved the objects set. Some comments follow :-

SITUATION REPORT :

POLITICAL :

The Report indicates that there is a gradual increase in the level of Political awareness in the area. Mention is made of the impact of Radio WESAK. I believe that Radio is the most effective means of disseminating information in these areas. The disadvantage is, however, that sometimes broadcasts are misinterpreted by some of the listeners.

The continuation of Political Education discussions by Patrolling Officers is a significant factor in furthering political knowledge and interest of the people. This is evidenced by the type of questions asked of Mr. MORRISON's Political Education discussions.

ECONOMIC :

It is hoped that the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries will continue to concentrate on pepper production and that this crop will be as rewarding as is suggested by that Department.

The proposed Small Holder Cattle Project at INBRINIS will be a worthwhile development, however, I feel that this Project cannot be commenced until clarification is obtained, regarding the Timber Lease over this area. The Timber Rights over this area have been purchased by the Administration and it is presumed that large scale felling of timber for cattle development would have to first be approved by the Department of Forests.

SOCIAL :

Regarding the alleged Cargo Cult Activity at PUARI, investigations have failed to find any evidence to indicate that there is any Cargo Cultism there. Present indications are that the people from YO and other PAGEI Villages, who are related to the PUARI people, are simply paying visits to their relatives at PUARI and at the same time purchasing goods to take back with them.

MISCELLANEOUS :

Routing matters concerning details of Ex-Luluais and Tultuls, Native Members of the Forces Regulations and forthcoming Army Patrols were attended to during this Patrol.

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AREA STUDY :

The Area Study is concise and informative.

Section (j) (ii) - It is pleasing to note the enterprise of the enterprise of the SAMARARU people in purchasing an Outboard Motor.

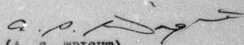
Section (n) (iv) - I agree that Copra and Pepper should be encouraged as the Cash Crops for the Division.

Two (2) Copies of the Village Population Registers are appended to each copy of the Report.

Camping Allowance Claim is also attached for your further action, please.

Patrol.

Overall a well conducted and documented


(A. S. WRIGHT).

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c.

Mr. M. J. P. MORRISON,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
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ASW/LMW :

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
YANIMO. W.S.D.
20th. August, 1970.

Mr. M.J.P. Morrison,
Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 2/1970-71 - IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION.

Please prepare to depart PAGEI on or about Tuesday, 25th. August, 1970, for a Patrol through the IMBIO Census Division.

The number of Police to accompany is left to your discretion.

The objects of the Patrol are :-

1. Annual Revision of Census of the IMBIO Census Division. Please refer to Departmental Standing Instructions, Vol. I and D.D.A. Circular 14/2/O of 14/10/69.
2. Compilation of full Area Study of the Division. Please refer to D.D.A. Circular 68/1/O of 21st. June, 1968, and Vol. I, Departmental Standing Instructions.
3. Continue the Political Education Programme. Refer to earlier Reports on what has been covered on Political Education in the IMBIO and follow on from there. The Book "Towards A United Country" provides plenty of material on the subject. Report fully on this aspect of the Patrol.
4. Routine Administration. Please note the District Commissioner's Memorandum 1/3/25 of 8th. July, 1970, and Secretary, Department of Social Development and Home Affairs Memorandum of 12th. June, 1970, relating to Native Members of the Forces Benefits Regulations. Please publicise these Regulations CAREFULLY and obtain full details of any persons who may be eligible for a Pension under these Regulations. Carry out any other Routine Administration duties that you consider necessary - for example, take with you, and pay any unpaid N.M.T.A's relative to the IMBIO area.

Take the 'Squadcal' Transceiver with you and contact me at normal Sched times. Mr. SCHMIDT, Assistant Patrol Officer, will be in charge of Station matters during your absence. Inform him that he is to call me on the Radio if he encounters any problems.

Report fully on the Patrol. Again I refer you to D.D.A. Circular 21/6/68 which sets out the required form of Report.

(Signature)
(A. S. WRIGHT).

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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PAGEI PATROL No. 2 of 1970/71

IMBIO (WS 5) CENSUS DIVISION

Report Number: PAGEI 2 of 1970/71
Sub District : Vanimo District : West Sepik
Council Area : PAGEI Local Government Council
Patrol Conducted By: M. J. P. MORRISON
Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled: IMBIO Census Division WS 5
Vanimo Sub-District
Personnel Accompanying: Const. 1/c O325 RABI
Const. 1/c O563 BARAGA
Duration of Patrol: 25 August 1970 to 4 September 1970
Eleven (11) days
Date of Last Patrol to Area: January 1970
Objects of Patrol: a. Census revision
b. Area Study
c. Political Education
d. Information for Forces Benefits
e. Routine Administration
Total Population: 611 persons
Map Reference: BORDER (Special) SHEET ONE.
Village Population Register: TWO copies attached.

Introduction

In accordance with your instructions 67-1-4 of August 20th, 1970 I departed on the Annual Census/Area Study Patrol of the IMBIO Censur Division on August 25th, 1970.

The Division of 324 square miles has a population of 649 persons. The area is within the PAGEI Local Government Council. The topography varies from flood plain forest in the north, in the PUAL River basin to steep hills at the foot of the BEWANI mountains in the South.

There were no incidents during the patrol.

The patrol returned to PAGEI on September 5th, 1970. This was earlier than had been planned but was necessary because of instructions received from the District Commissioner, Vanimo.

Diary

Tuesday 25th August	Departed PAGEI Arrived camp site	11.30 15.30	M.R. 310 680
	Stayed overnight.		
Wednesday 26th August	Departed camp Arrived IMBRINIS	08.15 13.00	
	Easy walking on a dry track. Held informal discussions in evening.		
	Slept IMBRINIS.		
Thursday 27th August	At IMBRINIS		
	Census revised 09.00 Toured village at 11.00. Looked at Aid Post, Church and stores, was shown new haus copra being built. 14.00 heard complaints re marriage settlements, etc. Gave Political Education talk which led to questions and discussion on development lasting two and a half hours.		
Friday 28th, August	Departed IMBRINIS Arrived SUMUMINI	08.30 12.30	
	The road was dry and in good condition. Collected statistics for area study. Informal discussions in evening. Looked at S.D.A. airstrip.		
	Slept SUMUMINI.		
Saturday 29th August	At SUMUMINI.		
	Took census at 09.30. Walked around village and looked at S.D.A. school, Aid Post, etc. Political Education talk for 1 hour followed by 2 hours discussions.		
	Slept SUMUMINI.		

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Sunday 30th August

Departed SUMUMINI 08.30
Arrived YO 11.30

Good track through sago. Discussion on village affairs with committee. Collection of statistics and information on apparent cult activity.

Slept YO.

Monday 31st August

At YO.

Took census 09.00 to 10.00. Inspected village. New village site being prepared. Political Education for ½ hour followed by questions and discussions lasting for further 2½ hours.

Slept YO.

Tuesday 1st September

Departed YO 08.15
Arrived SAMARARU 13.45

Track flat, clean and dry. Informal discussions with some of the villagers, most of them were away.

Slept SAMARARU.

Wednesday 2nd September At SAMARARU.

08.30 Area study, discussion and collection of information. 10.00 Political Education talk for ½ hour followed by discussions lasting for further hour. Revised census. Marriage dispute heard.

Departed SAMARARU 13.00
Arrived IMBIO No.2 14.00

Good dry track. Motor canoe not available on this occasion but would be on hand if requested. 15.00 inspected village. Gave talk to village women on hygiene, many toilets dirty and uncovered. 16.00 sked to Vanimo. Instruction from District Commissioner to return to station on Saturday. Revised patrol schedule. Discussion on development projects held. Collected figures and information for area study to 19.00.

Slept IMBIO No. 2.

Thursday 3rd September

At IMBIO No. 2

08.30 Revised census. 10.00 Political Education talk till 11.30 followed by brief discussions. Checked state of toilets.

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Departed IMBIO No. 2 12.00
Arrived IMBIO No. 1 13.10

13.30 Political Education and development talk. 14.30 Census revised. Minor complaints heard. 16.00 Collected information for area study, military pensions, luluai/tutul payments. Inspected village.

Slept IMBIO No. 1.

Friday 4th September

Departed IMBIO No. 1 07.00
Arrived IMBRINIS
track junction 09.30

Changed carriers here and left for OSSIMA at 12.00. Changed carriers and left for ISI at 13.00, arriving at 15.00. Cargo remained overnight. Departed for PAGEI with wireless. Arrived on station 19. 10 hours.

Saturday 5th September

Police and carriers arrived station at 11.00 and carriers were paid. Patrol stood down.

End of Diary.

SITUATION REPORT

(a) POLITICAL

The Political knowledge of the Division remains at a low level though some improvements have been noted. Talks given during the Pagei Local Government Council's tax patrol have obviously had some impact.

Local Government

Because of its isolation the Division has felt less impact from the Council than elsewhere in the Pagei area. However, awareness of Council activities is growing. The male tax rate has been raised to \$4.00, an increase of \$1 but this has been collected without objection.

At all times it was emphasised that the C.I.C., Pagei cannot promise action by the Council and that he is only there to advise them.

Councillors

Four councillors represent the Division in Pagei Local Government Council.

At IMBRINIS Councillor SOMBI appears to carry little weight in village affairs. One MON an ex-councillor is the organiser and arbitrator in local politics. MON has been described as reactionary. However, the writer found him to be very cooperative and whilst Council policies and motives were questioned, MON appears to have an interest in development and Council sponsored activities.

At SUMUMINI/YO Councillor YANI has done a very competent job in educating his people in Council matters. He is the most effective Councillor in the area. Although SUMUMINI has an S.D.A. teacher, the Councillor's children attend school at the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA.

Councillor YAKBI represents IMBIO No. 2 and SAMARARU. He has little contact with SAMARARU, the smaller village and his approach is rather spathetic. Unlike IMBIO No. 1 and IMBRINIS, there did not appear to be any influential leader nor ex-councillor hovering in the background.

Councillor MOU at IMBIO No. 1 has very little authority. The patrol was greeted by ex-councillor API who overshadowed the present incumbent completely during talks and discussions.

In three cases out of the four the councillor is not the most effective leader in the village. This has created a lack of continuous communication from Council meetings back to village level. A further problem will be created if the Council rules on sanitation and road maintenance are to be enforced properly. As Mr. Claassen commented in Pagei Report No. 13 of 1969/70, this leaves the legislator to carry out the policing of his own laws.

House of Assembly

The people's knowledge of the activities of the House has increased. Radio Newak's broadcasts were mentioned frequently. However, many still consider the House to be a venue for announcing Administration policies. The role of elected members in formulating policy and laws is not appreciated. The feeling exists that the law is the caprice of successive Patrol officers without central guidance.

Members of the House of Assembly

Mr. J. Paul Langro, M. H. A. has visited Pagei station and three of the villages in the Division during the year. There is strong feeling in the area that he has not paid enough attention to these people. The suggestion was made by local people that the member should appoint an agent whose duty it would be to travel in the area and keep in contact with local opinion. The writer emphasised the role of the Local Government Council in this and explained the way it can speak for the whole Pagei area.

It is difficult to discuss the member's work without appearing to condemn or support Mr. Langro's performance. The subject was discussed in rather general terms only.

Political Education

Some improvement on the position as previously reported was noted. More regular patrolling, together with Councillor education and Council patrols have had a beneficial effect.

In each village a short introductory talk was given before the census, mainly to introduce the writer. However, with children and dogs vocally present it is not ideal. In the evenings a further talk was given. This was based on Chapters 14, 15 and 17 of the book, "Towards a United Country". These deal with the representative and his responsibilities and taxation. They lead naturally on to discussion on development and the individual's contribution. In all cases the meetings were very well attended by young and old alike.

Discussion was lively and quite well informed. Questions asked ranged from such topics as the roles of the Development Bank and Local Government Association, to the salary of overseas officers after independence. Mr. Gorton's recent announcement of a separate item in the Australian Federal Budget answered this last mentioned point.

Throughout the talks the individual's responsibility was emphasised; that it was little use always waiting for outside help; initiatives at village level are necessary if the economy is to grow.

I feel that progress is being made. It will be important to encourage the stronger personalities to stand for the Council at the next elections, this would lead to better regular communication at village level.

(b) ECONOMIC

Rural Development

Since the last Area Study was written a partial failure and a change of policy have occurred. Rice plantings in some cases failed and in others gave such a small financial return that production has ceased except at SAMARARU. Since D.A.S.F. has decided to encourage pepper production instead of rice the reaction is not serious. All villages now want pepper, however all have expectations of a high income which may well not be realizable. Any further such changes could lead to disillusionment.

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA will continue to buy any rice produced in the area.

Processing and Marketing

Copra driers are under construction at IMBRINIS and IMBIO No. 1. In both cases assistance from D. A. S. F. has been requested. These villages, together with SAMARARU has quite large plantings of trees, though they are scattered. With some encouragement a steady source of income can be created.

SAMARARU village has purchased a river canoe and a 9½ H. P. outboard motor. This is being used regularly between OSSIMA, IMBRINIS, IMBIO No. 1, SAMARARU and to the coast at NINGERA, East of VANIMO. The village is planning the purchase of a sea going canoe for movement between NINGERA and VANIMO. Advice will be sought to help fix economic charter rates.

During the patrol the canoe was being used as transport between OSSIMA and the coast, the OSSIMA airstrip being closed. It is suggested that any future patrols should make use of the canoe to encourage this local initiative.

It is interesting that a year ago the idea of the people owning a canoe was held by them to be a "pipe-dream".

Other Developments

The Catholic Mission, OSSIMA, the Papei Local Government Council and the Administration are planning the cattle small holding project at IMBRINIS. The IMBRINIS people are enthusiastic but this, in part, is due to the cash they expect from the sale of the land required.

(c) SOCIAL

Health

Health standards, as observed by the patrol, are quite good. A number of persons had recently walked or been carried to OSSIMA for treatment. Regular patrolling

obviously reminds people of the need to seek treatment.

The hygiene standard at IMBIO No 1 and No. 2 is much lower than elsewhere. A high number of deaths were reported. The infant welfare sister at the OSSIMA mission believes that a number of post-natal deaths are not being reported.

Education

Primary Schools outside the area provide facilities for the brighter children. The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA taking most of them, with some going to the S. D. A. school at AMBUNTI, East Sepik District.

Law and Order

The people are law abiding. Minor disputes reported to the patrol concerned marriage problems, especially bride price arrangements.

Missions

There is still some friction between Catholic and S. D. A. Mission principals. This is being caused by S. D. A. "poaching" of villages in the Kilmeri Census Division. In the Imbio, relations between villages adhering to the different missions remain cordial.

The S. D. A. airstrip at SUMUMINI has been used recently by the mission to move children to Ambunti school and to take in supplies to their teacher.

The teacher states that he is due for leave next year and may not be replaced because of lack of support in the village.

Cargo Cultism

The society reported to be centred on PUARI, Vanimo East Coast Census Division is still active. Three young men from YO village are at PUARI at present. Councillor YESA of PUARI is stated to have sent for them to hear the story of his society.

Investigations are to be made at PUARI by a patrol from VANIMO and the YO men have been invited to visit Pagei station when they return from the coast.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS

Records of living ex- Lulusais and Tultuls were checked and brought up to date where necessary.

Careful publicity was given to Native Members of the Forces Benefits Regulations. Although a surprisingly large number of ex-servicemen are living in the area, there appears to be no-one qualified under the Regulations.

The Army patrols planned for October 1970 were explained to the villages affected.

AREA STUDY

(a) INTRODUCTION

- i. The IMBIO Census Division comprises the Eastern part of the FUAL River basin stretching South into the foothills of the BEWANI mountains. The climate is low lying tropical with high rainfall throughout the year. The vegetation is rain forest.
- ii. The Division lies about 30 miles South East of VANIMO; the site of District and Sub District Headquarters. The only shipping point is at VANIMO. There is only one 1400 ft. airstrip in the Division, at SUMUMINI. There is a private strip maintained by the S.D.A. Mission. Other airstrips are at Pagei station, OSSIMA Mission in the Kilmari Census Division and at VANIMO. Access is almost wholly by walking track. Canoe travel has been commenced in the northern part of the Census Division.
- iii. The Division has had Administration contact since the pre-war era. In the post war period about one patrol a year visited the area from VANIMO until 1962, when more regular patrolling was commenced from the Pagei station. The people are generally law abiding. Their relative isolation and low population has hampered development and some cult involvement has been noted at YO and SUMUMINI.

(b) POPULATION

- i. Village Population Register is attached. No neo-natal deaths were reported. However the OSSIMA Mission believes that not all child births and deaths during the year are being reported. Thirty two persons from SUMUMINI reported their movement back to land belonging to them in the IMONDA Patrol Post area. Correspondence on this has been sent to the C. I. C., IMONDA.
- ii. There are no roads in the area. A well maintained system of walking tracks links all villages.

(c) SOCIAL GROUPINGS

There are three distinct groups in the area. IMBIO No. 1, IMBIO No. 2 and UMBRINIS have close ties and inter marriage is usual between them. Their language "MOMAI" is also used in the Pagei Census Division.

YO and SUMUMINI are related to the people of the Kilifas area South of the BEWANI mountains in the IMONDA Patrol Post area. Their common language is "MON".

The small village of SAMARARU is a migration from the East. Their language "BEMBAU" is used by coastal people in the SERA area of AITAFE Sub District.

The functional social unit is lineage.

Relationships between the groups are cordial though marriage, usually by sister exchange appears to be confined within the group.

(d) LEADERSHIP

i.	Imbrinis	MON SO MAK BOS SOMBET NAMEL (Councillor)
	Sumumini	YANI YEPI (Councillor)
	YO	MAIA FAVEI MASTA NISI
	Samararu	KERI WAIYU MENE NEME
	Imbio No. 2	YAKEI KAPO
	Imbio No. 1	API SUMA

ii. MON SO aged 43. Councillor for 4 years. One conviction at LAE during the war. Has retired from the Council but still holds most authority in village. Has been described as reactionary.

MAK BOS aged 48. The ex-Luluai. Has worked at Rabaul for 3 years. Now operates a small trade store.

SOMBET NAMEL aged 31. The present Councillor. Previously a Catholic Mission catechist. One conviction for stealing at Vanimo. Not very influential.

YANI YEPI aged 42. Worked at Keviang for two years. The present Councillor - an effective leader. Member of the Council Executive Committee.

MAIA FAVEI aged 45. War service and labourer at Rabaul. An intelligent and well informed man.

MASTA NISI aged 32. The village committee. Has worked at Vanimo for one year.

KERI WAIYU aged 52. An ex-policeman who has also worked as a labourer at Kavieng. The present committee for his village.

MENE NEME aged 30. Has recently returned to the village after working with P.W.D. for five years in the East Sepik District.

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YAKEI K FO aged 48. An ex-policeman who is Councillor for IMBIO No. 2/SAMARANU. At IMBIO No. 2 there is really no-one who can be described as an effective leader.

API SUMA aged 40. An ex-Councillor who retired after his wife died. He is still the effective village leader. The present Councillor MOU is completely overshadowed by him.

- iii. There has been little change in the leadership pattern. Although educated, travelled young men are at present in most villages the people still look to the older men on most matters. The younger men may take the initiative in development projects.

(e) LAND TENURE

- i. Land is held by the lineage and inherited through the male line. Food trees on land are owned by family groups. There are no individuals holding land on lease.
There is a proposal to buy and sub divide land near IMBRINIS for cattle small holdings. This has wide support among the people. The Administration has bought land at SUMUMINI for the S.D.A. to lease for their airstrip.
- ii. At IMBIO No. 2 and SAMARANU communal village effort is being applied to plant seed coconuts for individuals.

(f) LITERACY

- i. Mission catechists run village schools at SUMUMINI (S.D.A.) IMBRINIS and IMBIO No.1. These are to standard 1 only and some English is taught. Students from the area are attending the Catholic Mission school at OSSIMA (53 pupils), the S.D.A. school at AMBUNUI (4 pupils) plus 5 youths at the cattle training centre at OSSIMA.
- ii. There are approximately 20 persons, mostly young adult males who are literate in Fidgin. Three mission catechists are literate in English to some extent.
- iii. No-one has received higher education and none are absent at such schools at present.
- iv. There are twelve radios in the Division, each village having at least one. Radio Wewak is widely heard and reception is excellent throughout the Division. There is no interest in newspapers.

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(e) STANDARD OF LIVING

Housing standards are good with rebuilding being done when necessary. Sanitation is adequate except at IMBIO No. 2 where flies are far too numerous. It is hoped that a medical education assistant will be able to patrol this area soon and some improvement should result.

Clothes are clean and plentiful, only the children preferring to go naked. European artefacts are used in the home for cooking. However, cash income is low and therefore use of such artefacts is limited.

The staple diet is sago. Wild pigs and birds are hunted and most villages have chickens. Canned goods are little used, lack of cash and transport being the main problems.

There are no community organisations. Children at SUMUMINI and YO play soccer.

(h) MISSIONS

i. All villages except SUMUMINI adhere to the Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA. SUMUMINI has a Seventh Day Adventist catechist with occasional visits by European staff from AMBUNTI. The Catholic Mission at Ossima is very much opposed to the activities of the S.D.A. Mission. This conflict has not affected inter-village relationships.

ii. YO, IMBIO No. 1 and IMBRINIS have local catechists who run prep schools and church services. There are no European personnel based in the Division.

iii. The services provided by the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA are well received. Medical, educational and agricultural aid and training are given.

The SUMUMINI people are rather disillusioned by the S.D.A. Mission. The Mission claims that they have worked hard to provide an airstrip and that the mission is now not using it.

(i) NON-INDIGENOUS

Not applicable to the IMBIO Census Division.

(j) COMMUNICATIONS

i. Roads

There are no roads in the area. To date, all patrolling has been on foot. Low population would

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make any road building uneconomic at present. The Division is covered by Block No. 2 of the VANIMO Timber Lease. This is unlikely to be developed immediately.

- ii. A canoe with outboard motor is owned by SAMARARU village. This is use on the PUAL River system. Limits of travel upstream are OSSIMA, IMBRINIS and SAMARARU. Journeys to the coast at NINGERA are being made regularly. The Samararu people are negotiating to purchase a sea going canoe, to be based at NINGERA for travel into VANIMO. The present canoe can carry about 12 persons and economic charter rates are being calculated. This is the first indigenous effort to avoid the high transport costs involved in using aircraft. It is hoped that the movement of copra to VANIMO by this means will be tried soon.
- iii. The only airstrip is the 1400 ft. strip belonging to the S.D.A. mission at MUMUMINI. This is below D.C.A. standards and may be shortened by river erosion at the Western end.

(k) TECHNICAL and CLERICAL SKILLS

The crew of the SAMARARU canoe, trained by Sepik crocodile hunters is reasonably competent.

(l) THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The general attitude is that the Administration makes the decisions and the villagers then are told what to do. Fagei Local Government Council, which includes the Division receives good support and there is slowly increasing awareness of the possibility of local initiatives.

The missions are poorly supported, being regarded as another source of free handouts.

(m) ECONOMY

- i. The only economic trees established are coconuts. These have been used for food only in the past. New plantings are being established and it is hoped that production of copra will start on a small scale during the next 12 months.
- ii. No production at present.

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iii. Wages earnings.

For carriers payments	\$200	per year
Labour at Pagei station	400	
Payments of 6 monthly interest from Timber Lease payment invested.	\$520	
	<u>\$4120</u>	

Total cash earnings per year \$4120 approx.

iv. There are no outstanding entrepreneurs. The people of SAMARARU have an enviable savings record and are now putting this to use in their canoe venture.

v. Bank accounts are as follows:-

IMBRINIS	67. 00	
SUMUMINI	24. 00	
SAMARARU	274. 00	
	+ 715. 00	} Individual accounts
	123. 00	
IMBIO No. 2 and No. 1	89. 00	
	<u>\$1292. 00</u>	

Comment: There is one wife at SAMARARU with an account of \$73. 00 - an unusual instance.

vi. There were some complaints when the Council tax rate was raised from \$3 to \$4. However, the collection was completed without defaulters and without incident.

vii. The average per capita income figure is \$6. This is quite evenly distributed. As previously noted SAMARARU saves much of its income. Most of the other villages' money is spent at the local trade stores.

viii. Marketing facilities are available at OSSIMA, Kilmeri Census Division and at VANIMO. The Mission at Ossima purchases what little rice is produced and any vegetable production. Vanimo, by using canoe transport will be used for the sale of copra.

(n) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING ECONOMY

i. Market gardening is possible. The S.D.A. teacher at SUMUMINI grows pawpaw, banana, sweet corn and tomatoes for his own use. The example has not been followed. People complain of pig damage but have neither fenced off their gardens nor purchased pig cartridges - bird shot being much more popular.

- ii. Wage earnings cannot be increased within the Sub District. The people of the Division, unlike others in the area, are reluctant to leave their homes as contract labourers and cash from wages will remain low.
- iii. Copra will remain the basic crop to be aimed at. Over the years a variety of trial crops have been introduced. None of them has had any commercial success. Coffee in small stands exists; pepper is now being introduced by D.A.S.F.; fish ponds in a neglected state exist in most villages; experimental stands of teak have grown well at YO but none have produced the commercial income these people desire.
- iv. An effort concentrating on copra is now bearing some results. Copra driers are being constructed and canoe transport to the market will be available. D.A.S.F. are introducing pepper cuttings. These are growing well and interest is running high. Rice has been almost abandoned because of poor results and low income. It is suggested that copra and pepper remain as the main development crops and that no further changes be made in policy. The cattle small holding scheme at IMBEINIS is still under consideration. This would be a long term project but with continued support and supervision from the OSSIMA Mission, it has a good chance of success.
- v. The people are prepared to work hard on any project which offers them a cash income. However, they do require supervision and continued encouragement in a few projects, rather than the variety of trials and partial failures they have experienced to date.

(o) ATTITUDE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The people appear to have settled down to acceptance of Pagei Council. They now realize that with its low income the council is limited in the projects it can undertake. Realism has replaced the optimistic view apparently held earlier. The people are now beginning to understand that it is their efforts at village level which will have the most effect on their standard of living and that whilst the Administration and Council can help, an effort must be made by them.

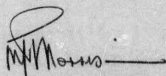
(p) ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The peoples' approach is best described as acceptance without understanding. This is improving and individuals with some grasp of the roles of the House of Assembly and of the Public Service are noticeable. For the majority of the people Central Government is the O.I.C., Pagei assisted by some specialist officers from VANIMC. The concept of the Public Service being subordinate to an elected House of Assembly was introduced

in the political education talks given but it is difficult to gauge how well this was understood.

(q) FACILITIES

Rest houses exist in all villages. There are no other facilities in the Division.



M. J. P. MORRISON,
Assistant Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... WEST SEPIK Report No. PAGEI No. 3/70-71

Patrol Conducted by... V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled... KILMERE and IMBIO Censue Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL

Natives... 4264 Cst. 1/C. KAMORI

2325 Cst. KUNKUNDI

Duration—From... 26./10./1970 to... 4./11./1970

18/11/70 to 29/11/70
Number of Days... 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 25./8./1970

Medical / .. / 19

Map Reference... Border (Special) Sheet No. 4

Objects of Patrol... Installation of village water supplies

Report on the NIAU CREEK to OSOL section of the

PAGEI to VANIMO road.

Director of District Administration,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/11/1971

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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BR:KP

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Division of District Administration,

KONILOBU, PAPUA.

26th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 3 OF 70/71.

Your reference is 67-1-4 of 30th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special and Situation Report by Mr. V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer, of Kilimeri and Imbio Census Divisions.

I fully concur with your remarks, especially in regard to Administration officers becoming involved in evictions of this nature.

The Assistant District Commissioner's comments fully cover this short report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

cc: Mr. V. Schmid,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI via VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

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ASW/LMW :

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

30th. December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1970-71.

Attached please find the original and two (2) copies of the abovementioned Report which covers a Patrol conducted by Mr. V. SCHMID, Assistant Patrol Officer, PAGEI.

The Patrol covered part of the KILIMERI and IMBIO Census Divisions and was mainly aimed at assisting the PAGEI Council Works Programme by installing Village Water Supplies. Secondary objects were the investigation and reporting on a proposed Rural Development road project and general routine Administration.

This is Mr. SCHMID's first Patrol Report and although it is rather brief it gives an adequate coverage of the activities of the Patrol. Mr. SCHMID will be requested to pay more attention to his spelling in future Reports too.

Regarding the last section of the Situation Report : Reports of Cult Activity centred at PUARI (VANIMO East Coast Census Division) have been investigated in the past and nothing has been substantiated. (Refer VANIMO Patrol Report No. 2/1970-71). I feel that the reason for the YO people wishing to start a business venture is simply a result of frustration at living in an economically depressed area. As they have affiliations with people on the coast it is not unreasonable that they should combine a buying trip to LEITRE with a visit to their relatives in the coastal villages.

Mr. SCHMID succeeded in establishing water wells and pumps at OSOL and KRISA Villages despite unfavourable soil and water table conditions. The IMBRINIS well was unsuccessful and a further attempt will be made in the future.

Mr. SCHMID's Report on the Rural Development road proposal was received under separate cover and was of great assistance in compiling the Submission.

The publicity of the Prospecting Authority Application was also dealt with in separate correspondence.

The Patrol was broken as it was necessary to recall Mr. SCHMID to PAGEI to man the Station whilst the Officer in Charge conducted a Border Patrol. Soon after the completion of the Patrol Mr. SCHMID was sent to TELEFOMIN to assist in the influenza campaign, hence the late submission of the Report.

The Patrol Map is neat and informative.

The Camping Allowance Claim is submitted for Funding and payment, please.


(A. S. WRIGHT).

s/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

7th January, 1971.

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

PAGE 1 PATROL REPORT No. 3-70/71

I have addressed my comments on this report to you with a copy to Headquarters as I feel that with the meagre information that the report contains at District level are more concerned with the presentation and Mr. Schmid will have to be made to realise that the instructions as laid down must be carried out.

You will notice in the diary 26th November that police were used to obtain carriers. This is a risky procedure these days, especially if force was used. I do not have to tell you of the repercussions that could ensue if the matter came up in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Schmid speaks of lack of access to markets and goes on about copra production and coffee. I suggest that you liaise with the Rural Development Officer on this.

The paragraph on the House of Assembly is frightening. The House has a very tangible effect on all Papuans and New Guineans and this has got to be thoroughly explained to them.

In the paragraph on law and order. I feel that it is most unwise to get the Administration involved in evictions between native and native. What happens if these two men have not moved by the time set down.

I am getting very tired of having this Father Ignatius associating Cargo Cults with trade stores. The same wild rumours were floating around Letre when the Onei and the Ruindu people came and bought a few bags of rice. My own opinion is that the Mission having the only stores, wish to keep it that way, using cargo cult as a means to an end.

Please ensure that Mr. Schmid follows instructions in the future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. E. Wakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a dotted line.

(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
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West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

8th. September, 1970.

Mr. V. Schmid,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,

Mr. V. Schmid,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 3/1970-71.

Please prepare to depart PAGEI on or about
Tuesday, 13th. October, 1970, for a Patrol to part of
the KILLIMERI Census Division.

The Officer in Charge, PAGEI, will arrange for two
or three suitable Members of the R.F. & N.G.C. to accompany
you on this Patrol.

The main object of this Patrol is to assist the
PAGEI Council by supervising the construction of water wells
at the Villages of KUTSA, OSOI and IIRYIMIS. The completed
wells of these projects will be of great assistance to both the
Council people of the villages and the PAGEI Council. This Office is
of this, assisting the PAGEI Council in purchasing and forwarding
necessary materials still required for these projects. Various
subsidised tools and a pump will be forwarded by the VANIMO Council on a
loan and hire basis. The actual date of your departure will
depend on when these materials can be sent out to PAGEI.
Apart from the well projects spend time with the
village people, listen to their problems and encourage them
to speak to you of their aspirations. In this way you should
gain an understanding of these people and their way of life.
It will also assist you to become fluent in the Pidgin English
language. and this is most important to the progress of
persons that you may contact during the course of your patrol.

This is only your second Patrol and your first solo
effort, but I am confident with the experience you have gained
on the East Coast Patrol and your maturity that you will con-
duct a successful Patrol.

Should there be any additional local matters which
need to be attended to, Mr. MITCHELL, Officer in Charge, PAGEI,
will advise you of these.

On your return submit a Report on the Patrol in
the form laid down in D.D.A. Memorandum 67/1/0 of 21st. June,
1968.

A. S. Wright
A. S. WRIGHT.

s/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

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Division of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.
West Sepik District,
22nd October, 1970.

Mr. V. Schmid
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

ATTACHMENT TO PAGEI PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.
NO. 3 - 1970/71

Listed below are additional Patrol Instructions, covering local matters, that you will be able to attend to during your Patrol.

As you are aware, this Office is required to forward a Rural Development Submission, to the Assistant District Commissioner, by the first week in November, 1970. In view of this, please give priority to the gathering of the necessary information, required for compiling a comprehensive submission, for the next stage of the PAGEI-VANIMO Road. (NIAU CREEK to OSOL Village Section).

Please take with you a copy of the District Commissioner's memorandum, 42-66-15, of the 16th October, 1970. This memorandum will assist you with the preparation of your report. I will require a copy of this report by the 30th October, 1970.

Please draw a cash advance to cover payments to retired Luluais, Tultuls and Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'S, to the appropriate persons that you may contact, during the course of your patrol.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.

N.L. Mitchell
.....
(N.L. MITCHELL)
Officer in Charge.

C.C. A.D.C. Vanimo.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 3/70-71

REPORT NO:	PAGEI NO. 3/70-71
SUB DISTRICT:	VANIMO.
DISTRICT:	WEST SEPIK.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA:	COUNCIL AREA.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY:	V. SCHEMID.
DESIGNATION:	ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.
AREA PATROLED:	KILMERY/IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:	1264 Cst. 1/C MAMORI 2325 Cst. KUNKHNDI
DURATION OF PATROL:	26/10/70-4/11/70, 18/11/70- 29/11/70- 19 DAYS
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST PATROL-D.D.A. :	25/8/70-4/9/70 = 11 DAYS
OBJECTS OF PATROL:	Installation of Village Water Supplies. Report on the NIAU Creek- OSOL section of the PAGEI- VANIMO Road.
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED:	2,740
MAP REFERENCE:	BORDER (Special) SHEET NO. 1
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER ENCLOSED/NOT ENCLOSED:	NOT ENCLOSED.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT
NO. 3/7 0-71

DIARY OF PATROL:

26th. October, 1970:

Final preparations for patrol.
1115. Departed PAGEI.
1600. Arriv ed at IILUF. Good dry track. Village deserted.

27th. October, 1970:

At IILUF.
0745. Departed IILUF, carriers and police proceeding straight to OSOL, self and Councillor from ISI No.1 inspected work on new road.
1200. Arrived at OSOL, discussed new road with President AMA of PAGEI L.G.C.
1400. Informal discussion a with villagers and paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s.
Slept OSOL.

28th. October, 1970:

At OSOL.
0730. Departed OSOL with President AMA and walked the full length of the NEAU GREEK to OSOL section of the PAGEI to VANIMO road.
1800. Arrived back at OSOL.
1900. Fin ished report and map of new road.
Slept OSOL.

29th. October, 1970:

At OSOL.
0730. Commenced work on the well.
1800. Finished work for the day.
1900. Informal discussion with the villagers and paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s.
Slept OSOL.

30th. October, 1970:

At OSOL.
0730. Self and police worked on the well while the villagers went to a spot several hours away to get some sand and gravel.
1445. Finished the well, had discussions with the villagers and paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s.
Slept OSOL.

31st. October, 1970:

At OSOL.
0730. Put finishing touches to the well, organised carriers and sent carriers and police to KRISA. Self and President AMA walked to OSIMA to write a report on the OSOL-OSIMA section of the road as per instructions from W. E. MITCHELL sent by runner.
1145. Called in at mission.
1315. Departed OSIMA for KRISA.
1600. Arrived at KRISA. Good dry track. Paid of the carriers and held discussions with the villagers.
Slept KRISA.

1st. November, 1970:

At KRISA.
0730. Commenced work on the well.
1600. Finished the well. Held informal discussions with the villagers.
Slept KRISA.

2nd November, 1970:

At KRUSA

- 0800. Put finishing touches to the well and organised carriers.
 - 1000. Departed KRUSA.
 - 1245. Arrived at PUAL River. River in flood. Swam the river with Const. KUMKUNDI and organised a canoe to carry the cargo across.
 - 1415. Arrived at OSEMA, visited mission.
 - 1500. Tried to repair at old well in village, pump beyond repairs.
 - 17 00. Paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s, visited mission and had discussion with the personnel.
- Slept OSEMA.

24 November, 1970:

At OSEMA.

- Heavy gear for the IMERINIS well still across the PUAL River. River too fast and strong for a heavily loaded canoe without a motor.
 - Rested and talked to the villagers and mission personnel and paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s.
- Slept OSEMA.

4th November, 1970:

At OSEMA.

- 07 00. Ferried the rest of the gear across the PUAL River.
- 0830. Received orders to return to PAGEI.
- 0915. Departed OSEMA.
- 1445. Arrived PAGEI, good dry track. Paid off Carriers.

16th November, 1970:

Resumed patrol.

- 0800. Got carriers and cargo organised.
 - 0845. Departed PAGEI for OSOL. Spoke to villagers along the road about prospecting and mineral exploration activities on their land.
 - 1415. Arrived KILINAS and KILIPAT, assembled all the men and spoke to them on mineral exploration on their land.
 - 1645. Arrived at OSOL.
- Slept OSOL.

19th November, 1970:

At OSOL.

- 0700. Left for SOSI.
 - 0730. Arrived at ATIAMOU and spoke to the men on mineral exploration.
 - 0815. Departed ATIAMOU.
 - 1115. Arrived at SOSI, track very muddy and slippery. Talked to the villagers about mineral exploration and discussed various problems with them.
 - 1415. Departed SOSI.
 - 1715. Arrived back at OSOL, talked to the men about mineral exploration and held an informal discussion.
- Slept OSOL.

20th November, 1970:

At OSOL.

- 0730. Organised carriers and cargo, Const. KUMKUNDI accompanied carriers to OSEMA, self and S/I MAMORI left for KRUSA.
 - 1000. Arrived at KRUSA, good dry track. Talked to all the men on mineral exploration on their land and held a general discussion.
 - 1200. Departed KRUSA.
 - 1400. Arrived at OSEMA, good dry track.
 - 1700. General discussion with mission staff.
- Slept OSEMA.

21st. November, 1970:

At OSMIA.
0800. Waited for carriers to come down from DERINIS.
1030. Left for DERINIS.
1330. Arrived at DERINIS. Track very muddy and slippery.
Discussed various problems with the councillor and paid
Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s for DERINIS and MBIO No.1
and No.2.
1900. Informal discussion with the villagers.
Slept DERINIS.

22nd. November, 1970:

At DERINIS.
0800. Commenced work on the well.
1630. Reached a depth of 15 feet, no sign of water, abandoned
hole.
1900. Informal discussion with the villagers.
Slept DERINIS.

23rd. November, 1970:

At DERINIS.
0800. Dug two more holes. Reached sand at 10 feet in one and
at 7 feet in the other and lost all the water.
1400. Started on another hole.
1700. Reached 8 feet and stopped. Talked with the villagers.
Slept DERINIS.

24th. November, 1970:

At DERINIS.
07 00. Resumed work on the well.
1000. Finished the well, 3 feet of water and rising slowly.
1100. Left DERINIS for SUMMINI.
1530. Arrived at SUMMINI. Track very muddy and slippery and
full of pig holes. Village practically deserted.
1600. Discussion with the councillor and paid Timber Trust
N.M.T.A.'s.
Slept SUMMINI.

25th. November, 1970:

At SUMMINI.
0645. Departed SUMMINI for YO.
0930. Arrived at YO, track very muddy and slippery. Assembled
the villagers and investigated a reported case of Carnal
knowledge and one of Illegal Squating, both proved false.
Held an informal discussion.
1200. Departed YO.
1500. Arrived back at SUMMINI, held an informal discussion.
Slept SUMMINI.

26th. November, 1970:

At SUMMINI.
0715. Left SUMMINI for DERINIS.
1145. Arrived at DERINIS. Found all the water had drained
out of the well.
Slept DERINIS.

27th. November, 1970:

At DERINIS.
0800. Not enough carriers turned up. Sent two policemen
to MBIO No1 and No.2 to get some more. Talked to
the villagers.
Slept DERINIS.

28th. November, 1970:

At DERINIS.
0720. Departed DERINIS.
1445. Self and 0/1 MAURI arrived PAGEI. Carriers and Const.
KIRIKIRI camping half way.

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22th November, 1970:

AS PAGE 1.

1100. Carriers arrived. Rnd off carriers and stood down
patrol.

END OF PATROL

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PAGEI PATROL REPORT
NO. 2/70-71

INTRODUCTION:

1. Patrol Number-PAGEI 2/70-71--was mounted from Patrol Post PAGEI on Monday 26th. October, 1970, as per written instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO, and O.T.O. PAGEI.

2. The patrol covered the KEMEREI and HIBIO Census Divisions of the VANIMO Sub-District and was accompanied by two members of the R.F.M.G.C.

3. The main objects of the patrol were:

- a. Installation of village water supplies at OSOL, KRISA and SEREWE.
- b. A report on the NEAU CREEK to OSOL section of the PAGEI to VANIMO road for the purpose of a Canal Development Submission.
- c. The payment of retired allowances and Bultals and Member Trust M.M.T.A.'s.

SITUATION REPORT:

A. POLITICAL:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: The majority of the people have a fairly good knowledge of the Local Government system and it's aims.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS: Councillors ARA of OSOL and BEWA of KRISA, (President and Vice-President respectively) are both influential men in the community. They are much respected and the villagers accept their authority.

The people of OSOL and KRISA gave the writer full cooperation while working on the wells.

Councillor ARA does not intend to stand for another term. He wants to concentrate his time and energies on his private affairs. He is very keen on running some kind of business and has planted a lot of Coconuts and Coffee over the years.

The writer feels he would be a loss to the Council as he is one of the very few councillors with any sort of go ahead ideas and who is also forcefull enough to push them through.

Councillor SOMBI of IMBRINIS on the other hand, has no authority at all and is completely ignored by the villagers. There seems to be no other "Big Man" in the village and very little community spirit. It's every man for himself.

Apart from half a dozen individuals, the amount of cooperation recieved from the villagers at IMBRINIS while working on the well was nil.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY: Generally the people seem to have a rather vague idea of the house and its functions and are very incifferent as it doesn't affect them in a very tangible way.

POLITICAL EDUCATION: The writer held several discussions and gave small talks to the villagers, mainly on national unity as opposed to tribalism. The discussions were usually quite lively.

B. ECONOMIC:

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT: This is largely held up by lack of access to a market.

POI DEPE of IMBRINIS has requested that the Rural Development Officer come and inspect a copra drier he has built. Perhaps this officer could do a patrol into the area as there is another copra drier under construction at IMBIO No.1. Both individuals intend hiring the SAMARARU canoe to carry their produce out.

Senior students at the catholic mission at OSIMA who are learning animal husbandry, have bought some land of their own close to the mission and several head of cattle from the mission with the intention of starting their own cattle project. At present they are still clearing their land with the help of Brother James from the mission.

NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT: There is no non indigenous development in the area patrolled.

C. SOCIAL:

HEALTH: Health standards observed in the area patrolled are quite good.

LAW AND ORDER: The writer visited YO to investigate a reported case of carnal knowledge and one of illegal squatting. Both proved false. At SUMUMINI however two young men from IMONDA were camping in the bush close to the village. The landowner asked the writer to evict them and they were given a week to go.

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MISSIONS: The teacher belonging to the S.D.A. mission who was previously stationed at SUMUMINI has moved to the South bank of the PUAN river close to the villages of KILIPAU and KILIWAS where he is in the process of establishing school.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Committee man at YO, MASTA, wants to start a trade store and for this purpose has talked all the villagers at YO to invest some of their money in it. Since the village is fairly isolated, it is only the inhabitants of YO who'll be doing any buying in it. The writer explained the impracticality of the idea to them, to no effect.

pe Father IGNATIUS at OSIMA seems to think the situation at YO is tied up with reported cult activities around PUARI since the people at YO had been getting a few goods for their trade store from the store at LEITRE.

The application for a trading licence at YO has not been granted due to the building not meeting the required 'safe' standards.

APPENDIX A

VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES AT OSOL, KRISA AND IMBRINIS : It was very difficult to find a good supply of water convenient to the village centres at OSOL and KRISA, since both are situated on clay ridges.

At OSOL a position was found reasonably close to the village centre. The water supply is slow but adequate. The water has a rather strong mineral taste but I feel that with use this will eventually fade.

At KRISA the well was put down against a bank on the edge of a sago swamp. The position is not a very good one and is some distance from the village centre, however it was put down over a spring with good clear water and adequate flow. The village is built along a clay ridge and it would have been very difficult to find any water there.

At both OSOL and KRISA the greatest difficulty was found in obtaining sufficient sand and gravel. At both places the villagers had to carry the sand and gravel considerable distances.

At OSOL I felt that since the ground was clay I would not have to brace the fibreglass liners as Mr. ANGLIN and I had to do in the sandy soil on the East coast villages (see Patrol Report Vanimo 2/70-71). I was mistaken however and the liners buckled very badly when the soil was put back around them. I would suggest that the half-liners be braced with timber no matter what type of soil the well is sunk in.

At IMBRINIS the greatest difficulty was found in finding sufficient water in spite of the village being on the banks of a river. One hole was sunk to 15 feet, one to ten feet and another to seven feet. In each case there was at first 4-6 feet of clay containing water but below that was coarse sand and the water simply disappeared into the sand. A fourth hole was dug and as no sand had been found at 8 feet I stopped and put the well liners in and mounted a pump etc. By the time we had finished there was three feet of water in the well and still rising slowly. I came back two days later and the well was dry. By then I had no more cement and rations were short so I returned to PAGEI.

APPENDIX C

MINERAL EXPLORATION: When the patrol resumed on November 18th, 1970, Mr. MITCHELL, O.I.C. PAGEI, requested me to explain proposed mineral exploration activities in the Northern and Western KIL-MERI Census Division to the villagers concerned and find out their reactions. The response in all cases was very good. The people have no objection to exploration companies going their land and quite a few were very much for the idea, visualizing the availability of work as carriers, chain men track cutters etc.

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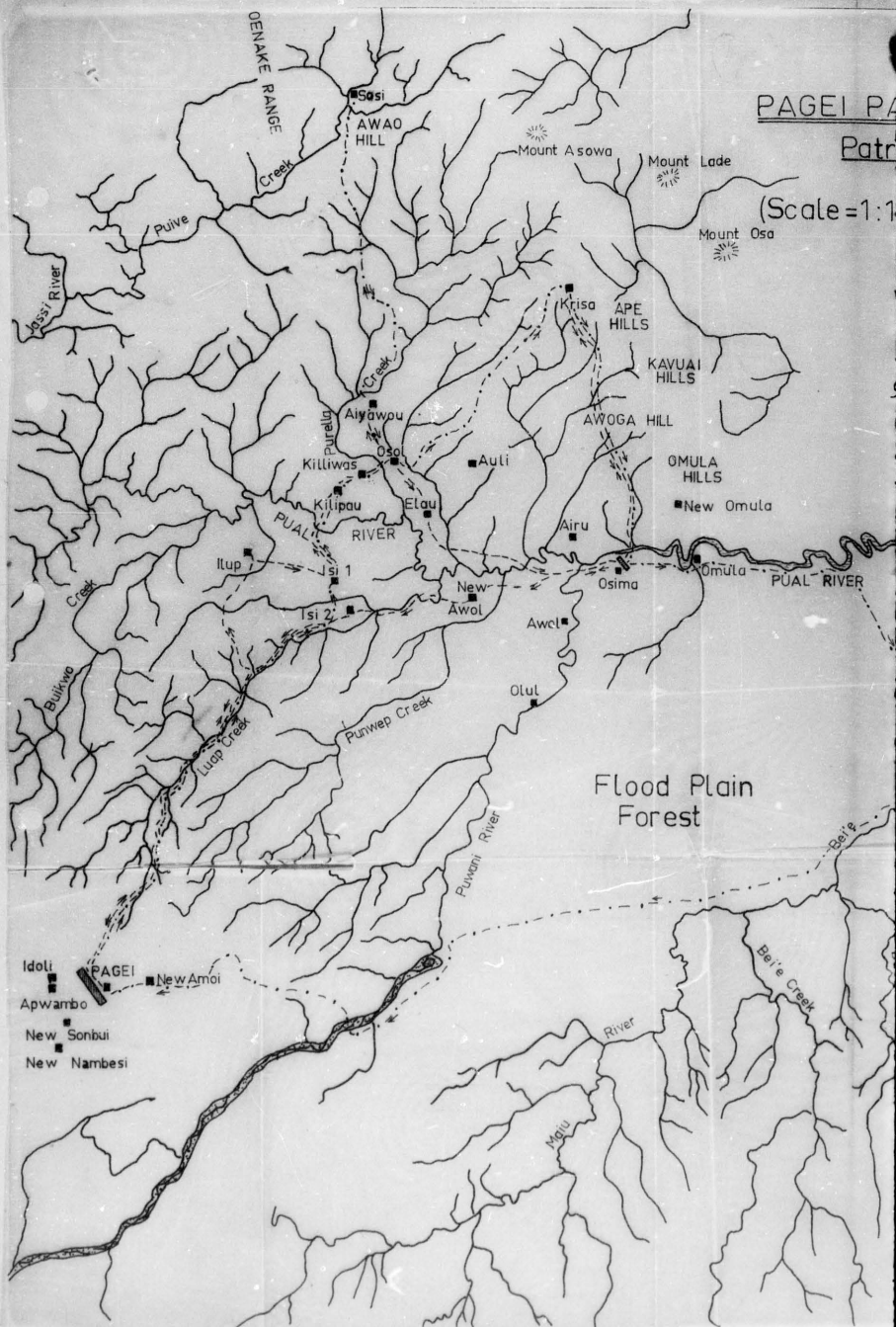
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PAGEI PATROL No. 3/70-71

Patrol Map

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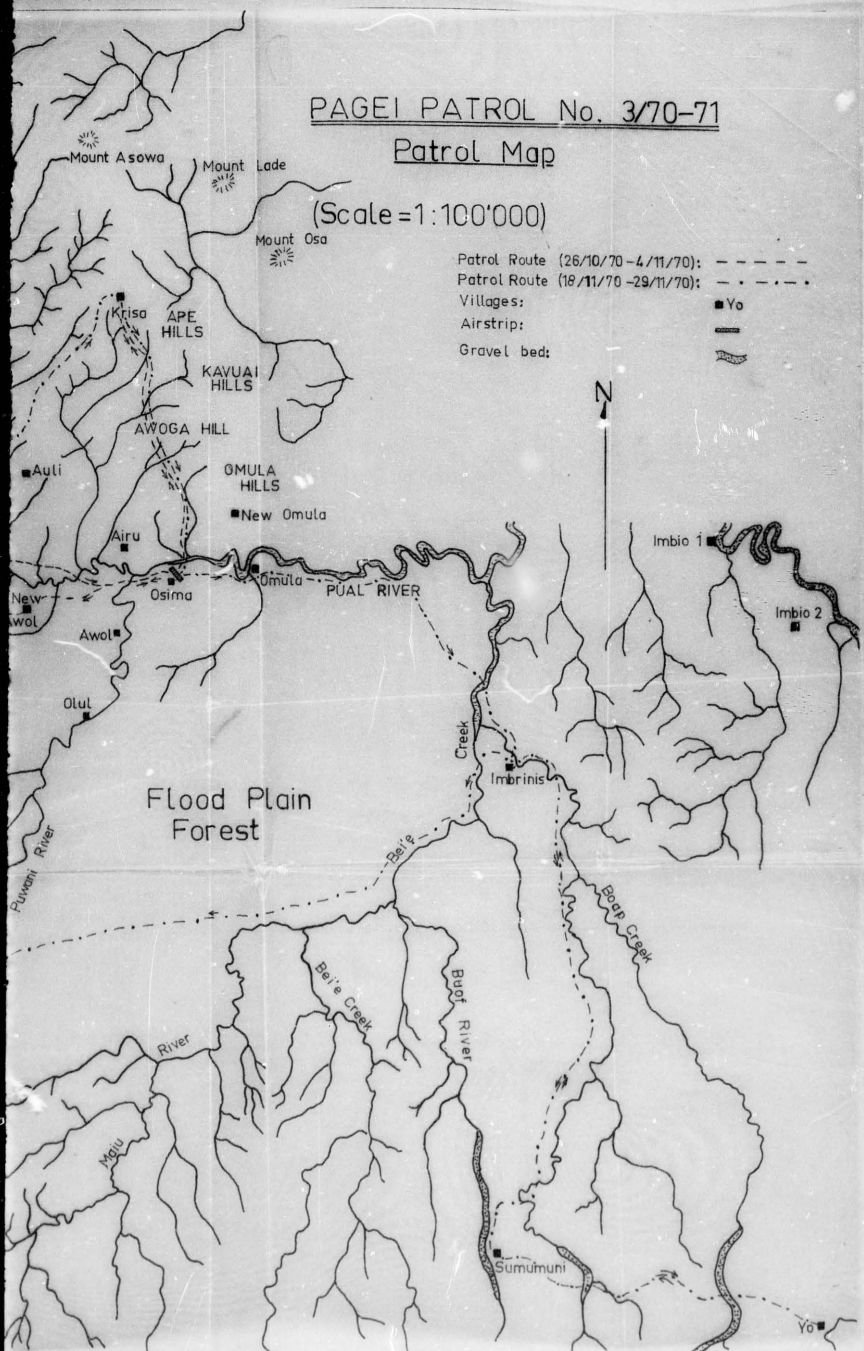
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Gravel bed: ~~~~~





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 5 OF 1970/71.
 Patrol Conducted by N. L. MITCHELL. PATROL OFFICER.
 Area Patrolled PAGEI CENSUS DIVISION, PART KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.
 Natives THREE (3)
 Duration—From 3. / 12/1970 to 4. / 12/1970 : 9/12/70-16/12/70 : 5/1/71-6/1/71.
 Number of Days 12 DAYS.
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12 / 12 / 69-19/12/69.
 Medical NOT KNOWN
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 Map Reference BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 1.
 Objects of Patrol 1. ANNUAL CENSUS REVISION. 2. REVISION OF AREA STUDY.
3. POLITICAL EDUCATION. 4. CHECK RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.
5. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
6. INCLUSION OF SEKOTCHIAU INFO
PAGEI L.G.C.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[Handwritten Signature]
 District Commissioner

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*Amount paid
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HNC:KP

67-16-41

Division of District Administration,

KONEBOBU, PAFUA.

4th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 5/70-71.

Your reference 67-3-11 of 12th February, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. N.L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer of PAGEI and KILIMERI Census Divisions.

This is a well presented document which fully sets out the work carried out by the patrol.

The Council appears to be following sound lines in making its purposes known to the people and their activities should receive every assistance possible from Administration Officers visiting or in the area and by the use of Rural Development funds in furthering road extensions.

The Economic advancement of the area will be a slow process and appears to hinge on the opening up of a timber industry and the possible extension of pepper industry. These will have to be watched carefully in order to avoid further frustration of the peoples efforts as happened when the rice projects were discontinued.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

cc: Mr. N.L. Mitchell,
Patrol Officer,
PAGEI Patrol Post.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Division of District Administration.

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Department of the Administrator,
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12th February, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONDORU.

PAGEI REPORT NO. 5 - 70/71

Attached please find copies of Pagei Report No.5 70/71.

The patrol was conducted by Mr. Mitchell, who has as usual submitted a good report.

It is pleasing to know that the Council is being recognized and the road work under the Rural Development will emphasise even more what the Council can do.

It will be up to the people themselves to break the "Sister Exchange" custom. Many years ago it was causing strife amongst the people, and the Mission tried hard without success to get the people to change.

It is to be hoped that if the timber project does eventuate that the standard six pupils will be able to be absorbed.

A Good Report.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.

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ASW/LTW :

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

28th. January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1970-71.

Attached please find the original and two copies of the above mentioned Report submitted by Mr. N. L. MITCHELL, Patrol Officer in charge, PAGEI.

The Patrol had as its main aim the Annual Census and Area Study Revision of the PAGEI census Division. Secondary objectives are as listed in the Patrol instructions.

The Patrol was successful in achieving its aims and the Report is well presented. Some comments on specific matters follow :-

SITUATION REPORT :

LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

The PAGEI Council is still very much a low level type Council, mainly because of the lack of development in the area. I don't think that we can expect it to emerge at this stage as a strong independent body. This will take a lot more time and effort. The Council at present is concentrating a lot of its resources and activities on such basic development projects as Rural Development road works and Village water supply schemes. I believe that this is a very sound basis for its future development and acceptance by the people as a worthwhile institution. At present it still has to rely a good deal on Administration assistance in the way of advice and subsidies.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND POLITICAL EDUCATION :

Continual emphasis on Political Education from every Patrol out of PAGEI must eventually raise the level of understanding of the House of Assembly and other matters.

When the District has a permanent Political Education Officer again, I would like to see seminars and other activities arranged for PAGEI. Preferably these should take place immediately after Council meetings when representatives from all areas can be reached.

Three (3) PAGEI Council representatives attended the Select Committee on Constitutional Development meeting at VANIMO. The Officer in Charge, PAGEI, should encourage them to move around and tell the people of what was said at the meeting.

ECONOMIC :

Little can be added to Mr. MITCHELL's comments. The development of a large scale timber wood chip industry is the big hope for the area.

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LAW AND ORDER :

There have been no further developments on the alleged 'SANGUMA' killing. Cause of death could not be established by Post Mortem examination. It seems unlikely that anything further will be heard. *learned*

AREA STUDY REVISION :

POPULATION :

A total of 49 persons are shown as migrations in to the NEW SEKOTCHIAU. These people claim land rights in the area and wish to be considered as permanent residents of SEKOTCHIAU. I feel that a decision on the status of these people is necessary.

A reconciliation for the figure for each Census Unit as has been done on the back of the Village Population Register is not necessary. All that is required is a reconciliation for the Census Division as a whole.

SOCIAL GROUPINGS :

The trend towards greater co-operation between different social groups brought about by road development works is pleasing and is a step towards unity.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT ROAD PROJECTS :

Progress on both projects has been good. It is hoped that further funds will be forth coming in 1971/72 to extend the PAGEI/NIAU CREEK road towards OSOL with a branch road to OSSIMA and eventually through to VANIMO.

INCLUSION OF SEKOTCHIAU IN PAGEI COUNCIL :

There seems to be a genuine desire by both the SEKOTCHIAU people and other near by groups for SEKOTCHIAU to be included in the Council. As soon as this is formally approved by the next full Council meeting it is proposed to submit necessary amendments for approval by the Commissioner for Local Government and the Administrator's Executive Council.

Overall a thoughtful and well set out Report.

Camping Allowance claim is attached for further action, please.

A. S. Wright

(A. S. WRIGHT).

s/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

67/1/4.

ASW/LNW :

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

1st. December, 1970.

Mr. N. L. Mitchell,
Officer in Charge,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 5/1970-71 : PAGEI CENSUS
DIVISION NO. W.S.3.

Please prepare to depart PAGEI on or about Monday, 7th. December, 1970, for a Patrol through the PAGEI Census Division.

The number of police to accompany you is left to your discretion.

The main objects of the Patrol are :-

1. Annual revising of Census for the PAGEI Census Division. Please refer to Departmental Standing Instructions Vol. 1 and D.D.A. Circular 14/2/0 of 14/10/69.
2. Update the Area Study compiled last year. (Refer PAGEI Patrol Report No. 10/69-70) wherever necessary.
3. Continue the Political Education Programme. Refer to earlier Reports on what has been covered on Political Education in the division and follow on from there. The book "Towards a United Country" provides plenty of material on the subject. Report fully on this aspect of the Patrol.
4. Rural Development Programme - Check of progress on the PAGEI/AINBAI and PAGEI/OSSIIMA Road Projects. Advise and assist the local people engaged on these Projects.
5. Routine Administration - Please publicize CAREFULLY the Native Members of the Forces Benefits Regulations. Refer District Commissioner's Memorandum 1/3/25 of 8th. July, 1970, and Secretary, Department of Social Development and Home Affairs's Memorandum of 12th. June, 1970. Obtain full details of any persons who may be eligible for a pension under these Regulations.

Attend to any other matters you may consider necessary.

Please note that SEKOTCHIAU Village has ~~not~~ been included as a Census Unit of this Census Division (Refer Secretary, Department of the Administrator's Memorandum 14/2/16(2) of 28th. April, 1970). Discuss with the people of SEKOTCHIAU their future inclusion in the PAGEI Local Government Council and assess their interest in this development. Point out to them both the benefits and obligations that will accrue from their inclusion in the Council.

Whilst at SEKOTCHIAU gather any information that may be of intelligence value.

You should ensure that the Patrol is completed by 21st. December in order that you may advise at the Pagei Council Meeting scheduled for that date.

Finally, upon the completion of the Patrol submit a full report in the required form.

A. S. Wright
(A. S. WRIGHT).

S/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67/1/4

If calling ask for ASW/LMW :

Mr.

Department of District Administration

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

4th. January, 1971.

Mr. H. L. Mitchell,
Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 5/1970-71. SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS.

Further to my 67/1/4 of 1st. December, 1970, in regard to the inclusion of SEKOTCHIAU Village in the PAGEI Council.

As the population of SEKOTCHIAU is fairly small it probably does not justify inclusion as a separate Ward. It could be incorporated into the present AINBAI-ELLIS-APNANBO-IDOLI Ward group. Please discuss this with the SEKOTCHIAU people. It could mean that SEKOTCHIAU may be represented by a Councillor from one of the above mentioned groups rather than by a SEKOTCHIAU Villager. You will also need to consult the AINBAI-ELLIS-APNANBO and IDOLI people to ascertain their views on SEKOTCHIAU being included in their Ward. This can be done on a day trip after your return to the Station from SEKOTCHIAU.

I suggest that in both the question of SEKOTCHIAU being incorporated into the Council and being included with the existing AINBAI-ELLIS-APNANBO-IDOLI Ward, you should record the number of people for and against in each case.

Assuming the SEKOTCHIAU group are in favour of entering the PAGEI Council it will be necessary at the next Council Meeting for the Council to approve their entry into the Council and pass a Resolution to that effect.


(A. S. WRIGHT).

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1970/71.

COVER SHEET.

REPORT NO. PAGEI 5 of 1970/71.

SUB-DISTRICT. VANIMO.

DISTRICT. WEST SEPIK.

COUNCIL/NON-COUNCIL AREA.
Council Area.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY.

Mr. N. L. MITCHELL.

DESIGNATION. Patrol Officer.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

1264. Constable 1/c. MAMURI.
3225. Constable KUNKUDDI.
Mr. G. NULI, Council Clerk.

DURATION OF PATROL.

3/12/71 - 4/12/70. 9/12/70 - 16/12/70.

5/ 1/71 - 6/ 1/71. = 12 Days.

DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA.

12/12/69 - 19/12/69.

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

1. Annual Census Revision.
2. Revision of Area Study.
3. Political Education.
4. Check Progress of Rural Development Projects.
5. Routine Administration.
6. Inclusion of SEKOTCHIAU into PAGEI I.G.O.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED :

AREA PATROLLED. 767.

MAP REFERENCE. Border (Special) Sheet No. 1. Series 3.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.

Enclosed.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1970/71.

DIARY OF PATROL :

DECEMBER, 1970 :

WEDNESDAY, 3RD. :

0745. Prepared to depart to KILLIWIS to investigate a Report of an alleged 'SANGUMA' killing.
0945. Departed PAGEI. Walk very good except for isolated muddy patches and one (1) Sago swamp.
1445. Arrived at KILLIWIS, set up camp. Paid carriers.
1530. Inspected body of an adult male. No visible marks of violence on the body.
1600. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1730/1930. Conducted an investigation into the circumstances of the death. Remained the night.

THURSDAY, 4TH. :

0800. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner. Concluded preliminary investigation.
0900. Departed KILLIWIS. Arrived back at PAGEI 1400.
Paid carriers. Equipment returned to store.
1600. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.

FRIDAY, 5TH. / TUESDAY, 9TH. :

Normal Station duties.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH. :

Resumption of Patrol.
0745. Prepared to depart for AINBAI.
1100. Departed PAGEI by Station Tractor. Left Tractor at half way mark. Organised carriers. Arrived AINBAI 1315.
1330. Paid carriers. Set up camp. Inspected Village; neat and clean.
1430. - 1600. Held discussions with Village Headmen.
1900 - 2100. Discussions with individual Villagers.
Remained the night.

THURSDAY, 10TH. :

0745. All Villagers assembled. Commenced Census for AINBAI. Completed 0830. Commenced Census for ELIS. Completed 0900.
0900 - 1130. : Revision of Area Study and Political Education discussions held.
1130 - 1230. Compiled Census statistics.
1330. Departed for SONBUI. Checked progress on Rural Development read from PAGEI to AINBAI.
1535. Arrived at SONBUI. Paid carriers. Set up camp.
1630 - 1800. Inspected the Village and held discussions with individual villagers. Remained the night.

FRIDAY, 11TH. :

0745. All Villagers assembled. Commenced Census for SONBUI. Census completed 0930.
0935. Commenced Census for NAMBES. Completed 1045.
1050 - 1200. Compiled Census statistics.
1300. Went to APGEI to pay Station personnel.
1500. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1600. Returned to SONBUI.
1830 - 2200. Discussions with individual Villagers.
Remained the night.

SATURDAY, 12TH. :

0800. All Villagers from SONBUI and NAMBES assembled. Carried out revision of Area Study and held a Political Education discussion.
1140. Departed by Tractor for PAGEI Station.
1200. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.

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1300. By Tractor to APWAMBO and IDOLI. Set up camp.
1415. Commenced Census for IDOLI. Completed 1530.
1900 - 2200. Discussions with individual Villagers.
Remained the night.

SUNDAY, 13TH. :

1015. Commenced Census for APWAMBO. Completed 1130.
1330 - 1530. Completed Census statistics.
1530 - 1800. Area Study revision, Political Education
discussions.
1930 - 2100. Discussions with individual Villagers.
Remained the night.

MONDAY, 14TH. :

0745. Prepared to depart.
0830. Departed by Tractor for AMOI.
0900. Set up camp.
0930 - 1200. Inspected the Village and talked to individ-
ual Villagers. Commenced Census. Completed 1530.
1330 - 1630. Worked on Census statistics.
1900 - 2200. Discussions with individual Villagers.
Remained the night.

TUESDAY, 15TH. :

0730. Went to the Station to check on flight to OSSIMA.
0845. Advised the Assistant District Commissioner that
the flight was postponed. Returned to AMOI.
0930. All Villagers assembled for Political Education
discussions.
1045 - 1215. Routine Administration.
1330. Returned to APGEI Station.
1400 - 1600. Routine Office correspondence.
1600. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH. :

0850. Assistant District Commissioner and District Health
Officer arrived by Aircraft from VANIMO.
0900. Departed for OSSIMA by Aircraft. Arrived 0910.
Organised carriers.
0945. Assistant District Commissioner, District Health
Officer and self departed OSSIMA for KILIWIS. Track reasonable
although muddy in places.
1235. Arrived KILIWIS. Explained to the Villagers the
reason for the visit, i.e., the exhumation of the body of a man,
suspected to have been killed by 'SANGUMA' men.
1300 - 1430. Body exhumed and examined by District Health
Officer.
1445. Departed KILIWIS. Arrived OSSIMA 1735. Paid
Carriers.
1805. Returned to APGEI by Aircraft. Arrived 1815.
Assistant District Commissioner and District Health Officer returned
to VANIMO.

THURSDAY, 17TH. DECEMBER to 4TH. JANUARY, 1971 :

Normal Station duties. Christmas and New Year Breaks.

JANUARY, 1971 :

Tuesday, 5TH. :

0745. Prepared to resume Patrol.
0815. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner
1030. Departed for NEW SEKOTCHIAU. Track very muddy and
walking very difficult in places.
1335. Arrived at NEW SEKOTCHIAU. Carriers arrived 1415.
1430. Paid carriers and set up camp.
1500. Inspected the Village.
1530 - 1700. Discussions with the Village Headmen.
1830 - 2000. Discussions with individual villagers.
Remained the night.

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH. :

0800. All Villagers assembled. Commenced Census.
Completed 0945.

1000 - 1200. Political Education talk and Revision of
Area Study.

1300 - 1430. Continued with discussions about SEKOTCHIAU's
inclusion into the PAGEI Local Government Council.

1500. Departed for PAGEI. Arrived 1800. Carriers arrived
1900. Paid carriers. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

INTRODUCTION :

In accordance with the attached Patrol Instructions, a Patrol was mounted to carry out the Annual Census and Area Study Revision within the PAGEI Census Division. The specific objects of the Patrol were :-

1. Annual Revision of Census.
2. Revision of the 1969/70 Area Study.
3. Continuation of the Political Education Programme.
4. Check and assist with the current Rural Development Projects.
5. Routine Administration.
6. Assess the attitude of the SEKOITCHIAU people towards their possible inclusion into the PAGEI Local Government Council.

Immediately prior to the commencement of the Patrol the writer received a Report of an alleged 'SANGUMA' killing at KILIWIS in the KILIMERI Census Division. A report of the initial investigation and the subsequent Coronial Enquiry is included with this Report.

In regard to the Revision of the Area Study, it should be noted that there has been very little change since the Area Study compiled during December, 1969. The Revision of the Area Study is submitted as Appendix 'B' of this Patrol Report and all items that needed to be revised have been dealt with under the Headings as laid down for a full Area Study.

SITUATION REPORT :

A. POLITICAL :

(a). LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

The proximity of the majority of the Villages in the PAGEI Census Division to the Patrol Post has done much to increase the people's knowledge of the day to day functions of the PAGEI Local Government Council. They have far more contact with Council affairs that do the people in outlying areas, and are consequently better informed about the Council's activities.

However, it must be pointed out that, even though the Council has been established since 1963, and the people do have a reasonable knowledge of the Council's business, the Council is not fully regarded as an independent, separate body by the majority of the Villagers. The Council is mainly envisaged as another agency of the Administration.

During the course of the Patrol, the PAGEI Local Government Clerk, Mr. G. NULLI, and myself spent a considerable amount of time explaining the role of the Council, and encouraging the Councillors to take a more positive and independent attitude towards the affairs of the Council. Thus it is felt that with further encouragement the Council will emerge with its own identity and achieve a better image in the eyes of the people.

(b). LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS :

The Councillors met during the course of the Patrol have varying degrees of influence within their wards.

Councillor NALI-WUL from APWAMBO Village has considerable influence, not only within his ward, but throughout the Census Division. He is the local entrepreneur and is a progressive type of person who displays natural leadership qualities.

Councillor EWI-DABIRI of the IDOLI, AINBAI and ELIS Wards does not hold the same amount of influence as Councillor NALI but is quite sincere and tries hard. He should gain more influence as he becomes more experienced.

Councillor SAMI-YISI of AMOI Village has a considerable amount of influence but is highly susceptible to internal pressure from his village group.

Councillor PIPI-YUWA of the SONBUI-NAMBES Ward, although quite popular within his Ward does not appear to have much influence and has little to offer in potential leadership qualities.

Overall the Councillors have a fair knowledge of Council procedures and the aims and functions of a Local Government Council. Their knowledge will undoubtedly increase as they gain more experience. It is felt that the continuing process of educating the people and the Councillors into understanding the true role of the elected representative will eventually give the Councillors the status and authority required to bring about a change in the present attitude of regarding the Council and the Councillors as agents of the Administration.

(c) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY :

The people are aware of the existence of the House of Assembly but only have a vague idea of its functions and aims. The House of Assembly is regarded as a large Council and the only comparison the people have is with the PAGEI Local Government Council.

The younger section of the Community and a number of the more enlightened older section displayed a desire for more knowledge and information about the Central Government.

(d) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS :

There is a general feeling throughout the area that the people have been rather neglected by their Members of the House of Assembly. They feel that the Members should visit their area more often and stay for a sufficient length of time to allow them to air their views and gain further information of the actual work done by their elected Members.

(e) POLITICAL EDUCATION :

Political Education discussions were held in each Village within the PAGEI Census Division visited during the course of the Patrol. These discussions were conducted by the PAGEI Local Government Council Clerk and myself.

The theme of these discussions was as follows :-

1. The role, functions and aims of a Local Government Council.
2. The role, functions and aims of the Central Government.
3. The purpose of the forthcoming tour of the Select Committee for Constitutional Development.

The main emphasis of the discussions was placed on the tour of the Committee on Constitutional Development. It was felt that there was a need to re-acquaint the people with the first two topics. The third topic was discussed separately.

A considerable amount of time was spent explaining the purpose of the visit of this Select Committee and the questions that the Committee will be asking. No attempt was made to get answers to these questions but every effort was made to ensure that the people do understand the questions and the reason for the Select Committee's visit.

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Since the completion of the Patrol the people have nominated two representatives from the APGEI area to attend the Select Committee visiting in VANIMO on 20th. January, 1971. The representatives are Councillor NALLI WUL of APWAMBO Village and Mr. G. NULL, Council Clerk.

Further meetings have been held to acquaint the representatives of the views of the people and these meetings have been well attended and generated a considerable amount of interest.

B. ECONOMICS :

(a) GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT :

To date there has been little economic development in the area. The whole of the PAGEI area has only a low agricultural potential due to poor soil, swamps and heavily timbered rain forest, but even the low agricultural potential of the area has not yet been fully utilised.

The 20 mile quarantine zone, plus the factors mentioned above severely limit the type of cash crops that can be grown in this area. The cash crops that have been concentrated on, prior to the writing of this Report, have been rice, as an annual crop and copra on a long term basis. The people were quite enthusiastic about rice, but the recent change in policy by D.A.S. & F. has now precluded rice as a cash crop for this area. This change has caused a certain amount of resentment amongst the people and it is hoped that the newly introduced pepper vines will fill the gap caused by the deletion of rice as a potentially good source of a cash income.

During the course of the Patrol the writer encouraged, and will continue to encourage, the planting of coconut palms. Recent rural development in the area and the eventual aim of the PAGEI Local Government Council, to have a road link to VANIMO, MAKES THE INCREASED PLANTING OF COCONUTS, PARTICULARLY when planted adjacent to the roads a feasible long term project for economic development.

The long potential for economic development in this area is for a timber industry. Negotiations regarding the setting up of a timber industry in this area have been waxing and waning now for several years. It is to be hoped that something concrete will eventuate in the near future. The potential development of the whole area would be greatly accelerated by the establishment of such an industry which would open up the whole area and give an economical means of communication with VANIMO.

(b) ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENTAL DEPARTMENTS :

As stated above the gap caused by the deletion of rice as a strong potential source of income has not yet been filled. The introduction of pepper vines on a trial basis to replace rice has met with a certain amount of difficulty. The pepper vines were introduced early in 1970 but the people feel that they did not receive sufficient instruction in the care of the vines and are at a loss as what to do about them.

The writer has passed these views on to the Rural Development Officer and has been advised that two Assistant Rural Development Officers will shortly be visiting the PAGEI area and it is hoped that these problems will be overcome.

C. SOCIAL :

a. EDUCATION :

The only school in the area is the Primary 'T' School, which during the 1970 term had a total enrolment of 57 boys and 56 girls. The school taught Standards 1, 2, 4 and 6 last year.

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Last year (1970) saw the completion of the first Standard 6 class at the PAGEI school and 10 boys and 11 girls were awarded the standard Six Primary School Examination Certificate. One boy from SONEUI Village has been selected to attend High School.

Over that past month the writer has had various enquiries regarding employment of the Standard Six school leavers. Efforts are being made to place both the boys and the girls in suitable positions. The parents of these children have shown a lot of interest in the employment prospects of their children, and if suitable positions can be found, it will do much to encourage education throughout the area.

(b) HEALTH :

The health of the people throughout the area visited was quite good. The proximity of the PAGEI hospital to the majority of the Villages is undoubtedly a major contribution towards this. Minor and outpatient cases are treated at PAGEI and the more serious cases referred to the VANIMO hospital.

The Catholic Mission based at VANIMO runs a monthly infant welfare clinic at PAGEI and this is usually quite well attended.

(c) LAW AND ORDER :

Immediately prior to the commencement of the Patrol the writer received a report of a suspected 'SANGUMA' attack on a male employee of the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA. The attack occurred in the OSSIMA area while the man was hunting. The victim was seized by four men whose faces were blackened with charcoal and bodies disguised with leaves and grass. The attackers beat the victim, forced him to the ground and left him in a dazed condition. The victim eventually made his way back to the Mission and two days later became ill. He was given treatment at the Mission but did not respond. His relations from KILLWIS Village demanded that the man be taken back to the Village as he was suffering from 'sik bilong ples'. The Priest in Charge at OSSIMA reluctantly agreed to allowing the man to be taken back to KILLWIS.

On receipt of this information the writer instructed two policemen to investigate the matter and if possible arrange for the man to be brought to PAGEI for further medical treatment. On the return of the policemen the writer was informed that the man was still alive but that his relatives refused to bring him to PAGEI.

The following day the writer was informed that the man had died. The writer then went to KILLWIS and on arrival inspected the body there. There were no signs of violence nor any external signs of disease on the body and the writer was not able to state the cause of death.

An investigation was carried out and all of the victims relatives in the Village were questioned. They were unable to give any explanation for the attack but were adamant that the victim had been killed by 'SANGUMA' men.

The type of 'SANGUMA' killing traditionally practiced in the KILLWIS and OSSIMA area is that the victim is attacked by several disguised men who beat the victim into a semi-conscious state then insert one or more small spears into the victim's stomach, lungs or kidneys. The wounds are then smeared with dried blood collected from previous victims. The purpose of this is to cover up the wound and when the victim regains consciousness he supposedly does not know if the spears have actually been inserted into his body.

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The 'SANGUMA' spears are made from the wood of the betel-nut tree and are approximately one foot long tapering from $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter to a needle point. They have barbs carved into the lower portion approximately 4" from the tip. The spears are partially cut so that when they are driven into the body of the victim they can be broken easily. Thus only the lower 4" portion with the barbs actually remains in the body.

The above detailed information was passed to the Assistant District Commissioner with a request for a post mortem to be conducted as soon as possible. Unfortunately due to the influenza epidemic in the TELEFOKIN area the District Health Officer was not immediately available to conduct the post mortem.

The post mortem and a Coronial Enquiry was carried out a fortnight after the death of the victim. At this time the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. The District Health Officer did not find any trace of 'SANGUMA' spears in the body and due to the stage of decomposition was not able to establish the cause of death.

Inquiries into this incident are still being carried out but to date nothing has been revealed.

(d) MISSIONS :

There are two (2) Missions operating in the area, the Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission at MAPRIK in the East Sepik District.

The Catholic Mission has a reasonable influence throughout the area, particularly in APWUMBO and AMOI Villages.

The S.D.A. Mission appears to have a reasonable amount of influence at SONBUI, NAMBES and AINBAI Villages and is consolidating its influence throughout the area and in particular at IDOLI Village.

The Priest in Charge at OSSIMA pays regular visits on a monthlt basis to the area. The S.D.A. Mission visits the area every two or three months but they do not have resident indigenous lay-preachers in most of the Villages.

There does not appear to be any friction between the adherents of the two faiths but there is a certain amount of mutual dislike between the principals of the two Missions.

(e) CULT AND UNREST :

None known or suspected throughout the area patrolled.

(f) COMMUNITY EDUCATION :

Little has been done in this field to date. There are no properly organised Womens' Clubs or facilities for youth activities. The people have expressed a desire for an increase in Community Education. The women are particularly keen on establishing properly organised Womens' Clubs. These views have been passed on to the Community Development Officer at WEWAK and a Welfare Patrol is tentatively planned for early this year.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEIKI Report No. 6 OF 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by N. L. MITCHELL. PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled KILIPAS AREA, BEMBI CENSUS DIVISION. IMONDA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.

Natives 4.

Duration—From 8 / 1 / 1971 to 13 / 1 / 1971

Number of Days 6 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NOT KNOWN. / / 19

Medical NOT KNOWN. / / 19

Map Reference BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 1 N.G.

Objects of Patrol 1. LOCATE SITE OF CRASHED AIRCRAFT. 2. BUILD A HELIPAD FOR D.C.A. INVESTIGATION PARTY.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/1/71

N. L. Mitchell
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... \$.....

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

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67-16-42

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

1st April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

P/R PAGEI NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

Your 67-3-11 of 4th March, 1971, refers.

Copy of the above report is enclosed for
your records. I note that the claim has been
passed for payment.

(P. W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,

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Department of the Administrator,
District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.
4th March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

GROUND PARTY EXPENSES

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I refer to your minute on my 67-3-11 of the
12th February, 1971.

With no clerk here, anything can happen, looking
at our file I see that we do not have even a copy of
Pagei Patrol Report No. 6, and it was with this report that
the papers were sent.

Would you have a look and see if you have an extra
copy please, and you may find the list in one of the copies.
If you have not then I will endeavour to get a copy typed
from the Sub-District Office.

J. E. Wakeford

(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration

KOMOROPI. PAPUA.

1st March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VAIRO.

PAGEK PATROL NO. 6/1970-71

Your reference 67-3-11.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by N.L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer.

Mr. Mitchell's brief report adequately covers the
Special Purpose Patrol. He is to be commended for a job well done.
No further comments appear necessary on a successful patrol.

(T.W. HALLS)

Secretary

c.c. Mr. N.L. Mitchell,
Patrol Officer,
Pagek Patrol Post.



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Department of the Administrator.

District Office,

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West Sepik District.

12th February, 1971.

The Secretary,
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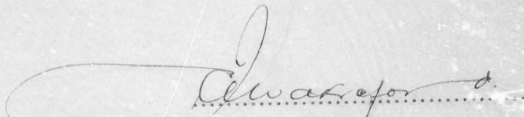
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District Commissioner.

Division of District Administration.

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District Office,
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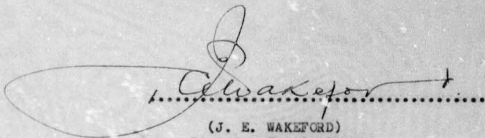
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West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

2nd. February, 1971.

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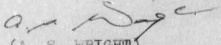
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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

COVER SHEET.

REPORT NO. : PAGEI No. 6/1970-71.

SUB-DISTRICT : Patrol conducted in the AMANAB Sub-District.

DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK.

COUNCIL/NON-COUNCIL AREA :
Non-Council.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY :
Mr. N. L. MITCHELL.

DESIGNATION : Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED : KILIFAS, BEMBI Census Division.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING :
0561. Constable 1/c. Baraman.
1264. Constable 1/c. Mamuri.
0621. Constable Mamjamban.
2325. Constable Kunkundi.

DURATION OF PATROL :
8-1-71 / 13-1-71. Six (6) Days.

DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL :
Not known.

OBJECTS OF PATROL :
1. Locate site of a crashed aircraft.
2. Build a helicopter pad for D.C.A.
Investigating party.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED :
Not known.

MAP REFERENCE : Border Special Sheet 1. N.G.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER - ENCLOSED/NOT ENCLOSED :
Not enclosed.

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VANIMO.

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(Handwritten Signature)
(A. S. WRIGHT).

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c.
The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

Minute To :

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMANAB.

Attached is a copy of the Report which you may wish to keep on record at IMONDA. I regret that an extra copy for your Sub-District Office is not available.

(A. S. WRIGHT).a/ADC.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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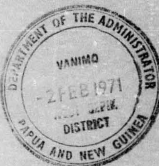
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West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

29th. January, 1971.



The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

GROUND PARTY EXPENSES - PAGEI PATROL
NO. 6/1970-71.

The attached copy of Memorandum 67/1/2
from the Officer in Charge, PAGEI, refers.

Could this matter be taken up with the
Department of Civil Aviation, please.

It would be appreciated if the re-
imbursement of the carriers' expenses could be made
promptly so that the Officer in Charge, PAGEI, may
acquit his advance.

It would also be of assistance if
D.C.A. could arrange for the replacement of the P.H.D.
stretcher direct to the VANIMO Hospital.

For your assistance, please.

A. S. Wright
(A. S. WRIGHT).

Att.

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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 Department Of The Administrator,
 Division Of District Administration,
 Patrol Post,
 PAGEI,
 West Sepik District.

Assistant District Commissioner,
 Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.

21st. January, 1971.

PAGEI PATROL NUMBER 6 OF 1970/71.

As you are aware PAGEI Patrol No.6 of 1970/71 was mounted to conduct a search for a missing aircraft VH ATG, which crashed near KILIFAS, during December 1968. The search by the ground party was carried out at the request of The Department Of Civil Aviation. D.C.A. have stated that they will meet all expenses incurred by the ground party.

Listed below is a breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Patrol:

1. CARRIERS.

Prior to the departure of the Patrol I withdrew, as a Patrol Advance, the sum of \$400.00, from the PAGEI Imprest Advance. This amount was required to cover the cost of a fixed carrier line and for payment of labour to construct a helipad.

A total of 27 men were employed for 6 1/2 days, from 8/1/71 to 14/1/71 at 50 cents per day, per man. Cost \$87.75.

A total of 8 women were employed for 2 1/2 days, from 8/1/71 to 10/1/71, at the same rate. Cost \$40.00.

Total cost \$97.75.

2. RATIONS.

The following rations were consumed by the carrier line, during the course of the Patrol. All prices listed are from the Stores Vocabulary.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST.</u>
Rice, locally grown.	2 bags	\$13.44.
Fish, canned	1 carton	\$ 7.20.
Meat, canned	1 carton	\$ 9.22.
Margarine	6lb. tin	\$ 4.00.
Salt	1/2 bag	\$ 0.75.
Sugar	35 lbs.	\$ 2.45.
Wheatmeal	50 lb. bag	\$ 1.87.
Tobacco, twists	1 lb.	\$ 1.15.
	<u>Total cost</u>	<u>\$37.08.</u>

STORES.

The following stores were either lost or damaged, beyond repair, during the Patrol.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST.</u>
Knife, bush (lost)	3	\$ 1.95.
Axe, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. (damaged)	2	\$ 4.14.
Axe, tomahawk, (1 lost, 2 damaged)	3	\$ 4.14.
Stretcher, P.H.D. (lost) (borrowed from P.H.D. VANIMO).	1	Not known.
Total cost, excluding last item,		\$ 10.23.

For your information, and further action, please.

N. M. Itchell
 N. M. ITCHELL,
 Officer in Charge.



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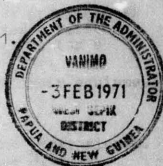
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Assistant District Commissioner.

PAGE1 PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

DIARY OF PATROL :

JANUARY 1971 :

THURSDAY, 7TH. :

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1645. Instructed four (4) policemen to assemble their equipment for the Patrol.

FRIDAY, 8TH. :

0815. Radio schedule with the Assistant District Commissioner. Received further information regarding the Patrol.
- 0845/1100 : Patrol equipment assembled.
1210. Uplifted by aircraft to KILIFAS accompanied by Assistant District Commissioner. Inspected wreckage of the crashed aircraft brought in by villagers. Discussed approximate location of aircraft.
1305. Second uplift of Patrol party arrived.
1315. Assistant District Commissioner departed. Commenced organising Carrier line. Insufficient carriers available. Runners sent to surrounding Villages.
1500. Departed KILIFAS. Some supplies left behind to be brought up when extra carriers arrive. Commenced walking upstream YENABU River.
1630. Selected a camp site at an old garden on the bank of the YENABU River.
1740. Tested D.C.A. V.F.H. Radio. Made contact with overhead aircraft VH-EGR. Reception excellent. Remained the night.

SATURDAY, 9TH. :

0630. Broke camp. Carrier line organised.
0730. Departed overnight camp. Continued upstream YENABU River.
0950. Arrived at ARFINI Creek. Commenced following this creek upstream on a bearing of 255 degrees. Progress rather slow due to sharp slippery rocks and the necessity to continually cross and re-cross the creek.
- 1200/1245. Lunch break.
1245. Left the ARFINI creek, climbed up a steep ridge, followed the ridge on a bearing of 210 degrees in a south westerly direction.
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1445. Very heavy rain falling. Track very slippery, narrow and treacherous in places. Decided to make camp. Selected a reasonable camp site on the protected side of the ridge.
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SUNDAY, 10TH. :

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- 1130. Arrived at an old 'bush' camp adjacent to the aircraft crash site. Commenced setting up camp.
- 1200. Radio schedule with the Assistant District Commissioner. Reception poor.
- 1400. Descended from camp site into a small valley. Climbed another ridge for 20 minutes. Located crash site. No trace of the pilot's remains.
- 1500. Returned to camp site.
- 1600. Radio schedule with the Assistant District Commissioner.
- 1820. Strong earth tremor. Force 3-4. Further minor tremors until 0815. Remained the night.

MONDAY, 11TH. :

- 0730. Work commenced on clearing helipad.
- 0800. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
- 1200. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
- 1300. Commenced constructing helipad.
- 1600. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner. Continued work until 1730. Remained the night.

TUESDAY, 12TH. :

- 0700. Continued construction of helipad.
- 0800. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
- 1145. Helipad completed. Commenced clearing a flight path for helicopter.
- 1200. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
- 1245. Conducted a search for further wreckage. Pilot's remains found and collected.
- 1430. Heavy rain falling. Helicopter flew over helipad but did not land.
- 1600. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner. Remained the night.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH. :

- 0800. Radio schedule with the Assistant District Commissioner.
- 0815. To helipad.
- 0830. Paid carriers.
- 0900. Helicopter arrived with a Member of the D.C.A. Investigating team.
- 0930. Helicopter returned with two (2) more Members of D.C.A. team. Pilot's remains, some equipment and two (2) Policemen returned to PAGEI by helicopter.
- 0940. Instructed remaining policemen to organise the carriers and Patrol equipment and return to KILIFAS.
- 0945/1145. Assisted the D.C.A. team with their investigation.
- 1200. Helicopter returned and uplifted D.C.A. party and writer to PAGEI.
- 1215. Arrived PAGEI.

THURSDAY, 14TH. : At PAGEI.

FRIDAY, 15TH. :

- 1500. Remainder of Patrol party returned PAGEI by aircraft from KILIFAS.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION :

PAGEI Patrol No. 6 was mounted as a Special Purpose Patrol on receipt of verbal instructions from the Assistant District Commissioner at VANIMO on 7th. January, 1971.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL :

The specific objects of the patrol were :-

1. Locate the site of crashed aircraft.
2. Build a helicopter landing pad for a D.C.A. Investigation party.
3. Retrieve the remains of the Pilot of the crashed aircraft.

BACKGROUND :

During November, 1968, a CESSNA 206 Aircraft VH-ATG, on a routine flight between VANIMO and IMONDA was believed to have crashed in the KILIFAS area. The Aircraft belonged to AERIAL TOURS PTY. LTD. and was based at VANIMO. An intensive air search was carried out but no trace of the aircraft or the pilot was found.

On 28th. December, 1970 three (3) males from KILIFAS, who were on a hunting expedition, discovered the wreckage of an aircraft in the mountains north west of KILIFAS. The names of the men are :-

1. SEMEA SAKI.
2. KOIP EARE (Father).
3. EFSE KOIP (Son).

The men returned to KILIFAS carrying with them a seat belt and a cushion from the crashed aircraft. The sighting of the crashed aircraft was passed on to a M.A.F. Pilot and the Department of Civil Aviation was notified. On 7th. January, 1971, the writer received instructions to prepare for a Patrol to the crash area.

SEARCH PARTY :

The writer and the search party departed from KILIFAS on the afternoon of 8th. January, 1971. For the rest of that day and until 1245 the next day the Patrol followed the course of the YENABU River and ARFINI Creek upstream. The total distance walked would not be more than ten (10) miles but progress was hampered by the need to continually re-cross the streams and the sharp and slippery surface of the rocky river beds.

On leaving the creek the Patrol commenced to climb up a series of steep ridges to a height of 3,800 feet. The track along these ridges was, for the most part, practically non-existent. Cutting the new track was one of the main reasons for the slow rate of progress along this section. Other reasons were heavy rain, mist and strong winds. In places the track was very narrow and dangerous.

The search party reached the site of the crashed aircraft at 1420 on 12th. January, 1971. Approximate Grid Reference WB. 299 479. Positive identification of the aircraft was made. The wreckage of the aircraft was strewn over an area of 500 x 75 yards. The tailplane was situated on the Western slope of a small ridge. Parts of the fuselage, one seat, one mainplane and one smashed fuel drum on the ridge. The remainder of the wreckage, doors, propeller, instruments, wheels and other small parts were found on the eastern slope of the ridge. The remains of the pilot were found in a small depression near a creek bed, approximately 250 yards from the top of the ridge. The engine was found about 40 yards further on in a small creek bed.

From the wreckage trail it appears that the Pilot may have been trapped in cloud, and as he was trying to find a gap in the cloud he saw trees, attempted to increase his altitude, and in doing so, the tailplane clipped a tree. The tailplane then possibly broke away from the fusilage and the main body of the aircraft continued into the heavy timber at the top of the ridge.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HELIPAD :

Work commenced on the construction of the helipad on 11th. January, 1971. The site chosen was a flat section of the ridge approximately 100 yards below the crash site. The initial task was to clear the heavily timbered area. An area up to 90 x 50 yards was cleared of all timber. The slopes of the ridge, east and west were also cleared for a flight path for the helicopter.

The construction of the helipad entailed the levelling of an area of ground and building a platform out of 5" diameter round bush timber. The platform's dimensions were 24' x 16' and it adequately met the needs of the 'ALOUETTE' Turbine Engine helicopter, used by the D.C.A. party.

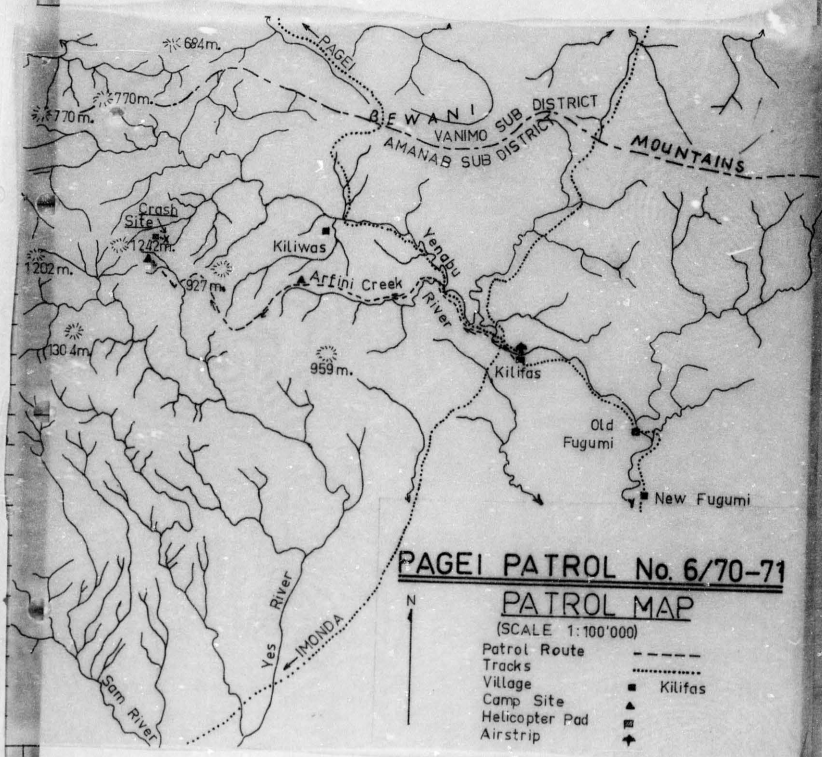
CONCLUSION :

All the objects of the Patrol were successfully carried out.

All other Members of the Patrol carried out their duties extremely well. The Carriers/Labourers did an excellent job under trying and difficult conditions.

N. I. Mitchell
(N. I. MITCHELL).

PATROL OFFICER.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 7. 9E. 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by N. L. MITCHELL

Area Patrolled KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans DR. I. OWEN, MR. B. FRANCIS, D.A.S.F., MR. V. SCHMID, MR. G. NULI, PAGEI L. COUNCIL CLERK., A.P.O., D.D.A. Natives 0612 CST. MANJAMBAN, 3225 CST. KUNKUNDI.

Duration—From 10./2./1971 to 6./3./1971

Number of Days 25

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 24./9./1969 - 30/9/69, 8/10/69 - 17/10/69. 17 DAYS.

Medical NOT KNOWN /19

Map Reference BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 1

Objects of Patrol 1. ANNUAL CENSUS REVISION, 2. REVISION OF AREA STUDY, 3. POLITICAL EDUCATION, 4. COUNCIL PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN, 5. BORDER SURVEILLANCE, 6. PROPOSED ROAD DEVELOPMENT, 7. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

23 14/19/71

Signature of District Commissioner

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 ...

Area filed

67-16-55

KONEDOBU. PAPUA

1st July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YANIKO

PAGLI PATROL NO.7 OF 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-11 of 27th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. N.L. Mitchell of Kilimeri Census Division.

You should prepare details of the people who wish to engage in small scale cattle grazing projects within the forestry lease area, and request permission from the Forestry Department. Page 5 of the Area Study refers. You should state the approximate area involved and include a map showing the exact locality of the areas in relation to the Forestry lease. The Forestry Department advises that such requests are treated sympathetically depending on the amount of felling involved and the quality of the timber.

Mr. Mitchell has submitted a neat and interesting report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
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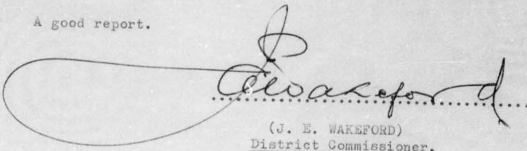
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It is pleasing to note that the Political Education Programme is having a good impact. I still contend that this method of using patrols to bring to the people the importance of this form of education far outweighs the Political Education Officer, especially in the primitive areas.

I appreciate their feelings towards their Member. He has made not the slightest effort to visit these people. This is one of the reasons why I suggested an alteration in the Electoral boundary. No coastal man has any time for these people.

I have already written a book on this proposed Timber Project but until someone in the Department of Forests knows what they are talking about and makes a decision, the people will just have to wait.

A good report.



(J. E. WAKEFORD)
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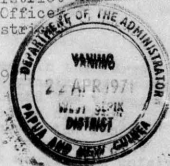
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 District Headquarters,
 VANIMO. W.S.D.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 7-1970/71
KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of this Report Submitted by Mr. N. L. MITCHELL, Patrol Officer-in-Charge, Pagei.

The Report is a well written record of the Patrol's activities with thoughtful situation assessments and necessary information to update the 1969/70 Area Study. A number of typing errors detract from the presentation of the Report.

Some further comments follow.

SITUATION REPORT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It is pleasing to note the favourable reaction to the separation of Local Government functions from Department of District Administration.

Council elections are now in progress in this area.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

A submission has been made to the Electoral Boundaries Committee to have the Pagei area included in an Open Electorate which would encompass the border area as far as Green River. At present the Pagei area lies within the West Sepik Coastal Electorate which extends down the Coast from the border to the limit of the Aitape Sub District. If this change in the Electoral Boundaries is approved the Pagei people will be represented by a Member more conversant with their problems and of the same ethnic type as themselves. This should prove more satisfactory to them.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

It is reported that some fears and misgivings were expressed over the question of self government. Similar feelings have been expressed to me by people from the Vanimo East Coast Division. One of the main concerns seems to be a fear of possible external aggression after self government.

Further explanation of the meaning of self government has been made by the reporting officer and also by myself at a recent Political Education seminar

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at Papei. It was stressed that Australia will still be committed to the defence of Territory of Papua and New Guinea after self government is attained.

ECONOMIC.

Some of the more enterprising men in this area wish to engage in small scale cattle grazing projects. However the Administration has purchased the timber rights over the entire area for a period of forty (40) years which would appear to prevent the land-owners from utilising their own land by clearing it of timber for cattle pastures. This would seem unfair to these people as they have very limited opportunities for economic development. As the proposed cattle projects are small scale and would involve the clearing of small acreages in a total timber purchase area of 750,000 acres, I believe that the Administration should permit them to proceed. The present situation is causing a lot of frustration.

REVISION OF AREA STUDY.

Road Communications.

Although the Rural Development Submission for funds for the Papei - Miau Creek - Ocol has been approved as stated in the Report, this is only at the District level. In fact that Project was listed as Priority no. 14 in the District Submission and there is no guarantee that it will be approved and funded in 1971/72. The development of a road link towards Venimo will necessarily be slow because of the limited manpower in the area as well as the very limited Council Funds. Of course if the large scale timber industry goes ahead logging roads will be constructed by the Company.

APPENDIX C.

Mr. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer has submitted a supplementary diary and situation report covering his time and observations on this Patrol. This is quite well written and I feel that he would have benefited from accompanying this Patrol.

APPENDIX E.

Papei Patrol Report no. 8 of 1970/71 will be forwarded soon and it deals more fully with the proposed road development through this area.

The Patrol Map is of a high standard. Camping Allowance claims are attached. Late submission of this Report is regretted. It was occasioned by Mr. Mitchell's absence at a Census course and a backlog of work at this Office.



A. S. WRIGHT
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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11th February, 1971.

Mr. N. L. Mitchell,
Patrol Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 7 OF 1970/71

KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION NO. W. S. 2

Please prepare to depart Pagei on Wednesday 10th February, 1971 for a Patrol of the Kilimeri Census Division. Mr. Schmid A.P.O. is to accompany you for part of the Patrol for training purposes. He will need to return to Pagei for paydays and any other essential station management duties. Two officers of the Animal Industry Division of D.A.S.F. plan to accompany you for part of the patrol also. They are to stay with your patrol at all times, particularly in the Border area, and are not to move around by themselves.

The main object of the Patrol are:-

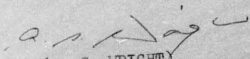
1. Annual revision of census for the Kilimeri Census Division in accordance with Departmental Standing Instructions Volume 1 and D.D.A. Circular 14/2/0 of 14-10.69.
2. Update the Area Study compiled in 1969/70 - refer Pagei Patrol Report no. 7 of 1969/70.
3. Continue with the Political Education programme. Follow on from what has been covered in this Division by previous patrols. Use the book. "Towards a United Country" for material for your talks. Report fully on this aspect of the Patrol.
4. Council Pre-election campaign. Pagei Council elections are due in late April. Conduct a pre-election campaign covering electoral procedures, the need to elect representatives able to work for the development of their wards, the role of the Councillor and so on. Council Clerk C. NULI could continue this campaign through the Imbio Division.
5. As there is a meeting of the Pagei Council scheduled for the 11th. February at OSSIMA, proceed there first and advise at that meeting.
6. From there please move on to ILUP and proceed to the SINANU area to check on the reported movement of West Irian camps to new locations. This aspect should be reported on under confidential cover.
7. Then assume the normal course of the Patrol. Road Development. walk over the proposed road route in the Kilimeri that will

eventually give access to Vanimo. Take note of the most practicable route and gather basic information on river crossings etc. that will need to be bridged. From SOSI walk over the track to the DAUNDA crossing where you will be transported to Waterstone. From there move on to Krisa and investigate the reported land dispute involving Krisa and Waterstone people.

8. Routine administration. Publicise carefully the Native Members of the Fares Benefits Regulations. Obtain full details of anyone who may be eligible for a Pension under these Regulations. Attend to all other necessary routine administration matters such as payment of N.M.T.A. etc.

9. A squadcal transceiver will be sent out for use on this Patrol. Please call me at 0800 and 1600 daily.

10. On completion of the Patrol submit a Report in the required form.


(A. S. WRIGHT)
a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 1970/71

COVER SHEET.

REPORT NO. PAGEI NO. 7 - 1970-71
SUB DISTRICT: VANIMO.
DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: COUNCIL AREA
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: N. L. MITCHELL.
DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER.
AREA PATROLLED KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

Dr. I. Owen, D.A.S.F., Fort Moresby
 10/2/71 - 21/2/71.
 Mr. B Francis, D.A.S.F., Vanimo
 10/2/71 - 13/2/71.
 Mr. V. Schmid, A.P.O., Pagei
 10/2/71 - 18/2/71, 27/2/71 - 5/3/71
 Mr. G. Nuli, Pagei L. G. Council Clerk
 27/2/71 - 4/3/71
 0612 Cst. Manjamban
 3225 Cst. Kunkundi

DURATION OF PATROL: 10/2/71 - 6/3/71, 25 Days

DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA: 24/9/69 - 30/9/69, 8/10/69 - 17/10/69, 17 Days.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

1. Annual Census Revision
2. Revision of Area Study,
3. Political Education
4. Council pre-election campaign
5. Border surveillance
6. Proposed Road Development
7. Routine administration

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED: 2211

MAP REFERENCE: Border (special) sheet 1.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER:

Enclosed.

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DIARY OF PATROL:

FEBRUARY 1971:

WEDNESDAY. 10TH:

0830-1030 Prepared to depart on patrol to the KILLIMERI Census Division. 1100 departed PAGEI, accompanied by Dr. I. Owen, D.A.S.F., Fort Moresby, and Mr. B. Francis, D.A.S.F., Vanimo. 1430 arrived at ISI No. 2 1500 departed ISI No. 2, arrived at AWOL. Track very dry and extremely hot, as most of the bush has been cleared for road development. Set up camp at AWOL, paid carriers. D.A.S.F. party collected blood samples from village dogs. Remained the night.

THURSDAY 11TH:

0745 Departed AWOL, arrived OSSIMA 0900. Track clean and dry. Set up camp, paid carriers. 0930-1200 attended PAGEI Local Government Council meeting at OSSIMA. 1300-1600 attended L.G. Council meeting. Remained the night.

FRIDAY 12TH:

0800-1230 Attended L.G. Council meeting. 1330-1600 Discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

SATURDAY 13TH:

0800 Prepared to depart for ILUP. Mr. Francis remained at OSSIMA to return to VANIMO. 0850 departed OSSIMA, arrived ILUP 1300. Track in good condition, dry and clean. Met Mr. V. Schmid, A.P.O., at ILUP. Set up camp, paid carriers. 1700-1900 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

SUNDAY 14TH:

0900 Commenced Census for ILUP. 1200-1300 lunch break. Continued with census. 1430 completed census, all sheets had to be re-written. 1500-1700 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

MONDAY 15TH:

0740 Departed ILUP, arrived WARABUNG 1005. 1030 departed WARABUNG, arrived LILAK 1230. 1250 departed LILAK, 1410 arrived CIAN, (hunting camp of ILUP people 1/2 an hour's walk from SIRANU No. 2). Track dry, but ill defined. Set up camp. 1500 sent two carriers to locate West Irian camps, believed to be in the vicinity. 1600 radio schedule with A.D.C. Remained the night.

TUESDAY 16TH:

0800 Radio schedule with A.D.C. 0815-1555 checked West Irian camps. 1600 Radio schedule

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with A.D.C. Remained the night.

WEDNESDAY 17TH:

0735 Departed OFAN, 1505 arrived KILLWIS. Tracks, overall wet, slippery, very muddy and infested with leeches. 1520 paid carriers. Discussed various aspects of the patrol with Mr. Schmid. 1800 radio schedule with A.D.C. Remained the night.

THURSDAY 18TH:

0800 Radio schedule with A.D.C. 0815 political education discussion, council pre-election campaign and routine administration with assembled people of KILIPAU and KILLWIS villagers. 1050 Mr. Schmid returned to PAGEI. 1145 departed for AIYAWCU, arrived 1240. Track in excellent condition. Set up camp, paid carriers. 1400 commenced census, 1555 census completed. 1600 radio schedule with A.D.C. 1615-1730 discussion with individual villagers. 1830-2000 completed census statistics. Remained the night.

FRIDAY 19TH:

0800 Radio schedule with A.D.C. 0815 all villagers assembled, carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1100 discussions completed. 1125 departed for SOSI, track quite good, arrived SOSI 1510. Set up camp, paid carriers. 1600 radio schedule with A.D.C. 1630-1800 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

SATURDAY 20TH:

0800 Radio schedule with A.D.C. 0900 commenced census, completed 1100. 1100-1200 revision of Area Study. 1330-1600 carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1630-1730 discussion with individual villagers. 1900-2000 completed census statistics. Remained the night.

SUNDAY 21ST:

0810 Departed SOSI for VANIMO. Track very steep, muddy and in a very poor condition. Sections infested with leeches. 1105 arrived at DAUNDA water falls. 1340 arrived at VANIMO, met by A.D.C. Mr. T. Wright. 1420 carriers arrived, paid carriers. 1450 to WATERSTONE by vehicle. Set up camp. Remained the night.

MONDAY 22ND:

0915 To VANIMO, for discussions with A.D.C., about various aspects of the patrol. 1300-1400 discussion with the Manager, Goldore timber company, about any planned road development in the VANIMO-PAGEI area, by the timber company. 1400-1530 to SOSI camp, near

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the mouth of the DARCI Creek, to organise carriers for the return journey to PAGEI. 1530 returned to WATERSTONE. Remained the night.

TUESDAY 23RD:

0800-1200 Discussion with WATERSTONE and KRISA people, about land dispute at KRISA. 1300 to VANIMO, discussion with A.D.C. 1400-1500 discussion with Mr. H. Dunstan, R.D.O., D.A.S.F., about agricultural projects for the PAGEI Area. 1500-1545 replenished patrol food supplies. 1600 returned to Sub District Office. Remained the night at VANIMO.

WEDNESDAY 24TH:

0700 Returned to WATERSTONE. 0800 prepared to depart for KRISA. Departure delayed by late arrival of carriers. 1100 departed WATERSTONE, arrived at KRISA 1800. Heavy rain, all afternoon, turned the track into a quagmire, and with the large number of leeches, walking was very unpleasant. 1900 carriers arrived. Paid carriers, set up camp. Remained the night.

THURSDAY 25TH:

0800 Radio schedule - nothing heard. Rain falling delayed census, 0945 commenced census. 1200-1300 lunch break. 1300-1400 completed census. 1400-1600 discussion with individual villagers. 1700-1800 inspected village and surrounds. 2000-2130 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

FRIDAY 26TH:

0800 Radio schedule - nothing heard. 0830-1230 all villagers assembled, carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1350 departed KRISA, TRACK well defined and dry, arrived OSOL 1535. 1610 carriers arrived, set up camp, paid carriers. Remained the night.

SATURDAY 27TH:

0800 Radio schedule - nothing heard. 0915-1030 carried out census for OSOL. 1030-1120 carried out census for ELAU. 1200 Mr. V. Schmid, rejoined the patrol. 1345-1445 carried out census for AULL. Remained the night.

SUNDAY 28TH:

0800 Radio schedule - nothing heard. 0900-1130 discussion with individual villagers. 1330-1545 compiled census statistics. 1600-1800 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

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MARCH, 1971:

MONDAY 1ST:

0800 Radio schedule - nothing heard, batteries nearly flat. 0815 all villagers from OSOL, ELAU and AULL assembled; carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1210 discussion completed. 1335 departed OSOL, track dry and in reasonable condition. 1535 arrived at OSSIMA, set up camp, paid carriers. Remained the night.

TUESDAY 2ND:

0800-1030 Carried out census for OSSIMA. 1030-1200 compiled census statistics. 1300 to OMULA for census, completed 1445. 1445-1545 discussion with individual villagers. 1600 returned to OSSIMA. 1615-1730 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

WEDNESDAY 3RD:

0745 To AIRU, carried out census, completed 0930. 0930-1045 discussion with individual villagers. 1045 returned to OSSIMA. 1115-1200 compiled census statistics. 1300-1600 villagers from OSSIMA, OMULA and AIRU assembled, carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1615-1745 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

THURSDAY 4TH:

0800 To the Catholic Mission to complete the Area Study for the OSSIMA Area. 0930 departed OSSIMA for AWOL, track dry, and in good condition. 1045 arrived AWOL, set up camp, paid carriers. 1245-1345 carried out census for AWOL. 1345-1615, carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1630-1800 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

FRIDAY 5TH:

0820 Departed AWOL, track dry and in good condition, arrived ISI No. 2. 0920 Mr. Schmid continued on to PAGEI. 1035-1150 carried out census for ISI No. 2. 1245-1330 carried out census for ISI No. 1. 1345-1630 carried out all other aspects of the patrol. 1830-2000 discussion with individual villagers. Remained the night.

SATURDAY 6TH:

0800 Departed ISI No. 2, track dry in good condition, arrived PAGEI 1200. Paid carriers, returned equipment to store. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 7 - 1970-71.

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the attached Patrol Instructions, from Mr. A. S. Wright, Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO Sub-District, a patrol was mounted, and departed from PAGEI on the 10th February, 1971. The specific objects of the patrol were:-

1. Annual Census Revision
2. Revision of 1969/70 Area Study
3. Continuation of the Political Education programme.
4. Carry out a Council pre-election campaign.
5. Attend a PAGEI Local Government Council meeting at OSSIMA.
6. Check on the reported movement of West Irian camps in the border area.
7. Carry out a survey of a proposed road, to link the KILLIMERI census division with VANIMO.
8. Routine Administration.

The Revision of the Area Study is submitted as appendix "B" of this patrol report. It should be noted that there has been very little change since the Area Study, compiled during September/October of 1969. All items that needed revision have been dealt with under the headings laid down for a full Area Study.

Mr. V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer, accompanied the patrol, when station duties permitted. His Patrol Diary and Situation Report are submitted as appendix 'C' of this report.

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SITUATION REPORT.

A. POLITICAL.

(a) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The KILIMERI Census Division forms part of the PAGEI Local Government Council area. The PAGEI Local Government Council was established in 1963, and although a low level income council, it does have a reasonable sphere of influence through out the area. The people of the KILIMERI Census Division, (which is the most densely populated area, within the Council), realise that the Council's Capital Works Programme, is strictly limited by the small income of the Council, and accept this fact.

The majority of the people strongly support the view, that the PAGEI Local Government Council should concentrate the majority of the Council's Capital Works resources on road development, so that there will eventually be a road link between PAGEI and VANIMO. A large percentage of the people stated that they are willing to work out pay on the SOSI to VANIMO section of the road, and they feel that the available Council funds should be used to hire equipment to help them construct the road.

Previous Reporting Officer's state that KILIMERI people identify the PAGEI Local Government Council as just another agency of the Administration, which comes under the control of the Officer in Charge at PAGEI. To some degree this view is supported by the Reporting Officer. But, during the course of the Patrol, it was explained, first at the Council meeting, held at OSSIMA, and later in each village, that a new approach is being made, to clearly delineate the roles of Council Administration advisers. The people were informed that a new system had been initiated, on a trial basis, so that an Officer of this Department would serve as a full time Council Adviser, to one or more councils. The people were told that the appointed officer would concentrate solely on Council Administration, and that he would not perform other duties. The reaction to the new system, was highly favourable, and it is felt that this system will greatly assist in the development of a tangible, independent identity for the PAGEI Local Government Council.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

The majority of the Councillors met during the course of the patrol, appear to have a considerable degree of influence within their particular village areas. But only two Councillors can be said to have extended their sphere of influence outside their wards, to any noticeable degree. They are AKA ISAL, of OSOL Village, President of the PAGEI LOCAL Government Council, and BEMA TOU, who is currently Vice President. Both men are widely respected throughout the area.

At the village level there is a conflicting relationship, as the Councillors tend to place more emphasis on their assumed unofficial role, of village supervisors and agents of law and order, than on their official role as the legally elected representatives of their people.

The people tend to regard their Councillors as

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elected luluai's, and assume that the Councillors have retained the powers of the luluais.

Continuing Political Education programmes, should eventually dispel the above altitudes. The official duties of the Councillor towards his constituency will form a part of all Political Education discussions, to the whole PAGEI Area, within the immediate future.

A Council pre-election campaign was carried out, during the course of the Patrol. All villagers were informed of the desirability for them to elect Councillors who will work towards the development of the council area, and are capable of representing their own wards. The responsibilities of Local Government Councillors, as set out in the publication, *Towards a United Country*, chapter 14, were fully explained to the people. Council electoral procedures were fully explained, and it was stressed, that the individual voter, has the right to vote for the person, the voter considers to be the best candidate.

Generally the forthcoming elections have created a large amount of interest, throughout the area. The majority of the incumbent councillors have been nominated for re-election, but there has also been a reasonable number of other nominations.

(c) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Interest in the House of Assembly, its functions and responsibilities, appears to have gained impetus over the past year. This is most probably due to the continuation of the Political Education programme, and the large amount of publicity given to the recent tour of the Committee for Constitutional Development.

It cannot be said that the people have any great degree of political sophistication. In fact they still have to master the basic concepts of a Central Government. But there are encouraging signs of interest, and the people do realise that they belong to a much larger political entity, than their previous concept, which was focussed on the Administration, at VANIMO.

(d) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

The people do show a genuine interest in their elected House of Assembly Members. This point was continually brought to the attention of the Reporting Officer.

There is a general feeling throughout the area that the people have been neglected by their elected members. The people feel that they should have much more contact with their Members, and that the Members should at least visit the area annually. To date, they have had little or no opportunity to air their views or gain any information about the work done by their elected members.

(d) POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Political Education discussions were conducted during the course of the Patrol. In some instances, where two or more villages were in close proximity to each

other, combined discussion were held. In this way all villages in the KILIMERI Census Division were covered. The discussions were conducted as formal talks to the assembled villagers, and informal talk with small groups of men, usually late in the afternoon.

As already stated the degree of political sophistication is not large. Therefore the theme of the discussion was concentrated on the basic principles of the following topics:

- (1) The House of Assembly, its role, aims and functions.
- (2) The Public Service, its aims and functions.
- (3) The recent tour of the Select Committee for Constitutional Development.
- (4) Council pre-election campaign. This topic was dealt with separately, and has been covered under sub-section (b) Local Government Councillors.

A generalised picture on the purpose and functions of the Central Government, and its relation to the Public Service was explained, in detail.

It is realised that the first two topics have been covered by previous Patrols, but it was felt that there was a need to re-acquaint the people with these topics, before discussing the tour of the Select Committee.

The main emphasis of the discussions, was placed on the tour of the Select Committee, and the question of Self-Government. It was noted that certain anomalies and misconceptions and arisen over the recent tour of the Select Committee, and the whole question of Self-Government.

The people of KILIMERI Census Division are basically conservative and wish to retain the present "status quo". They point out, that compared to other areas, they have not had the benefit of intensive Administration and Mission influence. Consequently they feel that they have not progressed sufficiently to consider the idea of Self-Government in the immediate future.

A considerable amount of time was spent in trying to alleviate these fears. It was emphasized that they need not fear the prospect of Self-Government. The term "self-government" and Australia's inherent responsibilities to the people of Papua and New Guinea, were explained to the people. It was stressed that Australia would assist the people, as long as they, the people desired such assistance.

Overall the discussion were very favourable received, and there was keen interest from the majority of the people.

B. ECONOMIC.

(a) GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

The whole of KILIMERI area has a low economic potential, for most forms of agricultural cropping. But, to date, even this low potential has not been fully exploited. Coupled with the low agricultural potential, there is also a relatively small population, and no economic transportation links with outside centres. Thus these factors severely restrict economic development in the area.

The most pressing need for the area is a road link between PAGEI and VANIMO, and the people fully realise this, and are prepared to work for little or no pay to establish such a road.

Given a road, there is the potential to develop market

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gardening projects for the VANIMO area, and the establishment of a copra industry. The people were encouraged to continue planting coconut palms, so that when they eventually get a road, they will be able to establish a copra industry. The people were advised to plant coconut palms, near the proposed roads and in easily accessible areas. Thus it is felt that steady planting over the next 2 or 3 years will give the area the impetus for continued road and agricultural development.

The big potential for economic development in this area is for a timber industry. Negotiations regarding the setting up of such an industry have been carried out for a number of years, but to date, there appears to be nothing definite. It is to be hoped that something tangible will eventuate in the near future. The development of such an industry would greatly accelerate economic development throughout the whole area.

(b) ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

There has been very little activity by Development Departments over the past year. But as already pointed out, the lack of an adequate economic means of communication and transportation form the main obstacles to any major economic development in the area.

The people of the area have stated that they are quite willing to try growing pepper, if they are given close supervision. These views will be passed to the Rural Development Officer, at VANIMO, and it is hoped that a D.A.S.F. patrol will introduce pepper vines to the area, in the near future.

(c) VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENSION.

Very little has been done in the way of cash crop extension.

All villages have coconut groves of varying sizes, and the people are being encouraged to expand these groves.

Market gardening is being carried out by a limited number of individuals, and in this field there is the potential to expand such activity. English potatoes, beans, onions, tomatoes, corn, cabbages and other vegetables will grow well, on the higher ground in this area, and could supply a steady source of income, if road transport existed.

Rice was planted on a small scale, and was generally accepted by the people. But, now as D.A.S.F. are no longer encouraging rice production, this crop is no longer planted. The Catholic Mission is prepared to buy a limited amount of rice, from the OSSIMA area, for their own use. The mission has a rice-husking machine and is trying to encourage limited production of this crop, but to date, they have had very little success.

KRISA village, has five small coffee gardens, with a total of 250 mature trees. The KRISA people would like a D.A.S.F. patrol to visit the village, and inspect their coffee garden. The income from their coffee gardens over the last year, has not exceeded \$20.00, and the people require

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advice, as to whether they should persist with coffee, or try a new crop.

As with all crops in the area, and any crops introduced in the future, the major problem of the area is, inadequate transportation facilities to market centres. There can be very little improvement in the whole situation, until such facilities are established.

(d) NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT.

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA, has established a small cattle herd, with a view of providing meat for their own use. The Mission is also training several young men in the care and handling of cattle. This project has created quite a lot of interest, and several men plan to start small scale cattle projects, on their own ground. These projects will be supervised and guided by mission staff. The question now arises; "can these men clear their own ground of timber, so that they can establish their small-scale projects?" They have waited patiently for a timber industry to be established, and to date, their patience has not been rewarded.

The Mission has over the years experimented with various food crops, and met with a certain amount of success. It also provides a small market outlet for some locally grown produce.

There is no other non-indigenous development in the area.

(c) SOCIAL.

(a) EDUCATION.

There are two schools in the area, and both are staffed by Catholic Mission personnel. The school at OSSIMA, teaches all standards up standard five. The total enrolment of children for the KILLMEREI Census Division is 84 boys and 68 girls. Boarding facilities are provided for children from outlying villages.

The other school is at OSOL, and conducts a standard one class, for children in the immediate area. The present enrolment is 15 boys and 7 girls. This school acts as a feeder school to OSSIMA.

Children who have been selected for higher grades from the OSSIMA school are sent to the LOTE mission school, near VANIMO.

(b) HEALTH.

The health of the people appears to be reasonable good. Several cases of tropical ulcers were noted, and the people were told to present themselves to their nearest aid post. The people were informed that it was their responsibility to ensure that sick persons received proper medical attention.

It would appear that from a later conversion, with the resident Infant Welfare and Nursing Sister, at OSSIMA, that the conclusion that the general health of the people is reasonable, could be rather superficial. She pointed out that over the past year she had seven cases of suspected

leprosy, which were later confirmed. These people are now receiving treatment at the AITAPE leprosarium. The sister feels that as she has little experience in diagnosis of this disease, and that the people generally are reluctant to bring forward suspected cases, that a leprosy survey by P.H.D. is warranted. She also suspects that there could be several cases of tuberculosis in the area. Therefore she feels that a T.B. survey by P.H.D. is also warranted. If such survey's can be arranged it is requested that the whole three Census Division of the PAGEI Patrol Post area be covered.

Another request was received from the people of OSOL and all adjacent villages, for an aid post to be established at OSOL. Previous Reporting Officers have commented on this request, and I support their remarks, and this request. The OSOL people have allocated a section of land called IOAP which is adjacent to the school at OSOL. The people are willing to construct the aid post, free of charge, and a request with be made for Council funds to provide internal fittings.

A check of correspondence held by the office, reveals that a previous request for an aid post at OSOL, received the support of the District Medical Officer, but due to a lack of staff the planned aid-post did not eventuate. A new submission will be forward within the immediate future.

C. LAW AND ORDER.

One case of adultery was brought to the attention of the Reporting Officer, and this will be brought before the Local Court at PAGEI. There were no other incidents brought to the attention of the reporting officer and on the whole, the people appear to be generally law abiding.

(d) MISSION.

The Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA, provides education and health services. A fully trained sister is stationed at OSSIMA, and she conducts infant welfare and general clinics. The mission is also training 36 indigenous males in animal husbandry and basic agricultural principles. The mission operates a trade store, runs a Commonwealth Savings Bank agency and operates a light aircraft, airstrip.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission has recently tried to establish a following in the OSSIMA/AWOL and KILIMIS/KILIPAU and ILUP areas. This has caused some friction between the principals of the two faiths. It has also caused the break away of a small group of people from OSSIMA village, and this group have established another village called, OMCI, about 30 minutes walk from OSSIMA. This situation will be watched for any further developments.

(e) CULT AND UNREST.

The reporting officer does not find any signs of cult activity within the area patrolled. Cult activity in the KRISA area, during 1968 appears to have run its active course. There appears little likelihood of any further cult activity in the area, but nevertheless, the situation will be watched.

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(f) COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

Little has been done in this field. There are no organised Women's Clubs or facilities for youth activities. The people have expressed a desire for an increase in such activities. These views will be passed on to the Community Development Officer at WEWAK, in the hope that a welfare patrol may be able to visit the area in the near future.

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APPENDIX C.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 7 - 1970/71.

DIARY OF PATROL.

13TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

0845 Departed PAGEI by tractor for ILUP.
0900 Arrived at NIAU Creek, unloaded the tractor trailer and got the carriers and cargo organised. 0945 Departed NIAU Creek. 1215 Arrived at ILUP paid off the carriers and set up camp. Track to ILUP very dry. 1245 Mr. Mitchell arrived from OSSIMA. 1700 Discussion with villagers till 1900. Slept ILUP.

14TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

At ILUP.
0900 Commenced taking census. Had to rewrite the whole book as large part of the old book was missing. 1430 Finished census, held discussion with villagers. Slept ILUP.

15TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

At ILUP.
1740 Mr. Mitchell and party left for the border, self, revised the area study, gave a political education talk, discussed the coming council elections with the villagers and held a general discussion with the villagers. 1500 worked on census statistics. Slept ILUP.

16TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

At ILUP.
0800 Departed ILUP for KILLMERI/KILIPAU.
0845 Arrived at KILLIWIS/KILIPAU, paid off the carriers, organised the camp and held discussions with the villagers.
1400 Carried out the census at KILIPAU and held a general discussion with the villagers. 1700 Worked on census statistics (had to completely rewrite the census sheets for KILIPAU). Slept KILLIWIS/KILIPAU.

17TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

At KILLIWIS/KILIPAU.
0800 Carried out census at KILLIWIS followed by a general discussion with the villagers. 1300 Assembled the villagers from KILLIWIS and KILIPAU and discussed the coming council elections and revised the area study. 1505 Mr. Mitchell and party arrived back from the border, self worked on census statistics (had completely to rewrite census sheets for KILLIWIS). Slept KILLIWIS/KILIPAU.

18TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

At KILLIWIS/KILIPAU.
0800 Mr. Mitchell gave political education talk, self finished off census statistics. 1030 Self departed KILLIWIS/KILIPAU. 1300 Arrived at PAGEI, paid off carriers and

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stood down patrol.

19TH FEBRUARY, 1971 - 26TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

Normal station duties.

27TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

0800 Departed PAGEI by tractor. 0840 Arrived at NIAU Creek, sorted out the cargo and the carriers. 0850 Departed NIAU Creek. 1340 Arrived at OSOL. 1400 Assisted Mr. Mitchell on census revision for AMLI and paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s. Slept OSOL.

28TH FEBRUARY, 1971:

At OSOL.
0900 Worked on census statistics and held general discussion with the villagers. Slept OSOL.

1ST MARCH, 1971:

At OSOL.
0800 Revised Area Study, discussed coming council elections with the villagers and gave Political Education talk. 1335 Departed for OSSIMA. 1335 Arrived at OSSIMA, paid off carriers and set up camp. Paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s. 1800 Visited Mission and held discussion with Mission personnel. Slept OSSIMA.

2ND MARCH, 1971:

At OSSIMA.
0800 Carried out the census revision and worked on census statistics. 1300 Departed OSSIMA. 1330 Arrived at OMULA and did the census revision and held a general discussion. 1600 Departed OMULA and returned to OSSIMA. 1500 Worked on census statistics and held a general discussion with the villagers. Slept OSSIMA.

3RD MARCH, 1971:

At OSSIMA.
0745 Left OSSIMA for AIRU. 0830 Arrived at AIRU, carried out the census revision and held a general discussion. 1045 Returned to OSSIMA and worked on census statistics. 1300 Gathered the villagers from AIRU, OMULA and OSSIMA at OSSIMA, revised the Area Study, discussed the coming Council elections and gave a talk on Political Education. Held a general discussion with the villagers. 1700 Paid Timber Trust N.M.T.A.'s and held further discussion with the villagers. Slept OSSIMA.

4TH MARCH, 1971:

At OSSIMA.
0800 Prepared for departure to AWOL. 0930 OSSIMA. 1045 Arrived at AWOL, paid off the carriers and set up camp. 1245 Carried out the census revision, revised the Area

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Study, discussed the coming Council election talk. General discussion with the villagers. 1630 Worked on census statistics and had further discussion with the villagers. Slept AWOL.

5TH MARCH, 1971:

At AWOL.

0820 Arrived at ISI 2, Mr. Mitchell staying, self continuing for PAGEI.
0930 Departed ISI 2. 1545 Arrived at PAGEI, paid off the carriers and stood down the Patrol.

1. 1st Part

END OF PATROL.

The patrol started during the course of the patrol... functional language of the local Government... the village... the local Government... the village... the local Government... the village...

The villagers are very keen on getting a... the village... the local Government... the village... the local Government... the village...

It was explained to the Council that a new officer... the village... the local Government... the village... the local Government... the village...

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3. 3rd Part

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 7 - 1970/71.

INTRODUCTION.

In accordance with instructions from Mr. A. S. Wright, Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO Sub District, I accompanied Mr. Mitchell on PAGEI Patrol No. 7/70-71 for training purposes.

Due to pressure of Station duties. I was unable to accompany the Patrol for the whole period but only from February 13th till February, 18th, and from February 27th till March, 5th.

SITUATION REPORT.

A. POLITICAL.

(a) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The people visited during the course of the Patrol have a good functional knowledge of the Local Government Council and its aims and uses. Unfortunately PAGEI Local Government Council has only a small income and is therefore severally restricted in the type and scope of development schemes.

The villagers are very keen on getting a road through to VANIMO and would like the Council to concentrate its capital works resources on this. They are prepared to work for nothing towards this road and feel the Council should assist them in any way it can. i.e. By hiring equipment etc.

It was explained to the people that a new Officer would be taking over the Council and that he would have no other functions. The new Officer would look after PAGEI and VANIMO Councils and that the C.I.C. PAGEI would carry out all other Station duties. Thus it is hoped that this will disabuse them from the fairly widely held notion that the Council is another agency of the Administration.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

Most of the councillors met during the time I accompanied the Patrol appear to have fairly strong influence within their wards. Particularly councillor BEPE SANGOL of ILUP.

Only two men though have any real widespread influence and these are ARA IGAI and BEWA TOU, the President and Vice President of the Council respectively.

A continued programme at Political Education is needed to stress to the Councillors and the people that the Councillor is not a sort of elected Lulua which is a fairly commonly held belief.

C. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The people generally are still a bit vague about the House of Assembly and its functions but interest is strong and they are keen to learn all about it. The continuing Political Education programme and the recent

visits of the Committee for Constitutional Development and the Administrators Executive Council to VANIMO, have given the people an awareness of belonging to a larger political entity.

(d) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

The villagers in the area are very interested in the elected House of Assembly Members but feel rather neglected by them, as it is all too seldom that they get a chance to see them and talk to them.

(e) POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Political Education discussion were held in all the villages visited by the Patrol except where one or more villages were close together, in which case the people were all assembled in one village.

The topics dealt with are:

- The House of Assembly, its role and function.
- The Public Service its role and function.
- The recent tour of the Select Committee for Constitutional Development.
- The coming Council Elections.

During these discussions the subject of Self Government come up very frequently due no doubt to the publicity given to the tour of the Select Committee for Constitutional Development. The people feel that they have not achieved the same level of Administration and Mission contact and influence as other areas and do not feel they have yet progressed far enough to take up the responsibilities of Self Government.

A considerable amount of time was spent trying to alleviate these fears and explaining to the people that any changes would be gradual, giving them time to get used to them and that Australia would continue to aid and help them for as long as they felt they wanted that help.

All the discussions were quite favourably received and many individuals took an active part in them, asking questions and clearing up various points to their fellow villagers.

B. ECONOMIC.

(a) GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

There is at present virtually no rural development in the KILLIMEI area. There has been quite a lot of coconut trees planted over the years but with very limited access to a market the villagers produce very little copra.

Also the fact that the area is within the border quarantine zone where various cash crops cannot be planted has unfortunately restricted the people in the choice of what they can or cannot grow.

There was a strong interest shown in planting pepper with one or two men in each village willing to plant some on an initial experimental basis under the

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supervision of someone from the D.A.S.F. If this proves successful, these men could then pass on their knowledge to anybody else who was interested.

At present the most important need in the area is a road to VANIMO. The people are very keen on getting this put through and claim they are willing to work on the project for nothing.

The Patrol tried to encourage the people to plant more coconuts, in readiness for when the road link between PAGEL and VANIMO is finally completed. Steady planting going on over the next two or three years should provide some impetus for continued general development.

(b) VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENSION.

All the villages in the area have small coconut groves, and the people are being encouraged to after them and expand them.

In nearly all the villages there are one or two individuals who are growing European vegetables in the line of cucumbers, tomatoes, ~~spring~~ and onions. At OSOL one man was growing European potatoes quite successfully.

I feel that with a potential market in VANIMO there could be quite a good income obtained from market gardening should the PAGEL to VANIMO road be built.

(c) NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT.

The only non indigenous development carried out in the area at present is being done by Catholic Mission at OSSIMA, which has established a small cattle industry. This is only very small and as yet there have been no benefits occurring from it. At present most of the work being done is the clearing of land and planting of improved pastures.

Brother James who is in charge of the project is also training some indigenous males in Animal husbandry.

C. SOCIAL.

(a) EDUCATION.

There are two schools in the area, both run by the Catholic Mission. One is at the Mission Station itself at OSSIMA and teaches up to Standard five. There are boarding facilities provided for children who come in from outlying villages.

The other school is at OSOL and only teaches Standard one. It only serves children from the immediate area.

(b) HEALTH.

The general health in the area is fairly good.

(c) LAW AND ORDER.

There were no incidents of any law breaking brought to the attention of the patrol while I accompanied.

(d) MISSIONS

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(d) MISSIONS.

The main Mission in the area, is the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA. This provides education and health services and is training 36 young indigenous males in animal husbandry and agricultural principals.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission is placing a teacher near the villages of KILLIWS and KILLPAU on the south bank of the FUAL river for the purpose of establishing a following in the area.

There is some ill feeling between the principals two denominations, but the relationship between the villagers is quite peaceful.

(e) CULT AND UNREST.

There appears to be no sign of any cult activities or any other unrest in the area.

(f) COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

Little has been done as yet in this field.

One female school leaver has been subsidised by the Council and sent to the Welfare Training Centre at AIHOMA and will be returning in nine months time to take up the position of Welfare Officer with the Council and will no doubt start a Community Education programme.

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APPENDIX D

BORDER SECURITY.

A full report of this aspect of patrol has been submitted under separate cover. Please see PAGEI Intelligence Report No. 4/71 dated 4th March, 1971.

The Reporting Officer observed two different routes, one from 5000 to 7000 and another back to 4000. Both these routes are impractical for the type of road equipment involved in the PAGEI patrol equipment. The terrain covered is in the hills dense with forest, and the steep slopes are very difficult to traverse.

It is believed that there is a more practical route, and a patrol will depart from PAGEI on the 10th March, 1971, to conduct a reconnaissance study of the 5000, 7000 and 4000 areas, to find the most practical route.

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APPENDIX E.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT.

In accordance with the attached patrol instructions, a preliminary survey was carried out, to study the possibility of constructing a road to link the PAGEI area with VANIMO.

The Reporting Officer covered two different routes, that is from SOSI to VANIMO and then back to KRISA. Both these routes are impractical for the type of road development envisaged by the PAGEI Local Government Council. The terrain covered, is in the main dense rain forest, some sago swamps and steep limestone ridges.

It is believed that there is a more practical route, and a Patrol will depart from PAGEI, on the 16th March, 1971, to conduct a feasibility study of the SOSI, VANIMO and KRISA area, to find the most practical route.

Mr. P. Smith, A.P.P., PAGEI, also accompanied the patrol, as a liaison officer. He was given the opportunity to carry out all the various aspects of the patrol at first under supervision, then later on his own. Mr. Smith, reported on all the matters mentioned, and should also report separately now, to conduct a Patrol with his own

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APPENDIX F

PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

Two officers of the Animal Industry Division of D.A.S.F. Dr. I. Owan and Mr. B. Francis, accompanied the Patrol, for part of the patrol duration.

The D.A.S.F. personnel collected blood samples from village dogs, in the PAGEI, Border and KILMERI area. The purpose of the survey was to test for a disease called SURRA-SURRA, which is a blood parasite, found in parts of AFRICA, INDIA and SOUTH EAST ASIA. This disease has been found in INDONESIA, but so far has not been recorded in WEST IRIAN. The disease mainly effects horses and dogs, and may be carried by other domesticated animals.

No difficulty was experienced in collecting the blood samples, as all villagers freely brought dogs into be tested.

Mr. V. Schmid, A.P.O., PAGEI, also accompanied the patrol, as station duties permitted. He was given the opportunity to carry out all the various aspects of the patrol at first under supervision, then later on his own. Mr. Schmid, carried out all the duties, creditable, and should have enough experience now, to conduct a Census Patrol on his own.

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APPENDIX G

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

The Routine Administration aspects of the Patrol were as follows.

1. The Natives Members of the Forces Benefits Regulations were carefully published. Two persons appear to be eligible for a pension, and this matter will be dealt with under separate correspondence.
2. Domestic disputes, several domestic disputes were brought to the attention of the Patrol. These were settled at village level, by means of arbitration.
3. One case of adultery was brought to the attention of the Patrol. This will be dealt with at the next sitting of the FAGEI Local Court.
4. Persons seeking employment, were advised of the necessary qualifications, and assisted, wherever possible.
5. N.M.T.A. payments. Timber Trust payments were made to various persons, during the course of Patrol.
6. Land dispute at KRISA, This dispute involved an adult male who had migrated in to KRISA at an early age. The dispute arose over his children, claiming land which belonged to another family. After much discussion the dispute was settled amicably.

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CONCLUSION

The patrol was extremely well received in every village. A good supply of fresh fruit and vegetables were made available at fair prices.

All other members of the Patrol performed their duties in a capable manner, and were a great assistance to the writer.

All the objects of the Patrol were carried out.

N. L. Mitchell.....
N. L. MITCHELL
PATROL OFFICER.
(OFFICER IN CHARGE).



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

PAGE 1

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 5/70-71

Patrol Conducted by V. SCHMID, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART KILIMERI/VANIMO WEST COAST - CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 021 3/4 CAIRO
" " RABI

Duration—From 16/3/1971 to 19/3/1971

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/3/1971

Medical —/—/19—

Map Reference BORDER SHEET (SPECIAL) NO. 1

Objects of Patrol 1. SURVEY OF ROAD FROM SOBI - VANIMO,

2. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

1st July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 8 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-11 of 4th May, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. V. Schmid of KILIMEPI and VANIMO WEST COAST CENSUS
Divisions.

A useful patrol and a concise report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO, WSD.

May 4, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU, Papua.

PATROL REPORT PAGEI NO. 8 1970/71.

Attached please find copies of a Patrol Report.

The patrol was conducted by Mr. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer.

I am advising the Assistant District Commissioner to go slower on funds for the road. This area is included in the Timber Project, and may possibly come into the area that it is proposed to set aside for a town water reticulation scheme. If this is so, then the roads will be covered by either the Company or the Administration.

I know that you will notice that although we have no Political Education Office, we are doing this work on all patrols.

A good report.

J. E. Wakeford
.....
(J. E. WAKEFORD)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

27th April, 1971.

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
Vanimo. W.S.D.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 8 of 1970/71

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of this Patrol Report compiled by Mr. V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer.

The Report covers a short patrol which was aimed at locating a feasible route for a projected vehicular road from Sosi over the OENAKE range to link up with the West Coast road near Vanimo.

Mr. Schmid seems confident that the track he followed could be developed into a vehicular road.

At this stage it is not proposed to push the development of this section of the road. The limited resources available are being used to build the road out from Pagei and it will be some time before any further work can be undertaken. Much will depend on whether or not the project receives an allocation of funds from the Rural Development Scheme. However it is worthwhile knowing that when resources are available, a feasible route does exist.

Some Political Education work was achieved but the absence of many of the villagers precluded any large scale programme being carried out.

Mr. Schmid has written quite a good report of his short patrol and the map is excellent. His camping allowance claim is attached for your further action, please.



(A. S. WRIGHT)

a/s ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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Department of District Administration

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Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

If calling ask for

Mr. ASW/ET

11th March, 1971.



Mr. V. Schmid,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI. W.S.D.

PAGEI PATROL No. 18 - 1970/71

Please depart Pagei on Monday 15th March, 1971 for a Patrol in the Kilimeri Sensus Division.

The Officer-in-Charge, Pagei will arrange for two or three members of the R.F. & N.G.C. to accompany you.

The main object of this Patrol is to continue the work undertaken by Pagei Patrol no. 7-70/71 in locating a suitable route for the proposed road through the area which the people and the Pagei Council hope will eventually give road access to Vanimo. I understand from the C.I.C. Pagei that during the course of his recent patrol through this area the villagers requested assistance in locating a road route and said that they wished to work on a voluntary basis in cutting a track along the selected route.

With this in mind you should receive full co-operation from the village people of the area but remember that there is absolutely no obligation on anyone to work on this project. If for some reason the people are not interested in assisting, then abandon the project. Although a Rural Development submission for funds on this road has been made there is no guarantee that it will be funded. Thus at this stage your objective is mainly a feasibility survey for possible future extension of the road if and when funds are approved.

You should concentrate on the area beyond SOBI as the Goldore Timber Company have plans of building a road from the Daunda river area to the furthest limit of their timber permit area. It would be advantageous to be able to link up with this proposed road. The C.I.C. Pagei can provide further details and instructions from his knowledge of the area.

As a secondary object conduct informal political education discussions with the villagers in the evenings or at other suitable times. Material can be drawn from the book "Towards a United Country".

On completion of the Patrol submit a Report
in the required form.

A. S. Wright

(A. S. WRIGHT)
s/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 8/70-71.

DIARY OF PATROL:

16TH MARCH, 1971.

0800 Final preparations for patrol.
1100 Departed Pagei by tractor to NIAU Creek.
1145 Arrived at NIAU Creek and organised the cargo. 1130 Departed NIAU Creek on foot.
1430 Arrived at ILUF, good dry track. Changed carriers at ILUF. 1500 Departed ILUF for KILIPAU/KILLIWIS. 1800 Discussions with individual villagers till 2000. Slept KILIPAU/KILLIWIS.

17TH MARCH, 1971.

At KILIPAU/KILLIWIS.
0800 Heavy rain, delayed departure. 1030 Departed KILIPAU/KILLIWIS. 1045 Arrived AIYAWOU and changed carriers. 1115 Departed AIYAWOU. 1545 Arrived at SOSI, track very muddy and extremely slippery. Set up camp. 1700 Discussion with individual villagers till 1830. Slept SOSI.

18TH MARCH, 1971.

At SOSI.
0800 Departed SOSI looking for practicable route for a road to VANIMO. Found good track almost immediately and followed through to VANIMO. 1430 Arrived VANIMO. 1515 Discussion with the D.D.C. Slept VANIMO.

19TH MARCH, 1971.

At VANIMO.
0800 Instructed to return to PAGEI. Ordered police and carriers to follow and returned to PAGEI. Stood down Patrol.

END OF PATROL.

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 8/70-71.

INTRODUCTION.

(1) Patrol PAGEI No. 8/70-71 was mounted from Patrol Post PAGEI on Tuesday 16th March, 1971, as per written instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO.

(2) The main object of the patrol was to find a practicable route for an eventual vehicular road from SOSI to VANIMO, to link up with a proposed PAGEI-OSOL-SOSI road for which a route was surveyed during PAGEI Patrol No. 3/70-71.

A secondary object of the patrol was to continue the political education of the people living in the area.

(3) The patrol covered part of the KILIMERI and VANIMO west coast census divisions of the VANIMO Sub District.

(4) As the patrol had to find a route over the OENAKE range, which reaches an altitude of some 1800 feet in this area, the terrain was hilly but not excessively rough. The whole area is covered by a flood plain and lower montane type rainforest.

(5) The primary object of the patrol was successfully carried out. Unfortunately the two places where the patrol spent the night, were practically deserted as most of the population had moved into the VANIMO area to look for work. This made the carrying out of the political education program almost impossible.

SITUATION REPORT.

A. POLITICAL:

(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The people met during the patrol have a good knowledge of the local government system, its functions and aims. Whenever the councils meet at OSSIFA which is every four months, quite a few of them attend the meetings with interest.

There is still a strong inclination among the people to look upon their councillors as merely elected luluais and instruments of the Administration.

It was constantly stressed during the patrol that this thinking is wrong and that the councillor is their own elected representative and responsible only to the people.

Now that the council advisor only looks after the council and the Kiap no longer has anything to do with the council, the people might accept this idea more readily.

(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLOR:

During the course of the patrol, the local government councillors were all absent from their villages, attending a council meeting at PAGE1.

Most of the councillors in the area patrolled are fairly influential men within their own wards. There is only one councillor whose influence extends beyond his ward boundaries and that is AKA ISAI of CSOL, who is the Council President. It is hoped that in the coming election he will be voted back in as he has a strong personality and has plenty of ideas.

(3) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The people still show a rather low degree of political sophistication as far as the House of Assembly is concerned. Nevertheless, there is a growing awareness of the House of Assembly and its functions probably due to the continuation of the Political Education program and the recent visit to VANIMO of the Committee for Constitutional Development and of the Administrator and the Administrators Executive Council.

(4) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS:

The people show a lot of interest in their elected House of Assembly members but feel that they have been rather neglected by these members. They feel that they should be visited at least annually.

(5) POLITICAL EDUCATION:

One of the purposes of the patrol was to continue the political education program by holding discussions and giving talks to the people on various subjects taken from the book "Towards a United Country". However the two places where the patrol spent the night were practically deserted due to the population having moved into the VANIMO area looking for work.

For example at SOSI, out of a total population of 166 there were only four men left in the village. This made the carrying out of any large scale education program rather difficult.

Nevertheless, discussions were held with whatever people were present and these were well received.

The theme picked in both places was the role, function and aims of the central government.

There were still a lot of enquires and misconceptions regarding Self-Government. This was more fully explained to the people.

B. ECONOMIC.

1. GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

The general agricultural potential for the area is rather low. This together with the fact that there is no good access to a market and also the fact that most of the area is within the 20 mile quarantine zone, thus limiting the type of cash crops that can be grown has severely hampered any attempt at any general rural development.

All the same, what limited potential there is has not been fully exploited, mainly I think through a lack of any access to a market.

The most pressing need at present is a road link with VANIMO and the villagers have expressed a willingness to work on such a road project for very little or for nothing.

The villagers are being encouraged to plant coconuts now, with a view to having a marketable crop when the road is eventually put through.

They are also interested in and being encouraged to plant pepper but this is yet only in the initial trial stages.

2. NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT:

There is no non indigenous development in the area.

C. SOCIAL:

1. EDUCATION:

Apart from a boarding school at the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA which goes up to standard 5, there is also a small school at the village of OSOL, also run by the Catholic Mission. It used to take up to standard 3 but now only takes standard 1 and has 15 male pupils and 7 female pupils. The school at OSSIMA has a total of 84 male pupils and 68 female pupils.

2. HEALTH:

The health of the people through out the area visited was quite good. There is an aid post at the mission at OSSIMA with a small ward where patients can be kept and looked after for a few days if necessary. Any serious cases are flown out to VANIMO.

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This aid post is looked after by an expatriate nurse, who is a member of the mission staff.

3. LAW AND ORDER:

The people are law abiding. There were no disputes brought to my attention.

4. MISSIONS:

There are two missions operating in the area, the Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission based at MAPRIK in the East Sepik District.

The S.D.A. Mission has a fairly large following at OSSIMA and the people have moved away and live in a separate village ½ hours walk to the North of OSSIMA.

There is also a small splinter group of S.D.A. adherents at KILLIPAU who are in the process of building a village of their own ½ hours walk away to the South of KILLIPAU.

The Father in Charge at OSSIMA patrols the area fairly frequently. The S.D.A. Pastor pays a visit every two or three months but there are resident indigenous lay preachers at both OSSIMA and KILLIPAU.

There is a strong antagonism between the principals of the two Missions, but among the local population, relations between the two denominations are quite cordial.

5. CULT AND UNREST:

None known or suspected throughout the area patrolled.

6. COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

Very little has been done in this field to date. However the people have expressed a desire for an increase in community education.

One girl from the FAGEI area has been subsidised by the FAGEI Local Government Council to attend the welfare Training Centre at ANCIHA. This girl has already commenced the course and will be returning to FAGEI in December, 1971, to commence work as Council Welfare Assistant.

This will no doubt help to get a proper Community Education Program going.

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APPENDIX 'A':

INITIAL SURVEY OF SOSI - VANIMO ROAD:

The primary purpose of the patrol was to find a practicable route for an eventual vehicular road from PAGEI to VANIMO. The section from PAGEI to OSOL has already been surveyed during Patrol No. 3/70-71. The section between OSOL and SOSI already has quite a good track following a long ridge and would only need widening and leveling. Therefore I concentrated on the section between SOSI and VANIMO.

There are several rough bush tracks in this section and Mr. MITCHELL, C.I.C. PAGEI, followed one of these during Patrol No. 7/70-71, also for the purpose of finding a practicable route for a road, but found the going very unsuitable.

When I arrived at SOSI, I made various enquiries and was informed that there was a track other than the one Mr. MITCHELL followed, that Mr. K. Kitchens had put in when he was C.I.C. PAGEI.

I followed this track and found it extremely well marked as the local population use it quite frequently in their wanderings to and from VANIMO.

The track left SOSI heading roughly N.E. and followed the ridge between the PUIVE RIVER and PULAU CREEK and continued up, always on the watershed, almost to the crest of Mt. HARTMANN. The going here is extremely good with only a very gentle gradient except in one place where a switchback might have to be built, but this section is less than 100 yards long. The forest in this area is quite open.

This track goes on past the crest of Mt. HARTMANN and here follows the top of a fairly level plateau through open forest.

About two miles from the DAUNDA FALLS, this track meets, at right angles, a fairly wide but old army track, which the villagers claim was built by the Australian Army during the second world war.

The patrol followed this track going northwards. It eventually dropped down to the DAUNDA CREEK and crossed the creek just below the falls.

From there it climbed up the slopes on the west bank of the creek and roughly followed the course of the creek till it reached the village of Daunda, where it crossed Daunda Creek once more, before cutting through a sago swamp to meet the west coast road about a mile from VANIMO.

(This old military track has been considerably secured out and there are a lot of muddy patches. However the gradient is for the most part very good apart for a few short steep bits, but none of these is more than 100 yards long. As far as the muddy patches go, by building the road up and providing adequate drainage, there should be no difficulty in overcoming these.

The whole road from SOSI to VANIMO will need

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a lot of work done to it. The section from SOSI to where it meets the old army track will be a completely new road, as the present track is simply a rough bush track. From the junction with the old army track to VANIMO, the new road would follow this old track all the way, but this will need the scrub ~~cleared~~ either side to let the sun in, proper draining and leveling and the filling in of small gullies that have been scoured out over the years.

At nearly all the various bad parts on the old army track, there will be no difficulty in building a completely new section of road to one side or the other, should this become desirable.

Where the track crosses the Daunda Creek just below the falls, it crosses over a wide limestone ledge. This is fairly level but at present full of potholes. There should be no difficulty in filling these holes with rocks and stones and making quite a good ford out of it. When the patrol crossed over it during the survey, there had been a considerable amount of rain over the past few days. Nevertheless the water was only about six inches deep over the limestone ledge. Even should the level of the water ever rise excessively, I feel certain it would not stay up for long as the creek heads not very far away and only serves a small drainage. Also the entire area is limestone which absorbs water very quickly.

Where the track crosses Daunda Creek the second time, some three miles from VANIMO, there is a gravel bar across the creek providing a good if rather rough ford.

At both places the river is about 20-25 yards wide.

The section of track between Daunda Village and where it joins the west coast road, could present some difficulties in that it goes through a large area of sago swamp. For the rest the major difficulty is the fact that the top layer of clay is very thin, bringing the underlying limestone close to the surface. This would make any digging with pick and shovel very hard. I feel though that this is unavoidable as the whole area consists of this underlying limestone.

An added advantage in following this track is that the Goldore Timber Company are considering putting a road through to the Daunda Falls to get at this area of their timber lease. Should this road eventuate, it will be graded and surfaced sufficiently to take big timber trucks. The road from SOSI would then be able to link up with the timber road at the Daunda Falls, considerably shortening the amount of work to be done by the villagers.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 8/70-71.

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CONCLUSIONS:

The patrol was extremely well received and there were sufficient volunteers from the various villages in the area who came to help in marking a track.

There was a lot of fresh food available and at a fair price.

All other members of the patrol performed their duties extremely well.

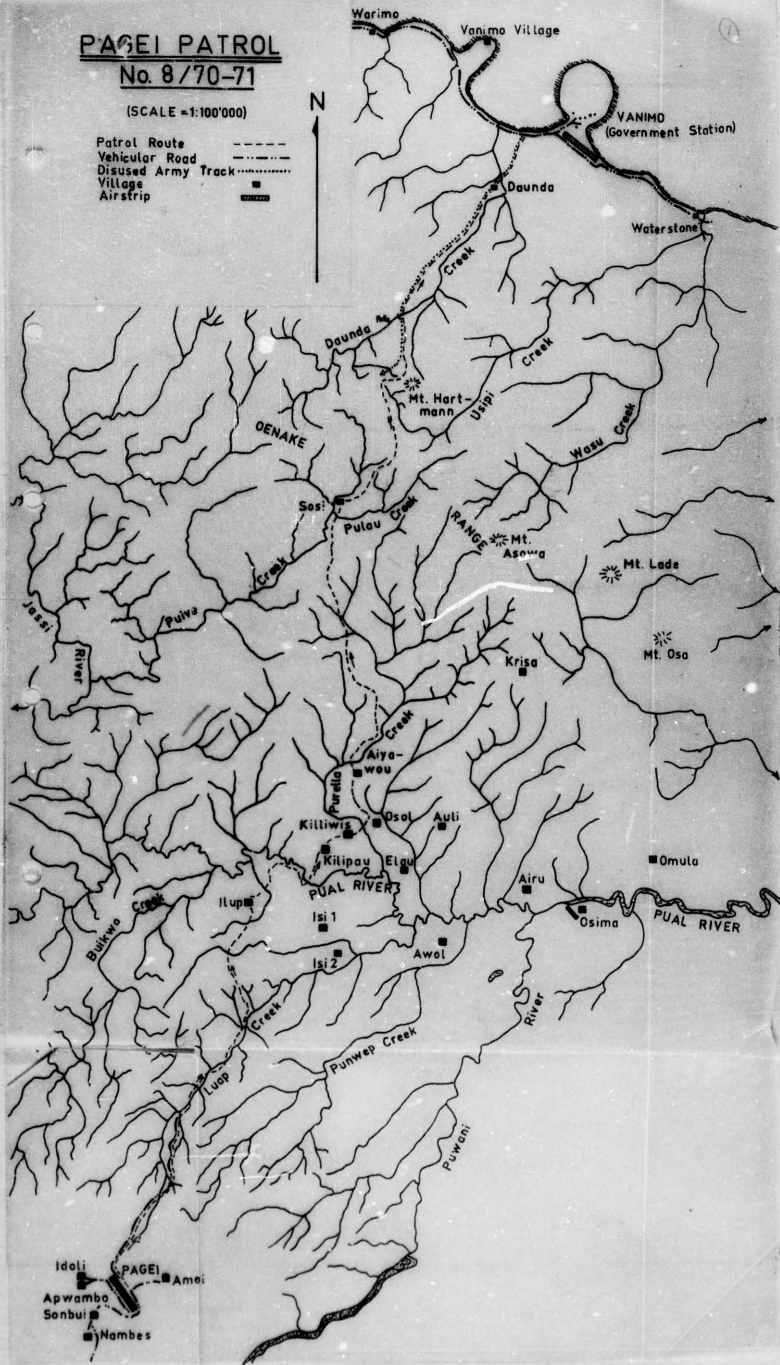
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Assistand patrol officer.

PAGEI PATROL

No. 8/70-71

(SCALE = 1:100'000)

Patrol Route - - - - -
Vehicular Road - · - · - ·
Disused Army Track - · - · - ·
Village ■
Airstrip ▬





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. Page 1 No 9 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by K.C. Forster

Area Patrolled IMBIO C/A ; PAGEI C/D ; KILIMERI C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives G. HULI Page 1 L.C. Council Clerk

Duration—From 14 / 4 / 1971 to 24 / 4 / 1971

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12 / 19 70

Medical 19 62

Map Reference Border (Special) sheet 1

Objects of Patrol Conduct 5th General Elections, Page 1 L.C. Council.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/5/71

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$

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

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KONEDOBU.. PAPUA.

1st July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 9-1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-11 of 21st May, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. K. Forster of IMBIO, PAGEI and KILLIMERI Census Divisions.

A routine election patrol requiring no further
comment.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration
In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Department of the Administrator,
Vanimo,
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.

21st May, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU PAPUA

PAGEI PATROL NO. 9 1970/1971

Attached please find copies of a patrol conducted by Mr. K.C. Forster, Administrative Adviser to the Pagei Local Government Council. As the Assistant District Commissioner, Vanimo, states this has been shown to the District Local Government Officer and passed back to me for comment.

I have already stressed the timber situation and I fully agree with Mr. Forster's comments on this continual variation of policy by the Department of Agriculture.

The bridge would have to be extremely well constructed - the P.I.R. have put three bridges over this river, two have been washed away.

I also agree that the mention of any funds at this stage could cause complications if they were not forthcoming.

J.E. Wakeford
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J.E. WAKEFORD,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

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ASW/IMW :

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

18th. May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1970/71.

Attached hereto please find the Original and two (2) copies of the Report submitted by Mr. A. C. FORSTER, Patrol Officer and Administrative Adviser to the VANIMO Local Government Council and PAGEI Local Government Council.

The Report covers a patrol by Mr. FORSTER through the PAGEI Area to conduct General Elections for the PAGEI Local Government Council. Electoral reports and statistics have been submitted by Mr. FORSTER direct to the District Local Government Officer.

The Patrol was entirely concerned with Local Government Elections and it is not my function to comment on such matters. However, Mr. FORSTER has made some observations on other matters and my few comments follow.

HEALTH :

The Officer in Charge, PAGEI, has just completed a Patrol of the IMBIC Census Division and the District Health Officer provided an experienced Orderly to accompany the Patrol.

ROADS AND BRIDGES :

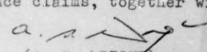
Mr. FORSTER should not assume that an R.D.F. Grant of \$11,000.00 will become available in 1971/72. A Submission by PAGEI Local Government Council for this amount was approved by District Co-ordinating Committee. However, the project was allocated priority No. 14 by the Committee in the District Submission. It now depends on how much the District is allocated as to whether or not this project can be funded.

ECONOMIC :

It is agreed that the PAGEI people are in a quandary. They have been waiting for several years now for the establishment of a timber industry. The future of this area hinges to a large degree on whether or not the timber resources are exploited. Frustrating though it is, there is little that we or the local people can do but wait for the outcome of negotiations between interested Companies and the Administration.

The report has been sighted by the District Local Government Officer who passed it on to me because of the mainly D.D.A. matters covered by it.

Camping and Travelling Allowance claims, together with Patrol Map are attached to the Report.


(A. S. WRIGHT).

Att.

S/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 9 - 1970/71

REPORT NO.: PAGEI NO. 9 of 1970/71
SUB DISTRICT: VANIMO
DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK
COUNCIL/NO. COUNCIL AREA: COUNCIL AREA
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: K. C. FORSTER
DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED: PAGEI COUNCIL AREA (IMBIO C/D;
PAGEI C/D;
KILIMERI C/D;)
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: MR. G. NULI, PAGEI L.G. COUNCIL
CLERK
0612 CONST. MANJAMBAN
DURATION OF PATROL: 15/4/71 to 24/4/71, 10 DAYS
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST
D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA: KILIMERI C/D 2/71. PAGEI C/D 12/70
IMBIO C/D 11/70.
OBJECTS OF PATROL: 1. CONDUCT PAGEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COUNCIL ELECTIONS
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED: 3395
MAP REFERENCE: BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 1.
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER: NOT ENCLOSED

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1970/71

SPECIAL REPORT.

The purpose of this patrol was to conduct the 5th General elections for the Pagei Local Government Council.

The duration of the patrol was only 10 days during which time 11 villages were visited within the three Census Divisions.

As the only purpose of the patrol was to conduct elections and since all my ancillary functions have been nullified I did not encourage any people to approach me about any difficulties such as Law and Order, Labour, etc. However I have given some of my observations which I noticed in the course of the patrol and which were blatantly obvious and which I have sub-headed later on.

The elections were conducted quickly and without incident. There was a pleasing reception by the people who showed much interest and were always ready to help out.

I had been told that carriers are and have been a considerable problem in the Pagei area before, however fortunately no real problems to slow down or disorganise the itinerary were encountered. They are reluctant about carrying but not against it.

There was very little fresh food brought for sale and what there was, was either good or bad.

Polling was done by only the one team but this was not at all strenuous within the 21 days period of the writ. In future one team could easily accomplish the elections.

The biggest problem is to find the available time between meetings of the Pagei and Vanimo Councils.

As the patrol was able to return to Vanimo two days earlier than expected the elections for the two Pagei C/D wards were able to be held on the Saturday instead of the Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week namely the 27th and 28th April, 1971. Under the provisions of the regulations the people were notified of the change at least 40 hours before hand and there were no objections raised.

HEALTH

The health of the people in the IMAC Census Division leaves a lot to be desired. There is the usual number of minor complaints present but an alarming number of people have or have had leprosy. Not since 1962 has there been a full medical patrol with qualified health officers, through the area.

I am told that every year large numbers of young children and adults are sent to Aitapa for treatment but there are still many old and infirmed people still in the villages who are passing the disease on.

The Officer in Charge, Pagei has repeatedly raised the point that a medical patrol is needed in the area in his comments and his own reports.

At the time of writing this report, the District Health Officer assures me he is very aware of the problems and if relief arrangements can be made soon enough then he will endeavour to send a medical orderly to the IMBIC Census Division with the Officer in Charge Pagei on his next patrol due to begin on the 3rd May, 1971. The Doctor states that due to lack of funds and artificial staff shortages very little could be done before.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

My only comment is that a bridge of some native, even a rope footbridge be constructed across the PUAL River at OSSIMA to link the main KRISA - CSCL - SOSI road to OSSIMA and the hinterland viz: IMBIC C/D. During times of heavy rain the river is impassable even to canoes. I will enquire further as to whether the Council can either finance this scheme or a submittal can be made through the Council for Rural Development Funds.

The NIAU Creek - SOSI section of the Pagei Vanimo road is only in the preliminary stages and much elbow grease and overseeing will be necessary once the 1971/72 R.D.F. grant of \$11,000 becomes available for expenditure.

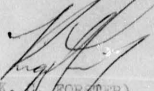
ECONOMIC

Very little. They have timber payments regularly as royalties from money invested for the Administration purchase of the timber in their areas.

Because of this and very little incentive to go along there is no viable cash crop at the moment. At different stages in the past many tropical plants have been tried but due to policy variations they have not been successful.

There is now an encouragement to plant pepper which is few and far between.

A re-appraisal of the situation is needed. The people are in a quandary, their dilemma grows every year.


(I. B. FORSTER)
ADVISEE.

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PAGEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION PATROL NO.8 of 1970/71

DIARY:

wednesday 14th April, 1971.

Departed Vanimo by air at 1000 arriving Pagei at 1015. Slept Pagei.

Thursday 15th April, 1971.

Departed Pagei by Tractor with carriers at 0830 and arrived NIAU Creek at 0915. Moved to ISI No.2 where election held from 1200 to 1230. Then moved to ILUP arriving at 1320. Elections held from 1350 to 1540. Slept ILUP R/H.

Friday 16th April, 1971.

Departed ILUP 0730 and walked to KILIPAU arriving at 0830. Elections held for both KILIPAU and KILIWIS wards from 0845 to 1030. Thence walked to AIYAWOU arriving at 1105. Elections begun 1150 and finished at 1230. Departed at 1235 and walked to OSOL arriving at 1250. Elections begun at 1315 and finished at 1545. (2 wards). Slept OSOL.

Saturday 17th April, 1971.

Departed OSOL at 0730 and moved to KRIBA arriving at 0845. Carriers arrived 0930. Elections begun at 0945 and completed 1045. Departed KRIBA at 1050 and moved to OSSIMA arriving at 1215. Moved into R/H. Elections begun at 1500 and finished 1600. Slept OSSIMA. R/H.

Sunday 18th April, 1971.

Rest Day.

Monday 19th April, 1971.

Elections at OSSIMA from 0900 to 1000. Departed OSSIMA and moved to IMBRINIS arriving at 1230. Considerable difficulty experienced arising May River at IMBRINIS, Elections of IMBRINIS ward begun at 1400 and completed at 1530. Moved into Rest House Slept IMBRINIS.

Tuesday 20th April, 1971.

Departed IMBRINIS at 0610 and moved to SURUNUMI arriving at 0900. Elections begun at 0915 and completed 1045. Departed SURUNUMI at 1415 and arrived IMBRINIS at 1445. Slept IMBRINIS.

wednesday 21st April, 1971.

Departed IMBRINIS at 0625 and moved to IMBIO No.2 arriving at 0925. Elections begun at 1000 and finished at 1100. Departed at 1125 and moved to IMBIO No.1 arriving at 1230. Elections begun at 1245 and finished at 1350.

Departed at 1350 and arrived IMBRINIS at 1600
Slept IMBRINIS.

Thursday 22nd April, 1971.

Departed IMBRINIS at 0900 and arrived OSSIMA
at 1100. Departed OSSIMA by air at 1640 and
arrived Pagei at 1650. Slept Pagei Patrol
Post.

Friday 23rd April, 1971.

All day at Pagei attending voting statistics.

Saturday 24th April, 1971.

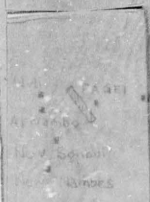
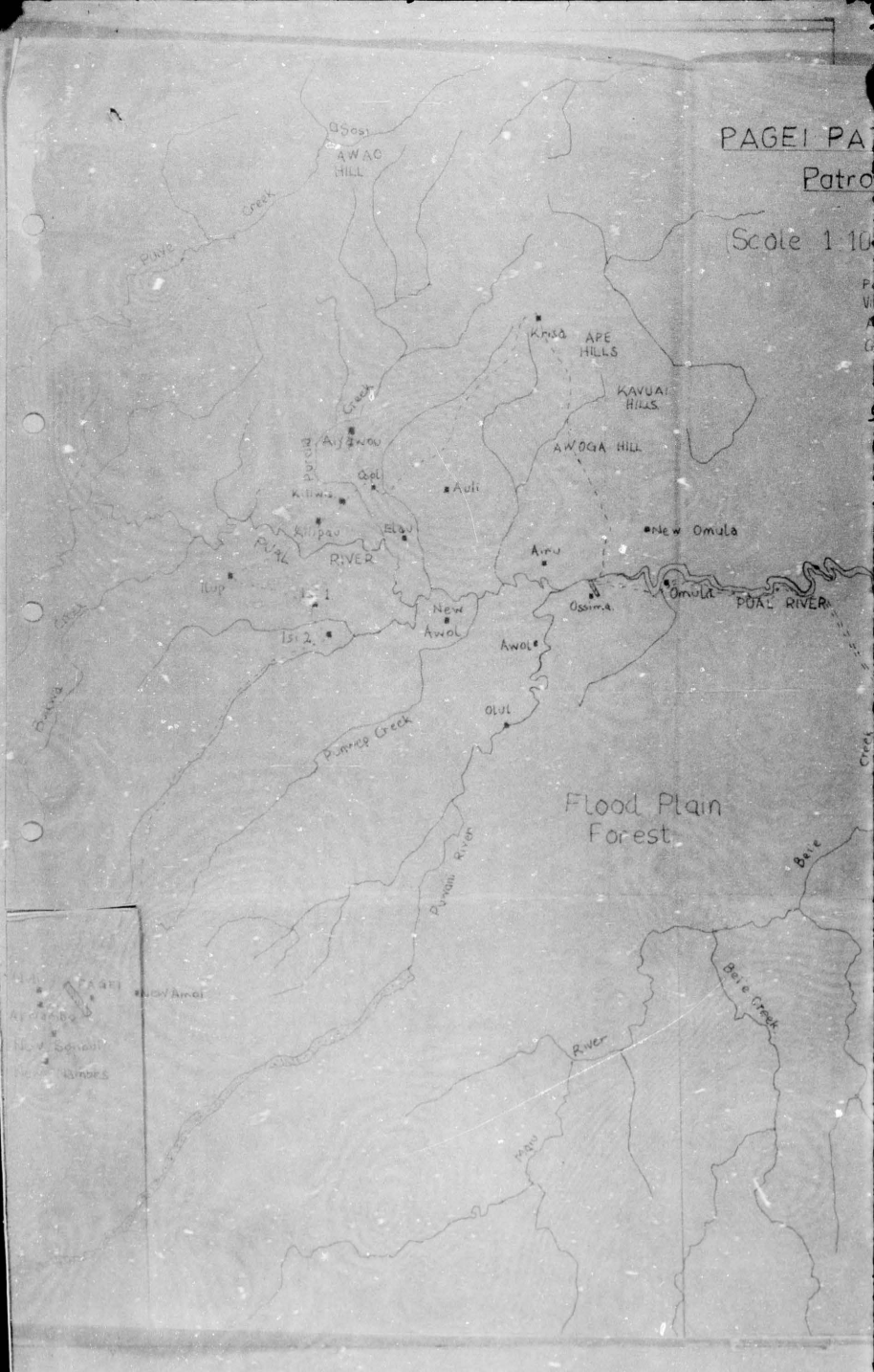
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Sunday 25th April, 1971.

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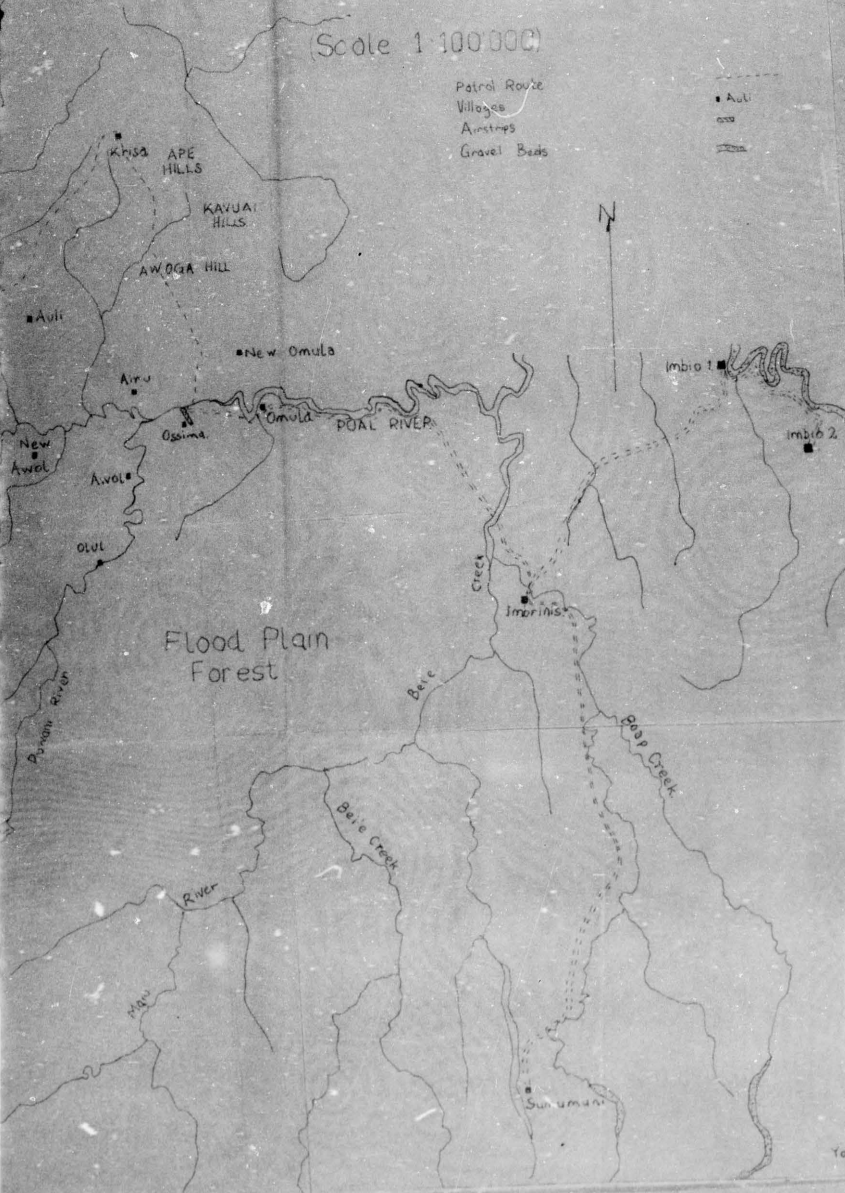
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Patrol Map

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Patrol Route
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Gravel Beds

• Auli



Flood Plain Forest



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 10 of 1970/71.

Subdistrict..... VANIGU.

District..... WEST SHELLE.

Type of Patrol..... SITUATION REPORT.

Patrol Conducted by..... H. I. MITCHELL, P.O.

Area Patrolled.....
 (Council and ~~67~~.....
 Census Division ~~3~~).....
 IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION.
 PAICE PAGEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 COUNCIL.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....
 DAKAI WAIGI, P.H.D. 1890 Cst. 1/c. YAMBU.
 CORNELIUS MAI, D.D.A. 0961 Cst. 1/c. BARAMUN.
 1450 Cst. 1/c. JAE JAE

Duration of Patrol—from 4 / 5/71 to 12 / 5 / 71.

No. of Days..... NINE.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:.....

Date 14/4/71 - 24/4/71 Duration TEN DAYS.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....
 1. POLITICAL EDUCATION.
 2. REVISION OF COMMON ROLL.
 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
 4. MEDICAL CHECKS AND HEALTH EDUCATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 649.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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H. I. Mitchell
 District Commissioner.

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16th September, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 10 OF 1970/71.

Your 67-3-11 of 3rd June, 1971, refers.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of Patrol Report by
Mr. N.L. Mitchell.

T.W.S.
(T.W. BILLS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO, W.S.D.

June 3, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. Fuaa.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT No. 10 1970/71.

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No. 10. The Patrol was conducted by Mr. N. L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer, and as usual was well carried out.

As far as this District is concerned, I feel that we have accomplished far more in the Field of Political Education than is realised and the reasons being that our programme is being conducted by Officers in the field, with the people in their natural environment and no class room atmosphere. The talks are short and simple and do not go wandering into the realms of fancy with Westminster and Presidential dreams.

One of my reasons for suggesting a new allocation of Electoral Boundaries was to enable the people to elect one of their own, with the establishment of the Bewani electorate this can be done.

The present two Members who cover the border areas are not even names to the people.

The Government should be well aware by now of the implications connected with this timber project and the sooner a decision is made, the better.

Mr. Mitchell mentions suspected Leprosy cases, these have now been confirmed and steps are being taken to bring it under control.

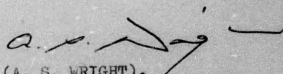
An excellent report.

.....
(J. E. WAKEFORD)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

REVISION OF THE COMMON ROLL :

This was completed for the IMBIO and it is expected that the Roll for the whole of the PAGEI Administrative Area will be revised before the end of June.

Camping Allowance Claims are attached for your further action, please.


(A. S. WRIGHT).

Att.

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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67/1/4.

ASW/LTW :

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

1st. June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1970/71.
IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached please find the original and two (2) copies of this report covering a Patrol through the IMBIO Census Division conducted by the Officer in Charge, PAGEI, Mr. N. L. MITCHELL, Patrol Officer.

The main objects of the patrol were Political Education and revision of the Common Roll. Secondary objects were routine Administration and a health survey.

Mr. MITCHELL has carried out his usual thorough patrol and compiled a concise but informative report. A few comments on particular sections of the report follow.

POLITICAL EDUCATION AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY :

It is pleasing to note that the continuing Political Education discussions conducted by patrolling Officers is bringing about an increased level of political knowledge and generating further interest in these matters in this Division.

The revision of the Electoral Roll and talks on the 1972 Elections has stimulated interest in the House of Assembly. It is just possible that if the proposed BEWANI OPEN ELECTORATE is brought into being, that the PAGEI people may have one of their own folk as a Member of the new House.

ECONOMIC :

Little can be added to Mr. MITCHELL's observations. The only possible large scale development is the long proposed wood chip industry.

HEALTH :

A number of leprosy cases were detected by the Health Education Officer and they have been sent into VANIMO for examination and necessary treatment by the District Health Officer. I believe that P.H.D. are now quite aware of this problem and are considering the best method of dispensing treatment to leprosy sufferers in the area. Aid Post establishments in three (3) Villages are already in use and perhaps consideration should be given to dispensing treatment from these Aid Posts. However, this would necessitate training of the orderlies and regular supervisory visits by qualified personnel.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION :

A female Community Development Officer from WDAK will be visiting OSEIHA this month. It is hoped that she will be able to organise womens' Club activities and that some women from the IMBIO will attend.

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
West Sepik District,
YANIRO.

30th April, 1971.

Mr. N. L. Mitchell,
Patrol Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO.10 of 1970/71 IMBIC CENSUS DIVISION

As already discussed please prepare to depart Pagei on Monday 3rd May, 1971 for a patrol of the IMBIC Census Division.

The main objects of this patrol are :-

1. Political Education. Continue the political education programme. The wall charts recently supplied should be utilised on this patrol as well as discussions on selected topics.
2. Revision of the Common Roll. Circular instruction 1-20-32 of 8th April, 1971 from the Secretary and a circular from the Chief Electoral Officer sent under cover of the District Commissioner's 1-11-5 of 29th April, 1971 refers. Please bring the roll for the IMBIC up to date as required by these instructions.
3. Routine Administration. Attend to any matters of routine administration.

Arrangements have been made for a Medical Orderly to proceed to Pagei to accompany this patrol.

Take the 'Squadcal' Transceiver with you and call me at 0800 and 1600 daily.

On completion of the Patrol submit your Report in the required form.

A. E. Wright
(A. E. WRIGHT)

A/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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PAGEI PATROL NO. 10 OF 1970/71.

DIARY OF PATROL :

MAY, 1971 :

TUESDAY, 4TH. :

0745. Police and Station Parade.
0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0815. Carriers arrived and Patrol equipment assembled.
0945. Health Education Officer arrived from VANIMO.
1030. Departed PAGEI.
1345. Arrived at ISI No. 2. Track reasonable but muddy in places.
1445. Changed carriers and departed for OSSIMA. Track very muddy and slippery.
1730. Arrived at OSSIMA.
1745. Paid carriers. Set up Camp. Remained the night.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0810/
1015. Revised the Electoral Roll for the Catholic Mission and held a Political Education programme discussion with the OSSIMA people.
1030. Departed OSSIMA for IMBRINIS. Track muddy in patches, otherwise good.
1345. Arrived at IMBRINIS. Paid carriers. Set up camp.
1445/
1600. Revised Electoral Roll.
1600. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1830/
1930. Talks with individual villagers. Remained the night.

THURSDAY, 6TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0810/
0940. Completed Revision of Electoral Roll for IMBRINIS and held a Political Education discussion.
0945/
1030. Health lecture and medical examination conducted by Health Education Officer.
1050. Departed for SUMUMUNI. Rivers flooded, track very muddy and wet, very difficult walking.
1540. Arrived at SUMUMUNI. Paid carriers. Set up camp.
1600. Radio Schedule - nothing heard.
1830/
1930. Talks with individual villagers. Remained the night.

FRIDAY, 7TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0810. All people assembled. Revised the Electoral Roll and held a Political Education discussion.
0940. Health Lecture and medical examination given by Health Education Officer.
1040. Departed for YO. Track wet and very muddy, difficult walking.
1355. Arrived YO. Paid carriers. Set up camp.
1500. All villagers assembled. Revised Electoral Roll and held a Political Education discussion.
1600. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1605. Continued with Political Education discussion.
1645/
1745. Health lecture and Medical examination given by Health Education Officer.
1830.
1930. Talks with individual villagers. Remained the night.

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SATURDAY, 8TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0815. Departed for SAMARARU. Track in good condition but infested with leeches.
1405. Arrived SAMARARU.
1500. Carriers arrived. Paid carriers. Set up camp.
1600. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1630/1730. Talks with individual villagers. Remained the night.

SUNDAY, 9TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with the Assistant District Commissioner.
0830. Rewrote Electoral Roll list of names.
1300. All villagers assembled. Revises the Electoral Roll and held a Political Education discussion.
1430/
1530. Health lecture and medical examination given by Health Education Officer.
1600. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1830/1930. Talks with individual villagers. Remained night.

MONDAY, 10TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0830. Departed for IMBIO No. 1.
0925. Arrived at IMBIO No. 1.
0945. All villagers from both IMBIO No. 1 and IMBIO No. 2 assembled. Revised the Electoral Roll and held a Political Education discussion.
1230/
1400. Health Lecture and medical examination given by Health Education Officer.
1410. Departed IMBIO No. 1.
1430. Heavy rain falling. Decided to remain at IMBIO No. 2. Track wet and extremely slippery.
1540. Arrived at IMBIO No. 2. Paid carriers. Set up Camp.
1600. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
1830/
1930. Talks with individual villagers. Remained the night.

TUESDAY, 11TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0840. Departed for IMBRINIS. Track muddy and slippery and river flooded.
1140. Arrived at IMBRINIS. Changed carriers.
1255. Departed for OSSIMA.
1630. Paid carriers. Set up Camp. Remained the night.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH. :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.
0830. Departed for ISI No. 2.
1130. Arrived at ISI No. 2. Changed carriers.
1230. Departed ISI No. 2.
1430. Arrived at PAGESI. Tracks wet, very muddy and slippery.
1500. Paid carriers. Equipment returned to store.
1530. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the attached Patrol Instructions from Mr. A. S. WRIGHT, Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO Sub-District, a Patrol was mounted and departed from PAGEI on 4th. May, 1971. The departure was delayed by one day due to inclement weather and the non arrival of the Health Education Officer from VANIMO. The Health Education Officer arrived on 4th. May, 1971 and the Patrol departed shortly after his arrival.

The area Patrolled was the whole of the IMBIC Census Division which is bounded in the North and West by the VANIMO and PAGEI Census Divisions, in the east by the ALTARE Sub-District and in the south by the BEWANI Mountains. The Division is 324 miles square in area and has a population of 649 persons. The topography varies from flood plain forest to steeply undulating hills. The rivers are fast flowing and at the time of the Patrol were flooded. The flooding caused a certain amount of delay and some difficulty was experienced in crossing some rivers.

The specific objects of the Patrol were :-

1. Political Education.
2. Revision of the Electoral Roll.
3. Routine Administration.
4. Medical Examination for leprosy, tuberculosis and General Health Education.

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SITUATION REPORT.

A. POLITICAL :

(a). LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

The IMBIO Census Division forms part of the PAGEI Local Government Council area. The PAGEI Local Government Council was formed in 1963 and it has a reasonable sphere of influence throughout the IMBIO Census Division.

The majority of the people in the area have a reasonable knowledge of the Council's activities. They have fully accepted the recent introduction of full time Council Administrative Advisers and the delineation of the roles of Advisers and Generalist Officers.

Previous reporting Officers have stated that the people of the IMBIO Census Division feel that the PAGEI Local Government Council is just another agency of the Administration and is subordinate to the Officer in Charge at PAGEI. With the introduction of the new Council Administrative Adviser system this conception is now being eradicated and the people are realising that their Council has its own identity.

(b). LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS :

During April of this year Council elections were held throughout the PAGEI Council area. Four (4) Councillors represent the IMBIO Census Division and during the recent elections the four (4) incumbent Councillors were replaced by newly elected Councillors. The IMBRINIS and IMBIO No. 1 Councillors were replaced by ex-Councillors and in the SUMUNINI/YO and IMBIO No. 2/SAMARARU wards two completely new Councillors were elected.

It is too early to judge what effect the new Councillors will have within the IMBIO Census Division. The four newly elected Councillors are all of the 40/50 years age group and all of them appear to have a reasonable amount of influence within their respective wards.

It appears that within the SUMUNINI/YO and IMBIO No. 2/SAMARARU wards where two separate villages are combined to form one ward that the people have come to a mutual understanding that the Councillor will be elected from one village for one term and from the next village for the following term.

(c). HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY :

Interest and knowledge in the House of Assembly, its functions, aims and responsibilities appears to be slowly gaining impetus. This is most probably due to the continuing Political Education programmes.

It cannot be said that the people have a large degree of political sophistication. They tend to equate the Central Government as a large Central Council which is responsible for the administration of Papua and New Guinea. Nevertheless, there are encouraging signs of interest and awareness of the Central Government.

(d). HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS :

The people do show a genuine interest in their elected Members of the House of Assembly. There is a general feeling throughout the area that they are being somewhat neglected by their Members. The people feel that they should have more contact with their Members, and that they should visit them at least once a year. To date the people have had little or no opportunity for discussions with their elected representatives.

(e). POLITICAL EDUCATION :

In accordance with the attached Patrol Instructions, political education discussions were carried out during the course of the patrol. The discussions were conducted as semi-formal talks to the assembled villagers, and informal talks to small groups of the more interested villagers.

As the Revision of the Electoral Roll was one of the specific objects of the Patrol it seemed opportune to base the Political Education discussions on the following topics :-

1. The House of Assembly, its role, aims and functions.
2. House of Assembly Members, their duties and responsibilities to the country as a whole, and to their individual electorates and District.
3. A brief background history of democratic Government with the reasons for free elections and the responsibilities of electors.
4. Electoral procedures and publicity of the 1972 House of Assembly Elections.

The publication "Towards a United Country" was extensively used while carrying out the discussions. The Publication "Loa Becomes a Teacher" (English and Pidgin versions) were distributed in each village visited.

The D.I.E.S. series of "Our Country" wall Charts were also distributed in each village and were very favourably received.

Overall the discussions were very favourably received and interest was shown by the majority of the people. The people were particularly interested in the forthcoming House of Assembly elections, and it is expected that much consideration will be given towards the nomination of a local person or persons to stand for the 1972 Elections.

B. ECONOMIC :

(a) GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT :

In common with the rest of the PAGEL area the IMBIC Census Division has a low potential for agricultural development. The area is sparsely populated, the soil relatively poor, and there are the ubiquitous problems of transportation and communication. However, to date, the limited potential of the area has not been fully exploited. The IMBIC Census Division lies outside the 20 mile border quarantine zone, therefore there is the opportunity to encourage other crops which cannot be grown in other parts of the PAGEL area.

At present emphasis is being placed on planting coconuts for the establishment of a copra industry. There is a strong possibility that a timber industry will be established in the PAGEL/VANIMO area and this should provide a road network that will link the isolated IMBIC area with the marketing outlet at VANIMO.

Copra appears to be the feasible long term cash crop, but there is a need for a short term cash crop. Rice has been tried and was not particularly successful. Rice production appears to have completely ceased now, although the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA are quite willing to buy any rice in the area.

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA runs a small scale cattle project and is training young men in animal husbandry. Several of the young men being trained are from the IMBIC area and a fair amount of interest in cattle raising has been generated throughout the area.

As with the rest of the PAGEL area the big potential for development in the IMBIC area is for the establishment of the long awaited timber industry !

(b). ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS :

There has been very little activity from Developmental Departments over the past year or so.

All the villages have coconut groves of varying sizes and copra driers have been constructed at IMBRINIS and IMBIO No.2.

There is need for a D.A.S.F. Patrol throughout the area to advise the people about copra production and to initiate interest in the establishment of further cash crops.

C. SOCIAL :

(a). EDUCATION :

There are no formal schools in the area. Children from the area attend the Catholic Mission School at OSSIMA. The school provides boarding facilities and teaches all standards up to Standard V. All instruction is in English.

Children selected for higher classes from the OSSIMA school are sent to the LOTE Mission School near VANIMO.

(b). HEALTH :

The health standard of the people in the IMBIO Census Division leaves a lot to be desired.

Mr. DAKAI WAISI, Health Education Officer, P.H.D., VANIMO, accompanied the patrol. He carried out a series of medical examinations in each village and also gave health lectures in each village visited. During the course of the patrol Mr. WAISI detected the following :-

1. Suspected leprosy cases.
2. Adult Males 3; Adult Females 5; Male Children 3, Female Children 3; Total 14.
2. Suspected Tuberculosis. Female Child 1.
3. Serious Tropical Ulcers. Male Child 1.
4. Malnutrition. Male Children 3.

All the above cases were brought to PAGEI and will be further examined by the District Medical Officer in the near future.

In addition to the above 10 cases of persons suffering from Tropical Ulcers and varying skin complaints were brought to PAGEI for treatment.

I consider that Mr. WAISI did an excellent job whilst accompanying the patrol and hope that he will be available for further patrols in the PAGEI area. I feel that there is a need for a follow-up medical patrol to the IMBIO area within the next six (6) months.

Minor Aid-Posts are located at IMBIO No. 1, IMBRINIS and SUMURUNI. They dispense aspirin, anti-malarials etc. and give treatment for minor cuts and sores. The effectiveness of the aid posts is extremely limited and the staff will require much more training before they play an active role in upgrading the village health standards.

(c). LAW AND ORDER :

The people are generally law abiding and nothing was reported to the writer during the course of the patrol.

(d). MISSIONS :

Two (2) missions operate within the IMBIO area. The Catholic Mission conducts patrols to the area from its base at OSSIMA and has a strong following in ~~the~~ ^{the} villages except for SUMURUNI. Up until October last year there was an S.D.A. teacher at SUMURUNI but he has now been withdrawn. S.D.A. contact with the SUMURUNI people is now limited to irregular visits by an S.D.A. Pastor based at MAPRICK.

There is no evidence of friction between the adherents of either faith but there is a certain amount of animosity between the principals of the two faiths.

(e). CULT AND UNREST :

The writer did not find any signs of unrest or cult activity within the area patrolled.

(f). COMMUNITY EDUCATION :

Little has been done in this field. There are no organised womans' Clubs or facilities for youth activities. The people have expressed a desire for an increase in these activities.

Since returning to the Station the writer has been informed that a Welfare Patrol will visit PAGEI during June of this year. Efforts will be made to encourage a number of people from the IMBIC area to attend any courses at this Station or at OSSINA.

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APPENDIX 'A' :

REVISION OF THE COMMON ROLL :

In accordance with the attached Patrol Instructions the Revision of the Common Roll for the 1972 House of Assembly Elections was carried out in each village within the IMBIO Census Division. The Revision was carried out according to Circular Instruction 1/20/32 of 8th. April, 1971 and a Circular Memorandum 3/1/1-4 of 15th. March, 1971 from the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Revised Common Roll will be forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner, VANINO, on the completion of the revision of the Roll for the two remaining Census Divisions within the FAGEL area.

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APPENDIX 'B' :

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION :

The Routine Administration aspect of the Patrol not previously mentioned is as follows :-

1. Domestic Disputes. Several domestic disputes were brought to the attention of the writer. These were solved at village level by means of arbitration.
2. Persons Seeking Employment. These persons were advised of the necessary qualifications and assisted wherever possible.
3. Outstanding N.M.T.A. payments, Banking queries and Police Pension enquiries were all dealt with at village level, and where further correspondence was required this has been done under separate cover.
4. Inspection of Proposed Trade Stores, Trade Store Licences and Shotgun licences were carried out at village level.
5. Queries regarding Development Bank Loans. Details noted and referred to the appropriate authorities.

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CONCLUSION :

The Patrol was extremely well received in each village. No problems were experienced in obtaining carriers. A good supply of fresh fruit and vegetables were made available at fair prices.

The Patrol probably was rather hurried. This was brought about because the writer had to return to PAGEI before the 13th. May, 1971 to attend the Swearing In Ceremony for the recently elected PAGEI Local Government Council.

All other Members of the Patrol performed their duties in a capable and efficient manner in at times, somewhat trying conditions.

All objects of the Patrol were carried out.

N. L. Mitchell

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(N. L. MITCHELL).
PATROL OFFICER.
OFFICER IN CHARGE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. PAGEI PATROL REPORT No 11 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by K.G. Forster, P.O.

Area Patrolled KILLIMERI C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NIL

Duration—From 18 / 6 / 1971 to 22 / 6 / 1971

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 4 / 1971

Medical / 19.....

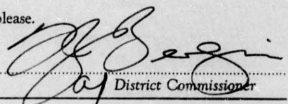
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Objects of Patrol Village Water Supply at AIYAWOU Village.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7 / 7 / 1971


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

FJM:IT

67-16-77

KONEDORU.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 11 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-11 of 29th July,
1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
abovementioned Patrol Report by Mr. K.C. Forster.

T. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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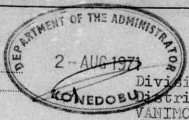
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Department of District Administration,

Division of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO.

29th July, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUBU.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT No. 11/1970-71

Forwarded herewith is the Original and one copy of the Report covering PAGEI Patrol No. 11 of 1970-71 conducted within the KILIMERI Census Division by Mr. K. Forster, Patrol Officer.

Also attached is a copy of covering memorandum 67-1-4 of 23rd. July, 1971 from the Assistant District Commissioner VANIMO and 42-67-5 of 27th. July, 1971 from the Acting District Local Government Officer, VANIMO.

I have no further comments to make on the report or patrol.

[Handwritten Signature]
(P.R. BERGIN)
a/District Commissioner.

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District Local Government Office,
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West Sepik District.

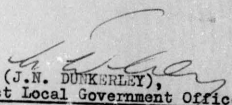
27th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT No. 11/1970-71

I attach three copies of the above report by Mr. K.C. Forster, together with Camping Allowance claim and copy of covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Vanimo.

As stated by Mr. Forster, construction tasks such as these should be performed by Council employed artisans and it is to be hoped that this can be arranged in future.


(J.N. DUNKERLEY),
a/District Local Government Officer.

67/1/4 :
ASW/LMW :

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

23rd. July, 1971.

The District Local Government Officer,
Office of Local Government,
District Office,
VANIMO.


PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 11/1970-71.

Attached please find the original and two (2) copies of this Report submitted by Mr. K. C. FORSTER, Patrol Officer, Administrative Adviser, VANIMO and PAGEI Councils.

The Report has been submitted through me to you in accordance with para. 15 (e) of the Headquarter's Circular titled 'Local Government Organisation'.

There is very little comment to be made. This was a short patrol with a single aim of installing a water supply at ALYAWOU Village. The object was achieved and Mr. FORSTER has submitted a very brief report to cover the Patrol.

Camping Allowance Claim is attached.


(A. S. WRIGHT).

Att.

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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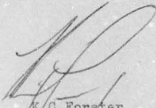
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Report Number. : Pagei Patrol No 11 of 1970/71
Sub-District : Vanimo
District : West Sepik
Council/NonCouncil : Non Council
PatrolConducted By : K.C.Forster, P.O.
Designation : Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled : Part Kilimeri CID
Personnel Accompanying : G.Nuli , Pagei Council Clerk.
Duration of Patrol : 3 days
Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : April, 1971; 4 days
Objects of Patrol : Construct Village Water supply at AIYAWOU village
Total Population of area patrolled : 250
Map Reference : Border (Special) 4
Village Population Register enclosed/not enclosed : not enclosed

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The reason for this Patrol was to construct a village water supply at AIYAWOU village. This work was part of the Pagei Local Government Council Capital Works Programme for 1970/71, however it had first appeared on the 1969/70 Estimates but owing to non supply of materials it had to be left in abeyance until the current year.

The work was completed over a two (2) ~~xxx~~ day period but could have been finished earlier had the people themselves been able to find a suitable water supply. As it was upon my arrival they had dug one hole to 20 feet at the crest of a hill and no water seeped in.

I received the utmost co-operation from the people and they work went ahead quickly and smoothly.

The actual site of the well is now situate within 200 yards of the vill village proper in an area where runoff is collected in large holes but which also have suitable seepage. The water which seeped in was clean and appeared satisfactory.

To save the future Advisors to the Pagei Council having to carry out the construction of these wells I intend to have the Council employ a full time carpenter in conjunction with the Vanimo Council. I do not feel it is the duty of the Advisor to have to do the bulk of ~~such~~ work in such instances.

Being a short Patrol and of a Special purpose no other enlightening facts came to hand.



K.C. Forster
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DIARY

Saturday, 20th June, 1971.

Departed Pagei Station by tractor at 0745 for the NIAU Creek and arrived there at ~~0745~~ 0830. Patrol departed at 0845 and walked to AIYAWOU via ISI No 1, ISI No 2, KILIPAU/KILIWIS and CEOL. Arrived at 1300 and moved into Rest House. Tracks very greasy due to heavy rain but gradients were good and the walking time was 4 hours.

Work was begun at 1345 and after suitable water found the liners were joined and laid and some cement was poured. Finished at 1800. Slept AIYAWOU.

Sunday, 21st June, 1971.

All pipes installed and remaining cement work was completed, pump was installed. Work ceased at 1700. Slept AIYAWOU.

Monday, 22nd June, 1971.

Well area cleaned, pump tested and satisfactory. Patrol departed at 0830 and walked to NIAU Creek arriving at 1145., thence to Pagei Station arriving at 1230. Personnel stood down. End of Patrol.