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2-70-71	L.K.YOGIYO	Waina-Sowanda Census Division.
3-70-71	L.K.YOGIYO	Waina-Sowanda C/D/ and Imonda Local Census Division.
4-70-71	D.VAN.R.CLAASEN	Part Imonda Local Census Division.
5-70-71	L.K.YOGIYO	Waina-Sowanda Census Division and part of Imonda Local Census Div.
6-70-71	R.F. Lanaghan	Part Imonda L. Waina Sowanda
X7-70-71	<i>combined with 6</i>	
8-70-71	V.SCHMID	Imonda Local Census Division.

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GREEN RIVER

1-70-71	A.J. Hazlewood	Idam Yapsiei C.D.
2-70-71	E. Charles Ali	Yabalhai C.D.
5-7071	R.H. Chisholm	Part Idam-YapseiC.D.



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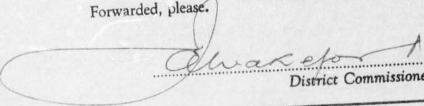
PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 1 of 1970/1971
 Patrol Conducted by J. K. YOLOVO Patrol/Officer
 Area Patrolled Waina-Sowanda Census Division
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No
 Natives 4 Medical Orderly 4 Police Members, 1 interpreter.
 Duration—From 29.7.1970 to 3./8/1970
 Number of Days Five Days
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 24/2/1970
 Medical 24/2/1970
 Map Reference Border (Special) Sheet 2, 1: 100,000
 Objects of Patrol (1) To give Pre-Election Talk (2) Political Education
(3) General Administration Routine.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30 11/1970


 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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KONEDOU...PAPUA.
9th March, 1971

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WAIGANI.

WAIGANI PATROL NO.1 / 1970-71

Your reference 67-3-3 of 31st December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the patrol and situation reports by Mr. L.K. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer to the Waina-Sowanda Census Division.

Your comments on the report are noted. The Assistant District Commissioner's comments point out that Mr. Yogiyo's report is brief and suffers from inadequate English expression. Mr. Yogiyo is at present attending the Administrative College and no doubt his studies will do much to correct these inadequacies. The patrol appears to have been worthwhile and a fair report on this was submitted.

The Census Division appears to be making some progress in political knowledge and in other matters is progressing slowly but satisfactorily.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

cc. Mr. L.K. Yogiyo,
C/- Administrative College,
WAIGANI.



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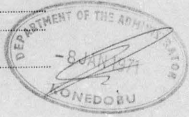
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District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.
31st December, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBŪ

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 70-71

I M O N D A

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No. 1. 70-71. It is regretted that no patrol instructions were issued, the attached comments by the Assistant District Commissioner gave reasons for this, they also cover the delay in submission.

I feel that Mr. Yogiyo did a very good job. These people have always been difficult, but respond much better to a local Officer than to an expatriate, this was one of the reasons in posting Mr. Yogiyo to this area.

I am warning the Assistant District Commissioner, Amarab to be wary of putting too much emphasis on coconut planting, for food and housing material yes, but for copra no.

I am not unduly concerned with spelling mistakes. Knowing the officer and his keenness, it is obvious that his pen is trying to keep pace with his thinking, and does at times fall behind.

A good report with no unnecessary frills.

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

(8)

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

In Reply Please
Quote No 67-4-3

Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

8th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMCO.

IMONDA PATROL No. 1 - 1970/71
WAINA-SOWANDA Census Division.

1. Attached please find the original and 2 copies of a report on a patrol to the WAINA-SOWANDA Census Division by Mr. L. K. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer, for the purposes of pre-election education and routine administration. Patrol instructions were unfortunately not issued due to my absence on sick leave.
2. The report was submitted late, not being received at Amanab until late October. The officer has been instructed as to his responsibility in this regard. Further delay in processing the report was occasioned by my absence from the station during November at various meetings and my instructed stay at Green River for border duties.
3. Mr. Yogiyo's report is perhaps too brief and suffers from inadequate english expression. He will need much practice ~~xxx~~ writing reports and would benefit from advice whilst actually engaged in writing them rather than having to suffer corrections from a distance. His spelling and grammar will need to improve. A glaring example of bad spelling is the use of "durling" instead of "during". However, practice and patient correction will no doubt improve this aspect of Mr. Yogiyo's work.
4. The political knowledge of the census division seems to be gradually improving as they benefit from more contact. They have been ready to listen to Mr. Yogiyo and have accepted him. The waina and Sowanda groups continue in their change resistant attitude but this will, I am sure, be overcome by continued patient patrolling.
5. The road construction work, and the resultant road contact, should do much to bring the people out of their present isolated way of life. The outside world is relentlessly encroaching upon them and they will have to change.
6. The division provides an ideal unit for a future rural health and education centre possibly located at UMEDA. The position will be kept under regular review with this in mind.
7. A good solo effort by Mr. Yogiyo in a difficult area. He shows considerable potential as a good field officer. His reporting will have to improve however to realise his full potential.

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(D. van R. Claassen)
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. The Officer in Charge, IMONDA.

PATROL DIARY. UMEDA PATROL No11929/Z1.

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WEDNESDAY.
July 29th.

0900-1530 hrs. Departed Imonda with four Police Members and arrived in Umeda, 1600-1700hrs. Instructed councillor Poma to inform his people on the Pre-election talk in the morning, and also to tell the people to clean the foot tracks.
Overnight in Umeda.

THURSDAY.
July 30th

The attendance was not good, so I remain the Councillor that the patrol will come back towards his way to give the Pre-election talk before going to Imonda.

1000-1200hrs. Departed Umeda and arrived in Waina.

Met councillor Makwei. The rest house was swept and the grasses were cut. Met half of the village people and told them to come with the rest, in the morning, for Pre-election talk.

1300-1700 hrs. General discussion with the councillor and the people about the new Imonda-Iafar Road. They were willing to work on the road when required.

No complaints were received from the people. General village inspection in the afternoon.

The village standard was satisfactory. Ten men were instructed to build new toilets.

Overnight in Waina.

FRIDAY.
July 31st.

0900-1100hrs. Pre-election talk. The attendance was good.

Briefly told the people about the tour of the Constitutional Development Committee, and talk again on Imonda Iafar Road. All were willing to work on the road.

They told to clean their foot paths, in their areas.

Departed for Wiala on the same day, after pre-election talk in Waina.

Found the people in Wiala all ready for the pre-election talk. The attendance was good. After pre-election talk, Imonda Iafar Road was again discussed, and found that the people were willing to work.

General village inspection was carried out and, found the village in satisfactory condition.

1400-1500. Departed Wiala and arrived in Sowanda.

Met councillor Ambui, and informed him the aim of the patrol.

General discussion with councillor Ambui on Imonda Iafar road, and village condition.
Overnight in Sowanda.

SATURDAY.
August 1st.

0800-1000. Gave pre-election talk and briefly explaining the tour of the Constitutional Development Committee.

Talk on the Imonda Iafar Road was also discussed and the people were in favour of constructing the road.

No complaints were received from the people were in a satisfactory condition, regarding their health.

SATURDAY (continue)
August 1st.

1100-1230. Departed Souanda and arrived in Umeda. I could not walk to Punda due to tropical ulcers on my toes, resulted from the blenches.
1400-1600. General discussion with the village and councillor Pox on general things as, road education, politics, and economic.
Overnight in Umeda.

SUNDAY.
2nd August.

Told the patrol interpreter to inform the Pund people why we could not come to their area, and ask them to come to Umeda for the Pre-election talk.

In the afternoon I carried out the general village inspection, and instructed two owners of a house, to pull down their houses as they were very old. Instructed six people to build new toilets.

Overnight in Umeda.

MONDAY.
August 3rd.

0800-1130hrs. Gave pre-election talks to both wards, Punda and Umeda. The attendance from both wards was good.
The accompanying medical orderly gave general treatment to those who have sores and cuts. The people from Punda were also in favour of constructing the Inonda Iafar Road.
1230-1800. Travelled from Umeda to Inonda.
1800-1830. Paid the carriers.

End of Patrol.

PATROL REPORT.

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Report No. Imonda No 1 of 1970/1971.

Sub-District. Anamab.

District. West Sepik District.

Council Area. Yes.

Patrol Conducted by. Levy Kingsfor Yogiyo. Patrol/officer.

Personal Accompanying Patrol. 4 Members of R.P.N.G.C
1 Hospital Orderly.
1 Patrol interpreter.

Duration of Patrol. Date out 29/7/70
Date in 3/8/70.

Date duration of last B.D.A.
Patrol to Area. 24/2/70 - 7/3/70.

Objects of Patrol. (a) Pre-election Talk.
(b) Political Education/
(c) General Administration Routine.

Total Population of area
Patrolled. 987.

Map Reference. Border (Special) Sheet 2. 1:100,000.

Village Population Register. Not enclosed.

SITUATION REPORT.

1./ POLITICAL.

From what I can see, after reading, the last patrol report into the area, there has not been much changes taken place.

As the situation stands now, the people were not too interested in the political matters, as they do not fully understand, what goes on in the territory, besides their home area.

Talks were given very briefly on the tour of the Constitutional Development Committee, regarding their aims and what they were going to do after their tour in the rest of the territory.

The people from Waina and Bowanda observed very little from my talk. In Umeda, Funda, Wina, those who have been to plantations and in the stations, paid quite an interest during the talks, including some other villagers.

During the talks on Political Education few questions were directed to the people, to find out if they fully understand what I was talking about. It was estimated that 32% of the questions were well answered.

The knowledge of the people on political field, improve after more concentration on political education in the area during all patrols.

Much can be absorbed by the people, if the patrolling officer simplifies those hard words into pidgin, rather than using English words with Pidgin.

Role of Administration and Council and their aims were explained to the people. More emphasis was on Local Government and the functions as it is one of the thing the people have to take interest in it. This I feel will help the development of the Council and make it an effective council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Elections.

As it was a Pre-election patrol, people were fully explained on the procedures for the election, and after that followed by a quick a demonstration.

As there have been three elections held after the establishment of the Malasa Council, the people have a general idea about elections.

People in Funda, Wina, and Umeda were better off than, the people in Bowanda and Waina, in understanding the fundamentals of the Local Government Council.

Reasons for two years office of councillors were explained, and the people fully understood it, and like the idea. They like this idea of having election after every two years, because they felt that some of their councillors were not too active. It was also fully explained to the people that, they have to think carefully before casting their votes, it was also explained to them that they can elect a woman, if they think that she is able to handle council work.

COUNCILLORS.

Out of the five wards, the only active councillor in them was the councillor from Umeda. One advantage he has was he speaks Pidgin very well than the others, and good in guiding and directing his people.

To assist the councillors, they have village committees unofficially appointed by the previous patrolling officers.

These committees were more active than some of the councillors, regarding the ways they direct the people in getting works done.

Councillors Powers

Councillors Powers were explained to the councillors as some of them have wrong ideas regarding their powers as councillors.

I was aware of their thoughts, when the councillor from Sowanda said that he was going to hear court cases in his ward, rather than Patrol officers.

General comments from five of the councillors, was that the people were threatening to make magic on them if they start to become active. It was so general that, it made it difficult for me to find out who were doing all the threats in the area.

ECONOMICS.

Roads.

The Rural Development in the area will be the Inonda Iafar road. The people from the five villages were too keen and interested to construct the road, when the funds are made available.

Once the road is completed, it will be only useful for social purposes, and also for economical purposes in the future, as there is no Agriculture activity in the whole of Waina-Sowanda Census Division.

Agriculture.

The people in the Waina-Sowanda Census Division, have not yet consider planting cash crops. The only present possibility of cash cropping in the area will be, coconuts. The coconut trees do well in the area, but then again the marketing of the copra, and transporting it to Inonda is a problem. Number of coconuts grown in the area, was only enough for their own needs.

There is not much extension on vegetables for cash cropping purposes in the area.

This was again due to the distance between those villages and Council Market in Inonda. They were not too interested in making bigger gardens. They live mostly on sagoes and bananas. Vegetable gardens were not too big.

There is none home-indigenous development in the area.

SOCIAL.

Education.

There are two unregistered mission schools in the area ran by the Catholic Mission. One is situated in Umeda, consisting of a 42 students, and one in Sowanda, consisting of 35 students.

These two schools were staffed by Catholic Mission Catechist. The subjects taught, were pre-arithmetic, Pidgin and some of the time was spent in Bible lessons.

These two schools were moreover a pre-education to the area.

Health.

The general health of the people was satisfactory. The children in the Waina-Sowanda Census Division were much healthier than the ones in Inonda Local Census Division. This was due to the fact that they get fed with coconuts grown in the area.

The medical orderly accompanying the patrol, gave treatment to those with cuts, sores, and minor illness. No serious sicknesses were reported to the patrol.

In previous years, the Administration set up an Aid Post in Umeda. Due to threats to the Medical orderly by the village people and poor attendance by the sick patients, the Aid Post was closed.

Major sicknesses were brought to Inonda Health Centre for treatment, which will mean eight hours walk to Inonda with the sick patients. This rarely occurs in the area.

Health (continue)

The general village standard was good. Most of the houses were newly built, except the toilets were in a poor condition.

The councillors from the five wards were instructed to tell those who have old toilets to build new ones, and those without toilets to build new toilets, before the next patrol comes. No wonder why there are lots of flies in the whole area.

CONCLUSION.

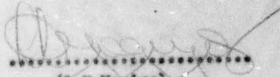
The main task of the patrol was to give pre-election talk to the people. With less experience in that particular field, I did all my best put forward the right information to the people, by looking through some of the old patrol reports on pre-election.

As this was my first patrol, alone by myself, I learned a lot regarding the whole organization of the patrol, and what has to be done in the villages visited.

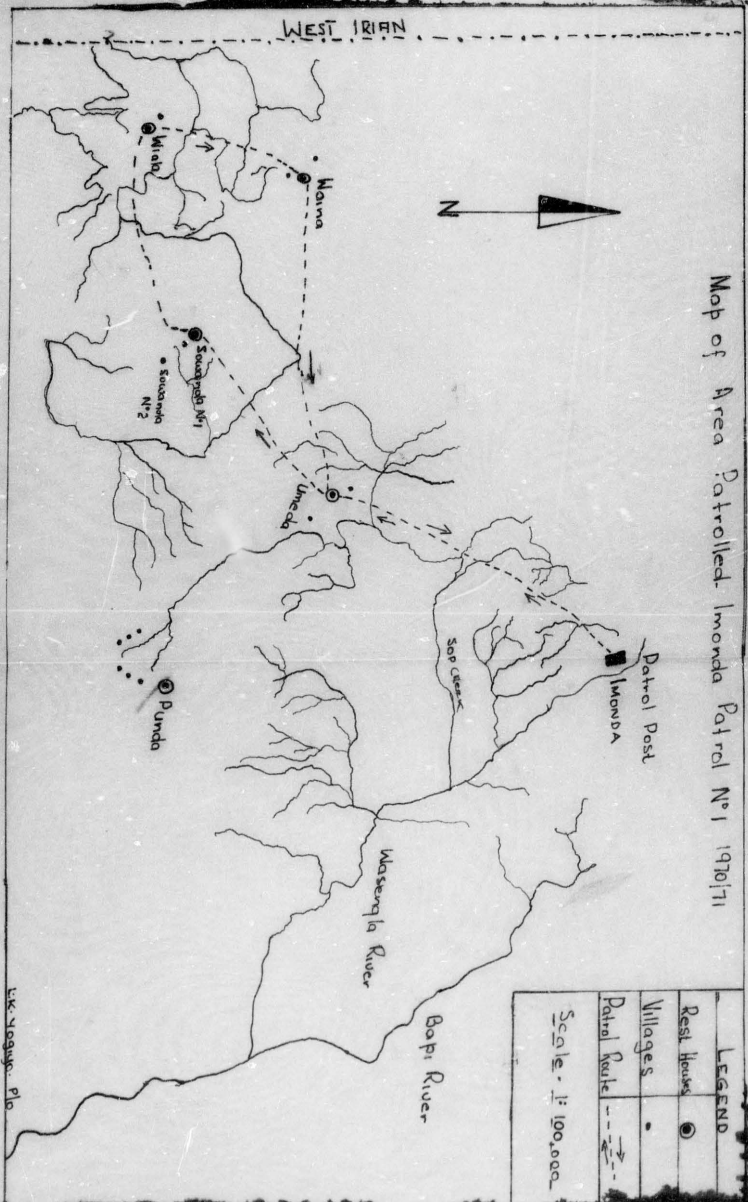
The general attendance by the people to listen to the pre-election talks was very good.

The police members and medical orderly carried out their duties very well. Three of the police members have been to the area in the last four patrols and they were of an assistance to the patrol. It was an enjoyable patrol, and a beneficial one to me.

For your information, please.


.....
(L.K. Kogiyo)
Patrol Officer.

Map of Area Patrolled Imonda Patrol No 1 1910/11



LEGEND
Rest House ●
Villages -
Patrol Route - - - - -
Scale - 1:100,000

L. K. Vagay, Plo



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... WEST SEPIK Report No. 21 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by... I. K. YONGIYO PATROL/OFFICER

Area Patrolled... WAINA-SOMANDA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NO

Natives... 3 Police Members, 1 Medical Orderly, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From... 1. 3. 8 / 1970 to 20. 8 / 1970

Number of Days... 8 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 3. / 8 / 1970

Medical ... 3. / 8 / 1970

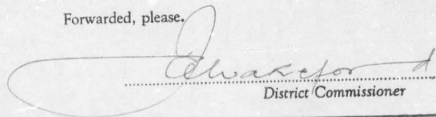
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Objects of Patrol... (a) Conduct Election, (b) Political Education
 (c) Hygiene and Sanitation, (d) General Administration Routine.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30 / 8 / 1970


 District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$

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

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

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

12th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YANIMO.

IMONDA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-8 of the 31st December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. L.K. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer, of the WAINA-SOWANDA Census Division.

I have the following comments :-

- (a) Was it absolutely necessary that three Police accompany a Council general election patrol of this nature?
- (b) Under his comments on Local Government Mr. Yogiyo states :-

"... The people from these five wards took that the voting is a compulsory thing. This was not explained to them as I feel this would create a problem in future elections, which will lead to a low attendance of voters".

With three policemen present and the Waina-Sowanda people being as relatively unsophisticated as they are, what else could they think? - other than voting was compulsory.

- (c) In his covering comments Mr. D. van R. Claassen remarks - "It was good to note the interest in the elections". I wonder whether this is a genuine interest, or one which the people feel compelled to take because of the factors mentioned above.

It should be impressed upon Mr. Yogiyo that voting at Council elections is not compulsory and the presence of circumstances which would indicate to the people that it is, should be avoided.

Mr. Yogiyo is on the right track if he selects a particular topic to discuss under political education rather than a broad outline. In this particular case the relationship between Local and Central Governments would have been sufficient and provided an opening for the people to see where their Council stood in relation to the Central Government.

An interesting account of the patrol by Mr. Yogiyo.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

c.c.
Mr. L.K. Yogiyo,
Patrol Officer,
c/- Sub-District Office,
AMANAB. West Sepik District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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West Sepik District.
31st December, 1970

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2. 1970-71.

I M O N D A

Attached please find Patrol Report No. 2. 1970/71.

I agree with the remarks made by the Assistant District Commissioner, however it must be remembered that M. Yogiyo has been entirely on his own at Imonda and it is not easy to be able to sit down and write a report as soon as you return.

The object of the patrol was to conduct a Local Government Council, ^{Session} and this was ably carried out.

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

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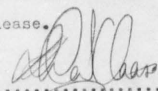
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8th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
V A N I M O.

IRONDA PATROL No. 2 - 1970/71
WAINA-SOWANDA Census Division.

1. Attached please find a report of a patrol to the above area by Mr. L. K. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer, for the purpose of carrying out general elections for the Wainas Local Government Council. No patrol instructions were issued because of my absence on sick leave.
2. The report was submitted late. Mr. Yogiyo must learn to learn to speed up his preparation of reports and submit them within a reasonable time. He has been so instructed. My absence from the station during November accounts for the further delay in processing.
3. It was perhaps not wise to involve talks on self government with a local government council election. Too much learning at the one time without adequate background preparation can be difficult to absorb especially by people at this stage of development.
4. It was good to note the interest in the elections. It could indicate the beginning of an abiding interest in local government at last. It is a little too early though to expect female participation as candidates in elections.
5. Agricultural, health and educational spheres remain static. The road will be a prior necessity before any real work can be achieved in these fields.
6. An adequate report only ~~met~~ on a well completed task. Expression and spelling need improvement. Practice is the only way this will be achieved.
7. Claim for camping allowance is attached.
For your information, please.


.....
(B. van R. Claassen)
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. The Officer in Charge,
IRONDA.

Mr. L. K. YOGIYO,
Patrol Officer,
IRONDA.

(9)

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Div. District Administration,
Patrol Post,
IMPADA,
West Sepik District,
24th October, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
AMAMAR,
West Sepik District.

IMPADA PATROL NO.2 1970/71.

1. No patrol instruction was issued by you, as you were still in the hospital.
2. These were the following things carried out during the patrol.
 - (a) Conducted the Walsa Council Fourth General Election.
 - (b) Gave Political Education Talks.
 - (c) Hygiene and Sanitation Inspection.
 - (d) General Administration Routine.

The election patrol was divided up into two teams, one conducting the Election in the Impada Local Census Division, with Tom Itoro as a Presiding officer, and I conducted the election in the Waina-Sowanda Census Division, with Lugum Tugum as a Poll Clerk.

3. The patrol report is forwarded in quadruplicate, consisting of:
 - (a) Patrol Jacket,
 - (b) Patrol Diary,
 - (c) Situation Report,
 - (d) Patrol Map.

Camping allowance for Mr. T. Itoro, Mr. L. Tugum, Mr. S. Pape, and myself is also attached.

4. For your information, comment, and distribution, please.
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PATROL DIARY.

Patrol No 2 of 1970/1971.

THURSDAY.
August 13th.

0900-1200hrs.

Departed Inonda accompanied by, Mr. Lugam, Local Government Assistant, three Police Members, and one Medical Orderly, walked all the way through the jungle track and arrived in UMEDA.

1530-1645. General discussion with the council or Pcm on the Election, and asked him if his people could rebuild the Police Quater, and the rest house.

1700-1745. General village inspection. All the toilets as instructed in the last patrol were built.

Overnight in UMEDA.

FRIDAY.
August 14th.

0800-1300hrs.

Prior to the election I briefly gave talk on election procedures and manner of election.

Four candidates were nominated. Successful candidate, DON PHAI, won by majority vote. Voters did their voting by whispering to the poll clerk.

After the election, Council Tax Rate for 1970/71 was explained to the people, and what a Council can do if the Tax Rate is high, and the Revenue of the Council is in comparing Goroka Council. The election ran smoothly, without any interference.

1400-1600hrs. Departed UMEDA and arrived in WAINA. Met the councillor WAKWOI, told him to send the words out for the tomorrows election.

General discussion with people and the council or on Inonda Iafar Road, and Contract Labours in the area.

No serious cases on sickness were reported, no cases on law breakers were reported.

Overnight in WAINA.

SATURDAY.
August 15th.

0830-1230 hrs. Brief explanation on election procedures and manner.

0900-1000. Nomination open and closed. Three candidates were nominated. Successful candidate was Kwi Kara, won by majority vote. The voters did their voting by "whispering". The election ran smoothly.

1400-1500 Village general inspection. Found two toilets not completed. Informed the owners to complete their toilet.

1900-2030 hrs. Recording and watching a dance put up by the Waina people for the new councillor.

Overnight in WAINA.

PATROL DIARY.

Patrol No2 of 1970/1971.

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THURSDAY.
August 13th.

0900-1500hrs.

Departed Imonda accompanied by, Mr. Lugan, Local Government Assistant, three Police Members, and one Medical Orderly. Walked all the way through the jungle track and arrived in UMBDA.

1530-1645. General discussion with the council or Pcm on the Election, and asked him if his people could rebuild the Police Quater, and the rest house.

1700-1745. General village inspection. All the toilets as instructed in the last patrol were built.

Overnight in UMBDA.

FRIDAY.
August 14th.

0800-1300hrs.

Prior to the election I briefly gave talk on election procedures and manner of election. Four candidates were nominated. Successful candidate, DON PMAI, won by majority vote. Voters did their voting by whispering to the poll clerk.

After the election, Council Tax Rate for 1970/71 was explained to the people, and what a Council can do if the Tax Rate is high, and the Revenue of the Council is in comparing Goroka Council. The election ran smoothly, without any interferences.

1400-1600hrs. Departed UMBDA and arrived in MAINA. Met the councillor WAKWOL, told him to send the word out for the tomorrows election.

General discussion with people and the councillor on Imonda Iafar Road, and Contract Labours in the area.

No serious cases on sickness were reported, no cases on law breakers were reported.

Overnight in MAINA.

SATURDAY.
August 15th.

0830-1230 hrs. Brief explanation on election procedures and manners.

0900-1000. Nomination open and closed. Three candidates were nominated. Successful candidate was KAI HANA, won by majority vote. The voters did their voting by "whispering".

The election ran smoothly.

1400-1500 Village general inspection. Found two toilets not completed. Informed the owners to complete their toilet.

1900-2030 hrs. Recording and watching a dance put up by the maina people for the new councillor.

Overnight in MAINA.

SUNDAY.
August 16th.

0845-0945hrs. Departed Waina and arrived in WIALA. Send words out for the election.
1400-1600. General discussion with the councillor and some of the village people on Council works in bigger Councils.
Carried out general village inspection, and found the village in a satisfactory condition.
No serious cases of sicknesses were reported to the patrol. Assist the village people to construct a shower room.
Overnight in WIALA.

MONDAY.
August 17th.

0900-1230hrs. Conducted the Wiala ward election. Prior to the election, brief talks were given on election procedures and manners.
Voting was done by "whispering", as all the people were illiterate.
Two candidates were nominated, successful candidate was WOI ABSU, who won by majority vote.
The attendance was very good. Asked the people if they could rebuild the policequarter and the rest house. They were all willing to rebuild these.

Departed Wiala and arrived in SOWANDA after one hour walk.

Met the councillor ABSUI, informed him to notify the people that there will be an election in the morning.

1600-1700. General inspection in the village. Found the village in satisfactory condition.
Overnight in SOWANDA.

TUESDAY.
August 18th.

0900-1000hrs. Brief talk on the procedures and manner of the election, and nomination postponed immediately after.
1000-1300. Conducted the Sowanda ward election. Four candidates were nominated, successful candidate was AU'UMP, who won by majority vote.
Tax Rate for the Walsa Council was also explained to the people. The reaction they gave was that, the rate was too high for them.

1400-1539. Departed Sowanda and arrived in FUNDA. Met the councillor there and told him to send the words out to the people that there will be an election tomorrow.

1600-1730. Carried out general village inspection and found that the village was in a fair condition. During the village inspection, I found out two female, one with yaws on her left leg and the older woman with pneumonia. The relatives of the two women were instructed to bring them to Imonda with the patrol.

Overnight in FUNDA.

WEDNESDAY.
August 19th.

0830-1130hrs.

Gave talks on election procedures and manner of election, followed by opening of nominations. Three candidates were nominated, and the winner of the election won by majority vote. After the election, Walsa Council Tax Rate for 1970/71 was explained to the people. They told the patrol that, in next financial year we would like the council to make a rule excluding the female and increase the tax rate for male.

1300-1400. Departed Punda and arrived in Umeda. The sick patients were also brought to Umeda. Overnight in Umeda.

THURSDAY.
August 20th.

0800-1000. Compile the election statistics in Umeda. The medical orderly gave treatment to those with minor sicknesses and sores.

1200-1730.

Walked from Umeda to Inoada.

1730-1845. Paid the carriers, and got the patrol boxes into the shed.

End of P patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.
GENERAL.

The situation has not changed very much since the last patrol went into the area. Talks were given on self government to the people in Punda and Umeda, as they could understand a bit of what I was talking about.

At this stage the people living in Waina and Souwanda would not have a slight clue what I was talking about. This is mostly due to the fact that they have little knowledge about the outside world, and they have little knowledge about the Territory as a whole. This does not prevent me from explaining to these people about other things such as, function of Local Government Council, roll of administration, and other less difficult topics in Political field.

The other very important thing I discovered was that, when I speak in very good Pidgin, the people in Souwanda and Waina found it difficult to understand. Therefore, I used their ways in speaking Pidgin, which got most of the information across to them.

I feel it would be an ideal thing to send a Political Education officer into the area and spend at least one full day in each village in Waina-Souwanda census Division, and briefly giving lessons to those people on some of the subjects concerning Local Government Council, and House of Assembly. Through constant talks with various officers, I feel this would help them, as expressions from different officers are different, even though we all aim at the same things.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Election.

The attendance during the election in each of the ward visited was good. The people were really keen to come up, and make or cast their votes to nominate their councillor.

All the voters were assisted by the poll clerk, as they all were illiterate. Their votings were done by "whispering vote". None of the former councillors were elected, and they themselves too were not interested to stand as a candidate in the

This was due to the fact that, they were not a real village leaders, and they found it difficult control their people, besides Pam from Umeda. The other thing which discourage them to stand for the new election, was that, there used to be magic threats from their own people, as they said, but it was so general that I could not find who were those people doing all the threats in their villages.

The people from these five wards took that the voting is a compulsory thing. This was not explained, to them as I feel this would create a problem in future elections, which will lead to a low attendance of voters. This will not explained to them at this stage of their development towards local government Council.

No forces were used to get the people to come to vote.

Prior to the commencement of the election in each ward, procedures and manners of election were briefly explained to the people. Seeing that this was a fourth general election for the people, majority of the voters in the whole census division found it easy to vote. The whole election ran smoothly without any interuptions.

No female were elected as candidate. At this stage the people have the idea that it is only a man's work to take such position as a councillor in the village. Even though it was explained to them that any interested, women can stand as a candidate.

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ECONOMIC.Agriculture.

No changes has taken place since the last patrol went into the area. There is not much interest in cash cropping in the whole census division.

Quite a number of new gardens were made, in Punda and Wiala. These gardens were only for growing village vegetables, bananas and corns. These gardens were well fenced, to prevent the wild pigs from destroying the gardens.

The people in Umada, Punda, and Sowanda asked the patrol if the Administration could help them to grow rice in the area, as what has been done in Epni, and Mindipoko. The present marketing condition of the rice was explained to them. I told them that the Agriculture Department was trying to introduce pepper into the Wole Patrol Post, but it is not yet known, as when they going to introduce pepper into the aben.

It was felt that the Agriculture Department seemed to take less interest in Imonda Patrol Post regarding economic point of view. Nothing of economic importance in the whole census division.

HEALTH.

During the patrol no serious cases in sicknesses were reported, except in Punda two women were found, one with pneumonia and the other one with yaws on her left leg, during the village inspection in the Punda villages.

They were brought to Imonda with the patrol for treatment.

The general health of the whole census division was good. Minor sicknesses, sores and cuts were treated by the accompanying medical orderly, in each village visited by the patrol.

The medical orderly Anduari Sango who has been patrolling in the area in the last four years commented that, the health of the people has improved tremendously.

Most of the toilets as instructed in the last patrol were built, except in Waina two toilets were not completed, which the men concerned were told to complete them before the next patrol comes around.

MISSION.

The only activities in the area ran by the mission are the two schools in Umada and Sowanda. There were not a registered schools. The schools were staffed by Catholic Mission Catechists.

The Catholic Mission Brother, Jerome Dunn visited the schools once every two months. Brother Dunn stated that this was only a pre-education in the area.

It was estimated that there are 150 children in Waina-Sowanda Census Division, under six years of age, who are eligible to go to school next year. The parents were not willing to enroll their children in Imonda Primary 1 school next, due to the distance between their home and the school, no food to feed the children in the school, as the boarding school in Imonda has been closed last year. The problem of food can be solved, with local people making gardens around the school area, with one village making, and cleaning the gardens once a month. This has been discussed in the Waina Council general meeting, and the councillors were in favour of the idea.

CONCLUSION. The aims of the patrol were well carried out without any difficulty.

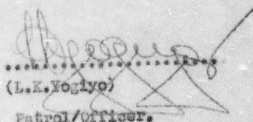
Mr. T. Lugan was of an assistance to the conduct of the Walsa Council election. He was willing to give assistance to junior officers as myself in small problems I faced during the election.

As this was my first time, to be an Assistant Returns Officer, I learned alot during the patrol, which will help me to conduct future elections with lesser assistance.

The Police Members and the Medical Orderly carried out their duties very well, as all of them have been in the service for more than ten years.

Personal contact with the people I had with the people was good. They approached me with all their minor worries and questions, without fear.

For your information, please.


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(L.K. Yogiyo)

Patrol/Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 3 1970/1971

Patrol Conducted by L. K. YOGIYO PATROL/OFFICER

Area Patrolled WALHAPSOWANDA D/D AND IMONDA LOCAL C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 2 POLICE MEMBERS, 1 MEDICAL ORDERLY, 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 22/ 9 /19 70 to 29 / 9 /19 70

Number of Days 8 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20 / 8 /19 70

Medical 20 / 8 /19 70

Map Reference BORDER(SPECIAL) SHEET 2, 1 :100,000

Objects of Patrol (a) WALSA COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION, (b) EXPLAIN COUNCIL ESTIMATES
(d) REASONS FOR COLLECTING COUNCIL TAX (d) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30 / 12 / 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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67-3-8

Division of District Administration,

KONIEDOBU, PAPUA.

11th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

IMONDA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-8 dated the 31st December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. L.K. Yogiyo of the WAINA/SOWANDA and IMONDA Local Census Divisions.

Comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Amanab adequately cover matters raised; however, I would be interested to learn of the actual number of defaulters as a percentage of the number of registered tax payers within the Council area.

A informative report by Mr. Yogiyo.

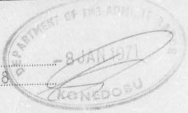
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

cc: Mr. L.K. Yogiyo,
Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
West Sepik District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Department of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.
31st December, 1970.

Telephone.....
Telegrams.....
Our Reference. 67-3-8
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3. 1970-71.

IMONDA

Attached please find Patrol Report No. 3. 70-71.

The object of the patrol mainly tax collection, and I fully agree that we should not be too hasty in prosecutions. This area was administered by the Dutch and has in the past been difficult to administer. Local Officers seem able to handle these people far better than the expatriate. It was Mr. Baraga and Mr. Kopi who really brought this area under control.

I agree that agricultural patrols could assist these people but the department just hasn't got the staff to do them.

Another good report by Mr. Yogiyo who I hope will be returned to this area after his present leave.

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

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea

In Reply Please
Quote No 67-4-2

Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

8th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
V A N I M O.

IMONDA PATROL No. 3 - 1970/71
WALSA LOCAL GOVT. COUNCIL AREA

1. Attached please find a report of a patrol to the above area conducted by Mr. L. K. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer, for the purpose of collecting council tax, council education and routine administration.
2. The report was received at Amanab in late October. Further delays were caused by my absence from the station on duty. The officer has already been advised as to his responsibilities regarding the submission of reports.
3. The general content of the report is more detailed and an improvement on the two previous reports submitted by this officer. He will have to continue to exercise care in his preparation and with his expression. The improvement is however noticeable.
4. It is interesting that news of the Mataungan Association and the Select Committee on Constitutional Development does filter through to the Waina-Sowanda and other areas in the Walsa Council. It is also good to see that the people have the confidence in their officer to approach him readily with their problems.
5. I feel some latitude should be allowed with the tax defaulters in the Waina-Sowanda area. We are just beginning to win their confidence after a long period of distrust and I do not want to upset this state of affairs. They also have little income as it is and would be more amenable to the thought of paying tax if they had a ready income. The matter has been discussed with the Council Finance Committee and they concur with the above.
6. The raising of the tax rate for males and abolishing that for females is a move to recognise officially what actually occurs, namely, that husbands pay for their wives in any case.
7. Action taken in explaining council estimates will be a standard procedure in all council areas in this sub-district. Publicity is particularly important for good public relations regardless of the stage of sophistication.
8. Economically the area desperately needs a leisurely agricultural patrol to determine needs, potential and possibilities. There are some possibilities in vegetables, pine-apples and pepper, but the people need guidance. It would be a pity to disappoint them.

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9. The Catholic Missionist Order works in the area and does some good, if limited, work. They provide a much needed infant welfare service and are behind the proposed school at Wasengla. The latter is now a reality for 1971 and is much more central to the population than the Imonda school which is to be downgraded to cater only to station people and Imonda village.

10. A rural health centre should be planned for Wasengla at a later date. The site is connected by road with the airstrip at Imonda.

11. Dysentery has been much in evidence in the Epmi area in recent months but has been brought under control. Poor sanitation seems to be the main cause and the council should look to enforcing its' hygiene rule.

12. The offer by the mission to assist in road works with its tractor is welcome and will be accepted.

13. Claim for camping allowance is attached. For your information, please.

[Signature]
.....
(G. van G. Claasen)
Assistant District Commissioner

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

Mr. L. K. Yogiyo,
Patrol Officer,
IMONDA.

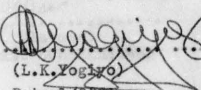
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Department of Administrator.
Dist. District Administration.
Patrol Post,
IMONDA.
West Sepik District.
28th, October, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.
West Sepik District.

IMONDA PATROL No 3 1970/1971.
WALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

1. Reference to your 67-4-2 of 15th September, 1970.
2. Durling the above patrol following things were carried out as per your patrol instruction.
 - (a) Walsa Council Tax Collection.
 - (b) Explaining Council Estimates to the people.
 - (c) General talks on why the Tax is collected.
 - (d) Routine Administration.
3. The aims of the patrol were accomplished, except in Waina ward and Sowanda ward, the attendance of the tax payers was very low indeed. The people in these wards, have very little in a way of income. No forces were used, to get the people to pay their Council Tax.
4. Forwarded herewith, please find patrol report in quadruplicate, consisting of,
 - Copy of A.D.C's Patrol Instruction.
 - Cover Sheet
 - Patrol Diary
 - Situation Report
 - Patrol Map.
5. Camping allowance contingencies, for Mr. S. Papo and myself are attached.
6. For your information, distribution, and comment, please


(L.K. Yogi)
Patrol Officer.

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea

In Reply Please
Quote No 67-4-2

Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.....N.B.D.

15th September, 1970.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
IMONDA,
West Sepik District.

Imonda Patrol No. 3 - 1970/1971
WALSA Local Government Council

1. Our discussion refers.
2. Please begin a patrol to the Imonda Local Government Council area in order to collect tax for the Walsa Council. It is regrettable that you have to undertake this task but in the absence of a clerk or local government assistant it is unavoidable.
3. Whilst in the field explain to the people the reason why tax is collected and the purpose for which it will be used. Explain the estimates to them in a simple way and pointing out especially the capital works items.
4. Carry out the normal routine administration tasks as required. You will not be able to spend as much time in each village as is desirable, however, do give them as much of your time as is practicable.
5. Please return to the station before the 2nd October, 1970, in order that you may be able to accompany the members of your finance committee to the course at Amanab.
6. I wish you a successful patrol.

D. van R. Classen

 (D. van R. Classen)
 Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL REPORT.

REPORT NO. : IMONDA 3 of 1970/71

SUB-DISTRICT : AMANAB

DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK DISTRICT.

COUNCIL AREA : YES

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : L.K.YOGIYO. P/O

DESIGNATION : PATROL OFFICER

AREA PATROLLED : WAINA-SOWANDA C/D

PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : 2 Police Members
1 Medical Orderly
1 Patrol interpreter
3 Council Tax Review Committees.

DURATION OF PATROL. : DATE IN 22/9/70
DATE OUT 29/9/70.

DATE DURATION OF LAST D,D,A,
PATROL TO AREA : 20/3/70 \$In Waina-Sowanda C/D
11/2/70 (IMONDA LOCAL C/D

OBJECTS OF PATROL. : WALSA COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION.
EXPLAIN COUNCIL ESTIMATES.
REASONS FOR COLLECTING TAX
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED.. 3088.

MAP REFERENCE : BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 2.1:00,000.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER. : NOT ENCLOSED.

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PATROL DIARY.

TUESDAY.
September 22dn.

0745-0900hrs.
Preparing to depart for Walsa Council Tax Patrol.
0900-1500hrs. Departed Imonda and arrived in Umeda.
1500-1530 General discussion with Brother Dunn from the Catholic Mission, about school in the area.
1530-1700. Collected council tax for the tax payers in UMEDA.
2000-2030hrs. General discussion with three village leaders, and councillor Don Pwai, on suitable route to construct Imonda Iafar road.

Overnight in Umeda.

WEDNESDAY.
September 23rd.

0800-1 00 Hrs.
Collected council tax from Punda Ward, and some of the tax payers from Umeda.
1100-1200hrs. Talks on Council Estimate for 1970/71, followed by council President Frans Wpi Mai, on the same topic.
1330-1530. Walked from Umeda to Sowanda.
1600-1800 hrs Listening to tax payers complaint in Sowanda Ward about tax rate. The people were too worried that they do not have enough money to pay their council tax. It was explained to them that the situation is very true. I told the councillor to ask all the people to come and listen to talks on Council Estimates.

Overnight in Sowanda.

THURSDAY.
September 24th.

0800-1015. Collected Council tax from tax payers in Sowanda ward. The attendance was poor. The lowest money paid by the tax payers was 10¢ and the highest was 71¢. The tax rate was \$1.00 for male and 50¢ for female. Majority of the female tax payers were not able to pay their council tax.
Council Estimates were explained to the people, and reasons for collecting council tax.

1330-1415. Departed Sowanda and arrived in Waina. The councillor reported that tax payers from Pomasink, one of the hamlet in Waina, left their houses and went into the bush in the morning, as they do not have sufficient money to pay their Council Tax.
1500. 1600. General inspection in the village and discovered that all the toilets were built.

Overnight in Waina.

FRIDAY.
September 25th.

0800-1000.Hrs
Explained the council Estimates, collected tax from the Waina wrd. The attendance was poor.

FRIDAY.
September 25th.

Explained to the people that the army patrol will be passing through their area, and told to give them assistance as much as possible especially guides..

1130-1330. Departed Waina and arrive in Umda. Collected tax from some of the tax payers who were absent during the tax collection. Overnight in Umda.

SATURDAY.
September 26th.

0730-1430 Hrs. Departed Umda and arrived in EPMI.

1500-1830. Tax collection, and explaining the council Estimates. Reasons for collecting Council tax were also explained to the Tax payers. The attendance was good.

Dysentery and ~~di~~ has affected the whole village. Letter was sent to Imonda for extra supplies of ~~medicines~~. A death was reported by Brother Dunn from the Catholic Mission. The death was believed have been caused by dysentery. The death occurred on 24th of September. Overnight in Epmi.

SUNDAY.
September. 27th

0800-0900 . Inspected that village and found the village in good condition. The dysentery in the village was caused by people drinking dirty creek near by. 1330-1430. Departed Epmi and arrived in Dauchendi.

Informed the people about the Council Tax. The village was very dirty and instructs the people to clean up their village. No cases of influenza were reported. Overnight in Dauchendi.

MONDAY.
September 28th.

0800-0930. Explained the estimates to the tax payers.

Reasons for declaring Dauchendi election as invalid was also explained to them. 0930-1400. Collected council tax. 1430- 1530. Departed Dauchendi and arrive in Swach-Ketjil.

1530-1745 hrs. Collected council tax and explained the council estimates to the tax payers.

General village inspection was also carried. The village was in a good condition. No serious cases of sicknesses were reported.

Overnight in Swach-Ketjil.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

General.

There has been little change noticed in Umeda, while Waina, Sowanda, Wiala, and Punda, still in same situation since the last patrol went into the area.

In Umeda several people came to see me, about self government, with their councillor Don Pwai. They heard a rumor that Rabaul got its self-government, and they were asking, whether this will apply to Vanimo.

After half an hour talk with them, I discovered that, they had a confusion between the Matungan Association, and the Tour of Constitutional Development Committee. The full story of both different things were fully explained to them.

Most of their days were spent in making gardens and ceremonial preparation, as their ceremonial period was getting closer.

The president of the Walsa council also accompanied the patrol with the Council's Tax Review Committee. The president gave speeches on Council Estimates briefly, function of the Council, and asked the people to give as much help in constructing Imonda Iafar road. Great attentions were paid while he was speaking all through the villages visited.

Many general questions were directed to him, concerning the Walsa council which he answered most of them very well.

In Imonda Local Census Division, people in Epmi, Mamola Mindipoke, Dauchendi have a fair knowledge in field of politics.

This only applies to few individuals, leaving out quite a vast majority of people.

In Epmi four questions were directed at me, all leading to the Tour of the Constitutional Development Committee. They felt that the time spent with them in their first visit to the Imonda Patrol Post, was insufficient.

The people have a fair idea about Walsa Council, being there in the Councils General meetings, and observe all that were going on in the meeting.

Local Government Council Tax.

The attendance of tax payers to pay their council tax was good, besides tax payers in Waina and Sowanda wards. Tax payers in those two wards mentioned, have paid very low tax, not equal to the rate set by the Council in The Tax rule.

More than half of the people in both wards were not present during the tax collection. As they are still primitive, and ways of earning is difficult for them, I do not blame them for that.

Just before the tax collection, I brought fifteen men from Sowanda and other fifteen to Imonda to work, and I discovered that they spent all their money in trade stores in Imonda;

The Council President Frans Woi, spoke on the idea of excluding females in the next council tax, and every one in the council area agreed with the idea. It was also explained to them that, this will mean increase in tax by the rate paid by the females.

As an Administrative Adviser to the Council I also comment that it will take less paper work to do and much time can be saved. The whole tax collection ran smoothly without any interference from the tax payers.

ECONOMIC.Agriculture.

In Waina-Sowanda Census Division the situation and condition in cash cropping has not changed.

Quite a number of people in Epmi, Midipoke, and Tokonendi showed interest in growing cash crops. In Mindipoke and Epmi quite a number of people growing peanuts and onions. In Tokonendi three plots of land were found with forty pineapples in each one of them. Two of the plots were owned by the councillor of Tokonendi.

Most of the crops were brought already to Council market in Imonda every fortnight Saturday.

Vegetables such as Chinese cabbages, carrots and beans were grown by majority of the people.

The people were not going to grow any more rice or chillie. The climate for chillie is not suitable. The people are waiting with interest to see the introduction of pepper into the area by the Agriculture Department.

I feel that there should be some action taken by the Agriculture Department to introduce pepper into the area as soon as it can. Because there is nothing promising in the area, regarding cash crops, for the people to make some money from.

Food for their own needs were grown in a family bases where everyone in a family clean up a plot of land which is then divided up into small plots, where each one the family have his or her plot to plant crops on. Several big gardens were seen, with variety of food, and the gardens were well fenced. The staple food in the whole area is still sagoe.

SOCIAL.Education.

In Sowanda village the people helped the Catechist to build a native material classroom. It was estimated that the classroom would hold 35 students.

The other unregistered school in Umeda still use the old classroom with 35 students in it.

The Catholic Mission's central area for school is in Wasengla. The school in Wasengla now has 91 students, with two local teachers. Eighteen of the ninety-one students are living in school, as boarders. In 1971 Brither Dunn will be teaching too, which will increase the number of the teachers.

In Wasengla the People from Epmi and Mindipoke had made some land available for a new classroom. The matter was brought up in the Council meeting and it was decided that, the Council will lease the land and make it into a Council School. The matter will be again discussed with the Assistant District Commissioner in Amamb, and Father James Wood, before any thing can be done, regarding the survey of the land and construction of the classroom.

The attitude of the people living close to Imonda Primary T School has changed considerably, when the message got to them that Imonda Primary T School can be closed if there is not enough children enroll next year or less children attending the school. Much of the pressure has been put on the councillors to encourage lot of parents to enroll their children next year, enough to make a class.

HEALTH.

The general health of the people in Waina-Sowanda Census Division and Imonda Local Census Division was good. The whole area was not affected by the influenza that affected some parts of the Territory recently.

In Epmi 74 people including children were affected by dysentery. This was caused by, people using a dirty creek near the village for drinking and cooking purposes. One death was reported: Tokonendi village after the dysentery struck the area.

The accompanying medical orderly was instructed to check through the whole village, giving treatment to those who get dysentery. Extra medical supplies were brought up from Imonda Aid Post. After the patrol departed a medical orderly in Wasengla was instructed to visit the village everyday, giving treatment until there is no more dysentery in the village.

Housing condition in twelve of the villages visited was good. In Sainendi two men were instructed to rebuild their house as they were in a poor condition.

The children in Waina-Sowanda Census Division were much healthier than the ones in Imonda Local Census Division. The fact was that they were fed with coconut's milk most of day.

Welfare Nurses visit Imonda ones a month, to look at the small babies and mothers who were pregnant. The attendance was getting lower, and the councillors were instructed to tell the people that if this continues on, the welfare nurses will not do any more monthly visits as they have many more areas to visit.

LAW AND ORDER.

In Waina-Sowanda Census Division, no complaints were received regarding, tribal fighting, killing or other cases against the law.

In Punda there was an adultery case, which the complainant was not willing to take the case up to the court. The fact was that he has two other wives besides the other one who committed adultery.

In Machendi three houses were reported being burnt down. The main cause of the fire was that, two women did not put out fire in their house before going to their gardens. Again the owner of the other two houses were not willing to bring the case up to the court, due to the fact that these two women were their close relatives.

MISSIONS.

The only mission in the area is the Catholic Mission situated in Wasengla, which is eight mile away from Imonda Patrol post. Father James Wood is in charge of the mission, assisted by Brother Dunn. It was reported that the people are not at this stage to take Religion seriously, due to the beliefs they have in magics.

Besides helping the people in Religion, the Catholic Mission is also keen to help the Administration in the development of the area in such things as building roads. They will be using their tractor to plough the top of the hills off to make it easier for the people to work.

At the present they are going to plough some of the hill tops along the Wasengla road.

CONCLUSION.

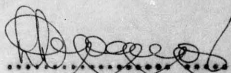
The patrol was an enjoyable and a beneficial one to me. The aims of the patrol were accomplished, besides high number of tax payers absent in Waina and Sowanda ward.

The explanation of the Wisa Council Estimates really helped the people to understand how their money collected from the Council Tax was spent. To me it looks as though this was their first time to know how their tax money was spent, but I could be wrong. However this was the expression I get from the Tax payers attitude.

The medical orderly Wobon Hihindo carried out his duty very well, regarding the work he had done in Epmi to cut out the dysentery in the village.

The police members accompanying the patrol also carried out very well indeed.

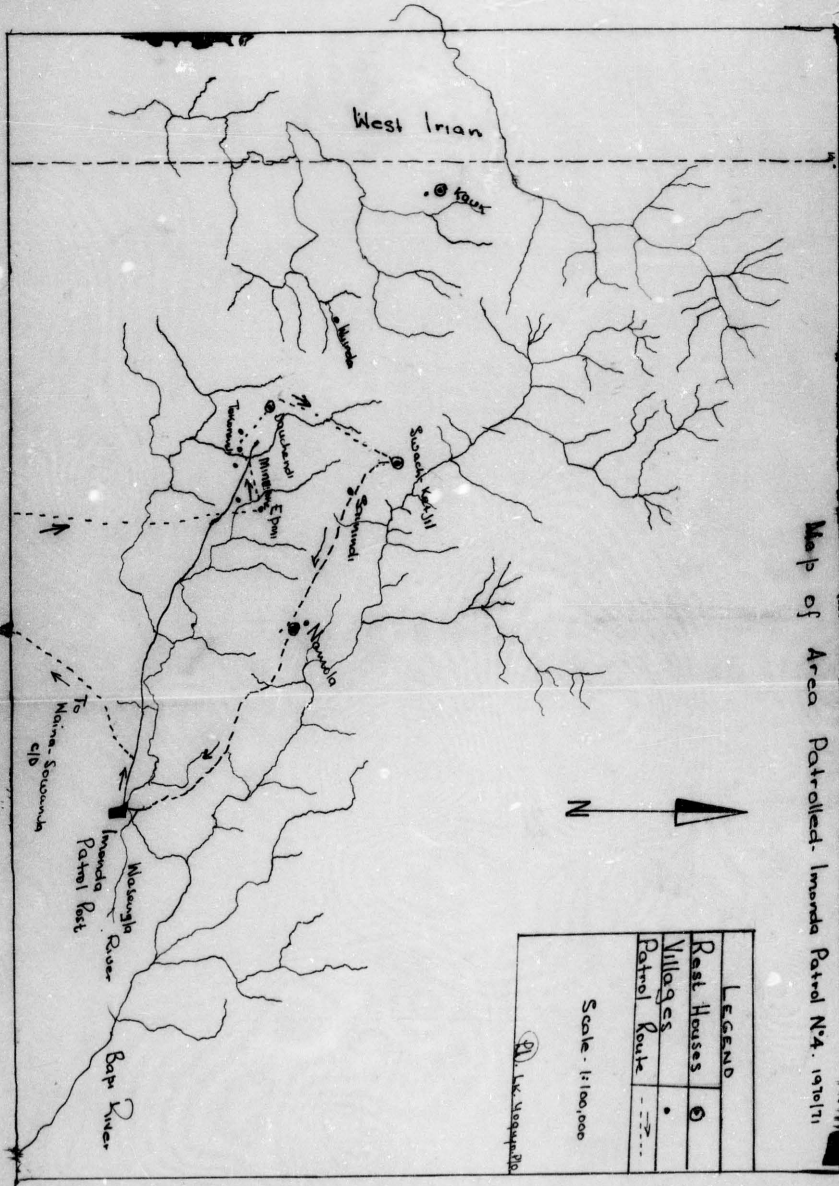
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(L.K. Yosiyu)

Patrol/officer.

Map of Area Patrolled - Imanda Patrol N^o. 1917/11



LEGEND	
Rest Houses	⊙
Villages	•
Patrol Route	- - - -

Scale: 1:100,000

① Lt. Sogapolo



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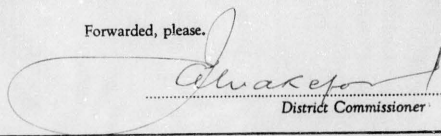
PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. IMONDA 8 - 1970/71
 Patrol Conducted by J. VAN R. CLAASSEN a.i.D.O. ADC
 Area Patrolled IMONDA LOKAL
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans —
 Natives 7
 Duration—From 12/10/1970 to 17/10/1970
 Number of Days 6
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MARU/1970
 Medical — / — / 19 —
 Map Reference BORDER (Special) Sheet 1
 Objects of Patrol Border Surveillance

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

300 1/8/1970



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

DLG:KP

67-16-26

Division of District Administration,
KONEBOBU, PAPUA.

11th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

IMONDA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-8 dated the 31st December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report
by D. van R. Claasen of the Imonda Local Census Division.

The report requires no additional comment from this
Headquarters.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

District Office,
VANIMO.
West Sepik District.

31st December, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4. 70-71.

70-71. Please find attached copies of Patrol Report No. 4.

The reason for the patrol was that after the raid on Waris Station in West Irian and reports of a general exodus of the people around Waris, it was thought they may have crossed into T.P.N.E. None however were seen and it is not known just where the people did go.

J. E. Wakeford
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(J. E. WAKEFORD)

District Commissioner.

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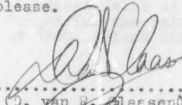
22nd October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMCO.

PATROL REPORT - IMONDA # of 1970/71
BORDER VILLAGES - IMONDA LOCAL C. D.

Report Number : I. ONDA No. 4 of 1970/1971
Sub-District : AMANAB
District : WEST SEPIK
Council/Non-Council Area: Part WALSA L.G.C. area. Part non-council.
Patrol Conducted By : D. van R. Classen
Designation : A.D.C.-a/D.O./A.D.C.
Area Patrolled : Part IMONDA LOCAL Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol : L. K. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer.
5 Members R.P.&N.G.C.
L. Sawa, Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol : 12/10/70 to 17/10/70 - Inclusive.
Five (5) Nights, Six (6) Days.
Date and Duration of West D.D.A. Patrol : March, 1970.
4 days.
Objects of Patrol : Border Surveillance.
Investigate Dysentery outbreak.
Total Population of Area Patrolled : 560 persons approximately.
Map Reference : Border (Special) Sheet 1. Series 3. (100.000 metre square identification, W.B.).
Patrol Map attached.
Villa Population Register : Not Attached.

For your information, please.


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(D. van R. Classen)
Assistant District Commissioner

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Introduction :

In accordance with your written instructions, S.1-1-2 of the 6th October, 1970, the patrol departed from IMONDA Patrol Post on the morning of the 12th October, 1970, for the border villages for the purpose of border surveillance.

The area patrolled lies generally northwest and west of of the Imonda Post and adjacent to the West Irian Border. The terrain is fairly rugged and broken straddling the headwaters of the Bapi, flowing into the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and Keerom, flowing into West Irian, Rivers. The area varies from about 1200 to 3400 feet above sea level.

Patrolling is not too difficult although some steep inclines have to be negotiated. It would be a different story altogether during the wet season however, as the tracks become muddy quagmires with myriad leeches anxious to trap the traveller.

The main object of the patrol was to ensure that the situation on the T.F.N.G. side of the border remained quiet despite recent rumours of unrest in west Irian. My report has already been forwarded to you on this aspect of the patrol, my S.10 of the 20th October, 1970, refers. Routine administration was also carried out where required.

Diary :

Monday, 12th October, 1970

Departed IMONDA	0830
WASENGLA Mission	1035
SWACH KETJIL	1245

Walked along good tractor road to WASENGLA. Noted that some maintenance was required. Then from wasengla up steep hill to SWACH KETJIL. Discussion with councillor but no information of note obtained. Slept Swach Ketjil.

Tuesday, 13th October, 1970

Depart Swach Ketjil	0810
Old Pendessi	0925-1000
KOK Rest House	1130

Radio Contact SQUADCALL with Vanimo at 0800. Then commenced a very steep climb for one hour up to about 3000 feet a.s.l. After this the track follows the ridge down to Kok. All streams on this, the western, side of the mountains flow into the Keerom River.

Discussions with Juluai ANDA of Pendessi, also SAWA MAI and ANO SAWA of Holamba. Food bought for the patrol. Radio contact maintained with Vanimo at 1600. Slept KOK.

Wednesday, 14th October, 1970

At KOK.

Rain and mists all day. Held discussion with headman WINK of pendessi and some other Pendessi men. Radio contact with Vanimo at 0800, 1200 and 1600 hours. Slept KOK.

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Thursday, 15th October, 1970.

At KOK.

Walked to border marker and supervised clearing of grass and scrub. Followed the Keerom (Pai) River upstream for some distance. Returned to rest house. En route a Cessna 206 aircraft flew overhead coming from the direction of IMONDA. It circled over the border marker then returned from where it had come.

Bought food. Held discussion with the Kok people. EDO MERO appointed as village committee until such time as the group can be brought into the Walsa Council.

Radio contact Vanimo. Slept KOK.

Friday, 16th October, 1970.

Depart KOK	0745
MENOA Hamlet	1000-1030
UM Hamlet	1115-1215
WAINDA (Genck)	1320-1335
DAUCHENDI	1415

Departed KOK and walked down a rough bush track in a SSE direction to YEI Creek. Followed the creek downstream until it joins the PAU River. Followed the Pau River about half a mile upstream from its junction with the Yei Creek and then headed in a southerly direction over a ridge to MAR Creek and Menoa hamlet. Discussions held with the headman. People asked if they would like to build a rest house for future patrols. They agreed to do so. Left the village and commenced steep climb up a ridge, on reaching the top followed the ridge in an easterly direction to UM village. Again talked with the headman. As at Menoa most of the people in the bush. Departed UM and descended steeply to Mar creek again (further upstream), lunched and then commenced steep climb for some 35 minutes to WAINDA village. Rested 15 minutes and continued on to DAUCHENDI village.

Paid respects to Fr. WOODS and Br. JEROME of the Catholic Mission at WASENGIA. Slept Dauchendi.

Saturday, 17th October, 1970.

Depart Dauchendi	0800
Arrived IMONDA	1020

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

End Of Diary.

SITUATION REPORT :

The patrol met with a friendly reception at the border villages of KOK and PENDESSI. The people talked freely with the patrol members and some information was gathered. Ky S.40. of 20th October, 1970, refers.

Much movement is still evident between the two halves of the Pendessi group on the opposite sides of the border. Both groups have garden lands on either side and often travel to and from them. Children from Pendessi in the T.P.N.G. also attend school at WARIS, and at the time the patrol arrived a number of men were assisting relatives building houses near the station. The Indonesian authorities are aware of this situation but do not appear to be unduly concerned.

The people of Kok village do not have any contact with Waris now. They have well and truly opted for the T.P.N.G. administration. The new village site mentioned in previous reports is nearing completion, gardens have been planted etc., and it is expected that the group will move there within six months. The new site is about an hour's walk east of the present situation.

The patrol also visited the MENOA and UM settlements further south. Reception in both villages was friendly but reserved. The people are not often visited and have no local government connections. They are content to maintain their traditional subsistence pattern of life and seldom seem to venture far from home. They appear to have some contact with a nearby village, EPINOSSA, in west Irian and with MINK and PULBOA further to the south but do not show any interest in the West Irian administration. They are content to remain in T.P.N.G. although not too keen on becoming more involved in local administrative authorities. They are T.P.N.G. rather than west Irian orientated.

The council villages of SWACH KENJIL, DAUCHENDI and WAINDA were also visited. The people were mostly absent in their gardens and no complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :

The unofficial leader at KOK village since the departure of David MEHO to work in New Ireland is EDO MEHO. He is middle aged and the family leader of the group and, although he does not have the obvious ability and personality that David had, should be quite a useful person.

Iulua ANDA of the Pendessi hamlet in T.P.N.G. is still the recognised head of the group on this side of the border. However headman WINK of Pendessi, who was the official dutch appointee over the group in pre Indonesian times, is still, in spite of the fact that he lives in west Irian, the undisputed leader of the whole Waris group of villages. WINK enjoys the confidence of the administrative officials in WARIS and is in a position of some authority. He is, of all things, a realist and sees a need for maintaining good relations on both sides of the border. He is especially keen to retain the services of the mission school at waris.

HEALTH :

Health in the area is generally fair. Some sores and open wounds were seen and these were treated by Mr. YUGIYO. No dysentery was reported to the patrol at Kok, Pendessi, Menea

and Um.

The dysentery outbreak previously reported in the Wasengla valley involving the villages of Epmi, Dauchendi, Tokonendi, Dopenendi, Wainda and Mirdepoke seems to have run its' course. The Department of Public Health had a Health Extension Officer in the area and he has done an excellent job in spite of the lack of co-operation from some of the villagers.

It would appear that the principal cause was the lack of suitable water supply facilities as the villages draw nearly all their water from the same stream they bathe and dispose of rubbish in. The council could probably take steps to introduce these in their annual works programmes.

AGRICULTURE :

Little agricultural work is carried out in the economic cropping field. The people do construct excellent subsistence gardens, well fenced, and there appears to be a good supply of local foods. It is thought that Australian type vegetables such as tomatoes, beans, spring onions etc., would do very well. Some very nice tomatoes were seen in a garden overlooking Waris station. Lack of transportation to Imonda is the usual difficulty.

The mission at Wasengla is experimenting with a few vegetable plantings. They are trying English potatoes. It will be of interest to see how they make out.

MISSIONS :

The Roman Catholic Order of the Passionists maintain the only mission station in the area at WASENGLA. They have a catechist at KOK who serves both Kok and Pendessi although the latter still have strong associations with the Catholic Mission at Waris. Br. Jerome regularly visits the villages seen by this patrol. Their influence is not strong but will no doubt grow in the course of time.

MISCELLANEOUS :

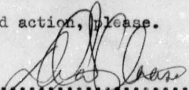
The aircraft that flew over the patrol on the thursday later proved to be a Sepik Air Charter craft attempting to find his way through the cloud buildup over the Bewani Range. He did not appear to cross over the border although he was pretty close to it.

A possible airstrip site exists at Wasengla. It is said that the Dutch originally planned to put the Waris station there until the changeover. It is not expected that it will ever be required.

CONCLUSION :

A pleasant patrol which achieve its aims. Mr. Yogiyo was of assistance in the conduct of the patrol and he is becoming a capable officer who shows promise. The police accompanying the patrol were all experienced field men and pulled their weight.

For your information and onward action, please.


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(D. van R. Claassen)
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 8 OF 1970/1974

Patrol Conducted by L.K. YOGIYO. PATROL/OFFICER

Area Patrolled WAINA-SOMANDA CENSUS DIVISION AND PART OF IMONDA LOCAL C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 2 POLICE MEMBERS AND 1 PATROL INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 1. / 12/1970 to 4. / 12/1970

Number of Days 4 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26. / ... 9. / 1970

Medical ... 26. / ... 9. / 1970

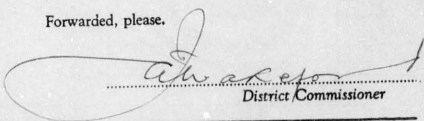
Map Reference BORDER SPECIAL SHEET 2, 1:100,000

Objects of Patrol (1) TO PEG OUT SITES, SECTION OF IMONDA LOCAL C/D FROM PUND TO PRESENT EPMI ROAD. (2) POLITICAL EDUCATION. (3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION ROUTINE.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30/12/1970



District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

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

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

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

12th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

SPECIAL PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

IMONDA.

Your reference 67-3-8 dated the 31st December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. L.K. Yogiyo of part of the WAINA-SOWANDA Census Division.

As you mention, it is encouraging to see emphasis
being placed on political education at an informal level and
joined with other topics such as the Rural Development Scheme.

A patrol which appears to have been efficiently
conducted by Mr. Yogiyo.

(T.M. ELLIS)

Secretary.

cc: Mr. L.K. Yogiyo,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
West Sepik District.



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Department of District Administration

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

31st December, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONE DOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 70-71.

I M O N D A

Attached are copies of Patrol Report No. 5 70-71.

You may have noticed as I have, that M. Yogiyo takes every opportunity of talking to the people on government, and I feel that he is getting through to them.

The money obtained under the Rural Development Scheme is going to assist these people in getting to know each other better.

I doubt if the roads will have any economic value for a long time to come.

Another informative report from M. YOGIYO.

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

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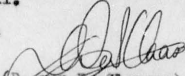
Department of the Administrator,
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17th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
V A N I M O.

IMONDA PATROL No. 5 - 1970/71
RURAL DEVELOPMENT ROAD SURVEY

1. Attached please find three (3) copies of a report by Mr. L. R. Yogiyo, Patrol Officer, on a patrol to part of the Waina-Sowanda Census Division for the purpose of carrying out a rural development road survey.
2. Mr. Yogiyo's presentation has unfortunately not improved since his last report. He will have to take considerably more care in typing and setting out. I regret the necessity to make this comment but it is my belief that the officer is capable of better work.
3. It is good to note Cr. PWAI's improvement. This is the second occasion that favourable reports have been received on him and it is an encouragement when the general environment and climate of the area to date is considered.
4. The talks on rural development and self help coupled with the opportunity to earn some money and build a road in their own area appears to have met with a favourable response with the people. The trend should be encouraged.
5. Mr. Yogiyo has not given much detail as regards the terrain on the route surveyed. I would have liked to have seen a somewhat more comprehensive description. However he did complete a great part of the survey and the road has been marked with survey pegs. It would appear that the task is not too difficult but a surveyor will be required to determine gradients on the 800 ft. hill.
6. The patrol achieved its aims.


D. van der Glaassen
Assistant District Commissioner

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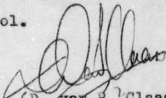
Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

27th November, 1970.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
I M O N D A.

IMONDA PATROL No. 5 - 1970/71
WAINA-SOWANDA Census Division

1. Please prepare to mount a patrol in order to survey and mark a suitable route for the proposed rural development road from Imonda to Iafar.
2. In the limited time available prior to your departure on leave I would like you to carry out the following :
 - a. Select and mark out a route from Punda to Umeda and then to Imonda.
 - b. Explain the principle of self help to the people and the principle behind the rural development grants.
3. When reporting on the road route comment on terrain, difficult gradients etc., as a request will be made for a surveyor to survey difficult gradients and alignments.
4. I wish you a good patrol.



(D. van R. Claasen)
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL DIARY.

Imonda Patrol No 5 of 1970/1971.

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TUESDAY.

December 1.

0745-0900. Prepare patrol Boxes, rations.
0900-1500. Departed Imonda and arrived in Umeda.
Discovered that most of the villages were deserted, as they were all in the dance.

Met Councillor Don Pwai, explain to him the purpose of the patrol. He was willing to assist the patrol in pegging the road from Punda to Umeda. The patrol did not stop the people from dancing.
Overnight in Umeda.

WEDNESDAY.

December 2.

0730-1545. Started pegging from Punda to and pass Umeda. Most of the road or sites pegged were flat.
1700-1900. Met the councillor from Punda, and some of the people from Punda, general discussion on the sites from Umeda to Imonda. Discovered that the people from Punda were also very keen to come and work on the road.
Overnight in Umeda.

THURSDAY.

December 3.

0800-0900. Gave talk to the people about Rural Development Funds and Self-Help. All the people were willing to work on the road after three weeks time, as they will gather some food to eat while working on the road.
0900-1600. Started pegging from Umeda to Lombo Creek. Most the area pegged were flat.
Overnight near Lombo Creek.

FRIDAY.

December 4.

0745-0930. Pegged the area around the hill in zig-zag form.
0930-1500. Started pegging towards Epmi Road. Found it difficult to peg through, as we got bit mixed up in the jungle. After two attempts, the patrol gave up and walked down to Wasengla River.
1600-1800. Walked from Northern side of Wasengla River to Imonda Patrol Post.

End of Patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

General.

There has been not much change since the last patrol. As All the people were taken up into Cash Crop and Local Food Ceremony, there was no one in the villages that I could talk to.

Durling the gathering on Thursday, I generally spoke about the New Flag for the Territory and the name. From what I could see, they moreless accept what other people from other Districts decides, and the Members of the House of Assembly.

It was stressed to them that they have to think about the se things, because this will also affect them., if there are any chang e in future.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Councillor Don Pwai.

The above councillor was elected durling the last electio n. He was really showing a great improvement regarding the way he control his people, although he still have the fear of people making soecry on him, if he ever get hard on them.

Without his assistance as our guide, the patrol will be in a difficult position to peg out the road. He does not say much in the Council Meetings, but a capable councillor, regarding his work in his area.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

During the gathering on Thursday, I gave a talk on self-help and The Rural Development Funds. It was also strongly stressed to them that the Wise Council got the money and it is up to them to construct the road as soon as possible, with supervision from the Council Adviser, to spend the money economically to develope their area. I also strongly told them that, no one will develope their area. They are the people who are going to develope their own area, even though the rate which they are getting will be low.

ECONOMIC.

There is still no cash cropping in the area, as they were all waiting for the Agriculture Department to instruct them what sort of cash crop is suitable in their area. Again the only possibility would be pepper and vegetables.

Most of their new gardens were well fenced, and the crops were growing well. Most of these crops will be used during the constructio n of Imonda-Iafar Road.

More than 100 new coconuts trees were planted near the village which were of good quality. These coconuts were planted for their own needs.

HEALTH.

The general health of the people was good. No serious sicknes ses were reported to the patrol. The Medical Orderly did not accompan y the patrol, due commitments in the station and Watape-Simog area where people were suffering from diarria dysentery. It is now under control.

Minor sores and cuts were treated by myself, with the medical Aids brought by the patrol.

The villages were in good condition, and six new toilets were completed in Punda.

b The main problem in the villages as 1

HEALTH (continue)

There is a problem in most of these villages, regarding dogs. There are quite a lot dogs, which some of them were very sick and some with sores all over their body. The councillor and the people were instructed to kill those dogs as they can easily spread sickness in the village. Not many of the dog owners were in favour of the idea, as they use these dogs for hunting purposes.

UMEDA-LAFAR ROAD.

The main aim of the patrol was to peg out section of the above road from Punda to Present Epmi road via Umeda. The patrol managed to peg the road from Punda to Lombo Creek, which is three quarters of the road from Punda to Epmi Road.

From Lombo creek onwards, there is a steep hill not more than 800 feet high. This was the only way where the proposed road will pass through. Both sides of the hill were impossible to put road through. From what I can suggest, the road up that particular hill will be moreless in a zig-zag form, which will help to slow down the speed of any cars passing. The pegs were pegged out in a zig-zag form.

No guides were provided by the Councillor from Epmi as requested, which made it a bit difficult to complete the whole pegging of the road. As a result section of the road from Lombo creek linking Epmi Road was left out after some difficulty experienced by the patrol.

The section of the road left out will only take a whole day to peg out sites for the road.

The interest shown by the people to construct the road was great. They felt that this was a big thing in their area. They asked if we could give them three weeks to get enough food, which they were going to bring along to camp out in the bush, while making the road. The request was granted as they used most of the food stored up during their dance.

Section of the road from Umeda to Lombo Creek will be constructed by the people from Punda, Umeda, Sowanda, and Wiala. The other section from Lombo Creek onwards will be constructed by the people from Epmi, Mindipoke, Namola, Dauchnde, Tokonendi and Wainda. The post was raised up by the councillors from the villages mentioned.

Sections of the road from Umeda to Punda will be constructed, after completing the main section, which is from Umeda to Lombo Creek.

There is an alteration from the previous plan, where it was proposed that the section of the road from Lombo Creek to Epmi Road passes through Wasengla River. The present plan I have was to avoid crossing Wasengla River, as this will stop us from building a bridge and follow the southern side of Wasengla River.

From Punda to Lombo Creek, only five bridges were required, out of which, four are smaller ones, which will not take too long to build them. The bigger one will be near Umeda. Most of these bridges will be constructed from bush timbers and nails. There are lots of Kwila trees for constructing a strong bridge, which will last longer.

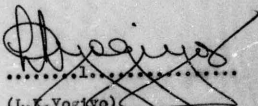
CONCLUSION.

The aim of the patrol was accomplished, except section of the road from Lembo Creek linking up Epni Road, on the Southern side was not pegged out, due to the lack guides.

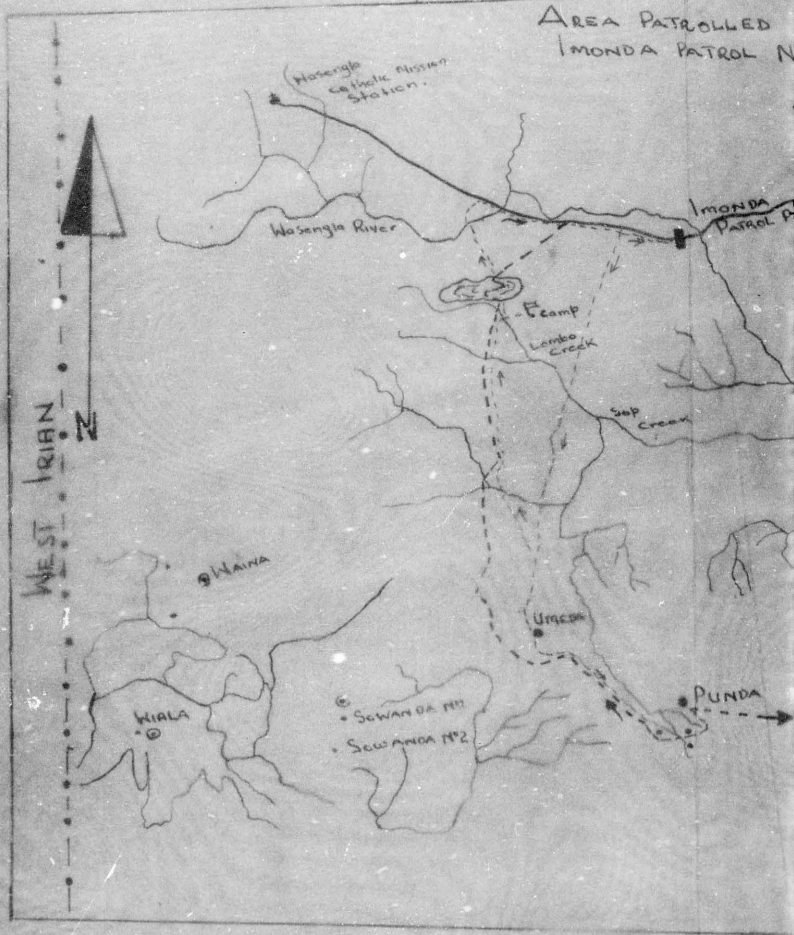
Two police members who accompanied the patrol were of an assistance, as they helped me to decide where the road should go. These members had alot of experience in building, planing the road.

It was felt that it is going to be a good road, as most of the area are flat, providing that we have an officer making a check on the road in order that it is constructed properly from the start, as these people do not have much experience in constructing roads.

Lastly, I would like to say that it was an enjoyable patrol, and a beneficial one to me.

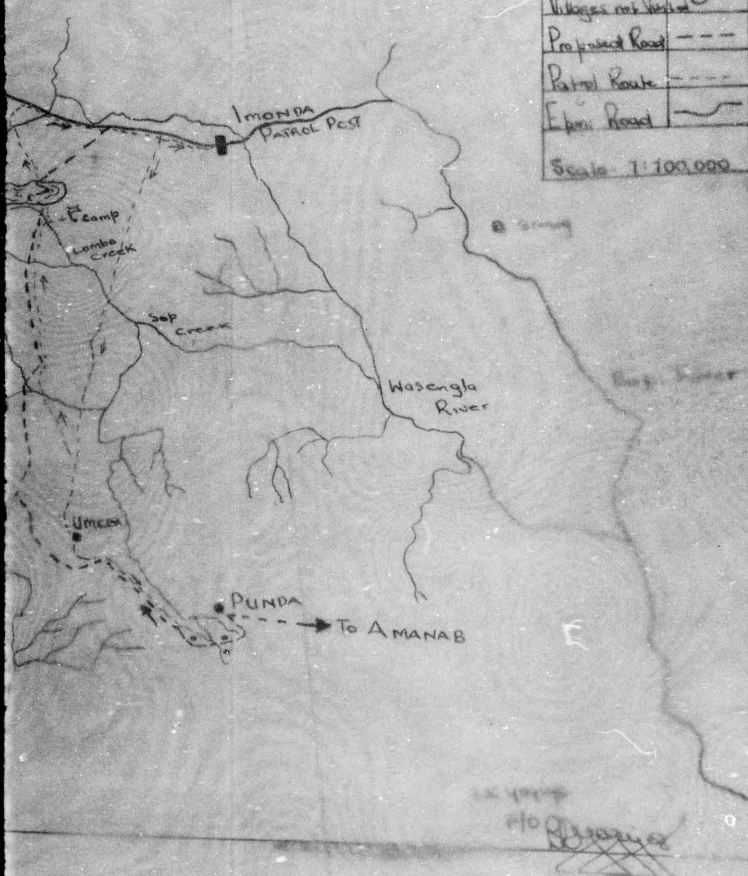

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(L. K. York)
Patrol Officer.

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AREA PATROLLED
 IMONDA PATROL N°5 1910/11

KEYS	
Mission Station	⊙
Villages and Villages	⊙
Proposed Road	---
Patrol Route	---
Open Road	—
Scale: 1:100,000	





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. Six 1970-71

Patrol Conducted by R.F. Lanaghan Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part IMONDA LOCAL, WAINA, SOWANDA and AMANAR LOCAL

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 2 members R.P.N.G.C. 1 Hospital Orderly

2 Native Interpreters

Duration—From 24/12/1970 to 6/1/1971

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NO /1970

Medical /19.....

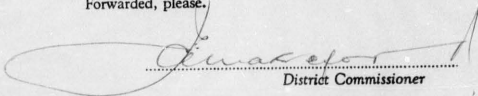
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Objects of Patrol Road Survey

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/13/1971


District Commissioner

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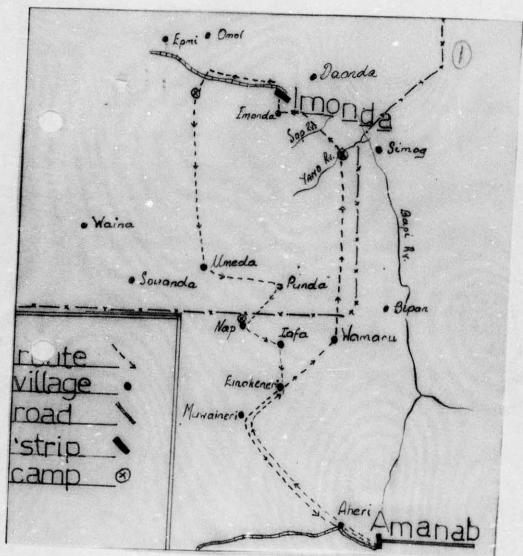
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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P.O. Box 2396, KUMEDOBU

67-16-43

31st December, 1971

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District

WAMBOWADA PATROL NO. 6 of 1970/71

Your reference is 67-3-8 of 30th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R.F. Lanaghan, Patrol Officer to the Waina-Gowanda and Amanab Local Census Divisions. I regret the delay in commenting on same, however report had been inadvertently filed and only recently has come to my notice.

The style of reporting is one which cannot be justified as that submitted by a Patrol Officer.

Mr. Lanaghan is to be advised that frivolous reporting has no place in this Department and any more such submissions by him will be brought to the notice of the Secretary.

Any matters regarding the unsuitability of the officer in the area together with your recommendations should be directed to the Secretary under Confidential memo.

E. J. PERRALL
(S. J. PERRALL) J
S/SECRETARY



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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West Sepik District.

30th March, 1971.

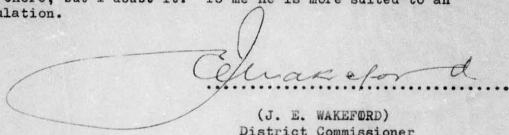
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

INONDA PATROL REPORT NO.6.1970/71

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No. 6, also attached are the comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

I cannot see any patrol instructions and there may not have been any. Mr. Van Claasen has been away on Special Leave.

I am not at all impressed with the style of writing and I feel that Mr. Lanaghan is not a suitable officer for this area and these people, he is being moved to Green River. He may or may not be better there, but I doubt it. To me he is more suited to an urban population.


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(J. E. WAKEFORD)
District Commissioner

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

In Reply Please
Quote No 67-4-3

Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

11th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
V A N I M O.

IMONDA PATROL No. 6
WAINA-SOWANDA C. D.

1. Attached please find the report on a patrol to the WAINA-SOWANDA and AMANAB LOCAL Census Divisions for the purpose of a rural development road survey as carried out by Mr. R. F. LANAGHAN, Patrol Officer.

2. The report is well set out and concise and is neatly typed. Mr. Lanaghan should however pay more attention to spelling errors, some of which were rather obvious.

3. Road Survey

The report on the route surveyed is far from clear. Although I would agree that the local people have a much more 'intimate' knowledge of the terrain within their village holdings than the administration officer they do not have the advantage of knowing what type of terrain a mechanical vehicle, such as a tractor, could reasonably negotiate. It is for this reason that officers are asked to walk over the route and investigate likely alternatives where necessary. This will be done on the reporting officer's return from the BEMBI area.

4. Political

Again an officer has commented on the state of the walsa Council. Whilst I must agree that the body was established prematurely it would appear to be of little value to continually lament this fact. The point of the matter is that we are faced with a difficult situation and ways must be found to improve it. Slow as it may seem continual political and social contact and education is the only way that this will be achieved.

It was rather pleasing to note widening of the horizons by the UMEIDA people. An encouraging trend.

5. Economic

I must concur with the officer's observation that pigs compete with humans for food requirements and am therefore reluctant to see any more projects introduced. The Imonda pig project is continually having difficulty in obtaining sufficient fodder for the animals.

I would like to see more emphasis on the introduction of Australian type vegetables into the Imonda and Wasengla areas. If Vanimo should develop into a timber town this could become a good market garden area. Now is the time to develop it.

6. Mr. Lanaghan has a light hearted style of reporting which sometimes has a tendency to degenerate into flippancy. However the reports does show the officer's capabilities.

[Signature]
D. Van N. Claassen A.D. C.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Report Number.
Sub District
District
Council Area
Patrol Conducted By
Area Patrolled

IMONDA No.6 1970-71

AMANAB
WEST SEPIK
Part WALSA and AMANAB L.C.C.
R.F.Lanaghan, Patrol Officer.
Part IMONDA LOCAL AMANAB LOCAL
WAINA-SOWANDA Census Divs.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
Duration of Patrol
Date and duration of last
D.D.A. Patrol to area
Objects of Patrol
Total Population of
Area Patrolled

Two members R.P.N.G. Costbularily
24.12.70 to 6.1.71 14 days.

November 1970 Part WAINA-SOWANDA.
Road Survey.

Map Reference
Village Population Register

WAINA-SOWANDA 987
AMANAB

Not Enclosed.

20.12.70
30.12.70
31.12.70
1.1.71
2.1.71
3.1.71
4.1.71
5.1.71

Area 0700 reported 0700. Carriers left IMONDA arriving
at 11.00. Journey easy, no additional further attempts.
Village clean, though deserted. Post house built.
Night successful.

Area 0800 reported 0700. Failed to reach. Great good
level completed section of the road. Working time 2 hrs.
Water for carrier as previously reported. Two AMANAB
carriers attempt to load but that trailer not available.
Continued attempt to AMANAB only one hour.
Night success.

Reported as rest day.
Night success.

Rest day observed.
Night success.

Rest day.
Night success.

Reported 0700. Carriers very reluctant,
water for carrier via IMONDA. Littered area via
IMONDA. Inhabited with water at two places. Day
water time four hours. Truck 0700 V.S. to and from
Mona. Day. Day discussion with village until 10.00
Night success.

Area 0700. Working time. Carriers very reluctant.
Finally departed 0700. Day completed until 11.00. Area
in excellent condition. Truck followed along but no more
carriers of 0700. Day time to rest day.

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Special Patrol No. 6 1970/71 Imonda

Patrol Diary

- 25.12.70 Departed Imonda 0845 by tractor. Accompanied by two members R.P.N.G.C., two native interpreters and Hospital Ordley. Drove for one hour and disembarked with cargo at Kolgon. No carriers available-Christmas day and all that-Managed to convey cargo to suitable camp site some twenty minutes walk from road. Erected camp, and slept KOLGON.
- 26.12.70 Arose 0700 and departed camp 0830. Walked for one hour, started marking road route. Followed ridges rather than native walking track. Occupied thus for next four hours. Returned to camp and again slept KOLGON.
- 27.12.70 Rest Day observed. Slept KOLGON.
- 28.12.70 Arose 0700, broke camp and departed 0800. Walked to UMEDA arriving same 1400. Walking time 6 hrs. Track difficult. UMEDA village faultless and Rest House **** four star reference. Held an enlightening discussion with host country nationals indigenous to the area. Concerned mainly with B.H.P. visit to IMONDA. Slept UMEDA
- 29.12.70 Arose 0700 departed 0830. Raining. Carriers rather reluctant, 'undoubtedly' due to inclement weather conditions. Arrived PUNDA one hour ten minutes later. Again difficulty in effecting change of carriers. Weather? Village clean and rest house fair condition. Walking track good. Departed PUNDA 1030, left maintained walking track and followed road route. Arrived small hamlet NAP (IAFA No.3) 1315. Erected camp and remained, much to the consternation of the natives. Village dirty, no Rest House. Slept NAP
- 30.12.70 Arose 0615 departed 0700. Walked to BINOKENERI arriving same 1 030. Heavy rain, so abandoned further attempts. Village clean, though deserted. Rest House fair. Slept BINOKENERI.
- 31.12.70 Arose 0600 departed 0700. Walked to AHERI, track good (semi completed section of 'big road') Walking time 2 hrs. Waited for tractor as previously arranged from AMANAB. Received message to the effect that tractor not available. Continued walking to AMANAB, only one hour. Slept AMANAB.
- 1.1.71 Observed as rest day. Slept AMANAB
- 2.1.71 Rest day observed. Slept AMANAB
- 3.1.71 Slept AMANAB
- 4.1.71 Departed AMANAB 1000. Carriers very reluctant. Walked to WAMARU via BINOKENERI (alternate route via IBAGOM inundated with water.) Arrived WAMARU 1430 Walkin time four hours. Track good Village and Rest House fair. Held discussions with Village Officials until 1800. Slept WAMARU.
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- 5.1.71 Arose 0730. Pouring rain, carriers again very reluctant. Finally departed 0930. Rain continued until 1100. Made for difficult walking. Track followed stream bed for three quarters of an hour, then climbed to about 2000 feet.

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Patrol Diary (cont.)

5.1.71 Arrived YANO RIVER 1500 and made camp. Carriers had a little difficulty in crossing this river. Though not deep, it was running very swiftly. Should any other Patrol follow this route, it is suggested that camp be made at the SOAP River, which is another hours walk away. Though at this time unbeknown to me.
Slept YANO RIVER.

6.1.71 Arose 0630 broke camp and departed 0730. Track completely overgrown thus forced to make own way through the scrub. However joined native used track 0945 and better time was made by all. Arrived IMONDA village 1100. Village all but deserted. Only a few elderly people remained. Made straight for IMONDA arriving same 1115
Patrol stood down.

End of Diary

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No. of Patrol Days.....11
No. of nights camped out..... 9

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IMONDA
SPECIAL PATROL REPORT No. 6 1970/71

Introduction: The basic aim of the Patrol was to complete a preliminary survey of the IMONDA-IAPASAMANAB road, begun by my predecessor a month or so ago. Secondly it served as a familiarisation patrol allowing me to see more of the host country nationals indigenous to this area, their places of habitat and the 'modus operandi' of everyday living. The Patrol began in the IMONDA LOCAL Census Division crossing to the WAIANA SOWANDA Census Division, into the AMANAB LOCAL Census Division and finally back into the IMONDA LOCAL. Both aims were achieved in part only. For further explanation see below.

ROAD SURVEY: Having spoken with Mr. YOGIYO prior to his departure for leave, I had the impression that the preliminary survey was all but completed; with white marks and pegs inserted for most of the route, and I was but to complete it. This in fact is not so, and as much as I am loathe to negate a fellow Officers work, I am forced to make the position clear. Mr. Yogiyo has contented to follow the existing walking track and to turn this into a vehicular road. While the advantages of this are obvious, there is one main disadvantage, it makes the road too long. We have not unlimited funds for the project. The same advantages can be had for a little extra effort, (mainly on the part of the people). Therefore, this Patrol was limited to discussing with the people indigenous to this area, suitable road routes, and when and where possible, checking these routes. Consequently the survey was started at a point not too far distant from the present camp site, but in the middle of nowhere. Accompanied by Franz Aump, Councillor for this area, I walked to the boundary of his tribal land and began working towards AMANAB. Where possible following ridges and by-passing rivers and creeks. The procedure was simply to cut a swathe through the scrub thus enabling one at a later date to pass through with a chain, compass and abney level. Cr. Franz Aump has a common boundary with Cr. Don Pwai of UMEDA village, thus Cr. Pwai was instructed to do the same. Similarly Cr. Pwai has a common boundary with Cr. Kinou of FUNDA and instructions to this gentleman of a similar nature. The two latter mentioned gentlemen accompanied the Patrol through to IAPA where discussions were held with the official of this village. The section from where this patrol began its little endeavour is as yet un-surveyed. Instructions have been given to the Cr. of Imonda to cut a path from the starting point, back, to join the existing WASEMOLA-IMONDA road at any suitable point. I am convinced that the natives have a more intimate knowledge of 'their bush' than Administration Officers will ever have.

ROAD SURVEY (cont.)

thus I feel by leaving the plotting of the route up to them, they will find the easiest route. A little prompting now and again, may be in order owing to the importance of the project, this will be administered. I anticipate that the path will be completed by the time I have finished the forthcoming Patrol to the BEMBI Census Division. A preliminary survey report will be submitted (after the path is checked) and a qualified surveyor, as promised by Department of Public Works (see letter from T.Crotty, Departmental Head, of the 15.12.70. reference 12-13-001, IMONDA file 25-2-1) can make the final survey.

Throughout the duration of the Patrol, questions were asked by the people (work force to be) concerning supply of necessary tools, the time to be spent on the road, and of course monetary rewards. They were answered, thus, \$8,000 has been allotted for payment of labour, spades, picks and crow-bars will be supplied by the council and a chain saw is being purchased. Negotiations finally revealed that all people capable of working, will work each week from Monday through Thursday on the road. The remainder of the week is to be utilised as each individual sees fit. Once the greater part of the work is completed, the situation will be reviewed again. There is an ingrained dislike of any form of manual labour by the male populous, and most are not too keen to begin. However this can be, and will be overcome, with a little diplomacy and much money. I do not envisage too much trouble. Que sera sera.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT No.6 1970-71 (cont.)SITUATION REPORT

Political. Taken on a whole, and considering the imminent advent of self government and possible independence, the political awareness of this group is negligible. They have been neglected, through no fault of their own in the sphere of political education. With the present staff allocation to this area this situation cannot be rectified and will remain stagnant for some time to come. The Councillor and the committee members for each village are aware of the Walsa Council, but to the remainder of the villagers, the council is aught but a piece of paper in a ballot box once every two years. The introduction of a Council to this area was a little premature. While at UMEDA Village the Patrol discussed the visit by B.H.P. to IMONDA. The speculation by a few of the village Officials was stage lag...most had the Company firmly entrenched at IMONDA and all were off to seek employment, all fully realised the social and political changes that would probably take place and all were prepared to accept them for the sake of 'economic development! Money. Discussions were held with those interested, re the coming visit of the Select Committee... the proposed flag, crest and name were subjected to a very short discussion. There was not even token dissent, not one original idea put forward. Is this an example of the general apathy of the people; or can the powers that be pride themselves on making an unprecedented, unanimously accepted decision. Some feat!

There seems to be less friction between different tribal groups than I have noticed elsewhere. (elsewhere, meaning S.H.D.) The usual traditional fears were evident among carriers when entering a strange place, though there was no obvious antagonism. Fourteen villagers from UMEDA expressed the desire to go to AMANAB, however traditional fears got the better of eight of these gentlemen en route, and they turned back. The remaining six completed the journey without incident. Once these gentlemen had allayed their own fears, they found that they were being received most favourably by the 'enemy'. Such is the beginning of political education in IMONDA, the emphasis is on National Unity.

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SPECIAL PATROL REPORT No.6 1970-71 (cont.)SITUATION REPORT

- Economical. Summed up in a word...Nil.
 It was obvious, listening to the speculation around the B.H.P. visit, the desire for economical development by the enlightened few. There is no way, unfortunately, of implementing an economically viable project in this area.
- Livestock.....Quarantine area. Not allowed except for pigs. Pig projects will never succeed for they have a similar diet to humans and thereby providing competition for foodstuffs. Food is not all that plentiful.
- Cash Cropping.....Rendered uneconomical by distance from source of demand and freight costs.
- Mineral development seems to hold the only hope for this area. B.H.P. had gone from IMONDA by the time the Patrol returned, so no-one has any knowledge of their findings. It was emphasised that once the road is completed, this would form a basis for industry. Produce would come and go, relatively free of freight costs, via the Sepik River. Even to my own ears this sounded just like any other Administration promise. However, there is an undeniable \$8,000 to be spent on the project, this will be a welcome supplement to the meagre income of the area. Other sources of income are, as Station labourers and as Plantation labourers and are recruited as such at AMANAB. Commerce and Industry are non-existent. Cost of freight negates any possibility of entrepreneurs opening trade stores. The only such establishments in the area are those run by the Catholic mission at WASENGLA and the Buyers Club at IMONDA. These two stores cater for most needs.
- Social
- Educational facilities at UNEDA village consist of the work of one catechist, who instructs a diminishing audience in the mysticism of Pidgin English. He was on Vacation as the Patrol passed through and no one is sure whether he will return or not. No one is concerned either.
- The nearest medical facilities are those supplied by a Government Aid Post Orderly at WASENGLA. Most of the populous seems to be enjoying good health. A skin disease, I am led to believe it is a form of Tinea, is prevalent throughout the entire area patrolled. It does not seem to afford any discomfort or inconvenience to those who have contracted the disease or complaint, however it may be classified. There were no cases of Yaws of Tropical Ulcer reported. Children suffered from distended stomach, typical of protein deficient, malaria infested children anywhere in New Guinea. The Hospital Orderly's sole duties were those of treating small cuts and bruises occasioned by carriers in the line of duty.

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SPECIAL PATROL REPORT No.6 1970-71 (cont.)SITUATION REPORT

General Comments. Rest Houses; as a rule were very satisfactorily maintained. Especially those in the IMONDA area. Several buildings in the AMANAB area could do with repairs. Police quarters concurred, condition-wise, with the rest houses.

Tracks; were adequately maintained-though for mine, the idea of ten feet wide cleared tracks is foolish. They are invariably hot as the proverbial Hades during the sunlight hours, having no shade to offer, and are always the wettest part of the bush during wet weather, having no natural protection.

Carriers; were hard to come by at times, though once employed were diligent and co-operative employees. Several UMEDA villagers accompanied the Patrol for the full duration.

Complaints; surprisingly enough, were non-existent, whether the host country nationals are just unwilling to involve the the Administration in their domestic problems, or whether there were just no complaints, is unknown. However in every village and at every opportunity the indigenes pressed their case for the necessity of owning a shotgun. These weapons have risen to become a status symbol rather than a common hunting aid.

R.F. Lanaghan
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R.F. Lanaghan
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... West Sepik Report No..... 7.....

Patrol Conducted by... R. F. Lanaghan.....

Area Patrolled Part... Imonda Local, Kwomtari West, Bambi C/D.....

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

Natives.....
2 members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From... 28/1/1971... to... 17/2/1971...

Number of Days... 21.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 21/1/1970...

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

Map Reference... N.G. #1:250,000.....

Objects of Patrol... Routine Administration Familiarisation.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/6/1971

[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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67-16-69

KONEDOBU. PAFUA.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT NO. 7-1970/71

Your reference is 67-3-8 of 9th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report by Mr. R.F. Lanaghan.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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15 JUN 1971
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Division of District Administration,
District Office,
VANIMO, W.S.B.

June 9, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7-70/71.

Attached please find copies of Patrol Report No. 7 from Imonda. The patrol was conducted by Mr. R. F. Lanaghan, he has now been transferred to Yellow River.

I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner that a census revision should have been done.

I have drawn the Agricultural Officer's attention to the cattle left wandering around. This, unfortunately, is only too typical of this Mission. Hospitals, schools, airstrips and cattle ventures all started and all abandoned.

The Trade Store matter is one that should be closely watched, no one can show a profit when everything has to be flown in.

I would say a leisurely patrol, but a hurriedly written report.

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(J. B. WAKEFORD)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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IN REPLY PLEASE
QUOTE 67-4-4

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

4th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
VANIMO.

IMONDA PATROL NO. 7 of 1970/1971

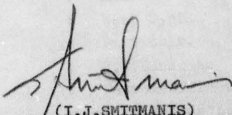
BEMBI, PART IMONDA LOCAL AND PART

KWONTARI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

1. Forwarded are three (3) copies of a patrol report submitted by Mr. R. Lanaghan, Patrol Officer. The report covers a routine Administration and familiarisation patrol through the Bembé Census Division and also to parts of the Imonda and Kwontari Census Divisions. The delay in submission of this report is regretted. The report by the patrolling officer was submitted to this office on the 19th April 1971.
2. Patrol Instructions for this patrol were not issued due to the absence of the Assistant District Commissioner from Amanab at the time the patrol was commenced.
3. A camping allowance claim has been submitted by Mr. Lanaghan and is forwarded with the patrol report.
4. The diary is straight forward and adequately details the patrols movements and activities.
5. It can be said that the people in the Imonda administrative area, visited by this patrol, are fairly typical of the sub-district in relation to political awareness. It is very apparent from Mr. Lanaghan's report that political education is becoming more and more necessary, not only amongst the people visited by the patrol but in all other areas of the Amanab sub-district.
6. There exists the problem of introducing some economic crop suitable for the area. Pepper planting has commenced in the Green River and Amanab administrative areas however Imonda has been neglected to date. The people in Utal village have commenced to plant pepper and are very keen to develop it into an economic crop, however their enthusiasm is mainly due to the assistance given by the Catholic Mission.
7. Health seems to be satisfactory amongst the people visited. Constant patrolling by medical staff ~~XXXX~~ appears to be the only way such diseases as tropical ulcers, yaws etc. can be kept at a low minimum.
8. It was pleasing to note that there were no incidents of crime and that the people generally were law abiding. It is very doubtful that any cargo cult exists in the area.
9. Hygiene, housing and sanitation will improve with education and insisting on the observance of the provisions of Council rules on the matter.

10. The officer has written a concise and informative report, however it is felt that the patrol would have been of much more value had a census revision of the Bembi Census Division been carried out. This at least would have enabled the patrolling officer to see all of the people in the area patrolled, and it would have assisted him to give more observations and detail in his report.

11. For your information please.



(I. J. SMITMANIS)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. R. Lanaghan,
Patrol Post,
YELLOW RIVER.

PATROL REPORT

Report No.	:	Incnda 7 1970/71
Sub District	:	Amanab
District	:	West Sapik
Council Area	:	Part only.
Patrol conducted by	:	R.F.Lanaghan P.O.
Designation	:	Patrol Officer
Area patrolled	:	Part Inonda Local C/d Part Kwontari West C/d All Bembi C/d
Personnel accompanying patrol	:	2 members R.P. & M.G.C. 1 Aid post orderly.
Duration of patrol	:	21 days.
Date and duration last patrol	:	24.1.70 to 11.2. 70
Objects of Patrol	:	Familiarisation
Total Population area patrolled	:	Bembi 807.
Map reference	:	N.G.*1:250,000

FLORIDA PATROL REPORT No. 7 1970/71

Patrol Diary

Thursday 28.1.71

Departed Itona by Tractor 0915. Disembarked after a forty minute drive at the Bapi River. Employed thirty carriers and began following the Bapi River. Continued in river bed for approximately 1 hour; then across flood plains until reaching Simog Village 1220. Track only fair. Rest house in poor condition. Saw one new under construction. Village reasonable. Councillor unco-operative. Slept Simog.

Friday 29.1.71

Departed Simog 0815. Terrain again perfectly flat. Still soggy from recent rains. The people have made an honest attempt to improve walking conditions but they are fighting a losing battle. Arrived Watape village 1000. Village clean and people friendly and co-operative. Fresh food in abundant supply. Rest House reasonable condition. Councillor has little authority with his people and tends to be early. Slept Watape.

Saturday 30.1.71

Started to make preparations for an early departure but weather unfavourable. Thus remained at Watape. Spoke to all interested villagers on a variety of subjects. Noted immovable European artefacts. Traditional utensils seem to have been totally replaced. Slept Watape.

Sunday 31.1.71

Departed Watape 0755. Followed the creek for 15 minutes then into the Yeissi River. Proceeded thus for 4 hours. Left river and crossed flood plains and sage swamps. Track terrible, as it is a relatively unused fareway. Arrived Itoni 1645. Village in poor state of repair. Several new buildings under construction. Bulmat and Bul-tul are both influential in their own sphere of operations. Fresh foods readily available. Rest House in poor condition. Slept Itoni.

Monday 1.2.71

Remained at Itoni all day. Discussed a host of inconsequential subjects with the village officials and other host country nationals indigenous to this village. All people inquired at one time or another of the absence of the S.N.M.L. missionary, formerly based at Kilifra. The Mission personnel conducted a 'school' at this village. Slept Itoni.

Tuesday 2.2.71

Departed Itoni 0800 after the weather had decided to co-operate. Track in excellent condition for the first 12 hours but deteriorated through lack of maintenance during the latter part of the trip. Arrived Finsmol village 1230. Village consists of only 8 houses, well maintained, and clean. People nearly all absent. Spoke only with the Luluci. Rest House in good condition. Purchased enough food stuff to be able to supply the carrier line for the night. Slept Finsmol.

Patrol Diary (continued)

Wednesday 3.2.71

Departed Finsmol 0750. Track cleared of all vertical timber, and grass cut in places, a good effort with the men power available to the village of Finsmol. Still track was difficult to negotiate. From swamp plain to the Salu river. Ascended from the river, then the topography one little ridge after the other, became easier to contend with. Arrived Utai village 1130. Made self known to resident missionary. Rest house excellent condition. Slept Utai.

Thursday 4.2.71

Inspected Utai village, all satisfactory. Then at the request of the Laluai inspected the other Utai village and its Pepper plot. The people seem keen for some form of economic development if the pepper plot is any indication. Called in on the Cattle project, initiated by the missionary. An excellently controlled project. The twenty head of cattle are thriving on the improved pasture. Slept Utai.

Friday 5.2.71

Departed 0745. Carriers rather reluctant. Proceeded in a northerly direction for three hours. Track entirely within the banks of the Minau river. Arrived Fas No.3 1045. Only a small village well kept and clean. Rest house excellent condition. Laluai has little power. People friendly and co-operative. Purchased enough fresh food to cater for the carriers without any problems. Spoke with inhabitants of village for remainder of the afternoon. Slept Fas No.3

Saturday 6.2.71

Departed Fas 0745. Climbed steadily for several hours, track in deplorable condition. Little to be done about it, as this track is seldom used. Descended into the inevitable river. Finally arrived Tamina No.2 1415. Only a small village with most of its occupants absent. Forced to retain the present line of carriers. Village, however reasonably clean and tidy. Rest house in poor condition. Slept Tamina.

Sunday 7.2.71

Departed Tamina 0745. Road reasonably maintained for most of its length. Up and down ridges for the main part. Called in at Yafiga hamlet en route. This is a breakaway group from Nebike village. Continued on to Nebike village arriving same 1245. Track from hamlet to village only fair. Conditions were not improved by rain of previous night. Spoke to Laluai and village people on any subject they cared to ask about. People again friendly and co-operative. Rest house good. Slept Nebike.

Monday 8.2.71

Remained in Nebike this day. Inspected village reasonably O.K. Checked indigenous owned Trade store. Made out 'price list' as requested to by store owners. Discussed economics of a store at some length. Noticeable lack of traditional artefacts. Slept Nebike.

Tuesday 9.2.71

Departed Nebike 0800. Track again entirely within the banks of the Final river. The only redeeming feature of the track was its length. Arrived Tamina No.1 0825. Inspected village. Houses huge compared to typical native style houses, all well looked after. Found one young child suffering from malnutrition, made arrangements for parents to accompany Patrol to Aid post at Gowma. Spoke to all on whatever subject they cared to bring up. Slept Tamina No.1.

Patrol Diary (continued)Wednesday 10.2.71

Departed Kamina No.1 0730. Track well maintained and in good condition. Though conditions have been favourable for the last few days, so track would be at its best. Arrived Fas No.2 0900. Inspected village, housing not as spectacular as previous village, more in the traditional line. Discussed with all, numerous inconsequential subjects. People keen to earn a few shillings. Settled on gold for the basis of an income. Village officials professed a desire to be included in the Inonda Council, most people however were against the idea. Slept Fas No.2.

Thursday 11.2.71

Departed Fas 0845. Arrived mission airstrip 'Sowana' 0900. Inspected Government Aid Post nearby. Well looked after, people very co-operative, made arrangements with A.P.O. to look after the child until a mission aeroplane can uplift her to hospitalisation. Spoke to teacher at the mission school. Continued to Fukeri village arriving same 0940. Well established village, even some semblance of planning. Rest house good condition. General discussion for a while. Arbitrated in land dispute for remainder of the evening. Slept Fukeri.

Friday 12.2.71

Remained at Fukeri all day. Continued with Land dispute until both parties were satisfied. Inspected trade store. Again discussed the economics of such, and made out a 'price list' ensuring a small profit to the proprietor. Slept Fukeri.

Saturday 13.2.71

Departed Fukeri 0705. Followed ridges initially, for no more than 1 1/2 hours, then descended into the Fisai river. This served as a track for the remainder of the way. Arrived Fugami 1035. Village, a rank and musty smelling place, housing in poor state. Inhabitants were preparing to move to another site. Rest house poor. Lulual and his off-siders have little influence. Slept ~~XXXXX~~ Fugami.

Sunday 14.2.71

Departed Fugami 0800. Followed the Yenbu river arriving at Kilifas village 0900. Inspected Mission airstrip, and native cattle project. Checked residence of missionaries, all intact. Inspected village, only fair. Rest house comparable to village houses. Held general discussion with a few interested males. Slept Kilifas.

Monday 15.2.71

Remained at Kilifas. Answered queries concerning return of missionaries, equipment for the Bold business, advent of Self Government, management of cattle and maintenance of airstrip. Checked on small clan of approximately 35 people who have migrated into the Xaanab sub district (to reside near Kilifas) from the Pagi area. Slept Kilifas.

Tuesday 16.2.71

Departed Kilifas 0703. Followed ridges and rivers to Watape village, arriving same 1130. Walking conditions perfect, track over ridges well maintained, rivers low. Watape village all but deserted, only Councillor and few others present. Purchased enough fresh foods to be able to retain carrier line. Heavy rain during night. Slept Watape.

Wednesday 17.2.71

Departed Watape 0655. Track in poor condition. Arrived Simog 0930. This village too, was all but deserted. Continued on to junction of Bapi river and Watape road. Waited for carriers to catch up. Loaded cargo onto tractor and rode same to Inonda, arriving 1215.

Patrol Diary (continued)

Wednesday 12.2.71 (cont)

Fald and dismissed carriers. Patrol stood down.

Number of Patrol Days.....21
 Number of nights camped out.....20

The patrol was initiated during the absence of Mr. D. Glasson
 A.C.T. who completed the task of setting up a base camp.
 The patrol was mounted to carry out a long overdue routine
 administrative patrol to the base C/D.

The area patrolled included part of the more northern villages
 of the base C/D of Westcott Wood, with the area between base two
 houses, base village and base C/D. No area between base two
 villages, and forest in the base C/D, would be patrolled during the
 patrol as it is through the scheduled intake of the base C/D.
 The patrol was held at least the night after two
 in every village, and at all times was well equipped.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 1970-71MOBIAConducted from 28-1-71 to 17-2-71INTRODUCTION

The patrol was initiated during the absence of Mr. D. Claasen A.D.C. thus explaining the lack of written instructions.

The patrol was mounted to carry out a long overdue routine administration patrol to the Bembi C/D.

The area patrolled included some of the more northern villages of the Amanab C/D of Komtari West, this was to facilitate movement between Watape village and Tamina No. 2. To travel between these two villages, and remain in the Bembi C/D, would necessitate walking for several days through the unpopulated interior of the Bembi C/D.

The patrol was able to spend at least one night, often two, in every village, and at all times was well received.

REPORT ON THE VISIT TO THE

STATION BEFORE

(1) GENERAL

Only two of the villages visited are included in the Ikanda Local Government Council; they being Sinyo and Watage. The elected representatives of these villages are not particularly influential nor co-operative. The members themselves have a limited idea of the functions of the local government Council but their constituents seem to be sadly uninformed.

The enlightenment programme of this patrol did not get off the ground at all in these two villages. People just did not bother to attend either of the two organised meetings planned for this particular area, nor did anyone volunteer any questions.

Of the other villages only one professed a desire to join the Ikanda Council, and this was for reasons other than Political welfare. It came to light that the Councillors of Ikanda and nearby, had, in the past, prevented those people not included in the Council from working as Station labourers. The monetary rewards for such labour was exacted by the Councillors as 'tax money' for their constituents. Thus the village of Pas No. 2 wished to join the Council so that it would be able to earn a few shillings.

This was the focal point of several lengthy discussions solely concerned with the methods and operations of the Council. Obviously, those not included in the council, and thereby excluded from work, had a misconstrued idea of the reasons behind the formation of a Local Government Council. These conditions begat an ideal opportunity for discussions of a Political nature, and was further enhanced by the fact that the people themselves had brought the subject up in the first place. The several days spent around these villages (Pas No. 2, Akari and Kilika) were well spent.

On a couple of occasions the Patrol was asked (by men who appeared to have a position of influence in the village) "Who is this 'new country' that is taking over after the Europeans leave?" - One other put it thus, "Who is the 'new basta' that is going to take over after the Europeans leave?"

When questioned further, they admitted that they knew the name of the 'new country' - it was Self Government, (in one case it was called 'the Self Government') to extent of questioning could persuade these gentlemen to reveal their source of information. However the real meaning of Self Government was explained to them; though as should be said, it was offered as an explanation, for each time this question was asked, the answer and the resulting further explanation met with the same reaction - a shrug of disbelief....

Most people of the Board C/D have heard of the House of Assembly, as they have heard of the Local Government Council, but neither body has done anything for them so the people feel that these committees are of little account. It is difficult to explain to these people the tangible benefits of a House of Assembly when they are not even seeing the work of a Council at village level. An open invitation was extended to as many people as possible to attend council meetings at Ikanda Station, to inspect Council projects and to discuss local operations with Councillors.

So far the project has been successful, and the people of Ikanda are showing a marked interest in Council affairs. It is hoped that some will stay on, and be further schooled in House of Assembly affairs.

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SITUATION REPORT(2) ECONOMICAL

The economy of the area as a whole is negligible, but what there is, is derived from three major sources.

(i) There are approximately 30 men currently employed as indentured labourers on various coastal plantations. These men forward money to their relatives during the course of their contract, and on completion of same, return to their village with amounts varying from 20 to 60 dollars.

(ii) Contract labourers earn about 200 dollars as station labourers on Inonda Patrol Post. This amount will be increased somewhat during the course of the next twelve months as labourers from this area are being encouraged to visit and work Inonda Station.

(iii) Mining, is the third major source of revenue. Only one village however, has met with any degree of success in this venture. The people of Kilifas village using primitive methods, extract gold and platinum from the Menia river and its tributaries. By modern methods the mines are inefficiently worked, but using funds allocated to the Amanab Sub District for the exploitation of minerals, it is hoped that the system can be upgraded. Orders for Gold Pans, and material for Sluice Boxes, are in hand.

There is a potential source of income in the Native owned trade stores. At the moment however, profits realised from these stores are, if at all, negligible.

The store at Nebike village is replenished from Lietre, which is some 6 to 8 weeks walk for the return trip. (Compared with the 5 day Inonda/Lietre return trip) No amount of discussion could persuade the store owner to purchase his supplies at Inonda.

The store at Pas No. 2 buys stocks at retail prices from the Catholic store at 'Sowana' (some 5 mins. walk away) and the proprietors of this store too, still make infrequent trips to Lietre.

Taking the cost of labour into account, and the fact that most store owners sell at less than the cost price, these stores are hardly assets (material assets that is) to their respective owners. Still the prestige gained from owning a store probably more than compensates for the monetary losses.

There are 5 head of cattle at Kilifas, ostensibly raised for beef by the C.M.F.L. Since this mission folded, the cattle have gone back considerably and their future look pretty grim.

Cash cropping is non-existent, lack of market access, and the high cost of freight prevent the establishment of such. However the local Government Council intends to experiment with vegetable crops, and later to try and establish a market in Vanimo.

A small amount of money is earned by a few male adults from each Administration Patrol, by hiring themselves out as carriers and by selling fresh vegetables.

PATROL REPORT NO.7 1970/71SITUATION REPORT(3) SOCIAL(i) Medical Welfare

The majority of the population, is at present, enjoying good health, notwithstanding, that in almost every village there is at least one case of the disease somewhat similar to Elephantiasis. These unfortunates are receiving what treatment is possible.

Noticed also were case of undernourished children, and those with severely distended stomachs, typical to those people existing on a basic, protein deficient, diet. However they seem to grow out of this stage.

One serious case of malnutrition was found at Tandia No.1. Steps were taken to ensure the child's welfare. This case, however, proved to be the exception rather than the rule.

The A.P.O. accompanying the patrol was kept busy for at least an hour every day attending to the host of minor injuries occasioned by people of this kind by their very occupation of hunting, gathering and subsistence farmers. Most injuries were of little consequence.

Several adult males were noticed to be suffering from a deformity of the legs. Whether through disease or accident was never ascertained. However it was reputed to be through a disease. The offspring of one of these gentlemen complained of 'sore knees' and professed difficulty in walking. The child accompanied the Patrol to Imonda for further observation.

No evidence of large scale influenza was noticed.

(ii) Medical Facilities

Medical facilities are offered to the more Eastern part of the Bembi C/D by the Catholic Mission at Utai village. There is also a readily available transport system to Hospitals in Vanimo from this Mission. Cases requiring more professional services are flown from Utai gratis, by the good grace of the Mission.

The Catholic mission also maintains an airstrip at Sowana, near Fukeri village, from which it can uplift seriously ill people.

For those with minor injuries, an A.P.O. provides his services. Supplied with drugs from the Hospital from Imonda, he conducts patrols westward to Kilifas and eastwards as far as Tandia No.2. No one has anything but a good word for this man's effort.

Previously the C.M.H.L based at Kilifas was able to provide assistance to this A.P.O. however since the mission folded there remains but the Medical Ful-tul. This gentleman does the best he can with the supplies and training given him by the mission prior to their departure. Arrangements have been made for this worthy gentleman to attend a refresher course in First Aid at Vanimo.

Since the mission left Kilifas, the airstrip has been neglected, and is all but officially closed. Patients from the village, now have to be walked to Imonda and there await transport to a source of treatment.

(iii) Law and Order

There were no untoward incidents reported during the three weeks that the patrol was in the field. The people were all friendly and co-operative and the Patrol was received well in every village. A land dispute at Fukeri village necessitated the donning of the arbitrators cap, and after a day in this capacity, the matter was successfully resolved.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 1970/71SITUATION REPORT(iv) Cults

Information brought to the notice of the patrol, per medium of Village books, suggested the possibilities of Cargo Cult activities in their particular spheres. These were the books of Fukeri, Fas No.2 and Nebike villages. The written assumptions were based on the fact that people of these three villages made frequent trips to Lietro, ostensibly to buy stores for the small Trade stores in each of the villages. However no current activities were noticed, or brought to the notice of the Patrol.

(v) Housing

Housing, as a rule was satisfactory. In some cases, exceptional. Some people have used 'blind' instead of the traditional sago stem, and this has led to a greater improvement in housing. Buildings varied from elevated houses, of elaborate construction, (some joined to separate kitchens by covered catwalks) to others, of traditional design, planted on the terra firma.

Villages were generally well maintained. In some cases a semblance of 'town planning' was evident.

(vi) Sanitation

Still a mis-managed affair in most cases. Latrines, where present, were too shallow, poorly positioned and as often as not, left uncovered. They were a health hazard more than anything else. Steps were taken to improve the situation.

(vii) Education

Facilities are provided for the eastern part of the Benbi C/D by the Catholic mission at Utai village (in the Amanah C/D of Kwontari West) A full time, qualified, teacher attends to a class of approximately 33 students. Needless to say, most of these children come from Utai village, but a couple of Benbi youngsters have gained admittance. At Fukeri village, on the northern boundary of the Benbi C/D, a catechist, complaining of lack of attendance, can boast only of an average daily class of 15 pupils. Approximately 25 other potential scholars attend the Primary 'T' School at Inonda.

R. J. Faraglan

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West Sepik Report No. 8/70-71

Patrol Conducted by V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Imonda Local Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Senior Sgt. Tingenup

Natives Sgt. I/C Mariban

Duration—From 3./5./19.71 to 19./5./1971

Number of Days 16 Days

Did Medical Assistant accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12./10./19.70

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

Map Reference Border Special (Sheet 1)

Objects of Patrol Routine Census, Area Study, Familiarisation

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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30/6/1971

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67-16-73

1st September, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YANLHO.

INGPDA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-8 of 30th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report
by Mr. V. Schmid.

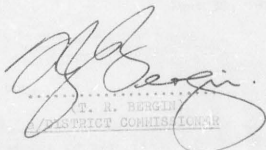
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Secretary)

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Under paragraph A(2) of the AREA STUDY section of the report, a Census Division called WANIS-IRANDA is mentioned. Obviously Mr. Schmid is referring to the WANNA-KWANDA Census Division immediately to the south of Inonda Station. Such inexcusable errors detract considerably from the report of a good patrol.

The Assistant District Commissioner's comments are pertinent and I have nothing further to add.


E. R. BERGIN
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
IRANAB.

c.c. Mr. V. Schmid,
Patrol Post,
IRONDA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
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West Sepik District.

June 30, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KORIEDDBU. PAPUA.

IMONDA PATROL NO. 8/70-71
IMONDA LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION

Forwarded herewith is the original and one copy of the report cover as the above patrol conducted by Mr. V. Schmid, Assistant Patrol Officer, Imonda. Also included for information is a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments on the patrol and report.

The report is marred by numerous spelling errors and some mistakes in grammatical construction. However, when viewing it from an overall standpoint, it does indicate that Mr. Schmid applied himself well to the task set him; is observant; and carried out worthwhile administrative work throughout the area visited.

Another economically depressed area of this district. The Department of Agriculture should and could take more interest in the Imonda Local Census Division. The people must be becoming frustrated through failures and abandonment of cash crops, introduced over the years, because of the lack of close, constant supervision. Until Agriculture are able to station an energetic Rural Development Assistant permanently amongst these people, cash crops enterprises are doomed to failure. Admittedly, the lack of roads presents a marketing problem but efforts are being made to overcome this obstacle through the allocation of Rural Development Funds (\$30,000) to the Amanab Sub-District 1970-71) for the construction of roads linking Imonda with Amanab and Green River and eventually to the Sepik River.

The Department of Agriculture is at present experimenting with pepper as a cash crop for the area. If this proves successful, produce can be flown out to the coast on the backloading of Government Charters and, because of its lighter weight than other cash crop produce, this could be done comparatively economically.

At page 2 of the Situation Report under the heading - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS - Mr. Schmid talks of a Mr. NOPSI WUBENU as the member for the Imonda area. I assume he means Mr. WESANI WOKGELI, M.P.A. of Telefomin who is the elected member of the House representing the Upper Sepik Electorate which embraces the Imonda area.

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THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

IN REPLY PLEASE
QUOTE 67-4-2

The Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

18th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
VANIMO.

PATROL REPORT - IMONDA PATROL
NO.8 of 1970/1971

1. Forwarded are three copies of a patrol report submitted by Assistant Patrol Officer V.E.Schmid, Officer-in-Charge of Imonda Patrol Post. The patrol covered all of the Imonda Local Census Division and had a duration of 16 days.

2. The main objects of the patrol were to conduct a census revision of the area, to update the Area Study previously compiled by Imonda Patrol No. 13 of 1968/69 and to carry out any other administrative work necessary.

3. The diary is well set out and straight forward. It is obvious that the patrolling officer worked diligently and completed his task expeditiously without at any time hurrying the patrol. It is evident from the report that 16 days was ample time to fully cover the area.

4. Local Government is still in its teething stages not only in the Imonda Local Census Division but along the border area, with further political education, more contact and perseverance there is no doubt that the people will come to understand and accept local government.

It is generally the case that the person elected as a councillor is not influential or an accepted leader by the village unit, but one who has received some education, is fluent in pidgin English and is a fair representative of the up and coming generation. In most cases the elected member's decisions or policies can be and are vetoed by village elders who have gained their positions of leadership through inheritance and who are very often natural leaders.

5. The people have hardly any understanding of the House of Assembly, and it seems that the local member of the House is known by name only, if that.

6. Political education programmes and political seminars which seem to be the "in" thing, without doubt are very necessary in areas such as this, however as the district has not had a political education officer for some time, and due to present staff shortage little can be done apart from short talks with the people by patrolling officers.

7. The patrolling officer's comments on economic development are quite clear and self explanatory. The position is such that what initial confidence the people had in the administration to introduce some economic crop, has been lost. I can only agree that the Department of Agriculture has done very little for this area and what little it has done has only served to lower the peoples hopes of ever being assisted and gaining some economic income.

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8. Health in the area seems to be satisfactory. The usual amount of tropical ulcers occur in most villages, however medical aid, if required is always available and readily given by the hospital at Imonda and the aid post at Wasengla.

Hygiene, housing and sanitation could be improved upon. Council rules could be introduced to enforce the construction of better housing and to increase hygiene standards.

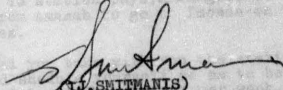
9. It was pleasing to note that there were no instances of crime. Disputes over pigs and garden crops were settled out of court and on the spot.

There were no instances of cargo cult activity or unrest reported.

10. The Area Study of the Imonda Local Census Division has been up dated very satisfactorily and supplies all necessary information relevant to the area.

11. Village population register and patrol map are appended. Census figures have been properly and accurately collated and give a true picture of the population trends in the area.

12. The patrolling officer has carried out a good patrol and presented a good report. A claim for camping allowance is attached. For your information please.


(J. SMITHANIS)
Assistant District Commissioner.

C.C. Mr. V.E. Schmid,
Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
IMONDA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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In Reply Please
Quote No. 67-2-4

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.....W.S.D.

22nd April, 1971.

Mr. V. E. Schmid,
Patrol Post,
IMONDA.

INSTRUCTIONS: IMONDA PATROL NO. 8 of 1970/71.

1. As previously discussed with you, would you please prepare to conduct a patrol to the IMONDA Local Census Division of the Imonda administrative area.
2. I agree with you that it would be best to commence your patrol immediately after you have finalised all station pays on the 30th of April. I do not wish you to hurry your patrol, in fact I feel it is essential you spend at least one day at every village which would mean the minimum duration of your patrol would be three weeks. If you envisage staying out for this period without returning to the station to do station pays, arrangements will have to be made for an officer from Amanab to go to Imonda on the 14th May to carry out these duties.
3. It is essential you take with you the station Squad Call portable transceiver, and schedule yourself so as to be able to communicate with Amanab at least three times per week. Before your departure it would be advisable to test the transceiver to make sure it is serviceable and also check you have a sufficient supply of batteries.
4. Liaise with the Department of Public Health and arrange for a Medical Orderly to accompany the patrol for its full duration. It is very important that you check on any reported outbreaks of disease and give all possible medical assistance to the people.
5. The patrol will be for the purpose of routine administration and census revision, however the following tasks should be carried out.
 - (1) Visit and revise the census of every village in the IMONDA Local Census Division.
 - (2) Peruse Imonda Patrol Report No. 13 of 1968/69 taking special note of the Area Study. During your patrol check the information in this report and up-date the contents where there have been changes..
 - (3) Examine all complaints brought to the notice of the patrol, and on your return advise me of all cases that require hearing by the Local Court.
 - (4) Check village hygiene and sanitation.
 - (5) Take with you a copy of the Border Special Map and record any additional information and amendments you consider necessary.

(6) Continue the Political Education Programme. 17

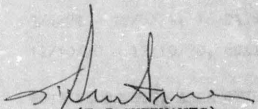
(7) Collect all information required to enable you to compile and submit a comprehensive Situation Report. Pay particular attention to the Secretary's patrol Instruction No. 67-1-0 of 21st June 1968.

(8) Further impress upon the people the need for sustained effort in their work being done on Rural Development Projects in the area especially vehicular roads.

(9) Carry out any other administrative work you consider necessary.


6. Upon your return from patrol would you please submit your patrol report as early as possible.

7. I hope you have a pleasant patrol.



(I. J. SMITMANIS)

Assistant District Commissioner.


c.c. The District Commissioner,
District Office,
VANIMO.

PATROL REPORT

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REPORT NUMBER: 8/70-71
SUB DISTRICT: AMANAB.
DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: COUNCIL AREA.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: V. SCHMID.
DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.
AREA PATROLLED: IMONDA LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: SENIOR CST. TINGENUP
CST. 1/C MARIBAN
ANDUARI, AID POST ORDERLY
DURATION OF PATROL: 3/5/71 - 19/5/71, 16 DAYS.
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA: 12/10/70 - 17/10/70, 6DAYS.
OBJECTS OF PATROL: ROUTINE CENSUS, AREA STUDY,
FAMILIARISATION.
TOTAL POULATION OF AREA PATROLED: 2154
MAP REFERENCE: BORDER SPECIAL (SHEET 1).
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER,
ENCLOSED/NOT ENCLOSED: ENCLOSED.

PATROL REPORT - IMONDA NO. 8/70-71

INTRODUCTION:

Imonda Patrol No. 8/70-71 was mounted from patrol post Imonda on Monday, 3d. May, 1971, as per written instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner, Amanab.

The main object of the patrol was for the purpose of carrying out routine administration and a census revision.

The patrol was also to continue the political education program and revise the area study.

An Aid Post Orderly accompanied the patrol for the purpose of checking on the general health in the area patrolled.

As this was my first patrol into the area, it also served as a familiarisation patrol.

I was instructed to take a Squadcall Transceiver along with me on the patrol for the purpose of keeping in touch with Sub District Office, Amanab. Unfortunately the Squadcall at Amanab was inoperative and I was unable to comply with these instructions.

As the patrol extended into the southern foothills of the Bewani Range, the terrain was very hilly, reaching an altitude in excess of 3000 feet in one section. The whole area is covered by a lower montane type rainforest.

The census statistics have been divided into two groups, group one being all the villages within the Walsa Local Government Council and those in group two outside the Council.

All objects of the patrol were successfully carried out.

The patrol was well received in all the villages and there was no shortage of fresh food and carriers.

PATROL REPORT - IMONDA NO. 8/70-71

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PATROL DIARY:

Monday, 3d May, 1971:

0800: Organised the cargo and sent it on ahead by tractor to Wasengla, self cleared desk at Imonda.
1445: Departed Imonda on foot.
1645: Arrived at Epmi, paid off carriers from Wasengla and set up camp and held an informal discussion with the councillor and individual villagers till 2000.
du Slept Epmi.

Tuesday, 4th May, 1971:

At Epmi.
0800: Commenced census revision.
0915: Finished taking census, gave political education talk and held a general discussion with the villagers.
1130: Discussions with individual villagers.
1430: Departed for Wasengla.
1500: Borrowed motorbike from mission at Wasengla and returned to Imonda to pick up forgotten Census Statistics Sheets.
1600: Left Imonda for Wasengla, motorbike broke down and had to push it back.
1945: Arrived back at Wasengla, stayed at mission.
Slept Wasengla.

Wednesday, 5th May, 1971:

At Wasengla.
0800: Commenced census revision at Mindepoke followed by political education talk and a general discussion with the villagers.
1400: Ditto at Doponendi.
1830: Worked on census statistics.
Slept Wasengla.

THURSDAY, 6th May, 1971:

At Wasengla.
0800: Departed Wasengla for Dauchendi/Tokonendi.
0820: Arrived at Dauchendi/Tokonendi, set up camp and commenced census revision.
1400: Gave a political education talk followed by a general discussion with the villagers.
1630: Worked on census statistics.
1900: Discussions with individual villagers till 2030.
Slept Dauchendi/Tokonendi.

Friday, 7th May, 1971:

At Dauchendi/Tokonendi.
0800: Organised carriers and departed Dauchendi/Tokonendi.
0930: Arrived at Wainda, set up camp and had a discussion with the councillor.
1300: Commenced census revision followed by a political education talk and a general discussion with the villagers.
1800: Discussions with individual villagers till 2000.
Slept Wainda.

Saturday, 8th May, 1971:

At Wainda.
0800: Departed Wainda for Um.
0905: Arrived at Um and carried out census revision. Only 23 people left in the village.
1030: Gave a political education talk and held a general discussion with the villagers.
1200: Departed Um for Manoa.
1230: Arrived at Manoa, set up camp and commenced census revision followed by a political education talk and a general discussion with the villagers.
1800: Discussions with individual villagers.
Slept Manoa.

Sunday, 9th, May, 1971:

At Manoa.
0800: Departed Manoa for Kok, guide got lost, arrived at Kok at 1430.
1430: Set up camp and held discussions with individual villagers.
Slept Kok.

Monday, 10th, May, 1971:

At Kok.
0800: Commenced census revision, gave political education talk and held a general discussion with the villagers.
1100: Walked to border marker, cleared the grass from around it and returned to Kok.
1400: Held discussion with villagers from Pendesi and Holomba who wished to be censused.
Slept at Kok.

Tuesday, 11th, May, 1971:

At Kok.
0800: Departed Kok for Swachketjil.
1100: Arrived at Swachketjil, set up camp and rested for the afternoon. Held discussions with individual villagers.
Slept Swachketjil.

Wednesday, 12th, May, 1971:

At Swachketjil.
0800: Commenced census revision of Swachketjil, Kolosa and Yuwetla, gave political education talk and held a general discussion with the villagers.
1400: Worked on census statistics.
1900: Discussions with individual villagers till 2030.
Slept Swachketjil.

Thursday, 13th, May, 1971:

At Swachketjil.
0800: Departed Swachketjil for Namola.
0945: Arrived at Namola, set up camp and commenced census revision of S'inindi, Daundi and Namola. Gave political education talk followed by a general discussion with the villagers.
1530: Discussions with individual villagers.
1900: Worked on census statistics.
2030: Discussions with individual villagers till 2100.
Slept Namola.

Friday, 14th, May, 1971:

At Namola.
0800: Commenced census revision of Machendi and Omol followed by political education talk and a general discussion with the villagers.
1100: Worked on census statistics.
1400: Visited villages of Omol and Machendi No. 1 and Machendi No. 2.
Slept Namola.

Saturday, 15th, May, 1971:

At Namola.
0800: Departed Namola for Imonda.
1045: Arrived at Imonda and paid off carriers. Observed Saturday.

Sunday, 16th, May, 1971:

Commenced draft of patrol report.

Monday, 17th, May, 1971:

0800: Settled some urgent business in the office.
0930: Departed Imonda for Daonda.
1035: Arrived at Daonda, set up camp and held discussions with individual villagers.
1300: Commenced census revision followed by a political education talk and a general discussion with the villagers.
1600: Discussions with individual villagers till 1800.
Slept Daonda.

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Tuesday, 18th May, 1971:

At Doanda.

0730: Departed Doanda for Imonda.

0830: Arrived at Imonda, paid off carriers and continued working on draft of patrol report.

Wednesday, 19th May, 1971:

0800: Carried out census revision plus political education at the three Imonda villages.

1200: Stood down patrol.

END OF PATROL

SITUATION REPORT:

A. POLITICAL:

(1) LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The vast majority of the people living in the area patrolled are still very vague about the aims, functions and purpose of the Local Government Council. They seem to think it is just another instrument of the Administration and in spite of repeated protestations on my part to the opposite, very few people believed I would actually go on patrol while a Council meeting was in progress. The Councillors seem to be elected mainly on their qualities of leaving the people alone rather than for their qualities of leadership.

In all fairness it must also be added that very few of the traditional influential men in the villages can speak Pidgin and are therefore rather shy in standing for election.

It was explained repeatedly to all concerned that there must be more cooperation between the Councillors and their people. The people apparently had no idea that the Councillor was, so to speak, their mouthpiece, and they wouldn't tell him their problems and the Councillor wouldn't ask. I was repeatedly asked to organise such things as a well for a village and the people were quite surprised when they were informed that this was council business and must be brought up at Council meetings by their Councillors.

There were also repeated complaints about the Council tax having been raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00. When asked why they hadn't mentioned this at the taxpayers meeting before the tax was raised, all I got in reply was a blank look.

Every endeavour was made during the patrol to teach the people the aims and functions of the Local Government Council and to make them realise their rights and duties regarding the Council.

(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS:

With the exception of three men, the Local Government Councillors for the area patrolled are a very ineffectual lot. They have virtually no influence in their village and one gathers the impression that they have been elected mainly for their ability to leave the people alone. In nearly every case the previous Councillor was a man with some power who had the unfortunate habit of making the people work on the roads and building latrines etc.

It is to be added though that in many cases the influential men in the villages cannot speak pidgin and therefore feel wary of standing for election.

The three exceptions are the Councillors of Epmi, Minderpoke and Namola, FRANZ DAMP, IAZARUS MISAI and PETERUS WUBA respectively.

IAZARUS MISAI is in the unfortunate position of being a man with some go and some ideas in him but with very little real influence in the village.

PETERUS WUBA used to be a catechist with the Catholic Mission but was dismissed for stealing. He appears to have some power in the village though.

FRANZ DAMP is an influential man and also a go ahead type who is not afraid to speak his mind and would be the best man on the Council.

Unfortunately none of these three is president.

(3) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

Regarding the House of Assembly, the people in the area patrolled have a vague idea about a central government down in Port Moresby and they know they have a sort of Councillor down there looking after their interests.

Unfortunately the only kind of real government they ever see is that coming from the Klap and they to feel rather indifferent about the whole business.

since basically things have changed very little since the Administration first opened up the area.

Every endeavour was made to make the people realize that their lives are not regulated according to the Kiaps fancy, that we have to follow a set policy laid down by the House of Assembly in which their own representative has a say.

(4) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS:

The Member for the Imonda Area, Mr. KOPSI MUSENU, usually comes out to Imonda about once a year giving the local population a chance to see him and speak to him. He has not as yet had the opportunity of going into the villages but this is of course quite understandable.

(5) POLITICAL EDUCATION:

Political education talks and discussions were held at all the villages visited. These were usually well attended by the male population but interest tended to waver in the backwoods.

It was very difficult if not almost impossible to get the female population to attend and in any case, I was unable to raise any response from them. Attention soon wandered and they would start talking amongst themselves.

With the male population, there would be a few individuals in front taking an active part in any discussions but any interest was soon lost in the backwoods and just like with the women, the men would start gossiping amongst themselves.

The aims and functions of the House of Assembly were discussed, but considering the low level of political sophistication prevalent I felt it would be more useful to start on a grass roots level and concentrated on the Local Government Council.

As explained previously, the people had only a vague idea what Local Government was all about and it was for the purpose of getting them actively interested in this level of government at least that I tended to bypass any major discussions on the National Government.

B. ECONOMIC:

(1) GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

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

Being within the 20 mile quarantine zone also means that no new livestock may be raised.

In 1968 a pig project was started by the council consisting of one boar and three sows. This project foundered through neglect, some of the pigs in fact dying of starvation. The project has been abandoned altogether now.

The Catholic Mission also tried to start a cattle project at Imonda before the quarantine zone was formed but again it had to be abandoned through neglect, most of the cattle becoming so poor they had to be shot.

Some rice has been planted at one time or another but again it has been abandoned.

Part of the fault for so many failures is the lack of a long term interest among the people. They start something, find out that they will have to wait some time before they get any returns and then lose interest.

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The fault lies equally with the D.A.S.F. which apparently hasn't done any or very little follow up work with any of these projects. Then the D.A.S.F. doesn't seem to be able to make up its mind just what would be good for the area. It would be ideal of course if a representative from the D.A.S.F. could be stationed here for some months to make a thorough study on what could be grown, get it started and see it through to the finish.

Another point limiting rural development is the absolute lack of a practical access to a market. The only way of getting in and out of Imonda at present is by air. There are absolutely no roads out of the area and to send any large amounts of Rice or Copra etc. to market by air, would hardly be economical.

Interest in starting anything is very cool just now among the villagers. Whether this is just indifference or discouragement from the many failures is hard to tell.

Not having sufficient knowledge on the subject and not being able to carry out any extension work through this lack of knowledge, I made no suggestions to the people, preferring not to raise any false hopes.

Work will shortly commence on a road from Imonda to the village of Namola and on another road from Imonda to link up with a road being pushed through from Amanab, permitting vehicular traffic between the two stations.

(2) NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT:

There is no non indigenous development in the area.

C. SOCIAL:

(1) EDUCATION:

There are two schools in the area. One is run by the Catholic Mission at Wasengla and the other is a government school at Imonda.

The mission school at Wasengla has a few ⁰teachers and teaches prep and standard one. There are 30 male and 2 female students in prep and 29 male and 5 female students in standard 1.

The school at Wasengla has two local teachers.

The Primary-T school at Imonda has three indigenous teachers who teach standards 1A, 3, 4 and 6.

There are a total of 74 students attending this school, i.e.

Standard 1A	=	25	male,	7	female	.
" 3	"	22	"	4	"	"
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" 6	"	6	"	4	"	"

(2) HEALTH:

The general health throughout the area visited was quite good.

There was quite a large number of cases of Tropical Ulcers at the village of Epmi which is only half an hours walk from the aid post at Wasengla. The trouble was, the people would only visit the aid post once and not return for follow up treatment. They were told that they would have to visit the aid post at least two or three times for the treatment to have any effect.

There were a few cases of Elephantiasis and it might also be medically interesting to note that in the village of Manoa, there was one couple with one normal child and two albino children. Also in the village of Namola there was a couple with two normal children and three Albino children and apparently they had had a fourth Albino child which had died. In both cases the Albino children were all the younger ones.

All five of these Albino children were quite unable to see in sunlight and found it extremely painful.

There is a small hospital at Imonda which is looked after by a hospital orderly with the aid of two Aid Post Orderlies. This hospital can treat most cases of illness or injury that occur in the area.

It is interesting to note that many cases come from the floodplains of the eastern Amanab area. This is apparently so because despite Amanab being closer, the people don't like climbing the big mountains that separate Amanab from the floodplains, Amanab being approximately 3000 feet above sea level.

There is a rural aid post at Wasengla which is looked after by an Aid Post Orderly.

The villages generally are not very hygienic, being over run with pigs and miserable looking dogs and none of the toilettes have been repaired in a long time. It would seem that the previous councillors used to make the villagers tend to these things and this being very much against their inclinations, they voted in a new lot of councillors who do not insist on these things and now everybody is quite happily again walking about in pigs excrement, etc.

The villagers were informed of the health hazard this causes and the councillors were told to do something about it, but unless one can spend some time in the village checking on this, it is very doubtful that it will be done.

It is an interesting sideline to note that in at least one village it was thought the Government ought to supply them with pigwire to keep their own pigs out of their gardens.

(3) LAW AND ORDER:

The people are law abiding and the only disputes brought to my attention involved almost invariably somebody's pig destroying somebody else's garden. Other disputes involved brideprice payments and one involved one clan using another clan's Sago patch.

All were satisfactorily settled.

(4) MISSIONS:

There is only one mission operating in the area, the Catholic Mission looked after by the Passionist Order of Brothers. At present there is a European brother in charge but more usually it would be a European priest.

The brother is nearly always in residence and divides his time between Wasengla and Imonda. Occasionally he does patrols into the villages.

The Catholic Mission is well liked by the local population and apart from the older men and women who claim no Christian affiliations, the people all profess to the Catholic Faith.

The mission maintains catechists at Imonda, Kok, Swachketjil and at Namola.

(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. There used to be a women's club at Imonda but this collapsed due to the dishonesty of the manager. Since then, no further attempts have been made at reorganising something along similar lines.

