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PATROL REPORTS NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT 1962/63

KANDRIAN

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" 13-62/63	B.A.Besasparis	Kandrian Coastal Census D.
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District Office,
RABAU

14th January, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby, P.N.G.

13th February, 1963.


The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
R A B A U L.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 - 1962/63 -
KANDRIAN:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

The road supervision provides a good exercise
for Mr. Glover to gain experience in organisation and
close contact with groups of people.

Any future Patrol Reports by Mr. Glover will
be accompanied by a map compiled by himself.


(W.R. DISHON)
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.10.6.

Telegrams

Telephone

67-4-7

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....



District Office,
Rabaul.

4th January, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

SPECIAL PATROL KANDRIAN 9/62-63
MR. I. GLOVER, C.P.O.

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Above report with copy of 67-3-3 of 24th
December, 1962, from Assistant District Officer,
Kandrian, for your information.

2. It is pleasing to see the Assistant District
Officer has given Mr. Glover the opportunity of
spending some time out on his own.

3. Mr. Glover acquitted himself well.

(K. A. Brown)
a/District Officer
West New Britain

67-3-3

Sub-District Office,
KANDRIAN.

24th December, 1962.

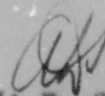
District Officer,
West New Britain,
RABAUL.

SPECIAL PATROL - Kan. 9/62-63
ROAD DEVELOPMENT, PASSISMANUA

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of the report of the above special patrol conducted by C.P.O. Mr. I. Glover. This was Mr. Glover's first patrol and he has acquitted himself quite well.

Supervision of road work is usually a monotonous and rather boring task, but Mr. Glover has shown an intelligent interest in his work and has submitted a readable report. There have been so many maps submitted in connection with this road programme that I instructed Mr. Glover to omit a map.

Would you please forward the claim for camping allowance to Sub-Treasury, Rabaul.


(A.D. Steven)
Assistant District Officer

c.c. Mr. I. Glover,
Kandrian.

IG/IG

Sub-District Office
K A N D R I A N

20 December, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Gasmata Sub-District,
KANDRIAN.SPECIAL PATROL REPORT - KAN 9/62/63ROAD DEVELOPMENT - KANDRIAN

1. The road development in question involves that section between the villages of Aliwo and Pomugu and the end of the existing road and the Akse river. Since the last special patrol (KAN 10-61/62) no work had been done on the road until its resumption on the 28th. September 1962. The work consisted of improving the state of the present road between Aliwo and Pomugu, the supervising of the construction of the present road and the clearing of timber to make way for the construction gang.
2. The improving of the present road between Aliwo and Pomugu entailed the cutting of a considerable number of large trees and the clearing of the underlying bush. This was necessitated owing to the fact that the road became almost impassable in certain sections after heavy rain, because of the lack of sunlight admitted by the surrounding bush. However after clearing the existing bush radical improvement has been shown on this section with the evaporating of large sheets of water and mud present, improving the road considerably.
3. Several difficulties have arisen since Mr. R.J. Burke's last supervision of construction of the existing road. One of these difficulties has been the encountering of a large limestone ridge. The terrain of the surrounding area affords no alternative but to cut through this ridge, which hinders progress of the gang greatly. However the appointing of six men to work on the ridge in question, while the remaining fourteen continue with their normal work seems to have proved satisfactory as the ridge has now almost been breached. The second of the difficulties encountered has been persistent heavy rain in the area. This rain turns the work-site into a veritable mud-puddle making work with pick and shovel exceedingly difficult. According to knowledge received from local natives this rain may continue indefinitely. Thirdly, the gang, although it has not reached here yet will have trouble in the construction of a large culvert. As I see it though four large cement pipes, firmly set with coronas and cement will suffice, although it is difficult to tell at the present time.
4. Work in clearing the bush has proceeded unhindered since its resumption. This gang has had an additional ten men added to its ranks which should increase the rate of work accordingly.

4. Pamonli of Sankiap, the present foreman of this line has shown good judgement in the question of terrain by the rerouting of the road in a number of places. This rerouting will save the following construction gang much hard work. At the present moment the timber-cutting line is working in fairly small timber (30-50ft.) Present rates of work would indicate that the gang should reach the Akse river in another month.

5. Since the last report of Mr. Burkes, in which he mentioned that a bridge was required across the Akse river, it has been decided that a ford will serve the same purpose at a considerably less cost of construction. This matter is now in the hands of the Public Works Dept. It is expected that Mr. K. Rayner of the department will arrive at Kandrian in late January to undertake construction. Once this is accomplished the road may be extended to contact villages, within the Paasismanus area by tractor or four-wheel drive vehicles.

6. No map has been forwarded as several maps of the Kandrian Road development have been sent in the past.

I. F. Glover

(I. F. Glover)
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

67-3-3

IG/IG

Sub-District Office
K A N D R I A N,
New Britain.

20 December 1962.

SPECIAL PATROL - KAN 9-62/63

DIARY

Monday 3rd. December

Self and A.D.O Steven left Kandrian 0915 hrs. per motor-cycle for Seilwa and Aliwo thence to rest-house at Mubo where spent the night. Afternoon-to road with A.D.O 1400 A.D.O to Kandrian.

Tuesday 4th. December

Left rest-house 0800. Heavy rain prevented work from 0815 to 1300. 1330 marked trees to be cut by line. Inspected proposed site for culvert. Slept Mubo.

Wednesday 5th. December

To Pomugu to supervise cutting of trees over bad section of road approximately 1/4 of mile from POMUGU. 830 hours heavy rain made further work impossible. 1200 rain stopped. 1215 to road to supervise proceedings. Conditions bad owing to rain. 1330 left for area in which foreman Pamonli is in charge. Arrived 1400. Compiled list of names of workmen and list of tools in use. 1530 returned rest-house at Mubo.

Thursday 6th. December

0800 inspected previous day's work at Pomugu. 1030 heavy rain, which seems to be a daily occurrence. 1200 rain stopped. Afternoon- to road. 1415 more rain. Slept Mubo.

Friday 7th. December

0800 supervision of work. 1330 Constable Anio arrived with money to pay line. 1400 payed line and returned to Kandrian.

Saturday 8th. December

At Kandrian.

Sunday 9th December

At Kandrian.

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DIARY

Monday 10th December

Left Kandrian 0800 hours for work on road. Arrived Mubo 0900. 0915 heavy rain until 1530 making any work impossible.

Tuesday 11th December

Left rest-house 0800, arrived road 0815 - supervised. Limestone ridge breached after great difficulty, however work should progress more rapidly now that this problem has been overcome. Scrub work satisfactory. 1345 to rest-house. More rain 1430. Slept Mubo.

Wednesday 12th December

0815 left rest-house for road by bicycle. Arrived 0830. Supervised breaking of stone and clearing of bush. Rapid progress shown in clearing of undergrowth with the addition of ten extra workmen to Pamonli's line. All large timber has now been cut, leaving small trees and bushes between the present work area and the Akse river. Slept Mubo.

Thursday 13th December

Inspection of work from 0845 to 1200. Sent workman to Medical Assistant at Kandrian with suspected appendicitis. 1330 to 1600 supervised and inspected tools. Rain 1615 to 1800. Slept Mubo.

Friday 14th December

Supervised road-work 0900 to 1200. Returned rest-house 1215. Constable Banes arrived rest-house 1300. Paid line at 1330. Arranged carriers to bring in gear. Left Mubo at 1345, cycled to Kandrian and arrived 1425. End of patrol.

END OF DIARY

I. F. Glover

(I. F. GLOVER)

(Cadet Patrol Officer)

67-10-14


7th March, 1963.

District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10/62-63 - KANERIAN.

Receipt of the abovementioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I believe that Mr. Hooper will have benefited by his experience in road work and I am sure it would be a good introduction to his 6 weeks patrol of Kol and Mengen with an experienced officer.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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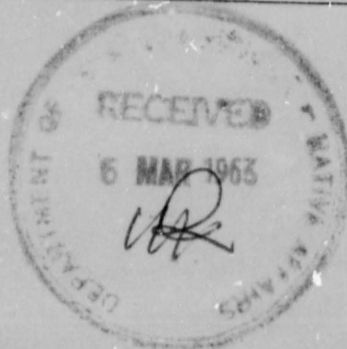
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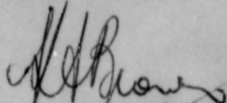
1st March, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10-1962/63 : MR. D.N. HOOPER,
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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1. Attached is a report of a short road patrol by the abovementioned officer.
2. Mr. Hooper has been given the same opportunity as Mr. Glover (see Report No. 9 of 1962/63, Kandrian) of spending some time on road work. He acquitted himself well. He is now at POMIO preparing to accompany an experienced Patrol Officer on a six weeks patrol of KOL and MENGEN areas.
3. The Assistant District Officer, Kandrian, has been requested to see maps are supplied with future reports.


(K.A. BROWN)
Acting District Officer,
West New Britain.

67-3-3

Sub-District Office,
K A N D R I A N
New Britain
FEBRUARY
12th January 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
Gasmata Sub-District
KANDRIAN

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT - KANDRIAN 10/62-63

ROAD DEVELOPMENT - KANDRIAN

1. The road development in question involves the section between Pomugu and the Akise River, a distance of approximately five miles. Road development has progressed steadily since the last patrol by Cadet Patrol Officer Ian Glover, and the remaining one and a half to two miles should be completed in the near future. The large limestone ridge encountered by Mr. Glover has been successfully converted into usable road, and a brief survey of the remaining distance shows the land to be relatively flat and devoid of any difficult limestone.
2. The construction of a large culvert about two miles from the Akise has been postponed until a later date and the road has been detoured to avoid any loss of time. The construction of the culvert, however, will have to be undertaken before the commencement of the wet season, as the surrounding terrain is low lying and could well become flooded during heavy rain. The object at present, however, is to reach the Akise in the shortest possible time, and later improvements will be effected when this goal has been attained.
3. Of the forty natives employed at the present time, twenty are employed as a timber cutting line clearing the larger trees and scrub at a point about two miles in advance of the second group who are doing the actual laying of the road. Sparse tree growth and relatively flat terrain to within a quarter of a mile of the river has enabled this section to be cleared in short time, and at present work is concentrated on the last three or four hundred yards where tree growth thickens on the downgrade to the river.
4. Heavy rain, which according to local natives is a daily occurrence, abated to some extent during the writer's stay on the road, and conditions were thus facilitated enabling better and faster progress to be made.
5. On present rates of work the gang will reach the Akise within two to three weeks which should co-incide with the arrival of Mr. K. Raynor of the Public Works Department, who is undertaking the construction of a ford across the Akise.
6. No map has been forwarded as several maps of the Kandrian road development have been sent in the past.

D. N. Hooper
(D. N. Hooper)
Cadet Patrol Officer

67-3-3

Sub-District Office,
K A N D R I A N
New Britain

12th February 1963.

SPECIAL PATROL - KAN 10-(2/63

DIARY

Monday 14th January

Departed Kandrian for rest-house at Mubo passing through the villages of Seilwa and Aliwo, and arriving Mubo at 1145. Afternoon to road with A.D.O. who arrived at 1400. 1545 A.D.O. to Kandrian. Slept night Mubo.

Tuesday 15th January

Left Mubo 0800 for road. Inspection of previous days work and supervision of gang until 1200. Talk with foreman regarding the rerouting of the road around a large culvert. Slept Mubo.

Wednesday 16th January

Left Mubo 0800 for road. Marked several trees to be cut by line and noted two items of equipment needed by gang. Rapid progress should now be made as the remaining distance to the Akise is relatively flat.

Thursday 17 January

0800 to 1200 inspection and supervision of road. Heavy rain in the afternoon made any work impossible.

Friday 18th January

Brief inspection of road in morning. Advised gang to report to the rest-house in the afternoon to collect their pay. 1300 Departed Mubo and returned to Kandrian.

Saturday 19th January

At Kandrian.

Sunday 20th January

At Kandrian.

DIARY

Monday 21st January

Departed Kandrian 0845 arriving Mubo at 10.00 hrs. Brief inspection of road, and then continued on to the Akise to examine work done by the timber cutting line. Slept Mubo.

Tuesday 22nd January

0800 to 1200hrs supervised road work and the clearing of small trees and scrub. Except for the last three or four hundred yards, all large timber has now been cleared. Slept night Mubo.

Wednesday 23rd January

0800 to 10.30 hrs inspection and supervision of road, until light showers interrupted work. Listed and examined all equipment used by gang in the afternoon. Slept night Mubo.

Thursday 24th January

0800 to 1200 hrs inspection and supervision of road. Constable Artang arrived Mubo at 1700 with pay for roadgang. Slept night Mubo.

Friday 25th January

Brief inspection of road in the morning. Payed line 1330 and returned to Kandrian at 1500. End of Patrol.

END OF DIARY

D. N. Hooper
(D. N. Hooper)

Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....New Britain..... Report No.Kandrian No.12/62-63.Arawe

Patrol Conducted by...B.A.Bessaparis.P.O.Gr.2 C.P.O.I.Glover accompanying

Area Patrolled...Arawe Census Taxation Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....C.P.O.I.Glover.....

Natives...3.Police constables,2 personalsevants

Duration—From...12./3.../1963...to...2.../4.../19.63..

Number of Days.....Twenty Two.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...8.../10.../19.62

Medical 8.../10.../18.62.

Map Reference.....Arawe Raoult fourmil series.....

Objects of Patrol...1.Investigate cultist movement 2.Census revision

3.Head tax collection 4.Compile a nominal roll 5.Routine administration

Director of Native Affairs,

PCRT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-3-1

Sub-District Office,
K A N D R I A N,
New Britain.

6th May 1963

District Officer,
West New Britain,
R A B A U L.

PATROL REPORT

PATROL NO. 12/62-63 - ARAWE

Introduction:

There were three main objects involved in this patrol. They were as follows:

- (1) Collect Head Tax and revise census
- (2) Compile a Nominal Roll of native electors for the approaching Legislative Council Elections.
- (3) Investigate reports of a cultist movement called "Kivung Bilong Koriam".

With regard to the above movement a separate report will be forwarded by Mr. B. A. Besasparis, Patrol Officer who lead the patrol.

The Arawe Census Division is bordered on both its boundaries by large watercourses. In the east the Pulie River forms the boundary and in the west it is bounded by the Itni River. The majority of the fifteen villages which comprise the division are coastal, with the exception of Talia and Balum which are situated some four hours inland.

Previously the villages of Ekrek, Molo, Iungpun and Sauren were located inland but they have all moved to the coast and established villages there. There is a marked economic difference between the aforesaid villages and the island villages mainly caused by the lack of economic potential and exploiting of the potential that the area affords.

Throughout the patrol weather conditions were excellent allowing all travel to be carried out in canoes.

Native Affairs:

One object of this patrol was to investigate the supposed cultist movement called "Kivung Bilong Koriam". A large meeting was held at Paligmete village at which Koriam himself was present. Representatives from all Arawe villages were present. The results of this meeting will be included in Mr. Besasparis' report.

The attitude shown to the patrol was at all times excellent. At all villages visited the same welcome was received - that of enthusiasm. Amiable relationships exist between villages, in short the Arawe natives seem to be leading a carefree life as no complaints regarding friction between peoples of different villages were received at any of the villages visited. Activity in two fields of work is high. The two fields are canoe building and gardening. In the latter field there is considerable cash cropping of coconuts.

Previously the aim of patrols in the area has been to develop the economic status of the Arawe peoples.

Native Affairs (continued)

Despite the fact that there is great potential in the field of copra-production on several of the islands, the average native seems to be quite content with his present status, which is to earn a few shillings occasionally by the selling of copra and then return to his village. There are exceptions to this in a number of villages. For example at Kumbun village one of the inhabitants named NCRI has an extensive stand of coconuts on an adjacent island, from which he nets a considerable income for a native of his upbringing.

The appearance of the greater number of villages is good. There were no signs of hurried cleaning, the living areas being quite clean. Village Officials appear to working to the best of their ability but I will discuss them more fully under the appropriate heading.

Census:

Attendances at census were good. Only one absentee was noted throughout the course of the patrol. He was duly apprehended and charged. The natural increase in population was 24% although a few villages showed a much higher percentage increase. At Wingaru the increase of births over deaths was in the ratio of 12 to 4.

The labour potential of the area at present stands at 450 adult males in the 16-45 age group and 189 in the 10-16 age group. 189 of these groups are absent at work i.e 43% of the total work force is absent. This figure is alarmingly high but the people seem to show no concern.

Taxation:

There was little or no difficulty in collecting tax from all villages visited. In cases where a native did not have the required amount a loan was obtained from one of his fellows.

A total of £563-.-. was collected in the Arawe area. At Arawe Plantation the total tax collected was £85-15-0.

Part tax exemptions were given in the villages of Anepmete, Molo and Renglemete. Villagers here paid 10/- per head. Iungpun village paid £1-0-0 tax while the inland villages of Talia and Belum were given total exemptions owing to their low economic status. In all the villages where exemptions were given it is intended that these villages continue to pay tax at the present amount until such time their economic status is raised to a level which allows the paying of the full rate.

Village Officials:

The task of Village Officials in the Arawe is a difficult one. Arawe natives are naturally headstrong and do not take readily to orders from someone whom they regard as having no more authority than themselves. In the main though the officials seem to be doing an adequate job.

The following village officials retired for the reasons shown.

<u>Village</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Molo	Warang/ADIBOM	Permanent Ill Health
Talia	Tengle/MEKLE	Died
Belum	Samokli/LUGU	Old age
Wako	Tagolel/PALEKET	"

No recommendations for new appointments have been submitted until the provisional appointees have passed a trial period.

Villages and Housing:

Housing in the Arawe area is generally good but instructions were issued in several instances for minor repairs to be undertaken.

All housing is of plank construction with sak-sak roofing. ~~Most~~

Villages and Housing (continued):

Most houses have a uniform appearance resulting from the fact that the villagers' skill in splitting planks has improved immeasurably. Although a number of the dwellings are old they are nevertheless of solid construction.

Previous patrols have endeavoured to encourage the planting of couch grass in the immediate areas of villages to combat the problem of soil erosion and improve cleanliness. The most notable improvement in this was seen at Sauren village where a good coverage of grass has improved the state of the village considerably. Planting this grass in the island villages would serve no purpose as the village area usually consists of hard trodden sand which provides no problem as regards cleanliness.

Water supplies in the area are poor. The majority of supplies are from springs located below the high tide level on the beach. Because of this water can only be obtained at low tide and has an unremovable salty taste. In the village of Maligmete there are two large water tanks which provides water for the people here. Kumbun also has a large water tank attached to the store there.

Hygiene in villages is of a fairly high standard. Each village usually having two latrines or in some cases more. These are constructed over the sea on the coast and are of pit construction inland, where no latrines existed orders were issued for their construction.

Rest Houses: On the whole rest houses are not impressive but suffice in most cases. The villages of Maklo, Kumbun, Ekrek and Meselia are to be commended for the excellent buildings they have erected.

Native Complaints and Courts:

There was only one case heard by MR. BESASPARIS during the course of the patrol - that of a native being absent from census at Molo. He was duly convicted and sentenced to two weeks imprisonment at Kandria.

Several minor disputes were settled without legal proceedings. A complaint by NORI of Kumbun against several members of the same village regarding the trespassing of pigs on his land was investigated by the writer and settled without legal action.

Plantations:

Only one plantation exists in the Arawe area and that is Amulut or as it is more commonly called - Arawe plantation. The plantation is owned by Messrs. Burns Philp (NG) Ltd. but is at present leased to the Anglican Mission at Kumbun.

Quite an extensive area is covered by the plantation. A number of islands also come under the area held by the plantation. They are the islands of Arawe, Osari, Ablougal, Wang, Angap, Silping, Kaulong and Magalong. A portion of the mainland is also held on which the plantation buildings are constructed. This area is known as Amulut.

From the above description one can realise the difficulty of managing such a plantation. However Mrs. Vandenberg is doing a most efficient job. Copra produced by the plantation is of high grade quality. An average of twenty tons per month is produced. Shipping of copra is usually done by the M.V. "Kurwina" at intervals varying from six to eight weeks.

Whilst at the plantation several of the employees complained that their ration of rice was being under-issued. Apparently the workers were under the impression that if issuing was supervised by the "KIAP" there would be no further underissuing. Mr. Besasparis remained at the plantation and supervised the issuing. All rations were found to be correct. The labourers then seemed quite happy and no further complaints were received.

...Arawe Airfield:

During the period in which the patrol remained at Meselia the old wartime airstrip at Arawe was inspected. The site of this strip is slightly east of Arawe plantation. It was found to be covered by native gardens for the most part but the bulk of these are only secondary crops such as kaukau, taro and bananas. Should the need arise to reopen this strip very little work would be required apart from reclearing the land planted in native foods.

Agriculture:

At the time of writing the average Arawe village has an adequate supply of food. The staple diet of the area is taro and kaukau. Villagers supplement these two foods with bananas, pineapples, tapioca and various other fruits. Throughout the area there is an abundant supply of fish and shell fish which also constitute an important part of the Arawe's diet.

Enquiries in all villages indicate that there is no shortage of food at this time. This is most encouraging as most previous patrols into the area have noticed alarming shortages of food during the dry north-west season. "An adequate supply of food throughout the year" seems to be the aim of most villages. It would appear that they have last realised the importance of planting crops that will come into production during the usual periods of want.

All of the island villages visited, namely Paligmete, Wingaru, Kumbun, Kauptimete and Maklo have excellent stands of coconut palms capable of producing good quality copra. I was amazed at the potential of these islands. The following are figures quoted from records entered by Mr. D. Goodger during the course of his economic survey of the Arawe Division.

<u>Village</u>	<u>No. of Coconuts</u>	
	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
Kumbun	4904	3485
Kauptimete	10842	7050
Maklo	2269	3437
Paligmete	6173	12777
Wingaru	13498	15810

The amount of copra produced by these villages in comparison to these figures is very low. When asked why they do not try to develop these stands of copra for their own gain those questioned seemed reluctant to answer. The suggestion that they were lazy was then made. This was not denied. They are quite content with the present rate of production. Every assistance to these people was given by Mr. N. Alcorn, Agricultural Officer, in the construction of two hot-air copra dryers. These were built and used for a short period. At the time of writing both dryers are in a state of complete disrepair, which would require many hours hard work to rectify.

In the more westerly villages there is quite an active industry in the collection and sale of black-lipped pearl shell. A ready market for this shell is obtained through private traders.

Livestock were present in their usual numbers and form. Pigs are the only form of livestock in the greater number of villages visited. The average pig shows no signs of breeding with recognised strains but definite signs of breeding with the Large White and Berkshire is evident in some pigs. Poultry is ~~present~~ only found in small numbers. In the main no recognised breeds exist although some of the teachers in the area have been able to produce a three-quarter White Leghorn by crossing poultry that they have been able to purchase in Rabaul with the hens already in the villages. If this practice continues the overall standard of the poultry in the area should improve.

Of all the gardens seen perhaps those of the inland village Talia were the most impressive. Taro is the staple crop here. Extensive areas have been planted. This area is divided into plots with plants at various stages of maturity. When inspected the crop appeared to be exceptionally healthy promising good results when ready to be harvested.

Missions:

There are two active missions in the area. They are the Catholic Mission situated on Pililo Island and the Anglican Mission at Kumbun. At the present time the Catholic Mission is under the supervision of the Reverend Father R. Jurgens aided by two European Sisters, who conduct health and education services for the division.

Missions (continued):

The Anglican Mission is equally well staffed under the control of the Reverend John Cottier, Parish priest, assisted by Mr. W. Jamieson and his wife who is a trained teacher.

Faith among the native population tends to favour the Catholic Church but there is no great difference in numbers attending each church. The two faiths operate side by side with very little if any friction between them. Actually I came under the impression that great assistance was given by the Rev. Fr. Jurgens to the Rev. John Cottier and vice-versa thus cementing amiable relationships.

The Catholic Church operates churches, of sorts, being of native materials in all villages under its jurisdiction. These churches are supervised by a catechist who holds daily prayer services besides working as the village school teacher. Both missions operate schools but these will be discussed more fully under the next heading.

Education:

Two main schools operate in the area. They are ~~the~~ conducted by the Catholic Mission and Anglican Mission respectively. Both of these ~~schools~~ schools were inspected during the patrol's stay in the respective villages. Buildings are of European type construction for the most part although one native material classroom exists at Kumbun. This is only a temporary structure as the materials for the construction of a European type structure have arrived and it will be erected in the very near future.

Teaching in both schools is done mainly in simple English. Pidgin English is rarely used. Standards reached by both schools is equal to that obtained by the Government school at Kandrian. Standards taught are preparatory then standards 1, 2 and 3. Advanced students are sent the Church of England school at Dogura in the Milne Bay District in the case of the Anglican Mission and to Vunapope in New Britain by the Catholic Mission.

Village schools are operated by both missions in the greater number of villages. These schools are supervised by a catechist who does the actual teaching. Religious and scholastic teachings are combined but the standard reached is not very high mainly because of the fact that the teachers themselves have not attained high standards of educational qualifications.

Health:

There are two Government aid-posts in the Arawe area. The Catholic Mission also operates a well equipped hospital at Pililo under the guidance of a trained nurse in the form of a Catholic Sister.

The two aid posts are situated at the villages of Iungpun and Meselia. These two aidposts serve the western and eastern sectors of the Arawe respectively. Both of these posts were inspected and found to be in excellent condition as regards supplies and buildings. Each aid-post has one building for the treatment of injuries together with a male and a female ward. Instructions have been issued to all villages that all pregnant females are to be transported to the hospital at Pililo for confinement. These instructions have been carried out for the most part thus decreasing the rate of infant mortality in the division considerably. During the time that mothers of new born babies remain at the hospital they are instructed in the best methods in which to feed their children in their early years. These teachings have shown good results as most of the babies sighted by the writer appeared to be in the best of health.

No cases of yaws were sighted but the occasional tropical ulcer was seen in a few villages. Skin diseases are by far the most prevalent. "Grille" is present in at least one or more cases in all villages. However the carriers seem to have no discomfort in fact the villagers of ~~of~~ Talia and Belun, when asked by the writer, replied that "it kept them warm". Whether this is possible I am unable to say.

Generally speaking the health of the natives of the Arawe is good. Regular patrolling is carried out by the two aidpost orderlies. This results in the minimum of serious cases being reported. In the event of a serious case arising the victim can be immediately transported to either the hospital at Pililo or Kandrian. Cases west of Pililo are usually treated there as the time involved in making the journey from here to Kandrian is too great if the case is a serious one.

Anthropology:

During the course of the patrol no notable rituals or dances were observed. However enquiries in to the social and language groupings were made by the writer.

The principal language of the area is Solon, a harsh guttural sounding language. Throughout the area there are variations. In the more westerly villages of Sauren, Lungpun and Molo the variation is quite noticeable. Anepmete, the most westerly village the language spoken is a combination of two - that spoken by the peoples west of the Itni River and the local Solon tongue.

There are a number of unusual customs associated with this area. One of these is the practice of binding the heads of new born babies. This results in the head having an elongated appearance which from all accounts has no detrimental effects on the person involved. Once the head has been bound the growing of the child does not alter it in any way. The high fore-head remains indefinitely. Although there is no actual law forbidding this custom strong pleas have been made by former patrols to try and discontinue the practice. Evidently these pleas have not gone unheard because at the present time there is no evidence at all that the custom is still practiced.

Large numbers of nets were noticed in several of the villages visited. Large numbers of edible fish live in the Arawe waters and it is for the purpose of catching these fish that the nets are woven. On the mainland nets are made for the capturing of wild pig.

All major decisions are made by the men of a village. The task of carrying out these decisions usually falls upon the women although the men reserve the strict right that only they shall hunt game, build canoes and design housing.

I am unable to describe any of the dances mentioned in earlier reports on the area owing to the fact that at the time the patrol was in the Arawe the religious period of Lent was being observed. While Lent was being observed both Missions had strictly forbidden any celebrations of any form.

No specimens were collected during the course of the patrol.

Roads and Bridges:

West of the Arawe Islands there are no roads of any form save the occasional native pad which penetrates inland. This area is covered by almost impenetrable mangrove swamps on the coast making the construction of a coastal road impossible. If a road were to be built it would have very little use as all natives travel between villages by canoe. There is only one "road" in the western area and that is between the villages of Talia and Belum. Instructions were issued to both of these villages to maintain the road to bicycle traffic standard.

From Arawe Plantation eastward an excellent road extends to the Sub-District headquarters at Kandrian. This road is maintained by the coastal villages of the area. These villages are to be commended for the condition in which they keep the road on the whole although some sections require regular cutting. Instructions were issued relating to this matter. It is possible to travel from Kandrian to Arawe Plantation by bicycle if allowances are made for a number of steep inclines which have to be climbed.

Vulcanological:

The following tremors were recorded in the following places at the times and dates shown.

1st April 1963.....Wako.....Strength 3 at 1221

2nd April 1963.....Lalang...Strength 2 at 1459

Several small shocks were noticed prior to the main shock. It was noted that each of these tremors was preceded by a loud rumbling noise which to my knowledge does not normally occur in the area.

A. F. Glover

Cadet Patrol Officer

Sub-District Office,
K A N D R I A N,
New Britain.

District Officer,
West New Britain,
R A B A U L.

DIARY ARAWA PATROL

No. 12 of 1962-63

Tuesday 12th March : Departed Kandrian 0715 on Chin Ghues & Co's pinnace M.V. "Aliwa" accompanied by Mr. Besasparis who lead the patrol. Stopped to offload passengers at the villages of Sara, Demgalu and Paligmete thence direct to Anepmete. Slept Anepmete.

Wednesday 13th March: Day spent at Anepmete revising census, collecting tax and compiling nominal roll. Housing inspected and instructions issued accordingly. Slept Anepmete.

Thursday 14th March: Departed Anepmete at 0800 for Molo via canoe. Arrived at 1100. Afternoon spent in tax collection, census revision and compiling nominal roll of electors for the Legislative Council elections. Slept Molo.

Friday 15th March: Departed Molo at 0800 for Iungpun. Arrived 1110, tax collected, census revised and nominal roll compiled. Aidpost inspected and found to be in good order. Instructions issued to the villagers to commence gardens for the patients of the Aidpost there. Slept Iungpun.

Saturday 16th March: Left Iungpun for Sauren at 0745. Seas calm and good trip experienced. Arrived at 1115. Tax collected, census revised and nominal roll compiled Slept Sauren.

Sunday 17th March: Day observed at Sauren.

Monday 18th March: Canoes organized then set out for the trip to Talia. Arrived at 1200 after a 4 hour trip. Census, tax and nominal roll. Night at Talia.

Tuesday 19th March: One and a quarter hours walk to Belum. Nominal roll compiled, tax collected and census revised. Night at Belum.

Wednesday 20th March: Heavy rain during night and track water-logged. Arrived Talia on return journey at 0815 thence to Sauren and Renglemete arriving at 1600. Village lined - tax, census and nominal roll. Slept Renglemete.

Thursday 21st March: By canoe to Ekrek arriving at 1100. Village lined and census carried out together with tax collection and compilation of nominal roll. Investigation into child marriage following complaint by the mission revealed that no marriage had occurred. Night at Ekrek.

D I A R Y (continued)

Friday 22nd March: By canoe to ~~Kumbun~~ Kumbun arriving at 0945 after a one and a half hour trip. Met by Mr. Jamieson of the Anglican Mission at Kumbun. Village then lined - tax, census and nominal roll. Mission school inspected in the afternoon with Mr. Besasparis. Night at Kumbun.

Saturday 23rd March: Departed Kumbun for Maklo at 0730. Travelled before a half gale to Kauptimete arriving at 0845. Tax collected, nominal roll compiled and census revised. Afternoon: census, tax and nominal roll at Maklo village. Slept Maklo.

Sunday 24th March: Day observed at Maklo village.

Monday 25th March: Three hour canoe trip to Paligmete village in calm weather. Arrived at 1030. Afternoon spent in talking with villagers regarding the "Kivung Bilong Koriam" Night at Paligmete.

Tuesday 26th March: Day at Paligmete conducting census, tax collection and compiling nominal roll. During the afternoon Mr. Besasparis conducted a meeting of natives from all villages in the area to enquire into the extent of the cultist movement revolving around the District Advisory Council member Koriam. No decisions were reached by Mr. Besasparis as all members of the meeting refrained from committing themselves. Night at Paligmete.

Wednesday 27th March: At Paligmete: village of Wingaru lined. Tax, census and nominal roll. Night at Paligmete.

Thursday 28th March: To Arawe Plantation for the collection of tax. While at the plantation a complaint was received that the ration of rice was being short issued. This was investigated to please the labourers. Naturally the rations were issued to correct specifications when Mr. Besasparis supervised issues. Night at Paligmete vilage.

Friday 29th March: From Paligmete to the village of Demgalu. Census revised, tax collected and nominal roll compiled. Slept Demgalu.

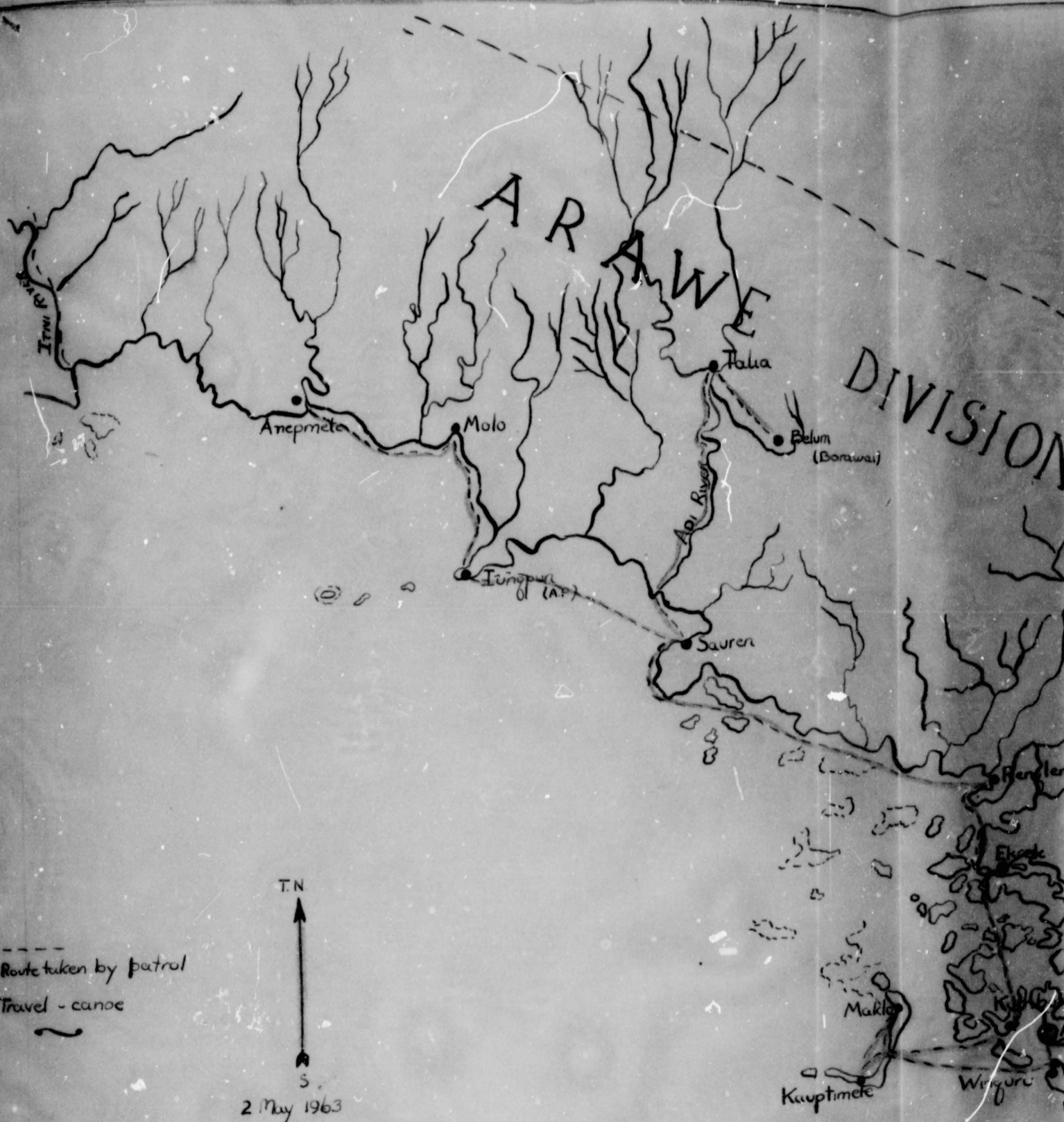
Saturday 30th March: Canoeed to Meselia from Demgalu in morning. Afternoon spent in tax collection, compilation of nominal roll and revision of census at villages of Meselia and Lupon. Night at Meselia.

Sunday 31st March: Day observed at Meselia.

Monday 1st April: To Wako for census, tax and nominal roll. Night at Wako. End of Arawe Patrol.

END OF ARAWE PATROL

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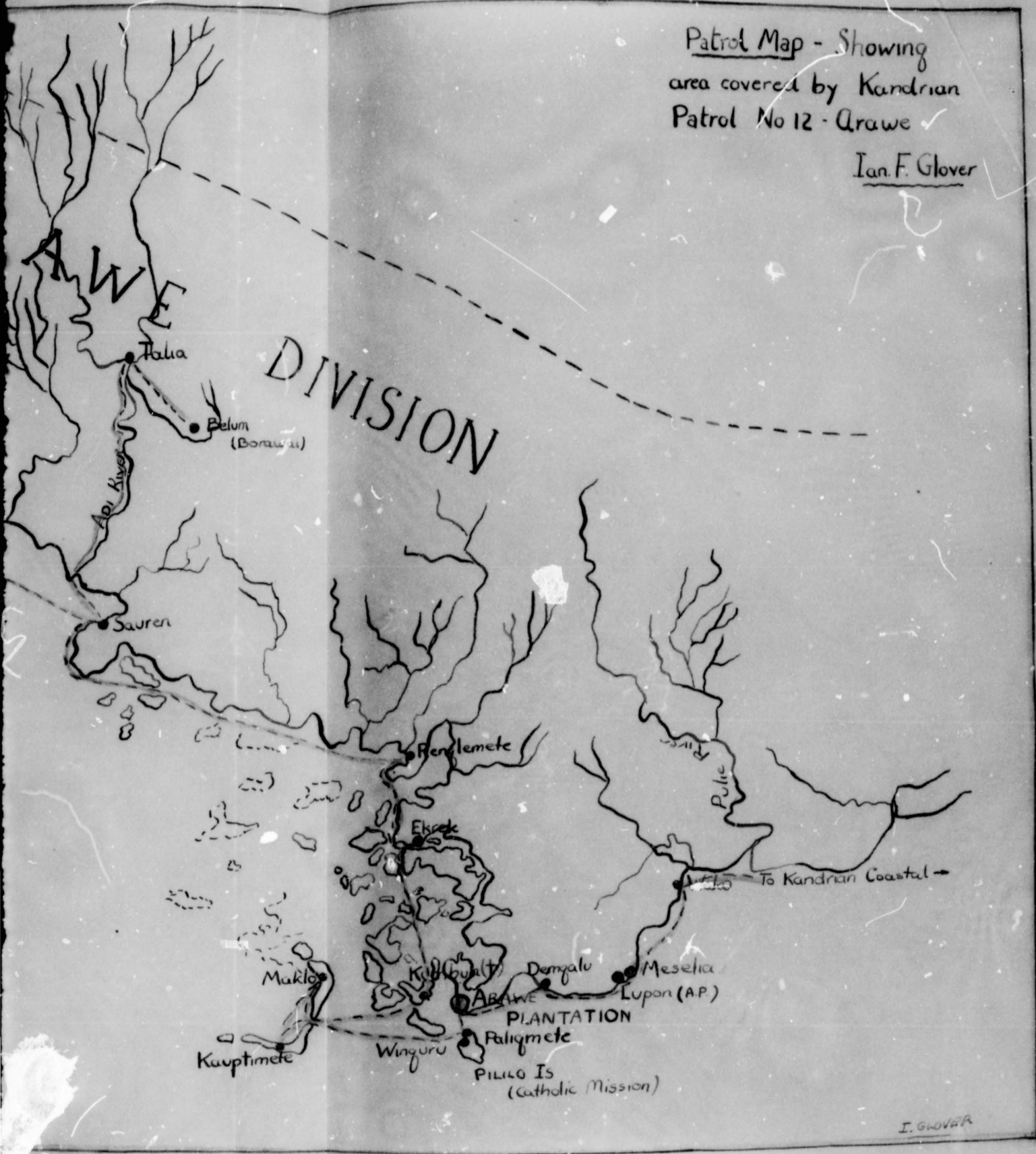


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Patrol Map - Showing
area covered by Kandrian
Patrol No 12 - Arawe

Ian F. Glover





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of New Britain Report No. Kandrian Patrol No.13-62/63

Patrol Conducted by B.A.Besasparis, P.O.Gr.2

Area Patrolled Kandrian Coastal Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans I.F.Glover Cadet Patrol Officer

Natives 3 Police Constables

Duration—From 2/4/1963 to 29/4/1963

Number of Days 26 days (broken)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/9/1962

Medical 14/8/1861

Map Reference Kandrian Coastal 1" - 4 mile series

Objects of Patrol 1.Census revision 2.Compilation of nominal roll 3.Tax collection 4.Investigate cultist movement 5.Routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
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Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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District Office,
Rabaul.

20th May, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
KANDRIAN.

REPORT OF KANDRIAN PATROL No.13/62-63

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report together with Maps and Claim for Camping Allowance, is acknowledged.

Mr. Glover's report indicates that he has taken a keen interest in the activities of the patrol. I agree however that he should aim for more conciseness when submitting future reports.

Claim for Camping Allowance has been forwarded to the Sub Treasury, Rabaul, for payment.



(E. G. Hicks)
District Officer
West New Britain

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Minute to:
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

A copy of the relevant Patrol Report and Map is forwarded herewith.

Correspondence arising from this patrol led by Mr. B. A. Besasparis, Patrol Officer Gr.II, has already been forwarded to your Headquarters under Memorandum of Patrol Kandrian No.13-1962/63 sent yours on 15/5/63.

E. G. Hicks
(E. G. Hicks)

District Officer, West New Britain

20th May, 1963.

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Sub-District Office,
KANDRIAN,
New Britain.

12th May 1963

District Officer,
West New Britain,
RABAU L.

KANDRIAN PATROL No. 13 1962-63

Officer Conducting : B.A. Besasparis, Patrol Officer Gr. 2
Area Patrolled : Kandrian Census Division
Duration : 2-4-63 to 10-4-63 and 16-4-63 to
29-4-63 (26 days broken)
Personnel Accompanying : 1. F. Glover Cadet Patrol Officer
No. 3853 Senior Constable Musiap
No. 6248 Constable Ombi
No. 10238 Constable Kaikru
Objects of the Patrol : 1. Census revision
2. Compilation of Nominal roll
3. Tax Collection
4. Investigation into cultist movement
5. Routine administration
map : Attached.

Introduction:

The Kandrian Coastal Division extends from the Pulie River in the West and to the Johanna River in the East, a distance of approximately seventy five miles. Twelve coastal and ten island villages comprise the division.

This area has been patrolled by Native Affairs officers for many years now and natives of the area have little distance to travel to the Sub-District Office at Kandrian. Consequently the patrol was extremely well received in all villages. During the course of the patrol an investigation into the extent of the cultist movement called "Kivung Bilong Koriam" was conducted by Mr. Besasparis who lead the patrol. A separate report ~~has~~ has been forwarded regarding the investigation.

Weather conditions throughout the patrol were good allowing ample time to be spent in each village.

Native Affairs:

All villages both east and west of Kandrian, with the exception of Akaku, were found to be in first-class condition. This is quite an improvement, as officers who have conducted earlier patrols to these villages have found that the easterly villages have usually been in much better condition than the westerly ones. I consider that all westerly villages are now on a par with their easterly counterparts. The best example of improvement was observed at Wasum. These people have planted rows of ornamental shrubs within their village thus

Native Affairs (continued):

improving the appearance of the area considerably. They have also constructed a large number of new houses.

There are two villages in the eastern sector which serve as meeting places for the natives of the particular area. Akuku, which is situated at the head of the Johanna river some five hours from the coast can hardly be described as a village. It consists of a number of low huts, practically unfit for human habitation. Prior to the patrols visit to the village warning was sent ahead to the village. However on the patrols arrival only four people were to be found - an old man, a woman and two children. Word was sent into the bush to endeavour to gather the stragglers at the village for census. The patrol remained here one day after word was sent. Throughout the course of the day members of the village continued to wander in. When census was revised several absentees were recorded. A police constable was left at the village to apprehend the absentees.

The second village is Pora'or. This village is in a slightly better condition than Akuku having four raised houses. No absentees were recorded but it is obvious that the majority of the people do not live here. Both Akuku and Pora'or lead semi-nomadic lives. When questioned as to why they did not stay in their village they answered that they had no gardens close to the village. The gardens that they do have are not sufficient to support the village and consequently the villagers forage for food in the surrounding bush. According to comments in the village book this seems to be a perennial excuse. Discussions were held with the luluais of Kaveng and Ai-uet together with the leading natives of Pora'or regarding the moving of Pora'or to a new site near the mouth of the Johanna river. Apparently this village owns an area of land there on which permanent water is available. The area held, is according to reports sufficient for the establishment of extensive gardens.

While the patrol was in Maleo a meeting of villagers from Kaveng, Maleo and Aiuet was held at which I was present. Discussion revolved around the changing of the Pora'or village site. All those present seemed enthusiastic about the move but no results can be forecast until the next patrol into the area as the persons involved may change their views within the next few months.

Previously the villagers of Maleo were seminomadic in habits but efforts by previous patrols into the area have brought good results. One notable factor which causes these people to wander is the lack of good soil and permanent water. However Maleo has now settled at a permanent site and with the Agricultural Officer's help has established quite good gardens. Pora'or and Akuku exist in the same state that Maleo did until recently. If these two villages can be developed and settled permanently the area would then be among the more settled areas of the Sub-District.

Village Officials:

Good work is being done by the majority of the officials in the area. They maintain a firm control of their respective villages. At Akuku the luluai has little control over the villagers, being of weak character however he was unable to retire and hand his "hat" to a more suitable appointee simply because there are none in the village.

In the village of Huavi, Wasmibo/Ai'ut who is unable to speak Pidgin retired in favour of a younger man, an ex-sergeant in the Pacific Islands Regiment.

Villages and Housing:

Housing in the area varies. In the island and coastal villages it is of a high standard. Inland though it is deplorable. In Akuku especially houses consist of a number of upright stakes thatched with a flimsy type of leaf. They are completely unsuitable for habitation being leaky, damp and cold. Instructions were issued here for the building of a complete set of new dwellings. The new houses are to be constructed in the same style as those of the coastal peoples. At the end of two months a Police constable will be sent to inspect the results of the instructions.

The village of Sara which has previously been ordered to maintain the roofing of all housing has only made a slight effort to carry out these orders. Offenders were charged and sent to Kandrian.

Cleanliness in most villages is maintained to a fairly high standard. No cases of the village being hurriedly cleaned before the arrival of the patrol were noticed. Amgoreng has recently been moved from the old site to a new site nearer Kandrian. The old village was most unimpressive but the new one is a credit to the people who have built it. Large gardens have been planted close to the village, while the village area itself has been planted with abundant shade trees and couch grass.

The water supplies in the area provide something of a problem. In the villages of the western division water is found on the beach. Consequently a taste of salt is everpresent. Inland there is very little good water. Amgoreng would undoubtedly have the best supply as it is built on the banks of a running stream. At Pora'or there is no water whatsoever. The water supply at present is a muddy sinkhole located in depressing circumstances a few hundred yards from the village. Some idea of the quality of the water was obtained when the writer's dog refused to drink it.

While at Maieo two of the best houses seen during the course of the patrol were observed. These houses have been constructed by the teachers who are stationed there. They are constructed of plaited cane with saksak roofing and are of a permanent nature. In appearance they are neat and tidy providing pleasant relief from the usual plank type house.

Taxation

No trouble was experienced by the patrol in the collection of taxation monies. In all villages visited natives had their tax ready for payment.

The total amount collected during the course of the patrol was £665.--. Thirty four pounds of this amount was collected at Aliwa Plantation where the workers paid the full rate of two pounds per person. Total tax exemptions were given in the villages of Huavi, Akuku, Maieo and Ngeleg. These villages will be exempted from paying tax until such time that cash crops are established. Nuala and Malum paid 10/- per person as previous practice has been to exempt these villages until they develop sufficient cash crops to enable them to pay the full tax rate.

Census:

Two positive new names were recorded by the patrol. The natural increase of births over deaths has remained fairly steady over recent years. At the present the rate of increase over the last year is $1\frac{1}{4}\%$. This is not particularly high, the average percentage increase of the Sub-District being in the vicinity of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. The highest rate of increase was evident at ~~Ma~~ Aiuet where the ratio of increase was 8 births to one death.

The number of workers absent inside or outside the district still remains at a high figure - $36\frac{1}{4}\%$. Despite the fact that nearly half the active labour potential is absent in some cases no noticeable detrimental effects are in evidence.

Complaints and Courts:

Several complaints were heard during the course of the patrol but these were settled without legal action. Only one case of failing to appear for census has been heard to date. The defendant was duly sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the gaol at Kandrian.

The most common charge made was that of failing to obey the order of a village official or patrolling officer. Two natives were convicted on this charge at Sara village. It is expected that other cases of being absent from census will arise from this patrol but up until now the offenders have not been apprehended.

Agriculture:

On the whole the villages of the area had plentiful supplies of food in their gardens. No idea of the amount of food available to the villages of Pora'or and Akuku could be obtained simply because these villages have no real gardens. West of Kandrian crops appear more developed and diversified than those of the easterly section. The peoples of the eastern section have previously relied upon taro as their staple food. However it is pleasing to note that these peoples are now diversifying their crops as instructed by the Agricultural Officer at Kandrian. Taro is still planted in large quantities but it is being supplemented with bananas, kaukau and tapioca.

At Maieo a coffee nursery has been established. Seedlings are now approximately six to eight inches in height. Cleared areas have been planted with shade trees and within the next few months the coffee seedlings should be planted out.

Coconuts are more plentiful in the eastern villages. Throughout these villages there has been an extensive planting of new palms. At Asepsep the numbers of palms planted has almost been doubled in recent years. The main cause of these plantings is the ready market for copra. Mr. J. Allan of Ablingi Plantation and Mr. J. Yun of Aliwa Plantation conduct regular trips into the area to buy copra. The Passismania Native Society also buys native copra but the majority of the produce is purchased by the two plantations. Despite the intensified planting over the past few years there are still not enough coconuts in the inland villages. The villagers of Akuku, Pora'or and Maieo were advised to report to the station to collect ten "drais" each for the purpose of planting. The planting of coconuts in these villages is most important. Without cash crops such as these the villagers are unable to pay tax.

Livestock in the villages is that normally found in villages of the Sub-District. Pigs, fowls and dogs are present in their usual numbers. There are no notable strains among these animals. Dogs are, for the most part unhealthy although a few of the island villages have dogs which show signs of regular feeding and care.

Roads and Bridges:

Road standards vary considerably in the area. West of Kandrian the road is of an excellent standard. After the completion of the inland road it is intended that this road be developed to take four-wheeled drive vehicles. Roads heading east are for the main only fair. In dry weather good walking times are possible but during wet weather they are transformed into veritable rivers of mud. In all villages visited on the mainland instructions were issued in the respective villages that the road be maintained to bicycle traffic standard. While the patrol remained in the village sections of road were cleared to give the villagers an idea of what is required of them when clearing the road. If the instructions are carried out to the specifications laid down it will be possible to travel from Kandrian to Magurien and all coastal villages in the Kandrian Coastal Division east of there.

Rest Houses:

Rest houses in the area are not impressive but in the main are adequate. The island villages would have better rest houses than the inland peoples.

Forestry:

During the trip from the village of Aiuet to Akuku by way of the Johanna river several large stands of Kamerere were noticed on the river flats. The trees vary in size from two to four feet in diameter. It may be possible to develop this area commercially owing to the rapid flow of water that exists in the river. Timber could be cut and transported to the sea by way of the river. Reports of even larger stands further upriver were confirmed by a police constable who entered the area to investigate these reports.

Plantations:

Aliwa plantation owned by Chin Chua and Company is the only one in the area. It is situated approximately two miles east of Kandrian at the far end of Moewe Haven. Confined to the mainland the Plantation encloses an area of some one hundred acres. Copra production is in the vicinity of seven tons per month. Trading is also conducted outside the plantation both east and west of Kandrian by Mr. J. Yun owner/manager of the plantation.

Health:

The health of the area can only be described as excellent. There are two aidposts in the area and a general hospital at Kandrian. At Wasum in the west the aidpost is maintained, by the orderly there, in the best condition possible. The buildings are neat and tidy, supplies are quite adequate and patrolling is regular. Medical patrols into the area west of Kandrian are undertaken at regular intervals. However just the opposite applies east of Kandrian. The last visit to the area by a European Medical Assistant was made by Mr. W. Race in January 1962. This was not a patrol but a routine visit to the aid post at Malenglo. According to the village books in the area no medical patrols have been in the vicinity since the end of the last war. The only Medical patrols that have been through the inland villages are Malaria Control and T.B. surveys.

Most villages are situated within reasonable distance from the aidpost. However while the patrol was at Malenglo no aidpost orderly was in attendance, apparently he had gone to Kandrian. Mr. D. Bahr, officer-in-charge of the school here assured me that the orderly spends more time at Kandrian than he does at his aidpost.

The women of the area come either to the hospital at Kandrian or one of the two aidposts for the births of their children. Serious cases that report to the aidposts are sent to Kandrian to undergo more specialized treatment. Typical cases found at the aidposts were in the form of cuts and sores, mainly tropical ulcers.

Missions:

Two missions are active in the area both with their headquarters close to the Sub-District headquarters at Kandrian. The Catholic Mission has its headquarters at Turuk and the Anglican Mission is situated at Apugi Island. The territory in which each mission operates is one that has been agreed on by previous missionaries. Each mission keeps strictly to its own allotted area. That way no friction ever occurs between faiths. Up until recently this system has operated well. However at Amgoreng in the heart of the Catholic area the villagers have expelled the Catholic catechist from the village. During the Reverend Father J. Cottier's visit to Amgoreng the villagers expressed the desire that the Anglican Church conduct all religious teachings in the village. This poses something of a problem. The Reverend Smith of Apugi has approached Father Hofmann but as yet no decision has been reached.

Education:

Three bodies operate schools in the area. They are the Administration, the Catholic Mission and the Anglican Mission. The Administration has two schools - one at Kandrian and one at Malenglo. Both of these schools are classified as Primary "T" Schools and both are under the supervision of a European Officer. Standards taught at the two Government schools range from preparatory to Standard 4. Advanced pupils are sent to Technical school in Rabaul to undertake further studies.

The Catholic Mission operates schools at Magien, Aulo, Turuk and Sara. These schools can be classified as the main schools operated by this mission ~~throughout~~. All of these schools are conducted in European type construction buildings. Students are boarded at the schools. The standards taught vary from preparatory to Standard 3.

The Anglican Mission operates its main school at Apugi. Supervised by Mr. L. Lucas, a lay brother, there is one trained teacher and three untrained assistants. Classes are constructed in simple English and as a result the majority of the pupils are able to speak simple English.

The Catholic Mission also operates schools in all of the villages that come under its jurisdiction. These schools are conducted by native teachers and are visited periodically by a Roman Catholic Father. The best example of this type of school was observed at Maieo. Here the school is conducted by three Tolai teachers. They are to be commended for their efforts in this village as they have a difficult owing to the seminomadic habits of these people. While the adults wander so too do the children. Consequently attendances fall off accordingly. However this does not deter them in their efforts as they have planted substantial gardens to provide food for their pupils and carry on with their work despite low attendances.

For some time now the people of Huavi have requested the Catholic Mission to open a school there. Although there is no school in the true sense of the word, the Reverend Father Brand has given the school teacher, actually the catechist, a supply of materials for teaching. There is no necessity to open a school here as Huavi is within easy walking distance from the established school at Maieo.

Co-operatives:

Only one co-operative operates in the area and that is the Passismanua Native Society with its headquarters at Kandrian. Two co-operative assistants are in charge of the society. Their activities are not only confined to the Passismanua Society. They are also responsible for societies at Arawe, Gasmata and Pomio. The society has not operated successfully over the past few years. In 1958 the sales of stores and copra fell alarmingly. This was caused chiefly by the lack of interest that members showed in the organization. During the present year the sale of the society pinnace was affected. After the sale considerable improvement was evident from the figures submitted by the officer-in-charge in his sales report. In this report Mr. Boas says "It is anticipated that the next financial year will show better results". This is certainly to be hoped for as still further improvement in sales is needed to overcome the effects of the 1958 slump.

Anthropology:

Generally speaking the people of this area are bush peoples who have ~~not~~ migrated to the coast in ~~recent~~ earlier years. These peoples continue to remain in close contact with their bush friends.

There are no really clearly defined social groups. The language groups provide the only clearly defined division of groups. Six groups comprise the area. They are Rauto, Gimi, Kaulong, Ambul, Asengseng and Pilan. Pilan is by far the smallest language group being spoken in only one village. Marriage between language groups is not common although isolated cases do occur.

The chief currency of the area is pigs. Gold lip shell also serves an important part in the business transactions of these peoples. However the shell is hard to obtain so pigs are used chiefly.

Social grouping is patrilineal, that is to say possessions are inherited by the nearest relation in the event of death. For example if a male dies his eldest son inherits the possessions of his father. If the deceased has no children then his widow inherits. If the widow marries again and has children by her new husband her oldest son then inherits the possessions of her previous husband.

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District Officer,
West New Britain.
R A B A U L.

DIARY KANDRIAN COASTAL PATROL

No. 13 -62/63

April

- Tuesday 2nd April : Departed Wako for Lalang, first village in the Kandrian Coastal Division. Arrived at 0900. Village lined - tax collected, nominal roll compiled and census revised. Slept Lalang.
- Wednesday 3rd April: Left Lalang for Sara 0715. Arrived at 0845 after good trip in calm seas. Tax collected, census revised and nominal roll compiled. Night at Sara.
- Thursday 4th April: Departed Sara for Sapulo 0815. Arrived Sapulo at 0900. Lined village and collected tax, revised census together with compilation of the nominal roll. Night spent at Wasum after compiling census figures for this village.
- Friday 5th April: At Wasum. Village lined - tax, census and nominal roll. Housing inspected and found to be in good order. Night at Wasum.
- Saturday 6th April: Departed Wasum for Okur at 0800 by canoe. Arrived at 1015. Village lined and census revised. Tax collected and nominal roll compiled. Night at Okur.
- Sunday 7th April: Day observed at Okur.
- Monday 8th April : Left Okur for Bupun and Amgoreng at 0745. Arrived Bupun after 45 minutes trip in calm seas. Lined village - tax, census and nominal roll. From Bupun to Amgoreng for census, tax collection and nominal roll. Slept at Amgoreng. While at Amgoreng met Mr. B. McLean of the Malaria Control Field team.
- Tuesday 9th April: From Amgoreng to Meung. Difficulty in landing at Meung owing to strong current in the mouth of the Alimbit River. Tax collected, nominal roll compiled and census revised. Night at Meung.
- Wednesday 10th April: Departed Meung for Nakalung and Iumelio at 0730. Arrived Nakalung at 0915. Census revised, tax collected and nominal roll compiled. From Nakalung to Iumelio for census revision, tax collection and compilation of nominal roll. Completed census at Iumelio then one hour walk to Kandrian.
- Thursday 11th April: At Kandrian
- Friday 12th to Monday 15th: Easter period observed at Kandrian.
- Tuesday 16th April: Departed Kandrian with Mr. B. McLean for Aiuet per Chin Cheu & Co's pinnace M.V. "Aliwa". Arrived at 1300 after four hour trip in calm seas.

Wednesday 17th April:

Departed Aiuet for Akuku at 0830. Travelled by canoe up the Johanna River for five hours. Several small rapids negotiated during course of journey, arrived Akuku at 1330. No villagers present save an old man, a woman and two children. Night at Akuku.

Thursday 18th April:

Day spent at Akuku awaiting arrival of villagers for census. Night at Akuku.

Friday 19th April:

Akuku lined at 0800. Several absentees recorded. Police constable left to apprehend absentees while remainder of patrol departed for Aiuet. Arrived Aiuet at 1500 and spent the night there. Village lined in morning.

Saturday 20th April:

From Aiuet to Malenglo. Met by Mr. D. Bahr, who is in charge of the Government school there. Village lined - tax collection, census and compilation of nominal roll. Night at Aiuet.

Sunday 21st April:

Day observed at Malenglo.

Monday 22nd April:

Left Malenglo to travel to Kaveng at 0800. Half an hour trip to Kaveng. Census revised, tax collected and nominal roll compiled. Night at Kaveng.

Tuesday 23rd April:

Twenty minutes by canoe to the beach at Maieo. Thence 45 minutes to village itself. From Maieo to Pora'or for line. Village lined - tax collected census revised and nominal roll compiled. Returned Maieo at 1300. Lined Maieo. Slept Maieo.

Wednesday 24th April:

At Maieo inspecting coffee plots and coconut plantings. Heavy rain in afternoon. Slept Maieo.

Thursday 25th April:

Departed Maieo for Huavi at 0815. One and a half hour walk over varying terrain. Arrived Huavi at 0945. Anzac Day observed at 1100. Village lined - tax, census and nominal roll. Slept at Huavi.

Friday 26th April:

To Malum. Village in fairly good order. Census revised, tax collected and nominal roll compiled. Night at Malum.

Saturday 27th April:

Fifteen minute ~~xxxxx~~ to canoe landing place. One hour to Ambungi in heavy seas. Tax collected, nominal roll compiled and census revised. Housing inspected and in good condition. Slept Ambungi.

Sunday 28th April:

Day observed at Ambungi.

Monday 29th April:

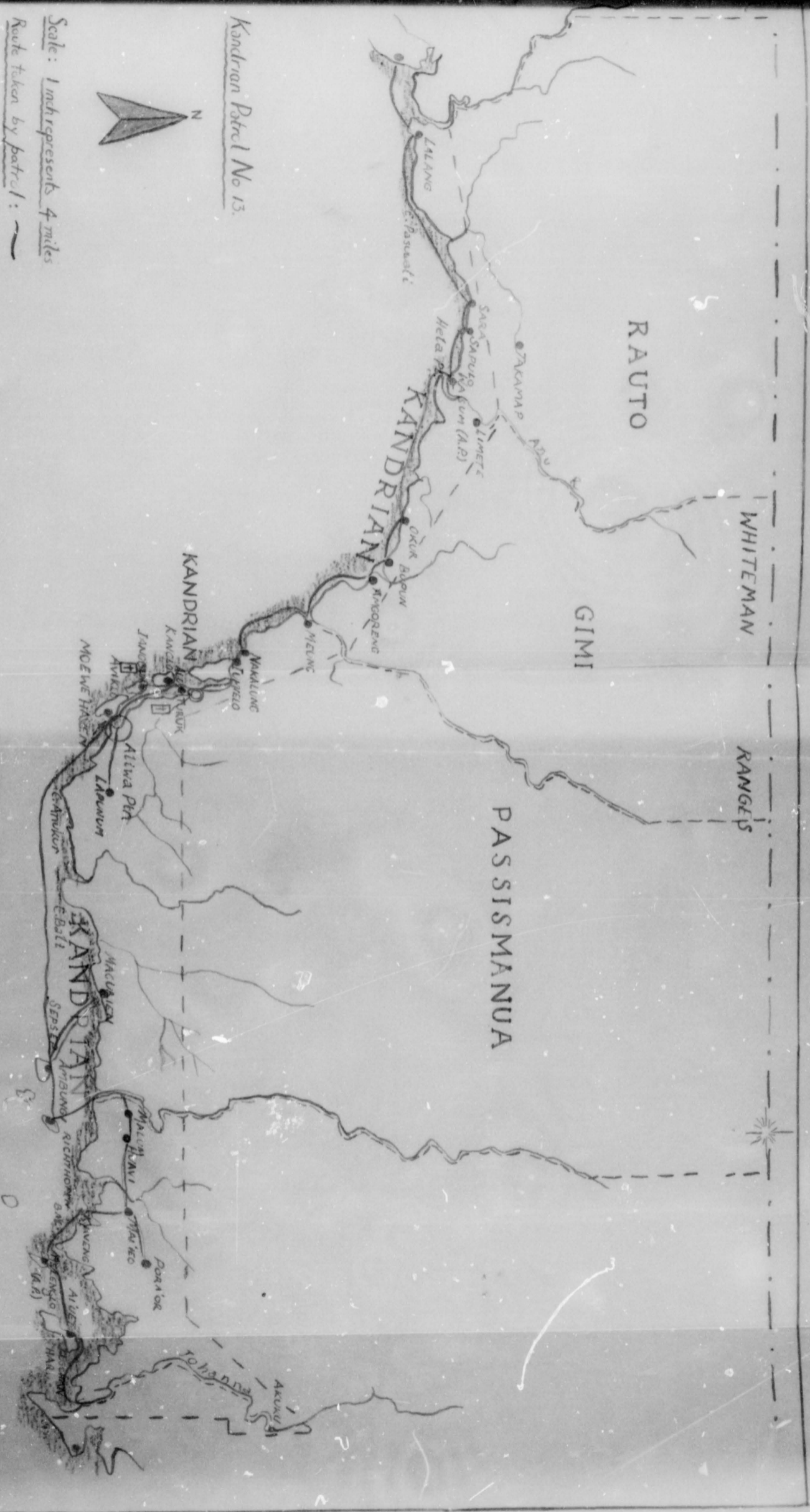
Canoeed from Ambungi to Asepsep. Census revised. No difficulties in collecting tax and compiling nominal roll. Afternoon - to Magurien for census, compilation of nominal roll and tax collection. Returned to Asepsep at 1600. Met by Father Brand at Asepsep.

Tuesday 30th April:

Departed Asepsep per Father Brand's pinnace for Kandrian at 0900. Arrived Kandrian at 1230. End of patrol.

J. P. Oliver

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June 18th, 1963.

The District Officer,
West New Britain District,
RABAUL

KANDRIAN PATROL No. 14 of 62/63

Receipt of the report of the above patrol is
acknowledged.

I have no comments other than to remind you of the
laid down Policy concerning the use of regular Police to
supervise roadwork (Refer to 4th paragraph of report).


(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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District Office,
Rabaul.

7th June, 1963.

~~The Assistant District Officer,
Gaswata Sub District,
KANDRIAN.~~

KANDRIAN PATROL, No. 14-62/63
PASSISMANUA (ROAD)

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum 67-3-3 of 1st June, 1963, forwarding report of the above mentioned patrol conducted by Mr. D. Hooper, Cadet Patrol Officer.

It is disappointing that the recall and non-replacement of the Public Works Officer engaged in the AKISE Ford project has meant that completion of this task must now be deferred at least until the next dry season. Have you been advised concerning relief arrangements proposed by the Department of Public Works?

Mr. Hooper's claim for Camping Allowance has been certified and passed to the Sub-Treasury, Rabaul, for payment.

(E. G. Hicks)
District Officer
West New Britain

Minuted to:
Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded please. A copy of the relevant Patrol Report and comment thereon by the Assistant District Officer, Kandrian, is attached hereto.

(E. G. Hicks)
District Officer, West New Britain

7/6/63.

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Sub-District Office,
KANDRIAN.

1st June, 1963.

District Officer,
West New Britain,
R A B A U L.

KANDRIAN PATROL No. 14/62-63

PASSISMANUA (ROAD)

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of the report of the above brief patrol conducted by C.P.O. Mr. D. Hooper.

It is now apparent that the Akise ford will not be constructed before the onset of the wet season. The C.P.O. Officer appointed to supervise the work was recalled at the end of April and no replacement has been provided.

Unseasonable rain in January and February delayed the transport of materials to the site, but during the last two months the weather has been remarkably fine. The work gang will continue as at present as long as the weather and funds permit. However, I anticipate that weather will interrupt work before the end of this month, by which time our funds allocation will be nearly exhausted.

Mr. Hooper has again carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner.

Two copies of a map and a claim for camping allowance are also forwarded. Would you please pass the claim for camping allowance for payment.

A.D. Steven
(A.D. Steven)

Assistant District Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol No. 14 - 62/63

Officer Conducting: Mr. D.N. Hooper C.P.O.

Duration: 13/5/63 to 24/5/63

Number of Days: 11

Personell Accompanying: Personal Servant

Object of Patrol: Road Supervision

Previous Patrols: D.N.A. December
D.N.A. January

Hooper
(D.N. HOOPER)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Diary.

Monday 13th May.

Departed Kandrian 11.00 hrs for road supervision. Passed through the villages of Seilwa at 11.30 hrs, Aliwo at 12.00 hrs and arrived Pomugu at 12.30 hrs. Mr. B. Coghill Agricultural Officer accompanied the writer as far as Pomugu, then branched off into the Central Passismanua. Self continued on to the Akise River arriving 15.00 hrs. Inspected progress of road and made camp, after paying carrier line.

Tuesday 14th May.

Inspected proposed route in morning. General supervision and talk with native in charge in afternoon.

Wednesday 15th May.

Received note from Kandrian informing me of additional funds available for road development. Six new workers employed that afternoon

Thursday 16th May.

Supervision of line in morning. Marked several large trees to be felled and made slight change in the proposed road route.

Friday 17th May.

Supervision of road in morning. Constable Nawotu arrived at 1620 hrs with weekly pay for line. Workers paid and stock take of equipment taken.

Saturday 18th May.

Departed 0700 hrs for Kandrian arriving 10.00 hrs.

Monday 20th May.

Departed Kandrian per station tractor 10.30 hrs, after supervising the loading of a cement pipe needed in the future construction of the Akise River bridge. Arrived village of Pomugu at 12.00 hrs where unloaded pipe due to the roads wet condition and reports that two bridges between the Akise and Pomugu were weakened and might not support the tractor. Continued on foot and arrived at the Akise at 13.30 hrs. Road supervision in afternoon.

Tuesday 21st May.

Despatched ten workers to repair the two bridges. General supervision of line for remainder of day,

Wednesday 22nd May.

Returned to Pomugu where inspected the work done on the two bridges the previous day. Returned to the Akise in heavy rain which continued for the rest of the day.

Thursday 23rd May.

Settled dispute between three natives over loss of bush knife. Received news that tractor would be arriving on the morrow so assembled all road equipment in need of repair.

Friday 24th May.

Supervision of road in morning. Tractor arrived at 14.35 hrs with two cement pipes. Loaded all equipment and departed for Kandrian arriving 14.45 hrs.

End of Patrol.

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Dooper
(D.N. HOOPER)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol No. 14-62/63.

Since the last patrol by the writer in January of this year the road has advanced about a mile and a half and at the time of writing lies some two hundred yards beyond the Akise River.

As yet no bridge has been built due to heavy rain but eight cement pipes and a small amount of sand have been brought by tractor, and it is hoped that a representative of the Public Works Department will supervise the construction of this bridge shortly.

As thought previously the grading of many hills is too steep and unless these are cut back the road will be impossible in wet weather.

At the present time there are twenty natives working on the actual cutting and laying of the road, and six women clearing the smaller trees and scrub in advance of this group. Twenty more natives under the supervision of Constable Nawotu are felling all trees to about forty yards on either side of the road, and it is anticipated that this will lessen the effects of heavy rain.

On examination of the proposed route a small stream was found about a quarter of a mile past the Akise and this too will require bridging. A mile beyond the Akise the road will link up with quite a substantial bush track, but until that time progress will be slow due to difficult terrain and dense growth of trees.

During the writer's stay on the road it was found necessary to reconstruct two bridges. These had been weakened by heavy rain and it is doubtful whether they would have withstood the station tractor.

As noted earlier the workforce now stands at forty seven. This is an increase of six since the last patrol, and has been made possible by an increase in funds.

In general little supervision was needed. Pamonli, the native in charge knows his job well and is extracting the maximum effort from his workline.

A map of the Kandrian road development is appended to this report.

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D. N. Cooper
(D. N. COOPER)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

ROAD DEVELOPMENT

INLAND KANDRIAN.



Proposed road.
Completed road.

D. N. HOOPER, C.A.B.
27 MAY 63.