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MADANG DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

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<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3 - 1964/1965	J.R. Edwards	Part Hansa Bay & Part Porapora Census Div.
6 - 1964/1965	R.J. Wilson	Manam Island Census Div.
7 - 1964/1965	G.E. McGrath	Bogia Coastal Census Div.
8 - 1964/1965	G.E. McGrath	Ramu River sec. of Lower Ramu, Hansa Bay, Makarup & Andarum Census Div.
14 - 1964/1965	G.E. McGrath	Josephataal Census Div.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. BOGIA No. 3 of 1964

Patrol Conducted by J.R. EDWARDS, Jadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Hansa Bay and part Porapora Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3 members of R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 6./10./1964 to 15./10./1964

Number of Days nine

Did Medical Assistant Accompany no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6./6./1964

Medical 3./9./1964

Map Reference Milinch of Nubia Journal of Bogia

Objects of Patrol To determine the wishes of some Porapora villagers re their transfer into the Bogia Sub-District.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	£
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	£
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund	





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-7-1  
67-7-3

Telegrams DISADM  
Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-1  
If calling ask for GRK/jm  
Mr.



Department of District Administration.

Madang.

1st October, 1965.

27th September, 1965.

The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
Konedobu. T.P.N.G.

Bogia Patrol Reports Nos. 3 and 8 of 1964/65

Your memoranda 67-7-1 and 67-7-3 of 27/9/65 refer.

2. In view of the various staff changes both here and at Bogia since the patrols were completed it is considered that it would be extremely difficult, at this stage, to determine the reasons for the delays in the submission of these reports.

3. The Assistant District Commissioner, Bogia, will be requested to investigate the matter of the settlement of the Bereti Group on Damangip land and submit a report (para. 4 of your 67-7-3 refers).

4. The Assistant District Commissioner will be requested to continue to issue detailed patrol instructions to his junior officers.

OK. *[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten signature: D. Clifton Bassett]*  
(D. Clifton-Bassett)  
District Commissioner.





67-7-1

Patrol Conducted by: J.R. EDWARDS 27th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Mafang District,  
NARANG.

Part Bangs Bay and Potapora  
Census Divisions.

Patrol Area: BOGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1964-65.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a year old Patrol Report by Mr. Edwards not covered by a memorandum from you.

2. Could you please get the Assistant District Commissioner Bogia, to give me a detailed explanation of why this report was received at our Headquarters on 7th September 1965, while the patrol was mounted between 6th and 15th October 1964.

3. Mr. Edwards has established that the reports of five Angoran villages wishing to settle in the Bogia Sub-District have been proved false. Unkenang village however, seems to be made up of 2 hamlets and it appears one part would like to settle on the Bogia side.

4. I would have liked Mr. Edwards to have submitted a fuller report after being out in the field for nine days.

5. Would you please advise the Assistant District Commissioner Bogia to give his junior officers detailed instructions of how to observe things accurately in the field and make notes without delay every day under each of the 30 odd bearings shown in the Instructions handbook (pages 23 to 44).

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1964-65

Patrol Conducted by : J.R. EDWARDS , Cadet Patrol Officer

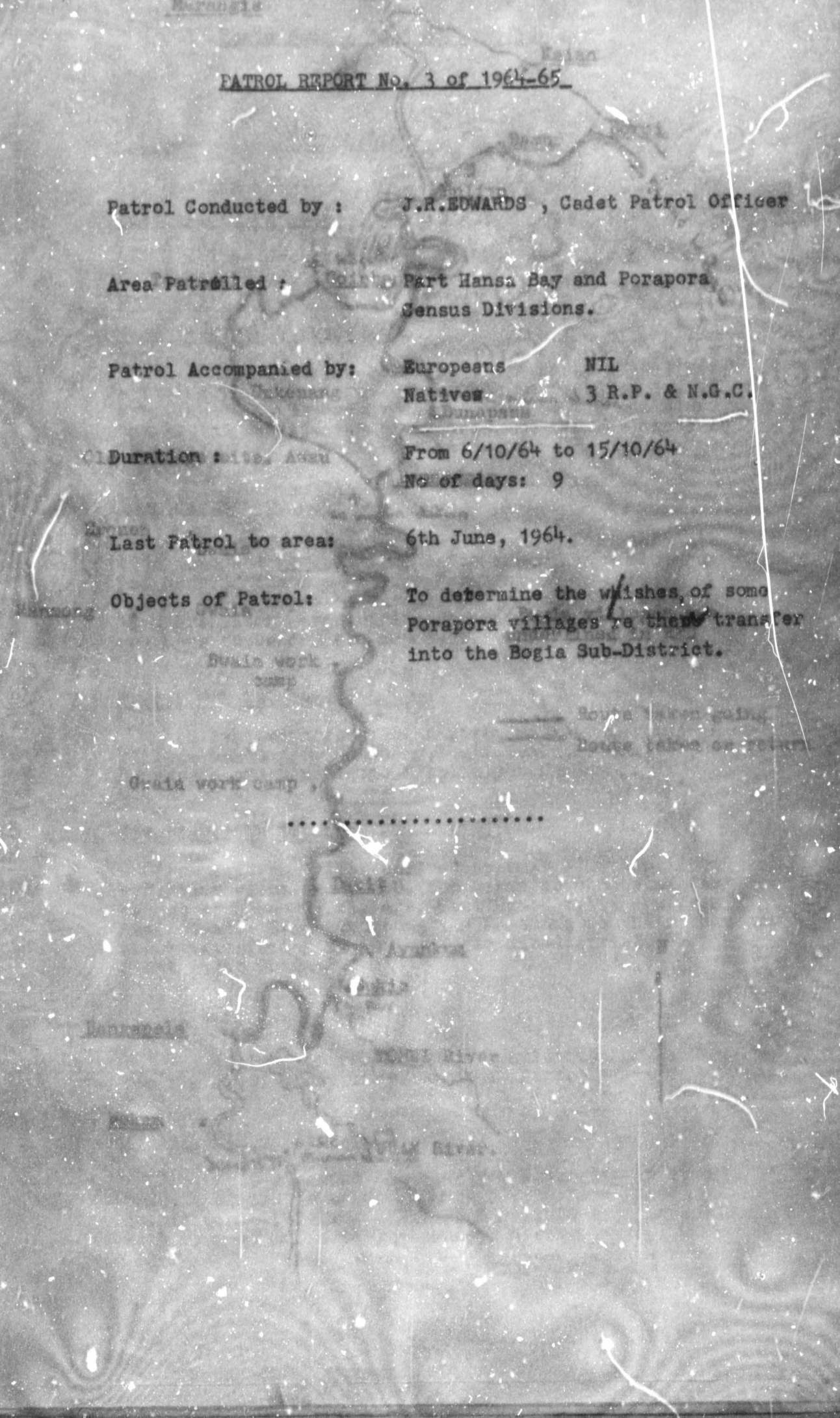
Area Patrolled : Part Hansa Bay and Porapora Sensus Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by: Europeans NIL  
Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration : From 6/10/64 to 15/10/64  
No of days: 9

Last Patrol to area: 6th June, 1964.

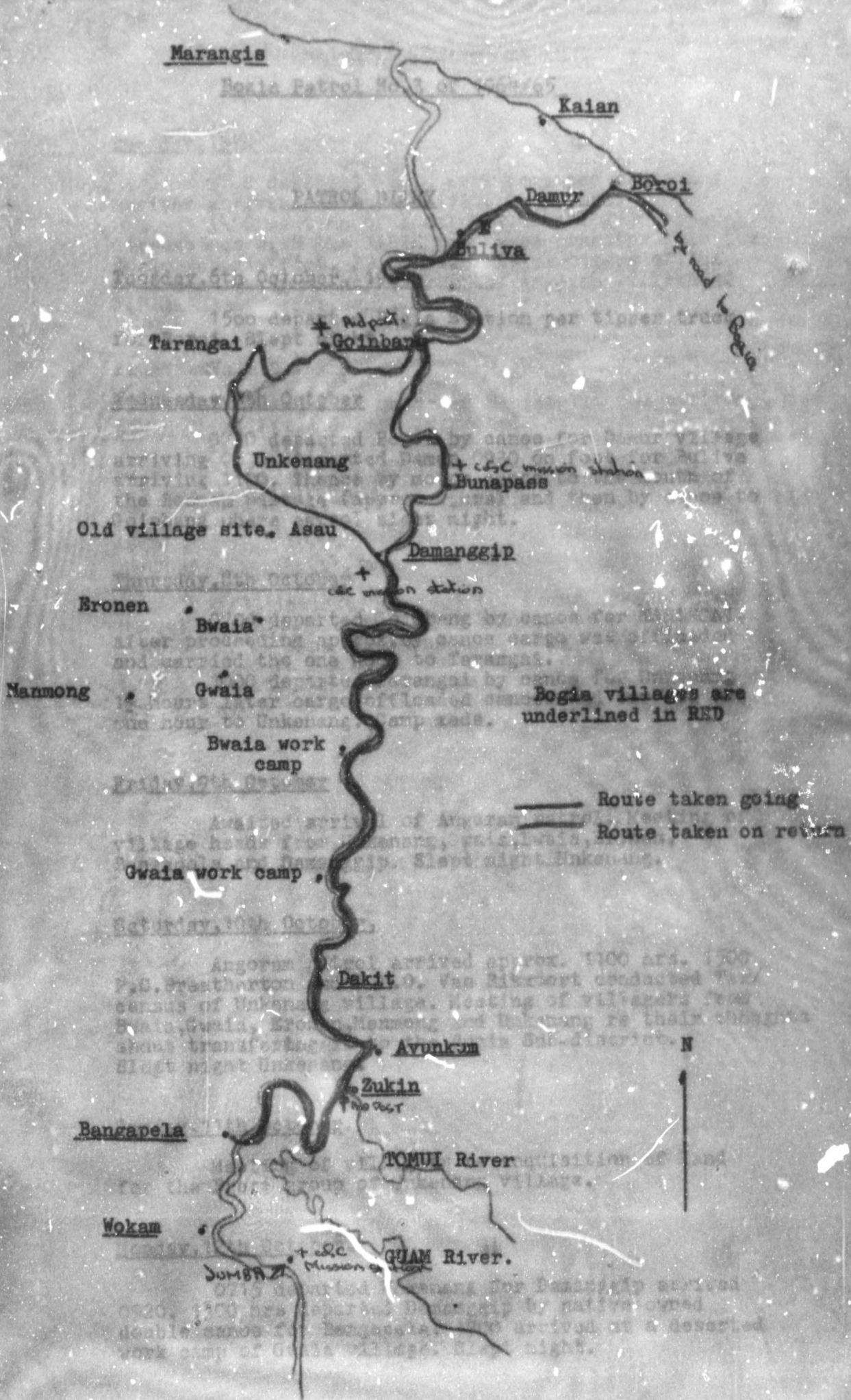
Objects of Patrol: To determine the wishes of some Porapora villages re their transfer into the Bogia Sub-District.





MAP TO ACCOMPANY BOGIA PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1964-65

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Bogia Patrol No. 3 of 1964-65

PATROL NO. 3

Tuesday, 5th October

1500 dep. + Adpt. + c/c mission station

Tuesday, 12th October

departed by canoe for Bwaia village

arriving at Bwaia + c/c mission station

departed by canoe for Puliva

arriving at Puliva + c/c mission station

departed by canoe for Unkenang

arriving at Unkenang

departed by canoe for Asau

arriving at Asau

departed by canoe for Bronen

arriving at Bronen

departed by canoe for Bwaia

arriving at Bwaia

departed by canoe for Gwaia

arriving at Gwaia

departed by canoe for Bwaia work camp

arriving at Bwaia work camp

departed by canoe for Gwaia work camp

arriving at Gwaia work camp

Saturday, 10th October

Angoran (P.S.) arrived approx. 1100 hrs. 1200

P.S. Granttherton conducted a

census of Unkenang village. Meeting of villagers from

Bwaia, Gwaia, Bronen, Nanmong and Unkenang re their complaints

about transfer of land to the State.

Slept night Unkenang.

Sunday, 11th October

departed by canoe for Dakit

arriving at Dakit

departed by canoe for Avnkan

arriving at Avnkan

departed by canoe for Zukin

arriving at Zukin

departed by canoe for Bangapela

arriving at Bangapela

departed by canoe for Wokan

arriving at Wokan

departed by canoe for Jumban

arriving at Jumban

departed by canoe for Marangis

arriving at Marangis



Bogia Patrol No. 3 of 1964/65

Bogia Patrol No. 3 of 1964/65

Tuesday, 11th October.

0700 departed Bogia work camp and proceeded  
driver arrived PATROL DIARY 120. Camp made.  
1600 meeting of local villagers. 2030 hrs.  
discussions with the JABIS people re transfer into the  
Bogia Sub-district. 2100 hrs. initial census of the  
Tuesday, 6th October, 1964. from the Angoram village of

1500 departed Bogia Station per tipper truck  
for Boroï. Slept night.

Wednesday, 7th October

0730 departed Boroï by canoe for Damur village  
arriving 0830. Departed Damur 0930 on foot for Buliva  
arriving 1100. Thence by motor canoe to the mouth of  
the Bosman passage (approx 2 hrs) and then by canoe to  
Goibang where patrol slept night.

Thursday, 8th October

0700 departed Goibang by canoe for TARANGAI,  
after proceeding approx. by canoe cargo was offloaded  
and carried the one hour to Tarangai. and patrol  
1000 departed Tarangai by canoe for Unkenang  
1 1/2 hours later cargo offloaded canoes and carried the  
one hour to Unkenang. Camp made.

Friday, 9th October

Awaited arrival of Angoram patrol. Meeting of  
village heads from Unkenang, Gwaia, Bwaia, Eronen,  
Bangapela and Damanggip. Slept night Unkenang.

Saturday, 10th October.

Angoram patrol arrived approx. 1100 hrs. 1500  
P.O. Breatherton and C.P.O. Van Rikxoort conducted Tax/  
census of Unkenang village. Meeting of villagers from  
Bwaia, Gwaia, Eronen, Manmong and Unkenang re their thoughts  
about transferring in to the Bogia Sub-district.  
Slept night Unkenang.

Sunday, 11th October

Meeting of villagers re acquisition of land  
for the Breti group of Unkenang village.

Monday, 12th October.

0715 departed Unkenang for Damanggip arrived  
0920. 1300 hrs departed Damanggip by native-owned  
double canoe for Bangapela. 1700 arrived at a deserted  
work camp of Gwaia village. Slept night.

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Bogia Patrol No. 3 of 1964/64

Tuesday, 13th October.

0700 departed Gwaia work camp and proceeded upriver arriving Bangapela 1120. Camp made.

1400 meeting of local villagers. 2030 hrs. discussions with the JABIS people re transfer into the Bogia Sub-district. 2200 hrs. Initial census of the breakaway group of Wokam from the Angoram village of JABIS. Slept night Bangapela.

Wednesday, 14th October.

0700 departed ~~upriver~~ Bangapela and arrived Zukin 0800. New Aid-Post inspected.

0930 arrived at the Bwaia roadhead on the Ramu river. Angoram patrol departed and Bogia patrol proceeded down river to Damangip, Bunapass and Buliva arriving 1630. Slept night Buliva.

Thursday, 15th October.

0700 departed on foot for Damar arrived 1000 hrs. Patrol stationary until 1200 because of heavy rain. 1215 departed Damar by canoe and arrived at Boroi 1305. Cargo loaded on native owned tractor and patrol proceeded to Awar Plantation where cargo transferred to Government truck. Patrol arrived Bogia station 1600.

END OF PATROL

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Bogia Patrol Report No. 3 of 1964-65Results of Investigations.

During the patrol all villages that John Bareng said wanted to transfer into the Bogia Sub-District and hence into the Yawar L.G. Council were contacted and their wishes determined.

UNKENANG

This village clearly stated that they did not want to transfer into the Bogia Sub-district. This village is split in two, the Luluai's line being predominately Catholic and the Tultul's line S.D.A. This latter group formerly belonged to the village of BRETU and migrated over to UNKENANG because of the lack of arable land on which to plant economic crops.

This Breti group were the ones who contacted a Bogia Patrol earlier this year re the purchasing of land on the Ramu River from the DAMANGGIP people.

After lengthy discussions however, these people have now decided to obtain land from the principal land owning group in Unkenang village by way of native custom. The main reason for this group approaching the Damangip people instead of their adopted group was the fact that the Church of Christ Mission at Bunapass were buying logs at approx. 15/- per 100 super feet and this was a far quicker and easier way of making money than the planting of economic crops. It is also a fact that the Damangip people have now told the UNKENANG's to vacate their clans land.

no intention of following the break-away group of WOKAM to the Ramu River.

GWAIA

These people also stated that they wanted to remain under the Angoram Administration. This village has built a large work camp on the banks of the Ramu river but, on inspection the camp was found to be deserted and the buildings falling down.

From Jabit village on the Karam River to the new village of Wokam.

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Bogia Patrol Report No. 3 of 1964-65BWALA

This group also expressed their wish to remain with the Angoram Administration.

A small area of land has been cleared on the banks of the Ramu River but this was for the express purpose of selling timber to the Church of Christ Mission.

MANMENG

This group has no intention of transferring to the Bogia Sub-district. The small camp that was seen approx. one hour up-river by motor canoe from the Gwala camp is only used as a road head on the busy Ramu River.

ERONON

Only a small group from this village were seen and they made no mention of shifting into the Bogia Sub-district. Their present village is situated approx. 5 1/2 hours walk from the Ramu River.

JABIS

All the males of this village were met at Bangapela village. They strongly denied they had ever approached a Patrol Officer from Bogia about shifting from the Keram River to the Ramu River. (Refer Mr. Johnston's report 1-1-2 of 16/6/64, page 3 point (11).) They further stated that as they were now planting economic crops on the Keram river and had no intention of following the break-away group of WOKAM to the Ramu River.

WOKAM

This group was lined at Bangapela, the village of Wokam is located approx. one hour up-stream by motor canoe from Bangapela and formerly belonged to the Angoram village of JABIS. It is approx. 8 hours walk from Jabis village on the Keram River to the new village of Wokam.

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Bogia Patrol Report No. 3 of 1964-65

WOKAM cont.

Noted in the Jabis village book by an Angoram Patrol Officer are the comments that those people who wished to move to the Ramu could do so and their names would be deleted from the Jabis register, and that the A.D.C. Bogia would be notified that these people were forming a new village in his area.

However, the latter was never carried out and this groups existence only became known to the A.D.C. Bogia when Mr. Johnston's patrol in June of this year met up with them at Bangapela. It is estimated that this group have been on the Ramu for over three years.

The village site of Wokam was not inspected but, noted in the Bangapela village book by the Medical Officer Bogia, was the fact that he thought this village was the cleanest, best sighted village on the Ramu River.

An initial census of these people was conducted and a total of 70 names were recorded.

These people also asked to be included in the Yawar L.G. Council as soon as possible. They further stated that they had no desire ~~to~~ to be included in the new Rao-Breri Council.

Conclusions

1. The reports of Angoram villages wanting to move over to the Bogia Sub-District have proved false. Although some villages are using the Ramu River as a trade route, no village, excluding the break-away ~~of~~ group of Wokam, wants to transfer into the Bogia Sub-district.

Recommendations

1. The breakaway group of Wokam should be recognised as a separate village, called WOKAM.
2. That the villages already transferred to the Bogia Sub-district ie. Asau now called Damanggip, Gorovu and Bingo now combined to form Bangapela, should not be allowed to transfer back to the Angoram Sub-district or, not for some considerable time.

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Bogia Patrol Report No. 3 of 1964-65

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AGENT FROM VILLAGE

AGRICULTURE

Since Mr. Johnston's patrol in June last, the A.O. Bogia has visited the Bogia villages of Wokam, Damanggip and Bangapela. This visit was not received at all well. The patrol was evidently rushed and no practical demonstrations were given.

A small coffee nursery was set up at Bangapela but after two months the seeds still have not germinated. If coffee is the proposed economic crop for this area coffee seeds should be made more readily available from the Agricultural Officer at Bogia. At present the position is that only very small spasmodic supplies of seeds are received from Madang who in turn only receive small irregular supplies from Rabaul.

It is recommended that another D.A.S.F. patrol should be carried out in this area including the villages of Wokam, Bangapela, Damanggip, Zukin, Dakit and Avunkua.

HEALTH.

A new Aid-Post was established at Zukin village by the Medical Officer in the first two weeks of September. This new aid post was inspected and the local villagers told to put the finishing touches to it. The villages of Wokam, Bangapela, Zukin, Dakit and Avinkua will use this Aid Post.

Infant Welfare patrols are carried out regularly from as far up-river as Chungrebu and down as far as Marangis on the mouth by the Church of Christ Mission.

A European ~~material~~ material hospital is under construction at Bunapass another Church of Christ Mission station. When completed a fully qualified Doctor who is now at Chungrebu will be resident.

THE END





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. 6 of 1964/65 - BOG-1A

Patrol Conducted by R. J. WILSON, Coast Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Manam Island Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 - R. J. GREEN, ADC

Natives 1 - No 3782 Const 1/c KUMIN

Duration—From 4/1/1965 to 17/2/1965

Number of Days 44 1/2 day - Patrol returned Bogia for 5 day

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1964

Medical 7/11/1963

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. Revision of Census of Manam Island Census Division  
2. Pastoral Administration 3. Investigations regarding Rosterings of Titles  
4. Land Purchase Investigations

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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



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Department of District Administration  
Madang  
Konedobu, Papua.  
29th Dec 1965  
8th December, 1965.



The Director,  
District Administration,  
The District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
**MADANG.**

**BOGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1965/65**

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. H. Wilson covered by your lengthy memorandum 67-3-1 of 29th October, 1965.

Your comments and those of Mr. Green were noted. I am glad to notice that in paragraph 3 you have mentioned certain matters which if Mr. Wilson will digest, will enable him to avoid making the same mistakes and omissions in future reports.

There has been a long delay in dealing with this report and the Assistant District Commissioner, Bogia, must realize that it has reduced considerably the effectiveness of the report.

Mr. Wilson has keenly observed things taking place around him on this patrol and has written an interesting report. It is a very creditable effort.

I hope something has been done by now to have a field officer visit these islands to educate them as regards the change to decimal currency.

Overall effect: I feel that if the officers should be kept now in order that Mr. Wilson may avoid making the same mistakes and omissions in future reports.

(1) Mr. Wilson has spelled (J. L. McCarthy) ~~Director~~ **DIRECTOR** in the first part of his report. Presumably, in my opinion, should always bear the title of designation of the report so as to indicate that the patrolling officer has complied with Departmental Standing Instructions (para. 5, sub 2) that the report is to be compiled without error.

(2) Mr. Wilson has used P.T.G. words which were absolutely unnecessary in his report. Besides they were spelled, e.g. "kash" instead of "Kash Potato", and not only that he has also misspelled e.g. "Blodizan", which should be spelled "Bridjan" and if any event should not have been used in lieu of "Agricultural Officer". I hope that by now Mr. Wilson is familiar with the difference between the English word "cross" and the P.T.G. word "cras" (para 3 of report). Mr. Wilson's attention will be drawn to para. 6 at page 47 of the Departmental Standing Instructions.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,  
Madang.



29th October, 1965.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
Konedobu. T.P.N.G.

BOGIA Patrol No. 6 of 1964/65

Forwarded herewith is the report of the above-mentioned patrol which was conducted to the Manam Island Census Division of the Bogia Sub-district by Cadet Patrol Officer R.J. Wilson. A sketch map of the Census Division and Village Population Register, in duplicate, accompany the report together with a copy of the Patrol Instructions issued to Mr. Wilson and memorandum 67-2-1 of 9/10/65 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Bogia, commenting on the report.

2. There has been a long delay in dealing with this report and this has reduced considerably its effectiveness. This is a pity for it is the one and only report of Mr. Wilson's one and only patrol while stationed at Bogia and, in my opinion, his report is a very creditable effort. It is to be regretted that such a good effort should have its effect minimised because of such a long, unexplained delay in being dealt with at Bogia.

3. Mr. Wilson's report is interesting and indicates that he was keenly observant during the course of the patrol. There are a number of minor matters which detract from its overall effect; I feel that these matters should be mentioned now in order that Mr. Wilson may avoid making the same mistakes and omissions in future reports.

(i) Mr. Wilson has neglected to include the Preamble as the first page of his report. This Preamble, in my opinion, should always bear the date of compilation of the report so as to indicate that the patrolling officer has complied with Departmental Standing Instructions (para. 5, page 27) that the report is to be compiled without undue delay.

(ii) Mr. Wilson has used Pidgin words which were absolutely unnecessary in the context in which they were used, e.g. "kaukau" instead of "Sweet Potato", and not only that he has also misspelled e.g. "Diddiman", which should be spelled "didiman" and in any event should not have been used in lieu of "Agricultural Officer". I hope that by now Mr. Wilson is familiar with the difference between the English word "rouse" and the Pidgin word "raus" (page 3 of report). Mr. Wilson's attention will be drawn to para. 8 at page 28 of the Departmental Standing Instructions.



(111) Mr. Wilson did not submit as an Appendix a report on the member of the Native Constabulary who accompanied the patrol.

4. Matters of interest to the Departments of Education, Public Health, and Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries have been extracted and forwarded to the District Departmental representatives for information and comment.

5. I agree with the A.D.C. that the scheme as mentioned by Mr. Wilson for the "resettlement" of the Boisa people is fraught with danger; it certainly does not provide an answer acceptable to the Boisa people, apparently, for if they engage in economic activities on the mainland they will still be subject to the same risks as to illness as if they were "living" on the mainland. I agree that we should have the problem referred to the YAWAR Council for deliberation at this stage.

6. Pigs present many problems in nearly every area of the Territory. The Council Rule regarding the penning of pigs should be enforced only after an Agricultural Officer has approved of suitable types of pens and after the people have been given adequate opportunity to build such pens. All too often it has occurred that pigs have been confined in inadequate, unsound pens and, as a consequence, all have died from disease - the cure has been out of all proportion to the initial problem.

7. The investigation reports in respect of those properties (except DANGALE) listed in Appendix "A" of the report were recently received here after a long delay, and were forwarded to you. As pointed out when these reports were forwarded there is, in most instances, no evidence of any valid pre-war acquisition and assertions that there are no claimants are quite misleading. It seems, from the patrolling officer's comments on page 5 of his report in the final paragraph of the Section "Land", that he has accepted the "fact" that the lands which the Catholic Mission occupies in the Census Division are "for the most part mission leases for 99 years from 1935" and that this has affected his investigations. The indications in respect of many of the properties are that the only "purchases" effected were those made by Mission personnel and, to date, there is no evidence that valid purchases were made by the Administration.

8. With regard to Appendix "C", item 1, I would advise that there has been no application received from the brothers named therein nor has any survey plan or investigation report been submitted. It is difficult to make out from the patrolling officer's remarks whether the land-owners are willing to sell outright or to lease only to the Administration. If the land-owners are not willing to sell outright the two brothers should be advised to forget the matter for, in correspondence on his file 4-2-3, the Secretary of the Department of the Administrator has advised that, in his opinion, there is little possibility "of obtaining approval at present for native owned land to be leased by the Administration for the planting of permanent crops by other indigenous tenants." The Director of Lands has also advised, in his 64/439 of 11/8/65, that "it is generally the Administration's policy to lease land only when improvements of a minor or temporary nature are envisaged....."

9. It seems that Mr. Wilson was quite lax in finalising matters arising from the patrol; some of them, mentioned above, are still outstanding. But, perhaps, seeing that it



took so long to have the report dealt with at Bogia he was under no pressure at all to finish the work that arose from the patrol and was, in fact, part of the patrol.

10. The matter of acquiring the land required for the vulcanological observatory has been dealt with and the land-owners have agreed to sell the land. The investigation report has been forwarded to the Department of Lands for further action as per Lands Circular No. 1 of 1964.

District Commissioner,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
NORFOLK

SOUTH ISLAND, DISTRICT OF BOGIA

...submit details of the work done during the patrol of South Island...  
...in submitting this report has been...  
...correspondence and I rest persons...  
...this colony.

*D. Clifton Barrett*  
**(D. Clifton Barrett)**  
**District Commissioner**

also enclosed is...  
of Mr. Villiers.

In the first week of the patrol...  
to show his methods of routine working...  
first patrol.

By comments on the patrol...  
by Mr. Villiers

- (a) 2.2 para 2: ...
- (b) 2.2 para 4: ...

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9 October, 1965.

District Commissioner, Dept. of District Administration, MADANG.

BOGIA PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1964/65.

I submit herewith the report in duplicate of a patrol of Manam Island census division conducted by Mr. R.J. Wilson, District Patrol Officer during January-February 1965. The delay in submitting this report has been the subject of recent correspondence and I must personally accept responsibility for this delay.

Also enclosed is Camping Allowance Claim on behalf of Mr. Wilson.

In the first week of the patrol I accompanied Mr. Wilson to show him the methods of routine patrolling as this was his first patrol.

My comments on the patrol are:-

1. Re Villages

- (a) p.2 para 2: Water supply is a constant problem on Manam Island. This has been recognized by Iabu Council which has estimated for the construction of several wells during 1965/66. Previously wells have been constructed with advice from patrolling officers of DDA and PND, but these have mainly been rudimentary.
- (b) p.2 para 4: The water supply on Boisa Island may be permanent but the Iabu Council considers it inadequate and has estimated for the construction of a concrete storage tank with catchment at the village site. Construction of this project has commenced.

2. re Absentee Labour.

- (a) p.2 para 11: The absentee rate of male labour potential stands at 37.5%. This rate is about average over the last 5 years.

Many of the men absent are agreement workers, especially those employed at Bulolo. Most of them could earn more from copra production at home than they do from contract employment. This is, I think, a typical example of the preference of young men for getting away "to see the world" irrespective of income levels. Certainly their home environment is, by New Guinea standards, pleasant and prosperous.

Of course many Manam Islanders, particularly those who have been absent for several years, are in well-paid and secure employment, e.g. police, drivers, clerks, soldier plantation foremen and so on.

The social hardship caused to the families of absentee workers is a fact but on Manam Island the degree of hardship experienced is less than in, say, highland villages where the subsistence struggle is much more acute. Social organisation on the island caters for supply of food and,



as immediate remedy about acquiring land. The practice in use that must be discarded was that some women, as Mr. Wilson points out, few temporarily deserted wives deny themselves their conjugal pleasures. Actually it is doubtful that the absentee rate greatly alters normal morality patterns. As is the case with most island communities of this type their traditional moral habits are liberal in extremis.

3. re Bride Price

- (a) p.3 para 4: There does appear to be a campaign amongst some of the Manam people to increase the amount of bride price. This no doubt is influenced by the increasing affluence of the community. The matter has been raised occasionally at Labu Council meetings where the consensus is that increase is to be resisted. There has been consideration given to regulate bride price by Council rule but this may not be necessary as the society generally is likely to regulate itself in this regard.

4. re Agriculture

- (a) p.3 para 5: Since Mr. Wilson's patrol an attempt has been made to get Boisa produce to Bogia market fortnightly using the M.V. Lakanai. This was operating satisfactorily until the drought set in and the service was stopped. Since July all the food produced is needed by the people themselves. In normal times Boisa can produce considerable quantities of subsistence foods in excess of their own requirements, however the small turnover of Bogia market limits the income obtainable from this trade.
- (b) p/3 paras 6,8 and 9: There has been considerable dis-satisfaction on Manam about the unreliability of copra buyers. The Lika Society is ineffective and is likely to be liquidated before long; the Catholic Mission is not really interested in copra buying; and Mr. Brown apparently has no resident buyer available for considerable periods. For the past 8 months at least, however, Mr. Brown has been a consistent buyer.

The Madang District Development Committee considered this problem three months ago and decided that the Labu Council should enter the field as copra buyer. Although I personally have considerable reservations about this scheme the Council has decided to implement it. Just when the Council will commence buying is not yet decided, but probably nothing much will be done until the Council tractor can visit all villages. This may take 1-2 years as at least one large bridge will have to be constructed.

5. re Land

N.G.L.T.R.O. matters and lease applications have been processed.

p.4 and 5: The problem of the economic future of Boisa Islanders has already been referred to. There is no doubt that the people are becoming quite aware of their predicament and would welcome some practical assistance in obtaining land suitable for cash cropping. The scheme they themselves seem to prefer, as outlined by Mr. Wilson (p.5 and para 3), is not "re-settlement" and has many dangers. However it shows their ideas at this stage and the fact that they themselves are thinking about their future is itself important. My own opinion is there is



no immediate urgency about acquiring land. The problem is one that must be discussed with much more fully, and most of this discussion can take place at Iabu Council level. The Advising Officer of the Council will be asked to keep this problem in mind and try and get some constructive action by the Council on it.

6. re Education

I suggest that the Education Department should consider declaring Manan Island an area of compulsory education.

7. re Decimal Currency

Since this report was written the "Dola na Sen" booklets have been received and distributed as fully as possible. In addition Advising Officers are giving explanatory talks at Council meetings. The dangers of the people losing out to "sharp" traders is now fairly slight; the Commonwealth Savings Bank has recently conducted an extensive thrift campaign on the island and established a local C.S.B. agency at R.C.M. Bieng.

8. Conclusions

Mr. Wilson has written a good and thoughtful report that illustrates his keenness and energy. I again apologize for the delay in submitting this report; the hold-up has been on my table.

( R. J. Green )  
Assistant District Commissioner.

- 34-1-12 : NODIA
- 34-1-27 : KANAKA
- 34-1-28 : DOUGLASS
- 34-1-30 : JARRETT (WALSH)
- 34-1-31 : BARIAN
- 34-1-32 : NODIA
- 34-1-33 : MOISA ISLAND
- 34-1-34 : SOVANI
- 34-1-35 : JAVIA
- 34-1-36 : ROYER
- 34-1-36 : BENGAL

When you are able to get a date for your visit to Moisa



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Sub-District Office,  
BOGIA  
MADANG DISTRICT.

22nd. December, 1964.

Cadet Patrol Officer R.J. WILSON  
Sub-District Office,  
BOGIA.

Dear Bob,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MANAM ISLAND PATROL.

Please make preparations for your patrol to Manam Island which will commence on Monday 4th. January 1965.

M.V. Lakansai will transport your patrol and will leave Bogia wharf at 7a.m. on 4/1/65.

I will accompany the patrol for the first week to show you how to conduct a census, manage carriers, carry out routine field administration and so on.

Your patrol will perform the following functions:

- 1. Census Revision 1964/1965 : Take 50 Village Population Register forms with you and the relevant Tax Census Register.
- 2. Routine Administration : I will explain this factor to you in the field.
- 3. Restoration of Titles : Please investigate the following outstanding titles :

- 34-I-12 : BUDUA
- 34-I-27 : ABARIA
- 34-I-28 : DUGULABA
- 34-I-29 : CARISI (WARIS)
- 34-I-30 : BAXIAU
- 34-I-31 : BODA
- \* 34-I-32 : BOISA ISLAND
- 34-I-33 : SOGARI
- 34-I-34 : JASSA
- 34-I-35 : BOKURE
- 34-I-36 : DANGALE

\* When you are able to set a date for your visit to Boisa

On completion of the patrol you will be required to submit a full patrol report, including a map. The information required is explained in M.G.O. Vol. 1. For reports will be written under No. 6 of 1964/1965.



Island advise me by radio and I will have the M.V. Lakanal sent to transport you there.

I estimate that you will be in the field for 60 days so ensure you take adequate personal provisions. If you are unable to gather these provisions by 4/1/65 please let me know without delay.

Prior to your departure make the following arrangements

- (a) Peruse all relevant patrol reports since 1956, paying particular attention to reports since 1962. Make notes on such matters as patrol routes, rest houses locations outstanding matters and/or matters requiring further investigation or reporting by patrols.
- (b) Discuss your itinerary with Mr. J.A. Johnston A.D.O. to see if you can co-operate with him on any matter. Above all make sure that your program does not clash with any arranged Council meetings. By discussion, benefit from Mr. Johnston's experience of the area.
- (c) Inform P.H.D. and D.A.S.F. of your patrol and offer any reasonable assistance to these departments. Ask them if they want any of their staff members to accompany you.
- (d) Collect a £100 advance (in shilling pieces) from this office. If this is insufficient radio this office for an additional advance.

N.B: Pay carriers at the rate of 1/- per hour.

Purchase any native foods referred to the patrol at current Bogia rates.

No. 3782 Constable I/C KUMIL will accompany you for the duration of the patrol. He is an experienced and reliable man; take note of his advice and judgement.

Do not forget to take Volume I of your Departmental Standing Instructions (i.e., General Field Administration). This contains a fund of practical information and will resolve most <sup>problems</sup> emergencies that occur.

Mr. G. McGrath C.P.O. will be able to advise you on your needs as regards patrol equipment. But make sure you pack two each tables, chairs and bed sleeves.

On completion of the patrol you will be required to submit a full patrol report, including a map. The information required is explained in D.S.I. Vol. I. The report will be written under No. 6 of 1964/1965.

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I am sure you will make this , your first patrol, a successful and enjoyable introduction to field administration.

*R. J. Green*  
(R. J. GREEN ?)

acting/Assistant District Commissioner.

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DIARY

- 4-1-65 Departed Bogia 7.30 a.m. per M.V. Lakanai. Arrived Tabele 9.15 a.m. Held Discussions with Father Feeley of Tabele Catholic Mission regarding various land matters on Manam. Departed Tabele 11.45 a.m. Arrived Abaria 1.00p.m. Held discussions with the villagers at Abaria. Inspected Aidpost at Abaria. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 5-1-65 Departed Abaria 7.00 a.m. Arrived Waris 9.40 a.m. Held discussions with Vulcanological Observer re operation of radio. Village lined and Census taken. Routine Administration carried out. Departed Waris 12.35am. Arrived Abaria 1.45am. Village lined, census and routine administration carried out. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 6-1-65 Departed Abaria 8.30am. Arrived Bokure 9.00am. Census taken and routine administration carried out. Departed Bokure 12.00 noon Arrived Kolang 12.30pm. Census taken. Village inspected complaints heard. Stayed overnight Kolang.
- 7-1-65 Departed Kolang 9.30am. due to rain. Arrived Dangale 9.35am Village lined and census taken. Village inspected and complaints heard. Departed Dangale 1.30pm Arrived Baliau 2.40pm Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 8-1-65 For purpose of census village was split into two groups. Half censused in morning remainder in the afternoon. Village inspected and complaints heard. All day spent at Baliau. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 9-1-65 Departed Baliau 8.30am Arrived Iabu Council H.Q. 9.00am. Boda Village lined and census taken. Village inspected, complaints heard. Departed Council 1.30pm Arrived Jassa 3.00pm Stayed overnight Jassa
- 10-1-65 Sunday observed at Jassa
- 11/1-65 Departed Jassa 8.00am Arrived Kuluguma 9.00am. Village lined and census carried out. Village inspected. Departed Kuluguma 2.00pm arrived Jassa 3.00pm. Stayed overnight Jassa.
- 12-1-65 All day spent at Jassa. Village lined and census revised. Complaints heard and village inspected. Stayed overnight Jassa.
- 13-1-65 Departed Jassa 8.00am. Arrived Jogari 8.20am Village lined census taken. Village inspected and complaints heard. Departed Jogari 2.30pm Arrived ~~Tabele~~ 2.50pm. Discussions held with people of Waia Madauri. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 14-1-65 Waia and Madauri villages lined and censused. Villages inspected and disputes heard. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 15-1-65 Departed Tabele 8.30am Arrived Budua 8.50am. Budua village lined and census taken. Village inspected. Departed Budua 3.00pm Arrived Tabele 3.20pm. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 16-1-65 Several minor land disputes at Waia and Madauri villages heard. All settled to satisfaction of all parties. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 17-1-65 Sunday observed at Tabele.



DIARY (cont.)

- 18-1-65 Departed Tabele 9.00am Arrived Dugulaba 10.00am. Village lined and census revised. Village inspected and complaints heard. Departed Dugulaba 3.00pm. Arrived ~~Dugulaba~~ Tabele 4.00pm. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 19-1-65 Departed Tabele 8.30am. Arrived Dugulaba 9.30am. Investigations made re N.G.L.T.R.O. land "Molemole". Other minor disputes settled. Enquiries made re another parcel of land known as "Boksume". Departed Dugulaba 3.30pm Arrived Tabele 4.30pm.
- 20-1-65 Departed Tabele 8.00am. Arrived Budua 8.25 am. Investigations re land held by Cath. Mission at Budua re NGLTRO. No native claimants. Several other land disputes settled. Left Budua 3.00pm Arrived Tabele 3.30 pm. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 21-1-65 All day spent at Wala regarding disputed native lands and re Cath. Mission land at Tabele.
- 22-1-65 Left Tabele 8.00am Arrived Jogari 8.20am Investigations regarding NGLTRO land claimed by the Cath. Mission. Other minor land disputes heard and settled. Returned to Tabele arriving 3.00 pm. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 23-1-65 Left Tabele 8.50am. Arrived Jassa 9.30 am. Investigations regarding land now occupied by the Cath. Mission School were made. Other minor land disputes heard and settled. Returned to Tabele arriving 4.00pm. Stayed overnight Tabele.
- 25-1-65 Owing to non-availability of carriers patrol did not leave Tabele until 11.50am. Proceeded to Jassa where one minor dispute was heard. Carriers changed and proceeded to Coyneil H.Q. arriving 3.00pm. Stayed overnight council.
- 24-1-65 Sunday observed at Tabele
- 26-1-65 Investigations carried <sup>out</sup> title restoration to Bieng Cath. Mission Boda. Boda and Kuluguma Villages were asked about this land and it was found that one of the sub-clans of Boda laid claim to part of the land. Genealogy ~~of part of~~ of the sub-clan and part of the preliminary investigations were carried out. Stayed overnight Council.
- 27-1-65 Investigations completed re NGLTRO land Bieng. Survey of land disputed by Boda and Kuluguma villages. Departed Council 3.30pm. Arrived Baliau 4.00 pm. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 28-1-65 Investigations made re restoration of titles to land occupied by Cath. Mission School at Baliau. Several minor complaints heard. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 29-1-65 All day spent at Baliau. Commenced survey of land disputed by members of the Kaidali Sub-clan. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 30-1-65 Heavy rain all day. Unable to complete survey started day before. Several minor disputes settled. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 31-1-65 Sunday observed at Baliau.



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- 1-2-65 All day spent at Baliau. Survey of land disputed by the Kaidali sub-clan completed. Statements taken from two members of sub-clan. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 2-2-65 All morning spent at Baliau settling minor land disputes. Everything settled to everyone's satisfaction. Afternoon walked to Kuluguma to complete investigations re land Kabuanga. Stayed overnight Baliau.
- 3-2-65 Walked to Boda to complete investigations re land Kabuanga. Returned Baliau 2.30pm Departed Baliau 4.00 pm Arrived Dangale 4.45pm Stayed overnight Dangale.
- 4-2-65 Investigations carried out re land Bulebuk claimed by RC Mission re restoration of titles. Numerous minor complaints heard, left Dangale 3.00pm Arrived Abaria 4.30pm.
- 5-2-65 Walked from Abaria to Bokure to investigate title to land claimed by R.C. Mission at Bokure. Several minor land disputes settled. Returned Abaria arriving 4.00 pm. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 6-2-65 Walked from Abaria to Waris. Carried out enquiries re title restoration to Cath. Mission land at Waris. Returned Abaria 3.30pm. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 7-2-65 Sunday observed at Abaria.
- 8-2-65 Commenced investigations re land known as Waruwaru disputed between groups of Waris and Bokure villages. Contacted ADC by radio to arrange for Lakanai to transport patrol back to Bogia. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 9-2-65 Survey made of land Waruwaru in am. Commenced genealogy of Hanaukam sub-clan of Bokure village. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 10-2-65 Walked to Dangale in morning to survey land known as Dewa Motu, proposed to be purchased by two natives of Dangale. Made further enquiries in the afternoon re land Waruwaru. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 11-2-65 Walked to Dangale to make preliminary enquiries re possible purchase or lease of the land Dewa Motu. Owners willing to sell but unable to complete investigations because of lack of co-operation by owners. Completed investigations re land Waruwaru. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 12-2-65M Made enquiries at Abaria re NGLTRO land application by RC Mission, land shown in provisional order as Abaria. Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 13-2-65 Completed investigations re land purchase at Dangale (Dewa Motu). Stayed overnight Abaria.
- 14-2-65 Sunday observed at Abaria.
- 15-2-65 Departed Abaria per M.V. Lakanai. Arrived Bogia 1.49 pm
- 16-2-65 Departed Bogia 7.00am per M.V. Lakanai Arrived Boisa Island 10-30am. Census revised in afternoon. Stayed overnight Boisa Island.



DIARY (cont)

INTRODUCTION

17-2-65 Investigations regarding Restoration of Title to RC Mission land completed. Meeting held regarding possible settlement of Boisa people. Left Boisa 3.30pm Arrived Bogia 7.00pm.

The Village Director gives the number of villages in the census division and states that of these villages, 12 are on Boisa Island. --- END OF DIARY ---

Boisa Island is situated approximately 12 miles north west of Bogia. It is an active volcano. The people on Boisa Island are very independent. The main economic development on the island (or perhaps the only one) is the production of copra. This aspect will be more fully discussed later in this report. All the villages on the island are situated close to the shoreline or reasonably near ground. The land on the island is for the most part very steep. A strip approximately half a mile wide on the east shore is level ground. The land then rises fairly steeply to a 500 feet, the summit of the Boisa.

Boisa Island is situated approximately 12 miles north west of Bogia. The island supports a population of about 100. The people are identical on the island but the people have a few means of income. This aspect will be more fully discussed later on in the report.

The villages on Boisa Island are for the most part small and the population is quite low.

At the time of this patrol there were only 2 Europeans in the census division and 10 of these (with Catholic Mission priest) are permanently stationed in the division. The other 2 are on the island in connection with the new village. The villages are situated on the island from Boisa Island to Bogia.

The principal plan for the island is to have a road from Bogia to Boisa Island, providing only the center of the island. It was then planned to have the road from Bogia to Boisa Island to transport the cargo to Bogia and back.

This plan was not to be carried out as the road was not to be built. The road was to be built from Bogia to Boisa Island and back. The road was to be built from Bogia to Boisa Island and back.

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The houses are, for the most part, one of two styles. The old houses are considerably lower than the new ones and are built in a canoe shape. The newer houses are leaning towards the proper houses, usually having a room for sleeping, and a veranda.

INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled consists of two islands, Manam Island and Boisa Island. The census division is now the IAEU Local Government Council area. Manam Island is by far the larger of the two islands and the greater portion of the population in the census division is centred on this land.

Boisa Island  
The Village Directory gives the number of villages in the census division as sixteen (16). Of these villages, 15 are on Manam Island.

Manam Island is situated approximately 12 miles north west of Bogia. It is an active volcano. The people on Manam Island are very independent. The main economic development on the island (or perhaps the only one) is the production of copra. This aspect will be more fully discussed later in this report. All the villages on the island are situated close to the foreshore on reasonably level ground. The land on the island is for the most part very steep. A strip approximately half a mile wide on the foreshore is level ground. The land then rises fairly steeply to 6,500 feet, the summit of Mt. Manam.

Boisa Island is situated approximately 4 miles west of Manam Island. The island supports a population of about 300. Native foods are plentiful on the island but the people have no other means of economic income. This aspect will be more fully discussed later on in the report.

The villages on both islands are for the most part clean and tidy and the population seem quite healthy.

At the time of this patrol there were only 5 Europeans in the census division. Two of these (both Catholic Mission Priests) are permanently stationed in the division. The other 3 men are engaged in the construction of the new vulcanological station situated about one mile inland from Tabele Catholic Mission (near Waia and Madauri villages).  
Station

The original plan for the patrol was to commence at Abaria and walk to Dugulaba, revising only the census of the Manam villages. It was then planned to hire the speedboat belonging to Waia village to transport the patrol to Waris and from there walk to Dugulaba again.

This plan however could not be maintained as the Waia speedboat was unserviceable. The patrol then had to complete the census of all villages from Abaria to Dugulaba; the patrol then turned about face and headed back in the direction from whence it came.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

Reception of Patrol: The patrol was well received at all villages in the census division. The people at times did however, seem a little too friendly and they would come wandering into the rest house at all odd sorts of times.

VILLAGES

Manam Island:

There is no shortage of building timbers on Manam Island and all the houses are made from local timbers. The roofs of the houses are either kunai or palm fronds while the walls are usually made from bamboo.



The houses are, for the most part, one of two styles. The old houses are considerably lower than the new ones and are built in a canoe shape. The newer houses are tending towards the style of European houses, usually having a room for sleeping, one for cooking and a verandah.

The people of Manam for the most part have no permanent water. Many villages have built wells near the beaches. There is ample water after rain as the streams running down the mountain are often 3-4 feet wide when they reach the villages on the flats.

#### Boisa Island:

The styles on Boisa are similar to those on Manam. The people however do not have sufficient local timber and the frames for the houses are built from driftwood which originates from the Ramu and Sepik rivers further up the coast. The roofs and walls of the houses are made from cocorut fronds.

Un like Manam Island, Boisa has a permanent water supply which originates from a spring on the side of the island where there is no village. It seems strange that the village should be constructed so far from this water supply.

Boisa looks a little untidy but this, I would say, is caused more by the position and type of ground than by a lack of tidiness on behalf of the people. Sanitation is quite good on Boisa.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

I received a great deal of help on this patrol from the councillors. At times they intended to get a bit in my hair but I did nothing to try and stop their desire to help. I consider "over-enthusiasm" better than no enthusiasm at all. Perhaps the worst offender in this case was SOKAREKABIA of Abaria. I felt that he was really trying to create an impression - something in which he succeeded in doing.

The various councillors all seemed to have one trait - that was trying to prove that their village was better than the one down the road. Many a time the story came out that "such and such a village" does "such and such a thing" but "we" would never do anything like that.

#### OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

No notice was made by the patrol of any movements, organisations or cults. The relationship with adjacent groups is all right although there is an element of jealousy of the type mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

The people seem to be all in favour of the Local Government Council. There does however seem to be a tendency by the L. G. councillors to regiment the people.

The Missions on the island are looked upon favourably by the people except that in some parts of the island the people are not happy with the fact that the mission owns some blocks of land which they are not at present using. This aspect will be more fully discussed later on in this report under the heading LANDS.

Of the total male labour potential of 1107, a total of 415 are absent at work (273 of which are outside the District). The greater majority of those absent are working on plantations in Rabaul or Kavieng or working for B.G.D. Bulolo. A great number of these men are married and their wives and children for the greater part have to fend for themselves.

As a result of this many of the wives have "taken up"



with other eligible males and many have had children by these men. The children are however usually adopted by other families in the village.

Iabu Council President IRAKAU of Baliau and the second Baliau councillor TIBONG both came to see me when I stayed at Baliau, and expressed great concern at the number absent. Some have apparently been away for about 12 years and it would seem that they have little or no intention of returning. Many of these, particularly in Rabaul, are reported to have married Tolai women.

The patrol also received requests from some older people to try and locate their sons so that the parents could see them before they die. Unfortunately the information regarding these persons is so negligible that I doubt if any assistance can be given to these people.

Polygamous marriages are by no means rare on the island. Quite a few men have 2 or 3 wives and a small number even have 4. Sometimes the wives don't take too kindly to this and so they leave their husbands. The men don't particularly mind this so long as they receive a reimbursement of the bride price that they originally paid. It is also a custom on Manam Island that the men can just "rouse" their wives when they have a mind to. The tax census register on many occasions shows where a man and a woman had split up 2 or 3 years before and then decided that they would return to each other. It appears that these "dissolutions" of marriage are mainly caused by argument which are really only very minor matters.

There are a number of "marriage gift" problems on Manam Island. Usually the gift is £5 or £10 but occasionally will want £25 for his daughter. This tends to upset the proposed husband. Usually if the parties can be made to sit down and talk things over and compromise is usually reached and all parties go away happy.

#### AGRICULTURE

Food is plentiful in all parts of the census division. A large amount of fresh food was offered to the patrol at all times, which I tried to accept. Their staple diet seems to be kaukau. Many fruits are available - bananas, pawpaws, pineapples and melons. Tomatoes and beans are also grown on Manam and these were most welcome. Both Manam and Boisa Islands could sell surplus foods at the Bogia market if they were able to transport their goods across.

An economic income is provided to the people of Manam Island by the sale of copra. Most of the men on the island make about £5 or £10 each month from selling their copra. (The figures quoted were those given by the people themselves). IRAKAU, the Iabu Council President, has a large plantation and while I was in the village he told me that he had, that day, sold copra to the value of \$234/17/0.

Planting of coconuts is individual. There are a few exceptions such as cases where brothers have decided to pool their resources and work with the family unit as the basis.

The copra produced is sold to three organisations;

1. The Liku Native Society.
2. The Catholic Mission.
3. Mr. Russ Brown.

Mr. Brown it seems only buys IRAKAU's copra. The Liku Society (at Dangale) buys most of the copra in the Waris - Dangale area. The Mission buys it on the other side of the island.



Boisa Island is not in as happy a position as Manam Island. There is no food shortage, but the people do not have much of an income. I have seen what the coconut palms produce and it seems that the palms on Boisa are only good for making walls and roofs of houses.

Most of the nuts produced by these trees drop off the trees when they are about two or three inches all round. When the nuts do grow to a decent size (which, I am informed, is very rarely) they rot away inside. I was told that an Agricultural Officer had visited Boisa about 12 months ago and took soil samples which he said he was going to send to Moresby to have analysed.

As the Station Diddiman is at present on patrol and is not expected back for about another fortnight I am at this time unable to find out just what is happening regarding Boisa.

Peanuts have been planted on the island and three bags were brought back to Bogis on the "Lakanai" but with the Diddiman's absence I do not know what is their standard.

A discussion was held with the people regarding possible settlement. This will be discussed later on in this report.

#### LIVESTOCK

Mainly Pigs! There seem to be as many pigs on the island as there are people. The pigs are sold and traded to the people on the mainland. While the patrol was on Manam Island, I did not hear of any pig being killed for food purposes.

There are numerous fowls on this island. Three were offered to the patrol and these were all bought. Several eggs were offered to the patrol but on many occasions it was found that they had a partly formed chicken in them. I doubt very much whether the eggs are even eaten.

Dogs roam all over the island. These are sold to the people of the mainland for hunting purposes. I was also informed that these are sometimes eaten by the people.

#### COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

There are four trade stores on Manam Island and one on Boisa. Of these two of those on Manam and the one on Boisa are run by the Catholic Mission. One of the remaining two is the Liku Native Society Store. IRAKAU, the L.G.C. President, runs the other. No information regarding the earnings of his trade store was forthcoming.

#### LAND

Eleven investigations regarding New Guinea Land Titles Restoration Ordinance applications were dealt with on the patrol. Further brief particulars regarding these investigations are attached as Appendix "A".

Enquiries were made by the peoples of Waia and Dugulaba No. 2 villages regarding land that the Catholic Mission is now occupying. Details of these are attached as Appendix "B".

The possible purchase by the Administration of two other parcels on Manam Island was also investigated. Details are in Appendix "C".

During my stay on Boisa Island I held a meeting of the men of the island regarding the possibility of the resettlement of the Boisa people.



They do not want to leave Boisa Island. What they desire is some land on the mainland where they can start a copra industry. They have two reasons why they want to stay:-

(i) It is the place of their forefathers and they do not want to leave.

(ii) They are afraid that if they leave Boisa and go to the mainland they will get sick.

Apparently some of the Boisa's have been to the mainland before, but quite a few of them died. It seems that malaria is what they are afraid of. Boisa is malaria-free.

The Boisa's have sufficient food on the island but are unable to make any money. What they would like is to obtain a tract of land on the mainland and then some of the men will go and work a plantation on this land. They propose to work on a sort of company basis where everybody who works will receive a proportion of the profits.

There would only be one possibility as far as I know where land in this area could be obtained. The part of Hatzfeldhaven Virgin Land and Reserve that was recently found to belong to the natives of Tobinam could probably be purchased. Any resettlement scheme would probably need a good deal of supervision but I think it could be made a success, because, from all appearances, the Boisa's are hard working people. I would like to be part of any campaign to earn "a quid" for the Boisa's.

Some of the lands which the Catholic Mission occupies in the Census Division are causing some complaints. Although all groups freely admit that the lands have been purchased they seem bewildered by the fact that the lands are being left idle.

These lands for the most part are mission leases for 99 years from 1935. I do not know much about these but if there is some clause that requires use of the lands I feel that perhaps the Mission should be made to use the lands or vacate them.

#### COMPLAINTS AND COURTS

There were quite a few minor complaints brought to the patrol's notice. The most prominent complaint was of the type where Joe's pigs had ruined Bill's garden. There should be fewer complaints of this type in future Manam patrols as the Iabu I.G. Council has passed a rule that all pigs in the Council area have to be kept penned.

Three cases of assaults by husbands on their wives were brought to my attention. These were dealt with in the C.N.A. at Bogia.

#### REST HOUSES

There are 16 villages in the Census Division and 9 of these have rest houses. The nine that do exist are quite sufficient as far as numbers go. Comments on these rest houses are attached as Appendix "D".

#### CARRIERS

No difficulty is usually had in obtaining carriers. The patrol was held up for a few hours on only one occasion and this was at Wata village.



Carriers are usually only willing to carry from their own village to the next and this in some cases means that they are only willing to carry for about 10 to 15 minutes. Rate of pay is 1/- per hour. I found in some cases that the men were willing to carry for payment in tobacco.

#### HEALTH

Health in the census division is quite good. Administration Aid Posts are provided at Abaria and Tabele. The Catholic Mission has a hospital at Bieng.

There is an Aid Post at Soisa Island which seems to be fairly well equipped but there is at the moment no members of P.H.D. there.

#### EDUCATION

There are 5 schools in the census division; one administration school at Abaria, 3 Catholic Mission schools at Bieng, Tabele and Dangale and one S.D.A. school at Dangale. The Administration school is up to Standard 3 and the pupils after attaining this grade must then go to the Bogia Primary School. The Mission schools are now up to Standard 4.

#### ROADS

There are no public roads in the census division. There are roads joining each of the villages and these are suitable for motorbikes. There are numerous places where small bridges are necessary to cross some rather deep creeks. What bridges that do exist are made from local timbers.

Construction of roads on Manam Island would be difficult because of the fact that there are 4 lava flows (at Iassa, Budua, Waris and Dangale). There are also numerous large gullies around the island.

Mr. Julian Lee, P.W.D. Engineer, seconded to Local Government Councils, has recently visited the area with the view to ascertaining the possibility of building some bridges on the island.

#### MISSIONS

There are two mission groups on the island; the Catholic Mission and the S.D.A. Mission. The Catholic Mission is by far the larger. They have two main stations on Manam Island at Bieng (near Borda) and at Tabele (near Waia). Each of these stations is administered by a Priest. There are several European Sisters at Bieng, while the rest of the staff are made up of indigenous teachers and catechists.

The S.D.A. Mission has two small centres, one at Abaria and one at Dangale. All of the staff at these stations are indigenous catechists. European Missionaries from Nubia visit the island regularly.

#### LABOUR

There is not much of a demand for labourers to work in the census division. There is only one large plantation on the island and this is owned by Councillor Irakau of Baliau.

Recruiters visit the area fairly regularly, however, and many of the men are now working in Rabaul, Kavieng and Rulolo. As mentioned earlier in this report about 37.5% of the total male



labour potential of the island is absent at work. Much concern is being expressed at such a large number being absent.

CENSUS

The total population of the Manam Island census division at the completion of the census was 4836, an increase of 202 persons since the prior census in February, 1963. All villages had increases in population except Waris which had 3 people fewer than it did in 1963. The increase was due no doubt, to the birth rate - there were 292 children born in the two years prior to the census.

There were no deaths recorded in the under 1 year group and the 11-15 year group which must be some sort of a pointer to the health of the people of the area, although there were 25 deaths in the 1-5 years group. I enquired regarding this but was unable to pinpoint any particular cause for this.

While on Manam Island I had quite a few discussions with Father Feeley, the Priest in Charge of the Catholic Mission on Manam. He was disturbed at the fact that he could not get full attendance at his schools but a quick perusal of the latest census figures shows that in the whole of the census division 86% of the children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are in attendance at either Administration or Mission schools. Of the remainder who are not at school approximately 6% are on Boisa Island which has no school.

DECIMAL CURRENCY

I am now going to make some comments regarding the introduction of decimal currency next year. Whilst on the patrol I was approached by numerous people on Manam asking me for some information on the "new money". At that stage I knew very little myself apart from the basic 10/- equals 1 dollar. I feel that some effort should be made very soon to educate these people regarding the decimal currency changeover. Radio broadcasts certainly help but the number of radios on Manam Island is very small.

If the people are not given sufficient information on this matter they are liable to fall prone to malpractices of dishonest traders who are surely rubbing their hands with delight at this chance to make a quick "quid".

CONCLUSION

All the objects of the patrol were carried out including the large number of land matters on Manam Island which have been awaiting investigations for some time. The people of the Census Division have for the most part developed economically and politically no doubt due to the frequency of visits of officers of all departments.

The housing health and hygiene of the people are good. Their lands with the exception of Boisa Island, are very fertile and as the people to the proper methods of growing their crops they should become quite well-off. The only problem, which could seem to upset their forward movement, will be a shortage of land which must eventually come about as their population increases.

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APPENDIX "A"

Schedule of N.G.L.T.R.O. Applications dealt with on Patrol No.6 of 1964/65 of Bogia.

FILE NUMBER	NAME	REMARKS
34-1-12	RUDUA	Known locally as "BUTUMANING". No native claims.
34-1-27	APARIA	Local name "MARAKO". No claims.
34-1-28	DUGULABA	Local name "MO...MOLE". No claims.
34-1-29	CARISI (WARIS)	Name Carisi should apparently be <del>WARIS</del> WARIS as this is how Waris is often pronounced on Manam Island. Local name "MANAMSUMA". No claims.
34-1-30	BALIAU	Local name "MODC". No claims.
34-1-31	BODA	Local name "BIENG". Claims made by Orobutubu Sub-klan of Boda village re area shown as 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches (? 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods) on plan on Provisional Order.
34-1-32	BOISA ISLAND	Local name "BUAPU". No claims.
34-1-33	SOGARI	Local name "MUANG"? No claims.
34-1-34	BOKURE	Local name "KAPISA". No claims.
34-1-36	DANGALE	Local name "BULEBULE". No claims.



APPENDIX "B"

Below are details of enquiries made to the Patrol regarding some Catholic Mission Lands. A possible acquisition of the following properties were made by the patrol.

1. **TABELE MISSION** : THE PEOPLE of Waia Village have stated that part of one of the Mission Buildings is on their lands. The area where this building # (a copra smoke house) is situated near the foreshore. The whole crux of the matter seems to hinge on whether the mission is claiming land to the High Water Mark or to a line somewhere above the HWM.

Two natives of Bangala Village, to purchase the above purchase of native land and they agreed that sufficient. They require of copra.

The officers are willing to sell an investigation along the lines shown in Land Department Circular No. 1/64 was made. The land was also surveyed by chain and compass.

2. **BOKSUMI** : An area situated near Dugulaba NO.2 Village. This area was surveyed in 1963 by Mr. N Oliver (Field Officer, Land Titles Commission) when he was on Manak Island surveying the other lands for which provisional orders had been issued in the name of the Catholic Mission. Apparently Mr. Oliver wanted to place cements at the corners of the land but the people would not allow him to do so. If a provisional order has been issued for this land it would seem that when same is investigated there will be native claims regarding same.

This land is owned by the people of the village. When they were asked to give the land to the Mission of outright title they were afraid. They do not want to sell the land and are quite sure that they will not.



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APPENDIX "C"

Enquiries regarding the possible acquisition of the following properties were made by the patrol.

1. "DEWA MOTU" near Dangale Village.

Two natives, SEFU-MANTOKA and RIBAGA-MANTOKA, wish to purchase the above land from the RUBALALEI Sub-clan of Dangale Village. The Administration attitude to outright purchase of native lands was discussed with these two men and they agreed that a lease for say, 20 years, would be sufficient. They require the land for production of copra.

The owners are willing to sell so an investigation along the lines shown in Lands Department Circular No. 1/64 was made. The land was also surveyed by chain and compass.

2. "SITE OF VULCAN OBSERVATORY" near Waris Village.

This land is owned by the Hamakam Sub-clan of Waris Village. When they were asked whether they wanted to sell the land to the Administration, they expressed nothing short of outright horror that someone should want to get land from them.

I took a statement from the head of the group in which he says that they are not willing to sell or lease the land because they fear a future land shortage.

They do not mind the station being on the land at the moment and are quite willing for it to remain there for some time to come.

Fairly small. Looks dirty but is really quite clean and solid. Room for one officer only.



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APPENDIX "D"

REST HOUSES

VILLAGE

COMMENTS

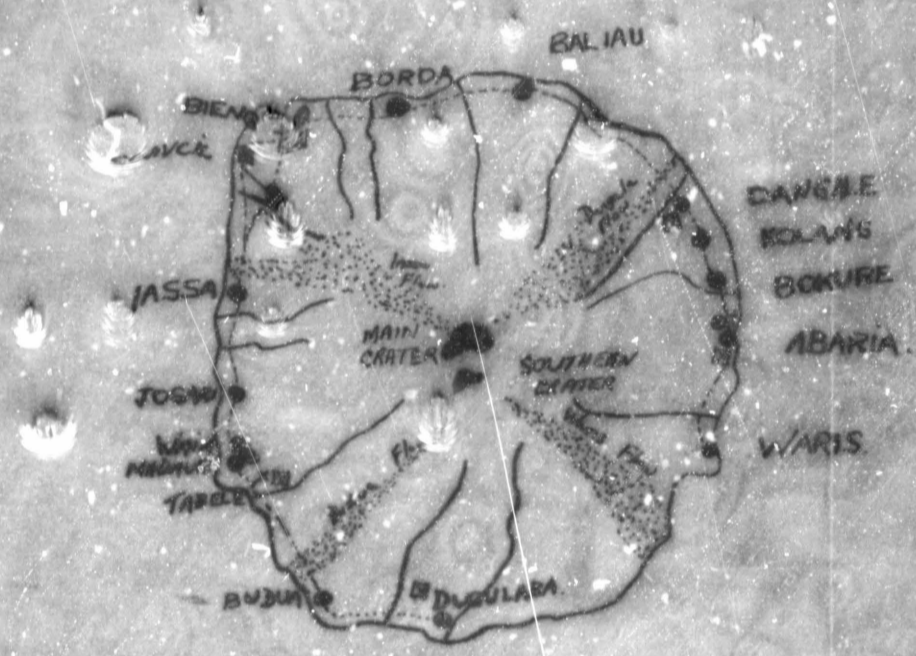
1. ABARIA  
Large and solidly constructed . Ample room for 2-3 officers.
  2. KOLANG  
Reasonably well constructed . Room for 2 officers . Inclusion of "haus kuke" in the main building tends to make ~~existing~~ living in this building a little hard, when there is a wind blowing. Have recommended to the Kolang that they build a separate place for cooking.
  3. DANGALE  
Rather old and definitely too small. Room for only officer.
  4. BALIAU  
Large and solidly constructed. Ample room for 2-3 officers. This is newly built but is not the most private on the island. Tends to be rather "over-airconditioned".
  5. JASSA  
Large rest house. Ample room for 2 officers. Some repairs were needed and these were being carried when I left.
  6. Iabu COUNCIL  
Large Rest House. Room for 2 officers.
  7. TABELA (WAIA)  
Large and solidly constructed. Suitable for 2-3 officers.
  8. DUGULABA  
Large and solidly constructed Suitable for 2 officers.
  9. BOISA  
Fairly small. Looks untidy but is really quite clean and solid. Room for one officer only.
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BOISA ISLAND

- T Missions
- Schools
- Air Posts





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of... MADANG ..... Report No. BOGIA No. 7/64-65 147/64-65 .....

Patrol Conducted by... G.E. McGRATH, Cadet Patrol Officer .....

Area Patrolled... BOGIA COASTAL CENSUS DIVISION .....

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

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

Duration—From... 7/9/1964 ... to... 15/9/1964 .....

Number of Days... 8 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference... See sketch map .....

Objects of Patrol... CENSUS REVISION .....

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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..... District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-3-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr. GRK/jm

Department of District Administration,



Madang.

7th October, 1965.

The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
Konedobu. T.P.N.G.

Bogia Patrol Report No. 7/64-65.

Your 67-7-2 of 24/9/65 refers. of a patrol report by Mr. McGrath.

2. In view of the period of time that has elapsed since the completion of the patrol and the various staff changes that have taken place both here and at Bogia during that period, it is considered that it would not be possible at this stage to determine the reasons for the delay in submitting the report to you.

3. The Standing Instructions as to submission of reports "without undue delay" will again be brought to the attention of all officers within the District by means of a District Commissioner's Circular Memorandum.

4. Mr. McGrath will be requested to take more care with future Patrol Reports and to endeavour to compile more comprehensive and informative Reports than was the case in this instance.

*D. Clifton Bassett*  
(D. Clifton Bassett)  
District Commissioner

Noted *[Signature]* n/h



67-7-2

24th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
MADANG.

MOGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. McGrath.

2. This report is over a year old and as it bears no comments from the Assistant District Commissioner or yourself, I would like an explanation please. Standing instructions are that a report will be submitted "without undue delay" after the completion of a patrol. Please see that your senior officers impress this instruction on the junior officers. One of the purposes of a Patrol Report is to give to the District Commissioner and the Department of District Administration Headquarters as complete a picture as possible of conditions obtaining in the area patrolled.
3. This report was received at this Headquarters on 5th September, 1965.
4. It is obvious that not much effort was put into the composition of the report. Nearly every heading was dismissed with 2 or 3 sentences.

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.



BOGIA PATROL No:1(A).

DIARY (cont'd)

DIARY

Saturday 12th September (continued)

Monday, 7th September

1700 Departed BOGIA by motor cycle for AMBANA.  
1715 Arrived AMBANA. Slept here.

Tuesday, 8th September

0800 BABANGAUA and AMBANA lined and census revised.  
Talk on economic development given. Villages inspected.  
1115 Departed AMBANA for LILAU.  
1130 Arrived LILAU. Village lined and census revised.  
Talk on economic development. Village inspected.  
1335 Departed LILAU for DAGOI.  
1400 Arrived DAGOI. Village lined and census revised.  
Talk on economic development given. Village inspected.  
1550 Departed DAGOI for MOAP.  
1600 Arrived MOAP. Slept here.

Wednesday, 9th September

0800 MOAP lined and census revised. Talk on economic development given. Village inspected.  
0925 Departed MOAP for YAMBAYAMBAY.  
0930 YAMBAYAMBAY lined and census revised. Talk on economic development given.  
1140 BONAPUTA lined and census revised. Talk on economic development given. Village and mission school inspected.  
1420 Departed BONAPUTA for BIMAT.  
1430 WANGOR and BIMAT lined at BIMAT and census revised. Talk on economic development given. Villages to be inspected tomorrow.  
Slept at BIMAT.

Thursday, 10th September

0800 Departed BIMAT for SUARU.  
0930 SUARU lined and census revised. Talk on economic development given.  
1200 Returned to BIMAT and WANGOR by motor cycle and inspected these villages.  
1330 Departed BIMAT for DALUA.  
1400 DALUA lined and census revised. Talk on economic development given.  
1450 Departed DALUA for AIDIBAL.  
1500 AIDIBAL lined and census revised.  
1600 MILLAMUDA lined and census revised at AIDIBAL.  
Talk on economic development given to both villages. Villages inspected.  
1740 Arrived DUGUMOR. Slept here.

Friday 11th September

0800 DUGUMOR, WEDARO, SIRIAR lined and census revised at DUGUMOR. Talk on economic development given.  
1500 Arrived at KAUKOMBA. Slept Here.

Saturday, 12th September

0830 KAUKOMBA lined and census revised.



BOGIA PATROL No. 1(A)/64-65

DIARY (cont'd)

Saturday 12th September (continued)

Short talk on economic development given.  
1100 Arrived TOBINAM. Village lined and census revised.  
1330 Departed for BOGIA by motorcycle.  
1500 Arrived BOGIA. Stayed in the Bogia Government

Sunday 13th September

At Bogia.

Monday 14th September

At Bogia. Division and carry out routine administration.

Tuesday 15th September

1000 By Landrover to Infectious Diseases Hospital,  
Hatzfeldhafen, to investigate complaint.  
1700 returned to Bogia.

END OF PATROL

Accordingly, the writer had to be  
in Fort Moresby by the 19th September to attend the  
Patrol Officers Training Course.



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BOGIA PATROL No. 1(A)/64-65.

INTRODUCTION

The BOGIA COASTAL census division comprises all villages on the coastal strip from the Bogia Government station to the KAUKOMBA river. All villages are accessible by motor road and all receive frequent visits by officers of all departments.

The main objective of the patrol was to revise the census of the division and carry out routine administration. No personal tax was collected as all the villages in this area are expected to be included in a council area by the end of this year. It is expected that 1964 tax will be paid to a council.

The patrol was brief for two reasons. Firstly the area is very accessible, the motor road making movement between villages very easy. Secondly, the writer had to be in Fort Moresby by the 19th September to attend the Cadet Patrol Officers Training Course.



BOCCIA PATROL? No. 1(A)/64-65.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL

The patrol was well received by all villages and censuses were for the most part, fully attended, except for those absent at work, school, or hospitalised.

Food is fairly plentiful in the area and a good variety of vegetables can be purchased. Surplus food is sold to mission stations and the Government station at Bogie.

VILLAGES

The main cash crop in the area is coconuts and most of this is sold. Generally the standard of housing in the area is fairly good. Some cases of sub-standard housing were found and appropriate action taken to have these either repaired or reconstructed.

People seem reluctant to increase coconut plantings to any great extent. They are content to look after a small grove and say how plantings that are not tended will be neglected and soon become overgrown. The practical disadvantages associated with the neglect of coconut plantings were demonstrated to the people, but it is doubtful whether this will make any difference.

All villages, save two, are situated on the sea shore. Most villages have good water supplies but in a few water has to be carried for some distance during very dry periods.

All villages were found to be reasonably clean. The number of toilets was adequate for the needs of the population. Refuse pits were in short supply and the necessity for constructing these was impressed on the people from offending villages.

Apartment village dogs the only livestock in the area are the cattle and a few horses owned by the Catholic mission at Bogie.



AGRICULTURE

Food is fairly plentiful in the area and a good variety of vegetables can be purchased. Surplus food is sold to mission stations and the Government station at Bogia.

The main cash crop in the area is copra and most of this is "sun-dried" and sold to mission plantations. Large amounts of "green" copra are also sold to the mission plantations.

The people seem reluctant to increase coconut plantings to any great extent. They are content to look after a small grove and any new plantings that are made tend to be neglected and soon become overgrown. The practical disadvantages associated with the neglect of coconut plantings were demonstrated to the people, but it is doubtful whether this will make any difference.

Few villages have any substantial plantings of cocoa. It is the policy of the Department of Agriculture that, where there are substantial coconut groves, cocoa should also be planted. I do not think that this policy has been fully implemented as yet.

Livestock

Apart from village dogs the only livestock in the area are the cattle and a few horses owned by the Catholic mission at Bogia.



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BOGIA PATROL No. 1(A)/64-65.

EDUCATION  
COMPLAINTS

No major complaints were heard. Some minor complaints were heard and settled.

REST HOUSES

Most rest houses were found to be in good repair. A new rest house is under construction at AIDIBAL.

CARRIERS

No difficulty was encountered in hiring carriers.

HEALTH

Generally the people of the area are healthy. Medical services are readily available to the people in all villages. The infant mortality rate is very low due to constant and regular patrolling by Infant Welfare staff.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The main south coast road passes through the census division and is usually open to traffic in all weathers, except when bridges are washed away in times of excessive flooding.

The road is in reasonable condition and many old bridges have recently been replaced by new structures. Major repairs are the responsibility of P.W.D. Bogia, and minor repairs are carried out by the respective villages.

AIRFIELDS

There are two airfields in the area, one near Kelaua plantation, the other near the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Hatzfeldhafen. Both are Administration airfields and both are maintained by staff from Hatzfeldhafen.



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BOGIA PATROL No. 1(A)/64-65.

REPORT   EDUCATION   ST. J. P. A. P. C. ACCOMPANIED PATROL

There are no Government schools in the census division, the nearest being located at Bogia Government station.

The Catholic mission maintains schools at Bogia and Banara mission stations. These schools teach to Standard Four. Two Catholic mission village schools have also been established, one at LILAU, the other at BONAPUTA. LILAU caters to Standard 1, BONAPUTA, pre-school only. These schools are fairly well attended.

The Lutheran mission maintains a school at KABAK, which teaches to Standard 4. This school is well attended.



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BOGIA PATROL No. 1(A)/64-65.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF P.P. & N.G.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL

7763 Const. 1/c APE.

A keen and willing N.C.O. but not very bright. He works well if his thinking is done for him.

9602 Const. RAGAS

A willing enough and obedient worker but again not a particularly bright policeman. He may improve with more experience.

*G. E. McGrath*  
(G.E. McGRATH)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



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BOGIA COASTAL CENSUS DIVISION

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BOGIA PITHOL No 101/64-65





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. BOGIA No. 8/64-65

Patrol Conducted by G. E. McGRATH Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Ramu river sections of LOWER RAMU, HANSA BAY, MAKARUP,  
and ANDARUM Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. C. Edward Agricultural Officer, Bogia.

Natives 1 member R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 Hospital Educational Orderly.

Duration—From 7/1/1965 to 23/1/1965

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census, routine administration of Ramu river villages,  
Investigations into migrations from Sepik District.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM  
Telephone

Our Reference 67-7-1  
If calling ask for 67-7-1  
Mr.

Department of District Administration,

Madang.

1st October, 1965.



The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
Konedobu. T.P.N.G.

Bogid Patrol Reports Nos. 3 and 8 of 1964/65

Your memoranda 67-7-1 and 67-7-3 of 27/9/65 refer.

2. In view of the various staff changes both here and at Bogia since the patrols were completed it is considered that it would be extremely difficult, at this stage, to determine the reasons for the delays in the submission of these reports.
3. The Assistant District Commissioner, Bogia, will be requested to investigate the matter of the settlement of the Bereti Group on Damangip land and submit a report (para. 4 of your 67-7-3 refers).
4. The Assistant District Commissioner will be requested to continue to issue detailed patrol instructions to his junior officers.

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*[Signature]*  
D. Clifton-Bassett  
District Commissioner



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67-7-3

27th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
MADANG.

BOGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 8/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. McGrath, not covered by a memorandum from you.

2. Could you please explain the reason why these Patrol Reports from Bogia have taken so long to reach this Headquarters.
3. Mr. McGrath seems to have accomplished the tasks set him and the standard of reporting is fair.
4. It is like the Bereti group have settled on Danau's land with their permission. This arrangement will prove to be most unsatisfactory. Please get the Assistant District Commissioner Bogia, to investigate thoroughly and report.

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.



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BOGIA PATROL No. 8/64-65.



DIARY  
THURSDAY, 7th JANUARY

Thursday, 7th January.

0900 Departed Bogia by M.V. LAKANAI for MARANGIS  
1400 Arrived MARANGIS. Proceeded to load canoe for trip upriver.  
1500 Departed MARANGIS FOR BULIVA  
1600 Arrived BULIVA. Slept here.

Friday, 8th January.

0900 Departed BULIVA.  
1230 Arrived Church of Christ Mission, BUNAPAS.  
1330 Departed BUNAPAS.  
1530 Arrived Church of Christ Mission, ASAU.  
1545 Departed ASAU.  
1830 Arrived abandoned village GWAIA. Slept here.

Saturday, 9th January.

0800 Departed GWAIA.  
1200 Arrived BANGAPELA. Decided to go on up-river to have a look at WOKAM. No rest house here.  
1300 Arrived WOKAM. No rest house here. Decided to return to BANGAPELA.  
1320 Arrived BANGAPELA. Set up camp here.

Sunday, 10th January.

Visited Church of Christ Mission TSUMBA, (65 mins. by canoe from BANGAPELA). Returned to BANGAPELA late PM.

Monday, 11th January.

0830 Departed BANGAPELA on foot for WOKAM.  
0930 Arrived WOKAM. Census revised and village inspected. Some minor complaints heard and settled.  
1435 Departed WOKAM.  
1530 Arrived BANGAPELA. Slept here.

Tuesday, 12th January.

0700 Despatched canoe to BULIVA to pick up spare outboard motor.  
0900 Attempted to line BANGAPELA for census but prevented from doing so by heavy rain.  
1315 Rain stopped. Attempted to complete census but again interrupted by heavy rain which continued until nightfall.

Wednesday, 13th January.

0845 Completed census of BANGAPELA, inspected village and settled some minor complaints. Had discussions with representatives of BANGAPELA and WOKAM re construction of river canoes for the Administration. Canoe not returned by late PM.

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BOGIA PATROL REPORT No. 8/64-65.

DIARY (continued).

Thursday, 14th January.

AM. Awaiting return of canoe from BULIVA. By midday it had not returned. Decided to proceed downriver by village canoes.

1400 Departed BANGAPELA.

1645 Arrived ZUKIN. Canoe from Buliva arrived here at the same time. Slept here.

Friday, 15th January.

0815 ZUKIN lined and census revised, village inspected.

1100 Departed ZUKIN.

1215 Arrived AVUNKUM. Proceeded to census the village but washed out by heavy rain for the rest of the day. Slept here.

Saturday, 16th January.

0800 AVUNKUM lined and census revised, village inspected. No complaints.

1040 Departed AVUNKUM.

1115 Arrived DAKIT. Census revised and village inspected. No complaints.

1300 Departed DAKIT.

1435 Arrived DANMANGGIP (ASAU). Slept here.

Sunday, 17th January.

At DANMANGGIP.

Monday, 18th January.

0830 DANMANGGIP lined and census revised. Village inspected and several minor disputes settled. One court case referred to Bogia. Discussions with UNKENANG village re migration of BERETI group to new site on the Ramu river.

1430 Departed DANMANGGIP.

1445 Arrived BERETI. Inspected site.

1500 Departed BERETI.

1515 Arrived BUNAPAS. Message to Bogia by radio requesting that M.V. LAKANAI be at MARANGIS on Saturday 23rd January.

1630 Departed BUNAPAS.

1750 Arrived BOSMAN. Slept here.

Tuesday, 19th January.

AM. Inspected BOSMAN No's. 1, 2, & 3. No complaints. Heavy rain.

1430 Departed BOSMAN.

1500 Arrived DAIDEM. Heavy rain again. Slept here.

Wednesday, 20th January.

AM. Heavy rain.

PM. Inspected DAIDEM village and Hamlet NEM NEM. Slept DAIDEM.



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DIARY (continued)

Thursday 21st January.

0900 Departed DAIDEM.  
 1000 Arrived BULIVA. Made camp.  
 1230 Departed BULIVA for KABUK.  
 1245 Arrived KABUK. Village inspected. No complaints.  
 1745 Returned to BULIVA.  
 1600 Arrived BULIVA. Slept here.

Friday, 22nd January.

0900 Inspected village. Heard and settled several minor complaints. One case referred to Bogia for court action.  
 Slept here.

Saturday, 23rd January.

0845 Departed BULIVA.  
 1000 Arrived Marangis. Inspected village. One court case referred to Bogia.  
 1600 M.V. LAKANAI had not arrived. Decided to proceed by canoe to AWAR plantation.  
 1815 Arrived AWAR. Slept here.

Sunday, 24th January.

1030 Proceeded to Bogia by Landrover and tractor.  
 1130 Arrived Bogia.

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INTRODUCTION

The main object of the patrol was to census the villages on the Ramu river, except those villages within the YAWAR Council area, and to carry out village hygiene inspections in all villages, and attend to any matters of routine administration.

Following C.P.O. J.R. Edwards' visit to the Ramu, (Refer Bogia Patrol Report No. 3/64-65.), re-migrations of Sepik District villages to the banks of the Ramu river, further investigations into this matter were made. The results of this investigation is set out in an appendix to this report.

The patrol was accompanied by the Bogia Agricultural Officer, Mr. C. Edward, and one Hospital educational Orderly

As per patrol instructions census was not revised in villages within the YAWAR Local Government Council. Census was revised in all other river villages. Tax was not collected from any villages.



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BOGIA PATROL No. 8/64-65.

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RECEPTION OF THE PATROL

The patrol was well received in all villages, particularly the new Bogia villages of WOKAM and BANGAPELA.

VILLAGES

Housing: The standard of housing in most places was only fair, due, I think, to the shortage of bamboo for the making of good house walls. Where bamboo was readily available the standard of housing was good.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Site: All villages are well sited on the banks of the Ramu or on one of its smaller tributaries. In some places, notably MARANGIS and KAFUK, each flooding of the river carries a little of the village site away, but the process is slow and there is no great danger from this erosion. The new villages of BANGAPELA and WOKAM are the best sited villages on the Bogia section of the river.

Water Supply: All villages draw their water supplies from the Ramu and although the water is very muddy it does not seem to have any adverse effects on the people who drink it. Two villages had wells which contained excellent water.

Cleanliness - Hygiene and sanitation: The villages BANGAPELA, WOKAM, ZUKIN, AVUNKUM, and DAMANGGIP (ASAU), were very well kept and clean. The people of DAKIT, an unfinished village, were in the process of cleaning the village site when the patrol arrived. These people were given two months to complete their village and I think that it is important that the next officer who visits DAKIT should check on this.

The rest of the villages, i.e. those within the YAWAR Council area, (DAIDEM, BULIVA, MARANGIS, and BOGMAN No. 1, 2, & 3), were cluttered with rubbish and in an untidy state generally. This matter will be brought to the attention of the YAWAR Council at its next general meeting. Meanwhile the offending villages have been instructed to do something about the state of untidiness. The exception among the Council villages



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VILLAGES (cont'd)

Cleanliness - hygiene and sanitation (cont'd)

was KABUK which was found to be well laid out and very clean.

Toilet facilities in all villages were inadequate and instructions for the construction of more toilets were issued.

AGRICULTURE

A full report on this aspect of the patrol will be submitted by the Agricultural Officer who accompanied the patrol for its duration. A copy of this report is to be made available to the Bogia office.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The main source of income in the area is, of course, the sale of crocodile skins. These are usually sold to European buyers, (there are a number of them buying skins on the river), or to the Ramu Native Society at BULIVA.

However it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find sizable crocodiles as most of these have been exterminated by determined shooters. The result is that crocodile skins are being sold in smaller and smaller sizes and eventually this source of income will disappear as crocodiles will be virtually extinct on the Ramu. The river people understand this and appreciate the fact but whilst buyers continue to buy small skins then the local population will continue to exterminate the crocodiles.

There are few indigenous owned trade stores in this area. Most stores are owned by the Missions, Churches of Christ at BUNAPAS, ASAU, and TSUMBA, and Catholic at BOSMAN.

As yet there are no other established industries on the river but it is reported that some European interests wanted to establish a timber business at the mouth of the river and in fact a small saw-mill had been constructed. However the Ramu had other ideas and washed the lot into the sea. Since then nothing more has been done on this project.



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COMPLAINTS

There were quite a number of complaints brought to the attention of the patrol but most of these were of a minor nature and settled on the spot. Two cases were referred to Bogia for court action and these were marital cases.

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REST HOUSES

All except two of the villages visited had rest houses. WOKAM, a new village, had not completed theirs, and KABUK had never constructed one. Most existing rest houses were in fair condition and all are very roomy. The only cause for complaint was at BOSMAN where the rest house is small and at the time of my visit it was very filthy. This situation should be remedied by the time the next patrol visits there.

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HEALTH

Most villages were fairly healthy but in some cases sores were prevalent. All villages now have ready access to Aid Posts, so there is little excuse for the number of sores seen. A new Aid Post was recently opened at ZUKIN. The A.P.O. was not present at the time of the patrol's visit (he was at Bogia) and there were no hospitalised patients. Another Aid Post has been established at BOSMAN, but this has been there for some time. Both Aid Posts were in good condition and both have been kept clean.

A Hospital Educational Orderly accompanied the patrol and he attended to the sick as well as delivering lectures concerning village health and hygiene.

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EDUCATION

There are no Administration schools in the immediate area, the nearest being at DINAM, some distance from the Ramu. The Church of Christ Mission have primary schools

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APPENDIX I.

MIGRATIONS OF SEPIK DISTRICT VILLAGES TO THE BOGIA SUB-DISTRICT.

Bogia Patrol Report No. 3/64-65 by Mr. J.R. EDWARDS, C.P.O., refers.

As stated by Mr. Edwards in his report, the villagers of GWAIA, BWAIA, MANMONG, ERONON, JAEBIS, have no intention of migrating to the banks of the ~~RAMU RIVER~~. Although they do have established camps on the river. They use these places for commercial reasons only.

GWAIA and BWAIA had well established villages on the Ramu but these places are now overgrown and the houses have fallen down. I think these two places did have firm intentions of settling near the Ramu permanently but have since changed their minds, or have been persuaded not to migrate. I believe that they may change their minds again in the future.

WOKAM and BANGAPELA are permanently settled near the river and have no intention of returning to the Angoram Sub-District. These two villages are building two river canoes for the Administration.

The remaining village is UNKENANG. As stated by Mr. Edwards there are two groups in this village, SANAI and BERETI. After much discussion with the SANAI group it was ascertained quite definitely that the group did not want to leave the Sepik District. On the other hand, the BERETI group now definitely want to migrate to the Ramu. They have, in fact firmly established their village about 15 minutes downriver by canoe from DAMANGGIP (ASAU). This group numbers about 50 people. (45 seen at DANMANGGIP). They have named the village BERETI. The ground on which BERETI is situated belongs to the DANMANGGIP people who stated that they did not mind if the BERETI line established themselves on DANMANGGIP land. The BERETI people have accumulated some money with which they hope to be able to purchase the land outright but it seems to me that DANMANGGIP does not want to lose all rights to the land. I was not able to clarify the situation as nobody was prepared to say much on the subject. Follow-up investigations should reveal more.

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4. You should complete the patrol within 14 days but do not hurry. If you think you can usefully spend 30 days in this area then do so. Advise this office by Church of Christ radio of the date and time you want to be picked up at MARANGIS.

5. On completion of the patrol you will be required to write a full and informative report of the patrol in accordance with departmental standing instructions. This report will be No. 8 of 1964-65.

I hope the weather and the river are kind and wish you a successful and pleasant patrol.



(R.J. GREEN)  
a/Assistant District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Sub-District Office,  
BOGIA.

30th December, 1964.

Cadet Patrol Officer G.E. McGrath,  
Sub-District Office,  
BOGIA.

Dear Greg,

Please make preparations for your patrol of the Ramu river from MARANGIS to WOKAM to commence on 7th January, 1965.

M.V. Lakanal will transport your patrol to MARANGIS and will leave Bogia wharf at 7a.m. on 7/1/65.

On this patrol you will carry out the following duties:-

1. Visit and carry out hygiene and sanitation inspections of these villages:-

- \* MARANGIS
- \* KABUK
- \* BULIVA
- \* DAIDEM
- \* BOSMAN Nos. 1, 2, & 3.
- DAMANGGIP
- AVUNKUM (and DAKIT)
- ZUKIN
- BANGAPELE
- WOKAM

\* These villages are within the YAWAR Local Government Council. On completion of your patrol you will attend the February monthly meeting of the Council to address the Council on the condition of these villages, and give advice and suggestions on village improvements. Arrange this with A.D.O. Johnston. If other field duties prevent your personal attendance at the February meeting write a letter to the Council on the subject.

2. Census the following villages:-

- DAMANGGIP
- AVUNKUM (and DAKIT)
- ZUKIN
- BANGAPELA
- WOKAM



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2. (continued). Record all new names in the tax-census register methodically and clearly. Issue village books where necessary.
3. Investigate the matter of further migrations to the area, particularly from the Angoram Sub-District. This will require considerable discussion with the people concerned. Try to ascertain their long term intentions, i.e. whether they are temporarily or permanently settled at the river locality. Report fully on this aspect of your patrol.

On this subject read Bogia Patrol report No. 3 of 1964-65 by C.R.O. Edwards and, especially our file 14-1-3 which contains a comprehensive history of these migrations.

4. Map the river area, as regards village locations, on the scale 2" = 1 mile. Your patrol report must contain three copies of the map drawn to the best of your ability.
5. Arrange for two first class river canoes to be constructed for the Administration, one by WOKAM and one by BANGAPELA. You are to personally select the logs to be used in company with the village officials. Explain clearly our requirements and offer £40 per canoe if completed by 15th March, 1965, or £30 per canoe if completed later.
6. Arbitrate minor disputes not requiring legal action. Bring court matters to Bogia.

Prior to your departure make the following arrangements:-

- (a) Prepare 44 gallons of outboard fuel for the patrol. You will use the YAWAR Council motor canoe. It will be hired at £4 per hour. Payment will be made on completion of the patrol.
- (b) Collect a cash advance of £50 from this office.
- (c) Inform P.H.D. of your patrol itinerary and offer any reasonable assistance to that department's requests in the area. Request a medical orderly to accompany your patrol, but ensure he is a good swimmer.
- (d) Ask A.D.C. Johnston to detail one member of the Bogia R.P.&N.G.C. detachment to accompany your patrol. He must be a capable swimmer.

GENERAL

1. You will be accompanied by the Bogia Agricultural Officer. Remember that you are officer-in-charge of the patrol and responsible for patrol discipline, management and safety.

2. Do not forget your Volume 1 of D.S.I. I cannot over-emphasise the value of this to field administration.

3. Visit all mission stations en route and give them any assistance you can.

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Boatin Patrol No 8/64-65

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SEPEN 1.  
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BUNAPAS

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KOMINUNG  
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MAKARUP

IKEMIN

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GORAK

MAKARUP

BOSMAN (1, 2, 3)

BEAETI

DANMANGUP  
CASAU

BWANK  
(abandoned)

WANA  
(abandoned)







BUKAN  
(a bridge road)

GUA AIR  
(Abu Hassan)

BUKUM

ZUKIN

ANDARUM

BANGAPELA

WOKAM

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of...MADANG..... Report No....BOGIA No. 14/61-65.....

Patrol Conducted by...G.E. McGRATH Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled...JOSEPHSTAAL CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...NIL.....

Natives.....2 members B.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From...5 / 4 / 1965 to 15 / 4 / 1965  
20 / 4 / 1965 to 8 / 5 / 1965

Number of Days...~~20~~ 30

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

- Objects of Patrol.....
1. Census Revision
  2. 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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29th November, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
MADANG.

BOGIA PATROL REPORT NO. 14/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. McGrath, covered by your memorandum 67-3-1 of 5th November, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Green were noted. Mr. McGrath will be well advised to read and digest the comments of both Mr. Green and yourself.
3. The forwarding of the report has been long delayed and any usefulness attaching to the report is lessened considerably as a result.
4. Mr. McGrath has certainly not written a good report. There should be much more detailed observation and reporting on a patrol like this. The Assistant District Commissioner, Bogia should advise these young officers on the type of thing to watch for and the method of recording detailed notes each day on which to base the report. Once the Senior Officer has explained carefully what is wanted and how to get it, he must then insist on getting it.
5. There is no doubt at all that Mr. McGrath has done his job well in the field, but this does not appear from the report. Young officers must be constantly reminded that a Patrol Report is a most important document and not a routine chore. The report forms a direct link between the officer doing the job in the field and myself.
6. Please advise Mr. McGrath to digest thoroughly Chapter IV, "The Patrol Report" as found on pages 18 to 44 in the Departmental Standing Instructions handbook.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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fact that the report is so uninformative it is impossible to determine whether the objects of the patrol were achieved. I can only hope that Mr. McGrath's future efforts at writing Patrol Reports will be more successful than is the case in this instance. In view of the fact that two years had elapsed since the last census patrol of the Census Division, I feel that more information than is given in this report could be expected from a young, observant officer.

*D. Clifton Bassett*  
(D. Clifton-Bassett)  
District Commissioner

*There should be much more detailed observation & reporting on a patrol like this. See also comments on Bogota patrol 2/65-66. The ADC must explain what is wanted & how to get it, and insist on getting it.*



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

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Department of District Administration,

Madang.

5th November, 1965.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
Konedobu. T.P.N.G.

Bogia Patrol No. 14/64-65

Forwarded herewith is the report of a patrol to the Josephstaal Census Division of the BOGIA Sub-district conducted by Cadet Patrol Officer G.E. McGrath. The forwarding of the report from Bogia has been long delayed and any usefulness attaching to the report is lessened considerably as a result. A copy of memorandum 67-2-1 of 9/10/65 from Assistant District Commissioner, Bogia, is attached.

2. The report cannot be regarded as being a good one. It has been prepared in a careless manner and it is obvious that the reporting officer has not even bothered to read back over it and correct its many mistakes. Some of the sentences make no sense at all and it is hoped that such examples are signs of momentary aberration only. There is no consistency in the spelling of village names recorded in the report itself, the Village Population Register and the sketch map accompanying the report. It seems that the reporting officer has not deigned to consult the official Village Directory and consistently follow the spellings set out therein.

3. It seems that the patrolling officer has quickly learned the bad habit of forcing people to assemble for census at a place other than their own village just to suit the officer's convenience, e.g., the people of MATUNGA were made to assemble for census at MIDSIVINDU on 26/4/65 even though the officer passed through their village on 27/4/65; the MAKAPAI people were made to assemble for census at AVUNAMAKAI - the officer didn't bother to visit their village either then or at a later date.

4. It would be of interest to hear the details of the "scheme" mentioned at paragraph 4 in part (ii) under the heading "Agriculture". I presume that the statement "there are no native-owned livestock in the area" is not to be read to mean that the natives of the area do not even own pigs; this is an example of the badly-expressed statements made throughout the report.

5. Taking into account the fact that no patrol instructions accompany the report as an appendix and the



The area in the immediate vicinity of Josephstaal  
is very suitable for cash cropping and it is a pity  
that the Administration is not able to be more active in this  
regard. Apart from Lowland coffee, crops like rice, beans  
and 67-2-1 do very well here. The  
District Commissioner at Josephstaal  
has decided crops that are particularly  
suitable for development in this area are:

Sub-District Office,  
BOGIA.

9/10/65.

District Commissioner,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
NABANG.

BOGIA PATROL REPORT NO.14 of 1964/65.

I submit herewith report in duplicate of a patrol  
of the Josephstaal Census Division carried out by Mr. G.E. McGrath,  
Cadet Patrol Officer, in April/May of this year. The delay  
in submission of this report is regretted. Written patrol  
instructions were issued to the officer conducting the patrol  
but no copy can now be found for appendage to this report.

The aims of the patrol were to revise the census,  
carry out intensive routine administration and look into the  
economic potential of the area, considering especially potential  
of Lowland coffee as a basic cash crop. In conjunction with  
this the officer was instructed to investigate cursorily  
availability of land for resettlement.

The report is brief, too brief in fact to do justice  
to the patrol and the typing is somewhat inaccurate.

Agriculture:

It does appear that Robusta coffee is the only suitable  
cash crop for this area at the present time. The Dept. of  
Agriculture has been providing assistance throughout this year  
to natives interested in planting coffee and the response has  
been encouraging. The Bogia Agricultural Officer has now  
arranged for seed coffee to be purchased in the Ulingan area  
for supply to Josephstaal; thus the problem of seed supply  
is now overcome.

One paragraph in the report does not make sense owing  
to typing faults and as this is a rather important para. I want  
to clarify it. This para. is the final one under "cash cropping"  
section of the report of Agriculture and states "The existing  
coffee plantings and so far there have been no communal efforts.  
The advantages and disadvantages of communal plantings were  
discussed with many villages and they were of the opinion that  
individually worked would be best for the area. The subject  
was broached by the people themselves."  
When I visited Josephstaal in February 1965 I enquired into the  
development of cash cropping and was told then about the  
interest in Lowland coffee. At the time I could not ascertain  
whether or not the plantings at that date were on a communal  
basis or a family/individual basis. In order to prevent  
communal plantings getting out of hand Mr. McGrath was instructed  
to look into this matter closely to ensure that communal plantings  
were discouraged. It is now clear that plantings to date  
are being carried out on a family basis in accordance with  
customary land tenure rules.

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The area in the immediate vicinity of Josephstaal airstrip is very suitable for cash cropping and it is a pity that the Administration is not able to be more active in this locality. Apart from Lowland coffee, crops like rice, peanuts and cocoa all do very well here. This has been shown by the Catholic Mission at Josephstaal which has grown all these crops. Besides crops there is possibly a future for livestock development, the mission cattle are doing particularly well and this area is tick-free.

On New Guinea standards Josephstaal is not a really isolated area and much could, or should, be done in the sphere of economic development.

LAW AND ORDER:

Mr. McGrath investigated one alleged murder during his patrol. I investigated another alleged murder during *August 1965*. When making enquiries I also found the people very unco-operative and reticent. In both murders sorcery was involved and for this reason there is extreme doubt if either of the two persons were actually murdered. I am inclined to think that somebody died - stories of sorcery are bandied about and everyone becomes convinced of foul play. At this stage the Administration gets wind of it and proceeds to investigate. Everyone is then embarrassed about the whole business and retires into stony silence. Unfortunately in both these instances the deaths were not reported until so long after the demise that autopsies could show nothing. Although I think that both these alleged murders were idle rumour there is still a nagging doubt in an area like this that murder has been done and we are just not able to get to the bottom of it.

Camping allowance claims are attached.

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( R. J. Green )  
Assistant District Commissioner.



BOGIA PATROL No. 14/64-65.

DIARY

Monday 5th April.

1000 Departed Bogia by tractor and trailer.  
1200 Arrived APENGEN. Delay while waiting for carriers.  
1400 Departed APENGEN.  
1600 Arrived SIRIN. Rain. Slept here.

Tuesday 6th April.

0530 Departed SIRIN.  
1100 Arrived WASAMB.  
1200 Departed WASAMB.  
1230 Arrived TANGU Catholic Mission.  
1300 Departed TANGU.  
1345 Arrived SIRIKIN.  
1410 Departed SIRIKIN.  
1540 Arrived WADAGANAM. Heavy rain. Slept here.

Wednesday 7th April.

0835  
0835 Departed WADAGANAM.  
1145 Arrived MOHESAPA. Guam river in flood and impassable.  
Slept here.

Thursday 8th April.

0800 Departed MOHESAPA.  
0845 Arrived Guam river. River still in flood but crossing made by raft.  
1045 Departed Guam river.  
1545 Arrived EWVAR. Rain. Slept here.

Friday 9th April.

0815 Departed EWVAR.  
1000 Arrived IKUNDUN.  
1015 Departed IKUNDUN.  
1315 Arrived Josephstaal.

Saturday 10th April.

At Josephstaal. Some complaints heard and requested by radio that ADC come to Josephstaal to hear courts.

Sunday 11th April.

At Josephstaal.

Monday 12th April.

At Josephstaal awaiting ADC.

Tuesday 13th April.

At Josephstaal. ADC arrived 1400.



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Wednesday 14th April.

Attended courts headr by ADC at Josephstaal.

Thursday 15th April.

1530 Departed Josephstaal by plane for Bogia.  
1750 Arrived Bogia.

Friday 16th April to Monday 19th April.

Easter observed at Bogia.

Tuesday 20th April.

1600 Departed Awar by plane for Josephstaal.  
1620 Arrived Josephstaal.

Wednesday 21st April.

At Josephstaal. Prepared to resume patrol.

Thursday 22nd April.

0900 Departed Josephstaal .  
1210 Arrived BONDOMA.  
PM. Census revised. Slept here.

Friday 23rd April.

0800 Departed PONDOMA.  
0945 Arrived OSUM.  
1430 Started census revision but interrupted by rain.  
1500 Census abandoned for the day. Slept here.

Saturday 24th April.

0830 Completed census of OSUM.  
1030 Departed OSUM.  
1135 Arrived YIGEBUGUAR.  
1530 Village lined and census revised. Slept YIGEBUGUAR.

Sunday 25th April.

Observed at YIGEBUGUAR.

Monday 26th April.

0830 Departed YIGEBUGUAR.  
0930 Arrived MIDSIVINDU.  
1000 MIDSIVINDU lined and census revised. MUTUNGA also lined here.  
1345 Departed Midsivindu.  
1445 Arrived UNGEI.  
1530 UNGEI lined and census revised.  
Slept UNGEI.

Tuesday 27th April.

0730 Departed UNGEI.  
0810 Arrived OIUMKUN. Village lined and census revised.  
1030 Departed OIUMKUN.  
1230 Arrived BUGEI. Village lined and census revised.



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DIARY (continued)

Thursday 27th April, (continued).

1450 Departed BUGEI.  
1600 Arrived MUTUNGA.  
1640 Departed MUTUNGA.  
1730 Arrived MIDSIVINDU. Slept here.

Wednesday 28th April.

0800 Discussions with the men of CSUM, YIGEBUGUAR, MIDSIVINDU,  
and MATUNGA re coffee plantings.  
1000 Departed MIDSIVINDU.  
1030 Arrived UVORAI.  
1300 UVORAI lined and census revised. Slept UVORAI.

Thursday 29th April.

0815 Departed UVORAI.  
0830 Arrived PORPOR. Village lined and census revised.  
1000 Departed PORPOR.  
1150 Arrived AVUNAMAKAI. Both AVUNAMAKAI and MAKAPAI lined  
and census revised at AVUNAMAKAI. Slept here.

Friday 30th April.

0750 Departed AVUNAMAKAI.  
0950 Arrived WAIUTANG. Village lined and census revised.  
1130 Departed WAIUTANG.  
1140 Arrived WATITANGU. Village lined and census revised.  
1330 Departed WATITANGU.  
1350 Arrived Josephstaal.

Saturday 1st May.

0910 Departed Josephstaal.  
1000 Arrived MANDUGUA. Village lined and census revised.  
pm Investigations into the mysterious death of a woman  
from MANDUGUA.  
1540 Departed MANDUGUA.  
1620 Arrived Josephstaal. Slept here.

Sunday 2nd May.

Observed at Josephstaal.

Monday 3rd May.

Carried out further investigations into death of woman from  
MANDUGUA.

Tuesday 4th May.

0810 Departed Josephstaal.  
1020 Arrived MINDIVI. Village lined and census revised.  
1300 Departed MINDIVI.  
1325 Arrived IKUNDUN.  
1500 IKUNDUN lined and census revised.  
Slept IKUNDUN.



DIARY (continued)

Wednesday 5th May.

0830 Departed IKUNDON.  
0930 Arrived TUMANDAPUAR. Village lined and census revised.  
Discussions with men from surrounding villages re coffee plantings.  
Slept TUMANDAPUAR.

Thursday 6th May.

0800 Departed TUMANDAPUAR.  
0830 Arrived ARAMANT. Village lined and census revised.  
1115 Departed ARAMANT.  
1145 Arrived EWVAR. Village lined and census revised.  
Slept EWVAR.

Friday 7th May.

0700 Departed EWVAR.  
1200 Arrived MORESAPA. Slept here.

Saturday 8th May.

0700 Departed MORESAPA.  
1330 Arrived KONGWAN.  
1430 Departed KONGWAN.  
1545 Arrived LILAU.  
1600 Returned to Bogia by truck.

END OF PATROL



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BOGIA PATROL No. 14/64-65.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was of a routine nature, its main object being the census revision of the Josephstaal Census Division. The last routine patrol to the area was in JUNE/JULY of 1963.

The area is still fairly primitive although it has been under Administration control and Mission influence for many years, and it seems that it has been neglected by this department, and other departments also.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL

The patrol was well received in all villages.

VILLAGES

(i) Housing: generally of a poor standard throughout the whole area. The villagers to the north of Josephstaal at least build their houses with the floors above ground level but these are still of rather crude design. Villages to the west of Josephstaal still make use of the ground as floor space

All villages are capable of building good houses. This is evident from the fact that rest houses, generally, are of a fair standard.

(ii) Village sites: Most villages are at present well sited, but for how long is anybody's guess. No fewer than seven villages have moved to new sites during the last year, and several more are planning moves in the near future. In other words the population is still virtually nomadic. I was not able to determine any specific reason for the constant shifting of village sites.

(iii) Water supply: All villages have adequate supplies of water.

(iv) All villages were clean but it was obvious that they had been cleaned for the benefit of the patrol only and would revert to their normal state as soon as the patrol left the area. Most villages had an insufficient number of latrines and instructions were given for more latrines to be built.

REST HOUSES

All villages have either completed or near-completed rest houses. As stated above these are of a fair standard.



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AGRICULTURE

At the time of the patrol (last season) food was plentiful, gardens being well stocked. This situation no doubt will change with the coming of the dry season.

The patrol was able to buy a good selection of native foods of good quality.

(i) Cash cropping: In recent years the cash crop that has been advocated for this area is coffee. As yet there are no coffee gardens of any size, and only a few with any mature coffee trees. The number of mature trees in the entire area is of the order of 100.

The Josephstaal people place the blame for not having developed more coffee plantings on the Department of Agriculture, Bogia. They maintain that they have repeatedly asked for coffee seeds but have been told that there were none available. This point was checked with the Agricultural Officer, Bogia, and it seems that up until now he has not been able to get coffee seeds for distribution in the Bogia Sub-District.

However, following a recent visit to Madang, he was able to obtain some seed and this has been sent to Josephstaal for distribution to those who require seeds.

The Department of Agriculture has stationed at Josephstaal three of its field workers to help with the planning of gardens and to assist in the planting of coffee.

The existing coffee plantings and so far there have been no communal efforts. The advantages and disadvantages of communal plantings were discussed with many villages and they were of the opinion that individually worked would be best for the area. The subject was broached by the people themselves.

(ii) Marketing: Up till now the problems of marketing cash crops from this area have not come under consideration. The main problem here is that there is no vehicular outlet from Josephstaal to the coast, and the airstrip is open to light aircraft only. A road from Josephstaal to the coast does not look like becoming a reality for some considerable time, so this leaves the airstrip as the only practical outlet for cash crops.

There would be little difficulty in enlarging the Josephstaal airstrip which, at present, is 3000 feet long and 150 feet wide.

The Bogia Agricultural Officer advises that his department will purchase all the coffee produced by the Josephstaal villages and that the problem of finding an outlet rests solely with his department. If this is so then no marketing problems exist as far as the indigenous population is concerned.

Finally it is felt that the Josephstaal area could become a large coffee producer as the indigenous population is becoming increasingly more interested in the scheme and there is ample land available for coffee planting.



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Livestock

There are no native-owned livestock in the area. The Catholic Mission has about 80 head of cattle and a few horses, but these are for mission use only.

LAND

There exists adjacent to the Josephstaal airstrip a fairly flat area of land which might be of interest to the Administration for future Agricultural developmental schemes. I was not able to determine the extent of this area, but seen from Josephstaal it looks to be fairly extensive.

At present there are no other areas here that would be of much interest to the Administration.

COMPLAINTS

Very few complaints were presented to the patrol. An alleged murder was investigated in one village but nothing could be substantiated and no action was taken. Throughout the investigation the villagers were most uncooperative and this hampered proceedings somewhat.

COURTS

Three cases were heard by the ADC Bogia at Josephstaal following his visit to the station during the early part of the patrol. One case was brought to Bogia for hearing.

CARRIERS

No difficulty was experienced in hiring carriers. They were paid at the rate of one shilling per hour and they were quite willing to carry for periods of five to seven hours as was the case on two occasions during the patrol.

TRACKS

As the patrol was conducted during the wet season tracks were as expected - wet and greasy. Walking at times was difficult.

The tracks had obviously been cut for the benefit of the patrol only and villages' obligations towards maintenance was pointed out to the people.

There are no vehicular roads in the area.

AIRSTRIPS

The airstrip at Josephstaal is in fair condition although very wet at the time of the patrol. It is maintained by the Catholic Mission.

As stated before the strip could be enlarged without much trouble.



EDUCATION

The only established school in the area is at Josephstaal Catholic Mission Station. This is not well attended as people seem reluctant to send their children to board at the school. Pupils come from nearby villages only. The school is capable of handling an enrolment of 100 but at present only 45 pupils attend.

There are no Administration schools in the area.

HEALTH

The general health of the people in the area is improving. There is an Administration hospital at Josephstaal and an Aid Post at MIDSIVINDU. Both are in fair condition and well attended.

Infant Welfare services are provided by a nursing sister from the Catholic Mission at Josephstaal and she visits outlying villages regularly. The infant mortality rate has dropped since the establishment of regular infant welfare patrols.

CENSUS

The census figures show a decrease in total population of 148. This is partly due to the higher death rate than birth rate and partly unexplained.

The census was well attended in all villages, absenteeism being restricted to those away at work and a few sick in hospital.

  
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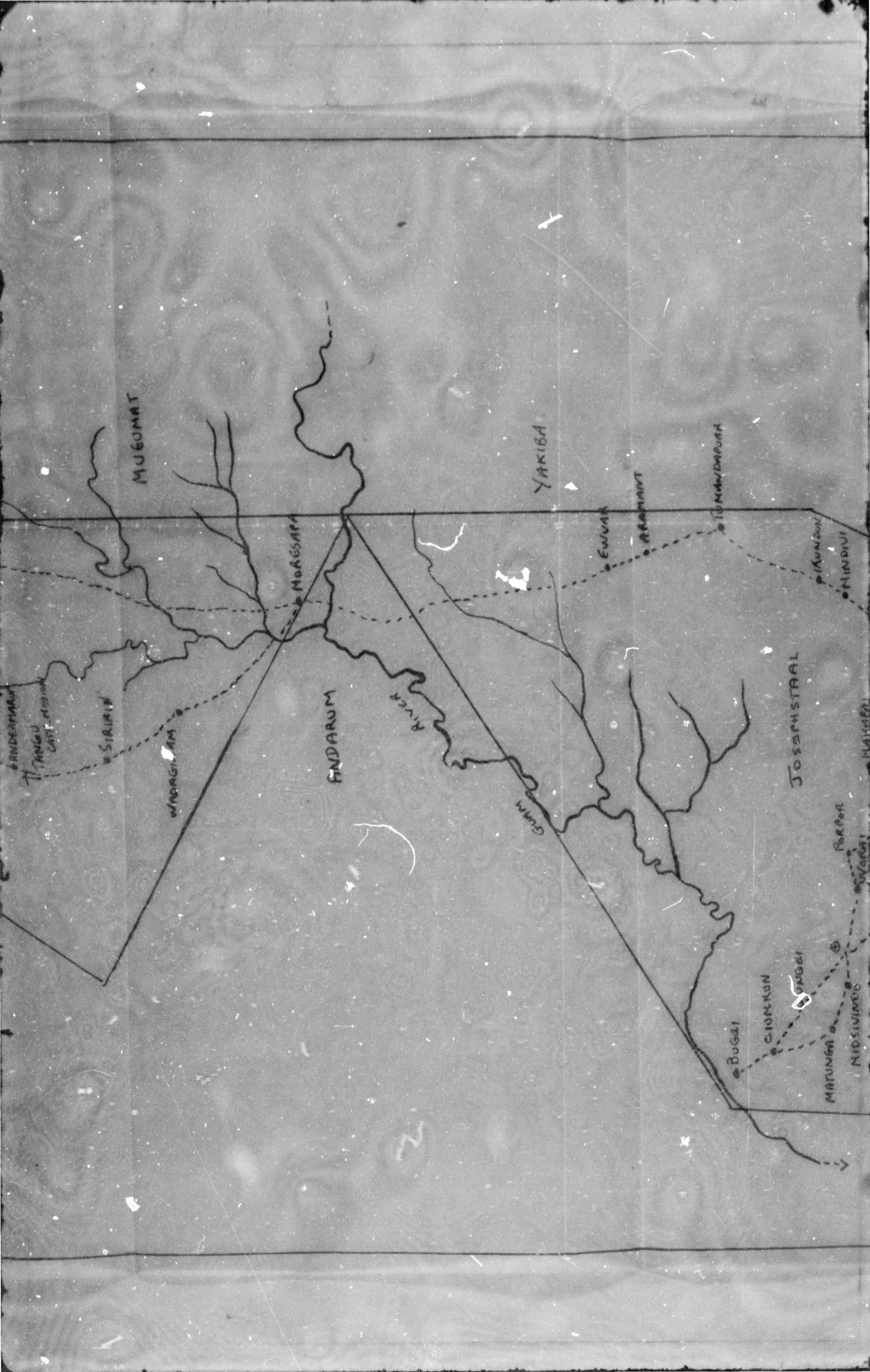


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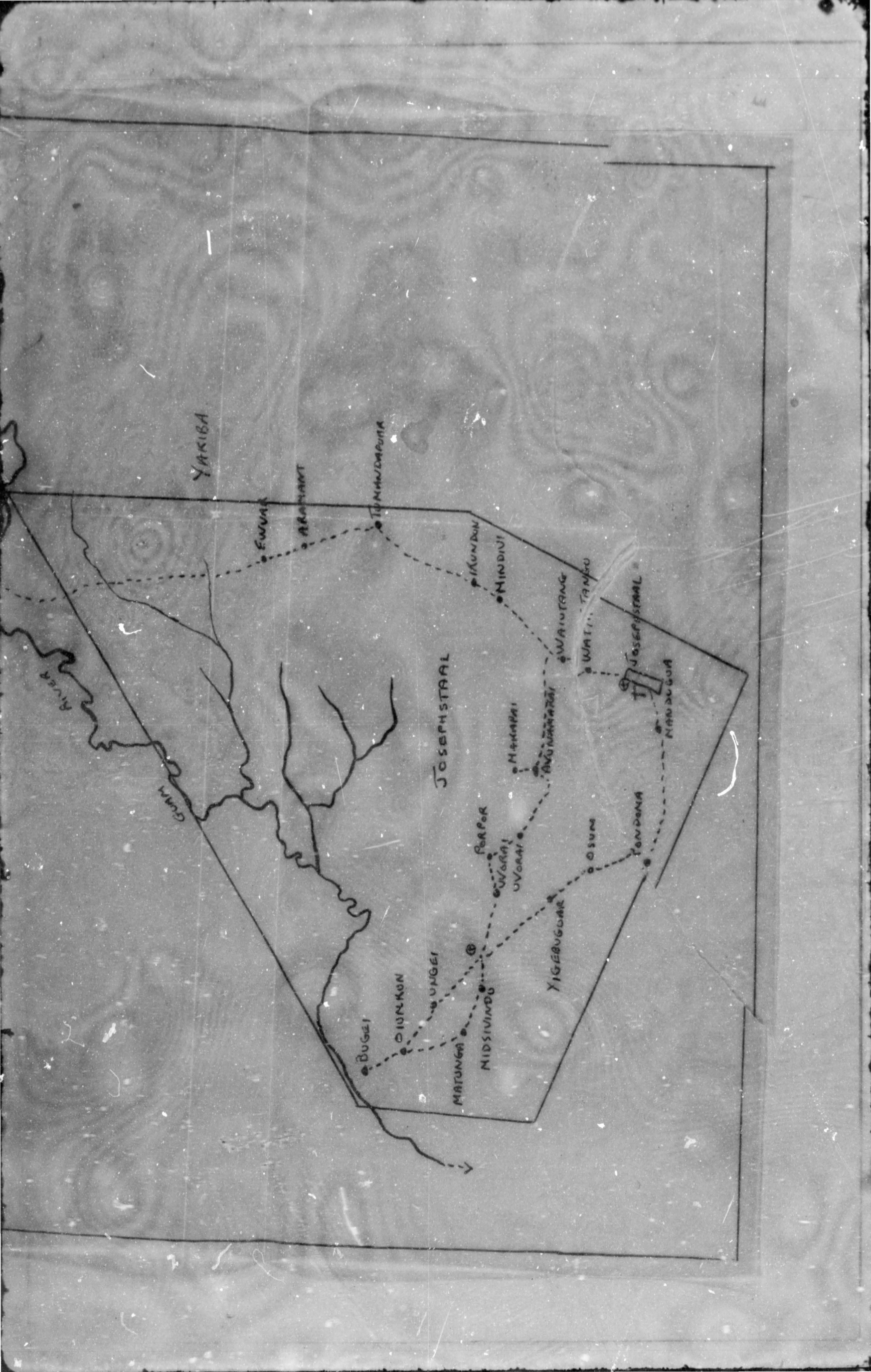
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