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PATROL REPORT No. 2-65/66.

— By —

R. CHAMBERLAIN.

BAINING.

EAST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT.

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Training Base Camp,
Free Bag Service,
Lassal Bay,
Rahoul Sub-District,
East New Britain District.

1st. July, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Rahoul Sub-District Office,
MAYPIT.

Report on Training Patrol No. 2 of 1965/66.
Inland and Coastal Training Census Divisions.

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Information.

The villages of the Inland Baining Census Division are situated in well watered, limestone, highland valleys and separated from each other by tracts of primary forest. The climate is temperate and there is a noticeable absence of mosquitoes, owing to the fast flowing nature of the rivers and streams.

The villages of the Coastal Bainings Census Division are situated on a narrow coastal strip of land close to swamps and stagnant water, resulting in the existence of hordes of mosquitoes.

These people have only recently realized the need to increase their economic cash crops and are now concentrating on copra, cocoa and coffee.

In the area patrolled there is one TONAI village, KANO, which, whilst keeping aloof from the Baining villages, maintains good relations with them.

There is much migratory movement amongst the Baining villages resulting in a close knit society.

The Baining Local Government Council has been in operation for one year and the majority of people have an understanding of the workings of the Council. New elections are scheduled to begin on 26th July, 1966 and no difficulties are anticipated.

Diary.

Relevant pages of Field Officers Journal ARE attached.

Reaction of Patrol.

Friendly at all villages.

Villages and Housing.

The housing throughout the two Census Divisions was found to be of a satisfactory standard.

The houses of the Inland Baining people are erected on the ground with a fire-place built in the middle of the roof. Sleeping on the damp ground results in various sicknesses as was evidenced by the large number of coughing and sneezing villagers.

The floors of most of the houses in the Coastal Baining villages are raised above the ground and fewer people are affected by colds.

Taking the present stage of economic development into account, the sites of all the villages are advantageous. There is more than enough land to fill present and future needs and the spacings of villages and their present sites will also be advantageous when productivity increases ^{and} if a road is extended to the areas.

There is ample water available in the inland Baining from clear rivers and streams. Coastal water supplies are either from rivers or tanks and wells.

Personal hygiene is lacking in the majority of villages although the villages are kept neat and clean at all times. There are simple toilet facilities in each village visited, but, it is doubtful that these toilet facilities are used frequently.

Village Officials.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a list of councillors. Of these there are three whose intelligence, efficiency and interest in the job, far exceeds that of the others. They are MUYLOT of Hilarait, SIMATEA of Vunapalanig and TOMANIBARA of Koro.

Political Situation.

As has been stated, there is a general awareness amongst the people, of the functions of the Baining Local Government Council. There was no evidence gathered on this Patrol to indicate the existence of Cargo Cult activity.

The Administration is held in high esteem at all the villages visited as was evidenced by the willingness to carry patrol equipment, and the speed at which simple requests were carried out.

The Roman Catholic Mission at Noumea and that at Vunavuta are held in high esteem by the entire Baining community. Any request by Father Laha of Noumea Mission is met by speedy cooperation.

No hostility towards Europeans, Chinese or Mixed Race was noticed, although a fear was expressed that land grabbing would begin on the establishment of a road. Such fears were allayed in future discussions.

Hostility towards Telai squatters on Native Reserves is apparent although friendly relations are observed with the Telai village of Koro.

Because of the close knit social structure of the Baining villages,

aged and infirm are well cared for.

Absenteeism is not affecting village life as the majority are employed as casual labourers on nearby plantations.

Agriculture.

There is an abundance of food throughout the two Census divisions. The diet of the inland Baining people, however, consists in the main of starch vegetables such as Taro, sweet potato and banana. Green leaf is available but protein is scarce, resulting in distended stomachs. The coastal people are better off, with fish and citrus fruit to add to their diet.

There were no reported plant diseases, but in the gardens of the coastal villages, the large snails are destroying much of the leaf crops.

Evidence of introduced crops, being included in the general subsistence pattern, was slight, although at Malasit village there is a plant nursery, established by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, which at the time of this Patrol contained tomato and cabbage seedlings. Instruction was given to several villagers in methods of digging and transplanting these seedlings.

It should be noted that at the Romanina Roman Catholic Mission, tomato and American potato are being successfully *cultivated*.

Cash crops in the inland are, at this stage, limited to coffee, of which healthy blocks are found at Alabansa and Malasit. THE plantings are a mixture of individual and communal efforts.

On the coast, cocoa and copra are the cash crops. Some wet cocoa bean is sold to plantations in the area, at prices ranging from two cents to four cents per pound. Wet cocoa bean from Vumpalandig village is collected by D.A.S.F. and transported to Rabaul.

At Lamerain (coastal) village, cocoa is being successfully dried and transported to Rabaul, where, as the Councillor claims, Green and Co., are the most consistent purchasers.

Of the large tracts of land suitable for development at Kananakas (Bingupip) and Lamerain approximately one hundred acres at each place is being utilized.

Contrary to some reports, the people of the Inland stress that they do not intend migrating to the Kamakan or Lanarin (coastal) areas but do intend developing cash crops at these areas, which will be worked at periods.

Livestock.

Pigs and fowls are the only livestock to be found amongst the Baining villages. Suggestions were made that pigs should be placed in pens, but the people prefer to fence their gardens.

At Rausima Roman Catholic Mission, Father Lahn has a dozen cows and a bull. Each year six beasts are killed to keep the numbers static and milk is being provided for the children at the boarding. This successful venture shows the feasibility of the establishment of a cattle industry in the Inland Bainings. The valley which contains the villages of Kungl and Yalon would be ideal for cattle, having abundant water, natural boundaries and ample grass, which grows profusely wherever the forest is cleared.

Fish.

A scheme which could be reserved for the future, when a road is extended to the Inland Bainings, and the people are managing present schemes successfully, is that of fish farming. The abundance of clear, fast flowing streams, close by all villages makes such a scheme a veritable possibility.

Forestry.

Forestry work is being carried out in the Vial-Malasaï area and a road opening the Inland will be a result of this work.

General and Summary.

There is only one trader in operation in either of the Census Divisions. This store is at Loun village and belongs to INOULIN-RUNNIMAN. THE store is well run and meets all requirements.

Rest Houses.

Rest Houses were in a satisfactory condition at all villages except Rausima and Alakoon where requests were made for them to be rebuilt. Attached as Appendix "B" is a list of rest houses, villages and walking distances between them.

Carriers - Ombia

Carriers volunteered freely and were paid at the rate of one shilling per hour. Forest tobacco is still a valuable trade commodity when procuring carriers.

Between most villages the carrying times are between three and five hours, but on one occasion, when trying a new route between Loun and Kougi, the carriers sustained a walk of ten hours duration. The carriers were well satisfied with the payment received, which consisted of money, tobacco and the meat of a Cassowary which was shot on the walk. This walk will not be attempted again but it does show the willingness of the Baining people.

Health

It was noted that the majority of inland Baining people are afflicted with bad head colds.

The aid post at Loun is not stocked with medicine and the Aid Post orderly is absent, believed working at a plantation. Aid Posts at Yalon, Runwirra, and Malacait are running efficiently.

The Infant Welfare Clinic, conducted by Mrs. Mays of Heindak Plantation, is well received and is conducted in a most efficient manner. Coastal plantations are still giving medical assistance when required. A Roman Catholic Mission Aid Post at Wilaishauki village is also functioning efficiently.

Public Education

Attached as Appendix "G" is a list of villages with schools, standards taught and number of pupils at each.

Roads and Bridges

From Loun Bay to Loun village, and thence for part of the journey from Wunpalandig village to the shores of Atilikilun Bay, the Old German Road is followed. It would be a feasible proposition to reopen this road resulting in greatly improved communications with Coastal Baining villages. Throughout the inland, well maintained walking tracks connect all villages.

Missions.

The Roman Catholic Missions at Ransiam and Vanamarita, presided over by Fathers Lahn and Meyerhaffer respectively, influence the entire Baining community, the majority of villages of which are Roman Catholic.

The boarding school and religious instruction occupy most of Father Lahn's time, but he has also given much valuable training to Ransiam villagers in the growing of European type vegetables and in the raising of cattle.

At the time of writing this report, Father Lahn is installing a water powered turbine at Ransiam to provide electric power and lighting.

Labour.

Contract labour is generally preferred on plantations in the area although Takis, Deilens and Guntawho do employ Baining casual labour.

Personnel.

Constable KIBU-KARIGA No. 9869 :- Trustworthy, obedient and efficient.

Constable Sgt. Elias PANUH. MOULI No. 3311 B :- Experienced and helpful, obedient, efficient.

Remarks.

The Baining people have scant knowledge of the outside world and ways of life, sources and manufacture of material goods and methods of business management. It is my intention to amass pictorial material on such topics for instruction on future Patrols, and I also request the use of a portable slide projector and films to be shown in inland villages and the use of a movie projector, generator and films for occasional showings at Lamsai Bay or Lamsai.

Documents Attached.

1. Census figures.
2. Patrol map.
3. Claim for camping allowance.
4. Field Officer's Journal folios.
5. Appendix "A", Councillors.
6. Appendix "B", Rest Houses, Villages, and walking distances.
7. Appendix "C", Schools.
8. Appendix "D", Pregnant Women.

Completion of Patrol Report.

Patrol No. 1234
Date: 10/15/1912
Officer: Robert Campbell
Location: 1st & Main St.
Time: 10:00 AM
Remarks: No incidents reported.
Patrol completed successfully.

Robert Campbell

Robert Campbell
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

| <u>SETTLERS</u> | <u>VILLAGE</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Francis H. White (Trinidad) | Tutu |
| David Kilbuck | Kongl |
| David Macart | Lamoria (Coastal) |
| Stanley King | Vunjanong |
| Karoline Agustin | Ruafina |
| Thomasson Tomita | Kuro |
| Michael Milton | Alakoa |
| Kevina Hugo | Nausha |
| Samuel King | Lou |
| James Hammett | Lou |
| George Polong | Lamoria (Island) |
| Thomas White | Wilaibaki |
| Thomas King | Wilaibaki |
| Michael King | Galvit |
| White Hugo | Taka |
| Michael Ford | Tala |
| King King | Tala |
| Michael Thomas | Malait |
| John Hugo | Malait |

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APPENDIX "B"

| <u>VILLAGE</u> | <u>HOUSING</u> | <u>WALKING TIME FROM PREVIOUS VILLAGE</u> |
|----------------|----------------|--|
| Loun | New Existence | 2 1/2 Hours from Laurel Bay. |
| Kongi | Good Condition | 10 " " Loun. |
| Yalon | " " | 1 " " Kongi. |
| Kumukuru | To be Replaced | 2 1/2 " " Yalon. |
| Wilainbaki | Good Condition | 2 " " Kumukuru. |
| Alakoon | To be Replaced | 5 " " Wilainbaki. |
| Milacait | Excellent | 2 " " Alakoon. |
| Vampalandig | Good Condition | 4 " " Milacait |
| | | 2 Hours walk from Vampalandig village to the beach at Atalifitina Bay from whence PATROL completed by canoe. |
| Kumukuru | Good Condition | - |
| Kuro | New | - |
| Takis | Good Condition | - |

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Villages of Lamouin (Coastal) and Puhia were not inspected as villagers prevented themselves from coming to Kungis Landing Reserve and Kuro village resp..

The Patrol passed through the villages of Galavit and Lamouin (Inland) on the walk from Wilainbaki to Alakoon.

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APPENDIX I. C. C.

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| <u>VILLAGE</u> | <u>CHAPTERS</u> | <u>PAGES</u> |
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| Eden (" ") | 1 and 2. | 30. |
| Windsor (" ") | Propos. 1 and 2. | 73. |
| Royal (" ") | Propos. 1 and 2. | 96. |
| Barnham (" ") | Propos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. | 100. |
| Malton (Methodist) | Propos. 1, 2, 3, 4. | 75. |
| Malton (Anglican) | 1. 2. | 210. |

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APPENDIX - B - 2.
PERANGAT WISMA.

YONAGE.

Burmesen

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Loan

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Koro

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Toko

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Verspreidig

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Alakran

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Calcutt

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Milawit

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Roussian

MAI.

SAMUDA - KAMUDA.
MARUET - MITIAC.

SAMINDI - SUINDI.
SAMAND - CALINDAM.

SAMBI - TOVAHAR.
SARAPA - MARD.

SAMINEL - TOPHARAU.
SUM - URI - TOVAHAR.
SAMARINEL - TIO.

SAMUNDAN - KAGOH.

SAMUNDAK - ENAVINA.

KHODANAN - MOKI.

SAMILKI - SINDI.

SALITAI - SAKIN.

KIHAI - WARIN.

SIDARAH - SANDAM.

KUMERI - UDHI.

KADDI - KASOPAS.

MENYI - MALIN.

PIYAS - CALINI.

SIHEN - GENTH.

KADDI - KAMARIT.

KINUT - KLEBAG.

SAMBAN - SA.

DARMAI - MAVI.

MOYI - KINUT.

APPENDIX "D" Contd.

VILLAGE

NAME

Wijayabandi

SUGAN - SOLNET

Kalon

KULASINOWKI - SAULNET.

MITHARIN - SAULNET.

LOOSP - FIENHOM.

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12th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
East New Britain District,
RABAU.

BAININGS PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1966-67.

Receipt of Mr. Chamberlain's patrol report covered by memoranda from yourself and Mr. Norton, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Chamberlain appears to have conducted a good patrol in the Bainings area. His report is well presented and shows that he is a conscientious officer.

3. The comprehensive comments of Mr. Norton and yourself cover this report well.

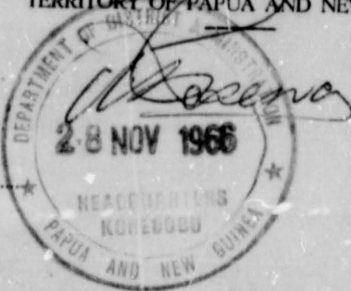
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DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,
RABAUL,
East New Britain District.

23rd November, 1966.

Director,
Department of District
Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Bainings Patrol Report No.2. (66/67)

Please find attached above Patrol Report and
Census Documents.

The large Administration land purchase for Forestry
in the Trans-Vudal not only has failed to provide any
benefit for the Bainings people but acts as a commun-
ications barrier to the Malasait area, Ramoulit and the
Coastal Bainings. Roads are needed to all these areas
and the Administration should accept the responsibility
of providing roads through its land to give access to
Rabaul for these people.

Comments on Agriculture, Fish and Livestock have
been forwarded to the District Agricultural Officer.

The existence of unlisted schools at Laun, Alakasm,
Yalom, Wilaimbenki and Kongi operated by the Catholic
Mission has been reported to the District Inspector.

Baining Councillors recently attended a course at
the Vunguami Community Education centre with Mengen
Councillors. It is hoped that Baining people will be
able to be included in future courses.

The high rate of natural increase in the populations
of the Inland and Coastal Bainings listed as 4.5% per
annum and 3.7% per annum respectively indicates an invig-
orated future for these people. It also indicates the
need for increased Administration services in the near
future. At present there are 1,063 children of school
age, only 543 of these are currently attending school
and more than half of these are attending unregistered
(or perhaps illegal) schools. Over the next six years
there is a possible annual intake of 150 children per
year into primary schools. The sparse distribution of
population limits school development but with road dev-
elopment and resettlement schemes this limiting factor
will be lessened.

H.W. West
(H.W. West), *AB*
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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JEN

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Rabaul Sub-District Office,
MATUPIT,
East New Britain

9th November, 1966.

District Commissioner,
East New Britain,
RABAU.

Bainings Patrol Report No. 2 of 1965/66
Island and Coastal Bainings Census Division

Attached is the report by Mr. R. Chamberlain, Patrol Officer. It is his first report since taking over as Officer-in-Charge, Bainings Base Camp, and the patrol served as an introduction to the area.

The report, it is noted, is more than three months late in being forwarded by me. I submit that with the present Rabaul Sub-District staff situation, the burden of the census, the Caselle Elections and urgent land matters, I might say "and so on", some work has been by necessity neglected. Perhaps at this stage, by working many nights, I can say, almost all matters have been dealt with. The reason for the delay in submitting this report, is that I chose to deal with other matters of more urgent nature, and felt that the delay has not resulted in making this report to be ineffectual.

For an introductory patrol to the area, Mr. Chamberlain has observed well and his report shows that he has a grasp of the general situation in his area, even though little new is raised. As the matter of a development plan for the Bainings area has been the subject of other correspondence, I deal only with matters raised in the patrol report in my following remarks.

Political Situation

Mr. R. Chamberlain has correctly drawn to my notice the adverse attitude of the Bainings towards land and its alienation. As recorded in my 35-14-12/35-14-13 of 8th November, 1966, this has arisen from the acquisitiveness of the Tolais on the Native Reserve and the existence of large purchases by the Administration for forestry purposes, from which no direct benefit in the way of land settlement to either Tolais or Bainings has accrued.

The Bainings have been patient in the face of the alleged unlawful trespass by Tolais on Reserves claimed by the former, and the lengthy process of preparation of claims of the parties to the land dispute. The settlement of the dispute may well ensure a more hopeful atmosphere for land re-settlement proposals.

Economic Development

(a) Agriculture

In respect to the small menace, please see my memorandum 6-2-1 of 8th November, 1966, to the District Agricultural Officer, with a copy to you.

As recorded and discussed in my memorandum 35-14-12/35-14-13 of 8th November, 1966, the BINGSUGUIP area is only lightly cropped and the owners are prepared to discuss an area for re-settlement. I have no further information on the utilisation of Lanerein on the

Willingness of the owners to dispose of an area suitable for re-settlement. I do not consider that the inland people require the whole of these areas for the development of cash crops and re-settlement, but feel they are half-hearted about the matter. As Mr. Chamberlain mentions, they have no thought of permanent settlement, and I therefore feel that their limited needs will be met by participation in a resettlement scheme.

(b) Livestock

It is again drawn to our notice that little is known of the potential of the Inland Bainings valleys apart from the TORIU. In a period where the District is suffering from land shortage for the expanding Tolai population, it is essential that a fuller knowledge of the lightly populated, but extensive, Bainings area, be held. It was previously mentioned that a survey in respect to tea potential was carried out in conjunction with D.A.S.F. Patrol No.7 of 1965 and now Mr. R. Chamberlain raises the question of a cattle industry.

If the information is not already held, an examination of the Baining soil potential should be conducted as early as possible, as only then can we begin to plan development of this large untouched area. It is not the intention to develop the area for Bainings people alone, as is sometimes implied, nor is the economics of the situation the only aspect to be considered. The development of the Bainings area, in my opinion, has social and political factors which must not be over-looked, in each of which the Tolai problems of land and population must effect the final decisions. Economic development as or "return per acre" must not be the sole arbiter of district plans for development. Should we allow it to be so, then the Tolai problems will continue to grow until it becomes too late to control them.

Under "Forests" Mr. Chamberlain remarks that the opening of the inland road will result from Forestry operations in the VUDAL-MALASAIT area. The MALASAIT people however have a more realistic appreciation of the situation. They have seen no benefits accruing to any indigenous group from the timber purchase of 45,000 acres in 1951, and are critical of the absence of any re-settlement. No road extensions of any magnitude or assistance to the inland people has been carried out, and I feel they do not expect it shall. The forestry policy of the Administration is not understood, with the result that for the present, suspicion and distrust exists towards further approaches for land acquisition.

Health

The Aid Post at LUAN is again staffed.

Education

It is noted that only schools at RAUNSIMNA, MALASAIT and VUNAMARITA are shown in the District Plan. It is probable the remainder are unregistered.

Roads and Bridges

Council and Administration funds will be used for re-opening the Old German Road, when a full report is received on the work involved. I am assured by Mr. Chamberlain this will be in my hands by the end of this week.

Census

Comparative census figures with the 1964 patrol are:-

| | <u>1964</u> | <u>1966</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Coastal Bainings | 1314 | 1298 |
| Inland Bainings | 2525 | 2673 |
| | <u>3839</u> | <u>3969</u> |

Total population increase is 130.

The decrease in the Coastal Rainings figure arises from the immigration of the RUMBLEY Village group (65) to the GANLIN area. Upon excluding it from the 1964 figure, an over-all increase in the Raining population, controlled by the Base Camp is 195 for a period of two years.

Conclusion

The study of the Raining population will be continued as the Raining situation now, and will devote himself to a more detailed analysis and planning of developmental projects, through the Council.

Appendices "C" and "D" should be of interest to the Education and Health Departments respectively.

(J.E. NORTON)

Assistant District Commissioner

General District Commissioner
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1964

Introduction by
General District Commissioner

Summary of Report

Area Covered

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3. To complete N.G.L.F.R.O. investigations

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Introduction.

The villages of the Inland Baining Census Division are situated in well watered, limestone, highland valleys and separated from each other by tracts of primary forest. The climate is temperate and there is a noticeable absence of mosquitoes, owing to the fast flowing nature of the rivers and streams.

The villages of the Coastal Bainings Census Division are situated on a narrow coastal strip of land close to swamps and stagnant water, resulting in the existence of hordes of mosquitoes.

These people have only recently realized the need to increase their economic cash crops and are now concentrating on copra, cocoa and coffee.

In the area patrolled there is one TOLAI village, KARO, which, whilst keeping aloof from the Baining villages, maintains good relations with them.

There is much migratory movement amongst the Baining villages resulting in a close knit society.

The Baining Local Government Council has been in operation for one year and the majority of people have an understanding of the workings of the Council. New elections are scheduled to begin on 26th July, 1966 and no difficulties are anticipated.

Diary.

Relevant folios of Field Officers Journal ARE attached.

Reception of Patrol.

Friendly at all villages.

Villages and Housing.

The housing throughout the two Census Divisions was found to be of a satisfactory standard.

The houses of the Inland Baining people are erected on the ground with a fire-place built in the middle of the room. Sleeping on the damp ground results in various sicknesses as was evidenced by the large number of coughing and sneezing villagers.

The floors of most of the houses in the Coastal Baining villages are raised above the ground and fewer people are affected by colds.

Taking the present stage of economic development into account, the sites of all the villages are advantageous. There is more than enough land to fill present and future needs and the spacing of villages and their present sites will also be advantageous when productivity increases, if a road is extended to the areas.

There is ample water available in the inland Baining from clear rivers and streams. Coastal water supplies are either from rivers or tanks and wells.

Personal hygiene is lacking in the majority of villages although the villages are kept neat and clean at all times. There are ample toilet facilities in each village visited, but, it is doubtful that these toilet facilities are used frequently.

Village Officials.

Attached as Appendix "A" is a list of councillors. Of these there are three whose intelligence, efficiency and interest in the job, far exceeds that of the others. They are KUDLOK of Malasait, SIGATA of Vampalandig and TOMHEMIA of Karo.

Political Situation.

As has been stated, there is a general awareness, amongst the people, of the functions of the Baining Local Government Council. There was no evidence gathered on this Patrol to indicate the existence of Cargo Cult activity.

The Administration is held in high esteem at all the villages visited as was evidenced by the willingness to carry patrol equipment, and the speed at which simple requests were carried out.

The Roman Catholic Mission at Russiana and that at Vamparita are held in high esteem by the entire Baining community. Any request by Father Lahn of Russiana Mission is met by speedy cooperation.

No hostility towards Europeans, Chinese or Mixed Race was noticed, although a fear was expressed that land grabbing would begin on the establishment of a road. Such fears were allayed in future discussions.

Hostility towards Telai squatters on Native Reserves is apparent although friendly relations are observed with the Telai village of Karo.

Because of the close knit social structure of the Baining villages,

aged and infirm are well cared for.

Abandonment is not affecting village life as the majority are employed as casual labourers on nearby plantations.

Agriculture.

There is an abundance of food throughout the two Census divisions. The diet of the inland Baining people, however, consists in the main of starch vegetables such as Taro, sweet potato and banana. Green leaf is available but protein is scarce, resulting in distended stomachs. The coastal people are better off, with fish and citrus fruit to aid to their diet.

There were no reported plant diseases, but in the gardens of the coastal villages, the large snails are destroying much of the leaf crops.

Evidence of introduced crops, being included in the general subsistence pattern, was slight, although at Malasait village there is a plant nursery, established by the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, which at the time of this patrol contained tomato and cabbage seedlings. Instruction was given to several villagers in methods of digging and transplanting these seedlings.

It should be noted that at the Roman Catholic Mission, tomato and American potato are being successfully cultivated.

Cash crops in the inland are, at this stage, limited to coffee, of which healthy blocks are found at Alakasa and Malasait. The plantings are a mixture of individual and communal efforts.

On the coast, coconuts and copra are the cash crops. Some wet coconuts have been sold to plantations in the area, at prices ranging from two cents to four cents per pound. Wet coconuts from Wampelanig village is collected by D.A.S.F. and transported to Rabaul.

At Lamrain (coastal) village, coconuts are being successfully dried and transported to Rabaul, where, as the Councillor claims, Green and Co., are the most consistent purchasers.

Of the large tracts of land suitable for development at Kamanaka (Binaugap) and Lamrain approximately one hundred acres at each place is being utilised.

Contrary to some reports, the people of the Inland stress that they do not intend migrating to the Kananakan or Lasekain (coastal) areas but do intend developing cash crops at these areas, which will be worked at periods.

Livestock.

Pigs and fowls are the only livestock to be found amongst the Raining villages. Suggestions were made that pigs should be placed in pens, but the people prefer to fence their gardens.

At Nounsima Roman Catholic Mission, Father Lahn has a dozen cows and a bull. Each year six beasts are killed to keep the numbers static and milk is being provided for the children at the boarding. This successful venture shows the feasibility of the establishment of a cattle industry in the Inland Rainings. The valley which contains the villages of Kangi and Yalon would be ideal for cattle having abundant water, natural boundaries and ample grass, which grows profusely wherever the forest is cleared.

Fish.

A scheme which could be reserved for the future, when a road is extended to the Inland Rainings, and the people are managing present schemes successfully, is that of fish farming. The abundance of clear, fast flowing streams, close to all villages makes such a scheme a workable possibility.

Forestry.

Forestry work is being carried out in the Vudal-Malaseit area and a road opening the Inland will be a result of this work.

Stores and Ministry.

There is only one trader in operation in either of the Census Divisions. This store is at Isun village and belongs to INKHA IH-RONIRAM. THE store is well run and meets all requirements.

Rest Houses.

Rest Houses were in a satisfactory condition at all villages except Nounsima and Alakasan where requests were made for them to be rebuilt. Attached as Appendix "B" is a list of rest houses, villages and walking distances between each.

Carriers - Caravan.

Carriers volunteered freely and were paid at the rate of one shilling per hour. Twist tobacco is still a valuable trade commodity when procuring carriers.

Between most villages the carrying times are between three and five hours, but on one occasion, when trying a new route between Isun and Kongi, the carriers sustained a walk of ten hours duration. The carriers were well satisfied with the payment received, which consisted of money, tobacco and the meat of a Cassowary which was shot on the walk. This walk will not be attempted again but it does show the willingness of the Baining people.

Health.

It was noted that the majority of inland Baining people are afflicted with bad head colds.

The aid post at Isun is not stocked with medicine and the Aid Post Orderly is absent, believed working at a plantation. Aid Posts at Yalon, Raunsian, and Malasit are running efficiently.

The Infant Welfare Clinic, conducted by Mrs. Mays of Meinduk Plantation, is well received and is conducted in a most efficient manner. Coastal plantations are still giving medical assistance when required. A Roman Catholic Mission Aid Post at Wilasimbi village is also functioning efficiently.

Health - Education.

Attached as Appendix "C" is a list of villages with schools, standards taught and number of pupils at each.

Roads and Bridges.

From Lassal Bay to Isun village, and from Isun for part of the journey from Vampalanig village to the shores of Atilikiban Bay, the Old German Road is followed. It would be a feasible proposition to reopen this road resulting in greatly improved communications with Coastal Baining villages. Throughout the Island, well maintained walking tracks connect all villages.

Missions.

The Roman Catholic Missions at Raunsima and Vanaarita, presided over by Fathers Lahn and Meyerheffer respectively, influence the entire Raizing community, the majority of villages of which are Roman Catholics.

The boarding school and religious instruction occupy most of Father Lahn's time, but he has also given much valuable training to Raunsima villagers in the growing of European type vegetables and in the raising of cattle.

At the time of writing this report, Father Lahn is installing a water powered turbine at Raunsima to provide electric power and lighting.

Labour.

Contract labour is generally preferred on plantations in the area although Takis, Dellen, and Gantershee do employ Raizing casual labour.

Personnel.

Constable KORE-KARIGA No. 9869 :- Trustworthy, obedient and efficient.

Constable Ist. Class PANUN- MOULI No. 5311 B :- Experienced and helpful, obedient, efficient.

Summary.

The Raizing people have scant knowledge of the outside world and ways of life, sources and manufacture of material goods and methods of business management. It is my intention to amass pictorial material on such topics for instruction on future Patzols, and I also request the use of a portable slide projector and films to be shown in inland villages and the use of a movie projector, generator and films for occasional showings at Lascal Bay or Laun.

Documents Attached.

1. Census figures.
2. Patrol map.
3. Claim for camping allowance.
4. Field Officer's Journal folios.
5. Appendix "A", Councillors.
6. Appendix "B", Rest Houses, Villages, and walking distances.
7. Appendix "C", Schools.
8. Appendix "D", Pregnant Women.

Completion of Patrol Report.

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APPENDIX "A"

| <u>COUNSELLOR</u> | <u>VILLAGE</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Samudra M'Wathu (President) | Pakas |
| Basaik M'Wathu | Kongi |
| Klavik M'Wathu | Kamraim (Coastal) |
| Sibatha Bling | Vanaplandig |
| Kavotasiyi Ayandia | Kamraim |
| Tomasara Yerafa | Kayo |
| Mistrawik Kiltan | Alabuan |
| Kavutha Kangas | Kamraim |
| Sangatin Lingi | Lau |
| Basara Kamraim | Lau |
| Jaring Palangi | Kamraim (Inland) |
| Tomas Unithi | Vilainbaki |
| Tasak Sina | Vilainbaki |
| Kalanda Bai | Galavit |
| Maki Bangun | Taki |
| Maiton Tovi | Yala |
| Lagi Bling | Yala |
| Mulot Tawaga | Malasait |
| Sikin Darang | Malasait |

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APPENDIX "E".

| <u>VILLAGE</u> | <u>HOUSE</u> | <u>WALKING TIME FROM PREVIOUS VILLAGE</u> |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| Loun | Non Existant | 2 1/2 Hours from Lassal Bay. |
| Kangi | Good Condition | 10 " " Loun. |
| Yalon | " " | 1 " " Kangi. |
| Rausimaa | To be Replaced | 2 1/2 " " Yalon. |
| Wilainbendi | Good Condition | 2 " " Rausimaa. |
| Alahsaan | To be Replaced | 5 " " Wilainbendi. |
| Malasait | Excellent | 2 " " Alahsaan. |
| Vraspalamig | Good Condition | 4 " " Malasait |
| | | 2 Hours walk from Vraspalamig village to the beach at Atilshilim Bay from whence PATROL completed by canoe. |
| Kanashka | Good Condition | - |
| Kare | Now | - |
| Tahis | Good Condition | - |

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Villages of Kanashka (Coastal) and Tahis were not inspected as villagers prevented themselves for censusing at Mangal Landing Reserve and Kare village resp..

The Patrol passed through the villages of Galavit and Kanashka (Inland) on the walk from Wilainbendi to Alahsaan.

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APPENDIX "G".

SCHOOLS.

| <u>VILLAGE</u> | <u>STANDARD TAUGHT</u> | <u>NUMBER OF PUPILS.</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Loma (Roman Catholic) | Prop., 1 and 2. | 104. |
| Ajahnson (" ") | 1 and 2. | 36. |
| Yala (" ") | 1 and 2 . | 20. |
| Wilaibonki (") | Prop., 1 and 2. | 73. |
| Kangi (") | Prop., 1 and 2. | 36. |
| Russiam (") | Prop., 1,2,3,4,5. | 150. ✓ |
| Malacatt (Methodist) | Prop., 1,2,3,4. | 77. ✓ |
| Malacatt (Administration) | 1 and 2. | 27. ✓ |

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APPENDIX "D"
PREGNANT WOMEN.

| <u>VILLAGE</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Kamantan | SAKUNDA - KAMUDA. |
| | MARUKI - MITMAS. |
| | |
| Lama | SAMINGIRI - SUNGI. |
| | SANGAUP - GALIPEDAN. |
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| Karo | BATANGI - TOKAVARA. |
| | SAKAPA - Meko. |
| | RAMENEL - TOPULAKAU. |
| | NUMANGI - TOIAYANG. |
| | SAMPURINGI - TIO. |
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| Takis | SUAULUNGAN - IMGUN. |
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| Vampalanig | SEWAKUMAI - KULAVINA. |
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| Alabanan | KWOTARANUM - MESKI. |
| | |
| Galavit | SAMBIRI - SINDU. |
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| Malasit | TALIKI - KANING. |
| | KILANI - WARETA. |
| | SIMPATANAN - MANUMBA. |
| | KUNINGI - UNDIK. |
| | KADONGI - KASOPMAS. |
| | MUNGI - MALING. |
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| Bungawan | PELAS - GALINGI. |
| | SIEN - GEMING. |
| | KATONGI - HANAMRIT. |
| | KUPUT - KLEBAGA. |
| | SAPESALUNG - SUA. |
| | DARASAI - HAVIT. |
| | GKIBIT - KESINGUT. |

APPENDIX "D" Cont.

VILLAGE

NAME

Wlabinaki

STAGAN - SOLMIT

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Yalon

KILASIKOTKI - SAULMIT.

MITWARIM - SAULMIT.

LUGUP - TIENCOM.

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