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PATROL REPORT NO 4.(B)68169

~ BY ~

MR. L. C. HICKS.

AMBOIN

*Over Survey*

*Area Party 24/11*

*O.I.B. 24/11*

*28 24/11*

EAST SEPIK DISTRICT



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... AMBOIN NO.4B of 1968/69

Subdistrict..... ANGORAM

District..... EAST SEPIK

Type of Patrol..... AREA STUDY

Patrol Conducted by..... PART A - Mr. J. Bartlett(A.D.O.); PART B - Mr.L.C.HICKS (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.) } ALANBLAK & ARAFUNDI CENSUS  
DIVISIONS -NON COUNCIL AREA

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

..... 6 members R.P.N.G.C. R. TAIMBARI - D.A.S.F.Amboin

..... 1 A.P.O. (F.H.D.Amboin) Drivers - TANGIT & TAGI

..... G. PAYNE (Cadet Patrol Officer)  
14/2/69 to 28/2/69

Duration of Patrol--from 20./1./69 To 28./1./69 & 1/2/69 to 8/2/69 &  
14/2/69 to 22/2/69 & 24/2/69 to 28/2/69

No. of Days..... 31 DAYS (27 NIGHTS)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... ARAFUNDI C/D & ALANBLAK C/D

Date..... MAY, 1968 & JULY, 1967 Duration..... 6 days & 12 days respect.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Census; Consolidation of Administration Contact;  
Contact Various Nomadic Groups; Area Study; General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1222 (Of those recorded) for both C/D

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

*Area Study  
Patrol*

67-8-64  
Division of District Administration,

24th November, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEVAK.

PATROL NO. 4(B)-68/69 - AMBOIN:

Your reference is 67-1-7 of 16th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. L.C. Hicks, Patrol Officer, to ALANBLAK and ARAFUNDI Census Divisions.

The reasons for the delay are noted.

The report is a reasonable effort, but at this late stage, it has little value.

c.c. Mr. L.C. Hicks,  
Patrol Post,  
DREIKIKIR.  
East Sepik District.

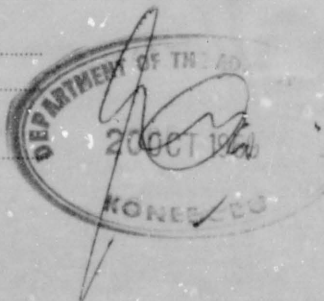
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations, with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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Telex  
Telegrams  
Our Reference  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



Reference: 67-1-7  
Division  
Department of District Administration  
District Office,  
WEWAK  
East Sepik District.

G.P. [Signature]  
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16th October, 1969.

The Secretary,  
Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

AMBOIN PATROL NO. 4(B) 1968/69  
ALANBLAK AND ARAFUNDI CENSUS  
DIVISIONS - MR. L.C. HICKS,  
CADET PATROL OFFICER

Attached please find :-

- (a) Original and copy of the above report.
  - (b) Copy of memorandum P4 of the 8th August, 1969, from Mr. L.C. Hicks to the District Commissioner, Wewak.
  - (c) Copy of memorandum 67-1-2/124 of the 23rd September, 1969, from the Assistant District Commissioner, Angoram.
2. Very little comment is required on this report as any value it had has been lost through lateness of submission.
3. The Assistant District Commissioner, Angoram, mentions in paragraph 4 of his memorandum that the three villages not visited by this patrol were subsequently visited by a later patrol. However, no statistical (VPR) data was submitted in this latter patrol (Amboin patrol No. 6 of 1968/69) so it is still impossible to reconcile the totals for the two census divisions visited. The Assistant District Commissioner at Angoram will be asked to rectify this as a matter of urgency and a patrol should visit the villages in the very near future.
4. No map was forwarded with the report.

*L. G. Hicks*  
(E. G. HICKS) J  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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

Officer-in-Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
AMBOIN.

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Dept. of the Administrator,  
Sub District Office,  
ANGORAH.

67-1-2/124

23rd September, 1969.

FHF:rf

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

AMBOIN PATROL No. 4(b) of 1968/69 -  
ALANBLAK & ARAFUNDI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Your 67-1-7 of 13th August, 1969 refers.  
Please find attached four copies of a report in respect  
of the above mentioned patrol carried out by Mr. L.  
Hicks, C.P.O.

2. The area patrolled is still to a degree, primitive,  
non-productive and non-reactive. This together with  
the difficulties of communication, make a patrol through  
these areas somewhat tedious and dissatisfying for the  
patrolling officer.

3. As a report has already been submitted on  
the first part of the patrol (Amboin 4(a) of 68/69),  
Mr. Hicks could possibly be excused for the somewhat  
brief situation Report. On the other hand it is felt  
that more effort could have been made to include a  
little more information in respect of the second part  
of the patrol.

4. Since this patrol was carried out a further  
patrol to the three villages missed during the patrol  
and an attempt to apprehend the Pundigum murderers,  
(Unsuccessful) was carried out.

5. Mr. Hicks' claim for camping allowance is  
attached herewith. Mr. Payne's is at Amboin for  
signature and will be forwarded as soon as received.  
Mr. Hicks mentions some enclosed maps, however these  
were not located.

(F.M. Faulkner)  
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C.,  
AMBOIN.





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Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... P/4  
If calling ask for  
Mr..... L.C. HICKS

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,  
DREIKIKIE,  
East Sepik District.

3th August 1969

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
W E W A K.

SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING PATROL REPORT  
AMBOIN No. 4B of 1968/69  
ALANBLAK AND APAFUNDI CENSUS DIVISIONS

Dear Sir,

The inexcusable delay in submitting this report is regretted but faced with the preparation of this report along with another, to the degree now required by the Director's Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968 and your recent circular of 5th March, 1969, posed a dilemma of my own making.

Faced with the choice of leave; and the preparation of two patrol reports (Area Study and Census) in the short interval between completion of the above-mentioned patrol and my due date for leave, I chose the former. The duration of time that has since passed, I realize negates the effectiveness of both reports, namely

AMBOIN Patrol Report No. 3 of 1968/69

AMBOIN Patrol Report No. 4B of 1968/69

as well as making it extremely difficult for myself to remember many details, for which both reports have also suffered.

The above patrol extended over a period of 40 days, of which 34 were in the field. The patrol was roughly divided into two sections; Part A, extending from the 20/1/69 to 3/2/69, which was led by Mr. J. Bartlett - A.D.C. and accompanied by myself; and Part B, extending from the 14/2/69 to 28/2/69, led by myself and accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer G. Payne from Angoram.

Mr. J. Bartlett has previously tendered a separate special report on Part A (Refer ANGORAH 67-1-2/185 of 13th December, 1968); my job being Census Revision and Area Study of the above mentioned census divisions.

Attached please find six copies of the above Patrol Report, along with a list of names recorded in as many Villages as practicable, of Demarcation Committee Members.

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Also attached please find Village Population Register Sheets for those Villages it was possible to census; and one copy of sketch-maps of which it would be appreciated copies be made and attached to AMBOIN's and ANGORAM's respective copies of the above Report. A patrol map of the actual area patrolled was previously prepared by Mr. J. Bartlett and attached to his Report - AMBOIN PATROL REPORT NO.4(A) of 1968/69.

Mr. G. Payne - Cadet Patrol Officer, accompanied myself on the latter part of the above patrol and assisted with his usual reliability and control of the situation, considering his short experience as a Cadet Patrol Officer.

Carrying Allowance Claims have been forwarded direct to the Assistant District Commissioner, ANGORAM for his certification. It would be appreciated if a copy of the above report could also be forwarded to the O.I.C. AMBOIN Patrol Post, and the Assistant District Commissioner ANGORAM, when you are finished commenting on this Report, please.

For your information, Sir.

*L. C. Hicks*  
.....  
L. C. Hicks  
Cadet Patrol Officer

CC. Assistant District Commissioner,  
ANGORAM.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

- C O P Y -

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-1-2/184  
If calling ask for JB:rf  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
ANGORAM.

13th December, 1968

Officer-in-Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
AMBOIN.

Amboin Patrol No.4 of 1968/69 -  
ARAFUNDI and ALANBLAK Census Divisions -  
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

You are to accompany Mr. John Bartlett, A.D.O., for the first portion of this patrol and reference to my 67-1-2 of today, addressed to Mr. Bartlett, should be made. Further instructions are:

(a) To receive in-the-field training and to undertake census and other duties as directed by Mr. Bartlett.

(b) On completion of the upper WOGUPMERI and ARAFUNDI sections you are to proceed again to SUMARIUP on the WOGUPMERI River and work downstream to MEINGENDA (TANGGANAMBIT), thence to proceed to YAMANDIM Village and again work downstream. The objects on this portion of the patrol are as follows:

- (i) Census revision with a simultaneous medical check;
- (ii) Ensure that all rest house complexes are brought up to standard as they are notoriously bad on the WOGUPMERI River;
- (iii) Try to re-contact the TOWI people with the help of INIAI Village. A special trip to TOWI is not required at this stage.
- (iv) Give political education talks, including Local Government Councils, at all Villages.
- (v) Mr. Repo Taimberi, Agricultural Assistant, will accompany the patrol, encouraging rice and coconut plantings.
- (vi) Check that all shot-gun certificates of registration and L.T.W.N.'s are current.
- (vii) Take all outstanding N.M.T.A.'s and try to locate payees.
- (viii) Refer to the "Matters for Attention on Patrol" files and attend to any outstanding requirements.
- (ix) Carry out routine Administration as required.

The patrol should take about five weeks to complete.  
For your action.

(F.H. Faulkner)  
Assistant District Commissioner

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AMBOIN PATROL NO.4 of 1968/69  
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- PATROL DIARY -

MONDAY - 20/1/69

0945hrs-Deparied AMBOIN Patrol Post, accompanied by six(6) members of R.P.N.G.C.; one Hospital-Orderly (Sarle/BARAY); and 25 carriers (21-IMANMERI; 4-YIMAS). The three motors used for the two double-canoes and one large staion canoe, comprised two Station motors and onc 20hp Mercury hired from IMANMERI Village.

1040hrs-Passed AMONGABU Village

1045hrs-Passed MARLEBA Village

1055hrs-Passed camp belonging to CHIMBUT. At 1 1/4 hrs after leaving AMBOIN, we passed the first sand/gravel deposits that are normally used for cement-making at AMBOIN and ANGORAM. Specimens of D'Albertes Creeper in abundance.

1115hrs-Passed CHIMBUT Village, entering the WOGUPMERI River, a tributary of the KARAWARI River, at 1138hrs; one hour and 53 minutes after leaving AMBOIN. Best gravel sighted so far, being fine with deposits of sand intermixed. 1155hrs-Arrived INIAI Village. While awaiting arrival of 3rd canoe, inspected Village. The third canoe arrived at 1305. As it had been shipping some water over the bows, and consequently spoiling some of the rations, part of her cargo transferred to ours.

1325hrs-Departed INIAI Village, and reached 'short-cut' at 1345hrs (A channel that has been cut across a narrow 'neck' in the course of the WOGUPMERI, thus cutting short one bend in the River); 5 carriers having been recruited.

1355hrs-Arrived SIKAIUM Village, departing at 1410 after recruiting 5 more carriers.

1440hrs-Arrived BARAFIDJIN Village, and met representatives from there and ANGANAMEI Village (Korosameri Census Division); departing with a further 7 carriers recruited

1525hrs-Arrived Rest-House at YENITABAK Village where 3 more carriers recruited. Thus total of carriers:

IMANMERI	-	21
YIMAS	-	4
INIAI	-	5
SIKAIUM	-	5
BARAFIDJIN	-	7
YENITABAK	-	3

45 - TOTAL

DIARY - 2)

1545hrs-Departed YENITABAK Village, arriving DANYIG Village at 1604hrs. Here at Rest-House, the names of the carriers were recorded and rations scaled out. One tent-sail erected as housing insufficient. OVERNIGHT at DANYIG Village.

TUESDAY - 21/1/69

0730hrs-0830hrs- Broke camp  
0810hrs-Departed DANYIG Village. There are actually two camps forming the Village. The rest-house is located at the Luluai's camp while the Tultul's 'camp' is located about 200yds (approximately) further upstream.

0830hrs-Passed a bush-house belonging to DANYIG, as well as passing the site of a previous war-time camp used by the Japanese allegedly.

0905hrs-Passed the disembarkation-point (mooring-point) for SUMARIUP (LATOMA) Village, a house and garden being all that's evident on the bank, the Village itself being situated about 15minutes walk.

The water-levels in the KARAWARI and WOGUPMERE Rivers have been fairly high, very little difficulty being encountered so far in canoe travel.

1030hrs-Joined by three men from LATOMA, including the Tultul who had followed us on foot along the bank and through the shallows, having no trouble in catching up to our heavily-laden canoes.

1440hrs-Arrived at the mouth of a small tributary, where the canoes were moored and carriers and cargo disembarked.

1515hrs-After organizing carriers and load, departed on foot for SOGUPA (GADIO Group) Village. Crossed the WOGUPMERE River again on foot at 1500hrs.

1630hrs-Arrived at the rest-house, SOGUPA Village. (MOMBOIOTO). Three tent-sails were erected as housing insufficient by a long way; rations scaled and food bought. Census and general discussions with Villagers followed.

2030hrs-2130hrs. A woman from the TOWI Group who had married into the SOGUPA Village Group was interviewed concerning her knowledge of the TOWI's but she was unfortunately too vague as to the present whereabouts and welfare of the TOWI Group as a whole. Enquiries as to the SIDI Group, also met with approximately the same results.

OVERNIGHT at MOMBOIOTO (SOGUPA) Village

DIARY - 3)

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WEDNESDAY - 22/1/69

0730hrs-0830hrs-Broke camp, situated at 240ft. There were 7 new carriers recruited to replace 7 of the ALANBLAK carriers who proved to be practically useless from their efforts the previous day, when it was often necessary to man-handle the heavy canoes over shallow stretches against a strong current, and the 1 1/2 hours walk from our disembarkation to MOMBOIOTO.

0830hrs-Departed MOMBOIOTO on foot, accompanied by six police, 45 carriers.

0915hrs-Crossed MUNDUPA Creek, where Mr. Bartlett and leading carriers awaited the arrival of myself and the remaining carriers, at 1030hrs. Mr. Bartlett then departed with leading carriers, and commenced climbing a steep ridge-line, stopping again at 1110hrs. to await the arrival of myself and the trailing carriers.

1205hrs-Commenced walking again, with Mr. Bartlett and leading carriers arriving at camp-site for the night - MARAMU - at 1320hrs. By the time I arrived with the remaining few carriers at 1500hrs., work had been started on clearing bush and erecting camp. The Alanblak Carriers are proving to be almost useless, in comparison with the other carriers, despite 'energetic' urgings on the part of myself. It appears that they will slow down the patrol's progress appreciably once we penetrate further South and the 'going' becomes more rugged. After organizing stores and establishment of camp and sleeping arrangements, I distributed rations. Heavy rain experienced during the night.....

OVERNIGHT under canvas at MARAMU, at an altitude of 1600ft approximately. The site chosen, we learnt was only 10-20 minutes walk short of our originally projected camp-site (previously used by Mr. Patrol Officer D. van R. Claasen)

THURSDAY - 23/1/69

0700hrs-0810hrs-Broke camp.

0810hrs-Departed MARAMU camp-site, arriving at AWINYE River at 1105 (Mr. Bartlett having previously arrived at 0940hrs, already a considerable length ahead of the tail of the carrier-line, who are proving to be as useless as indicated)

DIARY - 4)

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Crossed the WASUWA River at 1107hrs, the 'head' of the line having already passed at 0945hrs. Then the track negotiates a steep ridge, subsequently descending again to the WOSUWA River, followed by about 5 minutes walk to next planned camp-site chosen - WASUAKINDI.... Altitude 1900ft. It was considered wise to establish camp here as the next site was reputedly out of range considering the lack of endurance already demonstrated by the ALANBLAK carriers. It is definitely stressed that any future patrols into this area DO NOT recruit carriers from the Villages of INIAI as far as DANYIG, as their endurance and co-operation leaves MUCH to be desired! As it was they arrived approximately 2 hours behind the head of the line, at 1400hrs. During the afternoon, while camp was being set up, the carriers rested and attended to by the Hospital-Orderly accompanying the patrol for scratches, etc....6 men from KOMBATUA arrived in camp.

1530hrs-1800hrs- Rations scaled to carriers and new 'arrivals' who were asked through our interpreter to assist the ALANBLAKS the following day in carrying cargo to which they agreed. Compared with the carriers we had brought with us, these people were much more impressive, being more healthy and better built.

FRIDAY -

24/1/69

0730hrs-0830hrs-Broke Camp.

0830hrs-Departed campsite at WASUAKINDI and followed WASUWA River upstream, leaving it at about 0900hrs and commenced steep ascent to a height of approximately 5500ft. followed by descent to WAMBULA Creek, which is then followed to its junction with HOGILO River. This latter watercourse is followed for about 40minutes until cleared hillsides for gardens indicate presence of Village a little further on. Mr. Bartlett and lead carriers arrived at 1205hrs., myself arriving shortly after at approximately <sup>1430</sup>1250hrs. On the patrol's arrival at KOMBATUA there were present approximately 13 men, about 3 women and a few children all of whom were shy and stayed behind a fence surrounding one of the few buildings comprising this 'settlement'. It appeared that the patrol had arrived at the same time as the Tultul from the KASOGALI's further to the South, was visiting relations in the Village.

Enquiries of him concerning the distance between KOMBATUA and the KASAGALI Group indicated that it would be at least 3-days travel as he claimed he had spent 3-nights on the track. With the present state of our carriers, this could mean four days there and four back, impossible under the present conditions as our rations were only sufficient for us to return to AMBOIN. The distance involved indicates that it would be far the more practicable for this latter group to be administered from the closer WABAG Station. (Refer Amboin 67-2 of 11th February, 1969)

Afternoon spent in general discussions with 'Villagers' concerning the SIDI and TOWI Groups; political 'education' and general Administration using an interpreter. Food was bought to supplement our rations, including a pig although prices appeared to be surprisingly exorbitant.

OVERNIGHT at KOMBATUA Hamlet, at an altitude of 2500ft. Mr. Bartlett and myself stayed in a rest-house while carriers and police were accommodated by tents.

SATURDAY -

1000hrs-1200hrs- Further discussions with KASAGALI men visiting the Hamlet at KOMBATUA (Had accompanied their Tultul) and one man from a group he named as the YALUK, but which is probably only part of the larger TOWI Group reported on in previous patrol reports, lying at the headwaters (approximately) of the WOGUPMAN River to the East of our present position. Three houses were inspected and a census conducted. Day occupied in general familiarizing discussions, buying food and a medical inspection of those present by the Hospital-Orderly accompanying the patrol. Anti-Yaws injections given. It was gratifying to be approached later in the day by 2 men from the KASAGALI 'contingent' staying at KOMBATUA and one man from the latter group, who wished to accompany us back to AMBOIN and thence to ANGORAM to find work and learn Pidjin....(Postscript:...it was unfortunate that while staying at AMBOIN subsequently, they became restless at their continued inactivity, because transport to Angoram was a trifle slow in coming and they consequently requested to be allowed to return home. They were given ~~transport~~ transport to SUMARIUP from where it was an apparently simple matter for them to return home)

OVERNIGHT at KOMBATUA Hamlet.



DIARY - 6)

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SUNDAY - 26/1/69

0700-0800hrs - Broke Camp

0800hrs-Departed KOMBATUA Hamlet accompanied by a number of extra carriers from the KASOGALI's and KOMBATUA to boost the flagging endurance of our other carriers. Arrived at WASUAKINDI after an actual walking time of only THREE (3) Hours from KOMBATUA. The bulk of the carriers arrived later at 1330hrs with myself at the tail ensuring no stragglers. The carrying time itself proved much quicker because of two reasons; one, that now the load had been distributed amongst more men, the pace was quickened and no excuses accepted; and two, the prospect for the majority of Carriers at returning home.

OVERNIGHT at WASUWAKINDI campsite. Rain experienced.

MONDAY - 27/1/69

0630hrs-0745hrs- Broke Camp.

0745hrs-Departed WASUAKINDI, arriving at MARAMU camp-site at 1030hrs (tail of line considerably behind at this juncture). From there to MOMBOIOTO, taking it fairly easily, it took the head of the line until 1305hrs to reach the rest house. After the tail of the line had finally arrived with myself, the various carriers were assembled, paid and rations scaled for the final night.

OVERNIGHT at MOMBOIOTO Hamlet.

TUESDAY - 28/1/69

Departed MOMBOI'OTO (SOGUPA) at 0930hrs, arriving at our previous 'disembarkation' point on the ~~WOGUPMERI~~ MUNDUPA River at 1030hrs.

1035hrs-Departed moorings at 1035hrs, arriving at the WOGUPMERI River, after negotiating previous stretch of log-strewn river, at 1230hrs.

1330hrs-Departed DANYIG Village after Mr. Bartlett and myself had transferred to the lighter station canoe that TAGI, one of the Station Drivers had arrived in from AMBOIN about 1310hrs.

1355hrs-Passed INIAI Village.

1640hrs.- Arrived AMBOIN Patrol Post where arrival of other canoes followed at 1715hrs. - PATROL STOOD DOWN.

DIARY - ADDENDA to PAGE 6)

MONDAY: 27/1/69

"...Immediately after leaving campsite at WASUAKINDI the ALAIKA River is crossed, which subsequently flows into the WASUWA River (actually the upper reaches of the WOGUPMERI River). At X 0810hrs we, ie. the tail of the line, crossed the WASHWA, crossing it again at 0915hrs. The ridge negotiated at 1040hrs, passing the MARAMU campsite at 1055hrs. Crossed MUNDUPA River at 1220hrs, reaching the OKERAT Creek at 1245hrs. We arrived at MOMBOIOTO (SOGUPA) at 1310hrs...."

TUESDAY

Large (2000) water level at WASUAKINDI was high, the water in the river was very fast. The water level at MUNDUPA village at 0800hrs is the same as at 1000hrs in the same course. Crossed over the ridge at 1040hrs. Plans to return a few days later, but we were ready to return to ASOON. Most of day spent in general discussion with villagers. Inspection of village and terrain undertaken at 1000hrs. Further carriers recruited to supplement the carriers from ASOON that we had retained. Campsite at MUNDUPA village.

WEDNESDAY

0900hrs - 1000hrs. Crossed MUNDUPA river, carrying stores and animals. This time, we had 25 carriers, 10 pack animals, 10 pack horses, the balance being made up by villagers from ASOON and MUNDUPA (7 from ASOON and 3 from MUNDUPA). This was the most complete party since we crossed the MUNDUPA river and our departure from MUNDUPA village. MUNDUPA was initially crossed in April, 1961. We then crossed MUNDUPA river, then crossed the MUNDUPA river at 1000hrs and MUNDUPA river. We followed the MUNDUPA valley towards the north. Arrived at our campsite for the night on the bank of the MUNDUPA river. Campsite where the MUNDUPA creek crossed. The name of the campsite was not recorded. MUNDUPA was called MUNDUPA and belonged to MUNDUPA village. Campsite was not named. It had been seen and by the way to ASOON. The MUNDUPA where they are in ASOON and that they have seen our camp at MUNDUPA.

DIARY - 7)

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SATURDAY - 1/2/69

Departed AMBOIN Patrol Post at 1630hrs after finalizing some outstanding matters on the Station, Mr. Bartlett having departed earlier in the afternoon for YAMANDIM Village. Followed ARAFUNDI River, arriving at YAMANDIM at approximately 1830hrs.

OVERNIGHT at YAMANDIM Village.

SUNDAY - 2/2/69

0825hrs-Departed YAMANDIM Village (2 double canoes and one single large canoe) Water level of ARAFUNDI was high, we reached IMBOIN Village at 1045hrs, ie. the double canoes, 1 hour after Mr. J. Bartlett had already arrived at IMBOIN in the single canoe. Canoe then sent back to AMBOIN at 1145hrs to return a few days later, when we were ready to return to AMBOIN.

Rest of day spent in general discussions with Villagers, inspection of Village and census undertaken of IMBOIN Village. Further carriers recruited to supplement the carriers from IMANMERI that we had retained.  
OVERNIGHT at IMBOIN Village.

MONDAY - 3/2/69

0930hrs-Departed IMBOIN with carriers after arranging stores and rations. This time, we had 25 IMANMERI carriers, 10 YIMAS carriers, the balance being made up by villagers from AUWIN and IMBOIN. (7 from AUWIN; and 6 from IMBOIN). This was the no counting our guide, the Luluai from IMBOIN; and our interpreter, HAPMUN of IMBOIN Village. IMBOIN was initially censused in April, 1962.

1035hrs.-Crossed ARAFUNDI River, then passed the junction of the ARAFUNDI and MAMBUAN Rivers. We followed the MAMBUAN which branched to the right. Arrived at our campsite for the night on the banks of the MAMBUAN River, close to where the WUSHAM Creek entered. The name of our campsite we were informed by HAPMUN was called KANDIMGUNDA and belonged to IMBOIN Village. Camp set up and rations scaled. Word had been sent out by runners to contact the MEAKAMBUTS wherever they may be, and ask that they come down to our camp at KANDIMGUNDA.

DIARY - 8)

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TUESDAY -

MONDAY - (con) OVERNIGHT at KANDINGUNDA Camp.

TUESDAY -

4/2/69

While awaiting arrival of any members of the MEAKAMBUT Group, I decided to explore further upstream along the MAMBUANG River. Accompanied by a few of the IMBOIN carriers as guides, I followed the MAMBUAN for some distance until a point was reached on the River where it showed a distinctive change in character, in particular the course of the river was partially blocked by a number of huge boulders, through which the river narrowed and increased its force downstream. I was informed that just above this characteristic 'barrier' lies the boundary between the MEAKAMBUT and IMBOIN Areas. We returned via a well-defined foot-track on the <sup>EASTERN</sup> Western bank of the MAMBUANG, consequently heading bush in a more direct line to the approximate position of our camp at KANDINGUNDA, than the winding course of the River which we followed when we came. The track we ended up following led us through the MEAKAMBUT Camp - "AGABEINAMBA" - which was deserted. We learned later, it was abandoned because of illness experienced by the Group and a number of deaths which they superstitiously attributed to their 'village' site. (It had taken us from 0930 until 1130 to reach the boulders after leaving camp and following the River.. ie. 2 hours.) We arrived at AGABEINAMBA at 1155hrs. There were four crudely constructed houses built on the ground with walls of split timber, and sago-thatch roofs. After a cursory inspection, departed and arrived at Camp at 1240hrs. A small group of MEAKAMBUTS had previously arrived and after learning all we could and that the remainder of the Group were a long way away because of their recent illness. Discussions with these people via our interpreter from IMBOIN and the Iuluai from the same place. Scaling of rations to carriers including Group of MEAKAMBUTS.

OVERNIGHT at KANDINGUNDA Camp.

WEDNESDAY -

5/2/69

Broke camp, departing at 0810HRS. having realized that we would be unable to contact the main MEAKAMBUT Group at this date. Canoes met us upstream from IMBOIN at 0850HRS. We subsequently arrived IMBOIN at 0930HRS. Day spent in assessing work achieved and the problems now faced with

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reaching the PUNDUGUM Area and all Village Groups above IMBOIN Village on the ARAFUNDI River, keeping in mind the recent rains and the rising water-level.

Two members R.P.N.G.C. sent to determine state of the ford over the ARAFUNDI and if suitable for a carrier line, as impossible to go any higher in the canoes, due to a number of swift-flowing rapids with hidden boulders at shallow depths. Police returned to say that the water-level was chest-height and too strong to be safe in crossing even with assistance from rope. Decided to wait another day in case water-level drops and it doesn't rain any further.

OVERNIGHT at IMBOIN Village.

THURSDAY - 6/2/69

No rain but water-level still very high and showing no appreciable dropping. Faced with the prospect of not being able to negotiate the expected route between IMBOIN Village and the PUNDUGUM's, I decided to have a look at the mountains close to IMBOIN Village, just to the ~~XXXX~~ West of the Village - "ASUATMERT". However, sheer rocky walls and precipitous gullies all covered in vines, and short tropical ferns and growth. One would need a week or more to effectively cover the area in a rough search, so I desisted from any further efforts in that direction and returned to IMBOIN Village arriving back at 1050hrs.

OVERNIGHT at IMBOIN Village

FRIDAY - 7/2/69

More rain overnight and waterlevel still high. Carriers becoming restless at inactivity but were persuaded to calm down. As rations are becoming low it soon will be impracticable for us to undertake a trip to the PUNDUGUM's. Discussions with HAPMUN (Interpreter) and Lulvai of IMBOIN.

OVERNIGHT at IMBOIN Village

SUNDAY -  
SATURDAY

8/2/69

Water-level still too high with rain during the night and yesterday afternoon make it no longer sensible to wait on hoping for a break. Departed for AMBOIN with carriers and remaining cargo and rations.

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Arrived AMBOIN Patrol Post at 1320hrs. Patrol equipment unstowed and Patrol stood down until Friday 14th.

FRIDAY - 14/2/69

Departed AMBOIN Patrol Post accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Geoff. Payne and Mr. Repo Taimbari, Agricultural Assistant from AMBOIN, at 1035HRS. Arrived DANYIG Village on WOGUPMERI River at 1545HRS. Inspected Village, conducted revision of Census and compilation of new tax-census-electoral register, and general Administration including recording of Demarcation Committee.

OVERNIGHT at DANYIG Village.

SATURDAY - 15/2/69

1110HRS. Departed DANYIG Village after inspecting Tultuls Camp. Arrived at SUMARIUP (LATOMA) Village at 1200HRS. Carried out requirements of Patrol as per instructions and completed compilation of census.

OVERNIGHT at SUMARIUP Village.

SUNDAY - 16/2/69

0815HRS Departed SUMARIUP Village by canoe and arrived at YENITABAK Village at 0910HRS. Conducted census and other aims of Patrol as set out in Patrol Instructions. Inspected Village which is situated about 300ft above the River on a steep ridge, the rest house complex being situated on the River bank.

OVERNIGHT at YENITABAK Village

MONDAY - 17/2/69

0925HRS Departed YENITABAK Village by canoe. Entered small tributary leading to BARAPIDJIN Village at 1020HRS. Reached actual site of Village on high ridge overlooking small Creek at 1110HRS and disembarked. Carried out Census Revision, General Administration and recording of Demarcation Committee. Village has quite a good site, situated on a high cross-shaped ridge-line with a good view in all directions.

OVERNIGHT at BARAPIDJIN Village.

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TUESDAY - 18/2/69

0835HRS Departed BARAPIDJIN Village by canoe and arrived at SIKAIUM Village at 0950HRS. Conducted business as per Patrol Instructions.

OVERNIGHT at SIKAIUM Village.

WEDNESDAY - 19/2/69

Departed SIKAIUM Village by canoe to INIAI Village where it was only necessary to attend to census revision as Village inspection and General Administration had already been carried out on 20/1/69. Proceeded on immediately to CHIMBUT Village on completion of census at INIAI Village. Inspected Village and organized a 'labour line' of all Village members to tidy up the mess their Village had turned into.

OVERNIGHT at CHIMBUT Village.

THURSDAY - 20/2/69

Compiled new tax-census-electoral register and completed work as per Patrol Instructions including recording of Demarcation Committee members.

1125 HRS Departed CHIMBUT by canoe and arrived MARAMBA Village at 1145HRS. Conducted revision of census, etc.

OVERNIGHT at MARAMBA Village.

FRIDAY - 21/2/69

Departed MARAMBA Village at 0825HRS for AMONGABI Village. Census revised as well as Patrol Instructions carried out.

OVERNIGHT AT AMONGABI Village.

SATURDAY - 22/2/69

0655HRS Departed AMONGABI Village by canoe for AMBOIN Station. Stopped at MEINGENDA (TUNGGANAMBIT) Village and inspected Village, before arriving at AMBOIN.

OVERNIGHT at AMBOIN Patrol Post.

SUNDAY - 23/2/69

Departed for MEINGENDA Village and conducted Census Revision subsequently returning to Station in afternoon.

MONDAY - 24/2/69

1415HRS Departed AMBOIN Station for AUWIN Village, arriving at 1630HRS. via a tributary of the ARAFUNDI River, the ANDUM Creek which has its source as a waterfall from a Mountain to the South of AUWIN named "ASKIM".

Conducted census and inspected Village. One young girl

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was discovered in one of the houses suffering seriously from combined malaria and pneumonia. She apparently was brought down from the TOWI Group or PUNDUGUM Group and is not as yet in a census register. She was consequently taken back to AMBOIN Aid-Post by a couple of Village men to be treated and returned to AUWIN.

OVERNIGHT at AUWIN Village.

TUESDAY - 25/2/69

Departed AUWIN Village per canoe and arrived YAMANDIM Village. Patrol instructions carried out and YAMANDIM Villagers warned about trespassing on AUWIN ground and taking sago from there without AUWIN's permission in future. AUWIN were mainly worried because their traditional supplies are not extensive and are mainly sufficient for their own use.

OVERNIGHT at YAMANDIM Village.

WEDNESDAY - 26/2/69

1120HRS. Departed YAMANDIM Village per canoe and arrived at WARLAMAS Village where warnings also given re; unlawful 'harvesting' of AUWIN Sago. Work as per Patrol Instructions carried out.

OVERNIGHT at WARLAMAS Village.

THURSDAY - 27/2/69

0900HRS Departed WARLAMAS Village and arrived at YIMAS Village where high tide had completely covered the lower levels of the Village. Completed work as per Patrol Instructions. Inspected cocount plantings bordering Lake Yimas in the company of R. Taimbari and Villagers.

OVERNIGHT at YIMAS Village.

FRIDAY - 28/2/69

1055HRS Departed YIMAS Village for AMBOIN Patrol Post. Arrived Amboin and Patrol Gear unloaded.

- PATROL STOOD DOWN -



SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL

As yet , as is the entire AMBOIN Administrative area, the two Census Divisions patrolled do not come under the control of any Local Government Council.

Also, as few Villages have a radio (See Appendix A) and even then fail to listen because of lack of batteries or defects, political enlightenment from this direction is seriously curtailed. Consequently, the usual source of their political indoctrination comes from the patrol officer. Coming as it does every patrol in slightly revised but basically recognizable form, this message becomes slightly worn due to lack of variety which would be obtained from Radio broadcasts which are more concentrated than the once a year in many instances of a patrol's visit to a particular Village. The radio of course is there all the time. If political education is to be emphasized to the extent and as efficiently as possible, as is repeatedly asked of field officers, then could some assistance be given in the way of providing up-to-date flip-charts, etc. .... films, etc, recorded talks so that the Villager does not have to continually have his attention upon the face and voice of one man, ie. the patrol officer. Preferential voting is still not comprehended to its fullest extent despite the never-ending Confident 'assurances' by Villagers.

ECONOMIC

Economically, the area has a long way to go but difficulty in access, communication, transport (the latter two partially solved by the purchase of motore by a few individuals), a small widely scattered population even if on the whole they are centred on the two main watercourses of these two Census Divisions; provide significant barriers to an effective long-range agricultural programme. It now appears that rice may be the answer being reasonably easy to plant and harvest, the time taken to yield a crop being attractively short to the local grower who wants a crop on which he can spend a small amount of work for a good return on his labours. It of course depends now on the outlets and the supply of seed, that both are kept running smoothly.

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SOCIAL

Considering the backwardness in the main of the majority of the population it is notable that there has been no stirrings of cargo-cutism in the last couple of years, although it has been reported previously from the ARAFUNDI Census Division above YIMAS.

There were no complaints requiring urgent court action, that were brought before the patrol although Court powers for the patrolling officer would have ~~it~~ made it much easier and much more satisfactory on both sides, in the case of the numerous minor complaints that were brought, especially in relation to debts.

There is only one Women's Club that could be considered to serve this area and it is located at AMBOIN. A number of YIMAS women attend, and lend their support.