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| PERORT No: | FOLIO! | OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL | area patrolled | PTS ${ }^{\text {MAPS }}$ | PERIOD OF PATROL |
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| 106 1957/58 | 1.32 | C. G. DAY P.O | SIRENU UPLANDS EAST TO TIATIPI CREES. lagatp vallly between phpayuk |  | $10.2 .58-16.4 .58$ |
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## PATROL REPORT

District of....Westarn. Highlande $\qquad$ Report No..... Latracas. No.I. ae. J9sh/.5s...

SIRUNKI uplands east to TIPIIIPI Creek; Lacikp Jalley between RAPAYux

between papayus
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans. NII

Natives.......5.merbears. RoP.N.G.Co.. and I interpreter.
Duration-From...10/.2..../1958...to.....16/..4...19.58..
Number of Days..... twenty-four days on patrol only.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?.... MO.
Last Patrol to Arta by-District Services. Tunal/Sep.t/ 19.57...

> Medical .... Sept//oct./19.57.



DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please
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20th Oetober, 1958.

## The Distriet orrieer

## Moutsyn Highlands Distriot,

Patroil Roport so.i. $1957 / 58$ Jaiaram.
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I mai particularly gratified to notio tine enthuisiagm of ths people in assisting in aerodrome con-

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A very good paírol report.


File No: 30/1-1161
Dstixiet opfice,
Western Hichlands Diatriet, MOURT HAGENS.

RES:JWB
30th September, 2958.
Assistant District officer, TABAG, Festera Hempands Matiziote

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Reeelipt of the aioove roport, together whth your commente ( $30 /$ m-70A dated 13 th June, 1958), 1s acknowledsed.

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## Cempes and saration

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## Hative Neffaxte

The eo-operation showa by the Latagan people in cosodxent and hospital construction has been pleaging. Although oertnin officers lost heart the loeni pwople happily rept on with this aerodsome work - with the reault that the serodrome is now open to Category " $\mathrm{D}^{\prime \prime}$ airerait with category "B" approvel anticipated. The hospital was built for practically nothing due to their offorta, as you know.
Quite a task lies ahcod in grouping these people for census and other purpeses. patrols carlier conducted from Webig have to be taken into considerution as well as the figretory haits of some grvupa. officer in-Gharge Lasagam will need all the help you can provide.
It is unfortunate that the early atages of mancipation usually cause the women concerned much trouble. I suppose that ultimately they benefit although in Hagen Sub-Distilat this "emancipation". 1.e. the might to defy their lathers, husbandi, brothers and oldore has resulted in the wilful murder of many of thean wianen.
offioor-in-Charge Laiagam should ondearour to Ciscover whether any considerable number of the people want rission settlement or if only a vocal mission sponsored minority raised the matter. Your recommendstion regarding derestriction of any area should be subinitted whenever you think the time is ripe.

And you will definitely noed to give conaiderable attention to afabilisetion of cencus dicialons ane migratory movements although the answer may not to found in the earily feture.

## Monis. spacke and spacret.

The extenition of the road to Kepilam is cesimable as is the eatansion of the rood to the Poxgera. I will amalt the repult of $\mathrm{Hr}_{0}$. Dy's effece to sind a better ereasing of the rema River and altermate route around or over the ragenca Ridage. Wixe surpenefion bxilges also sequixe Euitable banks and requixe gar more fumde than log bxiages. The Iatter can be builit iziom our own zosoureee - wix brilges roguixy $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{m}} \mathrm{le}$ and a corrain dogrve of atilil noeegeltatiog furthor rumas - not alverve aviliable. The Legaip bitage mili need seme consideration as to tya and Loeation.
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Hr. Mey has condueted the taska attended to on patrol and in his dxy to day नisits wisth pelnsteiding care and in due courree should be able to gather and coslate hasie information applicable to kie area.
(R.I. SKCMMRR)

Distriot Comatsatener.

## IERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUIDEA

File No 30/1-704<br>Sub-District office, Wabag.<br>weatern Highlande Distriot<br>13th June 1958

The Dietric Jeficer, Western Highuands District,
Mount Hegen.

## PATROT BEPPORT

SATAGA No. 1 of 1957/58.
Pleage find horewith the requisite copies of the alove mentioned patrol repert by Patrol Officer 保 C.G.Dag. This report should be read in confunction with Paitrel Hepert Laiagm INo. 4 of 1956/57 by Patrol oxficer tir G.e.llarity. Mhioh patrel recorded 2809 names. While Eatrel Officer Mr O.F.Coctre was at Latagan he recorded a further 1148 namee betose belue traneferred to Kompian - see Appendix " $\mathrm{B"}^{\prime \prime}$. Theee added to Hx payfe mesording total 12,165 names. Whets the peopic around Kepilam and between Pipirage and the Porgore are aemeused the lot can be aplit into 2 ceneras sub-Divieions.

The census ahould be completed as suggented betere thete if relacation of entry into the restricted arseas. With attendiant problems of land soquisition one offieer world be insuefielent at Latagnim uniess Xandep Patrol Poet mas opened.

Mar toe fow village officials have been appointoal in the Laiagain area. Suvh appointrients woild tend to solve the problem of persons dodging about.

The Wabag/Laiagan dupilioation of name recordinge was brocght about by eariy patrols originating from Wabag and the time taken on xeaching a deoision about the most eatiafeotery boundary. The problem will aolve itself ard care will be taken against actual recording of names in both areas.

The proposed savmill fer Ugonda mentioned, refers to that at Sari near Wabag and is a nistaken conoeption of location.

Mr Day has taken time and done his work careflulis. There is iittle glamour in such a patrol but much useful work has been accomplished.

The activities outlined in the report did not seem suitable to be attended to under the new system of patrol reports.

Laiagan Patrol Post, Mabag Sub-District, Western Highlands Distiveto

19th April, 1958.


PATTOL ACCOMPANIED BY

LAST PGTROL TO AREA

OBJECRS OF PATROL

MAP REFEFRENCE
: Europeans ; NII
Natives ; I NCO and an average of $h$ Constables of the Hinces 1 interproter;
Carriers - group to group.
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: Initial Census of ths area Routine Administration; Cursory Medical check.
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## INTRODUCRION

The prime reason for this patrol was the conducting of an Initial Census of the areas visited and to prepare the way for the eventual compilation of Tax Sheets for Laiagam. It is not ervisaged that the introduction of taxation into this ares will ve for sors time to come and perhaps the compilation of the tax shepts could be deferred for a while, at least until a follow-up census is conducted to eliminate errors and omissions which will, no doubt, be disclosed in the initial census.

With the advert of the 'dry' season the writer intends patrolling the WAGA and KANDEP areas and on tas completion of that patrol the whole of the Laiagam area will be censused with the exception of that section between PIBIRAGA and the PORGBRA. Previous officars have already completed the initial census of the SIRUNKI, YUGONA and PORCGRA areas.

Later on this year a patrol will be visiting the POBCEBA and neighbouring areas and the remaining seccion elluded to in che foregoing paragraph will be censused. The YETM and KGMA areas have only been visited by patrols and it is considered that it might be too eariy to attempt to conduct an initial census yet. The NeRTI area reported in Pafrol Report Laíagam No. 3 of 1956/57 has not yet been visited.

It is regretted that the patrol was not a contimous one but ft was broken for various reasons including the visit of various officers to the station, and also an urgent land rurchase. It was considered expedient that, in view of projected patrols, the census conducted to date by the writer be incorporated into one report.

## PATROL DTARP

Monday, 10th Pebruary, 1958. Walking time : $4 \frac{1}{d}$ hours
Departed Laiar m Patrol Pout at 11 a $\mathrm{om}_{0}$ after finalising station affairs. Route led aloag the main Laiagam-Wabag Road for approzimately three hours when the road was laft and the route followed a native track going vestrurde slong the slopes to the south of Lake IVI. Arrived POREI ceremonial ground at 3.30 pomo where samp was made. Slept.

Tuesday, 1lth Februsry, 1953. Walking time : 1 hour Altitude $8,400 \mathrm{ft}$.
Departed POREI at 7 a.m. for MAMARES ceremonial ground arriving at 8 a.me Route followed a native track vestwards slong the slopes to the south of Lake IVI. Initial census of the AIPIAM and PAREIFA Sections of the TIA/IORO Group. It is noted that some IORD live in the Wabag area and have had their names recorded by officers from that station. Slept.

Wednesday, 12th Febzuary, 1958. Walking time : $2 \frac{1}{4}$ hour
Altitude $8,000 \mathrm{ft}$.
Departed MAMARES at 7.15 a.m. for TUGISENDA caremonial ground arriving $8.30 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{m}_{\text {. }}$. Boute croased SIRUNKI depression and was very mudcy. Initial census of the FANERES Group of the MURABIIS Group. Native name for the area is PURIYOK. Slept.

Thursday, 13th Pebruary, 1958. Walking time : 1 hour Altitude $8,150 \mathrm{ft}$.
 PIPIEDNGS ceremonial ground arriving $11.45 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{m}$. Initial consus of the wurabTiV/ AIICAON and some MiNCo people. Slept. Track led along the old SIRNIKI/ mustriga section of the original PORGERA track. This is in reasonably Pnir condition.

Friday, 14th Fehruary, 1958. Walking time : $1 \frac{3}{4}$ hours Altitude 7,800 $\mathrm{ft}^{2}$
Completed census of MANGO people in the area and departed PIPIGUMGUS at noon for KORGMAN ceremonial ground arriving $1.45 \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$. Track led along spur then across Creek and up to KOREMAN. As rain appearfd imminent people advised to seek thei- houses and that a census would be conducted in the morning. Afternoon spent in cuiverse with local headmen and in compiling totals. Information received from A.N.O. Wabag re purchase of land known as PAPAYUK. is this was urgent ft was decided to return to Laiagam on the morrew and complete the purchase. Slept.

Saturday, 15th February, 1958. Walking tiide: 5 hours
Census conducted of PAILH/GEIKARI, PAILH/YENAIRIN and MONINI/PIUI and SAGAPE/ IPAN yhich are four small groups resident in the vicinity of KOREMAN. This was completed without much difficulty and the patrol left at $12.30 \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$. for Laiagam arriving $5.30 \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$. The track lead stbeply down a spur and crossed the LAGAIP River by native track and bridge ond then linksd up with the main Laiagam/Muriraga track.


Tuesday, IIth March, 1958. Walking time : I $\frac{1}{2}$ hours Altitude 8,100 ft.
Departed Laiagam after lunch at $12.30 \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$. for KJMBILYAN ceremonial ground arriving $\mathrm{K} \mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$. in a zais.ztom. Peopl alerted for census in the aorning. Slept.

Wednesday, 12th March, 1958.
Spent at KUMBILIZN. Initial census recorded of the WEIPO and SIAGARE sections of the SIAMBE/MARTEEIN and the MARTP and TANDAPTA sections of the SIAMDE/TIANGAN. Slept.

Thursday, 13th March, 1958. Walking time : 1 hour Altitudo 3,200 ft.
Departed KUMBIVYAN for YANKO ceremonial ground arriving $8 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{m}$. Initial census recorded of the MANDIRA, PAKO, KAGARE and YAPINKJ sections of the SIAMBE/MARITEIN. Heavy rain and thuncer in $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{m}$. Siept.

Friday, 14 th March, 1958. Walking time : $I_{\frac{1}{2}}$ hours Altitude 8150 ft .
Tepartea YaNK Sor KENELYAM ceremonial ground srriving $8.30 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{m}$. A.P.O. KANDAKASI of KEPILY AM reported to patrol. Initial census recorded of the KEP, IPAN and KAIRI sections of the SIAMBE/LORE. Slopt.

Saturday, 15th March, 1958. Walking time : 2 hours
Departed KENDELVAM for KINAMANDA ceremonial ground ( 45 minutes) arriving 8 a m . Initial =onsus recroded of the LAGA and YMJKA sections of the MARINAN group. Continued on to KUMBARES veremonial ground ( 20 minutes) and pitched camp. Rain in the offing so natives alerted for census on iondey morning - it being deemed politic not to attempt recording of census in the vicinity of a mission S民 Shygay KIMBAPES is approximate $i y 10$ minutes from the Lutheran station at PAPAYUK. The writer made thic 55 minute walk into Laingam for the week-end.

Monday, 17 th Morch, 1958.
To KUMBARES and initial census recorded us the MARTWAN, LADMAS and TFMANGA sections of the SIAMBE/TIANGNV. Returned to Laiagam.

Tuesdivy, 18th Marcin, 1958.
To IUNBARPS again and initial census recorded of the PUPU eection of the SIAMBE/TIANGAN.

Friday, 11th April, 1958.
Departed Laiagam Station for KANAKI Ceromonial Ground about 20 minutes walking time away. Initial census of the PIAPIRA and WAILYANGE sections of the SIAMBE/KAIMUL. Returned to station.

Saturday, 12th April, 1958.
Again to KANAKI and initial census of the KURIP and AMBAI sections of the SIMBE/KATMULI conducted. Returned to station.

Tuesday, 15th April, 1958.
Departed Laiagam Station for WNAFOS Ceremonial Ground which is about 1 hour's walking time from the station. Initial census of the TIA/LAGAIP, MURAB ${ }^{\text {ry }} /$ ANDAMAN and the WARIN/PIPOP groups. Ret,urned to the station.

Wednesday, 16 th April, 1958.
To LATAGAM Ceremonial Ground which is sust off the limits of the Station and conducted the Initial Census of the MEMKE and PIANGA sections of the LYEIN/ WAPAN, the LYEIN/PAPE, the LYEIN/ARO and the MURABIN/ATYAGAN. Returned, to the station.

End of the Diary.

NB. It is noted that the diary is not continuous. Bresks in the patrol were due to other duties.

As Census is closely allied to Taxation, these two subjects will be treated in the one section of the report.

## Census:

The census of the LAIAGAM area was commenced at YUGONDA and previous officers had moved westwards to SIRUIKI. This patrol carried ois from where previous officers had got to and completed the SIRUNKI uplands to TIPITIPI Greek. Then in a series of day trips the census of those people living to the south of the LAGAIP River downtream from LATAGAM was conducied. From there the patrol moved along the hill slopes to the south of the LAGAIP River upstream from LAIAGAM and conducted the census of the SIAMBS people living there. In another series of day trips all those living in the hill to the north of the station were censused.

Some problems met on the patrol, regarding census, are ennumercted below.
(a) On occasion members of the same clen assembled in widely differing places to have their names recorded. Huwever, in clan totals given, this has been accounted for and totals include all members no matter where they assembled.
(b) As the people living in the LAIAGAM area have no central village or focal point, the census was conducted on a clan basis.
(c) These people are homesteaders and the census was conducted in central Ceremonial grounds acceptable to the people themselves.
(d) Ac the time of the patrol there was a small percentage of absentees who had been avay fro some time gathering and eating pandanus nuts which had ripened. This delicacy grows for the mosit part in uainhabited bushland and remote from the inhabited garden areas. In ail possible instances word was sent out to the absentee to come into LAIAGAM to enable the writer to see him or her in person. No prosecutions arose from this failure to attend at a census but it was emphasized that in future recordings of the census the absentee might be prosecuted under the Native Administration Regulations.
(e) As far as possible families were recorded in the clan of the father. However, as it is not uncommon for a man to reside with his wife's relatives, the family has been recorded with the voman's clan, especially if he has lived there for some time.
(f) There were instsnces where some members of a clon have had their names recorded by officers from WABAG. Where this was so, only those who had not had their names recorded were recorded on this patrol. Those, whose names had been recorded in the WABAG ares, and who wished to transfer their names to LAIAGAM, were informed by the writer first to have their names struck off the MABAG rolls and then, on a future patrol they could have their names recorded in the LAIAGAM area.

As Village Books are in chort supply and unobtainable, the census was recorden $\eta$ lined foolscap paper ruled up as a Village Book. These pages have $b l$ a retained in the office at LAIAGMM until such time as the requisite books are available when they will form the basis of the follom up census. It is considered, by the writer, to be imperative that village Bcoks be maie available as they are invaluable to patrolling officers, not sy those from this department.

Census (Contd.):
A total of 8,203 names were recorded in 64 different clans. This shows that an average of 342 names were recorded per day of patrol. previous census patrols officers have recorded 4, i75 names in the pario on SIRUNKI area and 1,897 in the PORCERA. This brings the total number of names recorded in the LaiagM area to 14,280 .

In Appendis: ' $A$ ' to this report will be found an aralyais of those people whose names heve been recorded on this patrol, according to groups. Columns show Aduits, male and female; Children, male and femalo; Pregnant women and a totel. No attempt has been mave to show numbers of mon absent at work or children absent at schools as they are onily very few. Out of a total of 2,231 aduit females 103 were seen to be pregnant. Miguree relating to migrations, births and deathe are not given as this was orily an initial census and these figures are not obtainable,

Arens whuse populations have not been censused are ss follows:(1) The WAGA River valley and the KANDEP - projected for Maj/June 1958.
(2) The area around KEPILAM - projected for return of above patroi.
(3) PIBIRAGA to the PORGERA - projected for PCRGERA patrol later this year.

This will complete the initial census of those natives already contacted in this area.

With the completion of the aboive, there will be only these koom ares to census:

YEDM and KSWA - only just visited by a patrol, and IERTT - only reported by a patrcl.

## CENSUS AND TAXATION (Contd.)

## Taxation:

In the Introduction to this report the writer passed the opinion that it would be some time before taxation is introduced into this area. The reasons for this opinion are as follows:
(-) There is insufficient money in circulation in the area.
(b) There are not many weys by which the local people could raise moner.
(1) A Few pit-saw teams operate in the area.
(2) The Administration, and the Missions who operate in this area, can only purchase so much native products and employ only a (3) limited number of persons.

Only recently have young men begun to go away to work under the
Highland Labour Scheme.
Most of the area patrolled was wall over the 7,000' mark enc subject to frests. This, it is presumed, would limit the choice of crop for introduction as a source of income. Frosts can be expected is the lititle demage to the sweet-potato staple crove, in the past, caused not a potato has somewhat alleviated this position recent introduction of the

Before taxation in cash can be introduced, some means munt be devised whereby those taxed may raise the wherewitial to covor their taxea. Some form of taxation, either in lind or in labour, would help the people to realise their part in the generai picture of Administration.
office but have Large Tax Sheets recently printed have been received by this and omissions will be diselosed in in. As this was an Initial Census, errors Sheets ario completed now, without any subsequent censuis check. If the Tax Sheets ary completed now, without a doubt they would have to re-compiled before
they could operate satisfactorily.

The native situation in the areas visited was reasonably good and with the introduction of the census it should improve. It appears that with the ectual recording of a name, the owner of that name is imbued with a certein amount of respect for the Aoministration and its policies. From being merely a 'bush kanaka' he becins to feel 'inself pert of the cosmos. This is undoubtedly a purely psychological matter and with subsequent censuses this sympathy will increase.

The people in this area tend towards being individualists, and this, coupled with the fact that they divide their timo between two or three areas in which they have usufructory rights, makes it difficult to assign cartain groups to certain areas. The TIA/IORO which were censused at WMARES have land also in the MBUM Velley in the Wabag area. Sections of the MURABIN live in the SIrJNKI uplands, the IURTRAGA area and in the vicinity of LAIAGM station. Sections of the SIAMBE have land rights in the KANDEP, and, during the frost-induced famine of about 1940 , some even went as far afield as the vicinity of the present Wabag station to cultivate gardens. The PIYEIN and Varmin groups elso nove ver to the WAGL and KAIDEP areas to build gardens and gather pandenus nuts. This 'miguatory' tendency has, in part, ns its basis the ever-present possibility of frost ruining gardens. During the drier period of the your (Nay to September) gardens are prepared in areas that are less exposed to this phenomenon. Another reason for this movement is the ripening and gathering of pendonus nuts whichgrow, for the main part, in remote rections of the bush. It appears that there is no set 'season' for pandanus as it ripens in various areas at various times.

Co-operation with the administration on profects has been adequate. These people have been working for some years on the construction of the, as yet uncompleted, airstrip hero it Iaiagom. The $h$. 3-up has been caused by technical difticulties and not by any lack of enthusiasm on the part of the native people. The Native Hospitel at Laiagum has recently been completed by purely voluntary labour, the people themselves supnlying free of charge native building materials, erecting the buildings and putting in roads. These two examples are quoted to show the extent of co-operation.

The Leiagam area has not, as yet, been broken up into Census Divisions. It would appear to be more practical to weit until the initirl census has been completed and see how the population is spread. There are two alternative approaches to this problem. Either the divisions are made on the basis of entire groups, or they are made according to ceremonia? grounds. It would appear that the second alternative would be the more simple method. However, this would mean that in certain groups sections would appear in different Census Divisions. The fact that these people do not live in defined village areas adds to the problems of census. The accompenying sketch map to the report shows totals censused at each ceremonial ground, and a comprehensive list appears in the Appendix.

Whilst on patrol nc, many disputes were brought to the notice of the writer, and $8: 11$ of them were settled by arbitration. Cases settled included settlement of debts, payment for pig-damage to gardens and payment of blood debts. With the advent of the Administration and the concomitent pacification of the area has led to an improvement in the status of the woman. They enjoy a certain amount more of freedom then they previously dir. They are beginning to come forv rd to have thei, marriages dissolved. In the majority of cases the only reason for wanting the issolution of marriage is purely the whim or caprice of the female concerned. in previous times the trrant or lazy wife could expect short shrift from her husband, at the worst an arrow and at the best, mutilation. Now they feel that the Administration has, more or less, effectively stopped those practices, and therefore they feel more at liberty to voice their disapproval of a martiage. In cases where native custom sanctions a dissolution they usually terminate the marriage without reference to an officer. However when a wife, for some obscure reason, such as the vecline in material wealth of her spouse, wishes to terninate her marriage, and the hueband is equally adomant that he does not wish to divorce his wify, a daadlock ensues. It is difficult to bring such ceses to a satisfactory conclusioil. It appeurs that there is no effective way to enforce a wife to return to the companionship of her husband.

## WMTIVE AFFATDS (Contd.)

spart from KOPEMCN and perhaps PTPIGUNGUS, the patrol was at all times within the limits of controlied territory, i.e. not in restricted territory. Whilst on an unconnectca visit to WRURGAA in company with Dr. Wilson, M.O. Wabag, and Dr. Russell, Leprologist, certain natives approached the writer saying in approximately these words: 'We want the mission to come here but they are not allowed to.'

Althouch IURIRIGA has had nearly as much attention paid to it by the Adimi istration as other non-restricted areas, it would perhaps be better to defer the reviewing of Restricted area boundgries until after the census is completed in the area. This should be completed by the end of the year. With regard to the quotation it is noted that only one or two notives were involved and the writer expleined the position recaraing Restricted Areas. The natives seemed satisfied with the explanantion.

There are no legally appointed village officials in the area patrolled and routine administration is carried out by provisionally appointed luluais and 'boss-boys' or headmen. Applications for the appointment of linlueis and tultuls will be taken up in separate memoranda. The present position regarding provisional appointments is thus: Lulusis have been appointed for areas, and only 8 or 9 have been so appointed. It is suggested that a larger number be appointed so that adequate corerage mey be given to the rative population. Perhaps appointment by groups would be more satisfactory.

Some of the piovisionally appointed officials have not come up to expectations and these will be relaced as per separate momozand One luluai per mejor group anci tultuls for every major sub-group would perhaps be the better alternative.

Another feature of the area is this: In certain areas a part of a group has bsen consused by officers from Wabag, leaving some who have been recorded by officers from Laiagan. This tends to cause confusion amongst various lines in respect to their ellegiance. This would be for the Sub-district to overcome. The constint, movenent of natives from one area to anether is anothe. cause of the above mentioned confusion. It appears that the practice has been for the individual to remove himself to the Wabag area when any effort is needed on roadwork or some similar project in the Laiagam area. The converse is also true. Where applicable, land in the KAHDEP aid WIGF is substituted for Wabag. This should be controlled at the completion of the census. It is pointed out that this is not an everyday occurrence, but neither is it uncommon. Sufficient numbers usually turn up to complete the job in hand. Also, when luluais und tultuls are appointed covering the whole area more control would be obtained in this matter too.
t present there is no scope for the introduction of ony formof local government. A prerequisite of local government is the ability to raise by taxation sufficient funds for the operation of such government. No such ability is at present extent is the area. The only source of such cash in the area is the sale of pit-sawn timber and native produce to the Administration and Missions in the area, and only so much can be purchased. Nost of the settlements are above the seven thousand foot level and therefore the range of crops for introduction would be curtailed. There appears to be quite a good selection of millable timbers in the areas visited but extraction would be difficult in any quantity.

The attitude of the people to illness and disease has improved considerably over the last two months. This is undoubteizy due to the recent posting of an E.M.A. to Laingam and the subsequent completion of the nntive hospital here. Also the fact that a sister has come to the Apostolic Church Mission to look after infent and maternal welfare has its effect. In all cases where the writer addressed the native people on Administration matters, stress was laid upon the advantages of obtaining prompt attention in cases of illness. The position relating to the resposibilities of parents of small children was made clear. Response has been very satisf ctory and it is possible thet the number of patients attending the hospital at Laiagem may increase as more people are seeking medical attention - the necessity for the long trek into Wabag was a deterrent before.

## ROADS, TRACKS ANDRRIDGES

Except on established motor roads the route of the patrol lay over prepared walking tracks and native pads. Discussion of esch category follows.

## (a) Main LAL NGM-WADAG motor rond.

The section of this route which the paírol covered was in reasonable condition. One bridge which was dangerous has been raplaced. Except for minor irregularities the surface is good. One or two short stretches have yet to be stoned and in most places stone has been made ready. For the higher sections stone and river ravel has to be carried long distances to the road site. Wet wetaher should not hold up vehicles.

LAIGGM/KEPILAM motor road.
The section between LAIAGMM and PAPAYUK is satifactory for light motor transport. The road does not connect with KEPIL/M as yet. Bridges are only fair and the bridge connecting PAPAYUK Mission Station with the main road is unsatisfactory for anything over a moterncycle.

## (c) LAIAGMMPORCERA motor road.

This road has been formed for the main part. However sections over the YaGENDA ridge will ha'e to be re-located as they ere too steep in grade. Bridges are unsatisfactory and a vehirle can only preceed elong it for about 4 miles. When bridges are replaced another 4 or 5 miles will $t=$ open to traffic. The KRRA River presents a problem - the present bridge site, where a native sapling bridge crosses the river, is considered too wide for $\log$ bearers and the banks are unsuitable. A possibility that a better site will be found upstream exists. If this is so, the road may be re-routed to by-pass the YAGENDA, ridge and keep higher up the slone all the way the MURIRAGA. The only part of the road traversed on this patrol was the section from the station to YACcENDA. Work is being carried out to inprove the surirace east of the KRRA.

## (d) SIRUNKI/MURTRGGA VQIFing tiack.

This is the old route into the PORGERA. It is a made walking track and considering the fact that not much has been done to it, it is in fair state. On sections traversed on thi potrol grades appeared too steep for vehicles. Hwever, this trach could be the basis for on eventual road from SIRUNKI to link up with the LAIAGM/PORGERA rond near MURIRAGA.
(e)

## LAIAGM/KENDELYM NIKIn track.

This is a formed welking track built under pol ice supervision is in only fair condition. With improvements to grades and bridges it could be used for motormcycles. Eventuelly, with improvements to grades and surface it could be a motor road up the southern side of the LAGAIP to connect with KEPILAM.
(d) Netive Pads.

These were not good and were only used on short stretches. They consisted of the vual string of muday patches and pools connectec by lengths of uneven and narow pads.

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_ ROALS, TRACKS AND BRIDGES (Contd.)
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Only two bridges need special me on in this section as apart from these specific two they are all satisfac and comfortably spanned by log bearers. The bridges on the main motor rc, that are in use are in satisfactory condition for the present. Bridges on walking tracks are ofter. just one $\log$ hurriedly thrown across the gully concerned.

The KERA Bridge: The present bridge site on the KERA River is not really catisfactory for the installation of the normal log-span motor bridge. The river is fairly wide at this part and the balles are not ideal. In a future patrol to complete the census of the area from PIBIRAGA to the PORGRRA, a new site further upstream will be looked for. This relocation of the KERA bridge site could very easily obviate the necessity of ertensive cutting to by-pass the racimila ridge. no suitable site is found higher upstream, perhaps the construction of a vire-rope. suspension bridge will be feasible. This could be constructed after the style of those which the writer has seen on the WAU/LABU road in the vieindty of BULODO. The wire could be anchored to logs sunk in the ground on each bank of the atream and decking fastened to the wire by U-bolts.

The LAGAIP Bridge: At present there is a log-span bridge acroas the LaGAMP River on the borndary of the station. This bridge is still serviceable but it is considered that this will have to be replaced in the futare. It is a fairiy long span and the timbers would have to be brought from some distance. This too, could be bridged by the method discussed in the KERA bridge. It would be a much mare. satisfactory erection that the present $\log$ bridge which is beginning to subside.

MEDICAL AND HEATTH

No NoMO. was taken on this patrol for two reasons. The first, because all personnel have been needed in the construction of the netive hospital here and therefore could not be spared. Secondly, use was made, where possible, of Aid Post Orderlies in the areas visited. Where these were not available, ust was made of a police constable who has had seven years experience as a medical orderly. In all cases a curscry hedical inspection was madeof all those who presented themselves for census. Nothing of any import was found and whewe it was deemed necessary all those found suffering from ailments were sent in to the hospital at Lazagam for treatment.

The establishment of a native hospital, by voluntary labour, at Laiagam will prove a boon to the area. The E.Mo A. here is a long over-due acquisition. Previously all those who needed hospitelisation were forced to maxgochkopathen make the long trek into Wabag, with on occasion, fatal results.

Tisease patterns have been taken in this area by officers fum P.H.D. Wabag, as recently as September, 1957 so no coument is offered here regarding it. With the completion of the hospital here the E.M.A. will be freer to undertake medical patrols and should cover the whole area again by the end of the year.

On certain occasions deaths have been reported of children who have not had meny days sickness - in some ceses it has been averred that the child in question has died very suddenly. The writer tres inclined to disbeliefe this but on other evidence it appears that internal parasites have caused thesed deaths. The E.M.A. has infomed the writer that ascariasis has been the cause of death. A report has been sent by the E.M. A. to the requiaite authority regarding this. In one case recently a child of seven or eight was admitted to the hospital and died suddenly. The round worm was found to be the culprit. Also natives have reported deaths in identical circumstances. A.P.O's. have also given information regarding seme. It appears that the child is quite well in the morning and then suffers attcks of vomiting and dies in the afternoon.

A recent visit by the N.O., Wabag and Dr. Russell, Leprologist, has been made to the area in connection with a suivey of the population to ascertain the amount of leprosy in the area. The writer accompanied the doctors on their inspections. Several early cases were discovered and the M.O. Wabag has said that a copy of his report will be sent to this office for reference. The writer has been shown what to look for. This may prove useful on future patrols. It appears from these coctors' remarks that those cases found were not of the really infectious variety - this could mean that sufferers were not all present.

Generally speaking the health of the people visited may be classed as reasonably gooc. However pnewani.a and infected wounds ace prevelent.

San tation, in the form of latrines are non-existent. As the people do not live in settlements but in sacttered hamlets this fact should not cause very much inconvenience. It has always bsen the writer's conviction that people such as these are very careful where they drink and where they deposit fecal matter. an orea where much rain is experienced fecal matter does not last over-long on the ground. The same remarks apply to drinking water - certain streams are used for this purpose and others are regarded as unfit for drinking.

Previous patrole have reported on the diet of these people so not much will be stated here. They are the usuel highland type whose main staple is sweet potato and native vegetables. Heat in the form of pig and small game is their only source of meat - the eating of which is infrequent. The introduction of the potato has helped to tide them over in times of frost.

There are three denominations of Cnristian Missions which have stations staffed by Europeans in the area, and a fourth is run by Native staff.

## The Lutheran Mission

This mission has stations staffed by European missionaries at RAK (STRUNKI) and at PAPAYUK. On each station there is a married couple and one bachelor is stationed at RAK as well. They run the usual Mission school where local natives attend on a daily basis. Very few children were absent from the census because of school. It appears that cniy neighbouring children attend there schools. The Mission also has Native evangelists at various centres throughout the area. These usually run a sort of literacy school for sll who care to attend and also they act as the focal point for mission activity in the area. Thay conduct services, morning and evening, and keep the spark of the faith alive in the area.

## The Apostolic Church Missticn

This mission has only one station at MAMARE, about a nile from Laiagam Stotion. Their European staff consists of two married couples ind a trained nursing sister. They cenduct a school of sorts at their station. They also conduct an Infent and Maternal Welfare Centre st MAMARE. They also have a few 'out-stations ${ }^{2}$ in the area where a native evengelist conducts services and keeps his eye on members of the faith.

## The Roman Gatholic Church

This mission has its headquarters at WANIPOP. A priest alternates between WANIPOP and SARI (Wabag) spending abuut two weeks at a time in each place. They run a mission school at WANIPOP and have others, run by catechists, at various points in the arec.

## The A.D.A. Gor - Ser Union Mission

This mission has one native pastor very close to the station, and he runs a school and conducts Saturdey services for adherents of this faith.

It is considered that the order the various missions are presented in, mirrorstheir individual position in the orea, and also the order piven is roughly in order regarding the numbers of adherents. At two mission stations European style buildings house the European staf and at a third a European style house is under construction.

They serve the usefil administrative purpose of being a 'civiliaing' influence on the locel population as well as propagating the feith.

## EDUCATION

All native education carried on in the Laiagan area is corducted by the Missions. Eack one operating in the area runs a school on the mission station for children of the neighbouring people. Pupils range from 4,0 to about 65.

Apart from these more advanced schools actually on the station, the missions also run 'out-station' scnools of a very elementary nature which teach the children the rudiments of writing and religion. They are run by native missionrries.

It is believed that the Lutheran Mission is running, or contemplates running, adult literacy centres in areas which come under their influence.

A school run by the Department of Education is projected for zaiagam. It is to be staffed by a native teacher and commence with thirty pupils. - The D.E.O. has indicated that Laiagam will eventually have a European teacher stationed here and that Laiagam will evetually become on Area school. A site is available actually n the station for such a schcol, and if this is unsatifactory, attempts are being made to obtain about thirty acres in the vicinity. It is considered that the establishment of an Administration schools will be welcomed by the local people and it will certainly be an asset to the area.

## CONCLUSION

This pabrol has gone a long way to complete the initial census of tho areas anund Laiagam. It is regre tec that it was not a continuous patrol but circuistances did not pervit of this. It was unfortunate that tiee pestrol did not eventuall reach the MURIRGGA area and work back towards the station. This too vas unavoidabie. The next patrol will recori the census of the KANDEP and WACE areas and on its completion a patrol is projectec to clea: up the doums amm census. Thus by the end of this year, i.e. 1958, the whole area will have been censused.

This are needs frequent patrolling and with the eventual establisiment of a Patrol Post in the KAIDEP, it should be cuite easy to corgr the whole area trice a year.

The recent completion whe native hospital at Laiagam has added greatily to the efficacy of the Patrol Post here and with the establishment of an Admi istration school at Laiagem the general improvemnet of the lot of the local people will increase.

At present theive are transport difficulties as all supplies have oither to be carried in or sent by Landrover from Wabag. Fowever with the imninent ppening of the Laiagam strip by D.C.A. for Category ' $D$ ' aircraft and sube-quent improvement of the strip to take Beaver and perhaps of or craft, these difficulties will be overoome.

With improvement and expansion of in $/ t$ foads in the area, and the arrival of a promised Land Rover, it should be simple to cover the ahole area more frequently than heretofore.
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APPENDDK - 'A'.

ANALYSIS OF CZNSUS FIGURES ACCORDING TO GROJPS
LAIAGALI, W.H.D. - 1958
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| MONINI/LaKINI | 21 | 23 | 22 | 26 | 2 | 92 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MONINI/PIUI | 17 | 19 | 11 | 16 | 1 | 63 |
| WARIN/WAP/KIOWA | 39 | 26 | 20 | 26 | 3 | 111 |
| WARIN/WAP/ARAGAP | 65 | 60 | 47 | 44 | 1 | 216 |
| WARIN/WAP/KEILY AN | 20 | 24 | 25 | 17 | 2 | 86 |
| WARIN/WAP/MAIEP | 12 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 53 |
| WARTN/WAY/LIMMBAIN | 82 | 74 | 79 | 66 | 4 | 301 |
| WARIN/WAP/ YURUPEN | 10 | 11 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 39 |
| WARIT/TANGUEN | 55 | 59 | 55 | 33 | 4 | 202 |
| WARIN/IARAP | 42 | 56 | 58 | 43 | - | 199 |
| WARTI/IPATEEN | 77 | 85 | 68 | 71 | 5 | 301 |
| WARIN/PIIOP | 17 | 27 | 21 | 24 | - | 89 |
| murabin/aty agas | 62 | 60 | 51 | 48 | 2 | 221 |
| MURABIT/PENARE | 39 | 43 | 34 | 33 | 2 | 149 |
| MURABIN/YMMITNGAN | 13 | 8 | 15 | 8 | - | 44 |
| MURABIN/KAPIM | 17 | 12 | 9 | 12 | - | 50 |
| MJRABIN/RAPELYO | 24 | 18 | 19 | 18 | - | 79 |
| MURABIN/VI | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 | - | 17 |
| MURABIN/KULY ABAN | 40 | 32 | 28 | 32 | 2 | 132 |
| MURABIN/ ANDAMAN | 75 | 65 | 58 | 45 | 1 | 243 |
| PIJEIN/LAIA | 24 | 33 | 26 | 22 | 2 | 105 |
| PITEIN/KAINU/JPAOMN | 62 | 64 | 56 | 59 | 3 | 241 |
| PIYETI/KAINU/PERALEE | 9 | 15 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 46 |
| PIIEIN/TUMBIPIYEIN | 23 | 28 | 29 | 22 | 1 | 102 |
| PIYEIN/BAKEARA | 27 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 2 | 91 |
| PIYEIN/KEIY ANDA | 28 | 27 | 17 | 26 | 2 | 98 |
| PITEIN/KARAGO | 27 | 22 | 20 | 15 | - | 84 |
|  |  | 228 | 827 | 769 | 43 | 3454 |



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NOTE : Totals carried forward each page.

LIST OF CERTMONIAL GIOUNJS WEETE CPNSUS WAS RECORDED TOGETHER WITH POPULATION FIGURES

CERMMCNIL GROUND
TOTAL Censused

MAMARES (in Sirunki area)
270
TUGISENDA ( " )
PIPIGUNGUS ( near TIPITIPI Creek)
KOHEMAN ( " - near IPAGMS)
LIOF ( $\frac{1}{2}$ milles from Latiagan)


IPAI ( $2 \frac{1}{2} \quad n \quad$ ) 737
IFAINKI ( Sehind A.C.\%. station - MMMARE) 808
SUMBILYAN (On slopes south of LAGAIP R. above LYAIMKI-) 655
Yanco (Upstrean from kimbilyan)
298
KENLELYAM (Upstream from Yanko) $4 / 4$
KANAMANDA ( $\frac{1}{2}$ hour upstream from PAPAYUK) $\quad 2 .-2 \% 4$
KUMBARES (Just off PAPAYUK Mission Station) 721
KANAKI ( 20 minutes alon Laiagan-CLPILAM road) 644
WANAPOS (About three miles downstream from Leiagan on 564
right bank of LaGATP R*)
LALAGAM: (On native owned lend between station and P.H.D.) 538

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RESPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL

3380 Corporel NAEOPA

6131PA Constable AGORANTA

8277 Constable LijOJO

8872 Constable NIBORUM

9535 Constable SAIA

- An excellent man. Great experience in handling ${ }^{1}$ new ${ }^{2}$ nutives. Conduct good.
- A very experienced man -. worked well on patrul. Excellent conduct and deporteant.
-. Usefill man and worked well. Conduct good.
- Untidy person. Work satifactory and condinet satis.actory.
- Energetic man and inclined to ebullience. Yorisad wall and condust satisfactory. Has experiance as medical orderly.

The foliming men accompanied the patrol for short periods - mainly day triper

2538 Constable SIGRUPOI

8264 Constable OPAVE

- Experienced and trustworthy. Conduct good.
- Inclined to laziness - needs watching. Only satisfactoxy.

Generally speaking the police worked well on the patrol and Cpl NAEOPA handled the contingent well. $N_{0}$ complaints.

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APPENDXX ' ${ }^{\prime}$ '

PEPORT OH MLTMNATED LATDS VISTIED DURTIG THE PAKROL
(1) Lutheran Mission (New Guinea) Missouri Synod : P.APAYUK

Kission Lease of 5 acres Special Lease of $13 \frac{1}{4}$ acres

Builaings mainly native materials except 1 European Residence of European msterials and 1 clinic built of European materials.
(2) Apostolic Church Mission : MAMAFE Mission Lease of 5.7 acres Buildings all native materials - I European type residence under construction.

NB : Only these two portions of alienated land were visited in the area.

## APPENDDX \& E:

These figures are additional to those taken on this patrol. Whey were taken on a previous patrol for which no report was compiled. There follows an analysis of the figures comparable to those seen in Appendix 'A'.

GROUP, SUB-GKOUP, ETC.
ADULIS CFILSDREN

| SIAME/THIGIGAN | 36 | 39 | 35 | 19 |  | 129 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STAMEE/TANGIAN | 26 | 23 | 26 | 8 |  | 83 |
| SIAMBE/VIOK | 34 | 31 | 20 | 23 |  | 108 |
| WARTM/KIENTA | 65 | 63 | 48 | 49 | 3 | 225 |
| TIA/KAK, IRANK, PAPETU | 118 | 95 | 79 | r1 | 3 | 363 |
| TIA/LIBINY0 | 31 | 35 | 28 | 36 | 3 | 130 |
| YEIN/UMBILUM | 31 | 30 | 23 | 26 |  | 110 |
| TOTAL:- | 342 | 316 | 259 | 232 | 9 | 1148 |



