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PATROL REPORTS WEST SEPIK DISTRICT 1966-67

AMANAB

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-66-67	R.H. Chisholm	Nai Faringi Census Div.
2-66-67	F.B. Donovan	Nai Faringi Census Div.
7-66-67	James Koibo	Part Amanab Local & Dera Census Div.
8-66-67	James Koibo	Nai Faringi Census Div.
9-66-67	G.L. Dewar	East & West Kwomtari Census Division
10-66-67	James Koibo	Amanab Local Census Div.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 1/56/59

Patrol Conducted by R. H. CHISHOLM, JEC.

Area Patrolled KAI MARINGI TRIBES DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives MR. D. Mitholl HRO and 6 members RWANGG.

Duration—From 2./8/1956 to 19/8/1956

Number of Days 17 days

Did Medical Assistant accompany? Yes

Last Patrol Area by—District Services 10/19/55

Medical 11/19/55

Map Reference BORDER SPECIAL SHEET TWO—OCTOBER 1964.

Objects of Patrol Issue Revision and General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25/11/1966

Holman
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

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District Office,
VA. I.M.C.
West Sepik District.
15th February, 1967.


The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOHU.

AMANAB PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1966/67

Your 67-16-4 of 24th November 1966 refers.

The slow response to your memorandum is regretted.
It was misplaced in the files.

It is recommended that Amini village which is
only a couple of hours walk from Green River and which is a
member of the Green River Council should be included in the
Green River Census Division.


D. V. Clancy
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-16-4

24th November, 1966.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

AMANAB PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1966/67:

Receipts is acknowledged of Mr. Chishelm's report on his patrol to the MAL-PARINGI Census Division and also of covering memoranda from the Assistant District Commissioner and yourself.

This report shows many careless errors in typing, punctuation and spelling which should have been corrected by Mr. Chishelm before submitting the report. The actual content of the report however, is a good effort for his first solo patrol.

It is pleasing to see a detailed and clearly set out set of patrol instructions issued to young cadets. This is a sure way of letting them know what is expected of them and assists in gauging how they comply with what is expected of them.

All other matters have been covered in covering memoranda, except for the A.D.C.'s comments on AMINI village. If it is thought that this village should be placed in the Green River Local Census Division, please advise this office without delay so that such alteration may be made to the new Village Register now being compiled.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67. 16. (23)

W67-1-4



District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

26th October, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMANAB.

AMANAB PATROL No. 1 - 1966.

Please thank Mr. Chisholm for his well written patrol report. It is a pity that the report was marred by spelling errors.

I feel that it is risky sending back prisoners with only one policeman. Far better to use three when you have them, or pick up the defendant on the way back. Wasn't there some trouble last year over a prisoner being brought to the station.

At the next meeting of the Local Government Council you may care to bring to their attention Mr. Chisholm's remarks on Councillor Krabuia of Kussamun. His attitude is not in the best interests of the people and Local Government.

For a first patrol Mr. Chisholm is to be congratulated.

D. J. Clancy
 D. J. Clancy,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUI.

67-1-4.

Sub-District Office,
Amanab
West Sepik District

23rd. September 1966

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District
VANIMO

Amanab Patrol No. 1-1966-67.

Forwarded herewith is Mr. R. Chisolm's report on his recently completed patrol through the Nai-Faringi Census division. The objects of the patrol were as detailed in the attached patrol instructions and were carried out successfully.

2. This was Mr. Chisolm's first solo patrol and he has done well. His report is thorough and the officer has obviously given time to the writing and compilation. The report is marred slightly however by mistakes in the writing up of the village population register where errors were made and some errors in typing, punctuation and spelling.

3. The following broad comments are offered.

Village Water supplies. In addition to the information noted in one of the report's appendices Mr. Chisolm completed the roneced forms required for the Council's Water supply survey and these were forwarded direct to the District Commissioner.

4. Health The health of this area is generally the best in the census divisions around the Amanab area. The councilors throughout the area are bringing in the women and the children to fortnightly clinics run by Mrs. Hill who carries out the infant welfare work. As a result of these clinics there has been a remarkable improvement in the health of the children of the area especially.

5. Complaints and Courts. The hospital abscondee the man wanted for attacking his wife with a bush-knife were both apprehended by the patrol and were later sentenced in the Local Court at Amanab.

6. Political situation, and administration of AMINI.

AMINI is only 2 1/2 hours walk from Green River patrol post and is now in the Green River Local Government Council. This village has always been administered from Amanab in the Nai Faringi patrol but last year AMINI ceded from the Amanab Council to which it originally belonged and joined the Green River Council. The village people never visit Amanab which is a day and half's walk away over mountains and travel regularly to Green River for complaints and medical treatment. It is felt that in the future AMINI could be included in the Green River Local census division and thus the village would be completely administered by the one post and not by two as is the present case.

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Sub-District Office,
Amanab
West Sepik District.

1st. August 1966.

Mr. Chisolm,
Sub-District Office
Amanab.

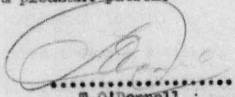
Patrol Instructions- Patrol No.1/66-67.
HAI-FARINGI Census Division

Please prepare to depart on a Census patrol of the Hai- Faringi Census division as verbally discussed.

2. As this will be your first census please familiarise yourself with the method of carrying out a census. Information on this can be found in your book of standing instructions.
3. You will be accompanied by a hospital orderly and a health education officer. Please assist them as much as possible in their work. Patients referred to the station by the orderly should be accompanied by a letter explaining where they come from and other details.
4. Read your book of standing instructions on patrolling re the conduct of your patrol.
5. Minor complaints brought to you may be handled by yourself. If matters appear serious and it appears the law has been broken refer the matter to the station.
6. People who fail to attend census should be prosecuted. Ascertain that the people did in fact know the census was being carried and willfully disobeyed the census. These people should be sent to Amanab for hearing in the Court.
7. There is an abscondee from the the hospital at KWARAMUN. Please have him brought back to the hospital.
8. There is man from UNUPAI wanted for attacking his wife with a bush knife. Have the police apprehend him and bring him to Amanab for trial.
9. Check village housing and sanitation and use the health education orderly as much as possible.
10. Check the village gardens for supplies of food. Spend as much time as possible speaking to the local people. Check village water supplies, their whereabouts, type of water supply, and their distance from the village.

- 11. You are being accompanied by senior police so ask them for their advice if you are doubtful.
- 12. In some parts of the census division there are few people and it is necessary for a couple of groups to join to carry the patrol. Send a policeman ahead of the patrol to advise of the census and arrange for carriers.
- 13. Choose your own patrol route but spend at least one night in each village, more if you feel it necessary.
- 14. The patrol should take approximately three weeks but do not hurry your patrol.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.



T.O'Donnell
Assistant District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,
AMANAB
West Sepik District.
20 August 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.

AMANAB PATROL NO. I-66/67.

NAI-FARINGI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Conducted By : R.H. CHISHOLM (GPO).

Area Patrolled : NAI-Faringi Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied By : Mr. D. Miholi.-Health Education
Orderly and Medical Assistant.
I Medical Orderly Grade I.
6 Members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration Of Patrol : 2/8/66 to 19/8/66 (17 days)

Last Patrol in Area : D.D.A. - October 1965.
P.H.D. - November 1965.
D.A.S.F.- March 1966.

Objects of Patrol : Revision of census.
General Administration.
Check earlier instructions on
village hygiene, housing and
water supplies.
Apprehend two men as per instructions

Map Reference : Border Special Sheet 2 - Oct. 64.

DIARY.

AMANAB PATROL NO. I-66/67.

Tuesday 2nd August. Departed AMANAB on foot at 1100 hours for WAMU Village arriving at 1400 hours. Carriers paid and inspected village. Talks held with Village Councillor and village people. Arrangements for carriers made. Inspected water supply and gardens food was found to be plentiful. Lecture given to people by Mr. Mholi and self on village hygiene. Slept WAMU.

Wednesday 3rd August. Conducted Census Revision and prepared for departure to Nai No. I village. Departed WAMU at 1045 and arrived at NAI NO. I. at 1130 hours, made camp. Inspected the village in company with the Medical Orderly and was found to be in fair condition. Talks with the Councillor regarding future movements and carrier lines. Inspected water supply and gardens after discussions with the people marked a cemetery on a suitable area of land. People seemed quite enthusiastic about cemetery and the lecture on hygiene was well received. Slept at NAI.NO.I.

Thursday 4th August. Revised Census and held discussions with people. Departed NAI NO. I for BARIBARI at 1230 arriving at 1430. Road is in very poor condition and appears to be little more than a hunting track. The people of BARIBARI have moved their village owing to the recent death of a bulbul. Lecture was given and village inspected, talks with people regarding carriers and future movements. Slept at BARIBARI.

Friday 5th August. Revised the Census and departed BARIBARI at 0935 arriving at BIAKE at 1230.. Made camp and inspected the village housing and latrines. Found to be in good condition. Also visited the village BIAKE NO 2. (1/2 hour w.t.) Held talks with the Councillor and people, lecture given and arrangements for carriers made. Slept at BIAKE no. I.

Saturday 6th August. People lined and Census Revision conducted. Talk given to people on condition of village and roads. Departed for KONIBASI at 1130 hours, arriving at 1250 hours. Inspected village with councillor, checked water supply. Made camp and slept at KONIBASI.

Sunday 7th August. Health Education Orderly supervised the work of improving the water supply. Self compiled Census figures and report. Discussions with village people and lecture given to people on General Village Hygiene. Slept at KONIBASI.

Monday 8th August. Census and medical examination conducted and talks with the Councillor and his people. Departed KONIBASI at 1130 hours arriving at BIAKE at 1240. Made arrangements for carriers to AMINI. Inspected water supply and gardens, food is plentiful but water is very poor. Slept BIAKE.

Tuesday 9th August. Departed BIAKE at 0830 hours arriving at AMINI Road was well defined but on the AMINI land little work had been done on it. Inspected village with Councillor and held talks with the people regarding a runaway women. Houses were in poor condition and poorly constructed. Water supply is quite good and their gardens are coming ahead well, people were clearing land for two new gardens. Lecture given and talks with Councillor and people held afterwards. Slept at AMINI.

Wednesday 10th August. Conducted Census Revision and held further discussions with the people regarding the runaway woman. Decided to send the case to AMANAB and sent Constable MAKAITO BLAKE to conduct the people involved to the station. Departed AMINI at 1145 hours arriving at 1345 hours. Inspected village and gardens, food supply appears to be sufficient and water supply is good. Talks with people and lecture given, sent word ahead to AKRANI and UNIPAI for carriers. Slept at MBERWE.

Thursday 11th August. Census Revision and medical examination conducted and preparations made for departure. Left MBERWE at 1120 hours arriving at AKRANI at 1240. Inspected gardens and water supply and visited the gardens. Food is sufficient and the village was in fair condition. Lecture and further talks made camp and slept at AKRANI.

Friday 12th August. Revised Census and discussion with the village people regarding the joining of AKRANI and MBERWE, the councillor was told to bring the subject up when he next visits the station. Departed for UNIPAI at 1030 and arrived at 1140 hours. (Lecture) Inspected water supply and gardens, food supply is good and housing is fair. Lecture given and arrangements made for carriers. Slept at UNIPAI.

Saturday 13th August. Revised Census and short talk given to people. Assembled carriers and departed for AMANDAN at 1030 arriving at 1345 hours. Made camp and talks with councillor and people. Inspected village and water supply. Slept at AMANDAN.

Sunday 14th August. Compiled Census figures and report. Inspected garden in afternoon. Talks with councillor and lecture given, made arrangements for carriers. Slept AMANDAN.

Monday 15th August. Revised Census and departed for KWARANUN after a short talk to people about condition of village. Arrived at 1350, no preparations made for patrols arrival and repairs to rest house carried out. Inspected gardens and water supply. Inspected hamlet and sent three sick men to Mr. Miholi. Lecture to village and short talk. Slept KWARANUN.

Tuesday 16th August. Revised Census and talk to councillor, departed for PURUNUN at 1030 arriving at 1200 hours. Constable NABA to AMANAB with prisoners. Road in good condition. On arrival held discussions with people regarding disturbance. Inspected village and gardens. Slept at PURUNUN.

Wednesday 17th August. Revised Census and held talks with the village people. Departed for SENAGI at 1110 hours arriving at 1300 hours. Made camp and held talks with the village people. In afternoon inspected the village gardens and water supply. There is ample supplies of food for the people and some was brought to the patrol for sale. Lecture given to people and followed by a short discussion on the Amanab Council. Slept SENAGI.

Thursday 18th August. Conducted Census Revision and medical examination and made preparations for departure. Departed at 1030 for BIBRIARI arriving at 1140, track is in good condition and cleared for a half a mile out of villages. Inspected gardens and village, food is sufficient and the village was clean and swept. Lecture given and talk to people afterwards. Slept at BIBRIARI.

Friday 19th August. Conducted Census Revision and medical examination, and made preparations for patrols departure to AMANAB. Held further talks with the people and departed at 1145 hours arriving at 1545 hours. Carriers paid and instructions for their return trip given.

- END OF DIARY -

This patrol was to conduct the 1958 Census revision and to carry out general administration in the 12 sub-districts. Supplies of food and water were stocked in each village and further instructions regarding the collection of trucks and loading were issued.

The people in this Census District are slightly more sophisticated than those in other parts of the Census sub-district. This is probably due to their early contact with the administration and the large number of men who have been employed outside the district. Originally this Census District was administered as part of the 19th Sub-District, but it became part of Amanab in 1957. Large number of the older males in this area have been employed on plantations outside the district and are generally quite fluent in English. A patrol interviewer was not found necessary as in most cases the village councillor was able to act as interviewer.

In all villages a lecture was given on village hygiene and a clinic was held by the health education officer and this was followed by a short discussion on the work of the councillor and the council. Because these people have little or no real comprehension of the workings of a local Government Council, there were very few questions asked and I feel that it will be a number of years before they begin to fully understand.

In all villages the patrol was well received and the people seemed co-operative and keen to help. The people had been notified in advance of the patrol and the date of commencement and previous visits. As the patrol advanced through the area there was great interest to avoid any confusion about the day of return.

The attendances at the clinics were very good and there were no cases of cholera during the patrol. The absence inside the district included children attending school at Amanab and Green River and adults coming to the government stations or attending at the hospital. Some cases outside the district were treated in the laboratory.

While the patrol was being called the Medical Society accompanied the patrol and carried such persons. These cases to require further treatment were sent first to the hospital at Amanab or Green River.

AMANAB PATROL REPORT NO. I-66/67.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of this patrol was to conduct the 1966 Census Revision and to carry out general administration as per the instructions. Supplies of food and water were checked in each village and further instructions regarding the condition of tracks and housing were issued.

The people in this Census Division are slightly more sophisticated than those in other areas of the Amanab sub-district. This is probably due to their early contact with the Administration and the large numbers of men who have been to work outside the district. Originally this Census Division was administered as part of the Lumi Sub-District, and it became part of Amanab in 1959. A large number of the older males in this area have been employed on plantations outside the district and are generally quite fluent pidgin speakers. A patrol interpreter was not found necessary as in most cases the village councillor was able to act as interpreter.

In all villages a lecture was given on village hygiene using a plastigraph, by the health education officer and this was followed by a short discussion on the work of the council and the councillor. Because these people have little or no real comprehension of the workings of a Local Government Council, there were very few questions asked and I feel that it will be a number of years before they begin to fully understand.

In all villages the patrol was well received and the people seemed co-operative and keen to help. The people had been notified in advance of the patrol estimated date of commencement and proposed route. And as the patrol advanced through the area word was sent ahead to avoid any confusion about the day of census.

The attendance at the Census was very good and there were no cases of census evasion throughout the patrol. The absentees inside the district, included children attending school at Amanab and Green River and Adults working on The government stations or attending at the hospital. Absentees outside the district were mostly contract labourers.

While the census was being called the Medical Officer accompanying the patrol examined each person. Those found to require further treatment were sent direct to the hospitals at Amanab or Green River.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

See appendices number 3.

In most cases the councillors were keen and co-operative and should in time become more efficient as they become more familiar with their work. It was felt that the councillors at Nai Noi and Kwaramun were not very interested in the work, so an effort was made to build up their interest by discussing various aspects with them.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The people in this area are subsistence gardeners and tend to shift their garden sites to new locations every eighteen months to two years. They have no forms of refertilization and as the soil becomes exhausted they abandon the site and clear a new one. There was no shortage of food in any of the village gardens visited by the author, and in a large number of the villages fresh food was brought for sale to the patrol. The people of AMINI village periodically take food to the Green River Patrol Post for sale in its native market.

Village gardens were found to contain ample quantities of Bananas, Paw Paws and Taro and smaller amounts of Yams and Marmite. The people also grow Pineapples and Tulip. Sago is the staple food but is not planted in gardens but grows at random in most of larger gullies in the areas adjacent to the village.

Previous patrols have distributed quantities of seed to the people in this census district and this had met with various degrees of success. In general the people of NAI NO I, BIKI, KONIBASI, AMINI and to a lesser extent MAMU had planted quantities of Broad Bean, Sword Bean and Velvet Bean and in a number of cases these were quite successful plants. The Maize planted at AMINI was also growing well and the people had kept some of their first planting for their new gardens (which they had just commenced clearing) However the people of MBRWE, AKRANI, and UNAPI had not had the same success and claimed that rats and insects had eaten a lot of seed before they could plant it. At AMANBAN Velvet Bean and Maize were growing well, but again only in very small quantities. This was also the case with the Bean plantings at PURUMUN and SENAGI.

The people in most villages seemed quite keen to plant more seed and the councillor of each group was asked to see the Agricultural Officer when they next visited the station to obtain more seed. It was suggested that they do this at the next council meeting.

Apart from dogs and a few domesticated pigs (generally two or three in each village) these people have no other domesticated livestock. However they have quite good hunting grounds and they are able to shoot Wild Pig, a few Cassowaries and Wild Birds. In two villages pieces of freshly shot pig were brought to the patrol for sale.

VILLAGES.

See appendices numbers four and five.

The housing in this area is wholly native materials and generally are about twenty feet wide by thirty feet long. They consist of two sections (a wall across the centre divides the sleeping from the eating area) and are raised on stilts about four feet off the ground.

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VILLAGES cont.

The housing in general is poorly ventilated and dogs and pigs are allowed to roam freely in the village. Housing is walled with the stem of the Sago frond placed vertically and tied with split vines, the roof is thatched with the leaves of the Sago Palm. This type of house seems to last about three or four years.

In most villages there were new houses under construction and the councillor or the village officials attention was drawn to older structures in need of demolishing.

All the villages except AMINI were situated on the top of steep sided ridges giving a commanding view of the surrounding countryside, and thus the water supplies were generally poorly placed down in the gullies.

The two villages of AKRANI and MEREW (***), advised their wish to join into one village. They have not chosen a site as yet and were advised to bring the subject up at the next council meeting.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are no established Trade stores or Cash Crop Industries in this area as yet. The people make use of the Buyers Societies at Amanab and Green River and also the mission stores at this station.

Money is earned by the people at the two stations and from the sale of fresh foods to Green River and to patrols. However there is a large number of workers away on plantations and this should bring in some more money to the area on their return.

LAND.

See patrol map, appendices number two.

The land in this area is of a very fertile nature and in the northern sectors of the census division is quite mountainous. In the south it tends to flatten out into the plains of the Sepik River. The division is sparsely populated and each village group does not make complete use of its land. It is because of this surplus of land that the people(**) seem to change the position of their villages so frequently

COMPLAINTS AND COURTS.

Throughout the patrol very few complaints were made to the author. However those that did not involve the law were settled in the village. These were usually discussed with the individuals concerned and a decision that was satisfactory to them was decided upon.

However a number of cases where a law seemed to have been broken were brought to the patrol and these were referred directly to the Officer in Charge, Amanab Station.

REST HOUSES.

See appendices number (five) six.

The standard of rest houses and outbuildings varied from very good at the villages of AMINI, BIAKE, KONIBASI and NAI NOI to very poor at villages like AKRANI and KWARANUN.

In some villages it was found necessary to carry out temporary repairs to enable them to be used, and in some cases the Village Officials were asked to construct new ones or carry out further repairs.

CARRIERS CANOES ETC.

CARRIERS AND CANOES.

At all villages contacted by the patrol no difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers to carry to the next village. In some instances, owing to the small size of some of these villages, it was found necessary for two villages to join and carry to the next village. An instance of this was at MBREWE where the AMINI people were asked to carry two days in a row, to enable the patrol to proceed to AKRANI.

In most cases money was the basic mode of payment, however a number of people asked for salt and or tobacco instead. There is also a limited demand for matches and razor blades.

HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr D.MIHOLI, who is the Health Education Orderly at Amanab and also a Medical Orderly Grade one. In each village a medical examination was carried out on all the people present for the census.

Generally in the evening the villagers were assembled and a lecture on village hygiene was given. These were in two parts the first about the method of reproduction of common flies and how they can cause disease, and the second about the breeding habits of mosquitoes and how these can cause diseases. At all times an effort was made to link the lecture to the everyday lives of the people. A Flash Graph was used to help keep the peoples interest and explain points. and a period at the conclusion was kept for questions.

The overall health standard of these people is not very high with a high incidence of scabies and tropical ulcers. All serious cases were sent directly to the hospital at Amanab for further treatment.

EDUCATION

Because of the close proximity of this area to the schools at Amanab and Green River there are no schools in this area, either mission or Government.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

See appendices number seven.

CEMETARIES.

The people in this area do not have cemetaries as such but the dead are carried off into the bush and buried (or is was the case at NAI NOI the dead were placed in small caves some distance from the village. In a number of villages discussions were held with the Village Officials regarding the establishing of a proper cemetery nearer to the village. This idea was recieved quite enthusiastically by the people and a suitable place was marked to be cleared for use.

MISSENS.

There are no established Missions actually operating in this are at the moment, but a number of people were absent from the census at the Cristiah Mission Of Many Lands (C.M.L.) at both Amanab and Green River. When the Village of KONIBASI was lined there were also absentees at the village of KWONTARI. KWONTARI is a mission school run by the C.M.M.L. situated in the East Kwontari Census Division and is about five hours walk from Konibasi.

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AIRFIELDS.

There are no serviceable airfields in this area at the moment, however about twenty five minutes walk from the village of BIAKE there is a site for a small airstrip. This site was partially cleared by the Cristian Mission of Many Lands some time ago but work was discontinued until a lease was obtained, it has not been resumed as yet.

There were three helicopter pads sighted by the patrol, these were at BIAKE, KONIBASI and one hour twenty minutes walk from AMINI village beside the track to MERWE. This last pad ~~is~~ has only recently been cleared and was not in need of any attention. The other two sites are quite close to the villages and the people had cut and cleared them of fallen trees.

LABOUR.

There are not a great many avenues of employment open to these people. They can obtain casual work with the government at the AMANAB and GREEN RIVER stations and to a lesser degree with the Missions at these stations. However the only real opportunity open to them to obtain constant employment is to become contract labourers on plantations outside the district, for periods of two or three years. There are seventy six men engaged on plantations outside the district. The people can also obtain small quantities of money by the sale of fresh foods to passing patrols and in the cases of villages closer to the station to station personnel.

CENSUS

It was one of the main aims of the patrol to conduct the 1966 Census revision. The village attendance at the time of the Census was good and no cases of census evasion were found. Absentees inside the district included casual workers at the AMANAB station, school children and people at the hospital. Outside the district were mostly contract labourers working in the New Guinea Islands.

RESULTS OF CENSUS TAKINGS.

<u>Census Division.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>B/R rate.</u>	<u>D/R rate.</u>	<u>Increase.</u>
Nai Faringi	1433 11-24	4.01	2.72	1.19

CONCLUSION.

These people have had a good deal more contact with the Administration and are slightly more sophisticated than people in other areas of the Sub-District. In general they were very co-operative and very attentive during the health lectures. No trouble was experienced in obtaining carriers at any of the villages.

The people of AKRANI and MERWE villages expressed the wish to join forces and make a new larger village. This would be a good idea as there are only forty-three people in MERWE and forty-five in AKRANI, the people find it difficult to keep their villages clean and when visited by patrols have to join to carry to the next village. The councillor has marked a tentative site about midway between the two villages on a low ridge and was instructed to discuss this move with the Assistant District Commissioner at AMANAB before starting any work.

R. A. ...
Cadet Patrol Officer.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.WAMU - NAUE.

Keen and co-operative. Seems to have an interest in work Controls the people quite well.

NAI No. 1. - SOVIANO.

Lacks interest in work and is not very efficient. Has a very weak influence on the people.

BARI BARI - As for NAI.

SOVIANO is also the councillor for this village however he shows little or no interest in this village.

BIAKE - MOKWAI.

Seems interested in work and seems to be well respected by the people. He is quite efficient and the councillor has a good influence.

KONIBASI - MELEMI.

Seems to be interested in work but is lacking in influence with the village people. Is quite efficient and appears to work hard. Seems keen to ~~ple~~ learn.

AMINI - BGAMI.

This village is now part of the Green River Local Government Council. Is very keen to understand his job and works well with people. The people seem to respect him.

MBREWE, AKRAWI - AUIWE.

This councillor is keen and co-operative, but has a poor control of the village people. His grasp o. Pidgin is not very good.

UMUPAI, AMANDAN - IMARPA.

The councillor here was the Lului before and is very good with the village people. He had made all the preparations for the patrols arrival and no further instructions were needed. People respect him and is keen to co-operate.

KWARAMUN. - KABUIA.

The councillor here, KABUIA has a lackadaical attitude and had made no preparations for patrol except gathering the people together. Appears to lack interest in work and has little respect from the people.

PURUMUN - WANGAPE.

This councillor is quite efficient and keen. However has trouble controlling the people. Tries to be co-operative.

SENAGI, HIBRIARI & YAWIP.

The councillor for these two villages is quite keen and had checked up on the preparations made at both of the villages. Appears to be keen and co-operative.

VILLAGE HOUSING AND CONDITION OF PRECINCTS.WAMU.

The village was clean and tidy however the people are still throwing rubbish about in the bush. A new rubbish pit was marked and work commenced. The housing was in fair condition and one house was under construction. The people in this area very rarely make any repairs to a building, they tend to wait until it needs replacement and construct a new one.

NAI No I.

This village was in poor condition, the village had only been poorly cleaned and most of the established housing was badly in need of some form of repairs (or) replacement. However there were two houses under construction.

BARI BARI.

This is a new location for this village and consequently all houses that have been completed are in good condition. The recent death of a Luluai has caused them to move the whole village about twenty minutes walking time along the main road to WAMU village. The village area was littered with rubbish and no latrines or rubbish pits had been constructed, suitable positions for these were marked.

BLAKE No 1. and BLAKE No2.

Both of these villages were cleaned and swept however all the village latrines were in a very poor condition and repairs were carried out. Blake No 2 is situated closer to the gardens and is about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hours walking time from the main village.

KONIBASI.

Housing in this village is quite reasonable and the village area had been cleaned. Two new houses were under construction, but again the village latrines appeared to be little used and in need of repair.

AMINI.

Although the village had been cleaned and swept the standard of housing on this village is very poor. No new houses are under construction at present, but the people had two latrines that were in good condition.

MERWE, AKRANI, UNAPAI.

The village housing in these three villages is generally in a poor condition, but at AKRANI there was two new houses almost completed. An effort had been made by the people to sweep the area clean of debris but again the rubbish was just thrown into the bush. Latrines were unused and in a dilapidated condition, repairs were carried out on two only.

AMANDAN, KWARAMUN, SENAGI.

The housing in these villages was in a fair condition and each had a number of new houses under construction. The villages had been cleaned and swept and latrines although still in poor condition did appear to have received some use. Two rubbish holes marked.

PURUMUN, BIBIARI.

Same as for AMANDAN however the purumun people had burnt their rubbish in a pit just outside the village area and no rubbish holes were marked for construction. Both villages clean and swept.

VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES.

WAMU.

The water supply is quite clean however there is a lot of dead trees and other debris upstream from the gathering point. Situated eight minutes (w.t.) from village down steep slope.

NAI No I.

Supply and quality here appeared to be good. Water is carried from a small fast flowing stream (w.t. 5 mins), waterway above the gathering point was quite clear of dead trees and bushes.

BARI BARI.

Water at this village is poor, there is a large amount of foreign matter in it and is some distance from the village.

BLAKE.

This village has two sources of water however owing to the dry season one has dried up. The second source is very poor. It is situated about five minutes walk from the village in a line of Sago Palm. It relies on seepage and the water is of a very poor quality.

KONIBASI.

The water supply at this village was very poor, water was drawn from a small depression at the base of a Sago(Palm) Palm. Into this depression was running a small creek. The Health Education Orderly felt that if the creek was widened and deepened further upstream to allow a lot of (this) the foreign matter to sediment to the bottom the quality of the water could be improved. This was done with the help of the people and when inspected later the water appeared to improved and was definitely much cleaner.

AMINI.

Drinking and cooking water at this village is collected from a small stream six minutes walk from the village. It appeared to be clean and the stream was reasonably clear of dead leaves and bushes.

MEREWE.

The quality of the water at this village is quite good. The people have to go down a steep slope to draw water from a small fast flowing creek. When inspected this creek was only very small however in the Wet Season it swells considerably.

AKRANI.

Water is collected from a small creek at the base of ridge on which the village is situated (w.t. 8 mins). The quality of the water appears to be quite good.

UNIPAI.

The people draw their water from a fast flowing creek about 8 minutes walk from the village. Quality is good and water appears to be clear and untainted.

AMANDAN.

Water quality is quite good but is quite a distance from the village (about 12 mins w.t.). The people collect the water from a fast flowing creek reached by descending slowly from the top of a high ridge.

KARAKUN.

The water quality is poor and there is a great deal of debris in the creek itself which is situated nine minutes walk down a steep slope

VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES.

PURUMUN.

Water supply here was quite good, possibly the best yet inspected. The people collect their water from a small fast flowing creek about five minutes walking time from the village. It is situated at the bottom of a slope on the Senagi side of the village. The water was clean and free of debris.

SENAGI.

Water supply here is also quite good. The water is drawn from a small creek about 10 minutes walk from the village itself. The (creek) creek was quite clear and the water is fast flowing.

BIBRIARI.

The quality of water in this village good and the source is only about four minutes walking time from the village. It is a fast flowing creek with very little fallen trees or branches in it. (water) The water itself was clear and untainted.

The rest house and buildings here are in good condition and the area was clean and tidy. The rest house is about 150 yards from the village itself.

The rest house in this village is about four years old and is starting to need repairing. The house police in the same condition and although it is good size it is not well constructed. The rest house is about 100 yards from the village up a steep slope.

The rest house and house police here just been built and are a very good design. They are situated about two hundred yards from the village itself and the area was cleared, except that a number of flowers have been planted.

The rest house and house police are old and in very poor condition. They are situated about 200 yards from the village on the top of a steep slope.

Both rest house and house police were in poor condition and had to have repairs done by the natives. They are in a good position just out of the village area.

The rest house and house police were in good condition and both are so well. Both these buildings are a number of years old and in good of condition. The buildings were agreed to be there situated at the moment about up a slight slope, about 200 yards from the village area.

Both the rest house and the house police were in good condition and apart from some minor repairs to the flooring are a credit to the people. The area had been swept and grass cut. They are situated about 200 yards from the village down a steep slope.

Both rest house and house police are thoroughly constructed and should last a long time. However the house police is a bit small. They are situated just outside the village and were clean and tidy.

APPENDICES NUMBER SIX.

REST HOUSES AND OUTBUILDINGS.

WAMU.

The rest house and house police in this village were in a poor condition and temporary repairs had to be made before they could be occupied. The rest house is situated about one hundred yards out of the village.

NAI No I.

Rest house and Police Quarters in good condition, well constructed and are situated on the rise just of the village. The outbuildings are in good condition and the area clean.

BARI BARI.

Owing to the recent move of this village the rest house and house police are only about four months old, and although a bit small are well constructed. The area was cleared but no cook houses had been made. The councillor was asked to construct these and a second toilet as soon as possible.

BIAKE.

The rest house and outbuildings here are in good condition and the area was clean and tidy. The rest house is about 150 yards from the village itself.

KONIBAST.

The rest house in this village is about four years old and is starting to need repairing. The house police in the same condition and although is a good size it is not well constructed. The rest house (4) it is situated about 600 yards from the village up a steep rise.

AMINI.

The rest house and house police have just been built and are a very good design. They are situated about two hundred yards from the village itself and the area was cleared, swept and a number of flowers have been planted.

MEREWE.

The rest house and house police are old and in very poor condition. They are situated about 200 yards from the village at the base of a steep slope.

AKRANI.

Both rest house and house police were in poor condition and had to have repairs made to the roofs. They are in a good position just out of the village area.

UNUPAI.

The rest house and house police were in good condition but both are to small. Both these buildings are a number of years old and in need of replacement, the village people agreed to do this. Situated at the moment about up a slight rise, about 300 yards from the village area.

AMANDAN.

Both the rest house and the house police were in good condition and apart from some minor repairs to the flooring are a credit to the people. The area had been swept and grass cut. They are situated about 600 yards from the village down a steep slope.

PURUMUN.

Both rest house and house police are strongly constructed and should last a few more years. However the police house is a bit small. They are situated just beside the village and were clean and tidy.

REST HOUSES AND OUTBUILDINGS.

SENAGI.

Both the rest house and the house police are in good condition and should last about two or three more years more without needing extensive repairs. They are about two and one half years old now. Both are well situated and are about 100 yards from the village limits. The people had made some repairs to the outbuildings before the arrival of the patrol.

BIBIARI.

The rest house in this village is quite good but the people had not cleared the area around it properly. The police quarters are very good, both a good size and well placed. They are situated about 200 yards from the village limits at the bottom of a steep decline.

REST HOUSE TO RIVER.

The road crosses a river and is in very good condition. The road descends over a series of ridges to a river bed in a series of low plateaus which it crosses and then goes on up to the village. The track was cleared throughout its length and was easy to follow.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The road was well defined and in general descends over a number of steep sided ridges to a low river plateau, which it crosses to the village.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The road descends quickly to river flats which it crosses and after about three hours walking time it comes to the side of the old ANINI village. The way side is about 50 yards further on. The track was cleared on both sides but the Anini people had made no effort to clear it on their land.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The road crosses to edge of river plateau and then descends over a number of steep sided ridges to the village. It is in very poor condition with little or no effort by the people in either village to keep it clear.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The trail leaves village and follows the top of a number of ridges then descends steeply to the village. The track was in poor condition but the Anini people had made some effort to clear the track on their land.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The track descends by way of a number of ridges to a large river and the people quickly to the village. Much is in poor condition and is cleared where needed.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The trail descends quickly to a small stream and crosses a number of steep sided ridges to a large stream. It then rises slightly to the village. The track was in generally poor condition and about two hours of time for the carrier line at the lower areas.

TRAIL TO VILLAGE.

The road follows ridges to small stream and then goes on to village. The road was cleared only of ground level and had a number of ridges on it.

APPENDICES NUMBER SEVEN.

ROADS AND TRACKS.

AMANAB TO WAMU.

Walking time - three hours.

The road crosses a Kunai grassed area and then climbs slowly by following ridges into the mountains. The road was well defined and cleared for the whole of its length.

WAMU TO HAI NO I.

Walking time - 45 minutes.

Track descends quickly to a small creek. It then follows the creek and ascends over a series of low ridges to the village. The road was in quite good condition and although only partially cleared was not in need of further clearing.

NAI TO BARI BARI.

Walking time - 2 hours 5 mins.

The track descends to a small creek and then follows this for some distance. It then ascends quickly over a number of rocky outcrops to the village. The track is very overgrown and in places had to be cut to assist the carrier line. This road is just a hunting track and is not often used.

BARI BARI TO BIAKE.

Walking time - 2 hours 55 minutes.

This road is on the main route to Green River and was in very good condition. The route descends over a series of ridges to a river and then ascends to a low plateau which it crosses and then goes on up to the village. The track was cleared throughout its length and was easy to follow.

BIAKE TO KONIBASI.

Walking time - 1 hour.

The road was well defined and in general descends over a number of steep sided ridges to a low river plateau, which it crosses to the village.

BIAKE TO AMINI.

Walking time - 3 hours 40 mins.

The road descends quickly to river flats which it crosses and after about 3 hour 20mins walking time it rises to the site of the old AMINI village. The new site is about 20 minutes further on. The road was cleared on Biake land but the Amini people had made no effort to clear it on their land.

AMINI TO MERREWE.

Walking time - 2 hours 30 mins.

Road crosses to edge of river plateau and then rises over a number of steep sided ridges to the village. It is in very poor condition with little or no effort by the people in either village to keep it clear.

MERREWE TO AKRANI.

Walking time - 1 hour.

Track leaves village and follows the tops of a number of ridges then climbs steeply to the village. The track was in poor condition but the Akrani people had made some effort to clear the track on their land.

AKRANI TO UNUPAI.

Walking time - 3 hours

The track descends by way of a number of ridges to a large river and the ascends quickly to the village. Track is in good condition and is cleared where needed.

UNUPAI TO AMANDAN.

Walking time - 2 hours 30 minutes.

The road descends quickly to a small creek and crosses a number of steep sided ridges to a Sago swamp, it then rises steadily to the village. Track was reasonably clear and apart from felling a number of logs for the carrier line at the swampy area.

AMANDAN TO KWARAMUN.

Walking time - 3 hours.

Road follows ridges to small creek and then goes up to village. The road was cleared only on Amandan land and for a short distance out of Kwaramun.

COMMENTS ON MEMBERS OF R.P.N.S.C.

6207 Sgt. 3rd Class JARUA.

A good worker and is very reliable,
is very co-operative.

4020 Senior Constable Nimbe.

Carries out instructions well and
is reliable.

20401 Constable Makai.

Very keen and works hard on patrol.
Carries out instructions and is very
helpful.

9601 Constable Nasa.

Conducted very well on patrol, and
carried out well his instructions.
Quite keen and reliable.

9432 Constable Wanaui.

Works well on patrol and is eager to
be of help. Carried out the instructions
given and is very reliable.

7797 Constable JARUA.

Very reliable and trustworthy, carries
out instructions and offered good advice.
Is very co-operative.

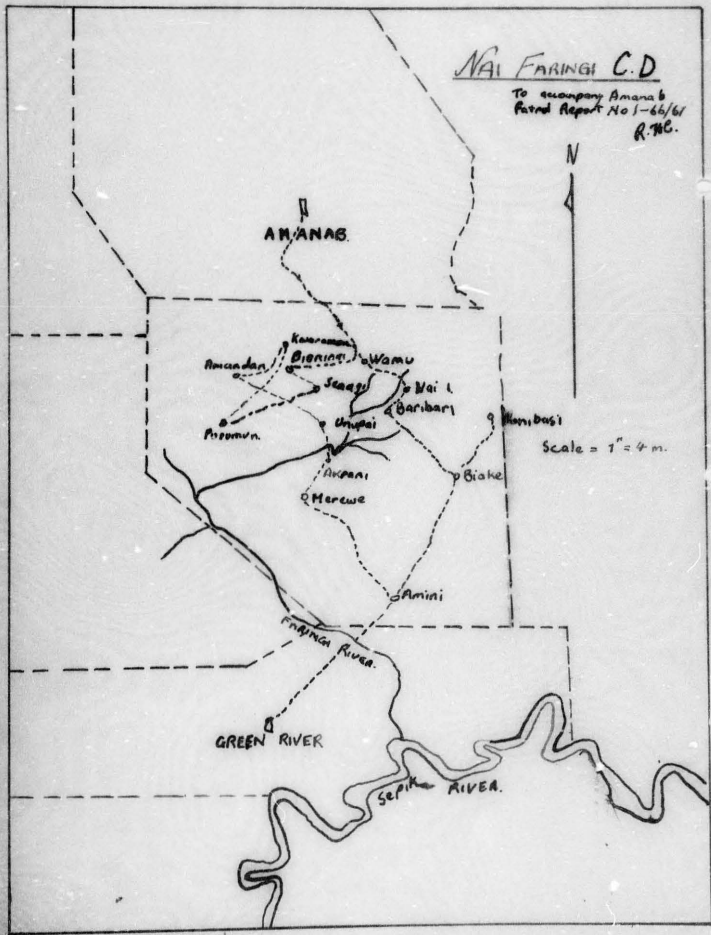
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NAI FARINGI C.D.

To accompany Amanab
Forest Report No 1-66/61
R.H.C.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEDIA Report No. 2/1066/167

Patrol Conducted by P.A.B. DONOVAN, C.P.E.O.

Area Patrolled NAT-PARINGI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.

Natives M= J. BOGAN AND 1 C.P.E.O., 3 MEMBERS P.P.N.C.C., TWO MEMBERS TAX TRIBUNAL.

Duration—From 7/11/1966 to 16/11/1966

Number of Days NINE NIGHTS - TEH DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/19/66

Medical 11/19/66

Map Reference BORDER SPECIAL SHEET TWO - OCTOBER 1964.

Objects of Patrol COLLECTION OF COUNCIL TAX.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9/1/1967

W.P.B. James
District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-16-8

15th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VARIMO.

PATROL REPORT AMANAB. NO. 2-66/67:

The above report and your 67-1-4 of 9th January 1967, is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Donovan's first report shows promise but please have him read carefully Standing Instructions concerning Patrol Reports, before his next attempt.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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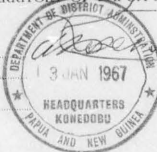
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Mr.

Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

9th January, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT AMANAB 2/66-67

Attached please find a report of a patrol to the Mai Faringi Census Division of the Amanab Sub-District. The patrol was conducted by Mr. F. Donovan, Cadet Patrol Officer.

The report, considering the fact that it was of a maiden patrol, is quite good.

I will ask the Assistant District Commissioner to instruct his staff to let me have labour recruiting statistics accompany each report in future.

D. J. Clancy
D. J. Clancy,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
West Sepik District.

12th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VAHING.

AMANAB PATROL No. 2/66-67 - NAI FARINGI.

Please find enclosed copies of a Patrol Report submitted by Mr. F. Donovan, Cadet Patrol Officer. The patrol was conducted in the Nai-Faringi Census Division and its main purpose was the collection of Council Tax from the people of the Division.

Mr. Donovan is, as you know a junior officer and has been stationed at Amanab for approximately four months. Due to the staff situation at Amanab it would have been some time before Mr. Donovan could have gone on patrol but as this patrol would have been normally conducted solo by the local government Assistant it was decided to send Mr. Donovan along. Taking into consideration that this is the first time that Mr. Donovan has been out in the field I think his ~~effort~~ effort is to be commended.

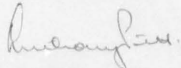
The Division was patrolled in August of this year and Mr. Donovan was instructed to submit his report on the aspects of the tax collection and the roads and tracks in the Division.

Typographical errors have marred the report to a certain extent, however this will improve with time and experience.

I agree with Mr. Donovan in his remarks re the number of young men who are anxious to either return to a plantation or go to a plantation. This of course is understandable as the only source of income ~~vix~~ virtually for these people is by seeking work on a plantation. A careful check is kept on the numbers of young men leaving the Sub-District to see that the numbers do not become too large and thus leave the villages short of man power.

It is pleasing to note that the majority of the people are taking their tax obligations seriously and that the patrol was well received.

For your information, please.


A. J. Pitt,

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. F. Donovan,
Sub-District Office,

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Sub District Office,
AMANAB.
West Serik District.

18th November 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
AMANAB.

AMANAB PATROL No. 2.- 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by:	F.B.DONOVAN C.P.O
Area Patrolled:	NAI - FARINGSI CENSUS DIVISION.
Patrol Accompanied by:	Mr J. BOGAN AHI - Local Government Assistant, Three Members R.F.N.C.C. One Medical Assistant. Three Members Tax Tribunal.
Duration of Patrol:	7/11/66 to 16/11/66. Ten Days.
Last Patrol in Area:	D.D.A. - August 1966. P.H.D. - November 1966. D.A.S.P. - March 1966.
Objects of Patrol:	Collection of Council Tax.
Map Reference:	Border Special Sheet Two - October 1964.

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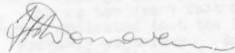
The main purpose of this patrol was to collect the tax for the Amanab Local Government Council. Tax was collected at nine different locations, although on a number of occasions tax was collected jointly from two or more villages. Agentism was negligible and when there were instances of such the persons concerned were told via those present to report to the next village on the Patrol route.

A number of young men were absent working on plantations and in all cases tax was paid for them by another person, previously delegated by the absentee, in most cases being the father or brother. A considerable number of men from the NAI FARINGI have been away to work on plantations. Unquestionably such outside employment benefits these concerned; their knowledge of the outside world is broadened, and in this way they are able to improve the understanding of the "world outside" for the other village people. The returning workers also are in a better state of physical health than most of the village people. Many of the young men are anxious to, and many of those who have returned are eager to return to the plantations. To this end a strict watch must be kept on all outgoing so that the labour level in the villages does not leave the village short of labour.

Although the council is only a relatively new institution it was pleasing to see that most councillors had the full co-operation of the people, most rest houses were in a good state of repair and there was plenty of fresh food available. Many of the village women asked for salt while the men preferred trade tobacco or money.

At all locations a lecture on the functions of the council was given by Bogan Ahi, the Local Government Assistant and it was explained to all the reason for the collection of the council tax. To this end it was also pointed out that through the Councillors and the Council the people were achieving their first insight to government and the workings of the system whereby they can improve their standard of living, i.e.- different seed crops could be introduced to vary their diets and to produce goods for sale to Patrols and station personnel.

In all instances the Patrol was well received and provided for. The councillors were eager to help the Patrol and to assert their authority over their people, to achieve this end. The aim of the Patrol was achieved, and despite the primitive state of these people it would seem that they are on the road to bettering themselves.



F.B. DONOVAN C.P.O..

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AMANAB PATROL REPORT No. 2/1966/67.

DIARY

Monday 7th November, 1966.

Despite a number of requests, carriers did not arrive as expected. Departure was thus delayed until 1045. Arrived BIBRIARI at 1415. Paid carriers, and set up camp and readied for tax collection. Although word had been sent to BIBRIARI of the Patrol's intended arrival, the people were not present when the Patrol arrived. It was not until 1700 that the people were lined, tax collected and inspected by the Medical Orderly. SENAGI people were also late assembling - procedure repeated. People of both villages dismissed at 1845. Slept BIBRIARI.

Tuesday 8th November, 1966.

Broke camp, lined carriers and departed for PURUMUN at 0830. A two hour walk over poorly maintained tracks, part of which was along a creek bed, and for most of this time heavy rain was falling. Arrived PURUMUN at 1030, people lined, tax collected and inspected by the Medical Orderly. Lunch here and at 1430 departed for KWARAMUN. An easy two hours walk, arrived KWARAMUN at 1630. Slept KWARAMUN.

Wednesday 9th November, 1966.

Lined people of KWARAMUN for tax collection and inspection by the Medical Orderly. Broke camp and departed for AMANDAN, a rugged three hour walk. Arrived AMANDAN at 1400, set up camp, bought food and conducted tax collection and health inspection. Slept AMANDAN.

Thursday 10th November, 1966.

Last night heavy rain started at 2200 and continued until 0830 this morning. I estimate the fall as being in excess of three inches. At 0830 visibility was only 10 to 15 yards and not until 1200 was it beyond 100 yards. The councillor and local people advised me not to proceed today but to wait until tomorrow because of the expected high level of the IHAPI river en route, as a result of the heavy rain. All three policemen who had previously been on a WAI - FARINGI patrol advised likewise. Ground around the camp was wet and slippery all day. Slept AMANDAN.

Friday 11th November, 1966.

A four hour walk over an ill-defined track from AMANDAN to AKRANI. En route passed through UNAPI village and crossed the IHAPI river. At point of crossing, the water was 4 feet deep although debris and deposit on the banks indicated that the level was as high as 7 feet very recently, probably yesterday. Arrived AKRANI at 1430, made camp, conducted tax collection and health inspection by Medical Orderly. Slept AKRANI.

Saturday 12th November, 1966.

Departed AKRANI at 0900 for BIAKA, an easy one hour walk. Arrived BIAKA, paid carriers and set up camp. Tax collection and inspection and inspection by the Medical Orderly in afternoon. Plentiful fresh food available. Slept BIAKA.

Sunday 13th November, 1966.

Observed Sunday. Slept BIAKA.

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DIARY - continued.

Monday 14th November 1966. Departed BIRGA for KAHIBASI, an easy walk of 70 minutes. Tax collection and health inspection by Medical Orderly in afternoon. Abundant fresh food available and a good quality fresh water supply available nearby. Housing in this village was very poor, and the people seemed reluctant to accept ~~me~~ a suggestion to try and improve the standard of same. Slept KAHIBASI.

Tuesday 15th November 1966. Departed KAHIBASI for HAI No. 7, over difficult terrain. Arrived HAI No. 7 at 1330. Tax collection and health inspection by the Medical Orderly. Abundant fresh food available. This was a very co-operative village, clean and well kept, with good village leaders. Slept HAI No. 7.

Wednesday 16th November 1966. At 0745 despatched most cargo direct to AMAL. Accompanied by J. BROWN and L. S. L. the tax tribunal, Medical Orderly and one policeman and a significant number of carriers departed for WASHI at 0750 and arrived WASHI at 0945. Tax collection, village inspection and health inspection by Medical Orderly. Departed WASHI at 1030 for AMAL AB and arrived on station at 1315. Field off carriers and disbanded patrol.

-- END OF DIARY --

AMANAB PATROL REPORT No.2/1966-67.

COMMENTS ON MEMBERS OF R.P.N.G.C.

All three policemen who accompanied me on the patrol had previously patrolled in the NAI - FARINGI census division and were thus familiar with the area. All were helpful and co-operative.

7432 Constable WANAGUI:

A keen, efficient and capable Constable. Conduct was good.

9601 Constable NASA:

An experienced patrol policeman. Familiar with the area, reliable, efficient and capable. Conduct was good.

10407 Constable JIMBANOU:

A young policeman, keen and capable. Familiar with the area and helpful. Conduct was good.

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AMANAB PATROL REPORT No.2/1966-67.

ROADS AND TRACKS.

AMAN AB TO BIBRIARI:

Walking time - 3 hours.
The road climbs gradually for almost the entire journey. It is well defined, frequently used and is a good road maintained in good condition.

BIBRIARI TO PURUMUN:

Walking time - 2 hours.
The road descends from the village and follows a creek for most of the way, at times the creek bed forms the actual road itself. It then rises steeply along a ridge, levels out and comes upon PURUMUN village.

PURUMUN TO KWARAMUN:

Walking time - 2 hours.
An easy ~~WALK~~ two hours walk over a well defined path.

KWARAMUN TO AMANDAN:

Walking time - 3 hours.
The road follows ridges for most of the way. Adjacent to both villages it is cleared and well defined although the standard depreciates considerably between the two villages. It is a tiring walk and encounters a couple of steep climbs. A creek is crossed en route.

AMANDAN TO AKRANI:

Walking time - 4 hours.
A long tiring walk with many climbs and descents. En route the road passes through UNAPI village and crosses the IBAPI river. Be careful not to cross the IBAPI after heavy rain.

AKRANI TO BIAKA:

Walking time - 1 hour.
An easy walk along a cleared path, the road descends from AKRANI and follows a valley before climbing again to the BIAKA ridge.

BIAKA TO KONIBASI:

Walking time - 1 hour.
An easy one hour walk along a well defined and frequently used track. The track winds around the side of a hill and affords a very panoramic view of the Sepik Valley.

KONIBASI TO NAI No. 1:

Walking time - 4 hours.
This is the most tiring walk of the patrol. Upon leaving KONIBASI the track climbs steeply for about an hour's walking time, this particular part of the walk is very slippery after rain. En route to NAI a number of streams are crossed; the approach to each of these streams necessitates a steep descent followed by another climb back up to the ridge. The road then follows a ridge for about twenty minutes without break before coming up to NAI No.1.

NAI No. 1. TO WAMU:

Walking time - 50 minutes.
This is a very short and easy walk. The track follows level ground, although it follows creek beds for most of the way.

WAMU TO AMANAB:

Walking time - 3 hours.
After leaving WAMU the track is well defined, frequently used and therefore in good repair. After about half an hour it joins the BIBRIARI - AMANAB road which is, as above frequently used and in good repair.

TOTAL WALKING TIME - 24 HOURS.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **WEST SEPIK** Report No. **7 of 1966/67**

Patrol Conducted by **JAMES KOIBO, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled **PART AMANAB LOCAL and DERA CENSUS DIVISIONS**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NO**

Natives **Mr. J. BOGEN I.G.A., Mr. NOEL PAPONUREA M.A.
3 COUNCILLORS of TAX TRIBUNAL.**

Duration—From **30/3/1967** to **10/4/1967**

Number of Days **12DAYS**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **YES**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **12/1966**

Medical **12/1966**

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol **COLLECTION OF COUNCIL TAX**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref:

67-16-19

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

18-1-1968

District Commissioner,

W.S.D.

Vannimo

PATROL NO.

7/66-67

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

* Memorandum of Patrol No. -

* Patrol Report No.

covering patrol by J. Koibo

T.W. Ellis
(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-1-1/1540
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Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

7th December, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

AMANAB PATROL NO. 7/66-67
Part Amanab Local Part Dera

A.P.O. Mr. Koibo's report with A.D.C. Amanab's covering memo are forwarded herewith.

The report is a fair effort on Mr. Koibo's part after his first solo patrol. There is still plenty of room for improvement of English and spelling.

It is unlikely that Amanab will again get a resident Agricultural Officer until the output of graduates from Vudal and Popondetta increases considerably. Most of the agricultural work in the Amanab Sub-District can be handled by competent Agricultural Assistants. The principal task is to attempt to turn the people from their monoculture of sago into agriculturalists. It is a formidable task but is essentially a grass roots project.

A. D. Steven
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a/District Commissioner

c.c. ADC Amanab

67-1-6



Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
West Sepik District.

1st May, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
XXXXXXXX VANIMO.

Patrol Report No. 7/66-67 Mr. J. Koibo.

Please find enclosed the above patrol report of a patrol to part of the Amanab Local Census Division and part of the Dera census Division.

The main object of the patrol was the collection of Council Tax which was carried out by Mr. Bogin Ahi, Local Government Assistant.

This is the first solo patrol carried out by Mr. Koibo since he has been at Amanab and I feel that he has done a very good job. His comments have been well thought out and his setting out of the report, for a first attempt is excellent.

I have the following comments. The question of Aid Posts for the area XXXX has been taken up with the District Medical Officer. At present we have three aid posts in the area, one of which is permanently unmanned and a second which is manned occasionally. The hospital at Amanab is understaffed and the chances of getting more staff are extremely poor. There is however no doubt that more aid posts are required but in view of the staff position no promises can be made to the people at the present time.

Money has been allocated for the repair and maintenance of the Amanab Maineri road both by the Administration and the Council. This will continue next year. Some monies have already been paid out.

I agree with Mr. Koibo re his remarks, "It is a pity that there is no Agricultural Officer at Amanab". At present we have two Agricultural Assistants, one of whom is on transfer. Since the departure of Mr. F. Arndt we have had two visits only by officers of D.A.S.F. Instructions have been issued that no patrolling is to be carried out by D.A.S.F. staff until further notice.

For your information, please.

A. D. Pitt
A. D. Pitt,
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY.

AMANAB PATROL REPORT No 7/66867.

- 30th March. 1967. Departed Amanab at 1145hrs with carriers. Arrived WOKINERI at 1445hrs. People not assembled, so Tax Collection didn't start until next morning. Paid the carriers. Slept WOKINERI.
- 31st March. 1967. In the morning Tax was collected^{ad} and the Small Fox Vaccination was given by Medical Assistant. Talks were given by Local Government Officer about what the ~~XXXXXX~~ people would like the council to do with the Tax, in their village. Departed for EINOKNERI at 1045hrs. Arrived at 1230hrs. After the lunch, Tax was collected and Small Fox Vaccination was given by Medical Assistant and his Aid Post Orderly. Talks were given. Slept AINOKNERI.
- 1st April, 1967. Departed for IAFAR No1 at 0800hrs. Arrived at IAFAR No1 1030hrs. After the lunch, talks were given before commencing the collection of Tax, paid the carriers. Slept IAFAR No1.
- 2nd April. 1967. Sunday. Observed at IAFAR No1. Slept there the night.
- 3rd April. 1967. Departed IAFAR No1 at 0800hrs. Arrived PETAINEIRI at 1015hrs. The track followed by the patrol was rough, to the North of the usual track. Talks were given before Tax Collection. Tax was collected and Small Fox Vaccination was given. Slept PETAINEIRI.
- 4th April. 1967. Departed PETAINEIRI for BAMBOL at 0815hrs. After walking through the road which was muddy in patches the patrol reached the usual road which join IAFAR No1 and BAMBOL. Arrived at BAMBOL Rest House-1220hrs. As a result of only ~~XXXXXX~~ seven men at BAMBOL Villages I asked some of the carriers from PETAINEIRI. Paid the carriers. Vaccination for Small Fox was given. Tax wasn't collected until patrol reached MENGGAU. Slept BAMBOL.
- 5th April. 1967. Departed BAMBOL at 0820hrs for MENGGAU. Arrived at 1120hrs. The Rest House at MENGGAU WAS not been well looked after. The grass grew up to knee high. People were called in to cut the grass and also to mend the Rest House. Paid the carriers. After lunch talks were given. Tax collection commenced at 1245hrs & Small Fox Vaccination was given. Slept MENGGAU.
- 6th April. 1967. Departed MENGGAU at 0830hrs. Arrived KAMBERATORO at 1130hrs. Paid the carriers. Little shower of rain delayed the early commencing of work. All the villages around KAMBERATORO assembled at KAMBERATORO. The villages nearby KAMBERATORO were called in after the shower of rain had vanished, whereas the villages with difficulty long distances of walking were attended to, in the morning before heading to KWOFENAU. Slept KAMBERATORO.
- 7th April. 1967. Departed KAMBERATORO at 1340hrs. Arrived KWOFENAU at 1640hrs. Paid the carriers. Talked with the councillor of KWOFENAU. The Tax wasn't ~~XXXXXX~~ collected until next morning. Slept KWOFENAU.

INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled is the Part Amanab Local and Dera Census Divisions. The purpose of this patrol was to collect Council Tax and also to give talk to the people about how the people want, the Council to spend council money. The patrol was also accompanied by the Officer of the ~~HEALTH~~ Department of Public Health. The purpose of Health Department accompanying the patrol was to give Small Pox vaccination. In all villages visited by the patrolling team, people were vaccinated against Small Pox, both in Dera and Part Amanab Local. In each village, Local Government Officer and the author discussed ~~with~~ with the villagers. After the discussion, most of the villages suggested that Aid Posts should be put up in various villages. The villages who suggested that Aid Post should be put up in their villages are:

1. WOKINERI
- AINOKNERI
- TAPAR
- IAPAR Nos. 1,2,&3 and
- PATEINERI

All these villages are in the PART AMANAB LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION, except KAMBERATORO where people suggested that improvement should be made on the present Aid Post, is in the DERA CENSUS DIVISION.

THE villages along AMANAB-NAINERI ROAD decided that some money should be spent on maintenance of AMANAB-NAINERI ROAD, and Water Tanks. The people suggested that there should be a Water Tanks at NAINERI and at IBAGUM. The latter was going to be shared amongst three villages namely:

- ABERI}
- IBAGUM and
- IFIGERI.

It was explained in each village that council may put up Aid Post in near future, but the problem is, and this question was put out before the gathering in each village. ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AFTER IT ?

AGRICULTURE.

The crops in these area are limited because of bad soil therefore it cannot support better crops. Sago is by far the staple diet. The diet is supplemented by Bananas, Sweet potatoes, Paw-Paws, Pit-Pit and Bamboo shoots. The fish-ponds at AINOKNERI has been left idle for sometime where fish could be bred, except one fish-pond at present has fish. It is pity that there is no Agricultural Officer at Amanab.

COMPLAINTS.

Few minor complaints were brought before the writer. They were settled on the spot. Two of these complaints were concerning marriage problem and the other was where the pig destroyed the garden of another.

One of these marriage problems was rose among three people. The author ~~was~~ was told by the husband of the girl that the girl is going to her brother's house very often, so he is likely to loose her. So in that case the author instructed the girl not to play around with any single young men in the village.

At NAINERI author was told that father and the son were going to marry mother and the daughter, from the different family. The mother being a widow. Father of a boy agreed to marry another of a girl. It was said that the boy and a girl were marked for marriage. The boy is at Rabaul working on plantation. The girl is about 6-9 years of age. The people of NAINERI were reminded that the AMANAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL has set up a Rule Concerning, when still young,

REST HOUSES.

Most of Rest Houses were quite good except for the Rest Houses at MENGGAU, BAMBOL, and KWOFINAU. Moreta on the roof of these were rotten. The Councillors were asked ~~XXXX~~ to build new Rest Houses or to repair the present ones. There is no House Klap at KAMBERATORO. The police house which at present used by the patrolling Officers is too small, if the patrol is accompanied by the Officers of the other Departments rather than the Department of District Administration. Because it was too small during this patrol so the patrolling Officers used the Aid Post Orderly's house, while the councillors slept in the police house.

EDUCATION.

Most of the school age children in the villages visited do not attend school. The only schools which educate children up to Technical and Primary level are at Amanab and Kaberatoro. At Amanab there are two schools, Government school and Christian Missions Of Many Land school. The Government School at Amanab educate children up to Technical level, whereas Christian Missions of Many Land prepare the children up to primary level. In the same way Catholic School at Kamberatoro only teach the children as far as primary level. Amanab Government School is staffed by Four qualified teachers, one of these is an European, whereas Catholic School at Kamberatoro is staffed by two indiginous teachers. The C.M.M.L. School at Amanab is also staffed by one European female teacher and few local teachers.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

The road followed by the patrol was pretty ~~XXX~~ rough in parts. Due to the dry weather at the time of patrol the road was good, except the people didn't bother about cutting the grass along the edges of the road, some time. Some villages did cut the road nearest to their village, but didn't bother about the rest. In nearly all the villages visited the roads were cut just one or two days before the arrival of patrol. The Rivers were successfully managed except the waterway crossed before reaching Bantol was flooded at the time, due to the rain on the previous night. The cargo was brought ~~XXXXX~~ across the river along the single tree cut across the river. The Maineri - Amanab Road is excellent. It is suitable for motor bike and tractor use if bridges were repaired or mended. The only bridges that were in bad ~~XXX~~ condition were between AHERI and WAINERI, and also the road cutting in this same section has not been completed.

MISSIONS.

The missions establishment are at Amanab and Kaberatoro. At Amanab there are two mission stations C.M.M.L. and Roman Catholic (Passionist) There is another station at Kamberatoro for Roman Catholic where Father is in charge. The Mission at Kamberatoro was set up by the Dutch Catholic Mission and when the Australian Government took over Dera, Catholic Mission at Vanimo posted a priest to this area to be stationed at Kamberatoro.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was well received in both Part Amanab Local and Dera Census Divisions. The people helped the patrol in all respect. They gave every assistant to the patrol in so far as carrying of patrol gear and supplying of foodstuff. The people in Dera Census Division haven't well achieved the Australian way of governing the country because they had been under Dutch Government until recent years before the Australian Government took over. But they will as the years by.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 8 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by JAMES KOIBO, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled NAI - FARINGI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives ONE MEMBER OF THE R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 27 / 4 / 1967 to 29 / 4 / 1967

Number of Days 3 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

Medical / 19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol TO ERECT NEW AID POST IN REPLACEMENT OF THE OLD ONE.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref:

67-16-20.

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

18-1-1968.

District Commissioner,

W.S.D.
VANIMO.

PATROL NO.

Amaramat 5/66-67

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- * Memorandum of Patrol No.
- * Patrol Report No.

covering patrol by.....

J. Kaita

Remarks for Amaramat 11/66-67
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DIRECTOR.

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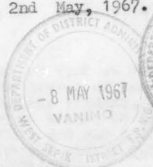
office by a month for time of
"standing down" of patrol.

67.16.20
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Sub-District Office,
AMANAB.
West Sepik District.

67-1-4

Tuesday, 2nd May, 1967.



The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
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PATROL REPORT - BIBRIARI.

Please find enclosed Patrol Report No.8, conducted by James Koibo, Assistant Patrol Officer.

The main aim of this patrol was to impress on the people that we hadn't forgotten them as regards aid, though at the moment with the transfer of Mr Pitt the patrol was unable to remain in the area for any length of time.

At a later date the patrol will return to the area accompanied by the stations carpenter to complete the Aid Post. As the building projects on the station are close to completion the time lapse before the carpenter is free should not be a long one.

We are at this stage endeavouring to erect the corrugated iron roofing coupled to a 500 gallon tank so as to supply the local people with an adequate water supply, during the period of construction of the Aid Post.

A problem presents itself with regard to the construction of the tank. As the track to BIBRIARI is not of sufficient width to enable the tank to be constructed on the station and carried it out to BIBRIARI it will have to be assembled at the Aid Post. This would necessitate a Plumber camping at BIBRIARI for a period of two to three days as the Aid Post is a three hour walk from the station.

For your information, Sir,

Ref: 67-1-4

The Director, ✓
Department of District Administration, 7.12.67
KONEDOBU

Mr. Koibo's brief report forwarded
herewith.

A.D. Steven
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
West Sepik District.
1st May, 1967.

James Koibo,
As/Patrol Officer,
AMANAB.

AMANAB PATROL REPORT No. 8/1966/67.

This patrol was conducted mainly to erect the foundation of the new Aid Post at BIBRIARI in replacement of the old one, now being used. The new one is 40feet long and 20feet wide with iron roof.

During this patrol the posts were put in and also rafters. There will be a carpenter going to this village to complete the building, this month.

The people were helpful in bringing the posts, timbers and the limbum for both the Aid Post and Aid Post Odey's house. They also carried the roofing iron from Amanab Station.

If the people help ~~XXXX~~ the carpenter in a way, they helped to put the posts and rafters, ~~XX~~ it will finish in ~~XXXX~~ lesser time than expected.

There was good attendance from every village during this patrol.

James Koibo

JAMES KOIBO.
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

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James Koibo
JAMES KOIBO.
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. AMANAB PATROL NO. 9-66/67

Patrol Conducted by G.L. DEWAR. (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled EAST & WEST KWONTARI CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives THREE MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C. & TWO N.M.O'S

Duration—From 15/...5.../19.67 to 25/...5.../19.67

Number of Days 11 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services I / 19.66

Medical 2 / 19.64

Map Reference AMANAB SUB-DISTRICT 4 ML. TO INCH

Objects of Patrol COMPIATION OF COMMON ROLL

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-16-21

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

17-1-1958.

District Commissioner,

W. I. J.
VANIMO.

PATROL NO. Unanab 9/16-67

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- Memorandum of Patrol No.
- Patrol Report No.

covering patrol by J. L. Dewar (CPO)

What happened to this report? Patrol
issued in May & report received at this
office 12/12/67. Officers should not be allowed
to submit reports so late.

Comments are not worth T. W. Ellis
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

being passed now
would delete the patrol & strictly attend to all
reports from police officers. A hurried patrol
is not worth making.

Delete as necessary.

Mr Dewar to be advised to use a dictionary
more freely

In his September, and spend more time in the villages to
check on the health, (year etc). Native affairs and village
officials situation as described in this report.

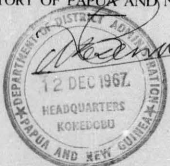
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

7th December, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

AMANAB PATROL NO.9/66-67 EAST & WEST KWONTARI CENSUS
DIVISION

Forwarded herewith please find Mr. Dewar's report of the above patrol with comments by the ADC Amanab.

I would like to know how the few days that Mr. Dewar saved in hurrying the patrol were utilized. It would have to have been very well spent to compensate for the ill effects of obvious haste.

The report too seems to have been done in a great hurry. The map is a travesty and spelling mistakes far too numerous.

The District Agricultural Officer receives only small stacks of seed from his H.Q. quarterly. If the people are too indolent or careless to preserve seed for planting the Department is not going to keep supplying seed ad infinitum.

Regarding over-recruitment it is far more likely that the workers have elected not to return rather than that the employers are negligent. There appears to be little to keep the young men in these villages and they can't be blamed for not wishing to hurry home.

A. B. Steven
A. B. Steven
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-1-2.

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Sub-District Office,
AMANAB
West Sepik District

6th. July 1967.

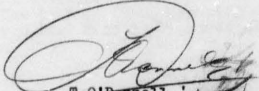
District Commissioner,
West Sepik District
VANIMO.

AMANAB Patrol No. 9/ 66-67.

Please find attached the report of the above specified patrol of the East/west Kwomtari census division carried out by Mr. G. Dewar, Cadet Patrol Officer. This was a routine patrol with the specific duty of compiling the Common Roll.

2. The East -West Kwomtari area is unfortunately overlooked to a great extent, with much more attention being given to the border census divisions. The area is very sparsely populated and this area appears to have a bleak economic, social and political future. Despite their few visits by patrols the situation in the area is reasonably good. The station is visited regularly by people from the area and the government is relatively popular in the area.
3. There has been over recruitment in two of the villages in this area, namely Baiberi and Guriaso. There is no record of most of these recruits going out through Amanab. It appears that a number of recruits from the Amanab area generally have not been repatriated after their two years service. Many have been away from the area for four years and in some cases, a considerably longer time. This type of thing causes a great deal of concern in the villages and unfortunately these people who are away for this length of time are almost impossible to trace. Generally it is good for recruits to go out from this area.
4. Mr. Dewars reporting and spelling still leave something to be desired. This patrol was hurried as per his instructions but it is felt that a few extra days spent in the field would have yielded much better results on the administration aspect of the patrol and have given the people time to speak with the patrol and let them feel that we visit the area to assist them as much as possible. Hurried visits do not promote good administration and good relationships in the area.
5. A routine, census patrol will follow up on this patrol in mid September, and spend more time in the villages and check on the health, (yaws etc), native affairs and village officials situation as described in this report.

For your information, please.


F. O'Donnell
Assistant District Commissioner.

Monday 15/5/67. Labour lined, Police inspected, weather report passed to WENAB. Carriers arrived to carry for the three Patrols. Departed AMANAB for KWOMTARI via WOFNERI, OWANIEK, NAI No.2 and MOURI villages. Track wet and slippery delaying progress of carriers. Arrived KWOMTARI 1730 hrs. Spoke to Luluai's regards Local matters.

Slept KWOMTARI

Tuesday 16/5/67. Compilation of Common Rolé out for KWOMTARI and Mango villages. Departure KWOMTARI delayed due to unrest of people re. the exchange of brides. Patrol waited the arrival of parents and girl concerned. Further discussions with Local people regards Agricultural matters and local affairs.

Slept KWOMTARI

Wednesday 17/5/67. Cargo assembled and Carriers made ready for departure. Complaint heard and settled to everyone's satisfaction. Parties involved to wait one year before marriage. Departed KWOMTARI via BAIBERI. Compilation Common Rolé on immediate arrival at BAIBERI at 1200 hrs. Departed BAIBERI for YANABI at 1500 hrs arriving YANABI at 1730 hrs.

Slept YANABI

Thursday 18/5/67. Majority of people absent at "Sing-Sing" at MARAGIN village. Common Rolé Compilation carried out with the help of Luluais. Carriers short and forced to use KWOMTARI and BAIBERI carriers. Departed YANABI for YAU'URE at 1230 hrs arriving 1530 hrs. Compilation of Common Role took longer than expected and forced to sleep YAU'URI.

Slept YAU'URE

Friday 19/5/67. Departed YAU'URI 0930 hrs for GURIASO arriving 1130 hrs. Common Rolé and Medical inspection carried out. A majority of the young men absent on plantations from GURIASO village - Luluais concerned. Departed GURIASO 1300hrs for MUFUARA over newly cut track arriving at MUFUARA 1730 hrs.

Slept MUFUARA

Saturday 20/5/67. Compilation of Common Rolé carried out and departed for UTAI via EKAS at 1030 hrs. EKAS and MARAGIN both visited UTAI for the purpose of Compilation of Common Role. Arrived UTAI 1530 hrs in heavy rain. Discussion with Father Malcolm and Luluais re the area and Local people.

Slept UTAI

Sunday 21/5/67. Common Rolé for EKAS and UTAI carried out and word sent to FAS NO. 3 to move to UTAI for the Compilation of the Common Role. Rest of day observed.

Slept UTAI

Monday 22/5/67. Compilation Common Rolé for MARAGIN, AIAMINA and FAS NO.3. Luluai and KARE of FAS NO. 3 accompanied the Patrol for the purpose of further investigation, on arrival at AMANAB re. the death of YANAMU the wife of KARE. Departed for FINIMOI at 1200 hrs arriving 1630 hrs. Road in bad condition and heavy rain falling.

Slept FINIMOI

DIARY -(Cont't)

Tuesday 23/5/67. Compilation Common Roll carried out for FINIMOI and departed for ITOMI at 1030 hrs and arrived ITOMI at 1530 hrs. Approached by Luluai and Catholic Mission Teacher re. the establishing of Airstrip and Mission at ITOMI. Explained to them the nature of this Patrol and that a routine Administration Patrol would be in the area in the near future, and could investigate the possibility further. Referred them to Father Malcolm at UTAI re. mission activities.

Slept ITOMI

Wednesday 24/5/67. Compilation Common Roll for ITOMI and PIEMI carried out and Smallpox injections given. Appointment of new Tultul KAKINI/MARAKI at old Tultul's request due to the latter's inability to carry out necessary duties because of his age. Departed ITOMI for BAIBAI via BEMI at 1030 hrs arriving BAIBAI at 1500 hrs. Track in poor condition, walking time slow.

Slept BAIBAI

Thursday 25/5/67. Compilation Common Roll for BAIBAI and YEBDIBI carried out. YEBDIBI refused to travel to BAIBAI and many had gone bush contrary to Luluai's instruction. Carriers short due to absence of men in village. Patrol delayed due to this shortage and departure not until 1100 hrs. Heavy rain falling, carriers reluctant to continue through to AMANAB. Patrol dogged by heavy rain all day and into the night. Arrived AMANAB 2100 hrs.

Slept AMANAB

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION

The Patrol was mounted for the purpose primarily of correcting the Common Roll for the area and carry out a brief health inspection due to the rumours that an outbreak of Yaws in the YENABI area, is being experienced.

Due to the staff shortage at AMANAB the Patrol was ordered to proceed at a fast rate concentrating mainly on Compilation of the Common Roll. This was endeavoured and though the Patrol was forced to spend an extra day at KWOMBARI and UTAI THE Patrol was completed in eleven days.

No matter how fast a Patrol may cover an area certain conditions and situations are obvious i.e. Housing condition, condition of Rest Houses, track condition, Vegetation, foodstuffs, condition of the people and to a much lesser extent Native affairs

Any problems presented to the Patrol by the village officials were heard and where the case warranted action was taken though such case were few. It was noted by the Patrol the reluctance of the Luluai's in many cases to bring forward their complaints to be heard.

The outlook of the people re. the Patrol was one of complete indifference in many villages while in others the welcome was quiet enthusiastic. This can be attributed to the fact that over a year has elapsed since the last Patrol had been in the area.

Poor attendance was experienced in all villages and most of the corrections were possible only with the Luluai's help. This I feel will leave a margin of error as many of the names that were listed for the previous elections were only recognised after they were associated with their immediate family.

The area is in need of a more leisurely conducted Routine Administrative Patrol to investigate rumours of threats to the Luluai's re. the reporting of Local misdemeanors to the Administration. These rumours were not followed up by this Patrol due to the time factor and that adequate coverage couldn't be given to the investigations.

Agricultural advancement has been neglected in this area and many villages have very little in the way of gardens. Various varieties of vegetables i.e. Maize, Tomatoes, Onions, Cabbages and Pumpkins had been introduced earlier though the people neglected to put aside seed for replanting. The people, I feel, would welcome an Agricultural Patrol at this stage as Foodstuffs are short and from their previous experience with introduced crops and their success are keen to establish gardens.

Small Pox Vaccinations were given in each village though a large number were missed due their absence in the bush. The people accepted the injections as a matter of course and no objections were raised. A jocular mood prevailed while they were receiving the vaccinations though it remains to be seen if this is the case after a week has elapsed. A total of one thousand one hundred and eighty-seven people were vaccinated by this Patrol.

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VILLAGES

Villages in this area are of a superior type on the whole though it was noted that those that were connected with work on Mission Airstrips and such had been allowed to deteriorate. Such is the case of KWONTARI and GURIASO where the people have established their villages beside the Mission Airstrip and have neglected their housing, in order to carry out work for the Mission.

YANABI, YAU'URI, MUFUARA, ITOMI and BAIBAI are in excellent condition and ideally situated as regards water supply. The people have taken an interest in their village's appearance and this can be attributed to the Village Officials though, to a larger extent to the men who have worked on plantations in various areas and are now endeavouring to lift their own standard of living to the standard they have observed out of their area.

The villages are converting to stilt-type houses which are a vast improvement on the old ground dwellings.

AGRICULTURE

No all out effort has been attempted to introduce these people to European type vegetables. KWONTARI has had previous experience with such crops though they omitted to look to the future and lay aside seed for replanting. From all accounts the crops did reasonable well but just how successful they were remains to be seen.

Rice at KWONTARI apparently came away well but did not form a head. The reasons for this could be numerous and at a later date possibly a D.A.S.F. patrol could throw some light on the subject.

Pumpkins were very successful and I think the Locals opinion "Svit tumas" sums up the high regard they have re. the Pumpkin.

Maize was cultivated and met with the same success and fate of the other crops i.e. no seeds were set aside for replanting at a later date.

The construction of Fish ponds at the various villages was mentioned by the people and they were advised to wait until a regular Administration Patrol visited the area accompanied by a D.A.S.F. to advise them re. the construction of the ponds at a suitable site. The AMANAB ponds are overstocked, and some outlet will need to be found in the near future for them. The success of the D.A.S.F. Fish ponds here at AMANAB illustrate the potential of such an undertaking in this area. It is my opinion that a D.A.S.F. patrol should visit the area to investigate the matter further and advise the locals in the construction of gardens and Fish ponds.

At this stage KWONTARI village is reliant on foodstuffs from the bush i.e. "Kru Mambu", "Pulip", "Sac Sac", "Pit Pit" etc, and gardens have been neglected due to their working for the Mission. It stands to reason that they will begin gardening in the near future and, as they have asked for assistance, it would be beneficial to them and to the Administration of the area to introduce them to techniques of better gardening and superior crops at the time they are desirous of it, ~~rea~~ rather than wait until they have established their gardens than endeavouring to change their ways.

No European vegetables were encountered by the Patrol though the native foodstuffs were of good quality.

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LIVESTOCK

Pigs are the only domesticated animals here apart from dogs and fowls. These are allowed to wander at will in the village and to a large extent contribute to the general sickness in the village.

Fowls are found in most villages where as pigs are found in only a few due to the fact that they cause a lot of damage to the gardens and are more trouble than they're worth.

EDUCATION

KWONTARI, GURIASO, UTAI and ITOMI have catechist type schools but at the time the Patrol was in the area only two schools were operating. KWONTARI and GURIASO are run by the C.M.M.L. and both these were closed down.

At UTAI the school, run by the Passionist Mission, was kept operational by Father Malcolm due to the absence of the regular teacher. ITOMI school was found to be well recieved by the village people and the attendance at the school was very high. This school is run by the Passionist Mission under the supervision of Father Malcolm.

AIRFIELDS

There are three Airfields in the area and these are situated at KWONTARI, GURIASO and UTAI. All are mission strips which are maintained by the Local people. The KWONTARI and GURIASO strips are C.M.M.L. while UTAI strip is under the control of the Passionist Mission.

The KWONTARI Airstrip while situated in an ideal position and has potential re. unlimited length has been neglected by the people. This is understandable as it gets very little use and constant attention on the strip would be unwarranted.

GURIASO Airstrip is in the same predicament though it was in a poorer condition than the KWONTARI Airstrip.

UTAI Airstrip was found to be in good condition and well grassed. This is due to the fact that the Mission is supervised by Father Malcolm who is stationed at UTAI.

ITOMI has made approaches to the various Patrols re. the construction of an Airstrip at ITOMI. The ground has not to my knowledge been surveyed or inspected with regards the construction of an Airstrip and as the area is thinly populated it would not warrant a Government Airstrip. The people were advised to discuss the matter with Father Malcolm in the light that the Mission may be interested.

LABOUR

GURIASO has at least 70% of its young men absent working on plantations and the village has suffered due to their absence. Houses are in a state of disrepair and the village is short of food due to the fact that there are no young men to maintain the gardens.

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The Village Officials are very concerned about so many young men being absent from the village at the one time. The Ibulual was advised by the Patrol to restrict the number of young men he allows to leave the village to seek work out of the district.

The remaining villages in the area had a sprinkling of men absent on plantations but the majority of them were seeking work at AMANAB and IMONDA Patrol Post. As there is little or no money in the area this is encouraged though the number is restricted by the limited amount of work available at the Patrol Posts.

These people are good workers on the Station and on the whole there is little trouble with them.

ROADS & BRIDGES

The only means of transport in this area is by foot along bush tracks. Even this at time is impossible due to the fact that all of the KWONTARI area is low lying flood plain cut by numerous fast flowing rivers and creeks. In dry conditions the tracks are conducive to fast walking times where as in the wet they are typical swamp tracks forcing the Patrol to blunder through Sago patches knee deep in mud.

Flash floods are prevalent in this region and are at all times a major concern to the Patrol as the distances between each village is quiet a few walking hours and often a Patrol is forced to over night on the banks of a river.

Bridges are non-existent in this area and at no time in the future can I foresee there ever being any as the nature of the land is such that it does not warrant bridges. The bridges would only be accessible during the dry season and that being the case the rivers would not present any problem during this period.

GEOGRAPHY & TOPOGRAPHY

The entire EAST WEST KWONTARI area is one of low lying flood plain cut by fast flowing rivers and creeks. Such timbers as TOUN, KWILA and PIKUS are in abundance throughout the area. The vegetation observed by the Patrol was on the whole primary growth with only a slight smattering of secondary growth in close proximity to the villages.

The rivers encountered by the Patrol which were of any consequence are the BAPI, YASI, SUKARA, FINI, SINU, GEDIK and WURO Rivers. All are fast flowing and rise and fall in a matter of hours during the rainy season.

"SacSac" swamps are predominant in this type of country making the progress of the Patrol limited to a slow pace. "PitPit" patches and Bamboo thickets dominate much of the terrain.

HEALTH

Rumours of an outbreak of YAWS at YENABI and the immediate area was investigated by the Patrol and seven cases were found. The majority of the cases were children and the parents were advised to bring them into AMANAB for treatment. Some cases have not as yet arrived at the Hospital though their whereabouts are known and are expected at the Hospital in the immediate future.

YAWS was found in only three Villages, YENABI, GURIASO and BAIBAI though it can be assumed that there are still cases in the area due to the fact that a large number were absent at the time of the Patrol.

The Medical Assistant, Mr. N. Paponurea has since departed on Patrol to follow the investigation further and give treatment where necessary. A full report will be submitted by Mr. Paponurea regards the health of the people in this area.

Small Pox vaccinations were given and these were well received by the people. The below listed are the figures for those vaccinated in each village.

SMALL POX VACCINATIONS MAY, 1967

EAST AND WEST KWOMTARI CENSUS DIVISIONS

<u>Village .</u>	<u>No. Vaccinated.</u>
KWOMTARI & MANGO	190
BAIBERI	80
YANABI	75
YAU'URI	175
GURIASO & MARAGIN	110
MUFUARA	55
EKAS & UTAI	110
WURABAI & AIAMINA	75
FAS No.3	65
FINIMOI	20
ITOMI & PIEMI	244
BAIBAI & YEBDIBI	88

The general health of the people was found to be quiet good and the attendance at the UTAI Mission Aid Post was commendable

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

As this Patrol was forced to proceed at a fast rate in an effort to complete the Compilation of the Common Role and return to AMANAB within ten days it was impossible to delve too deeply into this subject.

At KWONTARI the Patrol was approached by the Luluai and asked to settle a "Senis" dispute between RIMA/YEBI PILEMI/LAFO, OWAMI/GWUMUTA and NIMBARU/YASIRI. The parents of RIMA had accepted one pound from NIMBARU as payment for the right for him to use RIMA as an exchange when the time came for him to marry. NIMBARU now wished to marry ~~to~~ PILEMI but RIMA's parents had with drawn their permission for NIMBARU to use her as an exchange. PILEMI parents refused NIMBARU the right to marry their daughter unless he came forward with a bride for their son. As RIMA and her parents were absent at TERI village the Patrol was forced to overnight at KWONTARI village and wait their arrival.

On speaking to RIMA's father it was discovered that his only objection to the marriage was that his daughter was too young. As both the females concerned were only in their early teens the young couples were advised to wait one year before they married. The decision was accepted by the parents and village officials.

At UTAI the Patrol was forced to loose another day investigating the death of YANUMA the wife of KARE. As the complaint was lodged by the Mission at UTAI the Patrol made enquires with the Village Officials and as far as it could be ascertained the husband had made every effort to bring his wife to the Aid Post at UTAI. Apparently the Mission had arrived at the conclusion that KARE had refused to allow his wife attend the Aid Post at UTAI. This was investigated and it was found that YANUMA had died while being carried to the Aid Post. The witnesses and KARE agreed to accompany the Patrol back to AMANAB to straighten the matter.

Rumours regards threats to the Luluai's in so much as, if they reported local misdemeanours to the Administration they would be speared by the people. This rumour was not followed up by the Patrol due to the time factor and that adequate coverage couldn't be given to the investigation. It would be advisable at a later date if a Routine Administration Patrol could follow this rumour up as no complaints were brought before the Patrol by the Village Officials.

COMPILATION COMMON ROLE

The Attendance of the people on the whole was poor and it was only through the help of the Luluais that the Patrol was able to correct the Role. Even this was a trying task as many of the people absent seemed to be blessed with numerous names other than the one they were listed under.

The Patrol was relatively successful with regards the correcting of the Common Role though from the view point of Routine Administration it served little purpose.

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MEMBERS OF R.P.N.G.C.

Const. MASSA 9601 - 9th Year. A forceful character with an endless source of ability which belies his placid appearance. Proved invaluable on this Patrol. Has the respect of the Local people.

Const. IATAVARING 8884-3th Yr. A tendency to leave the work to MASSA though on numerous occasions has more than proved his worth. His conduct on the Patrol was good and due to his previous experience in th e area had the respect of the Local people.

Const. JIMBANOU IO407 6 8th Yr. An average worker, not very forceful. His conduct was good and has had previous experience in the area.

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(G.L. Dewar C.P.O.)

RECEPTION OF PATROL BY THE PEOPLE

The Patrol was well received by the underlisted villages and their co-operation was much appreciated by the Patrol.

KWOMTARI

MANGO

UTAI

AIAMINA

YAU'URI

ITOMI

PIEMI

The below listed villages presented a poor attendance and a general lack of interest in the Patrol's activities.

BAIBAI

YEBDIBI

YANABI

PINIMOI

A more leisurely Patrol would be needed to reestablish the interest of the people in Administration activities.

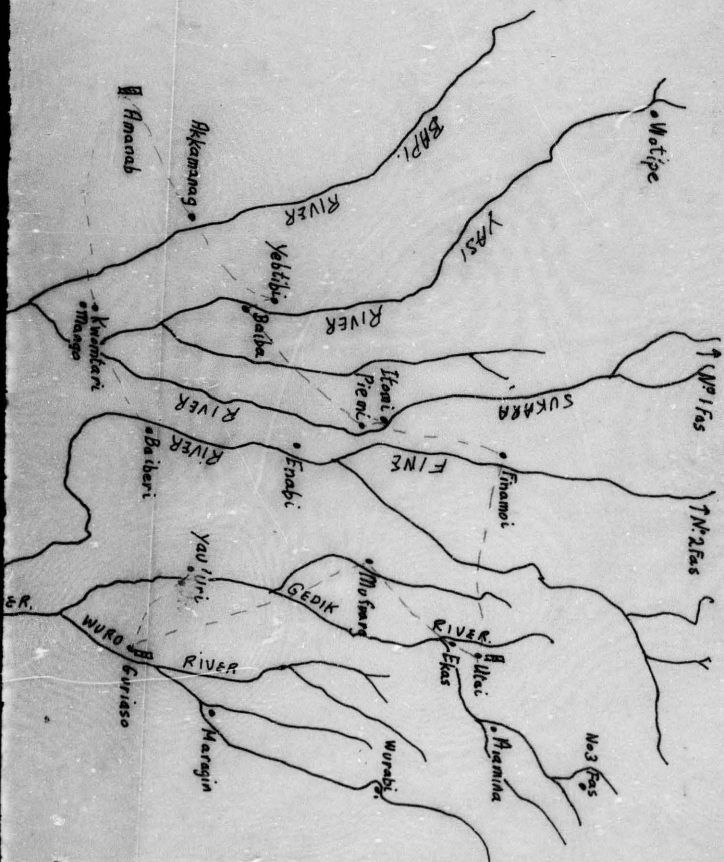
THREAT TO LULUAI'S

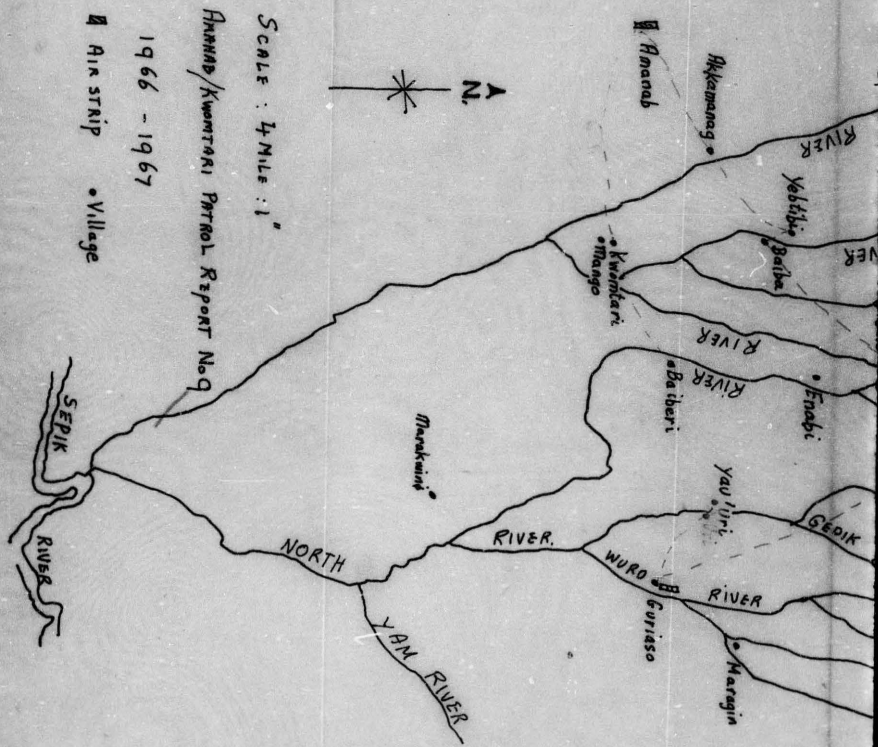
The rumour concerning the threats to the Lului's by the Local people was first encountered at UTAI by Father Malcolm who passed it on to the Patrol. It was later mentioned by the UTAI Lului while in conversation with the Police, accompanying the Patrol, that threats had been made with regards the reporting of the death of YANUMA.

The UTAI and FAS NO.3 people were warned that the threats were known to the Patrol and that if any incident arose from the ~~XXXXXX~~ threats then they could expect court action.

The Lului's were advised of the necessity of their reporting Local matters to the Patrol and that if they were threatened they were to report the matter immediately.

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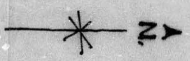


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AMNH/KUMTORI PATROL REPORT No. 9

1966 - 1967

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....WEST SEPIK..... Report No. 10-1966/67

Patrol Conducted by.....JAMES KOIBO, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled.....AMANAB LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NO

Natives.....THREE MEMBERS OF R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 15/5/1967 to 22/5/1967.

Number of Days.....SEVEN DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....4/1967

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Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....CORRECTION OF COMMON ROLL LISTS and
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-16-22

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

18-1-1968

District Commissioner,

W.S.D.
VANIMO

PATROL NO. Auramat 10/66-67

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- Patrol Report No.

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Tardy submission. Comments not worth making at this late date.

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Telegrams.....
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Department of District Administration,

District Office,
VANIMO,
West Sepik District.

7th December, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

AMANAB PATROL NO.10/66-67 AMANAB LOCAL CENSUS
DIVISION

Your copy of the report of the above patrol is forwarded herewith with comments by the ADC Amanab.

Certainly the patrol was a brief one but the report should have been a little fuller than it is. No map was attached.

As Mr. O'Donnell says Mr. Koibo should attempt to be more specific rather than deal in generalities.

A. D. Steven
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. ADC Amanab

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Sub-District Office,
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West Sepik District.

6th. July 1967.

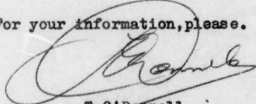
District Commissioner,
West Sepik District
VANIMO.

AMANAB Patrol No. 10-1966-67.

Your 67-1-4/560 of the 8th. June refers.

2. Please find attached the report of the above specified patrol carried out by Mr. James Koibo, in part of the Amanab Local Census division, for the purpose of correction and compilation of the Common Roll lists and routine administration.
3. This was done at Lumi by the officer after his transfer there the day after he returned from this patrol. This probably accounts for the slight falling off in the standard of this report compared to his earlier efforts.
4. The officer appears to have successfully carried out the aims of the patrol.
5. It is felt that the officer could spend more time in enquiry before summing up the situation reported and give more than general comments under the report headings, and support these with facts and details of his observations.
6. The area patrolled was never administered by the Dutch, but the Dutch mission had some indigenous catechists working in this area.
7. More explicit reporting of a situation and more information under the various headings will be realized with the officer gaining experience.
8. This patrol was necessarily brief due to the officer's impending transfer, and the report is correspondingly short.
9. This is quite a reasonable effort by such a junior officer and an improvement can be expected with time and experience.
10. Another copy of this report for Amanab files, and a claim for his camping allowance has been requested from him at Lumi.

For your information, please.



T.O'Donnell
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY.

MONDAY.

15th MAY, 1967;

Departed AMANAB 0930hrs for Wogineri. Arrived Wogineri 1155hrs. The road followed was reasonably clean. People from Wamuru village didn't turn up at the Rest House so the Common Roll Call was done the next morning. Slept there the night.

TUESDAY.

16th MAY, 1967;

Departed Wogineri after the Common Roll Call for Ainokneri at 1045hrs. Arrived Ainokneri 1150hrs. As soon as I arrived people were asked to assemble then after the Common Roll Call, proceeded to Iafar No 1. Slept there the night.

WEDNESDAY.

17th MAY, 1967;

Departed Iafar No 1 after the Common Roll Call for Petaineri. Arrived Petaineri after walking through reasonably clean track for 1 hour 45 minutes. Slept ~~xxx~~ there the night.

THURSDAY.

18th MAY, 1967;

Departed Petaineri 1020 hrs for Kwofenau after the Common Roll Call at Petaineri village. Arrived Kwofenau 1235hrs. Common Roll Call was left until the next day, of few absentees. Slept there the night.

FRIDAY.

19th MAY, 1967;

Departed Kwofenau after the Common Roll Call for Naineri at 1000hrs. Arrived Naineri Village 1045hrs. The women were to attend the clinic at Amanab that day so the Common Roll Call was postponed to Monday. Slept there the night.

SATURDAY.

20th MAY, 1967;

Arranged in an alphabetical order the names of the people who are eligible to vote for next House of Assembly Elections in 1968. Slept there the night.

SUNDAY.

21st MAY, 1967;

Observed at Naineri.

MONDAY.

22nd MAY, 1967;

Departed Naineri for ~~XXXXX~~ Amanab Station after the Common Roll Call at Naineri. Stopped at Waineri and Aheri on the way. Return to Amanab Station.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted to the Amanab Local Census Division for the purpose of correcting the Common Roll List and Routine Administration. Because of my transfer to Lumi Sub-District, the patrol wasn't completed. The area patrolled is located on the South West of Amanab Station. The vegetation is thick. The climate is hot and wet.

RECEPTION of PATROL.

The patrol was well received in all villages visited. They gave every assistance to the patrol by carrying patrol gear willingly and by doing what they were asked to do.

VILLAGES.

The houses thatn are built by the people of this area are good except that there is an disadvantage of smoke from the fire, because the houses have no windows whatsoever. The houses are built off the ground and the walls go right through to the ground. When using the houses a man and his family use the top floor while pet animals like pigs and dogs use the ground floor. The water supply is plentiful except for the villages of WOGINERI, KWOFENAU, AHERI, IBAGUM and IFIGERI. There are small creeks but it is difficult as the rivers are too far from the above-named villages, so instead the village people use wells to catch rain water. The villages around Amanab Local seem to be clean, but it seems to me that hygiene and sanitation are neglected. The mothers don't look after their children in a hygienic manner. Concerning sanitation the toilets are few which are rarely used in each village.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

In my opinion the minority of village officials are young, as a result they are a bit frightened of the older ones. It would be best to elect those who are older and with some knowledge about Public Administration. Other officials are better, they try their best to keep peace and order among their people, and to work as one in carrying out their activities, and individually. In talking about village officials I don't mean only councillors but I include old Luluais and Tultuls. Infact some Luluais and Tultuls are still effective.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

There are no organisation or movements of any sort in the area patrolled. The people look on Administration as something strange. Th is is because I think, they had been under Dutch government for so many years before Australian government took over the border area in 1962. But I would say that they are getting used to the Australian way of governing the country as the years pass by. There are few noticeable customs in this area. The aged custom in this area is that the old man or woman is sick their relatives usually leave them alone in an isolated house which is usually built in the garden. They leave them in these houses until they are dead. Then their relatives come in and mourn over the corpse for about one to one and half months before they are buried. Actually they are put in caves, when they are buried. The relationship between villages and tribes is limited. Infact they rarely visit other villages apart from their own. This is because they are frightened of the other tribes. As a result of this the marriage and other sort of exchange methods are carried on within their own tribes

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and villages only. The unusual side of the marriage custom is that the girls married as early as Five to Ten years of age. This might not be the fault of girls but of parents, because they propose the boy who is to marry their daughter. In this area the marriage gift is very limited for they use the exchange method of marriage. The absentees from this area are mostly people working outside the District. Only a few are at Amanab Primary "T" School and in the Christian Mission of Many Lands School at Amanab also.

AGRICULTURE.

The people of this area wouldn't be classified as subsistence farmers but as hunters and gatherers. They have only a limited amount of food. Their main diet is sago and to supplement this they eat bananas, pippit, pawpaws and whatever they find in the bush. There are no cash crops which could be used for sale. Fish ponds have been built at Ainokneri Village where fish is breeding in only one of the Fish Ponds.

FORESTS.

Timber suitable for timber industry was sighted between Iafar No2 and No1. It could be useful for furniture. But the difficult side of it is that, there is no way of transporting this timber to the market at Amanab except by manpower. This timber is situated some six to seven hours walk from the station and there is no vehicular road into this area.

REST HOUSES.


The rest houses in this area are in good condition. The distances between these rest houses are one to three hours walk. The shortest distance is 45 minutes which is from Kwofenau to Naineri.

HEALTH.

The common disease in this area is skin disease. The cause of which may be because of the lack of good diet or it might be because of not having a good wash for weeks.

ROADS And BRIDGES.

In the area patrolled the only vehicular road is Amanab- Naineri Road which takes two and a half hours walk from Amanab Station to Naineri Village. The money is been allocated to extend and to maintain this road. The road is not been used for sometime because of unserviceable bridges. It is suitable for motor-bikes. The footpath which join the villages visited are reasonably clean.


J. KOLEO.
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

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PERSONNEL.

Constable NIMOI.
Good and obedient. He carried out his duty well.
His behavior on patrol is good.

Constable EREMUGE.
Good but seems to be lazy at times.

Constable JIMA.
A bit lazy . He doesn't do his normal patrol
duty on his own. He hs to be asked to do thing.