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1972 - 73

VANIMO

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POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
7/11/72	MUBU	26	33	31	27			3		120
10/11/72	VANIMO	136	117	136	145	10	9	67	15	633
9/11/72	WAKING	114	95	121	108	2	8	32	11	491
6/11/72	WUTUNG	68	74	62	79	7	6	30	8	331
8/11/72	YAROK	51	35	50	48	6	2	11	3	206

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P.O. Box 2396
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8th February, 1973

The District Commissioner
West Sepik District
P.O. Box 42
VANIMO

~~WEST COAST~~
PATROL NO.2 OF 1972/73

Reference your Minute of 29th December, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 3 arising out of the above patrol of WEST COAST Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study recompilation, as submitted by MR. G.J. ATKINSON, Assistant Patrol Officer.

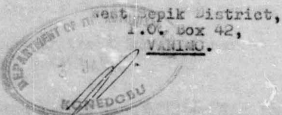
It is hoped your reserved efforts through the Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO will result in an eventual legal and unequivocal settlement to the land dispute over part of the Catholic Mission lease at LOTE.

The Area Study is interesting and well compiled.

C.G. LITTLER
a/Secretary

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28th December, 1972.

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

PATROL REPORT VANIMO 2-1972/73 - WEST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

Your memorandum, 67-1-3 dated 21st December, 1972, refers.

Thank you for this report on which I comment as follows:-

- I cannot read the writing in the field officers journal accompanying this report.
- Census figures have not been totalled.
- Comments in the report would depreciate economic progress in the division. That it is not as dynamic is due to several depressant factors in their earlier history not entirely their own fault. Likewise, looking in retrospect over the last 5 years, (more or less the last 2 years since the Vanimo/Vutung connection was completed) considerable changes and progress has occurred the result of which will not crystallise for several years. Considerable advisory assistance could be given, to which the people would be receptive. Positive assistance by the Department of Agriculture is lacking for a variety of reasons. I shall discuss the matter of Vanimo Sub-District economic development further with you in detail at your convenience. Part of the hesitance in local rural economic progress is due to the restrictive influence of local Vanimo town controls over peripheral rural industry with the diminution of returns to the grower this induces.
- Perhaps the patrolling officer might care to investigate the reasons why Paul Langro's thriving farming enterprise is now non-existent.
- When reports are forwarded please keep your situation report comments detached as my comments have to be typed on the back of them.
- Copies of comments on situation reports are forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

Minute to :
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Relevant aspects of the report, in duplicate, are forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

Division of District Administration,

Patrol Post,

WUTONG. N.S.D.

10th. November, 1972.

VARIMO. N.S.D.

67/1/1.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District Office,

VARIMO. N.S.D.

VARIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1972-73 - VARIMO WEST COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

AREA STUDY.

(a).

1. This Census Division is bounded by the New Guinea/West Irian International Border in the west, the Daunda River (1½ miles from Vanimo Township) in the east, the Cenake Range in the south and the coast to the north - see Patrol Map.
2. The total area of this Census Division is covered with dense tropical rain forest ranging from flatter sago areas of the lower lying parts to the tall timbered forest lands of the mountain areas. There is a type of pine found in the higher regions of this area. Elevation ranges between sea level and over 3,000'. The dense undergrowth of the lower areas thins out towards the mountain tops.
3. The Division is also dissected by small streams which either flow into the Ocean on the north or into the larger Muso River in the south. This river eventually joins the Tami River in West Irian. The area is roughly speaking cut into two by the Cenake Range which runs parallel to the coast. There are many rocky cliffs and sheer drops of many hundreds of feet in this range.
4. The area experienced 80" to 90" of rainfall per year. More rain falls during the North West season (October to March) than during the South East season (April to September). Exact figures are not available.
5. During the North West season the seas become very rough and make sea transport difficult. However, the sea is calm for most of the South Easterly season.
6. Temperature, it is estimated ranges from 75° to 90° on the coast and 60° to 85° on the mountain portions. Humidity is continually high throughout the whole area and the entire year.
7. The area is, perhaps, the most developed part of the West Sepik District. The District and Subdistrict Headquarters lie virtually on the eastern border of the Division.
8. All villages have places where small seacraft such as motor boats and outrigger canoes can be pulled ashore or safely anchored.
9. The people of the area have had long contact with various administrations and peoples. The older ones can clearly remember the German and Dutch Administrations in this Territory and West New Guinea. The wars too are remembered and the Japanese and the Americans with them. This area was once administered by the Germans from Aitape, and then later by the Australian Administration from here too. Later, of course, Vanimo Station was established and the people came under a closer Administration. A lot of the people in this division have spent time in what once was called Hollandia (Bjajapura) so some have seen the Indonesian Administration too. Consequently it can be seen that these people are not new to other peoples. Their everyday speech reflects the thinking of the people in this respect, e.g., Tami bilong German and Tami bilong Das. (German times and Dutch times). I suppose that when Australia eventually leaves New Guinea this period will be known as "Tami bilong Australia".

(a) cont.

10. All villages are now served by a road which terminates at WUTUNG Patrol Post. It was completed by Gellings Timber Company in 1962-71. The airstrip at WUTUNG is now classed as an emergency strip only, and all markers and fittings have been removed. It is occasionally used by military aircraft.

(b) POPULATION DISTRIBUTION & TRENDS.

12. A full revision of the census of this division was carried out and are shown on the accompanying Village Population Register.

13. There are five villages in the census division and a total population of 1784; an increase of 59. The largest village has a population of 833 and the smallest 120. All villages are now connected by road. (see patrol map.)

14. The census Division continues to have a comparatively high absentee rate. This is because the people are relatively sophisticated and in the main see their lives extending further than their own village. A lot of the men have had to look far afield for work, although a substantial percentage are employed in Vanimo Station, or Vanimo concerns (e.g. Gelders Timber). Also education facilities in the immediate area lack a high school which means that students are away from the village. Other people are away at University, Technical schools, Government jobs such as Police, Post Office, DASF, DDA and others. In the villages there still remains a higher absentee rate of young men than young women. There are quite a few unmarried mothers in the division and this is no doubt due to the situation that has been brought about by the change in their way of life.

WATSON, JAMES.

Under the traditional system of landholding, the main landholders became the leaders of the clans and the "kondomants". This system still operates for the most part. The following was a list of condomants and particulars of the leading men in such villages.

JOHN KATTA, MURU.

Aged 35, married with four children, this man holds the leadership by virtue of the fact that he is leader of the AYIYA clan which controls a large portion of land near Mura. He was at one stage a councillor, and he still has a lot to say and is not afraid to say it. He has a mission school education and is restricted to pidgin in his dealings with the Mura people. He is a young and confident leader and will no doubt continue to pull more influence as he ages. He is the major share holder of a truck bought in partnership with his brothers, which brings him in a considerable income as it is hired to public works. He appears pro-administration but is, as stated before, not afraid to speak out against it if he sees fit.

WUWU AFI, MURU.

Was traditionally the councillor, still remains with plain ant personality and pro-administration, but his standing in the village community is not great.

ANTON (ZINNA), SAND.

The present councillor, is pro-administration and was very helpful to the patrol. Also has a pleasant personality, but traditionally does not hold much status in the village.

JOHN KATTOYAKRO.

Aged 34 with five children, educated to standard three but talks pidgin only. This man is traditionally a leader of one of the larger clans holding land at Iakro. He is an easy going man and appears to be well liked in the village. During a political education discussion he showed his intelligence by the opinions and questions put forth. He has a head for business and in general is a strong force at Iakro.

JOSEPH KOBI, YAKRO.

Aged 29, married with two children, has primary education and speaks a little English. At present absent from Yarko working as an aid post orderly. He is young as far as leaders go and it is still said he will be traditionally be his own leader. He is at ease with the new ways of life and in fact is very ignorant on the old traditional matters of the village. He is pro-administration and if he returned to his village would be a strong influence on the others.

MICHA KOWAKI, YAKRO.

Aged 31, married with five children, little mission education. He is a leader by virtue of his position as leader of the DAKAH clan. He was councillor for Yarko for some time but tilted towards the end, partly because he considered the people of his village lazy. He was in an intelligent man and has a sharp sense of humour. He is well liked in the village and is pro-administration.

GEORGE KAMU, YAKRO.

Muru has lost popularity considerably over the last eighteen months, especially with the elder members of the village. He was a member of the House of Assembly from 64 to 69, is married and has five children and owns a trade store with a liquor license. He is the present councillor, but does not appear to carry out his responsibility as such, and gives the impression that he is only concerned with his own welfare.

HOWE DEREI, YAKRO.

Aged approx 52, married with six children. He speaks English and was mission educated although he is not a clan leader. He is one of the top men in the AYIYA clan however his leadership here is required. He has been replaced as councillor but still remains of high standing in the village.

WILSON OKI, YAKRO.

Aged approx 47, is a leader of the WAKWAKI clan at Yarko and he holds substantial influence in the village. He is pro-administration and is an intelligent man, and is not backward in saying what he thinks.

(d) LEADERSHIP: CONTINUED.

Pual LANGRO: VANIMO.

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He is the current Regional member for the House of Assembly for this district. He has been educated to leaving standard and since leaving school has held jobs as Patrol Officer and Local Court Magistrate. He was ministerial member for Information and Extension services at one stage, and is at present also the elected councillor for Vanimo. His status remains reasonably high but many elders in the village make it clear that they question his authority whenever he tries to organize anything in the village.

Lema LOROLO: WUTUNG.

Aged approximately 42 and is married with four children. This man's leadership is acquired, however he is a force to be reckoned with in the TALAN clan. He seems to have acquired this too. This man is very intelligent and makes a conscious attempt to wield all the influence he can in the village and in the Division. He is at present a member of the Minor Disputes Commission. He speaks pidgin and Malay but very little English. Was previously a councillor for Wutung, but finished for reasons the writer is unaware of. Lema misses his position as councillor as it makes it a little more difficult for him to justify the great influence in the village. There are factions in the village that resent this man, especially in the KENE clan. Lema appears on the surface to be pro-administration but is only this way if it suits his particular situation. He holds more influence in Wutung than any other leader, and has a tendency to use the present councillor to his advantage whenever the need arises. He still remains a major force to be reckoned with.

Joseph FENI: WUTUNG.

Aged approximately 32, married with three children. Was previously the Wutung councillor but now remains perhaps one of the most sensible people in the village but as yet has not gained much status in the village although this may change with time.

Mawali JIRE: WUTUNG.

This man is the leader of the TALAN clan at WUTUNG, which is the main landholding clan. However outside traditional matters he is dependant on Lema's "mouthpiece" abilities. This leader will not commit himself to anything without having talked it over with his "lieutenants" which includes Lema and another minor force Namla. He appears to be neither pro nor anti-administration.

Stanis SILON: WUTUNG.

Aged approximately 32, married with two wives and nine children. This man is a rising force in the village and is the traditional leader of the YINI clan. He is very outspoken and has a pleasant personality. Has little formal schooling but is quick and intelligent. He is pro-administration and the way he is going his influence should be good for the village.

It appears that the idea behind the leadership trend in this division is to combine the traditional landholding leaders with the educated ones. The traditional leaders are still a major force and will continue to be in the foreseeable future. The excellent educational facilities available in this division means that pool for leaders is and will remain of high quality.

Basically speaking the present leaders of this division are pro-administration. However the people as a whole are not very energetic and this is slowing social and economic progress.

(F) LITERACY.

There are three primary T schools in the division, the Catholic mission runs two of them (Baro and Lota) and the Administration the other (Wutung). Wutung school consists mainly of children from Wutung village, and also has 4 from Musu. Lota serves Vanimo village with the odd few from the other villages, and Baro serves Musu, Iarko and Warimo. Some children from this division also attend the Vanimo Administration School at Vanimo Station. Baro also provides a girls vocational centre.

Below is a list giving statistics of attendance in the Divisions schools.

SCHOOL.	STANDARD	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
WUTUNG	Class 1	13	15	
	3	13	15	
	6	12	15	
		<u>38</u>	<u>45</u>	83
BARO	1st	15	13	
	2	14	13	
	4	17	13	
	5	17	11	
	6	11	12	
	<u>73</u>	<u>67</u>	140	
LOTA	1	20	5	
	2	14	18	
	4	15	10	
	5	21	7	
	6	16	13	
	<u>86</u>	<u>53</u>	139	
Grand total-----				362

Almost three quarters of the teachers in the division are indigine.

With regard to villages, approximately half the men are literate in Pidgin and almost all speak it, Most women can speak it but only a small percentage can write it.

From this division this year over 66 pupils were attending high school at either Wewak or Aitape, also one male attending business college at Goroka, Five males at technical school, Madang, One male and one female at teachers college, p. Moresby. one male at nautical school and two males and two females at University in p. Moresby.

(G) STANDARD OF LIVING.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS DIVISION enjoy a comparatively high standard of living. Housing is large and well constructed, sanitation with some exceptions is reasonable and all villages have properly constructed wells for water. European clothes and artifacts such as eating utensils are common throughout the division.

The staple diet continues to be sago, fish, sweet potatoes, taro, and tinned foods are becoming more popular, especially tin fish. The people eat well and are a much healthier race than their counterparts in the inland areas.

There are trade stores in all the villages and these form part of the life of the average villager, he must have his soap, or razor or sugar, rice etc. Likewise he must buy his clothing somewhere. All trade stores are run by local people and they seem to have a head for business. The trade store at Wutung often sells merchandise below cost to draw custom from the Police station.

There are seven houses in this division built of permanent material, with others partly permanent material.

There are now a Women's Club in every village, with Yarko at present constructing a brick clubhouse and hope to obtain a liquor license. Huan has built a native materials clubhouse which is used for social functions. A social night held recently raised over two hundred dollars with people attending from all villages and Varina township. The welfare officer in Varina Station plays a large role in the supervision of these clubs and it is quite likely that without her assistance they would fall up. All villages except Wutung have a basketball court and Varina is with the aid of P.W.D. constructing a soccer field. Actually apart from Varina, sport activities seem to be decreasing in popularity.

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of the missionaries and some nuns from the St Josephs order. They usually make a visit to all the villages every Sunday and also provide a travelling infant welfare centre, two of the three primary schools in the area, sports facilities and girls vocational school.

There are approximately 55 people, both overseas and local employed by the mission.

In general the people realize the tremendous amount of effort and money put in by the mission, and on the whole they appreciate it.

Unfortunately some friction has sprung up in Vanimo Village over the current land dispute at Bare. It becomes obvious here that some members of the village don't appreciate what has been done for them. When stated that a 100,000 dollars had been spent by the mission in their area, Paul Leagre summed up their feeling by saying "We didn't ask them to spend money here".

A husband and wife team from CHSL, based at Vanimo Station have a small following of six persons in Mutung, their effect elsewhere is not known.

Whether the people really believe in the Christian faith is open to question, and some still have their traditional beliefs, although this mainly concerns the older ones.

(I). NON-INDIGENES.

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The only non indigenous operating in this census division is Gelders Timber Company who has been operating in the area for over two years. They have bought timber rights from the Administration (for the people) of approximately 40,300 acres. There are now approximately 56 men employed by them from this district although this figure is subject to fluctuations. There are some non indigenous in Vanimo Station, which although outside the area nonetheless has an effect on it. For instance Gordon Campbell of Vanimo buys copra from the area and occasionally employs people from the area.

(5)

(5) COMMUNICATIONS.

A good all weather road has been constructed to Wutung Patrol Post from Vanimo Station, following the coastline most of the way. The road was constructed by Goldore Timber company who has the Timber lease as mentioned earlier. So now all villages within the division are accessible by road from District and Sub-District Headquarters.

Now that this road has been completed the needs of the people in the Division is complete, as there are no people living away from the coast.

The timber company constructed the road mainly for its own use for the transportation of timber from the area to Vanimo Station where its mill is situated. There are several feeder roads in the area but these serve the Timber company only.

The road has been used extensively over the last few months by Goldore's Timber jinkers and is standing up to this heavy use quite well.

The people have been lucky to have the road built for them with so little or no work to themselves, and it is unfortunate that they do not make full advantage of it.

Perhaps one day the road will join another road over the West Irian border and make the West Irian Capital, Djajapura, accessible from Vanimo Station. There are Timber Companies working in much the same manner as Goldore on the West Irian side of the border. Wutung is halfway between Vanimo Station and Djajapura.

There are no really good anchorages in the division although most villages can anchor a boat in the April/September season. However, now the road is completed, there is little use made of water transport.

There is only one airstrip in the area and is situated at Wutung Patrol Post. On the completion of the road all markers equipment was removed and is now classed as an emergency strip only. It is 1400' X 150' and is not suitable for anything above category D. Since the opening of the road it has occasionally been used by military aircraft.

(1) THE SENSE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

The people in the area are more politically conscious than any other division within the district, but actually their political awareness varies considerably in respect to villages and individuals.

In general they have a reasonable understanding of the basic concepts of self government, how the government works and the role of the government in respect to themselves. Vanimo seems to be the most advanced in this field, possibly due to the influence of such people as Paul Langro who resides in the village.

Generally the people of the division are pro-administration, and seem to have accepted the position on such matters as the price received for timber leases and state ownership of minerals. Previously these matters brought some concern to the people.

The people appear to support their Local Government Council, and understand how it works and what its responsibilities are, however they tend to be lazy if any effort on their behalf is called for.

The division has one member in the House of Assembly and one ex member, Paul Langro and Wagra Kemu respectively.

Unfortunately the old complaint is met with in this division, probably along with many others, that their MHA never comes to the villages for discussions or to hear their views. The present member has a car and all villages are connected by road, and it is unfortunate that the best is not being made of this situation.

It becomes apparent that in political education discussions the older members of the village seem more interested than the younger members.

Amongst the normal type of questions asked such as how will independence affect us, a question that came up a couple of times was "why are we getting self government when many people don't want it?" This also points out that some people have a good understanding of what is going on.

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(1) THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

The following is a list of trees (economic) in the division, not including timber being logged by Goldore.

Coconut trees .				
Village	Immature	Semi Mature	Mature	Total.
Yako	440	479	894	1813
Musu	900	50	1489	2339
Wutung	400	1049	942	1041
Vanimo	3000	650	3040	6690
Wanimo	1000	382	3684	4966
Total---	5440 5440	2540	18299	25,979
Coffee				
Vanimo			519	519
Yako			425	425
Total---			944 944	944 944

Despite these figures coffee has not as yet yielded economically, and the Agriculture Department is not encouraging it.

The copra industry has not progressed as would have been expected. At Wutung the drying house ~~has~~ been used once in twelve months, and at present there are thousands of coconuts on the ground, although it is expected that someone will process them in the near future.

At Musu there are two drying houses, one communal and one private, the latter used as much as practicable.

Yako is at present producing copra on a communal basis, the profit going to help build the new Club rooms. It is quite likely that when this project is finished there will be nobody interested in the production of copra, unless the price rises, as it is only under considerable pressure from village leaders that they are working it now.

DABP information states that it should be possible for this division to produce over 140 ton per annum, but it is estimated that only a third of this figure is produced.

It would appear that the people are satisfied with the money they are receiving from their timber lease money and market produce, without going to the trouble of processing copra.

Wanimo village operates a large roadside market every Friday, and is becoming very popular, with many people driving out from Vanimo Station. The produce sold includes kankau, betelnut, sage, bananae, pineapplee, green leaf vegetables, cinnamom tomatoes, crayfish and fish. What they don't sell they often take to Vanimo Station market on Saturday morning along with other villages in the division, transport providing. Wutung village has a small market on the patrol post every Saturday, but owing to such high prices little is sold.

The following is a list giving the estimated earnings per year in this division.

Yearly income from people employed in the Div. Goldore, Admin, pd etc. (not inc Wutung Admin)	p/a	38,475
Payment of retired police in the Div.	1,814	
Paid to Wutung Station Labour.	1,320	
Market produce sold.	9,000	
Interest on bank accounts	1,200	
Profits by trade stores.	2,000	

Estimated total income to division- 55,809.

There are as yet no co-operatives in the area (or similar organization).

Previously Paul Langre had quite a thriving fishing enterprise, which is now non-existent, and nobody else in the village is interested in taking over this field of business. His nets are hanging up near the village going rotten.

(2)
(8) THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA. CONTINUED.

A small business has been established at Yarko, the making and selling of artifacts. Approximately ten of the older men of the village spend most of their time making such things as model canoes, carvings and paintings. They sell each item from 2 to 5 dollars, a considerable number being sold to G Campbell from Vanimo Station, who in turn sells them to visitors to his hotel.

One enterprising man in the division, John KRAKE, of Nusi, together with other members of the village, have invested in a small two ton truck which is at present on hire to Public Works. He also runs a passenger service anywhere between Vanimo Station and Sutung, whenever the occasion warrants it, charging from 50¢ to 20¢ per person.

At the moment Forestry has a scheme operating whereby any persons in the division may collect, free of charge, any number of economic trees such as teak, and plant them in their own area, with assistance given by Forestry Field workers. Unfortunately only a few people are making use of this scheme, but once the scheme becomes well known it is expected that more use will be made of it.

(N) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

BASF has established several projects in the area and it is expected that over the next year or two these will come into economic production. Over fifty stands of pepper are in the area and it is expected that these will yield next year. Pepper could have good possibilities for the future, as the finished product, black pepper, brings about 17¢/lb to the grower. It could be conservatively expected that 1000 lbs could be drawn from an acre per year, which would give \$170/year to the grower per acre. If the people have enough energy to expand this industry it could become a major source of income for them.

It must be remembered that this division is limited in some aspects due to its close proximity to the border. Such things as rice and coffee has been discouraged in some areas, with respect to quarantines.

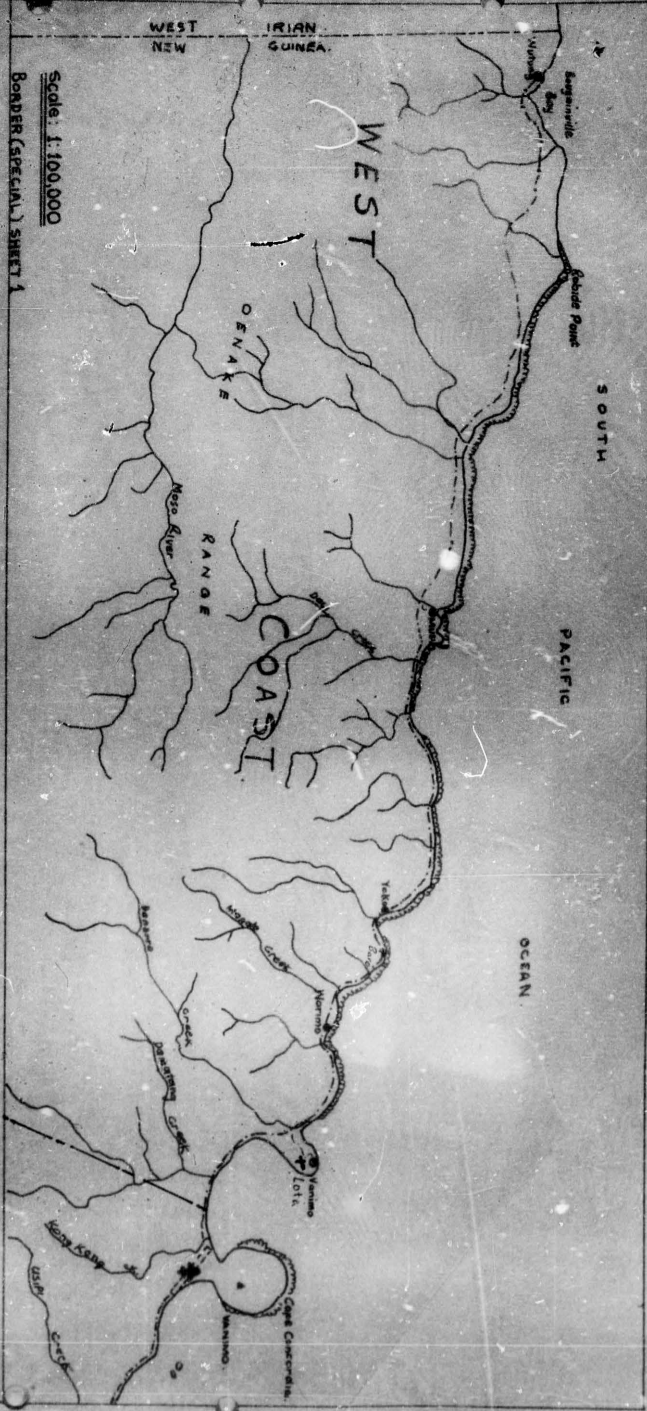
Foresters have the aim of replanting at least 40 acres of economic trees within this division each year for future timber reserves.

Prospecting authorities have been granted within the division, and there always remains the possibility that a workable deposit of minerals will be found.

As Vanimo Station is expanding there will be an increasing demand for market garden produce and fish, and also will provide more employment opportunities for these people.

At the moment BASF purchases crayfish from some of the villages in the division and resells them in Vanimo Station. Previously there were two well established fishing industries but have lapsed due to various reasons. Actually there is a demand for both crayfish and fish from Vanimo Station and it is felt that this situation could be more fully exploited.

How fast the people of the area go ahead is a direct reflection of their industriousness. There is no shortage of opportunities and the timber road has ensured that the division will not be handicapped in this regard.



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Patrol conducted by: **J. ATKINSON**
Area patrolled: **EAST COAST C.D.**
Duration of patrol: **10 Days**
Last D.D.A. patrol:
Last O.L.G. patrol: **4 Mil.**
Map reference:

Objects of patrol: **Census Revision. Revision of Area Study. MAPPING.**
Station: **VANIMO**
Subdistrict: **Assistant Patrol Officer.**
Designation: **1 Member R.I. N.G.C.**
Personnel accompanying: **10**
Number of days: **VANIMO.**
Total population of area: **SMILE COASTAL**
Council area:
House of Assembly Electorate:

The District Commissioner,
W. S. D.
VANIMO. District,

H.Q. copy.
In respect of this patrol, I attach
Field Officers Journal Folios To ()
Patrol Instructions, ()
The Report and my comments, ()
Area study, (✓)
Updating of area study, (✓)
Situation Reports No's 1— *only.* (✓)
Patrol map, (✓)

DATE **20 / 3 1973.**

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach:
Area study, ()
Updating of area study, ()
Situation Report No's 1— (✓)
District Headquarters assessment of
Patrol & Report..... Above average
Average
Below average

Area Study Done
[Signature]
District Commissioner **933**

Date: **21 / 4 1973.**

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
17/1/73	II.	28.	29.	49.	36.	49.	36.			
17/1/73	II.	28.	29.	49.	36.			1.		143.
14/1/73.	BINGERA.	52.	36.	66.	58.	1.		3.	1.	247.
17/1/73.	BOVAGE.	66.	87.	86.	99.	1.	1.	5.	1.	346.
16/1/73.	CNSI.	24.	17.	30.	31.			2.	1.	113.
17/1/73.	FISO.	24.	27.	40.	37.			4.		132.
16/1/73.	SUAKI.	12.	19.	57.	42.					130.
12/1/73.	RAMO.	24.	44.	39.	20.		2.	3.	2.	134.
17/1/73.	TARIS.	18.	14.	29.	20.			7.	1.	89.
10/1/73.	WATERSTONE.	19.	16.	26.	9.			1.		71.
		267.	319.	429.	352.	2.	3.	26.	6.	1405.

The District Commissioner
West Sepik District
P.O. Box 42
VANIMO

2nd July, 1973
67-16-42
R. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

VANIMO PATROL NO. 4 - 1972/73

Reference your 67-3-6 of 27th April, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of East Coast Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study recompilation as submitted by Mr. G.J. ATKINSON, A.P.O.

I will be advising you the current situation with respect to outdated War Damage Compensation Claims under separate correspondence.

I regret the delay in acknowledging this report.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

DDA 67.16.42. (10)

67-3-6

WRITE TO:

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
Development Administration,
KONEDCBU.

↓
Mr
Blumfeld

The above refers.

Could you inform me with respect to paragraph 4 please.

... Two copies of relevant aspects of the report are enclosed.

F. S. J. Young Whitford
F. S. J. YOUNG-WHITFORD
a/District Commissioner. *234*

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

File: 67-3-6

District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

27th April, 1973

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.

VANIMO PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1972/73
VANIMO EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

Your memorandum Vanimo 4-1972/73 dated 20th March, 1973, refers.

Thank you for this report on which I make the following comments:-

1. It is not unrealistic to expect that, due to the limitations of their own background knowledge of the subject, Councillors may have difficulty in relaying matters of political education to their communities. It is by continuous political education talks to Councillors at meetings and by informal, leisurely two way discussions with Councillors and community at the village level by Field Officers that they will gain an understanding of the subject and we will learn their misunderstandings and fears.
2. I am concerned at the increasing measure of feeling against Members of the House of Assembly based solely on the fact of their non-appearance at Village level. Without bringing personalities into it, I feel that some effort by patrolling Officers could be directed to enlightening Village understanding of a Member's responsibilities and duties and emphasising that their efforts, at National level, achieve as much, or more, for Village improvement, not necessarily in tangible or material benefits in individual villages, than might their visit to a village. Apart from the impracticality of a Member seeing his every constituent, his efforts are mainly directed to electorate contact through functions and organisations. Unless this message is tacitly spelled out there is the possibility of losing some good experienced men.
3. The road and an Agricultural rural presence, as in days of yore, will give the economic development of this area a positive direction. The potential and foundation for expansion is there. I am still awaiting from Departmental Headquarters a response to my request for the matter of absence of agricultural and health rural presence in any effective degree to be reviewed as a matter of priority.
4. I shall ascertain from Departmental Headquarters the current situation with respect to outdated war damage compensation claims.
5. My comment on the situation report is enclosed.

F. St. J. Young-Whifford
F. ST. J. YOUNG-WHIFFORD
a/District Commissioner.

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67-16/154

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 5 of 1972/73
 District: WEST SEPIK
 Patrol conducted by: P. SIEBE
 Area patrolled: EAST COAST C/D.
 Duration of patrol: 14/5-19/5 & 25/5-24/5
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 4 of 1972/73
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION
 Station: FUTUNA
 Subdistrict: VANIMO
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER
 Personnel accompanying: 1 Member T.P.L.N.A.S.S.
 Number of days: 8 DAYS
 Total population of area:
 Council area: VANIMO
 House Assembly Electorate: WEST SEPIK COASTAL



The District Commissioner,
W. S. D District,
VANIMO

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 4 To 7 , (✓)
- Patrol Instructions, (✓)
- The Report and my comments, (✓)
- Area study, (NO)
- Updating of area study, (NO)
- Situation Reports No's 1- , (✓)
- Patrol map, (NO.)

DATE: 27/6 1973

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUBU, Papua New Guinea.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Report No's 1- (✓)
- _____ ()
- _____ ()

District Headquarters assessment of Above average
 Patrol & Report Average

Below average

Date: 13/7 1973

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
West Sepik District
P.O. Box 42
VANUATU

6th August, 1973.
67-16-51
R.G. Crain
a/D.D.C.

VANUATU

WARNING PATROL NO. 5/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 13th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of EAST COAST Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. P. SIREBI, Patrol Officer.

I note local action is being taken on matters raised in the Situation Report.

W.F. Ryan
W.F. RYAN
a/Secretary

67-16-54



67-5-6
MINUTE TO:



The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

... Two (2) copies of the relevant aspects of the patrol are forwarded for your records.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING / *203*
District Commissioner.

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West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.

~~Received~~ 13th July, 1973
67-3-6
P.S. GALL
a/D.D.C.

F/R Vanimo 5 1972/73
27th June, 1973

VANIMO PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1972-73

VANIMO EAST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this report upon which the following comments are made:-

1. Mr. Sireh has certainly done a thorough job on political education dissemination during this patrol. This done in the leisurely manner of the patrol can only be beneficial to the peoples' understanding of this rapidly changing subject.
2. Concerning the aspect of self-government and independence, about which Mr. Sireh feels there is still some confusion among mainly the village leaders, the subject is so diverse and concerns so many rapidly changing aspects that it is only be repetitive talks as the situation changes that we might hope to keep the rural communities apprised of this situation. It is an even more difficult proposition in the less sophisticated interior parts of the District.
3. The matter of non-functioning of water supply units in the Vanimo Council area will be taken up with the Council Adviser. In this regard I would advise that the Health Inspector, Wewak has made available on permanent posting to the West Sepik District one of his officers trained in all aspects of water supply unit establishment and maintenance, and in addition another person is being appointed to the Department of Public Health who will be similarly trained and whose future job will be specialising in the establishment of water supply units for Local Government Councils in this District. It is hoped this will considerably improve the matter of water supply units and their continuing maintenance in the West Sepik District.
4. No further action is to be taken with respect to the East Coast road until, as mentioned in your covering memorandum, the Department of Forests has delineated the alignment which it will follow.
- ... 5. Copy of my comments on the Situation Report is attached.
6. Mr. Sireh should be commended on the continuing improvement on his patrolling and reporting.

B.B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

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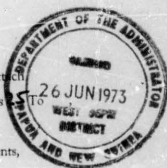
PATROL REPORT

Report number: VANIMO 6 ✓ 74/73
 District: W.S.D.
 Patrol conducted by: P.J.K. BROADHURST ADC
 Area patrolled: PART KILLISHERI C.B.
 Duration of patrol: 3 DAYS
 Last D.D.A. patrol: Nov. 1972
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference: W.S.D. MAP
 1965 R.A.S.C. MAP
 SA. 5A.10 1:250,000

Objects of patrol: CHECK ROAD ALIGNMENT
 Station: VANIMO
 Subdistrict: VANIMO
 Designation: A.D.C.
 Personnel accompanying: A.D.C. LANDS FIELD OFFICER
 Number of days: 3
 Total population of area: 1,000
 Council area: PAGET
 House of Assembly Electorate: BEWANI

The District Commissioner,
 W. S. D. District,

VANIMO:



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
 - Field Officers Journal Folios To 26 JUN 1973 (✓)
 - Patrol Instructions (NO)
 - The Report and my comments, (YES)
 - Area study, (NO)
 - Updating of area study, (NO)
 - Situation Reports No's 1- (YES)
 - Patrol map, (YES)

DATE 25 / 6 1973

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUBU, Papua New Guinea.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, ()
 - ✓ Situation Report No's. 1- (✓)
 - ()
 - ()
- District Headquarters assessment of
 - Patrol & Report..... Above average
 - Average
 - Below average

Date: 13/7/1973

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
West Sepak District
P.O. Box 42
VANIMO

30th July, 1973.
67-16-52
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

VANIMO PATROL NO. 6/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 13th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of Part of KILIMERI Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. P.J.K. BROADBURY, Assistant District Commissioner.

A pleasing state of affairs.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

67-16-52 (3)



West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.~~

13th July, 1973
67-5-6
F.S. GALL
a/D.D.C.

F/R VANIMO 6 1972/73
25th June, 1973

VANIMO PATROL NO. 6 of 1972-73
PART BILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are made:-

1. This report is of a straightforward nature and I am pleased at the development of this road and at the attitudes by the local people towards its construction.
2. Mr. M. Knowles, Local Government Engineer, Department of Public Works, Port Moresby, should provide in due course relevant details concerning the bridging of the Pual River.
- ... 3. A copy of my comment on the Situation Report is attached.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING / *SES*
District Commissioner.

MINUTE TO:
The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KORNERDCBU.



- ... Two (2) copies of the relevant parts of the Patrol Report are forwarded for your records.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING / *SES*
District Commissioner.