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BOGIA & SIMBAI

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Bogia 1A-62/63	A.E.Cooke	Bogia Coastal Census Division
" 1B-62/63	J.Biltris	Uramin Census Division
" 2-62/63	J.Biltris	Parts Avisan, Siluwa, Mugumat Yakiba, & Josephstaal C/Ds
Simbai 1-62/63 ✓	J.A.Johnston	Korben area of Kaironk Valley



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....WADANG..... Report No. SPECIAL SIM No: 1 - 3/62.....

Patrol Conducted by.....J. A. JOHNSTON - PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....KORDEN AREA OF KATRONK VALLEY.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives.....7 R.P. & N.G.C. 1 Interpreter; 1 N.M.O......

Duration—From.....31/10/1962..... to.....12/11/1962.....

Number of Days.....13.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....MAY/1962.....

Medical.....7/19.....

Map Reference.....KATRONK VALLEY - SILBET.....

Objects of Patrol.....TO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS AND CAPTURE 3 ESCAPEES
(ESCAPED SILBET MARCH '62) OF KORDEN AREA......

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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Department of Native Affairs,
MADANG. T.N.G.

12th December, 1962

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

SPECIAL SIMBAI PATROL NO.1 - 62/63

... Please find in duplicate the abovementioned report of a
Patrol to capture three escaped prisoners.

It will be noted that Mr. Johnson used several illegal
methods in attempting to capture these escapees. It appears that
he kept a group under some restraint on 6th November without laying
any charges. Additionally, he questioned Luluai Salemp until about
3.30 a.m. and also sent police to attempt captures.

Mr. Johnson was definitely following wrong methods in this
and it was fortunate no injury occurred.

On 28th November, 1962 Mr. Keenan proceeded to Simbai
and, with Mr. Johnson, has now been successful in apprehending
two of the three escapees, including the chief offender. He has
corrected Mr. Johnson on what measures can be taken in apprehending
prisoners.

*Badly
handled -
lack of
instruction
as in previous
with this type
work*

A.R. Jackson
(A. R. JACKSON)
District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO: SIM 1 - 1962/63.

Officer Conducting Patrol: J. A. Johnston. P/O.

Area Patrolled: Korben area of Kaironk Valley.

Duration of Patrol: 31.10.62 to 12.11.62 - 13 days.

Objects of Patrol: To attempt to ascertain whereabouts and capture 3 escaped prisoners.

Europeans Accompanying: Nil.

Natives Accompanying: 7 R.P. & N.G.C. members.
1 Interpreter.
1 N.M.O.

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DIARY

- 31.10.62 - Police and carriers departed 9.40 am for the Kaironk Valley. Self completed office work etc and departed 1.50 pm and proceeded to western end of Kaironk Valley to Salamp Rest House - arrived 6.30 pm. Spent the night.
- 1.11.62 Main purpose of this patrol to endeavour to capture 3 escapees, ANDOE, DUMCHAMP and BULB. Waited until 11 am for people of Sanguvak and Salamp groups to drift in. Headcount carried out - also medical inspection. About 300 absent. Men picked from each group to go and bring everyone back from wherever they may be. The rest to return in the morning. All departed 4.15 pm. Spent 2 hours discussing new liquor law, after hearing Dr. Gunther's talk, with police etc. Spent the night.
- 2.11.62 Only a handful of people turned up at both Sanguvak and Salamp Rest Houses - and then not before 11 am and after much calling out. Rest Houses areas cleaned up and work commenced on improving sections of road. Talk given that all people were to return tomorrow morning - early. Rain set in for afternoon at 2 pm. Spent the night.
- 3.11.62 Much better roll-up this morning - and at a reasonable hour. Further roadwork etc carried out. Talk given again - all to return tomorrow; until everyone has returned and census can be carried out. Spent the night.
- 4.11.62 Another day on roadwork. A few people of each group beginning to drift in from all directions. And, it appears, some gain being made in winning people's confidence. They are now realising that I am staying until they all show up - a census. Nothing has been said of primary intentions. Spent the night.
- 5.11.62 More work. The ranks now swelling as people return from other areas. All told to come to Salamp tomorrow for census. Spent the night.
- 6.11.62 Quite a big crowd rolled up from all hamlets. Censused Ambamints, Sibinek and Sanguvak groups (all included under the name Sanguvak). Heavy rain began about 10.45 am (and continued for most of the day). Sent Ambamints and Sibinek groups off to their houses as they are not connected with the 3 escapees. Put women etc into 3 houses and men into another. Because of the rain, intended to abandon census of Salamp group and start questioning whereabouts of 3 escapees. The husband of Sanguvak, AMAMP, (brother of escapee BULB) decided, apparently, at the last moment, that he didn't wish to stay. In short, many men burst out of the house and quite a fight ensued. The men trying to get away and we trying to stop them. - A bit hopeless with only 3 police, interpreter and self. A shot into the air only seemed to spur the people on. However, order restored after about 10 minutes. About 20 men, mainly of the Sanguvak group, including the husband escaped. Luckily, no personnel hurt. Questioned remaining men and women all afternoon. - About 5 pm, 2 groups of locals sent off (5 in each party) - to bring back ANDOE and DUMCHAMP. - Talking and questioning continued all night.

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Some people of Teleng hamlets allowed to return to their houses after a long time.

Questioning of lulosi ceased and continued through the night.

At about 5.30 am - Inaudi stated that they had gone to where DUBINAMP was staying, but he had shot an arrow at them and they had run away.

EXPERIMENT

10:15 AM. Sibinets base camp and line returned. Reported they had sighted BULF (in garden area), but he got away; and some 25-30 men threatened them with clubs and knives -- so they withdrew and returned as ordered.

F-15 encl. 3 men from Maled harvest sent to FIND A DUE on 6th have
not returned. DECEASED OF THIS DATE.

20-11-02

1141 am. 3 police and locals arrived back from Bar area. Reported 2 of the locals had DUMINAP, but he escaped when 2 men appeared to help him (DUMINAP) - firing ensued. Police etc failed to track DUMINAP down again.

Further talking with locals thru-out the day. -- Forced to rest
up a bit.

During questioning on other lead can given on whereabouts of
AMBLE.

7.0 pm. Self and 6 police departed - down to Redbank River -- skirted underneath mountains towards junction of S-r and Redbank Rivers. No luck -- all houses deserted in this area.

12.11.02

Moving all night. Returned to Salamp at 10.30 am.

Packed up and departed for Simba at 11.15 am.

Arrived Yibei 5.0 pm.

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SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO: SIM 1 - 1962/63.

Introduction:

The main purpose of this patrol was to endeavour to capture the 3 escaped prisoners, who broke out of the Simbai Corrective Institution on 4/3/62.

During the period since then, 3 attempts have been made to capture the escapees, but with no luck.

General:

It was planned to camp at Salemp Rest House and to get all the people from Sanguvak and Salemp villages to come in for the purpose of carrying out a census. This was done, but on getting the people together in order to start questioning re the whereabouts of the 3 escapees, a section broke away. This group, mainly Sanguvak people and relations of escapees BULE, were led and inspired by Sanguvak luluai, A'AMP.

At first the police and myself tried to prevent this group from escaping, but they fought back and we were forced to retreat, as it were, because of their greater numbers. However the majority of the men were still held.

During the following days the people were questioned almost continually as to the whereabouts of the 3 escapees, and the answers, in the majority, were a pack of lies and misleading directions. However, leads were obtained on 2 of the escapees, BULE and DUMINAMP.

3 men of Malol hamlet (Salemp) stated they knew where ANDUE was staying, but after being sent off to bring him in, they failed to show up again, and presume they fled the area.

ANDUE was not sighted during the patrol's stay.

DUMINAMP's brother, the luluai of Salemp, finally stated that he knew where DUMINAMP was. He, with 2 others, were sent off and when they returned, stated that they couldn't find DUMINAMP. Lengthy questioning revealed that DUMINAMP had fired arrows at them and they had run away.

4 police, with some locals, were then sent. After some lengthy searching and walking, they had split into small groups to follow various tracks and search numerous houses. 2 local boys found DUMINAMP at one house and actually had hold of him, but he escaped when one of them released him to go and disarm 2 men, with whom DUMINAMP was staying, and who were threatening to shoot arrows. The police etc failed to track DUMINAMP down again.

BULE's wife finally revealed where he (BULE) was hiding. In the Barabien area. - A leader from Sibinek hamlet (Sanguvak) agreed to go, with some of his line, to attempt to capture BULE. They sighted BULE, but he ran off shouting out to nearby men, and within minutes there were some 30 men grouped round BULE. They told the men from Sibinek that if they wanted BULE to come and get him, and they would get his tomahawk too. They were all armed with bows and arrows and shook these at the Sibinek men.

The Sibinek's had been instructed to return if they struck any such trouble, and this they did. But they found that the track that they had come along had been barricaded and men were waiting in ambush, so they cut their way through the bush during the night and made their way back to Salemp.

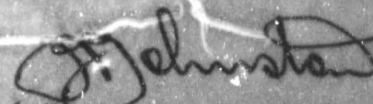
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In the first excursions out from Salemp to try and capture the escapees, police ~~and~~ were not sent and I, myself, did not go, as, as soon as we would have left the Rest House area, the word would go very fast to all and sundry in the area, and they would either flee the area entirely or hide in the bush.

I was a little reluctant to leave the area (the people may be of the idea that they have tricked and won against the patrol), but it was considered that nothing useful could be done at the time and with the forces available.

I would suggest that the patrol return to the area as soon as possible, but with additional forces - at least 10 police could perhaps be loaned from Madang. On returning to the area, I consider the best, and perhaps the only successful move, would be to move through the area(s), keeping all tracks covered, and keeping the escapees on the move until caught up with and captured.

For your information and advice, please.


(J. A. Johnston)
PATROL OFFICER.

Register

APPENDIX

REPORT ON R.P. & N.C.C. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL 1 - 30/85.

Sen. Const.	KUSPAT	No: 8554	-	Quiet and efficient leader.
Constable	KAWAGI	7049	-	Efficient and good worker.
"	KUDARAWALI	7883	-	New to Simbel area, but capable worker.
"	KAUBA	8598	-	Also relatively new, but generally good worker.
"	KONO	8709	-	Quiet and good worker.
"	BAGES	8773	-	Quiet - most efficient and tireless worker.
"	GAJU	8779	-	Excellent - has most intimate knowledge of people and area patrolled.

General: All the above members performed their duties very well during this special patrol - quite often with very little sleep and meals.