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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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# PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WANTOAT No. 1 of 1956-57

Patrol Conducted by J. P. McArthur, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled IRUKU Sub-division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Police 5, NHO's 1

Duration—From 27/6/1956 to 14/7/1956

Number of Days 18

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb/1955

Medical Aug 1952

Map Reference District Map of Morobe VGF/MISC/7425

Objects of Patrol Revision of census and routine administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1018 11956

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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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NA. 30.9.46

22nd March, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Lae.

Wantoat P/R. No. 1 of 56/57.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged with  
thanks.

Very disappointing to hear of the poor progress  
of the coffee nurseries. No doubt the Agriculture  
Department advise the cause of this.

(A.A.Roberts)  
Director *16*

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*8/13*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. - 456

ARH. AH

Department of Native Affairs,  
LAE.

13th. August, 1956.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. WANTOAT 1 OF 1956/57

..... Forwarded is the Report of a patrol to the IRIMU Census  
Division of the Wantoat Patrol Post area.

Contingency for Camping Allowance and relevant Certificate  
is also attached.

*A.R. Haviland*  
(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER

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Department of Native Affairs,  
LAE.

13th. August, 1956.

Mr. J.R. McArthur,  
Patrol Officer,  
WANTOAT.

PATROL REPORT WANTOAT NO. 1 (OF 1956/57)

Your remarks on Census and Vital Statistics are noted. A 1% natural increase is low but there is not any need for worry here and generally the statistical result is satisfactory.

I will bring the adventures of the Native Medical Assistant to the notice of his superior officer. However, he shows enterprise and after a warning, he may prove to be a greater asset in his job than he has been hitherto.

Your record of walking times and comment on roads is well done and is very useful.

At villages where housing is such that it is likely insanitary areas will result from congestion, please advise them strongly that to avoid future action to demolish the houses, they undertake voluntarily to rebuild now on a better village plan.

I will bring your recommendation for the establishment of an aid post at DAGAMAN to the notice of the appropriate authority.

Your remarks under CARRIERS: Your requisition for hardware has been held up as the Stores Officer required a VOTE Number endorsed thereon. I have supplied this vote number and the stores should go forward at an early date.

(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER





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Diary.

Wednesday, 27/5/56.

To Dorem, 1hr 10min. RON.

Thursday, 28/6/56.

At Dorem -- general activities, including coffee inspection, new rest house, and settlement minor complaints. RON.

Friday, 29/6/56.

To Ginonga, 1hr 40min, by-passing villages of Guanganan and Buran. Insp. coffee. RON.

Saturday, 30/6/56.

To Gusiparan, 1hr 10min, further to Mumbantagan, 50min, and finally on to Gupassa, 2hr. RON.

Sunday, 1/7/56.

To Sukurum, 30min, and then on to Pupup, 1hr 30min. RON.

Monday, 2/7/56.

To Daku in IRUMU sub-division, 5hr 30min. Track not a main one, and rough. Census and village insp. RON.

Tuesday, 3/7/56.

To Zueibak, 35min. Census and village insp. One male evader from previous census arrested and CNA convened. On to Bogeba, 4hr, through constant rain. Census and village insp. mid-afternoon. RON.

Wednesday, 4/7/56.

To Mama, 1hr 40min. No village book, same said to have been burnt in a fire in NMA's house at Irumu village, lower down river. New census taken and names entered in diary, as I am not carrying books. Tultul to accompany patrol back to station for village book. RON.

Thursday, 5/7/56.

To Siara, 2hr, insp. coffee en route. No book, circumstances said to be as for Mama (above). Similar action. Village inspected. Investigated fire which has swept over several hundred acres of hill slopes adjoining river between this village and Irumu village. RON.

Friday, 6/7/56.

Day visit to Irumu. No book. NMA gave me details of destruction. Similar action as for Siara and Mama. Insp. village. Back to Siara, 1hr, and upstream to Mama, 2hr 10min. RON. Trade insufficient to pay carrier charges, and engaged carrier line to carry back to station.

Saturday, 7/7/56.

To Bogeba, 2hr. RON.

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Sunday, 8/7/56.

To Zueipa, 4hr 20min, and on to Daku, 35min.  
RON.

Monday, 9/7/56.

To Aret, 1hr. Census and village insp.  
On to Uyangan, 1hr. Census and village inspection.  
RON.

Tuesday, 10/7/56.

To Dagaman, 1hr 20min. Census of Dagaman,  
Durak and Kawan. Insp. combined village; a poor village.  
RON.

Wednesday, 11/7/56.

To Gumi, 1hr 30min. Census of Garamboin,  
Gumi and Dopam/Simbonge. Insp. combined village. RON.

Thursday, 12/7/56.

To Dagaman, 1hr. 20min. On to Uyangan,  
1hr 20min. On to Walikuya/Saseng, 1hr 10min. Arrested  
two evadees from previous census a few months. CNA  
convened. RON.

Friday, 13/7/56.

To Bumbun, 5hr 40min, through Kandumin,  
Ewok, Gapmorbi and Dawonzit. Villagers busily erecting  
new pit-sawn school for imminent visit of pastors from  
TAPEN. RON.

Saturday, 14/7/56.

To station, 2hr 40min.

*J.R. McArthur*  
.....  
J.R. McArthur,  
Patrol Officer.

Summary.

NATIVE SITUATION.

No crime was discovered by, or reported to, the patrol.

Three evadaes from previous census, one from Zueibak in 1955, and two from Sasang in 1956, were arrested and sentenced to two months imprisonment in the Court for Native Affairs.

Nine men of Uyangen were fined 5/- each for repeated disobedience of orders to build latrines and garbage pits; and of these four defaulters were sentenced to two weeks imprisonment.

Only a few minor matters were laid before the patrol.

Well over a thousand acres of land adjoining both sides of the IRUMU River between the villages of Irumu and Siara have been laid waste by fire. Numerous trees were destroyed, and doubtless numerous small trees just coming up. The fire was lit for a game hunt. The spoil was five small pigs. As the village books of both villages had also been burnt, I could not be sure if these people had been informed of the laws relating to fires. They claimed, moreover, that they had been given permission by an officer working on the main Lae to Raiapit road in the vicinity of Irumu village. I have explained to them the constitution relating to fires, and appropriate comments have been entered in the village book.

Food supplies appeared to be sufficient.

The health was generally good, but the population increase is not outstanding.

CENSUS AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Census was taken of the IRUMU Sub-division. The previous census was in 1955.

Total in 1955:- 1694

Total in 1956:- 1701.

The increase of 7 is not outstanding.

Births totalled 72, and deaths 41. However, these figures are not as good as they seem, because births and deaths for the three villages of Irumu, Siara and Mama are not included - as a new census was taken of these three villages. The 1955 combined total for these villages was 350. This year it was down to 330. This must be considered in working out the excess of births over deaths, and the final figure would be about 10, giving a natural increase of less than 1%, which is low.

There is a slight preponderance of males to females in the child and 10 to 16 age groups, but the ratios even up for the adult groups.

Pregnancies are 1 in 12.

118 men are away out of a labour potential of 460, or 25.6%.

The village books of the villages of Irumu, Siara and Mama were found to be not in existence. The Village Officials reported to me that they had been destroyed by a fire in the Native Medical Assistant's house at Irumu some months ago, together with the hats of the Mama officials. I was told that they had reported the matter to the Lae District Office, and the destroyed hats had been replaced. I was not informed and consequently carried no new village books with me. This made the taking of a new census awkward; but I took a draft in my diary, and the tultuls accompanied me back to Wantoat Patrol Post, where they received their new village books.

This same Native Medical Assistant has completed a census of the complete IRUMU Sub-division. His only omission is that he did not make out the Village Population Register for our files. In all books he had entered the names of new born, erased the names of deceased, entered the names of females newly married, and erased the names of females divorced. All entries were made in Pidgin, in ink, and most untidily and incorrectly. For example, newly-born male children are often shown as married to newly-born female children.

I have censured this native, whose name is LAFU, he being a native of Irumu village, and employed there as a Native Medical Assistant. However, I consider censure not sufficient, and request that the Officer-in-charge, Malahang, who supervises him, be approached to take some action against him, for he has far out-reached his duties.

#### AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The staple is yams, sweet potatoes, taro and bananas, supplemented by ~~many~~ beans, corn, cabbage, potatoes, pumpkin, pawpaw, and sugarcane.

Some potatoes are carried by human portage to Irumu village, where a truck comes to purchase them. Irumu village also has some donkeys which were a gift from the Dept. of Agriculture. However, I do not think donkeys would get very far up the river, which is subject to flooding and whose bed is entirely large gravel.

Coffee nurseries were installed in 1955, I inspected the nurseries of Siara, Mama and Bogeba. They were poor. The plants were no higher than four inches and still with the initial two leaves - this after more than a year. The nurseries of the other villages were reported to me by the people to be the same. I have passed on this information to the District Agricultural Officer, and there is also an Agricultural Patrol in the area at the present time.

Both pigs and fowl are widespread. The pigs are of native and native-Berkshire strain, and in good condition. The fowl are scraggy, lean and leggy.

Eel and fish are caught in the river and are used to supplement the diet.

Economic development of this region should be based from the main Lae-Kaiapit road, an offshoot of which terminates at Irumu village.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Wantoat Patrol Post to Dorem: 1hr 10min. Flat through Gwengwungrak, steep descent to Wantoat River, ladders in sections, good bridge, ascent fairly steep, good grade on to Dorem.

Dorem to Guanganan: 70 min, well-graded, one steep gully.

Guanganan to Duran: 20 min, do.

Duran to Ginonga: 10 min, easy walk.

Ginonga to Gusiparan: 1hr 10 min. Good grade around hills.

Gusiparan to Mumbantagan: 50 min. Steep descent.

Mumbantagan to Gupassa: 2 hr. Gradual descent to Leron, ford easy, gradual ascent, well-graded.

Gupassa to Sukurum: 30 min, good grade.

Sukurum to Pupuh: 1hr 30 min. Steep descent to Leron, bridge which is liable to frequent destruction by floods, steep ascent.

Pupuh to Daku: Vertical ascent along hunting and trading track, then rough around side of Leron-Irumu divide to summit, gradual descent to Daku. 5hr 30min.

Daku to Zueibak: 35 min, well-graded, few gullies.

Zueibak to Bogeba: 4hr. Well-graded footpad through bush.

Bogeba to Mama: 1hr 40 min. Descent to Irumu, ford, follow bank of river.

Mama to Siara: Follows river for 2hr.

Siara to Irumu: 1hr, follows river.

Daku to Aret: 1hr. Well-graded, but not maintained.

Aret to Uyangan: 1hr. Poor grade, and not maintained.

Uyangan to Dagaman: 1hr 20min. Well-graded, poorly-maintained.

Dagaman to Gumi: 1hr 30min. Steep descent to head of Irumu, good bridge, steep ascent.

Uyangan to Sasang: 50min. Gradual ascent to Irumu-Wantoat divide, easy descent.

Sasang to Walikuva: 20 min. Short descent and ascent.

Walikuva to Kandumin: 2hr. Well-graded, round side of mountain, one steep creek.

Kandumin to Ewok: Descent to river, ford, well-graded ascent. 30min.

Ewok to Gapmorbi: 2hr 30 min. Steep descent to river, ford, and very steep ascent.

Gapmorbi to Bumbum: 30 min gradual climb to Davanzit, 10 min more to Bumbum.

Bumbum to Wantoat Patrol Post: Well-graded descent to Ikwap river, good bridge, ascent gradual to Kopiapun, small creek, then flat to station. 2hr 40min.

It took in walking time 14hr 20min to get into the IRUMU at Daku village. 26hr 50 min walking time was spent in the IRUMU. 9hr 30min walking time were spent in leaving it to return to Wantoat Patrol Post.

If the same patrol were to commence at Irumu village - presupposing patrol stores and personnel were transported to Irumu by truck - walking hours spent on the patrol would be 25hr 30min., if the truck picked up stores and personnel at Irumu when the patrol was completed.

Thus the length of the patrol from Wantoat Patrol Post to this area is exactly double what it would be with the assistance of a truck to Irumu village.

#### VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

All villages are clean and housing satisfactory except for Dagaman, where the villages of Dagaman, Durak and Kawan have combined. This is a poor village, with houses packed together like sardines. It is a potential epidemic area.

The combined villages of Gumi, Garamboin, and Dopam/Simoonga, adversely reported in the previous patrol report of this area, have shown great improvement, and are at present satisfactory.

#### SANITATION AND HYGIENE.

Satisfactory in all villages except Uyanger, where nine men were fined 5/- each for refusing to build latrines and garbage pits. Four defaulters were given two weeks imprisonment.

#### HEALTH.

The general health seemed to be good. Many skin complaints were treated. There is a heavy incidence of goitre at the head of the valley.

An Aid Post for Dagaman was recommended in the last patrol report of this area. Dagaman is the centre of a heavy population of about a thousand people who are all close to it.

This recommendation is now re-recommended. Good sanitation and housing is basic to good health, and this can be better attended by a trained native resident in the area than by the occasional visits of Government Officers; for in my opinion, the attitude of these people is merely to clean their villages up sufficiently when a patrol is approaching to avoid being prosecuted.

#### AID POSTS.

One exists at Irumu, staffed by LAFO, a Native Medical Assistant. A Welfare Sister also visits this village periodically by motor transport from Lae.

#### MISSIONS.

The Lutheran Mission operates in the area, having evangelists in most villages, and schools at Daku and Siara. They have not combined any more villages since the combinations reported in the previous report of the area.

The villages of Irumu, Siara and Bogeba are looked after by Kaiapit Lutheran Mission, Mama by Doana Lutheran Mission, and the others by Tapen Lutheran Mission.

REST HOUSES.

Each village has a rest house. All were used by the patrol except two, these being at Zueibak and Iruma. All are satisfactory but none outstanding.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

With a few exceptions, all impressed me as ineffective and stupid. However, nobody else is remotely interested in having the positions.

LAND AVAILABILITY AND LAND ALIENATION.

None available and none alienated.

MAPPING.

A tracing from District Map of Morobe NGP/MISC/7425, 5 miles to the inch, is attached.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL DATA.

Nothing of interest was recorded.

CARRIERS.

No money was available when I commenced this patrol, so carriers were paid with trade from village to village. Trade supplies ran low, so it was necessary to employ carriers from Mama to Wantoat Patrol Post.

CONCLUSION.

The people of the area were found to be law-abiding, their health is good, and food supplies appear to be sufficient.

The area undoubtedly is easier of access from the Lae-Markham road than from Wantoat Patrol Post.

*J.R. McArthur*  
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J.R. McArthur  
Patrol Officer.



APPENDIX.

Report on police who accompanied the patrol  
and who were drawn from the Wantoat Detachment.

Reg.No.4176 Const.AWRA: Elderly, but useful.

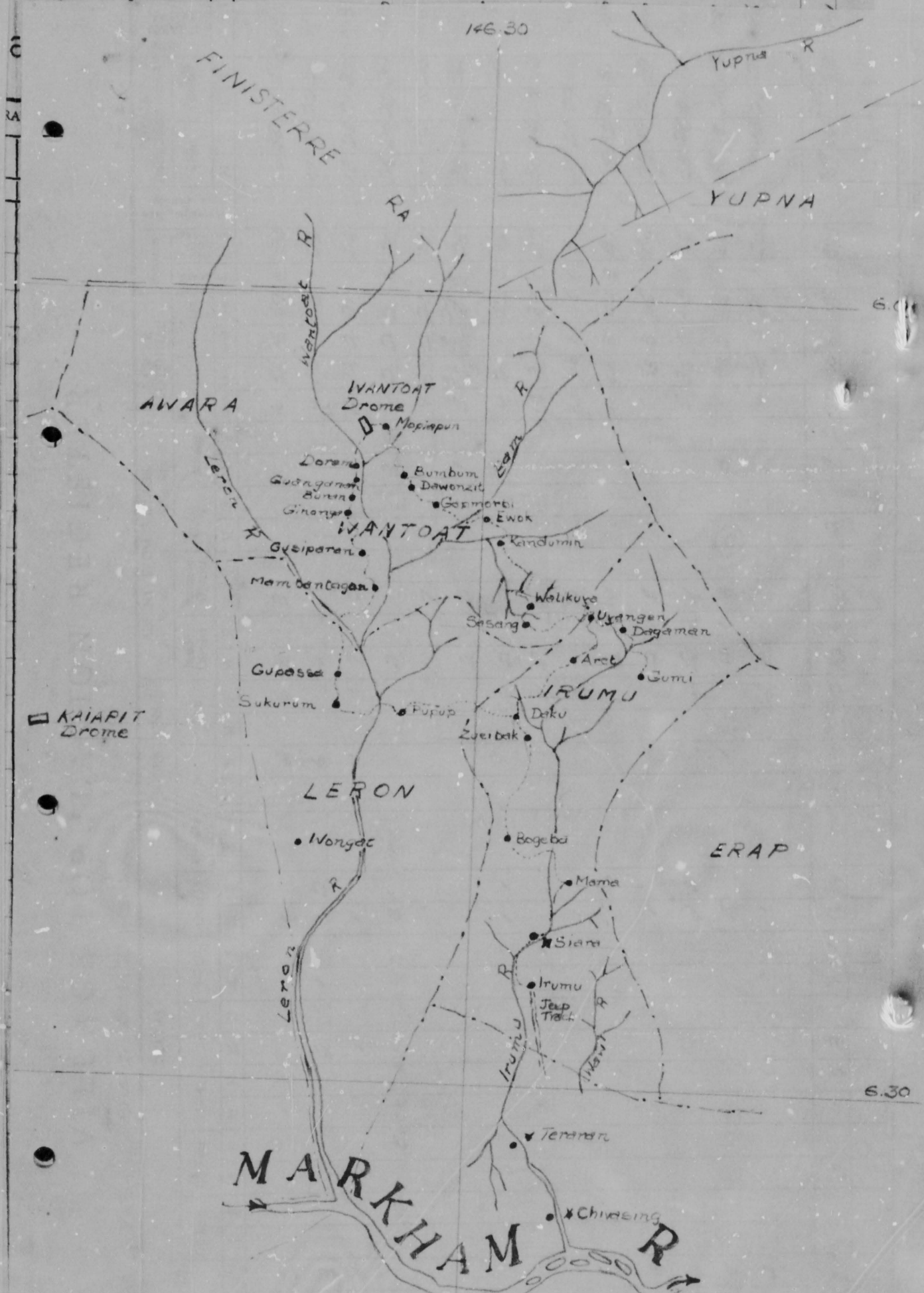
Reg.No.7278 Const.EUSI-UNINI: Satisfactory.

Reg.No.8858 Const/Bugler WAIN: Satisfactory.

Reg.No.9125 TAVERO-MUTUKA: Satisfactory.

Reg.No.9161 SIPUP: Satisfactory.

*J.R. McArthur*  
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J.R. McArthur  
Patrol Officer.



WANTOAT P/R. NO. OF 1956-7  
 From Map NGF/MISC/7425  
 Scale: - 5 Miles to 1 inch

J.R.M.A.

# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1956 IRUMU SUB-DIVISION

Govt. Print.—7403/10.55.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		At Work		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age		Average of Family	Child		Adults					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M		F	M	F					
DAKU		5	6					1	1							1		2	5	8	3					6	56	13	59	1	43		44	38	49	56	198			
ZUEIBAK		4	3					1	2					1		2		6		4						4	25	1	25	1	23		17	8	22	26	77			
BOGEBAN		3	6													1		1	1	7						2	33	2	31	1	26		13	25	31	32	103			
<del>ARET</del> MAMA				OLD BOOK DESTROYED BY FIRE																				2				3	2	4	21	2	21	1	20	25	20	22	26	100
SIARA																				11	7	2				8	33	2	21	1	18		19	16	16	25	96			
IRUMU																				2	1	2				5	34	3	27	3	25		33	25	38	32	134			
ARET		3	1																	2	2	2				4	21	1	22	3	15		22	17	19	23	85			
UYANGEN		4	4															1		5						13	30	7	39	1	27		30	26	27	43	131			
INGAMAN		1	1					1	1											1	1	9				14	40	11	45	1	34		29	28	29	54	160			
DURAK		2	2																	1	4	8				10	41	8	44	3	37		35	32	36	51	166			
KAWAN		3	3					1												2	1	8				6	33	3	35	1	30		23	17	26	39	116			
GARAMBON		7	2																	2	5	2	1			5	35	5	43	1	35		33	23	34	42	141			
GUMI		3	5															1		1	4	1	1			3	1	33	2	38	1	34		18	18	25	38	108		
DOPAN SIMBONGA		2	2																	1	5	1				4	25	4	26	1	22		18	13	23	24	86			
		37	35			2		4	5	3		1	1	16	9			11		15	7	6	46	2		7	2	90	460	64	476	19	389		359	306	387	513	1701	

H.Q. 30/10/4.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 2 of 1956-57, MUNTOAT

Patrol Conducted by J. R. McArthur, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Local villages and the AWARA Sub-division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives Police 4 Interpreters 1

Duration—From 12/11/1956 to 24/12/1956

Number of Days 24

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan/Feb 1956

Medical Jan/Feb 1956 (excluding AWARA)

Map Reference District Map of Morobe HGP/MISC/7425

Objects of Patrol i. Plant coffee among local villages

ii. Follow-up on census patrol of Jan/Feb. to the AWARA.

DIRECTOR OF ~~DISTRICT SERVICES~~  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/9/19 56

G. J. Howland  
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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MA. 30.9.51

22nd March, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Lac.

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Wantoat P/R. No. 2 of 55/56.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged with  
thanks.

Coffee plantings are most impressive.

No further comment is necessary.

(A.A. Roberts)  
Director. *JB*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. - 584

Department of Native Affairs,  
LAE.

1st. October, 1956.

Mr. J.R. Macarthur,  
Patrol Officer,  
WANTOAT.

PATROL REPORT - WANTOAT 2 1956/57

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Your conception of law and punishment would do credit to a Regimental Sergeant Major, but not to a Patrol Officer. However, do not be discouraged by present native reactions to native affairs and economic advancement. In time, you will see the reward for your efforts, and already the figures for coffee plantings are impressive.

*Neutral  
No comment  
DE*

*A.R. Haviland*  
(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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Territory of Papua New Guinea.

21/9/56 ✓



Wantoat Patrol Post,  
District of Morobe.

The District Officer,  
L A E.

Patrol Report No. 202, 1956-57 to local villages  
and through the AWARA census sub-division.

Patrol  
Conducted By : J.R. McArthur, Patrol Officer.

Area  
Patrolled : Local villages and AWARA Sub-division.

Duration  
of Patrol : 3/8/56 - 9/8/56  
14/8/56 - 16/8/56  
21/8/56 - 24/8/56  
27/8/56 - 9/9/56 ( 24 days )  
11/9/56.

Personnel  
Accompanying : RPNCC 4  
Interpreters I

Purposes of  
Patrol : Plant coffee among local villages.  
Follow-up on census patrol of January-February  
to the AWARA Sub-division.

Last Patrol  
to Area : DMA - Jan/Feb. 1956  
PHD - Jan/Feb. 1956 (excluding AWARA)

Map Reference : Tracing of District Map of Morobe is attached.

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INTRODUCTION.

On 23/7/56 I went to Lae and remained there for one week. During this time I arranged with the District Agricultural Officer to supply further coffee seed to replace some village plots which are poor and for additional plantings.

The seed arrived on the 6/8/56. A conference with the village officials concerned was held on the 7/8/56. Both native Agricultural Extension workers were on patrol at this time supervising transplanting of 1955 nurseries. The Wantoat people have had considerable experience at installing their own nurseries, both Mr. Lamrock of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Mater of the Department of Native Affairs, as well as native Agricultural Extension workers, having worked in the area. Due to the limited viability (one month) of the seed, it was essential that it be planted at the first opportunity. Seed was issued, therefore, directly, and suitable advice was given. Visits were then made to the villages to inspect the work. On conclusion of this, a regular patrol was made into the AWARA sub-division, this being a follow-up on the census patrol of Jan/Feb. of this year.

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Diary

Wednesday, 8/3/56.

Proceeded to site of former Aid Post. With Gwengwangwak natives commenced preparation of new nursery. Returned to station in afternoon.

Thursday, 8/8/56.

As for yesterday. Nursery completed and counted.

Tuesday, 14/8/56.

To Se(engaban. New nursery completed and counted. Returned to station.

Wednesday, 15/8/56.

To Umbiabon. New nursery completed and counted. Returned to station.

Thursday, 16/8/56.

To Gwambon where people have not completed their nursery. To Mamamban, also not completed. To Matap, also not completed, and Kupandu also. Returned to station, and sent L/Cpl. Busil back to these villages.

Tuesday, 21/8/56.

To Gwambon and Mamamban. Nurseries now completed. Counted and returned to station.

Wednesday, 22/8/56.

To Matap and Kupandu. Nurseries completed and counted. Returned to station.

Thursday, 23/8/56.

To Bumbun, 2hr 20min. Investigated report of father threatening to kill baby after mother had died. One male arrested for census evasion and one for concealing two wives. RON.

Friday, 24/8/56.

Back to station via Mopiapun where coffee was inspected. Recorded 5 new names in village register.

Monday, 27/8/56.

To Yopainang, accompanied by four police, Mambon of Ginonga (interpreter) and carriers. 1hr 20min. Insp. village, recorded names of three old females who have hidden from patrols. 12 Atawakap people to return to their own village. RON.

Tuesday, 28/8/56.

To Guningwan, 2hr 20min. Hamlet of Tabaia, which I condemned on my last visit, has completed change to Dakwa on river flat. Abandoned hamlet demolished. New site for police quarters marked. RON.

Wednesday, 29/8/56.

At Guningwan. Insp. coffee plot. Insufficient shade, and people engaged rectifying this. RON.

Thursday, 30/8/56.

Day visit to Dakwa/Tabaia, on flat adjacent to Lerou river below. Scene of recent Lutheran baptism embracing AWARA. Shanty dwellings for visitors and participants over 20, latrines to go with these of average depth of one foot, and



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blow-flies everywhere. Stayed till late afternoon supervising cleaning-up. Not finished, and people ordered to treat this as an urgent matter, and complete. Returned to Guningwan. RON.

Friday, 31/3/56.

To Kanai'ik, 1hr 25min. Insp. village, cemetery, latrines. RON.

Saturday, 1/9/56.

To Bakontupi, 40min. Insp. village, latrines, cemetery and coffee. Insufficient shade, and people engaged in rectifying this. RON.

Sunday, 2/9/56.

To Gaiman, 1hr 20min. Insp. coffee. RON.

Monday, 3/9/56.

Insp. both hamlets, cemetery, latrines. Moved on across Leron to Gaitapa, 1hr 25min. Insp. village, etc. RON.

Tuesday, 4/9/56.

With carriers from Mateiya and Gaitapa, as there are only five able-bodied men at Gaitapa, moved on to Mateiya, 1hr. Insp. coffee, where there is not enough shade, and this was rectified. Insp. village, etc. RON.

Wednesday, 5/9/56.

To Longwenta, 40min. Insp. village and proceeded on to Suat, 1hr. Insp. village, etc. RON.

Thursday, 6/9/56.

To Laban, 20min. Insp. village and coffee. 1hr 15min on to Matak. Insp. village and coffee. Visited Yanuli, 15min, insp. village and coffee. Further to Bilom, insp. village. (20min) Returned to Matak. RON.

Friday, 7/9/56.

To Hikwok, 35min. Insp. village, etc. On 15min to Sawin, Insp. village and coffee. On 2hr 30min to Gusiparan. Insp. village and coffee. Recorded names of family who have hidden since the war. RON.

Saturday, 8/9/56.

To Ginonga, 1hr 30min. Insp. coffee. People to plant more shade. To Buran, 10min, and on to Guanganan, 25min. Insp. village and coffee. More shade to be planted. RON.

Sunday, 9/9/56.

To Dorem, 1hr 20min. Insp. village and coffee. Shade to be planted. To station through Gwengwungwak, 1hr 30min.

Tuesday, 11/9/56.

To Kwambon and Mamamban, with Native Agricultural worker and Memoon of Ginonga. Informed people that land now had to be prepared for later transplanting of new nurseries. Contacted other village officials in this regard, and left natives aforementioned to supervise work and mark out holes. Returned to station.

*Jane M. M. M.*

General SummaryNATIVE AFFAIRS.

Crime:- Information was given to me by a Mission teacher that a man of BUMBUM had threatened to kill his baby child and bury it with the mother, who had just died. Two women took the child away from the father and brought it to the teacher at KUBUNG. The report was not substantiated by evidence. However, the same native has consistently refused to appear for census, and I charged him with this offence.

Offences against the NAR:-

- i. A male of BUMBUM (abovementioned) was sentenced to two months for contravening Reg.II3.
- ii. A male of Dayonzit was sentenced to two months for contravening Reg.II4.

A total of 23 natives was discovered who have consistently hidden from census patrols. Most of these were women and children, and village officials were told to give them light cleaning duties around the villages for a month as penalty.

There have been four pre-war censuses of this area, three during the war, and four since the war, making a total of 11 censuses. None of the information concerning the people who have hidden from census was given by the village officials concerned. Most of it was given by BAPINUC, the mission pastor of MOPINUN, and the remainder by the tultul, MAMBON of GINONGA, who has helped the Government in this area for many years. Several officials, when questioned about people who may have hidden, denied the existence of any such cases, although I was already in possession of the information. This is typical of the WANTOAT - and, as I have since learned, the IRUMU also - attitude, this attitude being give no information and deny any accusations until same are proved.

Ample opportunity has been allowed for uncensused persons to have their names recorded. I am now in possession of further information concerning this matter, and future cases should be prosecuted.

No crime or offences were discovered or reported in the AWARA; but this does not mean conclusively that there were none.

The BUMBUM man mentioned in para.I escaped from custody during my absence in the AWARA. He is reported to have threatened to shoot his tultul when he went to bring him back, and to feel the same way towards myself and the police. As yet I have made no attempt to recapture him. He will also be less cautious if some time elapses before an attempt is made.

The WANTOAT people, while professing ~~the~~ to desire economic advancement, are not very energetic about helping themselves to attain same. This is borne out in a number of ways, for example, the recent coffee programme. I proved that it only takes a maximum of two days to install a coffee nursery with the SWINGWUNGWAK people. All the people knew that the seed was only good for about three weeks (after a week had been deducted from the viability period of one month to cover period of storage at Qantas, Iae), and they were urged to plant it at once. After the patrol was completed, I recounted some nurseries, and the totals had increased, and in some instances, they were still planting - well beyond the

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visibility period.

Suspicion arising from ignorance may be a contributory cause to this apathy. Plots are recent and there has been no cash return, at least for some time; and it might be worthwhile to send some selected men to a coffee-producing area such as PINSCHAPEN to acquire some first-hand knowledge. However, lethargy and resistance to change, in my opinion, also has much to do with it.

The Mission is also having its problems with these people, and will find many more when they establish themselves. Pastor Hunsel from TAPEN in MADANG, who patrolled the Cotte division two months ago informed me that many men whom he had baptised before have since taken back their discarded wives and/or taken extra wives, and that some of these people now hide from him.

In the AWARA a baptism was held recently for the Yabim Division by Pastor Holsnecht (?) from Kaiapit. The baptism was held at TABAIA (GUEINGWAN) and the tultul of that village informed me that the Pastor, as a result of GUEINGWAN subterfuge, had baptised some people still in the polygamous state of marriage. This was done by a man giving his extra wives to single men to take along to be baptised as if such wives were really the wives of these bachelors. After baptism, the man recalled his extra wife or wives, all then baptised, and the polygamous state again reigned. The tultul told me the idea was their own, and he did not know if other villages had done the same. He was quite proud about the invention.

Dr. Schmitz, the anthropologist who has left the area, informed me that the WAMTOAT people had deliberately misinformed him on several points of major importance to his work.

I have now spent a total of 131 days on patrol among the people of the WAMTOAT/ANAPA/IRUKU and only three native complaints have been made to me, and two of these were civil complaints, the other being about adultery. I now know that in the IRUKU at least information which should have been reported was withheld from me by village officials and people.

In the field of health this practise also applies. I know that many sick people desert their villages and hide in their garden and bush homes until they recover, or die, or until I or somebody on the station finds out, such information nearly always being supplied by a mischievous native. Village officials also indulge in this practise.

The health in general seemed to be good, and there is no shortage of food.

#### AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Agriculture has been discussed under Part I and 2 of 1955-56.

Livestock: At my request a Berkshire boar was supplied to the station for the purpose of improving the native strain. In the five months the boar has been here, only four men (one of these a mission man) have brought along their hogs for servicing, although they will walk for days and expend 25 to buy a half-caste pig from European settlers along the Markham.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

New nurseries of Blue Mountain coffee totalling 7407 have just been installed, distribution as below:-

i.	GWENGWONGWAK	1333
ii.	SE'ENGABAN	1164
iii.	UMBIAPON	1159
iv.	MATAP	871
v.	GWAMBON	1051
vi.	MAMINBAN	732
vii.	KUPANDU	280
viii.	KESAN/SANGURAK	278
ix.	KWADNA	235
x.	SAWIN/BIKWOK	304
TOTAL		7407

Nurseries i, ii and iii replace the combined plot of those three villages, planted 1954, of 1364.

Nurseries iv and vii replace the combined plot of those two villages, planted in 1954, of 1270.

Nurseries v and vi replace the combined plot of those two villages, planted 1954, of 959.

Nurseries viii and ix are initial plantings for those two villages.

Nursery x is a supplementary nursery for the 1955 nursery of 520, of which only 234 are up.

The condition of those 1954 plots, totalling 3593, for which replacement nurseries have been installed, is poor, and the plots will probably be condemned when an Agricultural Officer inspects them. Most of this total of 3593 no longer can be found - the trees have died. The land was probably the cause of this. I have left it to the people to select new land for the later transplanting of these new nurseries. They should know what is good land and what is not.

The 1954 plot of 1270 for the combined villages of MOPIAPON and TABUT is similarly poor, and a replacement nursery will be installed when further seed becomes available. (On the other hand, some 1954 plots are very good.)

All coffee plots were inspected and counted during the patrol. There will have to be made some modification to existing statistics. The results of my count, and previous figures, are detailed below:-

AWARA	VILLAGE	MY COUNT	PREVIOUS COUNT	YEAR PLANTED
Sub-div.	GUMITAWAK	328	539	1955
	KANAI'IK/XXXQXTWXY	245	353	"
	BAKONTUPI	316	539	"
	CAINAN/GAITAPA	383	369	"
	MATSIYA	216	500	"
	TANGYENTA/BUAT/DALAPAN	1025	1194	"
	MATAK	337	335	"
	YANULLI/YUDAN	312	338	"
	SAWIN	234	520	"
	Totals		3391	4677

WANTOAT Sub-division (between station along WANTOAT River as far as GUSIPARA village)

VILLAGE	MY COUNT	PREVIOUS COUNT	YEAR PLANTED
GUSIPARAN	547	212	1955
GINONCA/BURAN	2287	2148	1954
GUANGARAN	327	498	1955
BOREM	564	432	1955
Totals	4625	3290	

These differences, on the one hand a decrease, and on the other an increase, approximately compensate each other, so that there is, so far, no major difference to previous statistics of the overall total of 20,500 (except for the plots described on previous page, which will probably be condemned by Dept. of Agriculture and struck from the record).

It will thus be necessary to recount all the remaining plots in the WANTOAT sub-division. This will be completed before the end of the year, if possible, during the course of patrolling.

Every plot inspected revealed that the people had been busy destroying the shade crop. I do not know where they got this idea. All were told to replant the shade, not to prune it, but to leave it stay. In most cases this was rectified while the patrol was yet at the villages concerned.

#### CENSUS

No census was taken, as the area was censused six months ago.

#### LAND ALIENATION AND LAND AVAILABILITY.

No land has been alienated and there is certainly none available in the AWARA. There may be a little available in the WANTOAT basin; but in my opinion it is agriculturally unsuitable.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

A detailed description covering times and nature of tracks was given in P/R.No.I of 1955-56, on pp.14, and will not be repeated here.

#### HEALTH.

One case of dysentery was found at BAKONTUPI, and was sent to WANTOAT as the NMO of SUAT, nearby, was absent from his post during the entire patrol.

Five people of GUKINGWAN recently died, and it was reported that their chests had ached inside.

Bad colds were prevalent. The general health of the people seen was good.

AID POSTS.

One exists at SUAT in the AWARA sub-Division.

Buildings:- Dispensary-store, ward, and staff house.

Staff:- NMA Wataia (married).

Supplies:- Drawn from Kaiapit.

Control:- From Kaiapit.

NMA Wataia was absent throughout the patrol.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Every house in the sub-division was inspected during the patrol, and they are all flea-infested - I can personally vouch for this.

Recent repairs were everywhere in evidence, and very few orders had to be given. This is an improvement on the last patrol.

All villages were satisfactory except for GURINGWAN. I condemned this village on my last patrol (see P/R/No.1 of 1955-56, pp.17). The move to Dakwa, on the Leron flat below, has been completed.

This new village was far from satisfactory, not in itself, but because of the numerous extra houses and very inferior latrines which were erected and dug for the recent Lutheran baptism of the AWARA held there. This can be blamed on native laziness and thoughtlessness. When I inspected this village, there were blow-flies everywhere, and I traced them to the latrines built for visitors at the baptism ceremony. There were still at least a dozen of these things still standing, and the holes were only a foot deep. No attempt had been made to knock them down and fill them in. 26 houses had been added to the village proper for people from the rest of the AWARA. These were of shanty structure, and so close together as to constitute a fire risk. They were abandoned after the baptism. When I inspected them, they were not being used, and beans and kaukau were coming up inside them, with here and there a banana tree. The village officials were told to have them demolished, except for a small number which they said they could use. A complete day was spent at the village, supervising the cleaning-up. It was still unfinished at the end of the day, and the people were instructed in strong terms to complete the process.

SANITATION & HYGIENE.

Pit latrines exist in all villages. Every latrine was personally tested for depth. Many were unsatisfactory in the villages of GURINGWAN, GALMAN, GAITAPA, TANGWENTA, YANULI and EILON. Rectification was made on the spot and under supervision.

Garbage is thrown over a cliff or in a stream. Many villages had dug garbage pits, and in some cases these were unnecessary, and advice to this effect was given.

Most of the people were dirty, and appear to have an aversion for washing their skin. During my inspection of the houses at KANAI'IK, I entered one house, before anyone warned me, and found a woman inside in labour pains. The floor was dirty, and the house ridden with fleas. It is no wonder that the infant mortality rate is high. The people were told not to sleep with their dogs - but I know how much notice will be taken.

The next requirement for all villages will be a fence to keep the pigs out.

MISSIONS.

Discussed under P/R.No.1 and 2 of 1955-56.

Pastor Munsel, of TAPEN Mission in MADANG, patrolled the Ecttee division of this area two months ago. While here, he selected a site for a mission station at the base of MATAK village. He told me it was hoped to open a station next year.

A Lutheran baptism was held at TABAIA (GONINGWAN) towards the end of July, for the AWARA people. Pastor Holznecht (?) from Kaiapit officiated.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All unimpressive except for the tultuls of SUAT and MATAK in the AWARA sub-division.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

Nothing was noted of interest.

A German anthropologist, Dr. Schmitz, had just left this area, after spending almost nine months here.

MAPPING.

A tracing from District Map of Morobe is attached.

CARRIERS.

Village charges were used. Payment was made in money.

REST HOUSES.

All satisfactory but none outstanding. A new police quarters needs to be built at GONINGWAN and the people were advised to do this. Matak had built a new rest house and police quarters since the last patrol six months ago.

CONCLUSION.

The tultul MAMBON of GINONGA has accompanied me on all patrols that I have made in this area, and has rendered valuable assistance. He is the outstanding man of the whole area.

*J. R. McArthur*  
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J. R. McArthur  
Patrol Officer

Report on police.

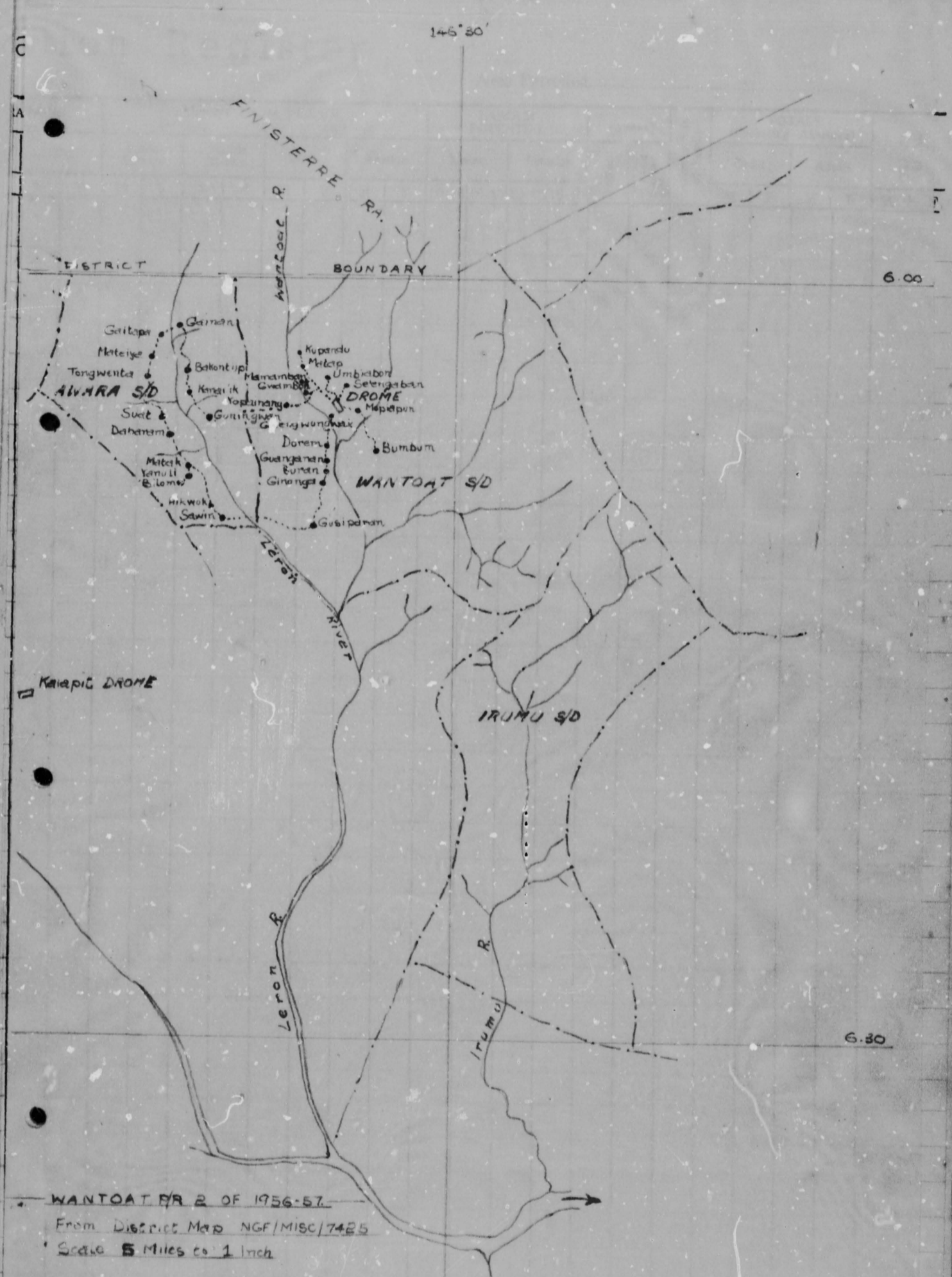
Four members of the native police accompanied the patrol. They were:-

Reg.No.5474B L/Cpl.BUSIL  
Reg.No.7278 Const.EUSI  
Reg.No.8858 Const/Bugler WAIN  
Reg.No.9161 Const.SIPUP.

They gave satisfactory service. EUSI was unimpressive, and inclined to laziness.

*J.R. McArthur*  
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Patrol Officer





WANTOAT PR 2 OF 1956-57  
 From District Map NGF/MISC/7425  
 Scale 5 Miles to 1 Inch

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Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 3 of 1956-57, WANTOAT.

Patrol Conducted by John Robert McArthur, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Lower IRUMU Sub-division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Police 5

Duration—From 21/9/56 to 28/9/56

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services June-July 1956  
D.A.S.P. July or August, 1956  
Medical August/1956

Map Reference District Map of Morobe, NGF/1133/7425

Objects of Patrol Investigate reports concerning the establishment of brothels at MAMA and SIARA in the lower IRUMU Sub-division.

~~DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, FORT MORESBY.~~

Forwarded, please

*A. Haveland*

District Commissioner

15/11/1956

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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NA.30-9-59.

Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

25th March, 1957.

District Officer,  
LAE.

WANTCAT P/R No. 3 of 56-57

The above mentioned report is acknowledged  
with thanks.

It is hoped that no further rumours have been  
received regarding the introduction of "Houses of ill  
fame" in the area.

(A.A. Roberts) *NR*

DIRECTOR

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Department of Native Affairs,  
LAE.

15th. November, 1956.

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Mr. J.R. McArthur,  
Patrol Officer,  
WANTOAT.

PATROL REPORT NO. WANTOAT 3/1956/57

Your report is interesting and the events recorded similar to those of a Cargo Cult outbreak near HAHATANAI in 1946.

Make an early return visit to the KAMA and SIADA Village areas, please, and, if possible, spend a week or two there. Note particularly whether there has been any collection of funds or clearing of areas for cargo parachute drops.



*AA*  
(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Wantoat Patrol Post,  
District of Morobe.

The District Officer,  
L A E.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 1956-57 to the  
lower portion of the IRUMU Sub-div<sup>n</sup>.

Patrol Conducted By : J.A. Martens, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Lower portion of the IRUMU Sub-division.

Duration of Patrol : 21/9/56 - 28/9/56  
( 8 days )

Personnel Accompanying : RPNCC 5

Purposes of Patrol : Investigate rumours concerning the establishment of brothels at MAMA and SIARA in the lower IRUMU.

Last Patrol to Area : June-July, 1956 (WMA).  
July or August, 1956 (DASF).  
August, 1952 (PHE).

Map Reference : District Map of Morobe, MGF/MISC/7425.

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INTRODUCTION.

Acting upon information received at WANTOAT, the patrol proceeded to SIARA and MAMA in the lower IRUMU Sub-division to investigate the alleged establishment of brothels there.

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DIARY

Friday, 21/9/56.

From WARTOAT Patrol Post through Joran, Gusiparan, Suran, Kupinga, W. Gusiparan, Mumbantagan, Mambun to Isumin, Str 30min. KALAPIT - WARTOAT border crossed at the LERON River between Mumbantagan and Isumin. Inter-village courier changed safe. ROK.

Saturday, 22/9/56.

From Isumin across the flooded LERON to Mambun, and on through Gardawang to Isum, Str 30min. KALAPIT - WARTOAT border crossed between Gardawang and Isum, bringing the patrol into the lower LERON area. Inter-village changes of carriers. ROK.

Sunday, 23/9/56.

Rest day, cold coming on. Village Officials from villages of Isum, Isum and Isum reported. ROK.

Monday, 24/9/56.

Left up with police etc. ROK.

Tuesday, 25/9/56.

Investigated the report concerning brothels. Village Officials, native missionaries and people of Isum, Isum and Isum questioned. Unsubstantiated - see body of report on next page. Late p.m. a police messenger arrived with an urgent staff letter necessitating my return to WARTOAT before the 2nd October. ROK.

Wednesday, 26/9/56.

From Isum through Isum, Bogaba to Son, Str 30min. WARTOAT - KALAPIT border recrossed between Bogaba and Son. Only one man in village and after a wait of two hours the patrol reported. Everybody at Pupup undergoing last instruction and preparations for LERON wide Lutheran baptism on Sunday next. The man was sent to Pupup to bring back carriers. (Inter-village changes of carriers used.) ROK.

Thursday, 27/9/56.

From Pupup across a still flooded LERON to Sakurwa, on through Kupissa, Mumbantagan to Gusiparan, Str 15min. KALAPIT - WARTOAT recrossed for the last time between Kupissa and Mumbantagan at the LERON. ROK.

Friday, 28/9/56.

To WARTOAT Patrol Post along same route followed on first outward day of the patrol. Radio-advised the District of my return.

*J.R. McArthur*  
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J.R. McArthur  
Patrol Officer.

End of Diary.

GENERAL SUMMARY.NATIVE SITUATION.

In September, as a result of conversation with a SIO carpenter, DANI, employed in the WANTOAT - IRUMU area by the TAPEN Lutheran Mission on school and church construction, I sent a police constable to the upper IRUMU. He brought back a number of people, including one NASI, a councillor of DAKU village.

I subsequently charged NASI in the Court for Native Affairs with using threatening language, and sentenced him to two months.

NASI had called a large meeting of people from the upper IRUMU at DAGAMAK. DAKU, UYANGEN, ARET, GUMI, GARAMBOIN and SAMAN people were present. He told them that once the present economic crops of coconuts and potatoes were yielding a return, councillors of the region would be sent to Australia, and when they returned, the people of the IRUMU would install brothels in their villages, and extra-marital relations and promiscuity would prevail. He further stated that no interference to this scheme by village officials or by missionaries would be tolerated, and any such people who attempted to prevent the plan would be killed and then cremated - emphasis being placed on cremation as against burial.

NASI claimed that he had not assembled the people of his own initiative. He said he had been to IRUMU village, where the Native Medical Assistant, LAPU, and an Agricultural employee, BARIPI, of the IRUMU donkey-potato project, had informed him in a secret conference as set down in para. 3 above, lines 4 to 7, and advised him to spread this message through the upper I T M.

No further information was given by NASI, at this stage. DANI told me he had heard that lower down the river, two villages, MAMA and SIARA, had built brothels, and that a village - name unknown - had built one, been found out, and transferred it to a remoter site on a hill.

As a result of all this, I patrolled to the lower IRUMU, taking NASI with me. I questioned the village officials, native missionaries and people of MAMA, SIARA and IRUMU villages, and confronted them with NASI and his activities. All denied the existence or proposed establishment of brothels, and declared ignorance of the whole affair. The tultul of SIARA village, who seemed to be a responsible and reliable man, assured me that had there been anything of this nature, he would have reported it to the authorities. He added that he had heard vague rumours of this sort of thing in the ERAP Sub-division.

MMA LAPU of IRUMU - see also P/R No. I of 1956-57 - denied NASI's allegation that he was the source of the information. NASI insisted that LAPU told him to spread the message, and then added that the message actually originated from KAMATA, paramount luluai of DUTIBUM village, near LAE. NASI apparently had not been to LAE for some months. *BARIPI was unavailable for questioning.*

I am well aware of the lying propensities of these people; but I do think that somebody, missionary or reliable village official, would have told me something if there was information available. The special patrol, at any rate, should have convinced the people that incidents and disturbances of untoward nature will be promptly investigated.

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The following is related for information, for it is a part of the native situation.

In July of this year, when I censused the IRUMU, I was asked by the tultul of ZUEPFA village if I had not heard that the Government Officer responsible for the IRUMU Sub-division was proceeding from LAE to census the sub-division. A roundabout report was given me by the patrol police that after I had left the area, an Officer would come from LAE and take another census.

The SIO carpenter mentioned on the previous page also told me that a migrant MADANG native, GUMUGEI, living at and married into DAKU village, had been advising the people to form a delegation to make representations to the Agricultural Extension Officers who work in the area to prevent the Officer-in-charge, WANTOAT, from administering the area. I questioned GUMUGEI at WANTOAT. He said that he had not quite said this. I advised him that areas of administration were decided by the District Officer, and as the IRUMU Sub-division was included with the WANTOAT Sub-division, it was my duty to patrol it.

I had intended to return up the IRUMU River, and then back to WANTOAT through the eastern portion of the WANTOAT Sub-division, inspecting and recording statistical information of coffee plots en route. However, it was necessary to abandon this part of the patrol, and I returned to the station by the shortest route, in order to reach there before the 2nd October.

was experienced  
Slight carrier inconvenience at SOM and MARIAWONG, in the LERON Sub-division, due to desertion or semi-desertion of these villages by the people, who were at PUPUP preparing for baptism.

No crime was discovered by, or reported to, the patrol. No complaints were laid, no courts heard and no matters adjudicated.

Food supplies seemed to be sufficient.

#### ROUTE FOLLOWED BY THE PATROL.

The shortest route from WANTOAT into the lower IRUMU passes through the eastern LERON area, which is administered from KALAPIT Patrol Post. This route was followed by the patrol, both on the outward and inward journey.

The patrol moved speedily through the LERON, remaining overnight at SUKURUM only on the outward trip, and at SOM only on the return trip. No troubles or complaints were reported.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Roads from the station as far as SUKURUM have been described in detail in P/R. No. I of 1956-57, as have been also the roads in the IRUMU Sub-division; so that the additional information recorded in the following applies to the LERON Sub-division, which is a portion of KALAPIT.

Sukurum to Sirasira:- 1hr 30min to the LERON River, no bridge, and very dangerous in flood, then 1hr 45min steady ascent to Sirasira.



Sirasaia to Mariawong: - 3hr 15min, a long climb and a long descent over a mountain; well-maintained.

Mariawong to Siara: - 4hr over an inter-village pad, this is not a regular patrol track. Track passes over undulating kunai hills, then along a creek bed to the IRUMU River, then a short distance upstream to the village.

Bogeba to Som: - 2hr through bush over an inter-village pad, as this is not a regular patrol track. Good grade.

Som to Sukurum: - 3hr 15min. Descend 2hr 30min to LERON river, following patrol road joining Som and Pupup for most of the way, but leaving it about an hour from Pupup to descend direct to the river, no bridge and ford dangerous, 45min ascent to Sukurum, track traversing the wartime strip on the edge of the river and joining the regular patrol road linking Sukurum to Pupup about 30min from Sukurum.

The outward trip took 26hr 30min, and the return trip 18hr, making an average walking day of 7hr 42min.

The topography of the country is rugged.

AIRSTRIPS.

The wartime strip on the western bank of the LERON River was walked over when the patrol was returning. This strip is on the grass flat below Sukurum village. There are numerous small trees coming up on the southern end of the strip.

This strip would have some value as an emergency strip for aircraft bound for WANTOAT, for it is the only site between the MARKHAM and WANTOAT.

CENSUS AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Census of the area was recorded in June-July of this year.

MAPPING.

A tracing of District Map NGE/MISC/7425 is attached.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was a special patrol and moved speedily through the area to and from its destination. The usual routine matters of village inspection, etc., were not emphasised, and so no information is submitted, save that all seemed to be normal.

*J. R. McArthur*  
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J. R. McArthur  
Patrol Officer.

End of Report.

FINISTERRE

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YUPNA

DISTRICT BOUNDARY

YAROS

KAIAPIT

D WANTOAT

Bridge  
Dorem  
Guangansa  
Buran  
Gimongat

Gusipantat Mumbantogin

Gupasea

Sukurum

War-time Strip

Pupup

LERON

Ford Som

Sirasiri

Nirakwong

IRUMU

Bogeba

Ford Mame

ERAP

Sieret

Irumu

Jeep head linking with Markham Road

MARKHAM R

PATROL REPORT No 3/1956-57

SCALE: 5 MILES TO 1 INCH

MAP REFERENCE NGF/MISC/7425

James  
8.11.56

Amount  
Returned  
Store



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NA 30/9/81 ✓ D.N.A.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. 1956-1957 West coast  
 Patrol Conducted by H. G. De Ost  
 Area Patrolled Awara Census sub-division  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No  
 Natives 11  
 Duration—From 8/1/4/1957 to 18/1/4/1957  
 Number of Days 11  
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No  
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1956  
 Medical 3/1955  
 Map Reference compass traverse by writer  
 Objects of Patrol census revision, Routine Administration  
scopie inspection, medical inspection

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13 / 5 / 1957

H. G. De Ost  
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 ..... £.....

30/9/81 ✓  
30/10/6

# Village Population

Year..... 1957 .....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Females in Child's Birth	MIGR.		
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13			In		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	
GUNING-GUAN	9-4-57	3	1	1				1					1		4	4			
KANAI-KI	10-4-57	4	1	1				1	1						2	1		2	
BAKUNTUPI	11-9-57	2	4			1									2				
GANNAN	✓		1								1							1	
BAITAPAK	12-4-57		1												1	1			
MATEIYA	✓	3	4			1									2	1			
TANGWENTA	13-4-57	2	1													2			
SUAT	✓	2	3			1									3				
TAKRAM	15-4-57		2													1		2	
MASAV	✓					1									1	1		2	
YANUHI	✓	1		1				1								1		1	
YUDAN	✓	2								1		1						2	
HISWOK	16-4-57							1							3			1	
SAWIN	✓		1															1	
		19	19	7	1	3	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	19	13			3	6

KA. 30-9-81

25th June, 1957.

The District Office,  
Morobe District,  
L.M.S.

Patrol Report, Wandout, No. 4 - 56/57

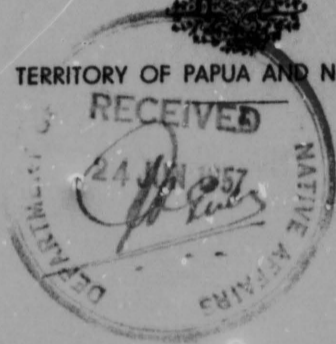
Action is being taken to procure a copy of the  
publication mentioned in your covering memorandum.

A.A.R  
p.c. (A.A. Roberts)  
Director

W/A  
J/S  
J/S

28/9/57 ✓

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



ARH.AH

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 3010/57 - 233

Department of Native Affairs,  
District Office,  
L.A.E.

21st. June, 1957.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT WANTOAT 4 OF 1956/57.

In his Patrol Report referred to above, Mr. De'Ath quotes that recently a Dr. Schmitz from Germany spent several months in the area doing an extensive anthropological report and he requests that action be taken to try to obtain a copy of the English version of Dr. Schmitz's work.

The only address that I have here is Dr. Schmitz, c/o The University of Cologne, Germany. Could action be taken, please, to communicate with Dr. Schmitz with a view to obtaining a copy of his work.

*G. Haviland*  
(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Action will be taken to secure copies of Dr. Schmitz's reports. However, I think there have not been translated.

*[Signature]*  
24/6/57.

NA.30-9-81

4th June, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

Patrol Report W.A.S. No. 4-1956/57

I concur in your remarks in paragraph 1 of your comments.

The efforts being made to improve economic development and road communication are to be commended.

This report by Mr. De Ath indicates a down to earth attitude towards the job. His report is well constructed and indicates a routine patrol satisfactorily performed.

A.A.R.

p.c. (A.A. Roberts)  
Director.

8/17  
J.M.  
4/6

NA.30-9-31

4th June, 1957.

The Director,  
Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines,  
**FORT MOHSEY.**

I shall be grateful if you will make six (6) copies  
of the attached sketch map and return them, together with  
the original, to me at your convenience.

*A.A.R.*

(A.A. Roberts)  
**Director.**

*J.P.*



NA.30-9-81

Department of Native Affairs,  
Port Moresby.

4th June, 1957.

Mr. Julius,  
Department of Native Affairs.

Attached hereto are extracts from Patrol Report War. No.4  
of 1956/57, for your information, please.

C. A. R.

(A. A. Roberts)  
Director.

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ARH.AH

Department of Native Affairs,  
District Office,  
L.A.E.

10th. May, 1957.

Mr. C. De'Ath,  
Patrol Officer,  
WANTOAT.

PATROL REPORT NO. WAN 4 - 1956/57

1. There is no objection to a native missionary accompanying a patrol, but they have no official standing and should not appear on page one in the section "Patrol Accompanied By". Sufficient that he is mentioned in the text. Be careful in such a case the Missionary does not take advantage of your authority.
2. A copy of the section on Agriculture will be forwarded to the District Agricultural Officer.

*Sukukom* Vigorous road construction is being undertaken between Kaiapit and Suku River with a view to bringing a trafficable roadhead eventually nearer to Wantoat. Do what you can to further this project from your end.

Let me know what you think of importing several more boars for distribution in your area.

I will go into the matter of introducing Tilapia.

3. I am glad you were not drawn into the missionary's Church service routine.
4. The vital statistics do seem startling but I would like to test the figures over another twelve months before recommending any restrictions on labour. Please visit the AWARA as often as you can without neglect to other divisions.
5. I will draw the attention of the Sub-Treasury Officer to your comment reference the need of silver to be included in remittances.
6. I will have copies taken from your patrol map and forwarded to you.
7. A copy of your section "Medical and Health" will be forwarded to the District Medical Officer.  
There seems to be a need to train more Aid Post orderlies.
8. The Native Administration Regulations "Relating to Diseases" i.e. Regulations 88 to 94 inclusive and Regulation 67A may be taken as the policy in this District.
9. Thank you for your comments on Village Officials. Until Luluais, who are not permitted to go away to work and earn money, are paid at least £10 a year, they will have no substance and will never join the select group of influential citizens in the group.

Mr. G.E. De'Ath,  
WANTOAT.

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10th. May, 1957.

10. Thank you for the specimens, and notes on anthropology.  
The specimens have already been forwarded to the Director.
11. A very interesting report. I think these people will  
need a lot of leading and an infinite amount of patience.

*[Signature]*  
(A.R. Esviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

30/9/81 ✓

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PATROL REPORT - Wan. No. 4 1956/57  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY - C.E. De Ath P/O.  
 AREA PATROLLED - Awara Census Sub-Division  
 PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY - 2 Constables  
                                   2 N.M.Os.  
                                   1 Medical Tuitul  
                                   1 Agricultural Assistant  
                                   2 Servants  
                                   1 Native L.M. Missionary  
                                   2 Tuitul interpreters  
 DURATION - 11 days (8.4.57/18/4/57)  
 OBJECTS OF PATROL - Census revision, Routine  
                                   Administration, Coffee inspection,  
                                   Medical inspection.



END OF DEPT.

DIARY.

- 8.4.57 - To YOPAINANG via GWAMBON 1 hr. 20 mins.  
Village and coffee inspected.
- 9.4.57 - To GUNING-GWAN. 2 hrs. 20 mins.  
Census. Inspection of hamlets and coffee.
- 10.4.57 - To KANAI-IT. 1 hr. 20 mins.  
Census and inspection of village.
- 11.4.57 - To BAKONTUPI. 40 mins.  
Inspection of hamlets and coffee.  
To GAINAN. 1 hr. 20 mins.  
Inspection of hamlets and coffee census.
- 12.4.57 - To GAITAPA. 1 hr. 5 mins.  
Census and village inspection.  
To MATAKA. 55 mins.  
Census and village inspection.
- 13.4.57 - To TANGWENTA. 40 mins.  
Village inspection and Census.  
To SUAT. 1 hr.  
Census - village and coffee inspection.
- 14.4.57 - Sabbath observed.
- 15.4.57 - To DABARAM. 15 mins.  
Census and village inspection.  
To MATAK. 1 1/2 hrs.  
Census, village and coffee inspection.  
To YUDAN (BILOM hamlet). 25 mins.  
Returned via YANULI.  
Census and inspection of village and coffee.  
Returned to MATAK.
- 16.4.57 - To HIKWOK. 35 mins.  
Census and village inspection.  
To SAWIN. 15 mins.  
Census, village and coffee inspection.  
To AUSIPARAN. 2 hrs. 30 mins.  
Village and coffee inspection.  
Met by Mr. Ardley, Entomologist, who  
was en route to SASIANG.
- 17.4.57 - To GINONGA. 1 hr. 30 mins.  
Village and coffee inspection.  
To BURAN. 10 mins.  
To GUANGANAN. 25 mins.  
To DOROM. 1 hr. 20 mins.
- 18.4.57 - To station via GWENGWONGWAK. 1 hr. 30 mins.
- END OF DEARY.

INTRODUCTION.

This is a report on the activities of a routine patrol to the AWARA area.

The AWARA sub-division is extremely broken and nearly all villages are situated on spurs at an altitude of between 3,000 and 5,000 feet. The people form a homogenous linguistic group and the name of their dialect is 'IAKAN'. This is very similar to the dialects found in the WANTOAT area proper and no trouble was experienced in obtaining good interpreters. The population in all totals about 1400 and is fairly evenly spread about in small pockets, on the various spurs separating the tributaries of the Upper Leron River.

Although there have been regular D.N.A. patrols in the area recently, there has been no P.H.D. patrol since the beginning of 1955. The effect of this absence of P.H.D. patrolling is given due emphasis under the section dealing with health.

The patrol was not hurried but it is hoped, later, to spend more time in the area when a good deal more "on the spot" attention can be given to coffee, housing and sanitation.

In most villages, the patrol was well received. However, these people (as the village books show) are reknowned for their duplicity, apathy and indifference and to obtain really lasting results a good deal more attention will have to be given to them.

A native missionary requested permission to accompany the patrol and this was gladly granted. He did some good liason work and it is felt that a better understanding, as to what the dual aims of the Missions and the Administration are, now exists in the minds of the AWARA people.

AGRICULTURE.

One native Agricultural Assistant, MOSES, who is stationed at Wantoat, accompanied the patrol. Although the writer had received profound assurances from Moses that the coffee work, for which he and another Ag. Asst. are responsible, was up to date, it was found, during personal inspection, that this was not so. A great deal more work on the shade, particularly, needs to be done. Where possible this was done whilst the patrol was in the area. Some coffee plots were very poor whilst others were fair to good (particularly at SUAT). As can be seen from the following figures there has been a decline in coffee actually growing. However, this is more than offset by the number of seedlings at present in the nurseries awaiting planting out. Mr. McArthur's policy of consolidating the good work already done was followed and no new plots were started. Coffee plantings are as follows:-

	September, 1956	April, 1957	In Nursery, April, 1957
GUNINGWAN	328	288	42
KANAI-IK	245	210	
BAKONTUPI	310	299	59
GAINAN/GAITAPA	383	383	
MATEIYA	216	186	
TANGWENTA/SUAT/DABARAM	1026	1031	12
MATAK	337	330	
YANULI/YUDAN	312	321	
SAWIN/HIKWOK	234	276	300
	<u>3391</u>	<u>3324</u>	<u>381</u>

The people have the usual native staples in their gardens but in addition have surpluses of the following ; potatoes, cabbages, beans and tree tomatoes.

Except for coffee the prospects for marketing surpluses do not look bright. There will never be good roads in the area (due to terrain) and there is no flat land for an aerodrome. The land, in general, is so broken that it is often difficult to find areas suitable for coffee plots.

The domestic animals seen were, in the main, in quite good condition and only a few pigs and dogs had to be destroyed.

Much propoganda was put out about the station Berkshire bear in an effort to get sows brought in for mating and later improving the local pig strain. However as the people in the Awara say, it is a long way to carry a pig to the station.

Would it be possible to introduce Tilapia fish in the Wantoat? There are plenty small streams and an abundance of food on which they could be fed. An experimental pool could be started at the station as has been done at the gaol in Wau.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

The native missionaries in this area are controlled from the Kaiapit Mission (Lutheran). One native missionary accompanied the patrol and his good work has been commented on previously.

In the schools instructions are given in the YABIM language which is not well known in this area. The teachers seem to be doing reasonable work but the writer found (as did Mr. McArthur) that too much attention was being given to hymn singing etc. Some of the dirtiest areas were found to be near the school where the pupils throw away their food scraps. Some of the "Sunday houses" and latrines too were in a most unsatisfactory condition and had to be destroyed. One missionary asked the writer to enforce the ruling that village people attend a service of one hours duration both night and morning every week day! However, good feeling was maintained throughout the patrol and it is possible that the native missionaries are becoming aware that the ordinary village native has wider responsibilities than what the Mission lays down.

The appended figures show the number of children receiving primary education:-

	Boys	Girls	L.M. Teachers.
GUNING-GWAN	14	10	1
SUAT	35	26	1
MATAK	14	13	1
	<u>63</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>3</u>

There are also 21 boys absent at Kaiapit Mission School.

CENSUS AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Census was revised in all the AWARA villages.

The latest figures show a decline in population 1. 1954/5 - 1439, 1956 - 1443, 1957 - 1424. This decline is possibly due to the effect of absenteeism or the birthrate and sickness although no epidemics were reported in 1956. Excluding migrations to other areas, which account for a decrease of 8, there has been a natural decrease of 11 since January 1956.

Other cogent factors are:-

1. A death rate per thousand of 24.4 (24.5)
2. A birth rate of 26.7 per thousand (38.8)
3. Masculinity rate of 1.022 (1.062)
4. Juvenility rate of .380 (.708)
5. No. of persons at work:-

Males 109 (27.4%), Females Nil, Male and Female children accompanying worker Nil, Female Adults accompanying worker 5.

6. More than 33 1/3% of the 16/15 group are away from the following villages:- TANGWENTA, MATAK, HIKWOK and YUDAN.

Although figures for the last five years are not available for comparative purposes, it would seem as though some good would come from closing the area. Figures for the Erap area (similar and fairly close to the Wratat division) are shown in parenthesis. From them, it can be seen that the birth rate in the Awara is very low and the death rate is high. Also the juvenility rate is unfortunately very low.

In view of these factors it is once again recommended that the area be closed, or, at least, certain over-recruited villages be closed to recruiting.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND CARRIERS

Tracks between villages were all well maintained but poorly graded. The Terrain is such that good road building is very difficult. In many places large land-slides had completely obliterated the existing track whilst in other places ladders were in use on rock faces. The roads are all stony and little drainage is possible. In some places, trees have been planted to keep the tracks firm and this practice was commended. Good bridges cross the Leron in several places but floods usually take their toll of the lower ones. Although the villages are not very distant from each other, the walking between them is usually strenuous particularly for the carriers. The pass leading into the Awara is situated at 6,000 feet.

Carriers were paid in salt and tobacco primarily because the Sub-Treasury, in Lae, did not forward silver (as requested) when making a re-imbusement of the station advance. The usual practice is to pay carriers in money.

Mr. McArthur's walking times were found to be correct.

A compass traverse was done of the area and it is requested please that copies of the map be duplicated and returned to the station. W



MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Two N.M.Os., SULI and WATAIA, and a Medical Tultul, accompanied the patrol.

N.M.O. WATAI receives his supplies from Kaiapit station and seems to be doing a good job at SUAT. However, as the appended figures show, he is not visiting other villages and people from other villages are not attending the clinic for treatment.

The disease pattern is not known but it is thought that the following diseases are fairly common - pneumonia, influenza, common colds, malaria, dysentery and framboesia. Although tuberculosis has not been positively identified as being prevalent in the Wantoat, the number of coughs (like a railway shunting yard) in the villages during the early morning leads one to suspect that many have this disease.

These natives are very apathetic about the state of their health and some have become cripples rather than take the advice of visiting officers to visit a hospital. One Luluai, in particular, was told to go to Kaiapit early in 1955 for treatment for Hansen's disease. He did not go and has since lost his toes and fingers.

On these matters, particularly with parents of sick children, a firm line was taken. A number of patients who refused to receive treatment from N.M.O. WATAIA were brought back to the station and will do light work around the station in return for food until their ulcers etc. are healed. On the next patrol, parents who refuse to have their sick children treated will possibly be prosecuted if this is not contrary to District policy. Many of the 17 child deaths could have been avoided if treatment had been sought.

Patients treated by the patrol	256
Patients sent to Kaiapit	2
Patients sent to Wantoat	18

None of the villages are more than 3 to 4 hours from the SUAT Aid Post.

VILLAGES

(a) Village Officials.

With one exception the village officials in the area are very mediocre. They were found to be overshadowed by missionary workers in a number of instances and if this was not the case, seemed apathetic and unwilling to take a stand against the indifference of their own village folk. In one instance, a flagrant untruth was told the writer by a village official and although many other village officials were present, it was not refuted until later by a village native. However, village officials who were obviously slacking, were not "bawled out" in public as this does little to improve their prestige in the eyes of the village. Instead praise was given where village officials had obviously tried to do their work. It was pointed out to tardy village officials that in helping the Administration, they were helping their own folk.

Tultul MAMBON and Tultul MOMAKA accompanied the patrol. Both are from the Wantoat Sub-Division, but both are natural leaders wherever they go, and both are extremely pro-Administration. MAMBON has accompanied every Administration patrol into the AWARA for many years and is liked and respected there. It was he who was instrumental in putting down YANGI's movement after the war.

Comments on Village Officials are as follows:-

<u>NAME</u>		<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
TATAGI	LL.	GUNGING-GWAN	Quiet but seems to have control.
AKWEGASAN	TT.	"	Very helpful but little idea of responsibilities.
YARAP	LL.	KANAI-IK	Village in good order.
AMEI-YINDAN	TT.	"	Has own hamlet - slacking.
BAPAN	LL.	BAKONTUPI	Has little idea of what is required.
TEBUT	TT.	"	Unobtrusive.
BAMIN	LL.	GAINAN	Bushman, but seems loyal and true
YAROM	TT.	"	New appointment trying.
YAKWATEL	LL.	GAITAPA	Needs a lot of coaching.
AKANAKA	LL.	MATEI'A	Incompetent.
KWANAKA	TT.	"	Helpful to patrol.
SIMPANG	LL.	SUAT	Appendage to the Mission.
MIKAM	TT.	"	Young and outstanding.
INAKA	LL.	DABARAM	Lazy.
BAN	LL.	MATAK	Village disgraceful.
SAMUN	TT.	"	Has own hamlet - seems to be doing good job.
SIKAN	LL.	YANULI	Young - new appointment - needs guidance.
TAGUYI	TT.	"	Deliberately misled the patrol.
BAYONG	LL.	YUDAN	Has lost hands and fingers through not going to hospital.
GUITWAYI	TT.	"	Has little influence.
YOKUK	LL.	HIKWOK	New - has failed in duties so far.
MUKON	TT.	"	Ran off to work.
KWAKEGAN	TT.	SAWIN	Wants to shift village.

The above comments are primarily to assist those who patrol the area. There are no new appointments to be recommended.

(b) State of Villages.

There is so little good level ground in the area that one cannot but feel sympathetic towards the people when they choose sites for villages. Usually the tops of the spurs on which villages at present exist are rocky and have no close water supply. One or two nearer the Leron River run the risk of being engulfed by landslides which are a very common feature of the area. In one village, at least, GUNINGWAN, the whole spur on which it was situated on collapsed and the village has had to be erected elsewhere.

Thus, at best, the villages are rather poor temporary affairs with shallow latrines, no close water supplies, and, invariably, the houses are cramped together. The houses themselves are rather flimsy too. In the northern AWARA, the houses look, with their high white windowless bamboo walls and old blackened rooves with narrow eaves, rather like burnt loaves of bread. The people do not have kitchens, and have fires going continuously in their sleeping quarters. Dogs, pigs, children, fleas, lice and food scraps all vie for space in the one dark, smoky living-room. A change is called for in building styles but it will have to be introduced gradually.

The people of SAWIN have requested permission to shift again. This was granted providing the new village has good sanitation etc. before the people move into it.

At one or two villages where water was reasonably close, it was suggested that water be piped to the village in bamboo pipes. The men, however, seemed to think it a joke and said that they didn't need water because no one washed and as only the women had to carry the water supplies for cooking, it didn't matter.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

Recent memorandums and reminders (14-1-9/795 of 19th. December, 1956, 14-1-9/858 of 15th. January, 1957 and 14-1-9/953 of 13th. February, 1957) have been received from the District Officer requesting the purchase of "an interesting type of conical stone instrument which is still in use ceremonially by the natives". It is thought that this type of stone, after much fruitless searching, has now been found.

The name of the male stone is BEREK and the female stones TOTUMANGI (round) and BIANGIN (pointed conical). They are ceremonial stones which are used to make crops grow well. During the year, they are stored in a special house only accessible to the men of the village. Each man has his own male and female stones which are painted in various patterns (red, white and black). When the planting season arrives, the men bring out the stones and cover them with scraps of their best bananas, yam, etc. They also use leaves and scraps from particularly good yams etc. from other villages. The stones are covered with these scraps and when the scraps have become rotten, small quantities of the rotting material are scraped off the stone and planted with the new crops. The instrument used for pushing into the ground new runners etc. is a small bundle of fibre (forwarded with the stone). At the time of planting, there are large "sing-sings" and the stones are decorated. The stones are brought out of their house (TAGWONOT) and at this stage, women and children are allowed to look at them. This happens every three or four years. The stones are inherited by the sons upon the deaths of their fathers.

*These stones, one-headed, etc. have now been received, and will be acknowledged on the Museum file. E. J. 2/4/57*

This custom has long since ceased and the stones are very hard to find. These stones were found at GUNING-GWAN, in the AWARA, in the Wantoat Sub-District. They were previously found throughout the Wantoat but are now very rare. The stones were originally found in the local rivers. The dyes are from plants. They are not traded.

Also being forwarded are several white stone axes (YAKANS) and a cassowary headdress (WONUM). The total cost of all these specimens was 16s.0d. for which re-imbusement, in due course, is requested please. *will be advised concerning reimbursement on Museum file. 24/6.*

Recently, Dr. Schmitz from Germany spent several months in the area doing an extensive anthropological report. Could the English version of his work be obtained please for the Station? It is believed that Dr. Kuder has his Germany address. *Attempt will be made to obtain this report, but I think it has not been translated. 24/6.*

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

This has been dealt with fairly extensively under the other various sub-headings.

One or two aspects of the attitude of the people are worth considering however.

Shortly after the war, a native by the name of YANGI from KOKORI (?) started a type of "cargo cult" in the area. He sent out "talk" that all weapons and ceremonial pieces belonging to the Wantoat People's forefathers were to be destroyed and all gardens were to be stripped of their produce. The Wantoat people, and in particular, the Awara group, obeyed implicitly and destroyed practically all remnants of their past culture. Later, YANGI was arrested as an imposter. He had, however, done his work well and the people were thoroughly disillusioned. They became apathetic, indifferent to authority, and in a word, dispirited. This upset seems to have left a permanent "hangover", as it were, and the people in the AWARA do not seem to be able to raise enough enthusiasm to carry through anything really worthwhile. One never sees (as in the Erap River area and the NABA) men walking about with bows and arrows and arranging small "sing sings" for the arrival of a patrol or for the completion of a new house or garden.

*W.S. Gillingham*  
*24/6.*

Perhaps this lethargy and apathy may be overcome in time if other cultural outlets can be provided. For the time being, however, these people appear to be in a backwater of doubt and distrust.

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Report typed at Lae Office from notes signed by Mr. C.E. De'Ath.



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No. 30-1-9 - 141

Department of Native Affairs,  
District Office,  
L.A.E.

10th. May, 1957.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

MAPS - PATROL

MAP ACCOMPANYING PATROL REPORT NO. WANTOAT 4  
OF 1956/57

May six copies of the abovementioned map by Mr. C.E. De'Ath,  
Patrol Officer, Wantoat, be printed and forwarded to this office,  
please.

*A.R. Haviland*  
(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

# Population Register

Area Patrolled..... AWARA .....

ATTENDANCE		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
Out		AT WORK		STUDENTS		Males		Females		Negritian	Number of Child bearing Age		Child		Adults						
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45	M	F	M	F	M + F	
	2	11	1					4		10	49	18	40	3	26	1.9	22	33	43	48	162
		11						1		11	42	7	27	1	19	2.1	26	17	36	41	132
		11						2		8	40	11	35	3	22	2.0	20	31	35	43	152
	2									4	7	4	17	2	11	1.8	12	12	23	25	72
1	1	1								2	14	2	12	2	7	1.4	6	18	14	15	50
1		9		2				3		15	42	11	40	3	15	1.6	40	32	37	44	166
	8	8	X	1						9	24	6	23	2	13	1.5	25	20	20	31	105
1	1	17	4					8		15	59	11	45	4	32	2.2	27	56	46	54	189
		3						1		6	14	6	10	-	5	2.4	12	13	12	13	54
1	1	9		2				1		5	27	7	21	1	15	1.7	22	18	16	26	84
	1	5						1		9	26	8	22	3	14	1.6	17	19	23	25	91
		4		4						4	23	1	17	2	15	1.2	10	7	16	24	65
2	2	8								8	18	2	18	4	14	1.4	17	12	12	23	64
	1	3								2	13	7	10	1	9	1.1	6	11	10	13	43
6	11	100	5	9				21		108	398	101	337	32	218		247	274	343	425	1424



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/10/57

# PATROL REPORT

District of MORCHE, WANTOAT P/F Report No. WAN 5/56-57

Patrol Conducted by C.E. De Ath P/O

Area Patrolled WANTOAT to KALAPIT

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives 2

Duration—From 14/5/57 to 19/5/57

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

Medical ? /19.....

Map Reference LERON AND IKWAP 1 inch to mile Army strat series

Objects of Patrol Survey proposed road KALAPIT/WANTOAT

Uplift furniture

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/6/1957

*C. E. De Ath*  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount Paid from P.E.L.F. Trust Fund .... £.....

30/10/57

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MIGRA

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NA.30-9-82

12th June, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

Patrol Report Wanted No. 5-56/57

The officer has done a good job on the road location. I agree with the Patrol Officer's concluding remarks.

*A.A.R.*

*JA* (A.A. Roberts)  
Director.



NA.30-9-82

12th June, 1957.

The Director,  
Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines,  
PORT MORESBY.

Might we have six (6) prints of the attached  
sketch map, please? It is required for road location.

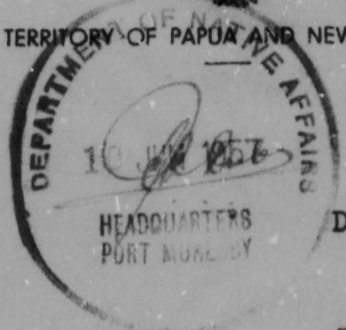
A.A.R.

(A.A. Roberts)  
Director.

*See also copies of land certificate  
for the area referred to*

30/9/57 ✓

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



ARH.AH

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 30/10/7 - 200

Department of Native Affairs,  
District Office,  
L.A.E.

5th. June, 1957.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT WANTOAT NO. 5-56/57

Forwarded with the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is a map of a proposed road route to link Wantoat and  
the Markham Valley.

May I have six copies printed, please, and  
forwarded to this office.

*A.R. Haviland*  
(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

*See 161 Copies of map aespachua  
to D.O. Lae 13/6/57. [Signature]*

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PATROL REPORT

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PATROL DISTRICT OFFICER  
ARH.AH

Department of Native Affairs,  
District Office,  
L.A.E.

5th. June, 1957.

AREA OFFICER

PATROL OFFICER

Mr. C.E. De'Ath

Mr. C.E. De'Ath,  
Patrol Officer,  
WANTOAT.

PATROL REPORT WANTOAT NO. 5-56/57

Thank you for your interesting report on the survey of a proposed road to link Wantoat and the Markham Valley.

This will be a long term project and it is unlikely funds will be made available for some time. However, continue to interest the native population in the scheme as it will be of great benefit to them when completed.

I will endeavour to supply tools as soon as possible.

I will request The Director of Native Affairs to have maps copied as required.

(A.R. Haviland)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

PATROL REPORT - WAN No 5 1956/57

PATROL CONDUCTED BY - C.E.De Ath P/O

AREA PATROLLED - WANTOAT STATION/KAIAPIT STATION

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY - 1 Constable  
1 Servant

DURATION - 6 days (14/5/57-19/5/57)

OBJECTS OF PATROL - Survey Wantoat/Kaipit Road  
Uplift heavy furniture

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DIARY

- 14/5/57 Departed WANTOAT station 6.30 a.m. Arrived SUKURUM villages via GWENGWUNGWAK, DOREM, GUANGANAN, BURAN, GINONGA, GUSIPARAN, RUMINAN MUMBANTAGAN, KUPASA, at 1.45 p.m.
- 15/5/57 Departed SUKURUM 6.30 a.m. Arrived new road via GOOASA and WONGAT 1.15 p.m. From thence by Landrover to Kaiapit.
- 16/5/57 To UFIM River to inspect construction of new bridge. Inspected new roads new Kaiapit station in company with Mr Haviland Jnr OIC Kaiapit
- 17/5/57 By Landrover and tractor to new Wongat road. By foot to WONGAT 1 hour 15 mins.
- 18/5/57 Departed WONGAT 6.30 a.m. Arrived MUMBANTAGAN via GOOASA, SUKURUM, RUMINAN, KUPASA 3.p.m
- 19/5/57 Arrive WANTOAT 12.15 p.m. via GUSIPARAN, GINONGA, GUSIPARAN, BURAN, GUANGANAN, DOREM, GWENGWUNGWAK.

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INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activities of a very brief patrol to Kaiapit.

Although the patrol was very hurried it was successful in that it achieved its two main objectives i.e. uplift and carry furniture to Wantoat, and survey a route for the new KAIAPIT/WANTOAT road.

The walking times given are much too fast for comfort and it is recommended that two days be allowed for the walk between the two stations.

ROUTE FOR NEW ROAD

From Wantoat Station the road would follow the left bank of the Wantoat River to its junction with the Leron River. En route, however, it would be necessary to bridge a fair number of ravines, the largest being the BCM or BUNUM river. Somewhere not far below the junction of the WANTOAT and LERON there is a suitable narrow strip of river on which a bridge could be constructed. From that point the road would follow the right bank of the Leron until it reached WONGAT Village. It would be necessary to pass several streams en route but most of these could be easily forded. Generally speaking it is estimated that the road would be best constructed at an altitude of between two and three thousand feet except where the LERON will be bridged at an altitude of just under one thousand feet. (see map)

On the WANTOAT section of the road the population is fairly thick (about 1100) with about 300 to 400 not too far distant from its proposed route. The whole of the population in the Wantoat area would benefit however and steps will be taken to arouse interest in all villages in the Wantoat Basin and surrounds.

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The population on the KAIAPIT side of the LFRON is not so dense but it was noticed that a number of villages exist to the South of SUKURUM and it may be possible to interest them in the construction of the road.

The road will pass quite close to two flat areas which lie at just over two thousand feet. On one of these areas exists the old SUKURUM aerodrome. (see map) It may be possible, later to open these two areas up for settlement. They are not large areas but could possibly support several fair-sized coffee plantations.

After discussion with the OIC Kaiapit lists of tools and equipment required were drawn up for forwarding to the District Officer. Although no funds have been made available at this stage it might be expedient later to make token payments for work done. The project will certainly be a long term one but it will be well worth while when completed.

#### OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PATROL.

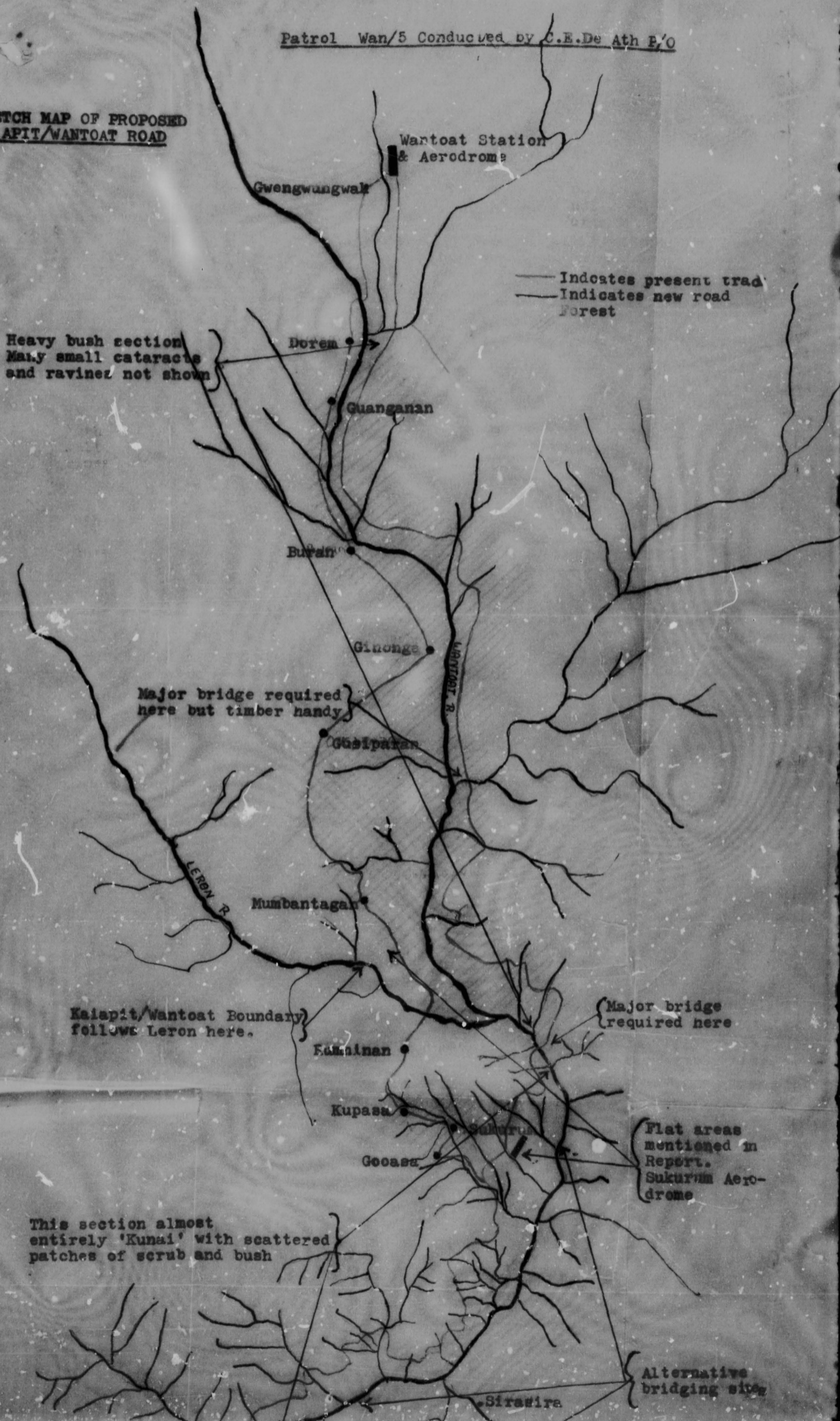
It was noticed that coconuts in the SUKURUM villages were growing and bearing well at over 2,500 feet. The flat areas mentioned previously were well below this height and it would be possible, soils etc permitting, to later start planting native coconut groves there. The coffee seen in these villages was fair to good and further plantings could be encouraged later on some of the very high old river terraces along the LERON River.

Near WONGAT is quite a good stand of pines suitable for milling. When the road is completed these would be easily accessible and may prove a good source of income for the native owners.

#### CONCLUSION

Although the terrain is rather precipitous along the proposed route of the road the writer feels that it would be possible to construct a jeep road initially. Although many bridges will be necessary, particularly on the WANTOAT section, timber in most places is readily available. The LERON is a big hurdle but in the dry season it would probably be possible to ford it as it does not appear to be much deeper and swifter than the UMI.

SKETCH MAP OF PROPOSED  
KALAPIT/WANTOAT ROAD



Wantoat Station  
& Aerodrome

Gwengwangwai

— Indicates present trail  
- - - Indicates new road  
Forest

Heavy bush section  
Many small cataracts  
and ravines not shown

Dorem

Guanganan

Buran

Ginonge

Major bridge required  
here but timber handy

Gaspiparan

LERON R

Mumbantagan

Kalapit/Wantoat Boundary  
follows Leron here.

Fakainan

Major bridge  
required here

Kupasa

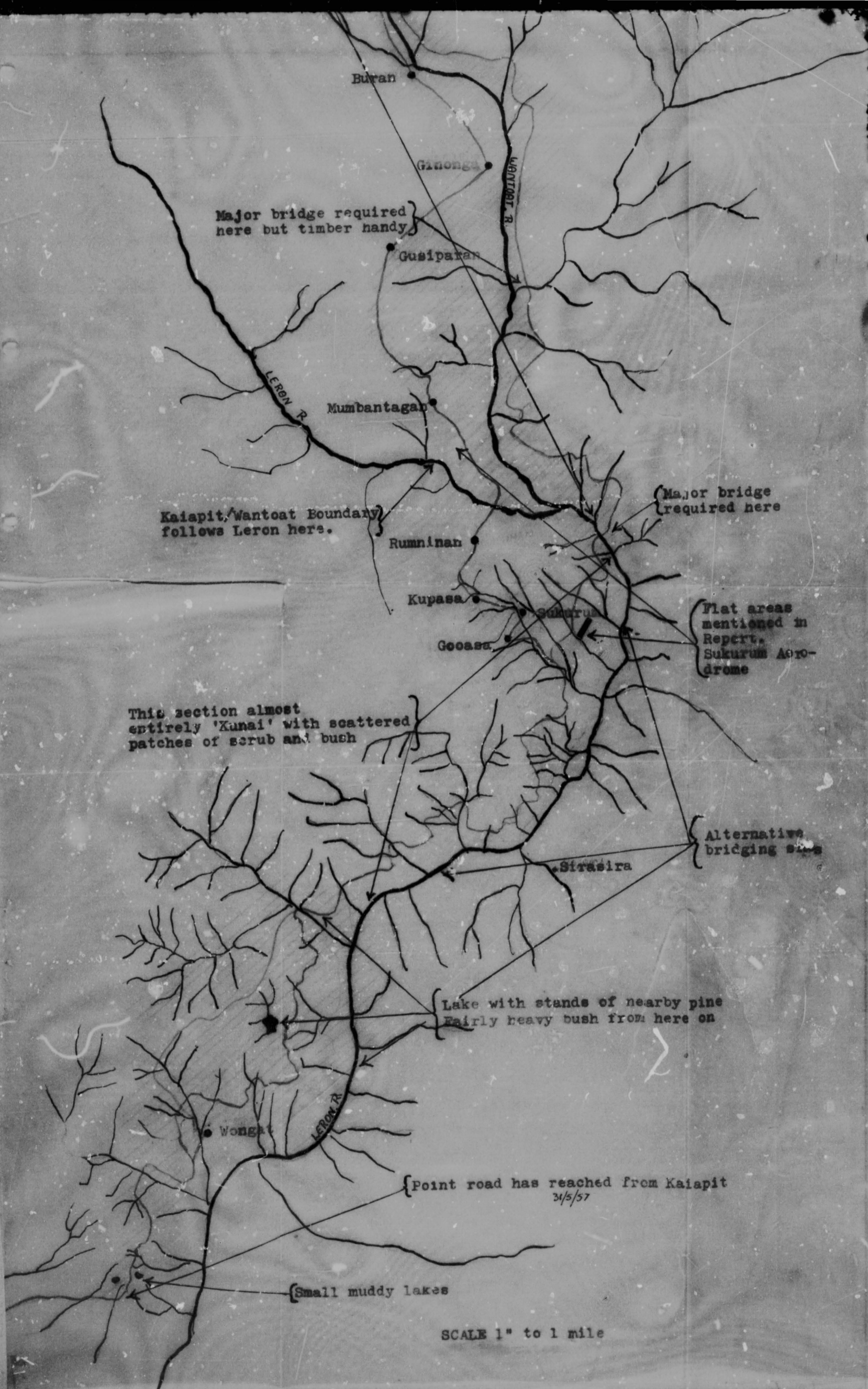
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Flat areas  
mentioned in  
Report.  
Sukurum Aero-  
drome

This section almost  
entirely 'Kunai' with scattered  
patches of scrub and bush

Sirasira

Alternative  
bridging sites



Buran

Ginonga

Major bridge required here but timber handy

Gusiparan

LERON R.

Mumbantagan

Kaiapit, Wantoat Boundary follows Leron here.

Rumninan

Major bridge required here

Kupasa

Gocasa

Flat areas mentioned in Report, Sukurum Aerodrome

This section almost entirely 'Kunai' with scattered patches of scrub and bush

Sirasira

Alternative bridging sites

Lake with stands of nearby pine Fairly heavy bush from here on

Wongat

LERON R.

Point road has reached from Kaiapit 3/5/57

Small muddy lakes

SCALE 1" to 1 mile