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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WAU 1 of 1966-67

Patrol Conducted by R.E. HATHERLY Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled BIARU, ELOA, BIANGAI, YAMAP-HOTE-MUSIN Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. ANTHONY HALL (Medical Assistant)

Natives Mr. SIMON KAUMI (Deputy Chief Electoral Officer)

Duration—From 13/7/1966 to 11/8/1966

Number of Days 30

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 14/3/1966

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol To conduct a mobile Polling Booth in Biaru, Eloa, Biangai, Hote, Yamap, Musim Census Divisions.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESEY.

Forwarded, please.

20/10/19 06

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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Sinclair/rmr

Morobe District,
LAE.

19th October, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WAU PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1966/67

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I attach copy of this report together with comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Wau.

2. This was a special patrol to conduct the mobile polling booth for the Kaindi By-Election. It is pleasing to see that the work was carried out without undue incident.

3. I consider that a report of a little over 4 pages is inadequate to cover an absence of 30 days.

(D. J. [Signature])
a/District Commissioner.

67-6-10.

28th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.S.

TAN PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1966-1967.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Mathewly's
Patrol Report on his patrol to the Biara, Etoa, Biangai,
Yamp-Noto-Masin Census Divisions.

The covering memoranda from the Assistant
District Commissioner, You and yourself are also
acknowledged. I agree that a four page report of a patrol
which took thirty days is most inadequate even if it was
a special election patrol.

More attention should be given to routine
administration matters. What was the content of the
lectures on Local Government? How were they received?
What did the people say? Did they ask questions and if so
what answers were given?

This could have been an excellent opportunity
to carry on some special investigation say of possible
road expansion throughout the area.

A disappointing report on 30 days field activity.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67-1-4

GAH:SL

Sub-District Office,
WAU.

7th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
LAE.

PATROL REPORT WAU 1 of 1966-67

Please find enclosed the above patrol report submitted by Mr. R.E. Patherly, Patrol Officer.

The object of this patrol was to conduct polling in the Kaindi Bi-Election in the Biangai, Biaru-Elea, and Yamp-Hote-Musin Census Divisions.

This patrol was conducted smoothly, and its purpose was well achieved. It was pleasing to see this officer take the opportunity of further discussing Local Government with the Yamp-Hote-Musin people. I do not regard the change of attitude of part of this Division towards Local Government to be of much consequence as it was restricted to a minority. I believe that when the time comes for extending Local Government to the area, the people will support it.

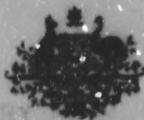
Claim for Camping Allowance is enclosed.



S.A. HERIOT
A/Assistant District Commissioner

Enclosures.

- 2.11.65 BY MAILORDER TO DISTRICT
- 3.8.66 Polling conducted at Biaru-Elea, Yamp-Hote-Musin.
- 3.8.66 Two and half hours walk to Kaindi, Biaru-Elea, Yamp-Hote-Musin.
- 5.9.66 Polling conducted at Kaindi.
- 6.10.66 Two and half hours walk to Kaindi, Biaru-Elea, Yamp-Hote-Musin.
- 7.11.66 Order enclosed.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

13.7.66 All patrol gear moved to Kainiak by 0800 hours. In Reply
Kainiak at 0800 hours arriving Warabung West House Please Quote
over, one hour for lunch. Moved on to West House
for the patrol which is allocated two hours walk along
the track. Overnight at West House. No. REH

Sub-District Office,
WAU, at 1600 hours,
Morobe District.

14.7.66 Departed West at 0800 arriving West House at 1600 hours.
arrivals comparatively slow.

15.7.66 Departed West arriving six hours at 29th September, 1966.
at Wabaini.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
L.A.E.

WAU Patrol Report No. 1 of 1966-67

16.7.66 One hour Kaindi Bi-Election Patrol 1.00 hours
departed for Kaindi Bi-Election Patrol.

17. PREAMBLE: 1 to 11.8.66 10 hours 10 hours carry.

20.7.66 Via Station to Warabung West House WAU 3 hours carry.

21.7.66 Sub-District WAU 2 hours carry.

22.7.66 District Morobe

22.7.66 Patrol conducted by R.E. Hatherly

Area patrolled Biaru, Eloa, Biangai,

23.7.66 Half an hour to Kainiak. Following Yamap-Hote-Musin Census
polling booth at Kainiak. Polling booth established per. Overnight

at Kainiak. Personnel Accompanying

the Patrol Mr. Simon Kaumi,
Assistant Presiding Officer

24.7.66 Sunday 24.7.66 Mr. Anthony Hall E.M.A.
Poll Clerk

25.7.66 25 hours walk to Kainiak. Overnight at

26.7.66 Home Duration of Patrol 13.7.66 to 11.8.66
30 days

27.7.66 27.7.66 Last Patrol to the Area D.D.A. 14.3.66 to 22.4.66

27.7.66 27.7.66 Objects of the Patrol To conduct a mobile Polling
Booth in the Biaru, Eloa,

28.7.66 28.7.66 Poll conducted at Kainiak, Warabung, Biangai, Hote, Yamap, Musin
to Kainiak and then by land to Kainiak. Census Divisions.

29.7.66 29.7.66 Polling booth opened at 8 o'clock at Kainiak. Majority voted.

30.7.66 30.7.66 Polling booth opened again at Kainiak. Two votes and his wife
voted.

1.8.66 1.8.66 To Kainiak by land to Kainiak and then by boat to Buekag. Overnight
at Buekag.

2.8.66 2.8.66 By helicopter to Hote.

3.8.66 3.8.66 Polling commenced at Hote. Overnight Hote.

4.8.66 4.8.66 Departed Hote half hours walk to Yabai. Overnight Yabai.

5.8.66 5.8.66 Polling conducted at Yabai.

6.8.66 6.8.66 To Kainiak in three and half hours. Overnight at Kainiak.

7.8.66 7.8.66 Sunday observed.

DIARY

- 13.7.66 All patrol gear moved to Kaisinik by 0910 hours. Departed Kaisinik at 0930 hours arriving Worabung Rest House two hours later. One hour for lunch. Moved on to Rest House erected for the patrol which is situated two hours walk further along the track. Overnight at rest house.
- 14.7.66 Departed Camp at 0825 arriving rest camp at 1630 hours. carriers comparatively slow.
- 15.7.66 Departed camp arriving six hours later at Wudsini. Overnight at Wudsini.
- 16.7.66 0800 opened polling at Wudsini. The mechanics were well understood.
- 17.7.66 Sunday observed.
- 18.7.66 One hours walk to Tauris and opened polling. 1330 hours departed for Tori, 2½ hours walk, 4 hours carry.
- 19.7.66 Tori to Winim 8 hours of bad uncut track. 10 hours carry.
- 20.7.66 Winim to haus Jac Jac six hours walk. 8 hours carry.
- 21.7.66 Hous Jac Jac to Kakoro 3½ hours walk, 5 hours carry.
- 22.7.66 8 hours walk to Yeniwi. 9½ hours carry to Yeniwi. Overnight at Yeniwi village.
- 23.7.66 Half an hour to Tekadu. Poll conducted at Tekadu. The only polling booth for the patrol had been established her. Overnight at Tekadu.
- 24.7.66 Sunday observed.
- 25.7.66 5½ hours walk to Haus Kunda. 8 hours carry. Overnight at Haus Kunda.
- 26.7.66 7 hours walk, 9 hours carry to Kudjiru. Overnight at Kudjiru.
- 27.7.66 Four hours walk and carry to Warabung rest house.
- 28.7.66 Poll conducted for Winima, Wurawura, Ilauru. Two hours walk to kaisinik and then by Land Rover to Wau.
- 29.7.66 Polling booth opened at 8 o'clock at Kaisinik. Majority voted.
- 30.7.66 Polling booth opened again at Kaisinik. One voter and his wife voted.
- 1.8.66 To Ize by Land Rcvr and then by boat to Buakap. Overnight at Buakap.
- 2.8.66 By helicopter to Hote.
- 3.8.66 Polling commenced at Hote. Overnight Hote.
- 4.8.66 Two and half hours walk to Yemli. Overnight Yemli.
- 5.8.66 Polling conducted at Yemli.
- 6.8.66 To Bobadu in three and half hours. Overnight at Bobadu.
- 7.8.66 Sunday observed.

- 8.8.66 Polling conducted at Bobadu for Bobadu, Yasingli and Doli. One and half hours to Pilimung. Overnight at Pilimung.
- 9.8.66 Polling conducted at Pilimung. Two and half hours descent to Biaboli. Overnight at Biaboli.
- 10.8.66 Polled at Pilimung. Then walked to Hote. Overnight at Hote.
- 11.8.66 Four and half hours to Buakap.
- 12.8.66 Returned to Wau.

All villages were given lectures on Local Government after polling had finished.

The mechanics of voting were fairly well understood by the whole group. The Miss Geyers Division which is the main principle of the area, showed the least knowledge of the subject. This was found only with the older generation.

The marking of the preferences on ballot papers was well understood by voters. The voters' preferences for the candidates were clear. The voters did not know who they would vote for as they did not know who the candidates were. This was shown by the voters giving blank parts of the ballot. While staying overnight at Buakap which is not in the main electorate, it was noted that it was difficult to overcome the problem and to enable better communication between candidates standing for election and members of the electorate. Although the area covered in this report was remote with a small percentage of the gross number of voters in the electorate the candidate was able to campaign through the area.

End of Diary.

The second reason for failure to mark preferences was that objection was taken to a campaign speech by one of the candidates in the Biaboli area.

It was also observed that objection was taken in the Biaboli Division to the presence of a workman. The people did not think that he should be allowed to work there. This probably caused a decrease in the first preference of a large number of the voters to other candidates.

The main problem met by the general in the electorate was the changing of names. Many voters had several names and not these names were on the ballot. This was not very common in other parts of the electorate. From the experience reported and the other voters' family accompanied them. The old name books had to be read on many occasions to assist in finding a voter's name on the ballot.

Biaboli Area

Biaboli voters were not interested in the election. This was the area where the polling was held. This was the first of the area.

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WAU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1966-67

Introduction

The object of this patrol was to conduct the Bi-Election in the Biangai-Biaru-Eloa-Yamap-Hote-Musin Census Divisions. These Census Divisions lie in the five separate valleys surrounded by high mountains which isolate these people from easy contact with settlements. This has had a varying effect on their knowledge of everyday occurrences in their Sub-District and District. Prior to this patrol the whole area had been covered by an Electoral education patrol.

Mechanics of Voting

The mechanics of voting were fairly well understood by the whole group. The Eloa Census Division which is the most primitive of the areas showed the least knowledge of the subject but this was found more with the older generation.

The marking of five preferences on ballot papers was well understood but voters failed to mark five preferences for two main reasons. The first being that candidates had not made themselves known to the voters. The voters claimed that they could not vote for a person who they did not know and who had not shown enough interest in them to cover their area in the campaign. This was shown by the voting trend during most of the patrol. While staying overnight at Buakap village which is not in the Kaindi Electorate, it was asked what could be done to overcome this problem and to enable better communication between candidates standing for election and members of the electorate. Although the area covered in this patrol was remote with a small percentage of the gross number of voters in the electorate one candidate was able to campaign through the area.

The second reason for failing to mark preferences was that objection was taken to a campaign speech by one of the candidates in the Biangai area.

It was also observed that objection was taken in the Biaru Census Division to the presence of a scrutineer. The people did not think that he should be allowed to be there. This probably caused a loss of the first preference of a fairly large percentage of the voters to other candidates.

The main problem met by the patrol in the mechanics was the changing of names. Many voters used several names but not those entered in the common roll. Some even used names of other relatives. Names had been copied from the Tax-Census register and they quite often meant nothing unless the names of the member of the voter's family accompanied them. The old village books had to be used on many occasions to assist in finding a person's name on the roll.

Polling Booths

Polling booths were not constructed by the people throughout the area. Only one polling booth was established, this being done at Tekadu.

Reception of Patrol

The patrol was received in the same manner as routine administration patrols. Villages were not prepared for the occasion although roads and villages were cleaner than on my previous visits.

The helicopter^{land} was well received in Hote. A welcome song was given and also a prayer. A helicopter^{was} was well prepared as requested.

Carriers

Carriers were obtained without much effort during the patrol. It had been stressed that it was important that the patrol maintain its schedule. The Biaru people had built rest houses to accommodate the patrol on the 4th day walk from Tauris to Yeriwi. It was necessary at times to force the carriers to increase their walking speeds. The times set for day walks had been calculated on the averages of previous carrying times, to carry food to feed the carriers.

Observations and Comments

The patrol ran according to schedule and voting proceeded smoothly. I found that the knowledge of the mechanics was good but the meaning behind the election and of the House of Assembly was lacking. Education in the future could deal less with the procedures and more with why they are having an election and what is the work of the House of Assembly. There appears to be no distinction in their minds between the Public Service and the House of Assembly. I have endeavoured on patrol to give these people a clearer understanding of this and also to generate more political awareness. This task has been made more difficult by the lack of communication between these areas and the settlements.

While in the Yamap-Hote-Musin Census Divisions, the question of Local Government was put to them again. Villages who agreed last time to enter the Hucn Council have changed their minds while others who were reluctant to go in before are now agreeable. Pilimung, Selebop and Biaboli are still reluctant to join although this is not the decision of the majority in each village. Taxation is still an obstacle although they have been assured of an appropriate scale.

Statistics for voting in these areas would not give a clear picture if the number of voters were compared with the population in the village. All those who were in the village at the time voted. The only resident people who failed to vote were those who were too old to come to the polling booths. Over 90% of the voters resident were present.

There are no recommendations for change of route or schedule. The present programme allows for mishaps to occur and be overcome. The route from Tauris to Tekadu should remain until a road has been built from the Biangai-Biaru change mark to Kudjeru. The Biaru villages still prefer the existing patrol route. However as some coffee planting is being started by the Biarus at Kudjeru this road might be built in the near future.

R.E. HATHERLY
Patrol Officer.