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## PATROL REPORT

Report number: *One 72/73*  
 District: **West Sepik**  
 Patrol conducted by: **R.F. Llanaghan**  
 Area patrolled: **Kilmeri Census Div.**  
 Duration of patrol: **23/10/72 to 31/10/72**  
 Last D.D.A. patrol: **December 1971**  
 Last O.L.G. patrol: **April 1971**  
 Map reference: **Pourmil Vanimo**

Objects of patrol: **Census. Update Area Study**  
 Station: **Bewani Patrol Post**  
 Subdistrict: **Vanimo**  
 Designation: **Assistant District Officer**  
 Personnel accompanying: **2 members R.P.N.G.C.**  
 Number of days: **12**  
 Total population of area: **2,230**  
 Council area: **Pagei L.G.C.**  
 House of Assembly Electorate: **Bewani**

The District Commissioner,  
**West Sepik District,**  
**VANIMO**

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 4 To 6 ,	( / )
Patrol Instructions,	( / )
The Report and my comments,	( / )
Area study,	( — )
Updating of area study,	( 3 )
Situation Reports No's 1-2,	( 3 )
Patrol map,	( / )

DATE: / 19

Assistant District Commissioner

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

*Miss Shary Dales*

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	( )
Updating of area study,	( ✓ )
Situation Report No's. 1-2	( ✓ )
<i>Patrol reports</i>	( ✓ )
.....	( )
District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report	Average ✓
	Below average

Date: 9 / 1 / 1973.

*B. Bussing*  
 District Commissioner  
*903*

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
30/10/72	Airu	14	11	18	16	-	-	3	1	63
26/10	Aiyawou	39	25	43	29	9	2	21	10	188
26/10	Anli	16	16	20	14	-	2	11	1	80
30/10	Awol	22	30	41	24	-	-	3	-	120
26/10	Elau	15	26	15	17	2	2	10	9	96
24/10	Ilup	46	43	52	54	1	2	9	2	209
23/10	Isi*1	7	22	14	18	-	-	6	2	69
23/10	Isi *2	14	14	17	22	1	3	7	5	83
25/10	Kilipau	25	22	37	31	4	6	15	5	145
25/10	Kiliwis	31	43	46	33	13	7	21	8	202
28/10	Krise	55	48	45	37	26	28	44	21	305
30/10	Omula	28	15	27	27	-	-	5	-	102
26/10	Owol	22	15	16	16	15	6	32	22	144
30/10	Ossimq	64	49	51	49	2	6	14	6	241
27/10	Sosi	20	21	25	22	20	12	43	20	183
		418	400	468	409	93	86	244	112	2230

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P.O. Box 2396  
Konodobu

67-16-6

7th February, 1973

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
VANIMO

DEMARI PATROL NO. 1 of 1972/73.

Reference your Minute of 19th January, 1973.

I acknowledge with thank receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of KILMERI Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study emendments, as submitted by Mr. R.S. LAMAGHUN, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Unless one or other of the disputing parties to the coastal area of land adjoining VANIMO Station are willing to put its ownership to the test by lodging an application with the Land Titles Commissioner, there is little that can be done about it in view of the reported impasse in indigenous negotiations. You might however raise the matter with the Commission of Enquiry into Rural Land Problems, shortly to visit each District.

I do not consider it wise for the government to interfere in the matter of squatter rentals until such time as the squatters themselves raise the problem, or the land dispute has been settled.

It must be carefully explained to the people that Rural Development funds were allocated on their undertaking to contribute a self-help component. If you say, it is necessary for their co-operation to be solicited if the road is to be properly constructed and then maintained.

The problem of the forestry payments will be taken up with the Department of Forests under separate correspondence. It should indeed have been submitted in Situation Report format.

C.G. LITTLE  
a/Secretary

*Mrs. Shirley O'Neil*

207 67-16-16

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could in later years stalemate these projects if original owners claim back their land.

Copies of my assessments of situation reports are attached.  
An effective patrol and interesting informative report.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.  
*RB*

Minute to :

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONADOHU.

... Two copies of the relevant aspect of the report are forwarded  
... herewith. I am also forwarding the patrol report itself  
for your consideration of section concerning timber lease  
payments at page 6. This matter should have been a situation  
report as it is developing and has broader, serious ramifications  
if the attitudes and misunderstanding of the people  
proceeds unchecked. You will be further advised as necessary.  
Further related comments are made in Situation Report 2.

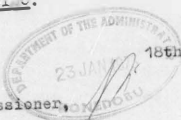
*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.  
*RB*



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West Sepik District,  
P.O. Box 42,  
Vanimo.

67-3-11  
Pgd:lt



18th January, 1973.

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

BERANI PATROL NO. 1 of 1972/73 : KILIMBI CENSUS DIVISION

Your memorandum 67-1-4 dated 22nd December, 1972, with attachments refer.

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

- The front page of the patrol report jacket has to be filled in for all copies.
- Quite a number of the shotgun owners listed are resident in the Vanimo township area and environs which defeats the purpose for their issue.
- Road construction Vanimo/Pagsi. I am more than concerned at the psychology of local thinking towards this road. Unless there is some local self help application to its construction, and if machinery and money only are applied, not only will the terms of rural development allocations be broken, but there will also be a subsequent refusal to maintain these roads in the view that it too be done with machinery paid for by government grant, in which cases these roads will in short time revert to bush. It is essential for local participation in initial construction.
- What is the present situation with respect to timber lease payments and investments, and current attitudes. This matter will need attention as it would appear there is some confused panic thinking by the people concerning the matter. It would be interesting also to ascertain how it was motivated.
- The aspect of absenteeism and the build up of squatter settlements on the periphery of Vanimo town with increasing unemployed and township social problems requires looking into both from your office and by the Council taking note that landowner councillors are a key to the solution of this problem.
- At section (2) leadership in the area study I would warn that the casual arrangement for land usage for cattle raising will adversely affect development loan applications and



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## SCHEDULE OF SHOTGUN OWNERS (cont)

Village	Owner	Model	Serial No.	Renewal Due
Auli	Wuyai Sic	Winch.	09497	17/2/73
	Fulin Awan	My Link	141803	16/3/73
Eiau	Yantosa Alesu	Winch	085110	13/2/73
	(the above gentleman has decided to change his place of abode, however S/P to remain in Eiau)			
Krise	Deau Tou	Cocoy	75116	8/9/73
	Kai Tou	Winch	262176	29/3/73
	Phio Sei	"	80916	3/1/73
	Mapi Non	"	098404	26/6/73
	Muna Hef	"	at Waterstone	
	Younn Dulo	"	at Waterstone	
	Dese Inrain	"	at Waterstone	
	Wisa Sorel	My Link	at Waterstone	
Oosina	Yasi Bwop	Winch.	7450	5/9/73
	Moyas Bour	"	095602	2/5/73
	Yokenbo Sinake	"	095473	13/8/73
	Idis Osi	Cocoy	75278	28/5/73
	Osi Aul	Winch	199867	still at Yaniao
Ooala	Wayomo Busi	"	094716	2/5/73
Afru	Ogow Awil	"	269254	6/4/73
Awol	Kayou Sawapo	"	064724	2/12/72
	Walo Wan	"	096202	12/7/73

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## Walkin Times Kilmeri S/D

Bewani Station	to	Isi #2	3 hours
Isi #2	to	Ilup	1 hour (via Isi 1)
Ilup	to	Kilipau/wis	1 hour
Kilipau/wis	to	Osol	2 hour
Osol	to	Aiyawou	1 hour
Aiyawou	to	Sosi	3 1/2 hours
Sosi	to	Krise	3 1/2 hours ***
Krise	to	Osbima	2 hours
Osbima	Avol	Avol	1 hour
Avol	to	Isi #2	1 hour
Isi #2	to	Bewani	3 hours

\*\*\* This track not previously used by Patrols. Cuts along side of 'Krise Mt.'

As yet only bush track, not cleared or maintained but instructions have been left for maintenance to begin.

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Schedule of Holders of L.A.T.D.N.

Kilidis Village	Owner Kanawai Yei	Renewal Due 30/6/73
Kilipau "	O Avo Kae	"
Aiyawou "	Ero Sini	"
Gsol "	Kanawai Yei	"
Krisa "	Kai Tou	"
"	Bawa Tou	"
Krisa "	Dese Argin	"
Qesisa "	Lis Osi	"
Qwaim "	Pongia Uei	"
Qwala "	Upai, Bawesi	"
Airu "	Bel Yei	"
Airu Village	Yaban Bai	Renewal Due 30/6/73

Road Construction Vanimo/Pagai

A team of indigene were in the Kilberr C/D laying survey pegs for the proposed route of the Vanimo Pagai road. The route passes Sosi village on the northern side, crosses and recrosses the walking track from Miyawou to Sosi and terminates (at the time of this Patrol) at Osoi village. The advent of this road caused some speculation and discussion among the host country nationals immediately affected by the intended route. Those at Ossima declared that the road should first be built to their village, and those nearer to Pagai declared a view to the contrary. All however welcome the construction of the road. However no-one will be available for voluntary labour. Most people express the wish that the road be built by the mythical 'Company' All have heard of the '\$10,000 dollars' that is to be made available to pay for the labour and machinery used in construction.

Agricultural Improvements

The economy, agriculturally wise, remains stagnant. There are a few stands of TEAK in most every village. Planted as trial blocks by DSEF and PLGC. The trees have performed rather badly and some are infested with insects. There is a large DSEF subsidised vegetable garden at Sosi village. This too has been neglected by the villagers. DSEF have become rather disenchanted with the lack of co-operation offered by the Sosi people and the writer would not be surprised if DSEF allows the project to lapse. The cattle project at Ossima is flourishing. Due mainly to the direct supervision offered by the R.C. Mission personnel. There are approximately 100 acres of improved pasture in the Ossima area. Indigenous owned cattle number 55 head, of which 19 head belong to people of the Kilberr C/D. Expansion is being prevented at the moment through the lack of land available for development. The Forestry Department should be encouraged to expedite their survey and subsequent lease to the Administration of 1000 acres of Timber land held by them under the Timber Lease Block 6.

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## Timber Lease Payments

All people are confused by the small amount cash being received each pay period (every six months). Because the initial payment was a large sum and subsequent payments have been somewhat less they feel that they are being cheated. Explanations were offered in respect of initial investment and interest but the writer fears that such explanations fell upon deaf ears. The agents of almost every village (notable exceptions were Kriisa village, home of MIA Bawa Ton and SIA oriented village of Awa) approached the Patrol with the express wish that they receive all monies owing to them under the Timber Lease in a lump sum. Reasons were plentiful. The commonest cause for complaint being that once the interest is distributed among all the claimants, the amount received, ten or twenty cents, is of little use. It was explained to the leasees that they must have to agree to these terms in the first instance, but it was quickly apparent that these people had little idea of just what they were to receive in way of remuneration. The writer promised the people that he would correspond with the Leasere through correct Departmental channels, before any further discussions were entered into.

## Land Dispute

A minor land dispute was heard at the village of Ilup. It concerned SUMUP PIUG of Ilup and one IARGO OPO of Kilipap. Each claimed that the other was poaching on his territory. When in actual fact it was the actual dividing mark of the two clan lands, in this case a river ('BUU') that was being claimed as his, by each of the two gentlemen. Discussions with village elders revealed that both parties had right of access to the river but it was customary for both groups to be represented when any thing of food value was taken from the river. This being so ascertained it was put to the two adversaries. Both agreed to the arrangement and the matter was resolved.

## Local Court

Only one incident necessitated Court action. A charge of 'Unlawfully Striking' was heard at Geol village which resulted in the defendant being convicted and sentenced. Other complaints, mainly of a domestic nature, were heard in an informal manner.

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## Chain Letter.

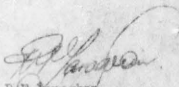
All activity as such was noted by the Patrol. The only thing that may be regarded as having cultish connotations was the presence of two Chain Letters in immediate vicinity of Oesim (The later investigations showed that the letter was present in most villages especially those around Bwani Station)

The letter is headed; "Australian Bonanza" and artfully sub-titled 'How to win \$12,000'. For an initial outlay of \$9 the participant becomes part of the chain and according to the information brochure receive \$12,000 when his name reaches the top of the list.

Another letter with its source in Kabaul was reported to the Patrol by one of the Priests at Oesim, but was not noted in any village visited by the Patrol.

## Absentees during Census

Absentees were numerous. Especially from the villages of Sosi, where 60% of the adult male population were absent (and 50% of the female) and the village of Kisa where 50 per cent of the male and 45 per cent of the female population were absent. The former mentioned villagers were allegedly squatting in the area of the 'Daunin' creek near Vaniso, the latter mentioned being at the camp of Waterstone. Because of these absentees conducting a census in this area becomes farcical. An effort should be made to round up all these people absent without an excuse and they should further be prosecuted for their absence. Appendix 'A' to this report lists all absentees.

  
R.M. Langham  
Assistant District Officer



Amendments : Area Study KILMERRI CENSUS DIVISION of 29/10/69

Revision : Update of above. Patrol Report No. 7 1970/71

6/11/72

(B) POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

(a) Population, as present at census as per Patrol Report cover.

(b) Road Communications, No further road work has been carried out due to lack of Council Funds and voluntary labour has lost its appeal. Rural Development funds have been awarded but as yet the money is not to hand.

The people again reiterated, the comment, as noted P.R no. 7, that any further monies for road building (specifically R.D.F.) should ~~now~~ be used to contract a 'Company' to build roads with machinery rather than hand labour.

Survey pegs have been laid from Waterstone over the GENAKE range, bypassing Sosi village and terminating at Osol village. A centre line is expected to be plotted by a qualified surveyor in the near future.

(c) Absenteeism, Labour Flow. The usual number of men have become indentured labourers on Coastal plantations and the usual fraction of this lot have seen fit marry into coastal society.

Migration within the district has become a problem.

A host of men have taken their families to live in poorly constructed camps on the outskirts of Vanimo. Others, specifically those from the village of Krisa have established a Squatter Camp at Waterstone in the Vanimo East Coast C/D.

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Amendments : Area Study KILMERRI CENSUS DIVISION of 29/10/69

Revision : Update of Above, Patrol Report No.7 1970/71

6/11/72

(D) LEADERSHIP

BEWA TOU, mentioned in area Study of the 29/10/69 has consolidated his position. Remains as Vice President to P.L.G.C. and has been elected as Member of the House of Assembly for the Bewani Electorate.

LIS OSI has become more influential in the Ossima area as a result of his dealing in land. He has leased 88 acres to a group of youths (from another village) who are studying cattle management and who ultimately intend to raise cattle. LIS OSI has negotiations in hand to lease further tracts of his land to potential Cattle owners.

No other significant changes.

Amendments : Area Study KILMERRI CENSUS DIVISION of 29/10/69

Revision : Update of above. Patrol Report No. 7 1970/71

6/11/72

(E) LAND USE AND TENURE

(b) Land Lease. No instances of an individual having a lease from the Administration. However a survey is currently underway by the Forestry Department to decide whether it is economical to relinquish 1000 acres of land, held by them, under the Timber Lease Block 6, for subleasing to indigenous people desiring to raise cattle. There are any number of potential applicants.

Amendments : Area Study KIIAERI CENSUS DIVISION of 23/10/69

Revision : Update of above. Patrol Report No.7 1970/71

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6/11/72

(F) INTERACY

OSOL village. One class only. Standard II attended by 13 male children and 6 female children.

OSSIMA Primary 'T' School.

Attendance figures show:	Standard I	Males 29	Females 12	Total 41
	Standard II	20	13	33
	Standard III	14	18	32
	Standard IV	14	13	27
	Standard V	27	9	36
	Standard VI	21	9	30
		125	74	199

Amendment : Area Study KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION of 29/10/72

Revision : Update of above. Patrol Report No. 7 1970/71

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6/11/72

(B) MISSION

A small hamlet, OMOI, of SDA adherents has become established a little distance from OSSIMA. However the indigenous Pastor was removed from Office on the 30/10/72 for some infringement of ecclesiastical rules. It is unknown whether this gentleman is to be replaced or not.

No animosity of friction was outwardly evident between the two groups, i.e. SDA and RC.

Staff, The Mission provides employment for;

One Priest in Charge

One Priest

One Brother (Supervises Cattle Project)

One Lay Worker (Assists immediately above)

One V.S.A. Nursing Sister

Two teachers (Female) All listed are expatriates.

Five indigenous teachers comprise the remainder of the School Staff.

One indigenous catechist at OSOL

One indigenous SDA Pastor at KILIMWI

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Amendments : Area Study KILMERRI CENSUS DIVISION of 29/10/69

Revision : Update of Above. Patrol Report No.7 1970/71

6/11/72

(I) STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

No significant changes in Political attitudes or activity noted.

BEMA TOU is a rather mobile and loquacious (though of a conservative nature) member.

He seems to be much listened to by his constituents.

# PATROL REPORT

BEVANI No 2  
 Report number: ~~1-2~~ 1977/3  
 District: West Sepik  
 Patrol conducted by: H. POI  
 Area patrolled: part Vanimo West Coast  
 Duration of patrol: part Kilmari; Gen. Div. 12/2/73 to 2/3/73  
 Last D.D.A. patrol: Mil. New Road survey  
 Last O.L.G. patrol: Mil. New Road survey  
 Map reference: Aitape forail  
 Objects of patrol: Rural exp. Road survey  
 Station: ~~WEST BEVANI~~  
 Subdistrict: VANIMO  
 Designation: Assistant Field Officer  
 Personnel accompanying: 1 member R.P.N.G.C.  
 Number of days: 13 days  
 Total population of area: 3335  
 Council area: VANIMO L.G.C.: VANIMO L.G.C.  
 House of Assembly Electorate: BEVANI COUNCIL, WEST COAST DISTRICT

The District Commissioner,  
 West Sepik District,  
 VANIMO

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

DATE: 19

Assistant District Commissioner

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

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

Date: 20/2/1973

  
 District Commissioner

B. BUNTING  
 District Commissioner.

DDA 67 16 36

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

29th June, 1973  
67-16-36  
R.G.Orwin  
a/DDC

BEMANI PATROL NO. 2/1972-73.

Reference your Minute of 30th April, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of parts of Vanimo West Coast and Kilmeri Census Divisions, as submitted by Mr M.Foi, Assistant Field Officer.

W.P.RYAN  
a/Secretary



DDA 67.16.36

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

File: 67-3-11

District Headquarters,  
West Sepik District,  
VAHIO.

30th April, 1973

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
VAHIO.

SEWANI PATROL No. 2 of 1972/73  
PART VAHIO WEST COAST & KILMERI CENSUS DIVISIONS

Memorandum 67-1-3 dated 18th April, 1973, refers.

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

1. A copy only of the Field Officer's Journal for the period only of the patrol should accompany the report. The original of the Field Officer's Journal should be submitted to this office at the end of each month.
2. It would appear from the report and from visual observation from aircraft that the road is proceeding noticeably.
3. Further reports of this nature will assist Mr. Poi to become familiar with the submission of patrol reports.
4. He is to be complimented on the work he is doing with respect to the practical establishment of the road.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

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

The above refers.

Two report jackets are forwarded for your records, please.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

## PATROL REPORT

Station: <b>BEWANI</b>	Population: <b>2211</b>	
Subdistrict: <b>VAHIDO</b>	Council Area: <b>PAGEI</b>	
District: <b>WEST SEPIK</b>	House of Assembly Electorate: <b>BEWANI</b>	
Report No: <b>3 of 7/73</b>	Map Reference: <b>FOURMILL VAHIDO</b>	
Conducted by: <b>G.F. PAYNE</b>	Last Patrol: <b>Oct, 72.</b>	
Designation: <b>PATROL OFFICER</b>	Objects of Patrol: <b>Supervise road construction, familiarisation, general administration.</b>	
Duration: <b>22.5 to 25.5.73</b>		
No. of Days: <b>4 days</b>		
Census Division: <b>KILIMERI</b>		

The District Commissioner,

**West Sepik** District,  
**VAHIDO.**

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios <b>5 To 6,</b>	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	(N/A)
Updating of area study,	(N/A)
Situation Reports Nos 1- <b>2</b>	(✓)
Patrol map,	(N/A)

DATE **18 / 6 / 1973**.

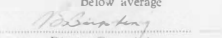
  
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Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report	Average
	Below average

Date: **20 / 6 / 1973**.

  
District Commissioner

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

30th July, 1973.

67-16-49  
R.G. Orwin  
a/D.D.C.

BEWANI PATROL NO. 3/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 21st June, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of KILIMORHI Canine Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. G.F. PAYNE, Patrol Officer.

Matters raised in Situation Report No. 2 are under review.

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

DDA 67.16.49

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West Sepik District,  
VANUATU.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
VANUATU, N.E.D.~~



21st June, 1973  
67-3-11

P.S. GALL  
a/D.D.C.

P.A. Bewani 3 of 72/73  
8/6/73

BEWANI PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 1972/73

Thank you for the above-mentioned report which adequately covered the objectives of the patrol.

The report requires no specific comment from this office other than that the road extension is progressing at a pleasing, commendable rate.

*B. Bunting*  
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... Appropriate sections of the report, in duplicate, are forwarded herewith.

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