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STATION: YANGORU, 1968 - 1969

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EAST SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

DREIKIKIR & YANGORU

<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
<u>DREIKIKIR</u>		
1-68-69	H.K. Mack <i>OK</i>	Part Urat & Gawanga
2-68-69	C.J. Rawlings <i>OK</i>	All Kombio & Urim C.D. One Urat C.D.
3-68-69	H.K. Mack <i>OK</i>	Urim & part Ga- wanga C.D., Part Dreikikir L.G.C.
4-68-69	H.K. Mack <i>OK</i>	Part Gawanga, Urim & Kombio C.D.
<u>YANGORU</u>		
1-68-69	I.F. Read	Kaboibus C.D. & part Kumun C.D.
2-68-69	H. Hamilton	Sepik C.D., Yangoru L.G.C.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

DC  
cleared 26.6.69



Report Number.....YANGORU 1 -1968/69.....

Subdistrict.....MAPRIK.....

District.....EAST SEPIK.....

Type of Patrol.....ANNUAL CENSUS.....

Patrol Conducted by.....IAN FRANCIS READ, Assistant District Officer.....

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.) } KABOIBUS Census Division and part  
KUMUN Census Division.  
(ie Part YANGORU Censual Area )

Personnel Accompanying Patrol  
.....1 member R.P.N.G.C.....

Duration of Patrol—from 19 8 / 68..... To 9 / 9 / 68.....

No. of Days.....22.....

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area .....1966.....

Date.....November.....Duration.....11 days.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....Census Revision.....  
.....Political Education.....  
.....General Administration.....

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....KABOIBUS C/D 3,485 and 620 KUMUN C/D.....  
Village population register KABOIBUS C/D attached.....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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26/6/69

*E. G. Hays*  
District Commissioner.

67-8-13

19th February, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK, East Sepik District.

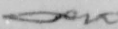
PATROL NO. YANGORU 1/68-69

Your reference 67-1-6 dated 4th December, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. I.A. Read, Assistant District Officer, to KABOIEBUS and Part of KUMUN Census Divisions.

Mr. Read has submitted a fairly detailed report, but his attention should be drawn to paragraph 6 of my Circular 67-1-0 dated 21st June, 1968, concerning the format of Annual Census Patrol Reports.

There appears to be no explanation for the delay in submitting the report.

  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

cc: Mr. I.A. Read,  
Assistant District Officer,  
Patrol Post,  
YANGORU, East Sepik District.



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DISCOM  
67-1-6



District Office,  
SEWAK.  
East Sepik District.  
4th December, 1968

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
MAPRIK.

YANGORU PATROL REPORT NO.1 1968/69  
KABOIBUS CENSUS DIVISION

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report together with your covering Memorandum.

Mr. Road's claim for camping allowance has since arrived at this office.

*E. G. Hicks*  
E.G. HICKS  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KORODOBU.

For your information and records, please.

*E. G. Hicks*  
E.G. HICKS  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



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M A P R I K.

East Sepik District.

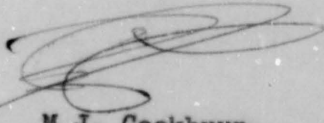
19th November, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

YANGORU PATROL REPORT NO 1 1968/69  
KABOIBUS CENSUS DIVISION.

Forwarded herewith in triplicate the abovementioned patrol report which was received at Maprik on the 4th November, 1968. The delay in forwarding from this office is regretted.

The report is fairly straight forward in its subject matter. However sectional headings as required in Patrol Report instruction of the 21st June, 1968, have not been strictly adhered to. The report gives a general situation evaluation only. Mr Read has not attached his claim for camping allowance.

  
M.J. Cockburn.  
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY

- Monday, 19th. August. 1000 patrol personnel and equipment by Land Rover to ILIPAEM village. At Yangoru with Treasury Inspector all day. 1800 departed Yangoru per motor cycle arriving at ILIPAEM village at 1710. Overnight in rest house.
- Tuesday, 20th. August. 0800 inspected all hamlets of ILIPAEM. 1130 people assembled, addressed and census revised. 1700-1815 discussions with village men on economic development, particularly rice growing and gold mining. Overnight in rest house.
- Wednesday, 21st. August. 0800 departed ILIPAEM for ULUNOHOITU village. Steep descent then ascent to arrive at 0840. All hamlets inspected. People assembled, addressed and census revised. Two minor complaints. 1600 departed for ILIPAEM arriving at 1645, there being no rest house at ULUNOHOITU. Overnight.
- Thursday, 22nd. August. 0700-1610 working with village men on KABOIBUS road. 1630-1800 several minor complaints. Overnight in rest house.
- Friday, 23rd. August. 0730 departed and moved over good walking track to arrive at first hamlet of AHIGLIUM village at 0815. Village inspected and arrived at rest house at 1010. 1100 people assembled, addressed and census revised. 1600 seven local Courts heard. 1930-2045 discussions with villagers on economic development and information for area study compiled. Overnight in rest house.
- Saturday, 24th. August. Heavy rain until 1030. Departed for MALAPAEM arriving 1100. All hamlets inspected. People assembled, addressed and census revised. 1600-1800 several minor complaints followed by general discussion on economic development particularly rice production and development of the WINGEI/YABOMINU road. As rest house in poor condition moved on to YABOMINU along dry weather vehicular road arriving at 1840. Overnight in rest house.
- Sunday, 25th. August. 0900-1230 Compiled census figures. Walked over overgrown native pad to arrive at KABOIBUS Primary 'T' School at 1320. With Mr. Bourke, headteacher to Yangoru arriving 1400. Overnight Yangoru.
- Monday, 26th. August. At Yangoru. 1030 by vehicle to track near YABOMINU village. Walked to Yabominu rest house arriving 1230. All hamlets inspected. People assembled, addressed and census revised. Compiled census figures. 1700 one Local Court and several minor complaints. 1900 discussions with approximately 30 men on economic development including rice production and completion of the WINGEI/YABOMINU road. Overnight in rest house.
- Tuesday, 27th. August. 0730 walked over bush track to arrive at KABOIBUS village at 0820. All hamlets inspected. 1000 people assembled, addressed and census revised. 1400-1600 One Local Court and several minor complaints. 1800-1930 discussions with villagers and information for area study compiled. Census figures in the evening. Overnight in rest house.



Wednesday,  
28th. August.

0800 walked along vehicular road for 20 minutes then along motor cycle track to arrive at BONAHOITUM village at 0840. Sisters of Mercy from ULUPU Catholic Mission arrived for infant welfare clinic. Census delayed. Men on road maintenance. 1000 departed for BOINYIP hamlet in Prince Alexander range arriving at 1125. Returned to rest house via four other hamlets arriving 1530. Area study information compiled. Overnight.

Thursday,  
29th. August.

0800 people of BONAHOITUM assembled, addressed and census revised. 1100 departed and met Yangoru Land Rover with motor cycle to facilitate road work. Arrived at BELAGEL village at 1145. All hamlets inspected. 1200 people assembled and census revised. Census figures. 1900-2015 discussions with villagers. Overnight in rest house.

Friday,  
30th. August.

0730 by motor cycle to DUNIGI/KAIRIRU rest house at 0745. 0900 departed for WIHUN hamlet of DUNIGI in Prince Alexander Range, arriving at 1040. Returned to rest house at 1300. People of DUNIGI and KAIRIRU villages assembled, addressed and census of both villages revised. 1800 by motor to Yangoru via BUKINARA village. Overnight Yangoru.

Saturday,  
31st. August.

1000 by Land Rover to BAINYIK Agricultural Station. Discussions with Mr. Kobby, O.I.C., regarding rice production. Arrangements made for seed rice to be distributed to patrol area next week. Continued on to Maprik where spoke to Mr. Cockburn, Assistant District Commissioner, Returned to Yangoru at 1730.

Sunday,  
1st. September.

1400 by motor cycle to KUMBUHUN village arriving 1515. Overnight in rest house.

Monday,  
2nd. September.

0800 all hamlets of KUMBUHUN inspected. 1100 people of KUMBUHUN assembled and addressed. Discussions with villagers on rice growing and development of BUKINARA/KUMBUHUN/KAIRIRU/BELAGEL road. 1300 by motor cycle over dry weather vehicular road to arrive at BUKINARA village at 1830. Overnight in rest house.

Tuesday,  
3rd. September.

Village men on roads maintenance. Caught up with census figures. 1300 all hamlets of BUKINARA inspected. 1300 people assembled and addressed. General discussions with village men on economic development and the House of Assembly. 1900 by motor cycle to ALISU/BUBUAMO rest house. Overnight.

Wednesday,  
4th. September.

0730 to BUBUAMO village. Road inspection by motor cycle as far as ILIPAEM village. 1000 people assembled, addressed and census revised. 1200-1400 census figures. 1500 to KABOIBUS village to investigate fire which destroyed two houses. 1600 met P.I.R. Captain at KABOIBUS. Discussed civic aid patrol planned for October. With P.I.R. Vehicle to Yangoru arriving 1805. Overnight.

Thursday,  
5th. September.

0745 -1000 at Yangoru awaiting Inspector Dyer, police Maprik, for annual inspection R.Worcesters Licensed store at Yangoru. Inspection carried out. 1500 by motor cycle to ALISU/BUBUAMO rest house arriving at 1540. People of ALISU assembled and census revised. Overnight in rest house.



Friday, 6th. September. 0800 to KURAGAMON village. All hamlets inspected. 1100 people assembled, addressed and census revised. Census figures. Several minor complaints. Overnight in rest house.

Saturday, 7th. September. 0730 walked along narrow vehicular road to NIMBIHU village arriving at 0800. All hamlets visited. 1100 people assembled, addressed and census revised. 1430 returned to KURAGAMON village thence by motor cycle to YANGORU arriving 1600. Overnight YANGORU.

Sunday, 8th. September. Observed YANGORU. 1600 by motor cycle to HIMBURU village. Overnight in rest house.

Monday, 9th. September. 0112 awakened by strong earthquake - intensity 6 plus on the 12 point scale. 0132 muffled explosive sounds followed by another tremor - intensity 4. From 0112 to 0800 more than 100 minor earthquakes felt each preceded by muffled explosive sound. 0810 by motor cycle along KABOIBUS road checking for damage to villages houses etc. Visited WILARU Catholic Mission station. 0900 to YANGORU to inspect damage. 1100 met Mr. Bourke, Teacher in charge Kaboibus Primary 'T' School who reported damage to school and residences. 1200 by motor cycle to KABOIBUS school accompanied by Mr. Bourke. damage inspected. Continued on to Maprik via ULUPU to report to the Assistant District Commissioner.

Tuesday, 10th. September. Remained at Yangoru. Patrol stood down.

end of diary.

SITUATION REPORT:

Political:

The Yangoru Local Government Council was proclaimed on the sixth day of December, 1961, and formed in early 1962. The Council encompasses the whole of the Yangoru administrative area and includes the WINGEI, NINDEPOLYE, SEPIK, KUMUN, KABOIBUS and YANGORU Census Divisions. There are 81 villages in the Council area with a total population, including all races, of 18,115. There are 38 wards from which 45 members are elected. The Council has been multi-racial since March of 1967. The one European councillor has been active in Council committee affairs.

The patrol area, that is, the KABOIBUS Census Division comprises the northern sector of the Yangoru Council area and abutts the Greater Maprik Council area to the west. Geographically the patrol area represents 12% of the total Council area of 484 square miles. The 14 villages of the KABOIBUS Census Division, together with KUMBUHUN village (KUMUN Census Division) elect 9 councillors. Details of wards set out below:-

<u>Ward No.</u>	<u>Villages.</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Total Pop.</u>	<u>Members.</u>
13	KUMBUHUN	458	1008	2
	DUNIGI	374		
	KAIRIRU	176		
15	ALISU	234	365	1
	BUBUAMO	131		
16	BONAHOITUM	398	505	1
	BELAGEL	107		
17	KABOIBUS	461	461	1
18	ULUNKOHOIFU	76	325	1
	ILIPAIEM	249		
19	MALAPAIEM	251	409	1
	AHIGLIUM	158		
20	YABOMINU	316	316	1
21	KURAGAMON	279	554	1
	NIMBIHU	275		
TOTALS		3943	3943	9

Total population of KABOIBUS Census Division, as per attached village population register, is 3,485 which together with the 458 from KUMBUHUN villages gives the above total of 3,943.

The Yangoru Local Government Council is a firmly established fact in the lives of the people of this area. While there is no great enthusiasm shown towards the Councils activities there is certainly no anti Council attitude evident. The people appear to readily accept the concept that the Council has the authority to pass rules relating to tax and other matters. There is a tendency to gauge the success or otherwise of the Council purely in terms of material benefits and the completion or non completion of works programmes, particularly where permanent materials buildings are concerned. Because of the above it is understandable that attitudes in these areas without Aid Posts, schools etc are not as enthusiastic as those with these type of benefits. The general attitudes of the people of this area has undergone an appreciable change for the better during the last year. This can be directly related to the completion of the Councils works programme in 1967/68 and in particular to the completion, in permanent materials, of a 70' x 20' double classroom at the Kaboibus Primary 'T' School and the Council chambers near YANGORU.



The area patrolled covers one of the five linguistic groups included in the Councils area. Outwardly it would appear that the traditional social boundaries formed by these language differences are not being perpetuated in the Local Government system. Recently a group of councillors from the KABOIBUS geographical area, because of a misunderstanding, failed to attend the Council meeting at which the Port Folio councillors were elected. Not one absentee councillor was given a port folio. This, of course, meant that there was no representation from the KABOIBUS area on the important finance committee. However, before any real dissatisfaction was forced an elected port folio member resigned his position for personal reasons and a councillor from the KABOIBUS area elected as his replacement. The KABOIBUS area referred to includes part of the KUMUN Census Division which includes another linguistic group.

There is still a tendency for some councillors and village groups to press for localised development. The concept of priorities based on the needs of the Council and overall development of the Council area is not always readily acceptable to all. This is particularly so in areas not given top priorities. It is also evident that important major proposals by the Council, again aimed at overall development, are not as acceptable as more specific projects particularly where some immediate material benefit is to be realised.

The tax rate for the Yangoru Council was raised from \$4 to \$5 for the current financial year. This caused no hardship to the taxpayer. It is true to say that Council tax has indeed become a genuine work incentive. While vehicles, shotguns and other luxury and prestigious items are undoubtedly the major inducement taxation is having its affect.

At the first multi-racial elections early last year one European was elected to the Council. Realising the advantages of having educated men on committees this member was elected as a member of both the Councils Finance and Executive committee and served on both for eighteen months.

The Councillor is the recognised authority in the village. He is usually responsible for village affairs and maintenance particularly if some criticism is being made. The people are well aware of the provisions of the Councils 'Village Hygiene and Sanitation Rule'. However, unless the individual Councillor is a particularly keen and energetic type this important rule is not being enforced. Unfortunately, the people still tend to regard the Councillors as quasi Luluais, a role in which the Councillors themselves tend to relish. The enforcement of Council rules by the Councillors themselves certainly does not help in establishing the Councillor in his true role. Because of the above the Councillor is still widely regarded as a mediator of disputes, the village policeman and accepted channel through which approaches can be made to the Administration. The Councillor is expected to take the lead, or at least participate in new fields of activity. It is indeed obvious that individual energetic and influential Councillors have been directly responsible for increased economic activity. This is particularly so in KABOIBUS village.

The people expressed, through the Council, dissatisfaction with the new House of Assembly electoral boundaries. This was based on the claim that they had absolutely no affiliations whatsoever with the people of the Ambunti Sub-District ie. the other half of the Ambunti/Yangoru Open Electorate. However, discussions during the patrol this matter was not raised once by the people. Only when views were invited was any complaint made. It would appear that the people have accepted the boundaries as they are.

At each village visited a short address was given on the composition and functions of the House of Assembly. The people are well aware of the existence of the House. However, they appear to be no great understanding of its functions. Certainly many people have a veneer of understanding. It is realised that the House consists of an elected body and that it has power to make laws and that elected members can be approached to press for development projects etc.



The local Member of the House of Assembly is known personally to only a few people - less than 1 percent. In most villages enquiries were made as to when he would be likely to visit the area. It was pointed out that perhaps it would be advisable to invite the Member to attend a council meeting in the near future.

The use of such terms as 'self government', 'independence' and 'political parties' is becoming quite common place among the more politically aware particularly among the Local Government Councillors.

Economic:

The general rural development of the Kaboibus area has been slow. The area is served by a four wheel drive vehicular road with a series of minor feeder roads. During 1967/68 the Yangoru Local Government Council spent more than \$1,000 on maintenance and improvement of the Kaboibus road. However, much more needs to be done and communications can only be described as reasonable at the best of times.

There is at present a motor cycle track from the Kaboibus road to YABOMINU - MALAPAIEM - WINGEI and another from ALSI - KURAGAMON - NIMBIHU - WINGEI. With very little effort both these roads could be brought up to vehicular standards. This would open up a tremendous area particularly suitable for cattle grazing.

As mentioned earlier taxation is becoming a real and genuine work incentive. However, unfortunately there is, each year, a mass exodus of young men to Wewak seeking casual employment at, or just prior to, the Council tax collection patrol. This suggests that the notion that the New Guinean is basically a 'target worker' is, in fact, true of the Kaboibus people. That is, once immediate needs are satisfied enthusiasm for a cash gain is lost.

There are two village cattle projects in the area. At ILIPAIEM there are nine beasts all of which are doing well. The other project is at DUNINGI. This is a new venture and at the moment there are only three cows.

The Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries operate a sub-station at Yangoru from Sub-District headquarters at BAINYIK. For extension purposes the Yangoru administrative area has been divided into three project areas each in charge of a Agricultural Field Worker. The KABOIBUS together with the KUMUN census division form one of these areas.

The Department of Forests operate a nursery at Yangoru. The KABOIBUS primary 'T' now operate a nursery and germinate seeds. Seedlings are handed free to interested village people. An interesting feature is that 'Kwila' seedlings are being distributed to replenish forests that have been depleted, over the years, for traditional purposes eg. house building.

Coffee and rice are the two major cash crops. Marketing is handled by the YEKERE Rural Progress Society. This Society has an active membership of 350. At \$10 share capital per member it is obvious that membership needs to be increased. During last year it became necessary to borrow money from other Societies to purchase crops.

At several villages visited there were complaints made about marketing procedures. In each case the people concerned lay the blame with the Department of Agriculture. It was pointed out that the Society not the Administration was fully responsible for marketing of produce. In accordance with Society policy it was suggested that crops be stored in large central storage sheds rather than a few bags in numerous small stores. In this way purchase of produce would be streamlined and thus reduce delays often now experienced. It was also pointed out that it was the responsibility of individual Society members to advise local Directors of the amount of produce stored. The Director in turn could then bring the matter to the notice of the Society at the monthly meeting and request that arrangements be made for purchase. There is a widespread misconception that the Administration is responsible in this regard.

D.A.S.F. having purchased the rice from the Society then process it at the BAINYIK rice mill. Until recently the Society was also sellings its coffee to the Administration. However, recently the Society have commenced to ship coffee parchemnt direct to LAE where it is offered for sale on the world market. It is hoped that by eliminating the 'middle man', in this case the Administration, the society can increase its profit

There has been no new coffee plantings in the area during the last three years. Actual statistics are shown in the attached area study. However, coffee production will continue to increase until 1972 when it should reach a maximum of 60,000 lbs.

There are no figures available for rice production in the area. However, in 1966/67 the Yangoru Administrative area produced 19.6 tons. This was increased to 53.5 tons in 1967/68. Of this at least 25-30% would have come from the patrol area.

At each village visited the people were encouraged to plant rice. During the patrol, on the 31st of August, the writer visited BAINYIK Agricultural Station and arranged with the Officer in Charge to have the new higher yielding seed rice distributed in the area. This was done.

The Department of Agriculture are endeavouring, through extension patrols, to foster and increase rice production. However, to do this the people must have the confidence of the individual involved. Unfortunately it is true to say that this has not been so over the last year.

Social:

The area is well served by the Administration Primary 'T' school at Kaboibus which has a total enrollment of slightly over 200. Pupils are drawn from almost every village in the Census Division. The school, for the first time, this year included a standard six and it can be expected that some of these will continue on in High School next year. The Catholic Mission also operated a recognised school at ULUPU, in the Maprik area. However, quite a large number of students come from villages of the KABOIBUS Census Division. At BUKINARA the Catholic Mission operate a school which has no official recognition. Approximately 45 children from this area are enrolled. The KABOIBUS area is reasonably well served in the field of education. The area is probably the fortunate sector of the Administrative area in this regard.

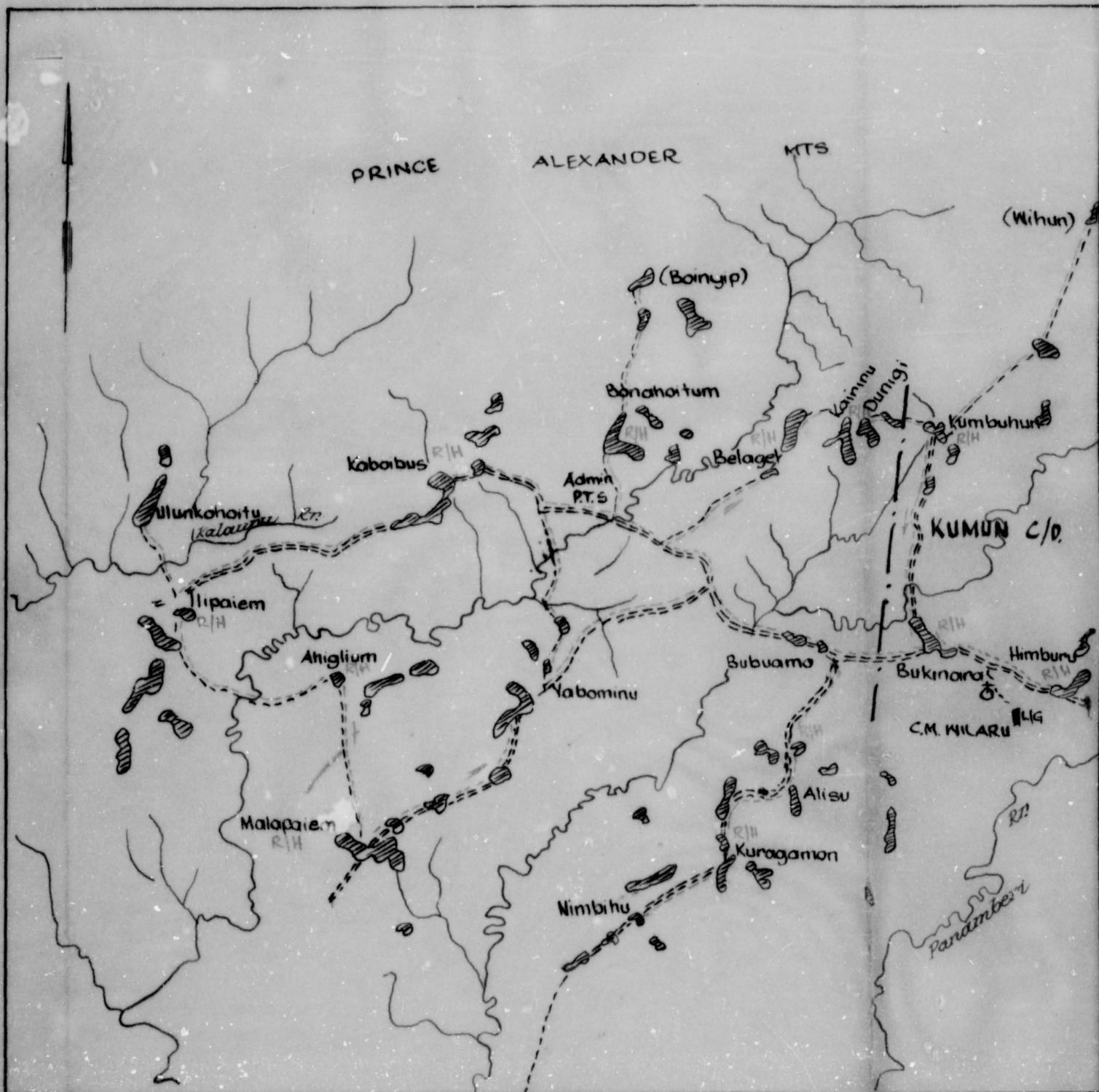
There is an operational Administration Aid Post at Kaboibus adjacent to the school. This should be all that is required. However, most village groups made complaints that the Orderly was not properly conducting the Aid Post. Upon investigation this was found to be correct and the matter has been taken up with the Department of Public Health representative at Yangoru. The Sisters of Mercy at the Catholic Mission at ULUPU conduct weekly infant welfare clinics at central points along the vehicular road. They are doing an invaluable job, the importance of which seems to be appreciated by the village people.

Law and order presents no problem. The people are only too aware of the good communications and realise that any breach can be quickly reported to the police at Yangoru.

The Catholic mission with stations at ULUPU and BUKINARA seem to have the largest number of adherents. However, the Assemblies of God mission at Yangoru conduct weekly services in a few areas. There is absolutely no evidence of village or area factions based on religious beliefs.

Ian Read  
Assistant District Officer





KABOBUS C/D  
 MAPRIK 310  
 EAST SEPIK

Yangoru Patrol 1-1968/69  
 RF 1:40,000

- Villages
- R/H rest houses
- - - patrol route
- == roads
- main tracks





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SEPIK Report No. YANGORU 2-1968/69

Patrol Conducted by G. HAMILTON P.O.

Area Patrolled SEPIK CENSUS DIVISION YANGORU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 MEMBER R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 10 / 2 / 1969 to 20 / 2 / 1969

Number of Days 11 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services FEBRUARY 1968

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol AMENDMENT OF CENSUS ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

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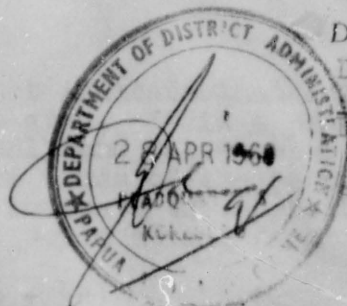
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.



Department of District Administration,  
District Office,  
Wewak,  
East Sepik District.  
23rd April, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District  
Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

YANGORU PATROL NO. 2 OF 1968/69  
SEPIK CENSUS DIVISION - MR. G. HAMILTON,  
PATROL OFFICER

Attached please find:-

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- (a) Original and one copy of report
- (b) Copy of memorandum 67-3-11/147 dated the 24th March 1969 from Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik
- (c) Map of area patrolled.

2. I have the following comments to make (page and paragraph numbers are the same as those used in the report):-

LAND OWNERSHIP (3 - 16)

Agriculture has been included under this heading. I am concerned at the poor condition of coffee plots in the Sepik Census Division, and am forwarding an extract of this report to the District Rural Development Officer for his advice and request for remedial action to be taken. I will also ask that the matter of rats destroying rice be looked into. If the rats are such that they are reaching plague proportions then the possibility of discontinuing rice plantings should be considered.

LITERACY (3 - 17)

A detailed submission of the number of children aged 5 in January 1970, names of Villages and distances to a central School, if established, in the Sepik Census Division should be submitted to the District Inspector, Department of Education, Wewak with a request for the establishment of a School. The Council should be consulted, and if they approve of the establishment of the School, should advise the District Inspector of what self help the people or Council could give with regard to the erection of School classrooms and Teachers' Quarters. The Council and Officer-in-Charge Yangoru should discreetly select a School site

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but should not indicate that a School will be built in the area. It is a preparatory submission only and false hopes should not be raised in the minds of the people. The report should also indicate the approximate number of children who would attend from 1970 to 1975.

COMMUNICATIONS (6 - 44)

The suggestion put forward by the PANGEMBIT people that a road should be extended to SARU Village in the PASU area has not been reported on by the Assistant District Commissioner Maprik and certainly has merit. I will contact both the Assistant District Commissioner Maprik and Assistant District Commissioner Ambunti and ask them for their comments.

ECONOMY (7 - 55)

There are not many coffee trees in bearing in the area but planting has continued. Possibly plantings can be increased. I will ask the District Rural Development Officer for his comments on this as there are five Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries Officers stationed at Yangoru and they could possibly intensify plantings if the people are interested.

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It is encouraging to see that burning off of kunai is being controlled. The people will see the practical benefits of this policy in years to come. I see no reason why a reforestation programme cannot be introduced into the area if the people wish to improve their soil. ACACIA AURICALIFORNIS (New Guinea Wattle) is a relatively quick growing legume and seedlings are available at BAINYIK, BORAM and YANGORU to plant up two acres immediately. Perhaps the Officer-in-Charge Yangoru would consider planting up an experimental block.

3. A very interesting report submitted by Mr. Hamilton. The map should have been printed in black Indian ink and should have been on the scale 4 miles to one inch. I will draw this to the attention of the Officer-in-Charge.

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(B. K. LEEN.)  
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner, MAPRIK.  
Officer-in-Charge, YANGORU.



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To: Director DDA HQ From: D.C. Mewak

Subject: Patrol Report No. 2 <sup>per year</sup> Date: 28/4/69.

Attached here please find  
the original and one copy of the  
Patrol Report No. 2 of 1968-69.

I refer to my 67-1-6 of 22nd  
April, 1969, where this report  
had not been attached.



B. K. Reen  
A / District Commissioner

PATROL DIARY

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- Monday  
February 10 Departed Yangoru 10.30 am arriving Witupe 1 at 1115. Census began 1.20 pm. Number absent due to death of village elder. Seven people fined for absence from census without reasonable cause. Discussed Local Government, forthcoming Council elections, Political Education. Overnight Witupe 1
- Tuesday  
February 11 Heard more village complaints etc. Landrover arrived 8.40 am thence to Yangoru for Council meeting. Returned to Witupe 1 5.50 pm. Overnight Witupe 1.
- Wednesday  
February 12 Walked back to Kamanjan 8 am arriving 9.10 am. Census taken. Talks on political education, Council work and elections, rules etc. Returned to Witupe 1 collected equipment departed for Witupe 2 arriving 4.20 pm. 1 hour 10 minutes easy walking. Overnight Witupe 2.
- Thursday  
February 13 Began census 8.30 am finishing 9.55. Addressed village on Local Government, elections, and rules and House of Assembly. Complaints re bride price and land disputes between Witupe and Kiniambu. Advised to go to disputed land on 19th and would assist Demarcation Committee. To Kworo 1 hour 20 minutes. Dispute over bride price. Unsettled after 1½ hours. Land disputes between Woseras and Kworos. Compiled census figures until 9 pm. Overnight Kworo.
- Friday  
February 14 Census began 8 am finishing 9 am. Usual talks on Local Government, House of Assembly etc given. Few minor complaints heard and settled out of court. Walked to Kumbiwingei 1 hour 15 minutes. Completed census figures. Discussions with Village leaders concerning development. Overnight Kumbiwingei.
- Saturday  
February 15 Began census 8 am finishing 8.35 am. Spoke on Local Government, elections Rules and House of Assembly. Completed census figures and heard complaints. Waited for flooded river to subside. Departed Kumbiwingei 11.50 am arriving Makambu 1.05 pm. River waist high only. Overnight Makambu.
- Sunday  
February 16 At Makambu.
- Monday  
February 17 Departed for Pangeimbit 8 am arriving 9.05 am. Inspected village. Census at 9.45 finishing 10.35. Discussed Council elections in March, Rules of Council House of Assembly. Heard complaints etc. Inspected airstrip 3 miles south. Also inspected mission school adjacent to airstrip. Returned to Makambu 5 pm.
- Tuesday  
February 18 Began census 8 am. Addressed village on usual topics. No carriers. Waited for 1¼ hours for carriers. Departed Makambu 1.25 after violent storm. Arrived Kiniambu 4.25 pm. Walked direct instead of via Kamaragu due to heavy rain and swamp. Compiled census figures. Spoke with Councillor and others. Overnight Kiniambu.
- Wednesday  
February 19 Began census at Kamaragu 10.40 after 2½ hour walk from Kiniambu. Road in poor condition. Completed census 10.15 am. Gave usual talks. No further complaints. Returned to Kiniambu 3.10 pm. Censused Kiniambu, addressed people. Heard complaints and



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and two court cases for non renewal of licences.  
overnight Kiniambu.

Thursday  
February 20

Inspected village, shocking, thence airstrip and  
school, both fair. Returned 10.15 am. Carriers  
called and departed Kiniambu 11.15 am. Landrover  
waiting at road junction. Returned Yangoru 2.10  
via Haripmor. Land rover bogged number of times.

END OF PATROL