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# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. 19-68/69			
Patrol Conducted by L. JOHN (T1/AFO)			
Area Patrolled ARAWE CENSUS DIVISION			
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans			
Natives R. TOBIA P.O. for the first three days of			
Duration—From4 /6/1969to8./8./1969			
Number of Days66			
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?NO			
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services/4/1969			
Medical /7/1969			
Map ReferenceSKETCH. MAP ATTACHED			
Objects of Patrol CARRY OUT NATIVE LAND INVESTIGATION			
Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.			
Forwarded, please.			
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			

67-17-70 Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

9th December, 1969.

The District Commissioner, West New Britain District, KIMBE.

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# PATROL NO. KANDRIAN 19/68-69

Your reference Kandrian P/R 19/68-69 of 25th November, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. D. John, Trainee A.F.O, to part ARAWE Census Division.

Mr. John has apparently conducted a useful patrol, however, he has failed to provide any real information about the principal purpose of his patrol, the surveying of blocks for principal purpose of his patrol, the surveying of his patrol, the surveying of his patrol, the surve

The report is a promising effort, nevertheless I would like Mr. John to read my 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968, and ensure that his reports conform in future.

Department of the Administrator.

Mr. L. John,
Sub-District Office,
KANDRIAN. West New Britain District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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Telegrams DISCOM.

Our Reference Kandrian P/R 19-63/69

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Mr. NFF

25th November, 1969.

the Secretary, Dept. of the Administration, KONEDOBU.

# Kandrian Patrol No. 19/68-69. Arawe Census Division

Enclosed please find two copies of a patrol into the Arawe Census Division of the Kandrian Sub-District, conducted by Mr. Lucas John, Assistant Field Officer (Tr).

The main object of the patrol was the Surveying of blocks for Registration under Kandrian Local Government Council's Land Use Record Rule No.6/68, and I understand that 27 blocks were surveyed. However Mr. John obviously takes a keen interest in all aspects of village life and has written an interesting report.

A.T. Carey S a/District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration, Kendylan, West New Britain.

2nd September, 1969.

Mr. Lucas John, KANDRIAN.

# PAPROL KANDRIAL 19-68/69

Thank you for your patrol report. The diary is adequate. The general content of your report is satisfactory however, the main purpose of your report was land investigation and therefore, I would have expected a larger section under this heading. In future when you are engaged on this type of work I expect a full section on the pattern of land ownership and inheritance. You also emitted to mention the number of blocks surveyed in this patrol which I understand from talking to you is 27. It is also of interest to fine out how many blocks were owned through inheritance, and how many were purchased according to native cur om and the size of all these blocks. You should mention too that the land Titles Corrission has made terminations in this area and just what these terminations were.

- 2. The pig menace you mentioned is a continuing problem in this area and the solution lies with the people themselves.
- 3. The aid pest at Wako has been a problem for some years and it is likely this aid post will be withdrawn as the people have fairly good access to Pililo and the Infant Welfare patrois from Pililo cover the Wako to Damgalu area.
- 4. Your man is quite adequate. As you have not signed your claim for camping allowance I will hold it until you return from patrol when you can sign it and it will be forwarded on to the District Commissioner for action.

C. T. CAMPBELL. Assistant District Commissioner.

67-3-1 MINUTE:

2/9/69.

District Commissioner, West New Britain District, KIMBE, VIA TALASEA.

I attach three copies of the patrol report and map plus Field Officers Journal. Claim for camping allowance will be held here pending Mr. Lucas' return from his current patrol in the Arawe area. I will have Mr. Lucas write a further memorandum on this patrol giving details of the actual blocks surveyed and the pattern of land ownership in the area.

C. T. CAMPBELL.

Assistant District Commissioner.

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3rd June, 1969.

Mr. Lucas John, KANDRIAN.

# PATROL KANDRIAN 19-68/69 INDIVIDUAL BLOCK SURVEYS - ARAWE

As discussed you will depart with Mr. Tobia on the regular run of the m.v. Garua and proceed initially to Sauren where you will assist in the land investigation.

- 2. You will then return to the Pililo area and proceed to survey individual blocks for registration through the Kandrian Lecal Government Council. Should any disputes arise over ownership, you will not proceed with the survey. You will be required to submit a formal patrol report on completion of the patrol.
- I wish you a rewarding patrol.

C. T. CAMPBELL. Assistant District Commissioner.

#### DIARY

#### Wednesday 4 June '69

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0600 hours departed Kandrian per m.v. Garua for Sauren via Wasum, Sara, Murien and Demgalu. These four villages were visited for the Council Adviser's general inspection of such projects as water pumps, tanks, aid posts and village houses.

Mail delivered at Pililo and proceeded on to Kumbun. Afternoon spent with general inspection of village and spent night at Kumbun.

#### Thursday 5 June '69

Departed Kumbun at 0600 hours for Iungpun. Delivered mail at Iungpun and sailed out to Sauren. Arrived Sauren at 1105 hours. Spent rest of that day with clan leader for approximate boundary marks. Returned and slept at Sauren.

### Friday 6 June '69

0700 hours - survey of Sauren Mission lease carried out through the day. Ceased at 1600 hours and returned to rest-house. Overnight Sauren.

#### Saturday 7 June '69

Completed survey and left for Pililo at 1400 hours per m.v. Garua. Arrived Pililo 1800 hours. Garua proceeded on to Kandrian at 1845 hours. Overnight Pililo.

#### Sunday 8 June '69

Day and night spent at Pililo.

#### Monday 9 June '69

Departed Pililo per canoe for Soro Island with land owner. Soro and Audom Islands need not be surveyed as both are solely owned. Walked through the land with the owner. No further activities could be carried out that day, but prepared for survey of Dongon (Native land) and slept at Soro Island.

# Tuesday 10 June '69

0700 hrs. departed Soro Island per cance for survey of Dongon native land. Survey carried out through the day and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and overnight at Soro Island.

# Wednesday 11 June '69

O730 hrs. left Soro Island per cance for survey of Dongon native land. Investigation carried out whole day and ceased at 1600 hrs. Returned and slept at Soro Island.

### Thursday 12 June '69

0700 left Soro Island per cance for survey of Kararu native land. Investigation carried out ceasing day at 1600 hrs. Returned and slept at Soro Island.

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# FRiday 13 June '69

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Departed Soro Island at 0730 hrs. Part survey of Kararu continued till 1715 hrs. when ceased and returned to Soro Island.

Overnight Soro Island.

#### Saturday 14 June '69

Completed land investigation that day and returned. Overnight Soro Island.

### Sunday 15 June '69

Spent day and night at Soro Island.

#### Monday 16th June '69

0400 hrs. departed Soro Island for re-survey of Dongon native land on way to Amulut plantation. Survey completed through light rain at 1100 hrs. Proceeded on to Amulut plantation through heavy rain by cance. Arrived at Amulut late that afternmon and slept at Amulut Plantation.

#### Tuesday 17 June '69

Patrol delayed at Amulut plantation due to the transport inavailability. Spent whole day and night at Amulut Plantation.

#### Wednesday 18 June '69

0645 hrs. departed Amulut Plantation per tractor during light shower, but heavy rain fell on way out and arrival at 0930 hrs. Village councillor was absent, and the message was immediately sent on the arrival of the patrol. Talks given to the people through the councillor during the late afternoon on the purpose of the patrol. Overnight Meselia.

#### Thursday 19 June '69

Survey carried out during day and with completion of block No.1 ceased at 1600 hrs. Overnight Meselia.

## Friday 20 June '69

Block survey carried out during day and ceased at 1500 hrs. due to rain. Overnight Meselia.

#### Saturday 21 June '69

Spent day and night at Meselia.

#### Sunday 22 June '69

Spent day and night at Meselia.

#### Monday 30th June '69

Block survey carried out through the day and ceased at 1500 hrs. Returned and slept overnight Meselia.

#### Tuesday 1 July '69

Investigation continued this day and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.



#### Wednesday 2 July '69

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Continued land survey and ceased at 1500 hrs. due rain. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Thursday 3 July '69

0800 hrs. carried out land survey but with the absence of the block owner and not much work was done that day. Ceased at 1300 hrs. and returned. Overnight Meselia.

#### Friday 4 July '69

Land survey carried out during day. Ceased at 1630 hrs. Overnight Meselia.

#### Saturday 5 July '69

Day and night spent at Meselia.

## Sunday 6 July '69

Day and night spent Meselia.

# Monday 7 July '69

Day spent on land survey and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Tuesday 8 July '59

Block survey was carried out through the day and ceased at 1645 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Wednesday 9 July '69

Carried out block survey and crased at 1600 hrs. Overnight Meselia.

#### Thursday 10 July '69

Land dispute delayed the continuation of the block survey. Land dispute was between Wako and Meselia/Lupon villagers, over movement of boundary mark, Meselia/Lupon people claimed the boundary should stay as it is, the Wako people claimed the boundary should be moved further into the Meselia/Lupon claimed No further activities could be carried out so returned and spent the rest of the day and night at Meselia.

### Friday 11 July '69

Weather conditions were very bag with heavy rain from daybreak to late afternoon. Due to this weather situation, was unable to carry out survey. Day and night spent at Meselia.

#### Saturday 12 July '69

Land survey carried out during day and ceased at 1500 hrs. Returned and spent night at Meselia.



#### Sunday 13 July '69

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Spent day and night at Meselia.

## Monday 14 July '69

Surveyed block throughout the day and ceased at 1600 hrs. Returned and spent night at Meselia.

#### Tuesday 15 July '69

Land survey was carried out through light rain till 1630 hrs. when ceased and returned to Meselia. Overnight Meselia.

#### Wedresday 16 July '69

Unable to carry on duty due to weather conditions which were very bad all through the day. Day and night at Meselia.

#### Thursday 17 July '69

Land survey was carried out through the day but weather delayed again at 1400 hrs when ceased and returned to spend might at Meselia.

#### Friday 18 July '69

Spent day surveying and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

### Saturday 19 July '69

Land survey carried out through the day and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Sunday 20 July '69

Spent day and night at Meselia.

#### Monday 21 July '69

Carried out daily duty on surveys and ceased at 1600 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Tuesday 22 July '69

Days work commenced at 1215 hrs. due to heavy rain in the morning. Survey carried out during light showers, and ceased at 1600 hrs. Returned and spent night at Meselia.

# Wedensday 23 July '69

Land survey carried out whole day and ceased at 1600 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Thursday 24 July '69

Land survey carried out through the day and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and spent night at Meselia.

#### Friday 25 July '69

Spent day surveying and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.



# Saturday 26 July '69

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Spent day on land survey and ceased at 1500 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Sunday 27 July '69

Spent day and night at Meselia.

#### Monday 28 July '69

Spent day on land survey and ceased at 1515 hrs. Returned and spent night at Meselia.

#### Tuesday 29 July '69

Land survey carried out through the day and ceased at 1615 hrs. Returned and spent night at Meselia.

#### Wednesday 30 July '69

Not one person showed up on the job and this slowed the speed of work. Line cut and survey till 1700 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Thursday 31 July '69

Spent day in clock survey and ceased at 1620 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Friday 1 August '69

Spent day on land survey and ceased at 1615 hrs. Returned and sleptat Meselia.

#### Saturday 2 August '69

Land survey carried out through the day and ceased at 1600 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Sunday 3 August '69

Spent day and night at Meselia.

#### Monday 4 August '69

Spent day surveying and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Tuesday 5 August '69

Spent day on land survey and ceased at 1630 hrs. Returned and slept at Meselia.

#### Wednesday 6 August '69

Block survey at Meselia and Lupon was completed by 1730 hrs. Patrol equipment sent to Amulut and spent night at Meselia.



#### Tearsday 7 August '69

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0800 hrs. departed Meselia for Amulut and arrived at 1030 hrs. Awaited Kurwina's arrival and spent night at Amulut Plantation.

# Friday 8 August '69

Kurwina arrived 1630 hrs. but was unable to reach Kandrian that day. Overnight Amulut on board Kurwina.

#### Saturday 9 August '69

Kurwina departed Amulut Plantation for Kandrian at 0130 hrs. and arrived 0630 hrs. Patrol Ended.

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Sub-District Office, <u>KANDRIAN</u> West New Britain. 21st August, 1969.



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

NATIVE LAND INVESTIGATION - ARAWE CENSUS DIVISION KANDRIAN PATROL NO.19-68/69.

#### Introduction

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Patrol advanced into the Arawe Census Division to carry out Native Land Investigation which formed the basic objective of this patrol.

The Arawe area lies west of the Kandrian patrol post and is boardered by the Pulie River on the east and Potsaken River on the west. Further north lies the Kaliai Division and to the north-west lies the Bariai Division.

The coastal section of the area outstands for its numerous islands. The mainland is fairly flat with numerous creeks and rivers and mangrove swampy patches at places like Sauren, Renglemete and Ekrek, which were the areas visited during the patrol.

#### Reception of Patrol

Friendly reception was encountered throughout the patrol and no sign of hostility was noticeable. Each land owner respectfully assisted in the actual survey except those at Meselia and Lupon who failed to show up on the survey of their blocks. Statements received and noticed that people starved from food shortages and had to search for food from wild sago, bread fruit and other wild nuts. The problem lies that wandering pigs ate what had been grown in the gardens.

#### Villages

Village sites all appeared along the seashore which was common in the area patrolled. Village houses are mostly built on posts with ground-level kitchens, a number of which are used for sleeping by old aged people who need warmth.

Sago palm leaves are used for thatched roofs, and the walls and floors are of limbum and local timber. Split and sewn bamboo is also used for walls. All village houses at each village are in good condition, but at most places people use seashore for latrines, which results with flies sworming the village. Statements received that toilets blocked due to the sandy soil. The Councillor has been advised that empty drums or coconut palms be used for these purposes.

Land to be investigated appeared at Sauren, Ekrek, Meselia and Lupon but efforts were made from these few villages to others for general visits.

#### Village Officials

Councillors and committees at each village showed great interest in the patrol through the area. Meetings were held to bring to the notice of the people of the purpose of the patrol.

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# Village Officials cont'd.

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All councillors and committees were helpful and provided men to assist in the actual survey work. Vegetables and water were brought at their own accord. People were respectful to their councillors and committees in carrying out duties with no delay when they were commanded.

It was only at Meselia and Lupon that people showed little interest in the survey of their blocks. All of the people showed up during the first few days of work, but disappeared into the bush after a few days. Statements were received that people had to leave the work, and search for some sago, wild fruits and nuts because of food shortage. Wild and tame pigs ate what the people grew in their gardens and the councillor was advised that tame pigs be paddocked.

#### Political Situation

All the areas patrolled have co-operated with the Kandrian Local Government Council.

Cult movement in the area was unnoticeable throughout the patrol. Contacts have been made with the areas patrolled by different departments, such as, D.D.A., D.A.S.F., P.H.D., Trade and Industry and Missions. Two missions operate in the area patrolled, namely, Catholic and Anglican. Catholic have more influence in that they have more convents and schools in the area than the Anglican Mission.

The Jehovah's Witness Sect patrol the area but have little influence and are not looked up to by the people, as they do towards the other two denominations that operate in the area.

Hereunder is a list of different missions with schools and aid posts in the area:

Village	Mission	School or Aid Post
SAUREN	ROMAN CATHOLIC	SCHO
EKREK	ROMAN CATHOLIC	SCHOOL
PILILO	ROMAN CATHOLIC	SCHOOL AND AID POST
KUMBUN	ANGLICAN	SCHOOL AND AID POST
MESELIA	ROMAN CATHOLIC	SCHOOL
WAKO	ROMAN CATHOLIC	SCHOOL AND ADMIN. AID POST.

The school at Meselia is attended by children of Dimgalu, Meselia, Lupon and Wako.

People of the area patrolled have minor quarrels and arguments over matters such as; wandering pigs eating out of nearby gardens, marriage prices, ownership of land.

Old aged and infirmed persons are well looked after. Local dialect is common in the area but differs a little at each village while Pidgin English is used mostly by younger people.

Bartering and inter-marriage has constituted friendly relations between different tribal and clan groups.

#### Commerce and Industry

Many local trade stores were seen on patrol with the Co-operative Retail stores one of which operates at Kumbun and the other at Pililo. Three local men operate three trade stores a Meselia/Lupon and one each at Dimgalu and Wako.



#### Commerce and Industry cont'd.

Occational bartering continues in the area and these include fish and Kina (edible shell) for sago and locally sewn mat which is used for both steeping and shelters are exchanged for lime. Though all village sites appear on the seashore, this bartering continues where the shore-line, at some villages, is unable to be used for fishing. Seas are rough throughout the year. Local tobacco is also sold for cash and rice is also sold for sago in some instances, but the cash income depends on how much copra each person can produce.

#### Land

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Land investigation was the object of this patrol where individual blocks have been surveyed for Registration through the Council.

Interested people approached the patrol for investigation of their land. A few arguments arose but were immediately settled among the people themselves. During the patrol two large Land Disputes arose, and were unable to be solved by their councillors. These were not dealt with, and now, await court action.

Most of the land investigated has been either bought customary or land that has been handed down by father to son.

During the patrol a piece of land at Sauren was surveyed and the clan leaders agreed that it should be sold to the mission through the Administration.

#### Agriculture

Cash crops in the area have mainly been coconuts but coffee plants survived well at Avli - a piece of land owned by the villagers of Pililo. Cocoa plants survived well too at Meselia, which was believed to be good soil for this newly introduced crop.

Coconuts for copra have been planted under individual basis. At places like Kumbun, Pililo, Demgalu, Meselia, Lupon and Wako great interest is taken in copra making and this is sold to the Native Scoieties at Kumbun and Pililo and to the Amulut Plantation for cash.

Taro and sweet potatoes constituted main staple food which is supplemented by corn, abicca, sage, manioc and bread-fruit. Food was scarce at Demgalu, Meselia/Lupon and Wako due to climatic problems. Wild and tame pigs eat what is grown causing problems among the village people.

#### Livestock

Livestock in the area patrolled include, pigs, dogs and fowls. Dogs are mainly for hunting purposes and fowls and pigs for home consumption, also for bride-price purposes and ceremonial feastings. Wild pigs are hunted by the men and dogs, and are killed with spears. No cattle or any other type of livestock was noticeable during this patrol except a calf which was seen at Sauren; owned by the mission.

#### Carriers

M.V. Garua (government work boat) accompanied the patrol during the first four days of the patrol. Refer to sketch map attached (patrol-route) - Kandrian to Sauren and return to Pililo.



#### Carriers cont'd

People at Pililo provided transport for survey of the land. At the finish of the land survey at Pililo, patrol equipment was moved to Meselia by an Amulut Tractor - and at the finish, returned by the tractor; therefore, carriers were not required during the patrol.

#### Health

There are two aid posts operated by the two denominations that operate in the area. No Administration aid post was noticeable during this patrol. It is believed that there was an Administration aid post at Meselia but it has been shifted to Wako as the people of Meselia did not bother holding the aid post into their own hands and keeping it steady. At present the aid post at Wako lacks the people's interest and has similar problems as before. Investigations have been carried out by the Medical Officer, and better performances are expected in the near future.

The people get treated mostly at the hospital run by the Catholic mission at Pililo. Patients with major injuries and sicknesses are usually sent to the hospital at Kandrian.

#### Education

Mission schools operate in the area patrolled and no administration Primary schools were noticeable throughout the patrol. Children from Demgalu and Wako walk to school every day. Educational standard reached standard five at Mekiang (Meselia) and the children are less in numbers at each level. For further studies, children are sent to Pilipo.

#### Roads and Pridges

A vehicular road ans north-east from the Amulut Plantation for approximately 3 miles. Within the road extent, no rivers or creeks were noticeable. Bush tracks link village to village while people on the islands use canoes as a means of transport.

The Amulut-Wako road allows free movement of copra from Wako, Meselia/Lupon and Demgglu for sale at the Amulut Plantation. The Tractor held at the plantation visits these villages once every week for this purpose.

The standard of the road at present is at a very low level, and no action has been taken towards the repair of this road by the users.

### Complaints and Courts

Minor complaints are usually settled by the councillors at each village, and major complaints are forwarded to the Kandrian local court for a rearing. These were not dealt with during this patrol as the officer writing holds no magisterial power.

#### Rest Houses

The rest-house at Sauren was not in the condition expected and the committee was advised that immediate action be taken on the repair of this rest-house.

Other rest-houses were in satisfactory condition except that at Meselia/Lupon which has been blown down by a strong wind.

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# Rest Houses cont'd

The councillor was advised to take immediate action on this building. As a whole, each councillor concerned at each village visited by this patrol, looks towards the cleanliness of each rest-house.

Every rest-house visited is constructed of local material, such as, sago-palm leaves for roof, limbum for floor and local timber and bamboo for walls.

#### Airfields

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An old airfield was included in the native land investigation at Meselia/Lupon. The airstrip was built during the second World War and has not been made use of since. Bush and shrubs covered the strip but it remains the Administration land.

#### Anthropological

No anthropological specimen was gathered.

#### Conclusion

The people were extremely interested in the activities carried out during the patrol on matters concerning land. Many approached the patrol with the wish of having their ground surveyed, but had clan land with which the patrol had no concern. The patrol brought a few quarrels and complaints over land and two major problems over land ownership have been noted for court action.

If the aid-post at Wako is brought up to expected standards the people would not have to walk the 10 odd miles to Pililo for treatment as is the case at present.

Councillor at Meselia/Lupon has been advised that proper latrines be built and the village pigs be paddocked thus limiting the food problem that people of these two villages face. Some improvement through the councillor in this field is expected in the foreseeable future.

LUCAS JOHN. Field Assistant Trainse.

