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STATION: PAGWI, 1968 - 1969

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EAST SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

MAY RIVER & PAGWI

<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
<u>MAY RIVER</u>		
1-68-69	M.E. Tomlinson	Non council part Upper May, part central May C.D.
2-68-69	M.E. Tomlinson	Mianmin
3-68-69	M.E. Tomlinson	Inagri area
4-68-69	M.E. Tomlinson	Upper May C.D.
5-68-69	M.E. Tomlinson	Sepik May C.D.
6-68-69	D.H. Pennefather	Central May C.D.
<u>PAGWI</u>		
1-68-69	B.A. Besasparis	Gau council, consisting of Chambri Lakes Main river, Burui, Kunai & Sepik plains



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

*dated 26.6.67*

Report Number... **PAGWI NO. 1 - 1968/69** .....

Subdistrict... **AMBUNTI** .....

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

Type of Patrol... **Annual Census, Council Tax Collection.** .....

Patrol Conducted by... **P.A. Besasparis, D.O.** .....

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.)	} <b>GAUI Council, consisting of Chambri Lakes, Main River, Burui Kunai and Sepik Plains.</b>
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Personnel Accompanying Patrol .....

**1-3 R.P.N.G.C.** .....

Duration of Patrol—from **8**.../...**10**.../...**68**..... To **13**.../...**2**.../...**69**.....

No. of Days... **48** .....

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :... **Seperate patrols** .....

Date... **April 1967 to March 1968**..... Duration... **54 days** .....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) **1/ Conduct annual census 2. Collect Council Tax  
3. Routine Administration.** .....

Total Population of Area Patrolled... **14,095** .....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
District Commissioner.

*Area Survey  
S. J. ...  
26/0/67*



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16th May, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

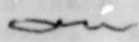
PATROL NO. PAGWI 1/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-9 of 23rd April,  
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual  
Census Report by Mr. B.A. Besasparis, District Officer,  
to BURUI KUNAI, MAIN RIVER, SEPIK PLAINS and CHAMBRI  
LAKES Census Divisions.

Mr. Besasparis has submitted an informative  
report.

It appears to me that a good deal of work has  
still to be done to improve the road network in the BURUI  
KUNAI Census Division. I expect that this will be the  
next priority task after getting the Council back on its  
feet and restoring its standing in the eyes of the people.

  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

c.c.  
Mr. B.A. Besasparis,  
District Officer,  
District Office,  
WEWAK.  
East Sepik District.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

Ref: 67-1-9

Department of District Administration,  
District Office,  
WEWAK,  
East Sepik District.



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

PAGWI Report No.1 of 1968/69  
BURUI KUNAI, MAIN RIVER, SEPIK  
PLAINS, AND CHAMBI LAKES CENSUS  
DIVISIONS, AMBUNTI SUB-DISTRICT,  
EAST SEPIK DISTRICT.

Attached please find:-

- (a) 2 copies of report
- (b) 1 map of the area patrolled.
- (c) Copy of memorandum 67-1-9 dated the 12th April, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Ambunti.

2. I have the following comments to make with regard to this report:-

ECONOMY OF THE AREA

Coffee is the economic crop in the area and it is heartening to see the increased plantings which have been made since the last patrol. Obviously the road net work in the BURUI KUNAI census division will have to improve to cope with increased production of coffee. I have had discussions with the District Rural Development Officer at Wewak and he assures me that his Department will assist the Council in any worthwhile project which they would like to tackle.

ECONOMIC (Page 13)

A motor cycle is in the process of being transferred from YANGORU to PAGWI on loan until one is allocated to the station. Additionally, the A.D.C. MAPRIK has been requested to supply a four wheel drive vehicle as required by the Officer-in-Charge PAGWI to (a) inspect and improve and extend roads in the area and (b) to stimulate economic development in the Pagwi area.

4. Matters of interest to other Departments in Wewak have been extracted and forwarded to them.

5. This report is of interest but it is unfortunate that no detailed census statistical information was contained in the main body of the report.

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BK Leen  
(B. K. Leen)  
A/District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-In-Charge,  
Pagwi Base Camp,  
PAGWI.



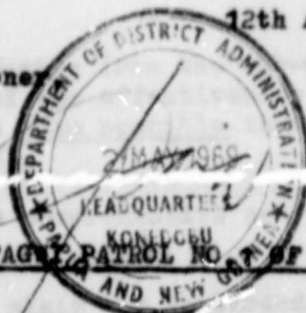
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AMBUNTI  
East Sepik District.

12th April, 1969.

The District Commissioner  
East Sepik District,  
WEWAK.



REPORT OF PAGWI PATROL NO. 7 OF 1968/69

Attached please find the above report submitted by Mr besasparis. As mentioned by Mr Besasparis there were a number of interruptions to the patrol which covered four census divisions. The longest was from 25th November to 15th January during part of which Mr Besasparis was on approved Local Leave. However as it was necessary because of no council clerk at Pagwi for Mr Besasparis to collect Council Tax, compile the new Tax/Census/Electoral Register and, as a result of revision of the census, compile an area survey for the whole of the Council Area all four divisions have been reported on in the one report so as to give a complete picture of the Council Area.

I doubt whether the figure of \$120,000 would be realised from within the area by actual residents although this figure would be exceeded if the income of absent migrant workers was considered. In the absence of any definite proof, however, ( because of lack of documentation either by the people or entrepreneurs ) I cannot offer an alternative figure to that of Mr Besasparis.

The matter of Forestry has been taken up in a separate memo as has also the crocodile skins industry and in particular crocodile farms.

I agree a school is needed for the YAMUK area and the Council intends to make a submission to the Dept of Education for establishment of such a school. Mr den Oudsten will see that the Council adopts the correct approach to the District Education Inspector. Education is the best hope for the young people of the area to improve their lot and undoubtedly over the years students receiving relatively higher education will increase in numbers from those listed on pages six and seven.

With the worsening staff situation of this department I don't think there is much chance of two field officers being stationed PAGWI. Certainly this is impossible from present sub-district resources. In the Ambunti S/D there is an ADC required to supervise all aspects of Administration over the entire sub-district as well as patrol the Gauwi Council area, an ADO required to handle any situation arising in the still primitive May River area, a P.O. at AMBUNTI, adviser to the AMBUNTI LGC and responsible for routine native affairs within the AMBUNTI Patrol Area and two CPOs. One Cadet is at all times required full time to handle the Cash Office and the other is now looking after the Gauwi Council and Pagwi.

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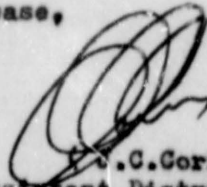
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Re-posting of Mr Haynes from the sub-district was a blow to improvement of the effectiveness of the Gauwi LGC and it is requested when possible that an officer of ADO rank be posted PAGWI.

The report gives a comprehensive and lucid picture of the Gauwi Council.

Camping allowance claim was forwarded earlier.

For your information, please,



( J.C. Corrigan )  
Assistant District Commissioner

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PAGWI PATROL NO. 1 - 1968/69

DIARY

8/10/68. Left Pagwi by Mercury 20 powered canoe and after running two hours forty five minutes arrived at TEGOI. Conducted census and collected Council tax. Evening spent listening to complaints and settling disputes. No tax defaulters. Slept TEGOI.

9/10/68. After completion of new census register, moved by motor canoe to KANGANAMAN via Catholic Mission Kapaimari in 30 minutes. Various complaints heard. Night KANGANAMAN.

10/10/68. Entire day on census and tax collection at KANGANAMAN.

11/10/68. 2 Council hygiene rule cases then compilation of new census register not completed. Pastor Lundstrom of the Ambunti SDA Mission visiting village and discussed fishing. Slept KANGANAMAN.

12/10/68. 5 minutes by motor canoe across Sepik River then walked 20 minutes to PARAMBEI. Census and tax collection all day.

13/10/68. Sunday. Tried to complete KANGANAMAN census register. Slept PARAMBEI.

14/10/68. Several court cases for assault and council rules. Completed KANGANAMAN census register and commenced that of PARAMBEI. Discussion with people. Slept PARAMBEI.

15/10/68. 15 minutes walk to MALINGAI. Census and tax collection. More work on PARAMBEI register. Night at MALINGAI after discussion with people.

16/10/68. Routine administration and fact gathering. Continued with PARAMBEI register. Apparent at this stage that not possible to complete the new register on patrol due to time taken and left for completion after patrol. Slept MALINGAI.

17/10/68. 30 minutes walk to the Sepik River via PARAMBEI then 10 minutes motor canoe to YENTCHAN. Witnesses from Yentchan not present at Sepik so dispute not heard. Census, tax collection then night at YENTCHAN.

18/10/68. Completed outstanding work at YENTCHAN and returned to Pagwi by motor canoe in 2 hours to prepare for Administrator's visit. Sent council tax money to Ambunti for banking to clear the Council overdraft.

28/10/68. Departed Pagwi by same motor canoe and arrived at INDABU in 1 hour 40 minutes. Several minor complaints then slept at INDABU.

29/10/68. Census and tax collection at INDABU then moved 20 minutes by motor canoe to SUAPMERI to spend the night.

30/10/68. Census, tax collection and routine administration completed at SUAPMERI so continued by motor canoe to KOROGO taking 40 minutes. Spark plugs on motor giving some trouble. Councillor and people absent from Korogo so as no accommodation available for police and accompanying Councillors, returned to Pagwi by motor canoe in 40 minutes.

31/10/68. Back to KOROGO by motor canoe in 35 minutes. People now assembled so conducted census, collected tax and carried out routine administration. Visit by A.D.C. Mr. Corrigan. Returned to Pagwi by motor canoe in 40 minutes.

1/11/68. 25 minutes by motor canoe to YENTCHANMANGUA. Census tax collection and routine administration. Returned to Pagwi in 30 minutes.



4/11/68. By motor canoe to NYAURENGAI and KANDINGAI in 30 minutes for census, tax collection and routine administration. Returned to Pagwi by same motor canoe in 35 minutes.

5/11/68. 15 minutes by motor canoe to JAPANAUT, census and tax collection. First tax defaulters encountered at this village. Went on by motor canoe to YAMANUMBU for census and tax collection. Completed routine administration and crossed Sepik River to return to Pagwi.

6/11/68. 45 minutes by motor canoe to JAPANAI for census tax and routine administration. S.L.G.O. Mr. Pegg and P.O. Mr. Taylor called in en route Ambunti Pagwi. Returned to Pagwi. Main River Census Division completed. Heard the cases against the two JAPANAUT tax defaulters they prepared for the Council meeting.

15/11/68. Motor canoe departed Pagwi to arrive short of CHANGRIMAN in 6 hours. Water level not very high and trouble encountered with water lilies fouling propeller and spark plugs missing. Barat into CHANGRIMAN completely blocked approximately half mile from village and stores were portered over this remaining distance. Slept at CHANGRIMAN.

16/11/68. Census and tax collection of CHANGRIMAN and MARI followed by numerous disputes. Economic activity nil in spite of non-flooding land and trained farmer trainees. Slept CHANGRIMAN.

17/11/68. Sunday observed CHANGRIMAN.

18/11/68. Walked to MENSUAT in 50 minutes to census and collect tax from MENSUAT and YAMBI YAMBI. Track considerably deteriorated since my last visit 3 years ago. Routine administration and facts finding then returned to CHANGRIMAN to spend night.

19/11/68. To TIMBUNMERI in 40 minutes by motor canoe. Census tax and routine. Continued to LUKLUK in 40 minutes then further 20 minutes to ARINJONE for same. Slight storm causing waves around 12 inches high but continued on 1 hour to sleep at INDINGAI.

20/11/68. Census tax and routine at KILIMBIT then INDINGAI. Several complaints heard. Slept INDINGAI.

21/11/68. Tax census and routine at WOMBUN. Visit to Catholic Mission Chambri. Three villages of Chambri met to discuss economic development and council projects. Night at INDINGAI.

22/11/68. Land investigation and survey. Night INDINGAI.

23/11/68. Unable complete land investigation due to lack of informants so 30 minutes by canoe to AIBOM for census tax and routine. Slept AIBOM.

24/11/68. Sunday. Returned to INDINGAI to investigate alleged stealing. Could not be substantiated. Returned to AIBOM to sleep.

25/11/68. Completed routine work at AIBOM and returned by motor canoe in 3½ hours to Pagwi calling at Catholic Mission Kapaimari on the way. Completion of Chambri Lakes.

14/1/69. Departed Pagwi by motor canoe taking 1 hour 50 minutes to reach Yentchan. Sepik River just below flood level. 30 minutes along NOGOSOP road by pull canoe then walked 45 minutes to NOGOSOP and made camp for the night. This is the wrong time to be patrolling the Burui Kunai due to road flooding.

15/1/69. 30 minutes easy walk to GAIKOROB I for census tax and routine. A number of tax defaulters. Returned to NOGOSOP for tax census and routine. More tax defaulters. Slept NOGOSOP.

16/1/69. Completed routine work at NOGOSOP then walked 1 hour 10 minutes to MARAP NO. 1. Census tax and routine of MARAP No. 1 and MARAP No. 2. More tax defaulters. Night at MARAP No.1.

17/1/69. Completed work at MARAP No.1 and walked to KAIMBIAN 40 minutes and further 15 minutes to WORIMBI. Section ~~by~~ LAI No.1 and KAIMBIAN required a canoe because of flooding. Census tax and routine of WANIKO, KAIMBIAN and WORIMBI, collectively called YAMUK. More tax defaulters at WANIKO and WORIMBI. Heard tax cases. Slept WORIMBI.

18/1/69. Completed work then walked 50 minutes to MIAMBEL. Census tax and routine of MIAMBEL, SARUM and YAKIAP. Night at MIAMBEL.

19/1/69. Sunday. Moved camp. 40 minutes walk to SLEI No.1 and further 15 minutes walk to SLEI No.2. Slept at SLEI No.2.

20/1/69. Tax census and routine of NAMANGOA, SLEI No.1 and SLEI No.2. Ten court cases heard. Slept SLEI No.2.

21/1/69. Walked 20 minutes to first hamlet and further 20 minutes to rest house at AURUMBI. Completed routine census and tax then walked to KOSIMBI reaching the first hamlet in 30 minutes with the rest house a further 15 minutes distance. Slept at KOSIMBI.

22/1/69. Routine census and tax at KOSIMBI then 45 minutes walk to NAGOTIMBI for same. Continued on 45 minutes walk to KWIMBA. Night at KWIMBA.

23/1/69. After completing census tax and routine at KWIMBA awaited road vehicle. No Administration vehicle turned up however vehicle from Catholic Mission Torembe was able to oblige. By car to JIGINIMBU in 1 hour. Slept at JIGINIMBU (alternatively known as TOLEMBEI No.3).

24/1/69. Census tax and routine of TOLEMBEI No 1, TOLEMBEI No.2 and JIGINIMBU. Visit to Catholic Mission Torembe then returned to JIGINIMBU to sleep.

25/1/69. After heavy overnight rain, vehicular road impassable and track to NAMBAGOA also reported out of action for carriers so walked to KOROGO Lagoon in 1½ hours and returned to Pagwi by double motor canoe taking 1½ hours.

28/1/69. After preparations departed Pagwi and arrived at SENGO landing place after 1 hour 15 minutes by motor canoe. Creek blocked at places and paddlers were required for last section. 30 minutes walk to main village of SENGO where census tax and routine accomplished. Slept SENGO.

29/1/69. Walked 1 hour 40 minutes to BANWINGEI over wet overgrown meandering track through the kunal with up to 6 inches of surface water. Went on further 25 minutes over excellent road to MAINGUGU and conducted census, collected tax and carried out routine administration of MOI and MAINGUGU. Returned to BANWINGEI and did same. Slept BANWINGEI. These villages of MAINGUGU, BANWINGEI and YAMINI are collectively known as MANJA. The pronunciation of MOI is as with bowie knife.

30/1/69. Walked along proposed vehicular road 45 minutes to YAMINI turn-off and further 30 minutes to JAMA. Census tax and routine of YAMINI and JAMA. Returned to Pagwi by personal car in 70 minutes.

11/2/69. By personal speedboat to WEREMAN landing place then 15 minutes to WEREMAN walking and further 40 minutes walking and canoing to YANGET. Routine census and tax of NAMBAGOA, VAGIPUT and YANGET then returned to WEREMAN for same. Returned by speedboat to Pagwi in 20 minutes.