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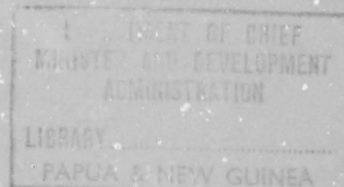
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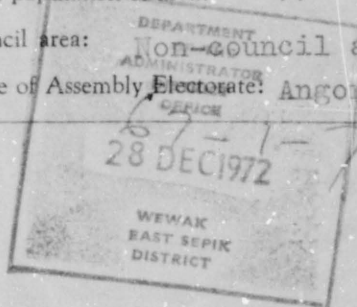


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| 3-72-73           | F. B. DONOVAN                        | Part YUAT & Part KWONGAI CHIM<br>CHIMBIAN C.D. |
| 4-72-73           | R. L. KAUFFMAN                       | East Coast 7 Lower SEPIK C/D.                  |
| 5-72-73           | F. B. DONOVAN                        | MARIENBENG & PASSAM Censur D.                  |
| 6-72-73           | B. LIGHTFOOT                         | KWONGAI C.D.                                   |
| 7-72-73           | F. B. DONOVAN                        | YUAT Censur Divison                            |
| 8-72-73           | R. L. KAUFFMAN                       | MURIK Lakes Censur Divison<br>ANGORAM Council  |
| 9-72-73           | B. W. LIGHTFOOT                      | MARIENBERG Hills C/D                           |
| 10-72-73          | Missing                              | _____  |
| 11-72-73          | R. L. KAUFFMAN                       | BANARO Censur Divison - jacke                  |
| 12-72-73          | VINCENT ATUSA                        | KWONGAI C.D.                                   |
| 13-72-73          | P. G. JEFFRIES                       | PORAPORA C.D. - jacket only                    |
| 14-72-73          | Missing                              | _____  |
| 15-72-73          | E. KANEY                             | Middle SEPIK C.D. - jacket                     |
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| 1-72-73           | D. J. MAHAR                          | KARAWARI Censur Divison                        |
| 2-72-73           | D. J. MAHAR                          | ALANBLAK & ARAFUNDI C/D                        |

### PATROL REPORT

Report number: 1 of 1972/73  
 District: East Sepik  
 Patrol conducted by: D.J. Mahar  
 Area patrolled: Karawari Census Division  
 Duration of patrol: 27/11/72 to 6/12/72  
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 3 of 1971/72  
 Last O.L.G. patrol: N/A non-council area  
 Map reference: Refer attached map

Objects of patrol: Revise Census & Area Study, Routine Administration.  
 Station: Amboin Patrol Post.  
 Subdistrict: Angoram  
 Designation: Patrol Officer  
 Personnel accompanying: 2 members R.P.N.G.C., 1 Aid Post Orderly  
 Number of days: 10  
 1 C.M.O.  
 Total population of area: 1677  
 Council area: Non-council area  
 House of Assembly Electorate: Angoram Open



The District Commissioner,  
 District,  
EAST SEPIK

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 14 To 15, 17 + 18 (✓)
  - Patrol Instructions, ( )
  - The Report and my comments, (✓)
  - Area study, (✓)
  - Updating of area study, ( )
  - Situation Reports No's 1-4, (✓)
  - Patrol map, (✓)

DATE: 21/12/1972

*B. Anderson*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

*Mrs. Sany Alena*

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study, (✓)
  - Updating of area study, ( )
  - Situation Report No's. 1-4 (✓)
  - ( )
  - ( )
  - District Headquarters assessment of  
 Patrol & Report..... Above average  
 Average  
 Below average

Date: 31/3/1973

*B. K. Heen*  
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

| Date of Census | Village               | TOTALS<br>(Excluding Absentees) |     |       |     | ABSENTEES<br>(Resident outside Electorate) |    |       |    | Grand Total |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--|----|-------|----|-------------|
|                |                       | CHILD<br>(Under 15 yrs)         |     | ADULT |     | CHILD<br>(Under 15 yrs)                    |    | ADULT |    |             |
|                |                       | M.                              | F.  | M.    | F.  | M.   | F. | M.    | F. |             |
| 28/11/72       | Masandanai            | 33                              | 36  | 46    | 56  | 8  | 7  | 18    | 9  | 213         |
| 29/11/72       | Kungriambun           | 31                              | 16  | 26    | 25  | -  | -  | 7     | -  | 105         |
| "              | Kaiwarua              | 40                              | 26  | 52    | 40  | -  | -  | 2     | -  | 160         |
| "              | Meikorobi             | 22                              | 24  | 38    | 31  | 1  | -  | 10    | 1  | 127         |
| 1/12/72        | Manjamai              | 22                              | 20  | 28    | 25  | -  | -  | 4     | -  | 99          |
| 2/12/72        | Merinyan<br>(Kansime) | 24                              | 20  | 42    | 34  | --   | -  | 1     | 4  | 121         |
| 3/12/72        | Inmanmeri             | 68                              | 61  | 89    | 79  | -  | -  | 11    | -  | 308         |
| 4/12/72        | Ambonwari             | 57                              | 51  | 83    | 50  | -  | -  | 14    | 1  | 256         |
| 5/12/72        | Konmei                | 28                              | 24  | 33    | 20  | -  | -  | 1     | -  | 106         |
| 6/12/72        | Kundiman              | 44                              | 42  | 48    | 46  | 1  | -  | 1     | -  | 182         |
|                | Totals                | 369                             | 320 | 485   | 406 | 10   | 7  | 69    | 11 | 1677        |

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P.O. Box 2396  
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9th February, 1973

The District Commissioner  
East Sepik District  
P.O. Box 72  
WENAK

AMBOIN PATROL NO.1 OF 1972/73

Reference your minute of 3rd January, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of the KARAWARI Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. D.J. Maher, Patrol Officer.

An interesting Situation Report which indicated that it will only be through continuous and intensive political education discussions, both on a formal and informal basis that political awareness to any appreciable degree will become a reality in the Census Division.

The Area Study is an informative and detailed document. It is fairly typical for other identical isolated regions of the Territory.

... Copies of the actual Patrol Report are not required at Headquarters and are returned herewith.

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C.C. LITTLE  
a/Secretary J

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Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
Angoram,  
East Sepik District.

21st December 1972.

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
Wewak.

Ambain Patrol No. 1 of 1972/73

Please find attached the above patrol report and camping allowance claims for personnel involved.

Sufficient copies of the map to accompany each copy of the area study can be obtained by sun printing the original which is attached.

A brief report on a patrol efficiently conducted by Mr. D.J. Mahar P.O.. It may well be that the example set by the Inmanmeri people will result in increased rubber plantings, discussions with D.A.S.F. indicate that this development would not be contrary to policy.

It is pleasing to note a small natural increase in the population, the situation seems satisfactory.

For your information please.

*C.G. Sanderson*  
C.G. Sanderson  
Assistant District Commissioner  
District Office,  
WEWAK 3/1/73

→ The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

This patrol seems to have been carried out efficiently and a satisfactory report submitted.

The economic future of this area lies with the Inmanmeri rubber plantings and any extensions to neighbouring villages.

B.K. LEEN  
A/District Commissioner.  
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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Division of District Administration  
Sub District Office,  
Angoram,  
East Sepik District

21st December 1972.

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
Wewak

Area Study - Karawari Census Division

Please find attached above area study compiled by Mr. D.J. Mahar, P.O..

This area study is informative and appears to have been compiled with attention to detail.

I think it indicates that in the near future consideration will have to be given to the establishment of a local government council in the area. At the present time the peoples attitude is rather negative but I feel this is likely to change in the years to come.

Their economic future will no doubt depend on the development of tourism and rubber, their ultimate prosperity will I think be tied to the amount of aid Central Government will make available to such low income areas.

For your information please.

*C.G. Sanderson*  
C.G. Sanderson  
Assistant District Commissioner  
District Office,  
Wewak. 3/1/73.

→ The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

Two copies of the area study are forwarded herewith. For the present we are not pushing local government for the Amboin area. A few of the villagers near the main river could benefit, but the great majority are not ready nor do they ask for local government.

*B.K. Leen*  
B.K. LEEN  
A/District Commissioner.

KARAWARI CENSUS DIVISIONArea StudyIntroduction

1. This census division covers an area of approximately 50 square miles, which lies between the Sepik, Iuat, Karawari, and Arafundi rivers. The majority of the area is made up of sago swamps and low lying areas of equatorial type rain forest, which are subject to flooding during the wet season (October to May) and thus unsuitable for most types of cash crops. The higher areas of ground are covered with similar types of vegetation to the low lying areas (i.e. rain forest).
2. Temperatures in the area range from 75 degrees F, to 90 degrees F, with a reasonably high humidity all the time. The average rainfall over the past 7 years at Amboin has been between 205 and 220 inches a year, as Amboin Station is in the Karawari census division it could be assumed that generally the whole census division would receive a similar rainfall.
3. As mentioned above the Karawari Census division includes the Amboin Patrol Post, in fact the Patrol Post is situated on the western most extremity of the Census Division.
4. All communications and transport systems are by use of natural waterways during the wet season with out exception, these being the Kangramei and Konmei creeks and various branch creeks to village and garden sites, all these being accessible by motorcanoes and rivertrucks during the wet season. In the dry season by necessity there are tracks connecting most villages, these tracks are unimproved and often pass through swampy areas.
5. The Karawari Census Division has been patrolled regularly ~~patrol~~ since the early 1940's, the people appear quite happy under the present system of administration. Due to the regular patrolling the administration has influenced the people considerably with the result that they realize the shortcomings of breaking the law and also have a reasonable recognition of what the Administration represents in the area.

Population - Distribution & Trends

6. Each village in the census division was visited and censused, on a village to village enquiry basis it was found that there had been no unusual increase or decrease in the birth and death rates throughout the area. Over the past three years the population increase has been an average of 2.7% peryear or 43.6 people peryear bring the total population of the area to 1677.

7. There were 97 persons absent from the electorate at the time of the census, the majority of these were males who had been recruited to work on plantations in the New Britain & Bougainville areas, the majority of these workers are due to return to the area early in 1973. The other absentees are made up mainly of students and people receiving medical treatment at Loram hospital Wewak.

8. The patrol was conducted during the wet season and all villages except two (Inmanmeri and Meikorobi) could be reached by motor canoe, Inmanmeri is 1/2 hours walk from Konmei creek and Meikorobi 10 minutes by paddle canoe and 1/2 hour walk from Kaiwaria village.

9. The following information on dry season walking tracks at times has been obtained from previous patrol reports:

Karawari to Kungriabun - 1hr walk and 20min canoe  
 Kungriabun to Masandanai - 4hrs paddle canoe  
 Kungriabun to Kaiwaria - 1hr walk and 1/2hr canoe  
 Amboin to Inmanmeri - 3hrs walk  
 Inmanmeri to Marinyam - 4hrs walk .

10. There has been practically no outward flow of labour from the area over the past 12 months.

Social Groupings

11. There are three language groups in this area the (a) MUM - spoken by Inmanmeri and Marinyam, this group extends to several villages in the Arafundi river area, (b) UNDUKBUNG - this language encompasses the following villages Kundiman, Manjamai, Kungriambun, Kaiwaria, Meikorobi, Konmei and Ambonwari, (c) the other language group is Masandanai village who are part of the large middle Sepik language group.
12. Speakers of the Mum and Undukbung languages over the years of Administration influence have learnt to converse with each other in part in both languages.
13. In all villages in the area village life is based on the extended family system, two factors which were very prominent in the area, (a) the giving of children to brothers and sisters, (b) hardly any cases were found where there was only one family (man wife & children) living in a house, the usual pattern is for brothers to live together, with their families, in one house. Should a man not have any brothers he moves in with his brother in law.
14. Inter marriage between the language groups is not very common, which indicates that traditional divisions are still in practice. As a result of discussions with the villages it was established that tradition still governs who is to marry who within the linguistic group (e.g. a man from the Guria clan can not marry into the Pukpuk clan in the Undukbung language group).
15. Relationships between the component social groups and major outside social groups is quite good, i.e. the people of the under survey mix and trade with the Sepik river people and the people of the Iuat and Arafundi rivers. The trade relationship between the Sepik river people and the people of the area under survey is a traditional arrangement.

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Leadership

16. The area is still administered under the village officials ( Luluai's and tultul's) system, the usual practice of appointing the two most influential men in the village as village officials appears to have been adhered to in this area as the standard of village officials through out the Census Division is quite reasonable . Luluai Langus of Inmanmeri village is probably the most influential man in the area , even outside his own village he appears to receive a certain amount of respect, Luluai Awa of Kundiman village is also quite an influential man in the area, both these men are pro administration.

17. Traditional leadership is still very strong in the area , even though a lot of younger men have some education and travelled a little , on their return to the village they appear to have had very little if any effect on the breaking down of traditional leadership.

18. Refer Appendix 1 for list of village officials.

Land Tenure and Use

19. The traditional land system of inheritance is basically the same through out the area, it is such that the father allocates his land to his first son, in effect his first son owns all his land but subsequent sons and daughters are given hunting and gardening rights. The wife is allocated a proportion of land before her husband dies, if there are no children the land is given over to the owners brothers if there are any other wise the land goes to his sisters. Daughters only inherit land if they have no brothers, it is incumbent on the man who marries the girl or woman to give her a piece of land. Thus from the above it is obvious the land tenure system is based on individual ownership with extended rights.

20. Two persons of Masandanai village, Samoi/ Maibun and Supung/Salagumai, have leases on blocks at the Gavien settlement, behind Angoram, no other persons from the area have leases on ground, and I think it would be correct to say that the majority of the people do not fully understand the meaning of leases and tenure conversion even though previous patrols as well as this one have attempted to explain the advantages of these concepts.

21. The majority of the villages have attempted some form or other of cash cropping, all these efforts have been communal efforts on group or communally owned land, there have been no individual plantings.

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Literacy

22. There is only one recognized primary "T" school in the area, that is the Government school at Amboin. There are quite a number of students absent from the census division receiving education at recognized mission and government schools (refer appendix 2 for details of schools and standards reached by students).

23. All but ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> of the villages in the area under survey have mission schools in the village which teach what is termed "prep" this is Pidgin and a little basic english, the following is a list of these schools and a break up of their students;

| <u>Village</u> | <u>Mission</u> | <u>Male std.</u> | <u>Female std</u> |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Masandanai     | S.D.A.         | 7                | 6                 |
| Kaiwaria )     | Catholic       | 36               | 16                |
| Meikorobi )    |                |                  |                   |
| Marjamai       | "              | 9                | 1                 |
| Inmanmeri      | "              | 22               | 8                 |
| Ambonwari      | "              | 6                | 3                 |
| Konmei         | "              | 14               | 8                 |
| Kundiman       | "              | 7                | 2                 |
| Totals         |                | 101              | 44                |

24. Three villages in the area do not have any students attending recognised schools this year, they are Konmei, Kunglambun, and Kaiwari villages, these villages were encouraged to alter the situation in 1973.

25. There are very few people living in the villages who are literate or semi literate the following details will bear this out;

| <u>Village</u> | <u>literate</u> | <u>semi-literate</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Masandanai     | 6               | 4                    |
| Kunglambun     | 1               | -                    |
| Kaiwaria       | 3               | 1                    |
| Meikorobi      | 1               | -                    |
| Inmanmeri      | 3               | 4                    |
| Marjamai       | 4               | 2                    |
| Ambonwari      | 3               | 2                    |
| Konmei         | 1               | -                    |
| Kundiman       | 3               | -                    |

(literate people are those with standard 6 education or better.)

26. There has never been anyone from the census division who has ever sat for intermediated examinations or received higher education within ~~the area~~ Papua New Guinea or Australia.

Literacy (cont.)

27. Only village to show any great interest in Administration news bulletins and newspapers is Masandanai.

28. The majority of the villages have radios and listen to Radio Mewak programs, the following is a list of villages and radios that were operative when the patrol visited the area;

| <u>village</u> | <u>NO. Radios</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Masandanai     | 6                 |
| Kungriambun    | Nil               |
| Kaiwaria       | 4                 |
| Meikorobi      | 2                 |
| Manjamai       | 3                 |
| Marinyam       | Nil               |
| Inmanmeri      | Nil               |
| Ambonwari      | 1                 |
| Konmei         | 2                 |
| Kundiman       | 3                 |
| total          | 27                |



Standard Of Living

(21)

29. Generally housing and sanitation through out area was quite good, Kungriambun village was the only exception the housing and sanitation in that village ~~and they~~ was very poor and they were told to improve the standard before the next patrol visits their village, also some houses at Kundiman village need some repairing.

30. Every male above the age of 10 years, in the area, has at least one or two sets of european clothing, that is trousers and shirt, even though some were a little shabby, and approximately 90 % of the female population wear european style clothing the other 10% stil wear traditional grass skirts. european artifacts are predominant in all villages both in the houses and outside the houses.

31. the ~~main~~ staple diet of the area is sago, supplemented with fish, pig, crocodile, cassawary, tree wallaby, and vegetables (e.g. sweet potato, taro, yams, bananas, pawpaw, etc.) Canned foodstuffs (fish and corned meat) are purchased when cash and the opportunity are available, it would be almost impossible to estimate what the average family would spend on tinned food, possibly somewhere between \$5 and \$15 per year.

32. Community centers do not operate in the area, nor are there any red Cross, guides or Scouts organisations, Also there is no organised sport in the area.

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Missions

22. The missions operating in the area are the Catholic mission and the Seventh Day Adventist mission, the latter only maintains interest in one village, Masandanai, the remainder of the villages except Marinyan and Kungriambun, follow the Catholic Mission, there is no sign of conflict between the missions; nor any attempts by either to muscle in on each others ground (areas of influence).

34. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission has an expatriate pastor at Angoram, who makes occasional visits to the village otherwise church services and the village school are run by an indigenous teacher who lives in the village (Masandanai).

35. The Catholic Mission at Keningara has one expatriate Father and one expatriate brother and these two make occasional visits to the area, the Catholic missions aim was to maintain a local catechist in each of the remaining nine villages, to church services and conduct village schools, but due to the lack of interest and co-operation of the people in Marinyan and Kungriambun villages they no longer have a Catholic Mission Catechist living in the village. The two Catholic mission infant welfare sisters from Timbunké visit the villages along the Karawari river and along the Konnei creek to Inmanmeri, bi-monthly conducting clinics.

36. Both missions are very influential in the area, relationships are good at the moment between these two missions and the administration, thus there is no illfeeling between the two at the presenttime.

Non-Indigenes

27. The only non - Indigenous commercial establishment in the area is the Karawari lodge (Sepik Expeditions) adjacent to the Amboin station, which is a tourist business . It was started in 1970 with the lodge being constructed along the lines of a motel and two jet boats to transport tourists around the area, now that the airstrip is opened it should not be long before a steady flow of tourists will be passing through the area.

28. The above establishment employs up to twelve indigenous persons but no doubt as the tourist business increases this number will increase also.

29. The above business does not provide an outlet for primary produce (primary produce in the area is all anyway.)

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Communications.

40. Roads ; There is approximately 1 mile of road around the Amboin Patrol Post and the adjacent Karawari Lodge establishment, next it is planned to construct a road from the Airstrip to the station which involves about three miles of road. No other roads are planned for the area at present.

41. Water ; Anchorages for the 4' draft administration work boats are available at Amboin Patrol Post and Konmei village during the wet season, and only at Manjamai village during the dry season. It would be impracticable to attempt to construct permanent wharves at the above sites due to the irregular rise and fall of the river level, the difference between the levels of the dry and wet season is somewhere in the vicinity of 20 feet.

42. Refer Appendix 3 for details of rivers.

43. Air ; On the 23d November 1972 an Airstrip at Amboin Patrol Post measuring 1700 feet by 100 feet with 25 feet flyovers was inspected by officials of the Department of Civil Aviation and declared open to category "D" aircraft. This airstrip was constructed as a rural development project, the 50% selfhelp component was contributed by the people of area and Sepik Expeditions all the supervision was done by Mr. J. Pasquarelli (Sepik Expeditions - Karawari Lodge) and it was due to the efforts mainly of the Inmanmeri people and Mr. J. Pasquarelli that the strip was opened four months after the commencement of work.

44. Upgrading of the airstrip will continue until it is 2000 feet long and open to category "C" aircraft.

45. There are no further airstrips planned for the area.

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Technical and Clerical Skills

46. There are no person ~~living~~ living in the area who are skilled workers , quite a few individuals claim to be carpenters and painters etc. but on further inquiry it was found that they were only builders labourers and not actually trained skilled workers.

47. An individual who has some education and wishes to obtain a trade seeks training and employment in the towns as there are no openings for such individuals in the Amboin area for obvious reasons.

To meet his actual function as a member of the House of Assembly.

48. He can possibly look forward to a similar situation in the future as he is in the House of Assembly as the members of the House of Assembly in the future will be expected to have some knowledge of the House of Assembly and to be able to transfer his knowledge into the village.

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The Stage of Political Development

48. The area is still administered by the village officials system, and the general opinion is that this area will not develop politically until a local government Council is developed in the area as the people are very ~~pyc~~ administration and still look to the Patrol officer to make decisions.

49. The political awareness of the people in this area is not very high, it was pleasing to note that the majority of people knew who their local member of the house of Assembly was even if they were very hazy as to what his actual function was as member of the house of Assembly.

50. We can possibly look forward to a marked increase in the political awareness in the manjamai villagers, as one of their number, Luke mai an ex corporal in the Pacific Islands Regiment, is now on the committee of the Angoram branch of the Pangu Pati, thus he should be well informed on government policy and we hope he passess his knowledge onto the village people.

The Economy of the Area

51. The following is a list of the economic trees in the area; The 6000 odd coconuts planted by Masandanai village in early 1971 have been ~~removed~~ uprooted by wild pigs or choked by the jungle. Marinyam village has some 300 coffee trees of which 100 are mature, they have recently planted some 1500 coconut trees. Inmanmeri, which is undoubtedly the most productive village have some 7500 rubber trees in their plantation of which 5600 are mature trees but not yet tapped, also they have 14000 in their nursery to be transplanted to newly cleared ground soon. Ambonwari village ~~claims~~ boasts 100 coffee trees all mature.

52. As mentioned above the Rubber trees have not yet started to produce, from the coffee tree in area that have matured only produced sufficient beans to bring \$10.00 at Angoran, and copra is not produced on an economic scale as yet.

53. Trying to increase the production of coffee in this area would be like ~~try~~ flogging a dead horse, due to floods and soil infertility the people have lost interest and I expect the production next year will be nil. As mentioned Rubber trees and coconut trees are not producing as yet the Rubber trees will probably start producing next year.

54. It would be very hard to estimate what is earned by the people of the area from market gardening each year as there is no regular market within the area apart from the occasional sale to public servants at Amboin the only other markets are at Angoran and Wewak and the distance to these is a bit of a deterrent. A rough estimate of the return from market gardening for the area would be \$1500 per year.

55. The only constant wage earners in the area are employees of the Administration at Amboin and the half a dozen employees at the Karawari lodge which would entail at the most ~~xxxxxx~~ \$750 as the majority of the above mentioned workers are foreigners to the area. This financial year saw the allocation of \$10,000 of Rural Development funds for the construction of an Airstrip at Amboin \$4000 of this for the payment of labour of which possibly \$3500 will go to the people of the Karawari census division. Also a considerable amount of money comes into the area from the sale of Artifacts and crocodile skins (to a small extent.).

The Economy of the Area (cont.)

56. There are no co-operatives in the area, the people do not appear very interested in forming one (possibly because they do not really understand the workings of co-operative). I am of the opinion that the people should not be forced into forming one until the area obtains a little more economic development.

57. Four men of Masandanai village invested \$10 each in the Angoram Co-operative and as yet have not seen any return for their investment, which isn't the best way of advertising co-operatives.

58. There are no outstanding entrepreneurs in the area under survey.

59. For details of Savinaga bank accounts refer Appendix 5.

60. The average per capita income for the 1972/73 period would be approximately \$12.00, where as over the past few years it has been \$8 to \$10 the increase is due to the money made available by the Rural Development Project.

61. Markets for primary produce of the area (vegetables, Sago and smoked fish) are Amboin, Angoram, Main Sepik River villages (for sago) and to lesser extent Wewak.



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Possibilities of Expanding the Economy

62. Undeniably there is land available in all villages for permanent tree crop planting, but it is felt that it would be better at this stage not to encourage any further planting at the present, until it is seen whether or not the Inmanmeri Rubber plantation is a success or not, as almost everything else tried in the area has been a dismal failure.

63. The possibility of increasing market earning is very slim due to the great distances involved in getting the goods to market.

64. Wage earning in the area could not be increased, as there are no industries or business in the area to absorb any labourers, there is certainly more land available for the planting tree crops than the labour force of the area could possibly hope to cultivate.

65. A new activity that has been introduced to the area that appears to hold some future is tourism at the moment it is only in the developing stage but with the opening of the airstrip at Amboin and accommodation facilities at the Karawari Lodge it can be expected that the flow of tourists will increase, and with the payment of \$30 or so to a village to put on a "Sing-Sing" and \$15 for a demonstration on sago making plus the purchasing of artifacts by the tourists, can do the area nothing but good.

Attitude towards Local Government

66. The attitude towards local government councils has not changed very much over the past twelve months, that 50% or so of the villages would welcome a council tomorrow but Kungriambun, Kaiwaria, neikorobi and Marinyam maintain they are not economically stable enough as yet where as Ambonwari and Konmei were indifferent on the subject.

67. The villages in favour were fairly unanimous that a council should be established as soon as possible and that the first tax rate should be no more than \$1.50 for the first two or three years ~~taxation~~ until everyone became use to the idea of paying regular taxes.

68. Obviously a council established in the area ~~was~~ would have to be heavily subsidised for the first two or three years, by the government of the day, but it is felt that a council is the next step in preparing these people for self government and independence.

Attitude towards central government

69. As mentioned previously the people of the area do not have a very high awareness of the workings and functions of the central government even though the subject has been given much publicity over the past few years by patrols to the area.

70. At the mention of central government a favourable response was received, and the people seem quite keen to hear about its operations etcetera but ~~to~~ trying to explain these in the village concept is very difficult. Once again the introduction of a local government council would assist in bringing the concepts of central government into reality for these people.

71. Also mentioned before the people are very pro-administration and thus it is very unlikely that any anti government feeling will develop in the near future.

Accommodation Services and Facilities

72.. The Karawari Lodge offers accommodation for some 20 odd people. Also the lodge has two jetboats for hire which is possibly the only reliable transport in the area apart from paddle canoe.

73. There are two trade stores operating in the area, neither is very well stocked, one of these sells petrol when stocks are available which is not very often.

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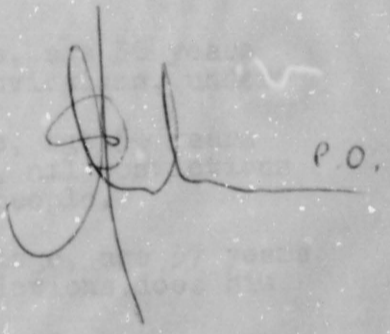
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Appendix 1  
village Officials

Tangwan/Koungumban, Luluai, Masandanai village, age 50 years, married, 1 child, nil education, nil convictions, most cooperative and has the peoples respect.

Sisimi/Dumbal, Tultul Masandanai village, age 50 years, married, 2 children, nil education, nil convictions, has some authority in the village.

Suanmeri/ripowi, Luluai, Kungriambun village, age 36 years married two wives 1 child, nil education, nil convictions, not very effective.

Karimbang/Kungronabi, Luluai, Kaiwaria village, age 52 years married 2 wives 1 child, nil education, nil convictions, knows his job and has some authority in the village.

Wongi/Grarapai, Tultul Kaiwaria village, age 51 years married 2 wives 2 children, nil education, nil convictions, has the respect of the village people.

Auigamei/Kopiga, Luluai, Meikorobi village, age 36 years married 4 children, nil education, nil convictions, under study to Tultul.

Aberikei/Kaorgi, Tultul, Meikorobi village, age 54 years married 2 wives 4 children, nil education, nil convictions, knows his job and has the respect of the people.

Simbiauwan/Andagowi, Luluai, Manjamai village, age 37 years married, 1 child, nil education, nil convictions, does his job has some authority in the village.

Kanjimei/U'ai, Tultul, Manjamai village, age 49 years, married, 5 children, nil education, nil conviction, respected by the villagers.

Kamari/Gamai, Luluai, Marinyam village, age 43 years, married 4 children, nil education, nil convictions, respected by the people and does his job well.

Kagipi/Kongam, Tultul marinyam village, age 44 years married 3 children, nil education, nil convictions, able to assist luluai.

Tangus/Kambugabi, Luluai Inmanmeri village, age 62 years married 3 wives 10 children, nil education, nil convictions (traditional fight leader before) most influential, pro administration.

Kwasam/Kasikamon, Luluai No.2, Inmanmeri village, age 36 years, married 2 wives, 7 children, nil education, nil convictions, good assistance to Tangus.

Kuasi/Koman, Tultul, Inmanmeri village, age 49 years married, 2 children, nil education, nil conviction, does a reasonable job and is respected by the people.

Village Officials

Kambaninge/Wonania, Luluai Ambonwari village, age 54 years married 5 children, nil education, nil convictions, respected by the people and pro administration.

Karak/Tugugugai, Tultul, Ambonwari village, age 62, years married 5 children, nil education, nil convictions, getting a bit old but still does his job.

Wanania/Kapea, Luluai Konmei village, age 37 years married 4 children, nil education, nil convictions, very able man has the respect of the people.

Koni/Wansat, Tultul Konmei village, age 30 years, married 6 children, a bit young but most helpful, nil education, nil convictions.

Awa/Jimeriba, Luluai Kundiman village, age 50 years married 3 wives 9 children, nil education, nil convictions, reliable and has the respect of the people also pro administration.

Kwagapi:angandei, Tultul Kundiman Village, age 50 years, married 3 children, nil education, nil convictions, able assistant for Awa.

Appendix 2  
Schools & Student  
attending from  
Karawari C.D.

| <u>School</u>  | <u>Std 1</u> | <u>Std 2</u> | <u>Std 3</u> | <u>Std4</u> | <u>Std5</u> | <u>Std6</u> | <u>Fm 1</u> | <u>Fm 2</u> |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amboin Govt.   | -            | 3            | 5            | 6           | -           | 3           | -           | -           |
| Angoram Govt.  | 2            | -            | 3            | 2           | 1           | 1           | -           | -           |
| Kreer Govt.    | -            | 1            | 1            | -           | -           | 1           | -           | -           |
| Angoram S.D.A. | -            | 11           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| brandi high    | -            | -            | -            | -           | -           | -           | 4           | 2           |
| Maprik high    | -            | -            | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1           |
| <u>rotals</u>  | <u>2</u>     | <u>15</u>    | <u>9</u>     | <u>8</u>    | <u>1</u>    | <u>5</u>    | <u>4</u>    | <u>3</u>    |

River Information

Karawari River ; Navigable by Administration workboat from the mouth to Amboin patrol Post during the wet season (November to May) and from the mouth to Manjamai village during the dry season, navigable all year round by motorcanoe and rivertruck from mouth to Amboin. Estimated distance from the mouth to Amboin 45 miles. Snags and floating logs present a hazard to rivercraft. The only wharf is a floating wharf at Amboin Patrol Post (10ft x 10ft).

Kangramei Creek ; Branches off Karawari River on the right hand side 2 mile below Manjamai village passes through swamp land and runs into the Sepik just below Rambunum village. Only navigable by motor canoe and river truck when the Karawari is almost running a banker (high water), otherwise it is only navigable by paddle canoe, when navigable by using it 2 hours are cut off the trip from Amboin to Angoram. Snags and floating logs are a predominant feature of this creek.

Kaiwaria Creek ; Branches off the Kangramei creek to the right approximately 1 hour from the start of the Kangramei creek this is only a small creek navigable by motorcanoe in the high water it leads to Kungriambun, Kaiwaria, and Meikorobi villages, once again snags and floating logs are very common.

Konmei Creek ; Enters the Karawari River approximately eight miles below Amboin Patrol Post, it is navigable to Kansimei (marinyam) village (3 hours by motor canoe) during the wet season by motor canoe and rivertruck and during the dry it is only navigable as far as the Inmanmeri camp site (1 hour by motor canoe) by motor canoe and rivertruck, this creek is also infested by snags and floating logs. This creek gives access to Konmei, Ambonwari, Inmanmeri and Kansimei (hamlet)-Marinyam villages in that order.



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Outboard Motors

Masandanai village ; 3 Archameadies - 1 broken down  
1 Johnson 20 h.p.  
1 Mercury 7½ h.p. - U.S.  
1 Evinrude 6 h.p. - U.S.

Kungriambun village; Nil

Kaiwaria village ; Nil

Meikorobi yillage ; Nil

Manjamai village ; 1 Mercury 20 h.p.  
1 Mercury 4 h.p.  
1 Archameadies - U.S.

Marinyam village ; 1 Archameadies - U.S.

Inmanmeri village ; 1 Archameadies - U.S.  
3 Mercury 20 h.p. - U.S.

Ambonwari village ; 3 Archameadies - 1 U.S.  
1 Mercury 35 h.p. - U.S.  
1 Mercury 20 h.p. - U.S.

Konmei willage ; Nil

Kundiman village ; Nil

(It should be noted that obviously this list  
includes only about 90% of outboards in the  
area as some were found with their owners  
at the time of the survey.)

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Passbooks

| <u>village</u> | <u>Number of<br/>passbooks</u> | <u>value of<br/>deposits</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Masandanai     | 14                             | \$146.35                     |
| Kungriambun    | 2                              | 9.25                         |
| Kaiwarua       | 4                              | 20.31                        |
| Meakorobi      | 2                              | 9.90                         |
| Mangama        | 5                              | 3.05                         |
| Marinyam       | 4                              | 17.89                        |
| Inmanmeri      | 51                             | 342.95                       |
| Ambonwari      | 29                             | 378.11                       |
| Konmei         | 8                              | 24.64                        |
| Kundiman       | 12                             | 234.30                       |
| Total          | 131                            | \$1186.75                    |

(it should be noted that obviously this list entails only about 90% of passbooks in the area as some were absent with their owners at the time of the census.)

## Appendix 6

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Shotgun RegisterMasandanai village

Aveni /Pandi , Astra shotgun s/no 88276 due date 29/11  
 Ambet /Mandari , Japanese shotgun s/no 7468 due date 13/7  
 Nokoi /Peiso )  
 Apan /Mari ) not in village at time of census.  
 Amblan /Iambwi )

Kungriembun village

Akis /Iuandei, Winchester shotgun S/no 096470 d/d 13/12

Kaiwaria village

Sakai /Kasak , Astra shotgun S/no 81832 due date 9/11

Meikorobi village

Sap /Kasap , Winchester shotgun S/no. c327254 due date 13/7  
 Ekame/Iangobe, Stevens shotgun S/no. p490050 " " 13/7

Manjemai village

Simbiauwan/Andagowi, S & W shotgun s/no 76910 d/d 10/12  
 Iambu /Mangae , Gecado s/no 25399 d/d 8/3  
 Iagun /Panje , Winchester shotgun s/no 81636 d/d 1/1

Marinyam village

Kapapi/Kongan, S & W shotgun s/no 82780 d/d 22/11  
 Kawagi/Sautima Sibar shotgun s/no 21599 d/d 20/11

Inmanmeri Village

|                  |                |           |          |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Mubei /Anjak     | V.P.I. shotgun | S/no 7986 | d/d 23/6 |
| Kabri/Enjemeru   | BC my luck     | " 144361  | " 14/2   |
| Iangus/Kumbugabi | Winchester     | " c240797 | " 11/6   |
| Sapien/Maski     | Cyclops        | " 106802  | " 20/4   |
| Mias /Iangisa    | BC my luck     | " 141123  | " 18/3   |
| Asmeri/Kunduwai  | " " "          | " 141832  | " 11/9   |
| Asuk/Kaskamung   | Winchester     | " c282017 | " 4/5    |
| Kundian/Kundak   | " "            | " c240791 | " 11/6   |
| Simau/Iangus     | BC my luck     | " 140535  | " 13/7   |
| Wabimeri/Singawa | Winchester     | " c237344 | " 1/1    |

Ambonwari village

|                 |                 |              |          |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|
| Iembluam/Kaven  | Cyclops shotgun | S/no 106712  | d/d 11/5 |
| Wanapi/Karuop   | Winchester      | " 064949     | " 24/1   |
| Kainje/Anjape   | Astra           | " s1268      | " 13/7   |
| Andabi/Wabaiki  | BC my luck      | " 1405157992 | " 25/5   |
| Pulimali/ Paiwi | Japanese        | " 7992       | " 15/6   |
| Ourukum         | Cyclops         | " 106294     | " 21/1   |
| Manjawei /Mapi  | BC my luck      | " 141148     | " 21/2   |

Appendix 6 (cont.)

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Shotgun Register

Konmei village

|                  |            |         |             |     |      |
|------------------|------------|---------|-------------|-----|------|
| Wanania/Kapia    | S & W      | shotgun | S/no. 84602 | a/d | 22/3 |
| Maun/Sumak       | Winchester | "       | " c177032   | "   | 22/3 |
| Sambiawi/Mawabai | "          | "       | " c327593   | "   | 20/9 |

Kundiman village

Awa/Simari Scott & Webley shotgun S/no 84578 a/d 22/3



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### PATROL REPORT

Report number: 2 of 1972/73  
 District: East Sepik  
 Patrol conducted by: D.J. RAHAR  
 Area patrolled: Lamblek & Arufundi CD's  
 Duration of patrol: 10/2/73 to 25/3/73  
 Last D.D.A. patrol: March April 1971  
 Last O.L.G. patrol: n/a  
 Map reference: Ambunti Journal (3854-4)

Objects of patrol: 1. Revise Census of C.D.'s  
 2. Compile Area Studies  
 3. General Administration  
 Station: Amboin Patrol Post  
 Subdistrict: Angoran  
 Designation: Patrol Officer  
 Personnel accompanying: 2 members R.P.H./G.C.,  
 1st Post Orderly & 1 O.H.O.  
 Number of days: 43  
 Total population of area: 1727  
 Council area: non council area  
 House of Assembly Electorate: Angoran Open

The District Commissioner,  
 EAST SEPIK District,  
 WEWAK

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 35 To 51, (✓)
  - Patrol Instructions, ( )
  - The Report and my comments, (✓)
  - 2 Area study, (✓)
  - Updating of area study, ( )
  - Situation Reports No's 1-2, (✓)
  - Patrol map, (✓)

DATE: 4/4 1973.

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

*[Signature]*

- 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: / / 19

District Commissioner

POPULATION

| Date of Census                  | Village              | TOTALS<br>(Excluding Absentees) |    |       |    | ABSENTEES<br>(Resident outside Electorate) |    |       |       | Grand Total |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------|----|--|----|-------|-------|-------------|
|                                 |                      | CHILD<br>(Under 15 yrs)         |    | ADULT |    | CHILD<br>(Under 15 yrs)                    |    | ADULT |       |             |
|                                 |                      | M.                              | F. | M.    | F. | M.   | F. | M.    | F.    |             |
| <b>Alanblak Census Division</b> |                      |                                 |    |       |    |  |    |       |       |             |
| 16/2/73                         | Meingenda            | 18                              | 18 | 15    | 14 | 1  | -  | 5     | -     | 71          |
| 17/2/73                         | Amongabi             | 67                              | 58 | 49    | 53 | 5  | 2  | 15    | 2     | 251         |
| 18/2/73                         | Maramba              | 25                              | 9  | 18    | 17 | -  | 1  | 1     | -     | 71          |
| 20/2/73                         | Inia                 | 12                              | 9  | 11    | 8  | -  | -  | -     | -     | 40          |
| 21/2/73                         | Chimbut              | 16                              | 15 | 28    | 16 | -  | -  | 1     | -     | 76          |
| 22/2/73                         | Sikaium              | 13                              | 22 | 19    | 13 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 67          |
| 23/2/73                         | Barapiugin           | 22                              | 20 | 26    | 23 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 91          |
| 23/2/73                         | renitabak            | 17                              | 13 | 16    | 14 | -  | -  | 1     | -     | 61          |
| 24/2/73                         | Danyig               | 9                               | 10 | 14    | 8  | -  | -  | 2     | -     | 43          |
| 25/2/73                         | Sumaiup<br>(Latoma)  | 14                              | 9  | 17    | 14 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 54          |
| 1/3/73                          | Gadio                | 20                              | 14 | 23    | 12 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 69          |
| 16/3/73                         | Towi                 | 10                              | 9  | 15    | 16 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 50          |
|                                 |                      |                                 |    |       |    |  |    |       | Total | 944         |
| <b>Arafundi Census Division</b> |                      |                                 |    |       |    |  |    |       |       |             |
| 11/2/73                         | Imboin               | 11                              | 9  | 14    | 8  | 1  | -  | 1     | -     | 44          |
| 12/2/73                         | iamundim             | 33                              | 29 | 41    | 36 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 139         |
| 13/2/73                         | Auwim                | 24                              | 21 | 22    | 23 | -  | -  | 7     | -     | 97          |
| 13/2/73                         | Wablimas             | 11                              | 5  | 18    | 17 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 51          |
| 15/2/73                         | rimas                | 49                              | 53 | 53    | 53 | 2  | 3  | 4     | 2     | 219         |
| 22/3/73                         | Pundugum             | 13                              | 18 | 21    | 23 | 3  | 2  | 7     | 2     | 89          |
| 22/3/73                         | Aviemi<br>(Andambut) | 6                               | 4  | 8     | 8  | -  | -  | -     | -     | 26          |
| 23/3/73                         | lungum               | 13                              | 19 | 28    | 23 | -  | -  | -     | -     | 83          |
| not<br>sighted                  | Meakumbut            | 5                               | 6  | 17    | 9  | -  | -  | -     | -     | 37          |
|                                 |                      |                                 |    |       |    |  |    |       | Total | 783         |

The District Commissioner  
East Sepik District  
P.O.Box 72  
WEWAK

12th July, 1973  
67-8-77  
R.G.Orwin  
a/DDC

AMBON PATROL NO. 2/1972-73.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of ALANBLAK and ARAFUNDI Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study compilation, as submitted by Mr. D.J.Mahar, Patrol Officer.

I concur with your comments on Situation Report No. 2.

Patrol Report and related papers are not required by this Headquarters although I do require two copies of Situation Reports.

Conditions in both Census Divisions appear to be quite reasonable, all things being considered.

W.P.RYAN  
a/Secretary



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CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
P.O. Box 70,  
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E.S.D.

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4th April, 1973.

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
P.O. Box 72,  
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AMBOIN PATROL NO. 2 of 1972/73 - ALANBLAK & ARAFUNDI CENSUS  
DIVISIONS.

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Please find attached copies of the above report together with camping allowance claim for Mr. Mahar. Would you please arrange to have 4 sun print copies of the map to be sent here for our records. Mr. Mahar appears to have carried out the objectives of the patrol despite extremely adverse patrolling conditions. He is to be commended on the very speedy submission of both the patrol report and area studies accompanying.

The situation in the two Census Divisions patrolled appeared to be quite satisfactory for isolated underdeveloped pockets.

Mr. Mahar's report would improve considerably if he were to pay more attention to punctuation.

For your information, please.

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AREA STUDY ALANBLAK CENSUS DIVISION

Please find attached copies of the above area study which was carried out on Amboin Patrol No. 2 of 1972/73.

The study is quite detailed and paints a rather depressing picture of this Census Division due to its isolation and difficulties of terrain. However, on the other hand they now appear to be of a law abiding nature and I believe this is something to be grateful for. It is noted from the study that the population of the Census Division decreased at a rate of .977% per annum over the past few years and it would seem some positive measures should be taken to rectify the situation.

For your information, please.

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AREA STUDY ARAFUNDI CENSUS DIVISION

This area study was also carried out on Amboin Patrol No. of 1972/73. From the report the future prospects for the progress of the Arafundi's are not very bright, however, the study indicates that the population is increasing and that the people appear happy with their lot.

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PATROL REPORT No.

2 of 1972/73

Station..... Amboin Patrol Post ..... Officer Compiling..... D. J. JAMES .....  
 District..... East Seydis ..... Subdistrict..... Argoran .....  
 Census Division..... Alanblak & Arafundi ..... L.G. Council..... non council area .....

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Introduction

The objects of Amboin patrol no. 2 of 1972/73 were; 1. Revise the census of the Alanblak and Arafundi census Divisions, 2. Compile Area Studies of the Alanblak and Arafundi Census Divisions, and 3. general administration in the census divisions, (political education, law and order etc.). These objects were achieved successfully with some difficulty.

The patrol was conducted over an unbroken period of forty three days, from the 10th February to the 25th March, and was accompanied by three members of the R.F.N.C.O., one Aid Post Orderly, and one Outboard Motor Operator. A double canoe and river truck were used for transport in the areas accessible by river, and a permanent carrier line of 59 men was used for the areas that had to be covered by foot.

The patrol generally received a favourable reception in all villages visited, and was completed with out any unusual incidents.

Objects of the Patrol

A census was conducted in all villages, with a better than 90% attendance in the majority of villages, only approximately 50% of the people of Gadio, Rowi, and Pundugun villages <sup>attended</sup> was due to in the case of Gadio and Rowi that the people lead a semi-nomadic existence and do not live as a village group but more in extended family groups, thus time and rations did not permit the patrol to wait around until the whole village were gathered together by village officials and runners, in the case of Pundugun village, approximately 40% of the people were at Maramani (Wabeg Sub-District) receiving medical treatment for a sickness, which sounds like influenza, that had struck the village a few weeks before the patrol's visit.

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Subjects of the patrol cont.

The Heakmbut villagers were not sighted by the patrol the village site had not been lived in for well over a month it would appear that they have moved further back into the headwaters area of the Yust River, thus the census was not revised.

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Area studies for the the two census divisions were compiled, successfully and no problems were encountered in obtaining the relevent information.

Problems encountered by the Patrol

The patrol was conducted during one of the wettest and most prolonged wet seasons recorded, this was due to the fact that there were no up to date area studies of the two census divisions and it was desired that they be compiled as soon as possible.

Once the patrol left the Karawari river and moved into the foothills of the central ranges, progress was retarded by various factors, these being that it invariably rained each afternoon necessitating that camp be established before 3 p.m. on most days, also a lot of walking hours were lost during the patrol while various attempts were made to ford or bridge the innumerable swollen fast flowing rivers and creeks that were encountered, in one case, it was necessary to sit down and wait for the carriers to construct a canoe to cross a swollen river (the Karawari).

The above mentioned problems created further problems, such as the patrol running out of rations for carriers, fortunately this was over come by the generosity of the people and the buying value of salt in the headwaters of the Arafundi River.

As a result of the above problems the patrol took a little over a week more than originally estimated.

Carriers

Carriers for the patrol, were recruited from three census divisions, Karawari, Arafundi and Alambiek census division, the Arafundi carriers were found to be the most reliable followed closely by the Karawari carriers, but the Alambiek carriers found the going far to solid for them and some at times they staggered into camp a couple of hours after the others even though they only carried half as much in weight, thus it is strongly recommended that Alambiek carriers only

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Carriers cont.

<sup>to used</sup>  
as a last resource. The best carriers were from Yimas and Auwin villages. The carriers received the inevitable cuts and scratches during the patrol, it was fortunate that no serious accidents occurred considering the wet conditions.

Patrol Police

Sen./Const. 0320 Onakun;  
A very good and reliable bush worker, shows initiative and leadership qualities, but is inclined to over step the mark and make decisions that should be made by the Officer in Charge of the Patrol, a small reprimand soon rectified the situation.

Const. 1/c 1061 Wati;  
A willing and good worker, shows some initiative and is always ready to carry out orders, his knowledge of the Enga language proved very useful in the headwaters of the Karawari river area.

Const. 1/c 1517 Igura;  
A keen and willing worker, who is always willing to carry out orders enthusiastically, but his inability to swim and fear of fast flowing waters presented problems on occasions during the patrol.

All things considered the above three members formed an effective patrol detachment, which worked well together.

Interpreters

It was only necessary to use interpreters in the following villages, Gedio, Rowi, Fundugum, and Avionl, the most satisfactory interpreters used were a boy of about 14 years of age named Yibun from Inia village, his father was from Fundugum, his mother was from Iambugum the Maramuni area (Wahag Sub-District), and after the death of his parents he moved to the headwaters of the Karawari river and has since moved to Inia village and as a result he is able to converse with the people in all the villages mentioned above and he speaks reasonable pidgin, the other reliable interpreter used was Waikini from Fundugum village. In all other villages in the two census divisions the majority of the people understand and speak pidgin, in the cases where people did not, village officials were used as interpreters.

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Law and Order

Law and Order in the areas generally good, numerous minor disputes were brought before the patrol these mainly being non repayment of loans, women and pig problems. Only one serious offence was brought to the notice of the patrol and that was the theft of 570 from a house belonging to Kari/Animer of B'kaium, one Gidadu/ Ganunci was apprehended with the money in his possession at Berapidin village, but he escaped from custody that same night and has not as yet been apprehended.

Conclusion

It is recommended that any future patrols to the headwaters of the three rivers visited be conducted during the dry season, say to October, when they could be completed more effectively and efficiently.

The patrol achieved its objectives and assisted greatly to consolidate the administration's presence in the area by spending at least one day in each village and not rushing the patrol.