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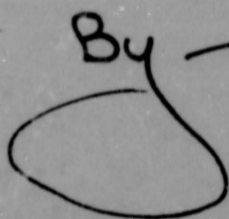
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PATROL REPORT NO. 17-64/65

By 

R. J. Brown

YANGORU

SEPIK DISTRICT

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK. Report No. 17 of 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by Mr. R.J. Brown. C.B.O.

Area Patrolled East Yangoru Census Division, Wewak S/D.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 2 Members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 9 / 3 / 19 65 to 31 / 3 / 19 65.

and 17 / 5 / 1965 to 26 / 5 / 1965.

Number of Days 33 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1 / 9 / 19 64.

Medical ? / ? / 19 ??

Map Reference 2 miles to 1 inch.

Objects of Patrol (1) To conduct a Census.

(2) Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

~~PORT MORESBY.~~

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Forwarded, please.

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E. J. Hills
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

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11th February, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

YANGORU PATROL REPORT NO. 17/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Brown, covered by your memorandum 67-3-1/1516 of 10th January 1966.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Hastings have been noted.

3. The tardiness of presenting this report on time detracts from an otherwise excellent report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Sepik District,
WEWAK.
10th January, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
WNAK.

PATROL REPORT No. 17 of 1964/65.
EAST YANGORU CENSUS DIVISION.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged.

You have covered all aspects of the report, so my only comment is that you inform Mr. Brown that in view of your Patrol Instructions, viz (3) "Visit each Village and endeavour to spend at least one full day in each". Why did Mr. Brown cover 3 to 4 villages on the one day? A year has passed since the last patrol and little encouragement can be received by the people under these circumstances.

This aspect detracts from an otherwise excellent report.

E. G. Hicks
E. G. HICKS,
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

For your records and information, please.

E. G. Hicks
District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration.

Reference..... 67-2/358.....

JLH/hs

Sub-district Office,
WEWAK. Sepik District.

17th December, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 17-1964/65

EAST YANGORU CENSUS DIVISION

I refer to the above Report submitted with my 67-2/175 and 176 of 16th September, 1965, and your verbal notice that the Report would be held pending submission of Census figures and Patrol Map.

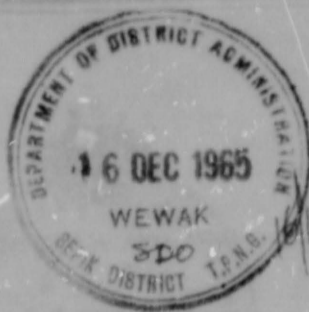
Attached please find the Patrol Map also comments on subjects omitted from the Report and covering memorandum 67-3-2/12 of 18th November, 1965. In his 67-3-2 of 16th December, 1965, Mr. Brown states that despatch of the attachments were delayed due present patrolling.

As the Census figures did not balance, several inaccuracies were evident, the Census Sheets have been returned to Mr. Brown for his urgent attention.

Mr. Brown has been informed of need for prompt attention to Patrol Reports and the detrimental effect such late submissions could have on his Confidential Report.

(J.L. HASTINGS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



67-3-2/12

Kubalia Base Camp,
Via WEWAK.
18th. Nov. 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
WEWAK

Patrol Report No. 17 of 1964/65.

Your No. 175 Of 16th Sept. 1965 refers.

Attached herewith are the Census figures and Patrol Map as requested.

Also attached are comments on "Missions" and "Census" which I neglected to submit with the bulk of the report.

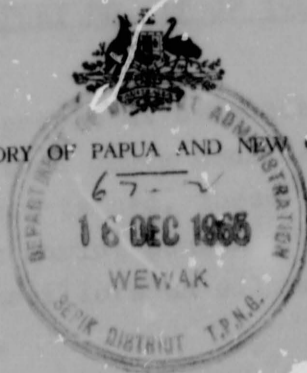
The delay in submission is due to unorthodox methods employed in conducting the census, resulting in a need for a large number of calculations before the figures were ready for submission.

For your information and forwarding please.

R.J. Brown. C.P.O.
O.I.C. KUBALIA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-3-2

If calling a/c for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

KUBALIA

16th December, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
Wewak.

PATROL REPORT NO.17 of 1964/65

Further to my 67-3-2 of 18th November,
1965.

The remainder of the Patrol Report has
been ready for some time but due to the other patrol
which I am at present conducting it was not sent in.

For your information, please.

R.J. BROWN O.I.C.
KUBALIA.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 17 OF 1964/65.

CENSUS

The conduct of the people at censuses was good, and no difficulties arose. There were in some cases considerable numbers of absentees but as far as could be ascertained, these were all legitimately absent. On all occasions during census the people were responsive and co-operative. The Councillors on all occasions were of great assistance during census.

CENSUS FIGURES.

Particular comment should be made on the actual figures of the Census because there was no census conducted in 1964. Because of this the first three columns in the 'deaths' section of the Village Population Register, (ie. 0-1 mth., 0-1 year., 1-4 years.,) cannot be taken as being fully accurate although an attempt was made to bring them up to date.

It may be noted that there are large numbers of people absent at work outside the District. The majority of males absent outside the District are in Rabaul and in many of these cases the men have been absent for several years and their wives and children have not heard of or from them since their departure. In these cases the Villagers claim that the men do not intend returning to their families.

Missions.

Three Missions have influence in the area patrolled. These are, The Assembly of God Mission, The Catholic Mission, and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, in respective order of degree of influence in the area.

Generally speaking, the Villages with strong Mission influence show a marked improvement in the standard of housing, personal cleanliness, and hygiene as compared with those of lesser Mission influence.

The Assembly of God Mission, is the only one of the three which has a Mission Station situated in the Census Division. This Station is situated at Suondo Village, almost on the border of between the Yangoru and Wewak Sub-Districts, and has influence in Villages of both Sub-Districts. At present the Mission is run by Mr. R. Spence who is also encouraging the establishment of small Village Trade Stores in the area influenced by the Mission, which stretches back along the Wewak-Maprik road as far as Toanumbu Village and also includes all villages in the vicinity of the Mission Station.

The Catholic Mission Villages are under Father Blasec from the Catholic Mission at Sassoia in the Wewak Inland Census Division. The Father often visits the villages in the area while on supervisory tours of the three Catholic Mission Preparatory Schools in the area.

The influence of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission is centered in one village, Musuwagen, and spreads out to other villages near by. The general standard of housing, personal cleanliness, and hygiene in this Village, far surpasses all other villages in the area



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone

Our Reference... 67-2/175

If calling ask for

Mr. JLN/hs

Sub-district Office,
WEWAK, Sepik District.

16th September, 1965.

Mr. R. J. Brown, C.P.O.,
Officer-in-Charge,
Base Camp,
KUBALIA

PATROL REPORT NO. 17-1964/65

EAST YANGORU C/D

I refer to your Report submitted on the above Patrol and direct your attention to the following comments:-

Preamble Page: The D.A.S.F. Field Workers have not been included in the "Personnel Accompanying". Number of days on patrol not given for your patrol or of last patrol.

Introduction: No reason as to why the Patrol didn't stay in the four villages listed. "Encouraged them to improve the standard". Rather vague - needs clarifying, such as, "the standard of living or the standard of development".

Patrol Diary: Discussions at several villages but no further details. It is of general interest to report on the nature and the trends of thought during informal talks.

Villages & Housing: Has any action been necessary through lack of attending instructions issued by Councillors?

Councillors: Not only the Councillors but also the people require "schooling" in L.G. Council responsibilities with only one Village out of nineteen co-operating with and respecting the Councillor.

Agriculture: I don't see the availability of transport to WEWAK being of great assistance as freight costs would prevent a reasonable profit. There is no shortage of truck crops at the Wewak Markets, in fact it is over-supplied in these items. Of greater financial benefit to the inhabitants would be cattle projects as meat of any description is highly priced.

Missions & Census: No mention. These subjects usually warrant particular comment, see pages 39 and 42 of Vol. 1 Standing Instructions.

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Appendices: Only Police Report made. Your comments on subjects concerning other Departments would have been better as Appendices with a spare copy for the District Commissioner to forward to the relevant Department. (Volume 1, pages 43, 45 and 46).

A good Report and Patrol, my thanks.

Please send the Census figures and patrol map as soon as possible.

(J.L. HASTINGS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference... 67-2/183
If calling ask for
Mr. Jlh/hs

Sub-district Office,
WEWAK, Sepik District.

7th March, 1965.

Mr. R. Brown,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
KUBALIA


PATROL NO. 17 OF 1964/65 - EAST YANGORU C/D

As verbally advised please prepare to patrol the East Yangoru Census Division of the WEWAK Sub-district as soon as possible after attending Saussia L.G. Council duties arising from the Monthly Meeting on 7th March, 1965.

The Patrol objects are:-

- (1) Amend Census.
- (2) Attend Routine Administration matters including
 - (a) Check village hygiene, standard of houses, etc., using Councillors to attend improvements.
 - (b) Recording any complaints for Court action and
 - (c) Check on condition of Shotguns and validity of licences.
- (3) Visit each Village and endeavour to spend at least one full day in each.
- (4) Read the relevant sections of Standing Instructions on Patrolling.

Do not hurry Village visits and allow sufficient time to attend Council duties at Kubalia by breaking the Patrol when necessary.


(J.L. HASTINGS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. District Commissioner, WEWAK.

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Kubalia Base Camp,
Wewak Sub District.
SEPIK DISTRICT.

PATROL NUMBER 17 of 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by : Mr. R.J. Brown C.P.O.

Area Patrolled : East Yangoru Census Division
Wewak Sub District.

Personel Accompanying : 2 R.P.N.G.C. Members

Duration of Patrol : 9. 3.65 to 31. 3.65 and
17. 5.65 to 26. 5.65.

Last Patrol to Area : D.D.A. 1. 9.64.

Objects of Patrol : 1) Amend Census
2) Routine Administration

Map Reference : National Mapping Wewak-
Lower Sepik.
2 miles to 1 inch.

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INTRODUCTION.

This was a patrol of the Yangoru East Census Division which is about 45 miles by road from Wewak and in the Saussia Local Government Council Area, Wewak Sub-district. A total of 19 villages were visited, namely - Munjcharanji, Wamoin, Haruwa, Suonduo, Kininyan, Yekimbolye No. 1, Nyakandogum, Kininimbogu, Koragoia, Sasanambogu, Nimbogu, Kwelegun, Neimo, Abauia, Niagombi, Wareamba, Musuwagun, Haumbugwe and Segnoro. The patrol spent at least one night in all villages except Kininyan, Sasanambogu, Kwalegun and Segnoro.

There were two objects on this patrol, the first being a census and the second, general Administration. The census part of the patrol was a comparatively urgent matter as no census was held in 1964.

The first part of the patrol was accompanied by two agricultural field workers, however the second part of the patrol was unaccompanied.

The last patrol to this area was carried out by Mr. J. Quin with myself accompanying, and was rushed due to lack of time. However with this patrol there was no shortage of time and as much time as was felt necessary was spent in each village. Wherever possible, the patrol mingled with the people and encouraged them to improve the standard. This appeared to be appreciated and it also gave the patrol a more personal contact with the individual.

PATROL DIARY.

9 .3.65. TUESDAY.

Departed Kubalia in company with two Agricultural Field Workers and one member R.P.N.G.C. at 0900 hours for Munjcharanji in the Yangoru East Census Division on a Census and General Administration Patrol. Arrived Munjcharanji at 1100 hours. On arrival inspected the Aid Post. During the afternoon, inspected the village. In the evening, sat and talked with people of the village.

10.3.65. WEDNESDAY.

In the morning spoke to the village on methods of improvement in the village and what was wrong with the village. Afterwards held a census. Afternoon set aside for complaints and discussions.

11.3.65. THURSDAY.

Departed Munji at 0830 hours for Wamoin village arriving at 1005 hours. During afternoon, inspected the village. Spent night at Wamoin.

12.3.65. FRIDAY.

Supervised preparation of part of a particularly bad stretch of road for the removal of a P.W.D. truck which was bogged on the road. During the afternoon, supervised the maintenance of this area of road.

13.3.65.

SATURDAY.

In the morning inspected the village and afterwards

13.3.65. SATURDAY (Contd).

continued supervision of road maintenance in preparation to have P.W.D. vehicle pulled out.

14.3.65. SUNDAY. Observed.

15.3.65. MONDAY.

Had a lengthy discussion with the people of Wamoin on ways of improving village. Census concluded afterwards. Afternoon set aside for complaints, queries and discussions.

16.3.65. TUESDAY.

Departed Wamoin at 0825 hours for Harwva arriving at 0930 hours. Remainder of morning and large part of afternoon spent inspecting the village. Later in the afternoon accompanied Mr. J. Wiltshire to Wamoin to remove P.W.D. vehicle from its resting place. During the evening sat and talked with the Councillor and some of the older men of the village.

17.3.65. WEDNESDAY.

Gathered the people of Haruwa, instructed them that village was poor and discussed ways of improvement. Conducted census which was completed at 1330. At 1400 hours departed Haruwa for Suonduo, arriving at 1510 hours. Inspected the village and then walked on to Kininyan village to carry out another inspection. Returned to Suonduo at 1830 hours. Night at Suonduo.

18.3.65. THURSDAY.

In the morning gathered the people of Suonduo village - discussions on state of and improvement to village - Census conducted.

In the afternoon, walked to Kininyan to give similar talk and discussions and to conduct Census.

19.3.65. FRIDAY.

Departed Suonduo village for Yekimbolge No. 1 village at 0900 hours and arrived at 0950. Men of village still working on Police rest house when patrol arrived and continued to do so while the village was inspected. Night at Yekimbolye.

20.3.65. SATURDAY.

Discussion on the village with the people who were gathered for Census. Held a census and afterwards discussed a new length of road with the Councillor and people of a neighbouring village from the Yangou Council area.

At 1500 hours departed Yekimbolye for Nyakandogum arriving at 1630 hours. Night at Nyakandogum.

21.3.65. SUNDAY. Observed.

22.3.65. MONDAY.

22.3.65. MONDAY.

During morning inspected Nyakandogum village. During the afternoon went through the books and stock of a new trade store at Nyakandogum.

23.3.65. TUESDAY.

Gathered the people for a Census and had discussion on the state of the village. Census conducted.

At 1515 departed Nyakandogum for Kininimbogu arriving at approximately 1600 hours. On arrival inspected the village. Night at Kininimbogu.

24.3.65. WEDNESDAY.

Conducted census of Kininimbogu, after discussing the state of the village and methods of improvements.

At 1535 hours departed Kininimbogu for Karagora, arriving at 1620 hours. Overnight at Karagora.

25.3.65. THURSDAY.

Morning spent making a thorough inspection of Karagora.

In the afternoon walked to Saganamboga and made another inspection. Returned to Karagora at 1700 hours. Talked with some of the men of the village during the evening. Overnight at Koragora.

26.3.65. FRIDAY.

In the morning the two villages, Karagora and Sasanambogu gathered to hear talk on ways of improving the villages. After discussions, conducted census of Koragora and Sasanambogu. Census finished at 1340 hours.

At 1600 hours, departed Koragora for Nimbogu, arriving at about 1645 hours. Overnight at Nimbogu.

29.3.65. SATURDAY.

Because Nimbogu is religiously divided into two sectors, one Seventh Day Adventist and the other Roman Catholic, only the Roman Catholic part of the village was inspected and the rest of the day was observed.

28.3.65. SUNDAY.

Inspected the Seventh Day Adventist portion of the village and then walked on to Kwalegun, another S.D.A. influenced village. Returned to Nimbogu at 1500 hours. Remainder of the day observed.

29.3.65. MONDAY.

Gathered the people of Nimbogu and Kwalegun for discussion on villages. Held a census of Nimbogu and Kwalegun. This completed at 1300 hours, departed 1400 hours for Neimo arriving at 1455 hours. Inspected the village. Overnight Neimo.

30.3.65. TUESDAY.

30.3.65. TUESDAY.

Heavy rain held up work in the morning. In the afternoon conducted census at Neimo after discussion on improvement to villages. Spent night at Neimo.

31.3.65. WEDNESDAY.

Departed Neimo at 0830 hours for Kubalia travelling via Niagombi, Wareaniba, Abauia, Manjcharampi and Toanumba, arriving Kubalia approximately 1400 hrs.

17.5.65. MONDAY.

Departed Kubalia for Abuica village at 0845 walking via Munjiharanji. Arrived Abauia at 1300 hours. During afternoon inspected the village and in the evening talked with Councillor and some of the men of the village.

18.5.65. TUESDAY.

During the morning heavy rain held up work. In the afternoon census conducted and complaints heard.

19.5.65. WEDNESDAY.

Departed Abauia at 0815 hours for Niagombi passing through Wareamba on the way. Arrived at Niagombi at 0915 hours. Work held up for about 2 hours due to inclement weather. At 1030 hours commenced inspection of Niagombi. Inspection concluded 1330 hours. Departed Niagombi at 1400 hours for Wareamba for village inspection and inspection of Aid Post. Returned to Niagombi at 1800 hours.

20.5.65. THURSDAY.

Gathered people of Niagombi and Wareamba at Niagombi and had discussion on the two villages. Census of Niagombi and Wareamba conducted afterwards. Talked with the Councillor and some of the men from Niagombi during the evening. Overnight at Niagombi.

21/5/65. FRIDAY.

Departed Niagombi at 0815 hours for Masuwagum arriving at 0905 hours to be greeted by a student choir singing the National Anthem. Set up camp and talked with villagers. In the afternoon inspected the village and in the evening talked with villagers.

22.5.65. SATURDAY.

Musuwagum influenced by Seventh Day Adventist Mission, thus Saturday observed.

23.5.65. SUNDAY.

In the morning P.H.D. team patrolling for the purpose of giving smallpox inoculations arrived at Musuwagum and were assisted with their own work before my own work continued. Conducted census at Musuwagum and finished work at 1505 hours. Complaints heard afterwards. Talked with Councillor and villagers during the evening.

24.5.65. MONDAY.

24.5.65. MONDAY.

Departed Musuwagum at 0830 hours for Haumbugwe via W. Seamba. Arrived Haumbugwe at 1025 hours. Spent the remainder of the morning setting up camp and informing the Councillor of my intentions during the Patrol's visit to his village. In the afternoon inspected Haumbugwe and in the evening heard complaints.

25.5.65. TUESDAY.

First part of the morning spent inspecting Segoro village which is about half an hour's easy walking from Haumbugwe. In the latter part of the morning conducted census of Segoro. In the afternoon conducted census at Haumbugwe. Work finished at 1530 hours. In the evening talked with the Councillor and some of the men of the Village.

26.5.65. WEDNESDAY.

Departed Haumbugwe at 0830 hours for Kubalia travelling through Segoro and Munj. Arrived Kubalia 1300 hours.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

Patrol on most occasions was received quite favourably and on only one occasion were there any signs reflecting otherwise. This was at Haumbugwe. When the patrol arrived at Haumbugwe there were only the Councillor and a few of the aged members of the village present and the policeman (Const. Bakoi had to be sent to find the remainder of the village who had "gone bush". There was no excuse for this as the village had had ample warning that the patrol was coming. However, it was later ascertained that this had stemmed from the fact that the people had done the same thing when the P.H.D. smallpox inoculations patrol had arrived and were afraid that I would take action over their previous folly. However, after a lecture the attitude of the village was considerably more responsive. During the lecture it was explained to them why it was necessary to receive this inoculation. At Musuwagum the patrol was greeted by a student choir singing the National Anthem. Apparently Musuwagum had not been visited by a Patrol Officer for several years, but were gathered at Niagambi, which is about one hour's walk away whenever a patrol was in the area. The village also showed its appreciation by superfluous gifts of fresh food. Kininimbogu residents also expressed pleasure at having a patrol visit the village for the first time in some years. Kininimbogu previously gathered at Nyakandogum when a patrol was in the area. There is an increasing favourable attitude toward the Administration building up in this area. It is now quite common to hear favourable remarks about the fact that a D.D.A. representative is resident at Kubalia which is now regarded as their own Patrol Post.

VILLAGES.

In each village, a systematic inspection was made. The people of each village were asked to wait at their houses during the inspection while I went around with the Councillor. By using this method, the individual could be told exactly what was expected by him. DURING THE PATROL I was campaigning for better houses, better latrines and improved disposal and felt that it would be more effectively achieved by contact

VILLAGES (Contd).

with the individual in the presence of the Councillor. This also had a moral effect on the Councillors who often claim that the people take no notice of them, for a large number of things were pointed out that the Councillor claimed had already been pointed out but nothing had been done by the person concerned.

HOUSING.

The type of house normal to the area is a simple structure built with the ground as the floor. However, some of the younger more enthusiastic men of the area have built more substantial houses up from the ground with "Limbon" floors. One village, Haumbugwe, consisted mainly of this type of house. As I could think of nothing detrimental to the peoples' wellbeing in building this type of house throughout the area, the people in all villages in the area patrolled were encouraged to do so.

The general pattern throughout the area as regards the standard of housing was that the larger the village, the poorer the standard of housing was. This was particularly noticeable in Haruwa, which as well as having a large population, was untidily scattered over a large area and took almost a full day to inspect. Quite a number of the houses in the outer parts of the village were in very poor condition.

It is a custom with these people that the women during menstruation are not allowed to remain in the house with the rest of the family because this monthly occurrence is unclean and may bring sickness to the family. Thus the women have been forced to live in small houses on the edge of the village until "clean" again. In most cases, the women themselves have to build these houses and as a result are little more than dog kennels. These are also used for child-birth. It was shown to the people by pointing out the large number of newly born children that have died in these houses that they were not good enough for child-birth. The men were encouraged to build larger, more substantial and ventilated houses on the edge of the village for their women. No attempt was made to change their custom, but they were encouraged to improvement. In some cases, these houses were in such a state of disrepair that they were ordered to be destroyed.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply in all villages was adequate as there is a very good network of streams throughout the area. However, in some villages, e.g. Haruwa, Nyakandogum, Neimo, Niagombi, Haumbugwe and Wamoin, the streams were some distance from the village and as a result the people tend not to use water as much as they should.

At Haunbugwe, a 44 gallon drum was emptied because of green slime around the inside wall of the drum and a thick layer of dirt on the bottom. The owner was instructed to clean the

WATER SUPPLY (Contd).

the drum before he used it again.

At Niagambi a possible site for a well was found at what appears to be an underground stream. This could be referred to the Council and a well be constructed.

HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

In no village in the area was the standard of latrines good. These followed the same pattern as the standard of houses, the larger the village, the worse the conditions of the latrines.

Rubbish disposal in all villages left much to be desired. In all villages the rubbish was merely thrown into the bush at the edge of the village. There was not one proper rubbish hole seen during the patrol. In every village, the health reasons for having good latrines and an effective rubbish disposal system was explained to the people. The Councillors and Aid Post Orderlies (if there was one present) were instructed to rectify the situation immediately the patrol left the village. In most villages, the personal cleanliness of the people was not good, although actively influenced mission villages showed a marked improvement.

In all villages, people were ordered to wash dirty clothing and when they were gathered in the villages, Regulation 110 of the Native Administration Ordinance was brought to their notice.

The villages generally were quite clean and tidy and except for the rubbish thrown into the bush no fault could be found. In some villages "emu parades" were organised to collect this rubbish and it was then burnt.

COUNCILLORS.

Unfortunately the influence of the Councillors in the villages visited leaves much to be desired. The Councillors do not have the respect of the people. It appears that in many cases the people have deliberately elected someone who they know could get the better of.

Some fault lies in the Councillors themselves who try to dominate the people of their village, consequently are treated with indifference and sometimes with hostility. To try to overcome this a one day a month school has been instituted. This school takes place on the first Thursday of every month which is the day following the monthly Council Meeting.

Of the nineteen villages visited, Nimbogu was the only village which appeared to co-operate with and respect the Councillor.

AGRICULTURE.

For the first ~~Twenty~~ twenty three days of the patrol, I was accompanied by two Agricultural Field Workers who did a splendid job. These two men visited all gardens in the villages visited all day and a large part of each evening discussing agricultural problems with the villagers. Each time a village was gathered they also gave a short talk on what was wrong with their business gardens and gave advice on how to improve

AGRICULTURE (Contd).

them.

The food situation in all villages appeared to be quite good and in most of them, the people complained that they had no means of transporting their surplus food to Wewak to be sold because none of the Commercial Vehicles in from Wewak would venture from the all-weather road which only goes as far as Nangumarum as is shown on the patrol map. In my own opinion this area will become quite important, as far as supplying Wewak with native food goes, once the Wewak-Maprik Road penetrates the area because the people have a varied and plentiful food supply. At the moment this is the most popular method of receiving an income.

The main cash crop in the area is coffee. This is becoming increasingly popular as a source of cash income and is developing steadily in all villages visited, at present the more enthusiastic people who started coffee gardens a few years ago are reaping the benefits from advanced coffee gardens. This appears to be stimulating others in the villages to start.

Another cash crop which is popular is Cacao. This apparently started at Wareamba and Niagombi and is gradually spreading. At Wareamba, quite a large crop bearing nuts ready to be picked was seen.

LIVESTOCK.

The only livestock which figures to any extent in the local economy are pigs. These are used mainly for local transactions and no evidence of development towards a business in pigs was noted.

One industrious young man from Haumbugwe had developed a poultry run which had reached a total in the vicinity of 100 but unfortunately due to inadequate enclosure, the majority of these had been killed off by local dogs and hawks, By the time the patrol reached the village.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There is little interest in Commerce or Industry in the area patrolled.

Through Mission influence two stores have been started, one at Munjcharanji and the other at Wamoin. These are only small stores designed at catering for the needs of the respective villages.

The only other store in the area is a co-operative store, which I assisted in getting started, at Nyakandogum. When in Nyakandogum, I made a rough 'stock-take' in the store to check on it's progress. The store had been making quite a large profit since opening. However, there was a large amount of old stock on hand and it was found that this was due to excessively high prices. This fault was explained to the Storekeeper and a new set of prices aimed at a lower profit margin and a quicker turn-over of stock, were drawn up. The Storekeeper was instructed to come to the following Council Meeting to report on the progress of the store under the new prices. (It might be noted that the original prices were drawn up by

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the Storekeeper himself). He has since reported that most of the old stock has been sold and goods are selling faster than they were previously.

COMPLAINTS.

The majority of complaints concerned debts. Of these 22 were debts concerning pigs and all were settled out of court. The fact that these debts were brought to my notice had a remarkable effect on the promptness of repayment, for although no demands were made by the patrol, the majority of these debts were settled while the patrol was in the village. Others desired time to gather the necessary payment. There were also 9 debts concerning bride prices and these were settled in a similar way to those of the pigs.

One land dispute was brought to the notice of the patrol but this was settled by the elders of the two villages concerned; Abauia and Wareamba.

Two complaints were lodged against men who had gone to work in main Centres, one to Manus and the other to Lae. Both these men had left their wives and children in the village. Both families were becoming concerned about their future. Repeated efforts by the family to get in touch with the man concerned have failed.

The only other complaint was a charge of assault and this was referred to Mr. J.L. Hastings, A.D.C. Wewak.

REST HOUSES.

All rest houses used were in good condition except the one at Neima. The Councillor of Neima was given instructions to renew the rest house in his village.

Sananambogu was the only village in the area patrolled which did not have a rest house.

CARRIERS.

Carriers are not in the least difficult to hire, but generally will only accept money in payment for their services. Salt or tobacco however occasionally will be accepted as payment.

HEALTH.

Of the 19 villages in the area there are only three with Aid Post Orderlies. As the patrol progressed it became more and more obvious that three Aid Posts were not enough. Up until recently there were four A.P.O.'s in the area, but one from Haruwa was sent to another area. The villages serviced by this Aid Post (five in all) have become quite concerned about the removal of their Aid Post Orderly.

The three Aid Posts in the area are at Munjiharanji, Nyakandagum and Wareamba.

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The Aid Post at Munji is a large building and has a ward with ten beds, and the Aid post is clean and well cared for. The Aid Post Orderly himself has a neat and clean appearance and all his records are up to date, and all his instrument are kept clean.

The Aid Post at Nyakandogum is a slightly larger and more solid structure than the one at Munjharanji and also has a ward with a number of beds in it. The Aid Post Orderly is clean and tidy. He is at present servicing as many as eleven villages.

The Aid Post Orderly was the disappointment of the three. His personal appearance was shabby and he had to be told to wash his clothing. His records were about a month behind and there were a number of unlabelled bottles in which the A.P.O. did not know what was contained. The contents of the unlabelled bottles were thrown out.

Scabies and other skin ailments were quite prevalent in the area, especially where there was not an Aid Post in close proximity. I feel a medical patrol in the area for attention to skin ailments would be warranted.

There was only one other ailment noticed during the patrol and that was hay fever or something similar. This produced Coughinh, sneezing, watering eyes, and sometimes a headache. However, the people concerned claimed that it was merely an ailment peculiar to the particular time of the year.

EDUCATION.

The only Administration school in the area is the one at Kubalia which has four classes starting from preparatory to standard three.

There are no other recognized schools in the area, but there are a number of Mission preparatory schools. Of these, three were Catholic Mission schools being situated on the road between Yekimbolye and Nyakandogum, and the road between Niagombi and Meimo, and at Kinimbogu. There are also two Seventh Day Adventist preparatory schools, one at Musuwagum and one at Nimbogu.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

All roads in the area are dry weather roads only and, with the exception of one stretch at Wamoin, were in good condition. Two days were spent at Wamoin supervising repairs on the faulty stretch because it is part of the Wewak-Maprik road and is now receiving constant use.

The people of Suondo, Kininyan and Yekimbolye have commenced construction on a new road between Yekimboyle and the Wewak-Maprik road passing through all three villages and when seen by the patrol was progressing quite well.

Instructions were given for three bridges at Munjcharanji, one at Suondo, and one at Neimo to be repaired. All others seen were in good condition.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

No. 9492 Const. GABAU.

A valuable aid on patrol.

Conscientious, efficient and helpful in all aspects of patrol work. He is by far the best policeman I have worked with.

23 days on Patrol.

No. 10266 Const. BAKAI.

Conscientious and capable, but appears to be unsure of himself.

10 days on Patrol.

Robin J. Brown C.P.O.

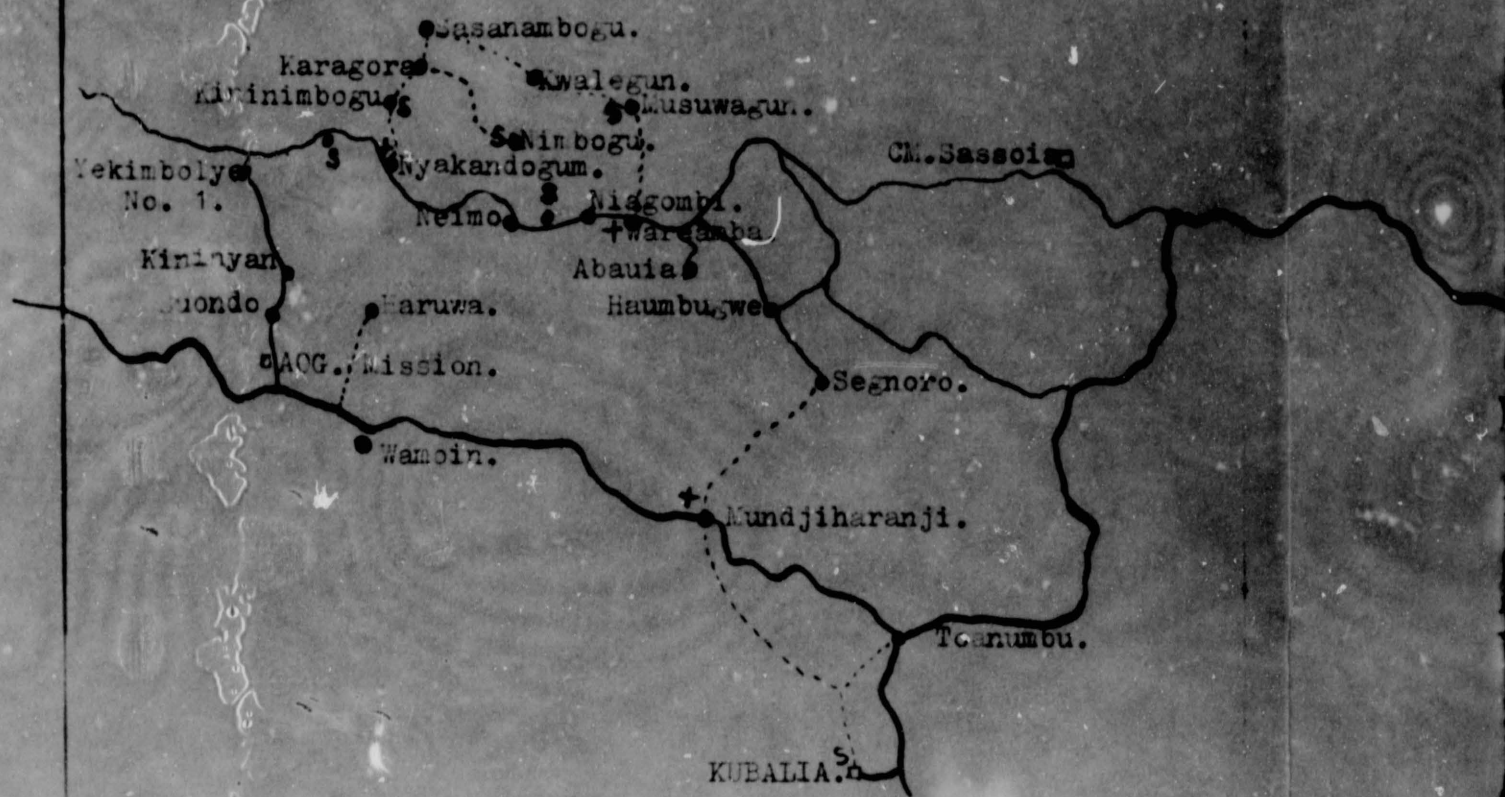
PATROL MAP

Wewak Patrol No.17 of 1964/65.

Scale: 2 miles to 1 inch.

Patrol Conducted by: Mr. R.J.Brown. U.P.O.

Base Camp Kubalia.





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- School
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- Road