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PATROL REPORTS SEPIK DISTRICT 1962-63

VANIMO

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Vanimo 5-62/63	N.H.Walters	From Vanimo stn. to Sekotiau.
" 8-62/63	R.L.O'Connell	Pageri and Kilimeri C/D's
" 9A-62/63	N.H.Walters	Standing patrol Wutung Village.....
" 9B-62/63	N.H.Walters	....continued.
" 10-62/63	V.J.Dagge	Vanimo East Coast Census Division.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....**Sepik**..... Report No.....**Vanimo Report No.5 of 1962/63**

Patrol Conducted by.....**N.H Walters, Patrol Officer.**

Area Patrolled.....**From Vanimo station to Sekotiau - through the Kilmeri and Pagi Census Divisions.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**One**

Natives.....**Six**

Duration—From.....**1 12**...../19**62**.....to.....**18 12**...../19.....**62**

Number of Days.....**18**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....**No.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....**Vanimo Army Series 1 inch : 4 miles**

Objects of Patrol.....**To put an astrofix in the Sekotiau vicinity, this was done by the surveyor who accompanied the patrol.**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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WDA'OR.

(11)

67-8-36.

June 21st, 1963.

The District Officer,  
North Sepik District,  
NEWAK

VANIMO PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 62/63

This report dealt with a visit to SEKOTIAU Village.

2. The report was referred to the Assistant Administrator (Services) for his information and he has minutes it back to me "I agree with your Paragraph 3 above". That paragraph read:-

" As I see it, if the SEKOTIAU people wish to reside inside the Trust Territory, they must accept the Australian Administration. The conversion would best be made by frequent, but short, visits. "

3. Any changes should be introduced gently and gradually.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



Telegrams

Telephone 67-8-30

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua.

14th June, 1963.

The Assistant Administrator (Services),  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

I forward herewith my file 67-8-36 for your information and any comments you may care to make.

2. You will observe that it was intended to refer the file to you on 14th February, but apparently it did not reach you. (Folio 8)

3. As I see it, if the SEKOTIAU people wish to reside inside the Trust Territory, they must accept the Australian Administration. The conversion would best be made by frequent, but short, visits *in my opinion*.

4. Probably the Stations a few days walk away (refer folio 2) are now manned by representatives of the West Irian Administration.

*J. K. McCarthy*  
(J. K. McCarthy),  
Director. a

*Day N. A.*

*I agree with your para 3. above. because  
"Schoutenian" referred to at folio 9 is the "Selotian"  
mentioned throughout file!*

*19/6/63*

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Vanimo Patrol Post,  
Aitape Sub District,  
Senik District.

26th March 1963.

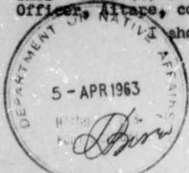
The District Office,  
Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

Patrol Report No. 5-62/3 - Vanimo.

The Director's 67-8-36 of 14th February last  
just to hand, refers.

What is the actual position regarding  
Skotchian? Although geographically within our territorial  
limits it is completely W.N.O. in attitude and flies an  
Indonesian flag. Should regular visits be paid to the  
village for an extended period it would I am sure result  
in much unpleasantness. Unless there is a definite  
Administration intention to take over control of the  
village I would prefer to restrict visits to overnight  
ones - Para (c) of my 67-1-1 to the Assistant District  
Officer, Aitape, copy of which is attached, refers.

should be grateful for your advice.



*John Law*  
D.N. Moorhouse P.O.,  
Officer in Charge.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,  
AITAPE.

67-3-8  
District Office, WEWAK  
3rd April, 1963

MINUTE/The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDORU.

The above for your information and advice, please.

*R. A. Webb*  
(R. A. WEBB)  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (8)

Telegrams - NATAFF  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-8-36  
If calling ask for  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua.

*Rec'd  
No indication  
that this file has  
been sent to A.A.  
g. B.*

14th February, 1963.

The Assistant Administrator (Services),  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1962/63, VANIMO:

This Report concerns the establishment of a trig station at SEKOTIAU Village on the West New Guinea ~~Trust~~ - Trust Territory border. The attitude of the people is probably natural - they are confused as is seen from their actions in the flying both the West Papuan and Dutch flags, recorded at folio 2.

*W. R. Dishon*  
*plc*  
(W.R. DISHON)  
Acting Director.

(7)

67-8-36

14th February, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Sepik District,  
NEW A.K.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-62/63 - VANIMO:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

Diaries should accompany Patrol Reports.

I note that no movements over the border were reported; it is probable that visits may be made at irregular intervals only.

Were the carriers drawn from local villages? Do these villages have any social contact with the people of SEKOTIAU?

The confusion of the SEKOTIAU people can well be appreciated.

I am gratified to note that towards the end of the patrol's stay the people became much more friendly and relaxed towards patrol members.

You should ensure that regular visits are paid to the village for an extended period.

What action is proposed in establishing an airstrip site?

W. R. D.  
(W. R. DISHON)  
Acting Director.

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District Office,  
SPEIK DISTRICT,  
WEWAK

30th January, 1963

The Assistant District Officer,  
AITAPE.

VANINO PATROL REPORT 5/62-63

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged with  
thanks.

The report calls for little comment apart from  
that contained in your covering memorandum. Mr. Walters is  
to be commended for tactful use of discussion to alleviate the  
concern of the SEKOTIAU people. Time and patience will be  
needed to overcome these loyalties.

The District Commissioner will be shown the  
details of the strip site as described by Mr. Walters.

*R. A. Webb*  
R. A. WEBB  
Acting District Officer

→ c.c. The Director of Native Affairs, Konedobu

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Sub-District Office,  
AITAPE. Sepik District.

3rd January, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

Vanimo Patrol Report No.5 1962/63.

Two copies of the above report together with camping allowance claim and field journal are enclosed.

Mr. Walters was moved to Vanimo from Aitape to accompany the surveyor in order to relieve the pressure of work on the Vanimo O.I.C.

The patrol was conducted in a discreet and tactful manner in its approach to the Skotian people. With the border now definitely showing them inside Australian Territory it must be expected that they will show some resentment at the change. The friendly relations established during the prolonged stay of the patrol should greatly assist later development of the change to the Australian Administration.

The airstrip site in the Pagi area should receive further consideration. If constant surveillance of the border area is to be continued an airstrip in the area would pay for itself in twelve months.

Could an approach be made to the District Commissioner on this matter please.

R. Aisbett  
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply, Please  
Quote: No. 67-1-1.

Sub-District Office,  
AITAPE. Sepik District.

30th December, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
AITAPE.

Vanimo Patrol Report No. 5 of 1962/63

Please find enclosed the original and three copies of  
the Report covering Vanimo Patrol No. 5 of 1962/63.

Area patrolled.	From Vanimo to Sakotiau - through the Pagi Census Division.
Period of the patrol.	1/12/62 to 18/12/62.
Duration of the patrol.	18 days.
Officer conducting patrol.	N.H. Walters, Patrol Officer.
Personnel accompanying.	Mr. K. Blaik, Surveyor, 3 members of the R.P. & N.G.C., 2 Surveyor's assistants, 1 Medical Orderly for portion of the patrol.
Map Reference.	Vanimo Army Series 1 inch : 4 miles.

*N.H. Walters*  
N.H. Walters  
Patrol Officer

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Patrol Diary.

See Field Officer's Journal, Folio No. 63 to 69  
inclusive.

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Introduction.

This report is on a patrol which accompanied Mr. Blaik, a surveyor, to Sekotiau village. Mr. Blaik's work included sun and star observations, the reduction of these observations, and placing a cement mark in the area. Unfortunately weather conditions were not favourable and star observations were made difficult by cloud covering which was present for most nights of our visit.

To get to Sekotiau the patrol travelled on foot from Vanimo station. For most of the way the track was wet and muddy. This is to be expected at this time of the year. Between Vanimo and Sosi village leeches are plentiful and are severe on the carriers' legs.

Native Affairs.

At each village passed through en route to Sekotiau enquiries were made concerning movement of people to West New Guinea villages. No such movements were reported. It seems that although people in these villages do have biological and affinal links with people on the West New Guinea side visits are not made often but tend to be spasmodic. The only <sup>people</sup> who visited Sekotiau were the patrol personnel and the carriers from the Pagi group of villages. In fact many of the carriers were reluctant to go any further than the deserted camp site, Paw-paw, which is between Elis and Sekotiau.

On arriving at Sekotiau I explained to the village headman the purpose of our visit - the placing of a cement mark for aerial photo control. He told me that the Sekotiau people did not want to have anything to do with the Australian Administration and that they still wished to be administered from Hollandia. Also at first they were reluctant to have a cement placed in the village.

In some respects their attitude was to be expected. They had very little to do with the Australian Administration and with no prior warning the patrol arrived from Vanimo to do work in their village. Although no mention of it was made the people immediately assumed that we had arrived to start administering them. During our stay they flew the West Papua flag each day. On the second last day they ran up the Dutch flag as well. They realise that most of the Dutch officials have gone, there being no Dutch Patrol Officers left at the government stations a few days walk from Sekotiau.

It could not be said that the Sekotiau people were hostile towards the patrol. They were wary and at first had very little to do with members of the patrol party. However towards the end of our stay they became much more friendly and adopted a more relaxed attitude towards us.

Possible Airstrip Site - Pagi area.

Following up a discussion I had with the Officer-in-Charge at Vanimo I inspected a possible Cessna strip site at Apnambo village. A rough survey of the site revealed the following :-

- 1 ) Length - approximately 1500 feet
- 11 ) Width - 300 feet
- 111 ) Lies in an approximate north - south direction

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- lv ) Area is covered with tall and short grasses plus a few small trees
- v ) For most of the length the area is relatively level with a side slope at one end
- vi ) Surface is well covered with grass and appears firm.

There is light bush at both ends which would have to be cut to allow for approaches. There are no mountains in the near vicinity. Three village houses, the rest house and the police barracks would have to be moved from their present positions. I consider that one hundred men working full time could have a strip ready for operation in two months. Maintenance would be no problem because there are three villages nearby.

With the constant checking of movements across the border as well as other border intelligence work a Cessna strip in the Pagi area would be an advantage. From Pagi-Elis to Sekotiau and from there across the border is a permanent route. To get to Pagi on foot takes three days from Vanimo. By plane it would be a 20 minute flight.

#### Law and Order.

As a result of a conversation with Officer-in-Charge at Vanimo over the 510 radio which we carried on the patrol I was able to send two police to Isi to locate an escaped prisoner from the Vanimo Corrective Institution. The man in question was apprehended at Isi and taken back to Vanimo.

#### Carriers.

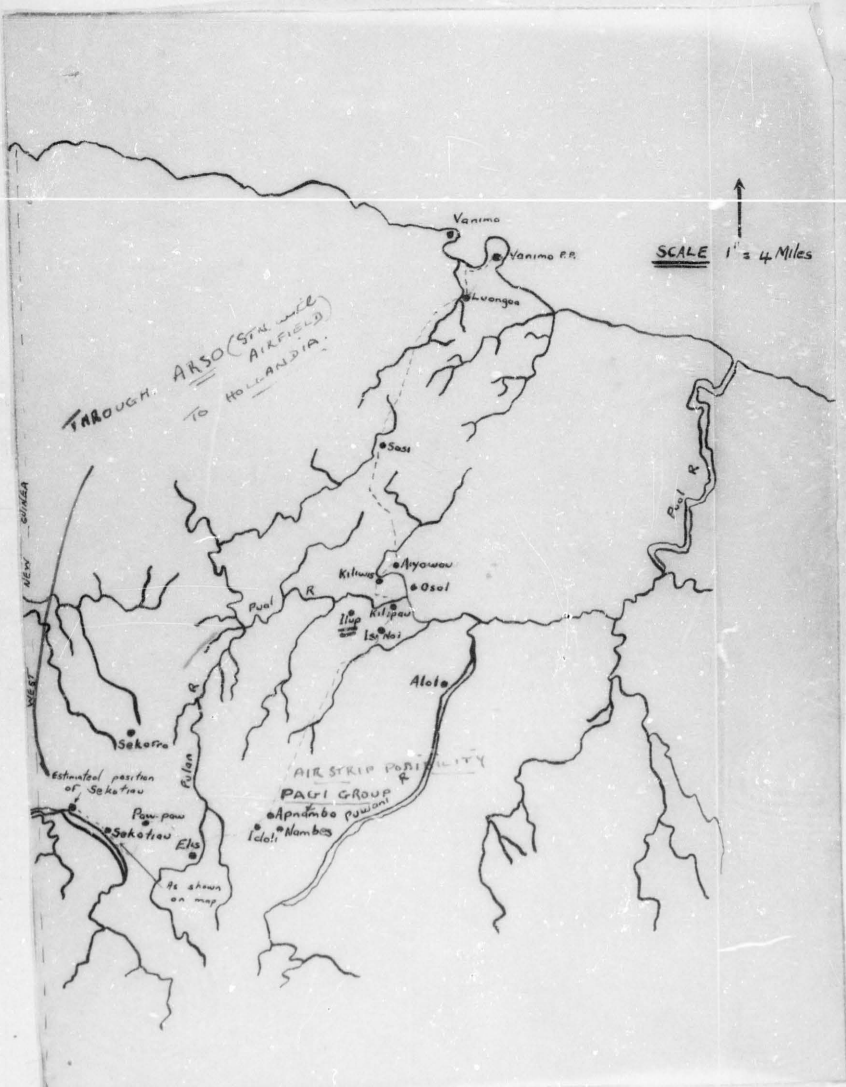
No trouble was experienced in getting the number of carriers required.

#### Conclusion.

The object of the patrol - the placing of an astro-fix in the Sekotiau vicinity - was achieved. From Mr. Blaik's calculations Sekotiau is in Australian New Guinea territory.

N.H. Walters  
Patrol Officer





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SCALE 1" = 4 Miles

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SILET

As shown on map

Director,



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... Sepik ..... Report No. Vanimo 8 of 192/63

Patrol Conducted by... Robert L. O'Connell P.O.I.

Area Patrolled... Paget and Milne Bay Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... nil

Natives... 10

Duration—From 28/3/1963 to 28/5/1963

Number of Days... 62

Did Medical Assistant accompany? ... no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... Feb.../1963

Medical ... Feb /1963

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol... see herein

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/4/1963

*W. A. ...*  
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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19th August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
North Sepik District,  
MEMBAE.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8-62/63 - VANIMO.

Receipt of the abovesentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is most important that the people in the PAGEI group be in constant contact during this particular period. It is gratifying to note that the patrol was well received. It is usual for people to respond when a patrol remains in an area for an extended period and in this case there has been no exception.

The people's co-operation in erecting the two wards needed to satisfy health requirements is heartening.


I am pleased that the airstrip construction at PAGEI is having a stabilising effect on the people.

I think that you should press for better schooling facilities at PAGEI as these people are closely associated with the SKOTCHIAN people despite the fact that they have had disputes with them over sago rights in the past.

Have you had any of the people from the PAGEI area to the Adult Education Courses in Wewak to date? If not, you should do so.

Monies paid out for airstrip construction should provide a source for tax money. Is it propose<sup>d</sup> to start up a Buyer's Club at PAGEI? I think this should be encouraged when the airstrip is in use. It may encourage the young men returning from employment to remain in their area.

Get Agriculture onto the problem of the provision of pigs and poultry. Please approach the District Medical Officer regarding obtaining a man for the third Aid Post.

  
(J. K. McCarthy),  
Director.

1-23-3

19th August, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Agriculture, Stock  
& Fisheries,  
KONIEDOHU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8-62/63 - VANIMO.  
DOG CENSUS.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a dog census  
taken by the Department of Native Affairs patrolling the  
PAGEI and KILIMERI Census Divisions, for your information  
please.

(J. E. McCarthy),  
Director.

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67-3-8

District Office,  
Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

12th July, 1963

The Assistant District Officer,  
AITAPE.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8

Please thank Mr. O'Connell for his report Vanimo No. 8.

I agree that the people have accepted his presence without opposition, but I am doubtful if they will continue to do so unless we can give them some incentives.

EDUCATION - I do feel that we should give these people something more than just a mission school.

The school at Vanimo appears to have been in the process of becoming a boarding school for far too long.

LAND MATTERS - It will be as well to start gathering as much information on the possible dispute over sago as you can. Being in the area it is, it could lead up to something, even imaginary.

LABOUR - I would give these people every encouragement to go out to work, even to going over the limit. Administration monies going into the area will be limited and I would like to see a work force retained, able to absorb those monies, whilst the remainder go out.

AGRICULTURE - Be extremely wary on the introduction of crops. I do not want these people to get a cash crop idea, we will never get the stuff out. As an improvement to their diet, yes, by all means.

POLICE - Do make every endeavour to give your police a break either at Vanimo or Wutong. I found years ago that police left too long in your area were invariably "framed" and cases in those days were not only heard but had to be investigated and enacted at the scene of the accusations. This meant some extremely hard work and days of walking; you have not got the time.

Your remarks on Health and Hygiene have been passed to the Medical Officer.

Finally. It was an interesting report, but marred by spelling mistakes and I thought, lack of conclusions.

*J. E. Wakeford*  
(J. E. WAKEFORD)  
DISTRICT OFFICER - NORTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director of Native Affairs, Konedobu  
Mr. O'Connell  
Officer-in-Charge, Vanimo

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Introduction:

It was found that the  
villages are in the area of the

Vanimo Patrol Post,  
Aitape Sub-District,  
Sepik District.

2nd. June, 1963.

All received and  
vegetables brought

The District Officer,  
Sepik District,  
New Guinea.

Patrol report no. 8 of 1962/63.

Fagai and Killmeri Census Divisions.

Preamble: A report on a patrol of the Fagai and Killmeri  
census divisions of the Aitape Sub-District of the  
Sepik District.

Objects of Patrol:

1. tax collection and census revision.
2. compilation of the common roll.
3. establishment of a base camp in the area.
4. border surveillance.
5. routine administration.

Personnel of Patrol:

Mr. Robert Louis O'Connell Patrol Officer.

R.P. & N.G.C.:-

7828	Const. 1st. class	SUGUNBAL.
6725	Constable	WEDORA.
7195B	Constable	NINAGRU.
9960	Constable	KAPI.
10277	Constable	POLI.
9616	Constable	GUALAY.
10465	Constable	AULING.
10936	Constable	GANDI.
10949	Constable	UYAM.

Period of Patrol:

28/2/63 to 28/5/63  
62 days actual patrolling.

Last Dept. Native Affairs Patrol:

February 1963

Last Medical Patrol:

February 1963

Results of Patrol:

All objects attained. See herein.

Introduction: The area patrol lies between the Bewani mountain range and the Cenake range. The Fagai villages are on a Plateau type area at the base of the Bewanis while the Killineri villages are to the north in the foothills of the Cenake's.

Throughout the area the patrol was well received and there was a constant supply of fresh fruit and vegetables brought forward.

Diary: See field officer's journal folios number 2 to 17.

Native Affairs: In the past, of necessity, all patrols through this have been somewhat hurried and in consequence the attitude has been one of reluctance to change or get moving. By the patrol remaining in such the area for such a long period the whole attitude and atmosphere has changed. The people are exceedingly keen to assist the patrol in all fields particularly in ways of improving their housing, health and general environments. A simple example of this is the speed with which they erected two wards needed during the recent outbreak of illness (see Health), a matter of some three days from start to finish.

Regular talks are held with the men of the villages and there is an apparent change in the extent of their opinion in the discussion, a sign that they are reacting to the pressure now being applied.

Border surveillance: For details of this section see my confidential letters forwarded to Vanimo and the District Officer, Wewak. This work has entailed the local people in greater communications with the ir near neighbours - the SKOTCHIAU people - and are somewhat perturbed about the general situation. This is affecting the situation in that there is a constant request on what the Administration intends to do. I have counteracted this by putting to them that they are on this side of the border and we will be looking after their interests. The construction of the airstrip is doing much to alleviate their apprehension.

Education: The Passionata mission have a small school at Ossima providing the sole source of schooling for this area. However, the government school at Vanimo is in the process of becoming a boarding school and several children from the area will be attending.

Some form of pidgin reading classes would make these people available for greater propaganda on the work being done in the Territory.

Radio: A small portable receiver was provided by the Administration broadcasting station, Wewak, for reception posts throughout the area. See covering letter in the appendices.

Communications: A portable transceiver was provided by Vanimo station and daily checks were maintained with Vanimo. The A510 proved invaluable during the illness outbreak both for reporting and the receiving of dropped emergency drugs.

Census: A revision of the census was carried out while the patrol was in the field and the situation is not pleasing. There was an overall drop in population for the area. (See Health).

Taxation:

Tax was collected while the patrol was in the area and although there was no difficulty in the actual collection I feel the area itself had some difficulty in raising the cash. It is hoped the more intensive Administration activity in the area will improve this situation.

Land Matters:

No land matters were dealt with during the patrol however a dispute between the Pagi and Skotchian people was noted. Greater detail will be gathered in the near future. I believe the base of the dispute is unsatisfactory rights over a stag stand.

Native Labour:

Nearly one third of the work force of the area is away from the area, particularly younger men are leaving the local environments for the glamour of the towns. However they appear to be returning quickly to their area after termination of their contract. Their labour is the only real source of income these people have had, but again increased Administration activity should put more money into their pockets without disturbing the general village life.

Roads and bridges:

The roads throughout the area consist of fair walking tracks with few problems of maintenance. Being a small scattered population deters any grandiose schemes of highways. There are several rivers through the area which offer barriers to vehicular roads.

Airfields:

There is one established airstrip in the area. This is the light aircraft strip maintained by the Passionate Mission at Ossima. There is another light aircraft strip being constructed at Pagi, by myself, in the base camp area.

Common roll:

A common roll was compiled while the patrol was in the field. There were no difficulties encountered in the collection of information from the people. The roll is being held at Vanimo.

Livestock:

The area lacks pigs and poultry but abounds in dogs. Attempts will be made to encourage the people to utilize the possible increase their numbers. (See comments on food under health). A dog census was carried out and the figures are contained in the appendix.

Agriculture:

There is extremely little activity in this field throughout the area. The people are basically game eaters and use very few additives in their food. (See health)

Economic activities:

Practically nil but trial plots are being prepared at the Pagi base camp to try to establish a suitable crop for a small cash income.

Village Officials:

There are a few active leaders in the area but generally they lack force. Attempts are being made to improve their work and their standing in the village. Again the pressure of my constant presence has improved the position.



Language: A survey of the languages spoken in the area was made and the figures are contained in the appendices.

Habit houses: These were found to be generally of a high standard but it was necessary to recommend a few repairs and improvements. It would greatly help if the houses could be constructed to allow a six foot person to stand erect without cracking ones' skull on cross beams.

Health and Hygiene: In appearance these people are stocky well built persons, but in reality they lack strength and resistance to disease. The area is cold at night and there is an amazing lack bed among the people. This has resulted in the construction of poorly ventilated houses and the extensive use of fires to warm the houses at night.

In consequence of this the people are very susceptible to chest and throat complaints. During April there was an outbreak of meningitis with pneumonia resulting in twelve deaths and over a hundred suffering some form of affliction. Dr. Zauska and WMA. Hill spent some time in the area handling the outbreak.

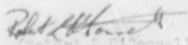
Attempts are now being made to change the dietary habits of the people to allow for the consumption of more nutritious foods (vegetables, poultry, pig and fruit). Unfortunately the introduction of fish would be virtually impossible.

It would appear that under the present organization these people are going to receive set backs at each appearance of some illness and so the population will not grow appreciable. Over a ten year period (1954-63) the census figures for the Fagel area shows a rise of only 2%, which is far below the Territory average of nearly 2% per year.

There are two established airposts in the area and the orderlies are doing a reasonable job, but a third airpost built by the people in two weeks for the imminent arrival of an air post orderly still remains uncompleted although the imminent arrival has been awaited for eight weeks.

Duties: Five members of the detachment spent some time with the patrol and performed their duties well. A separate report on each member has been forwarded to the Commissioner.

Conclusion: All objects of the patrol were attained and no untoward incidents occurred.

  
(Robert L. O'Connell)  
Patrol Officer.

Vanimo

2-6-63

The Commissioner,  
Konedobu.

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9days Vanimo Pagei  
Kilimeri good learning R.L.O'Connell

Accompanied Vanimo patrol 8 of 1962/63.

*R.L.O'Connell*

The Commissioner,  
Konedobu.

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Vanimo

2-6-63

9 days Vanimo Papel  
Kilimeri good learning R.L.O'Connell

Accompanied Vanimo patrol 8 of 1962/63

*R.H. [Signature]*

Vanimo

The Commissioner,  
Konedobu.

2-6-63

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Accompanied Vanimo Patrol 8 of 1962/63.

*Robert O'Connell*

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2-6-63

The Commissioner,  
Konedobu.

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Accompanied Vanimo patrol no. 8 of 1962/63.

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The Commissioner,  
Konedobu,

Vanimo

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Accompanied Vanimo patrol 8 of 1962/63

*Robert L. O'Connell*

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The Commissioner,  
Konedobu.

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Accompanied Vanimo patrol 8 of 1963/64.

*Robert O'Connell*

Vanimo

2-6-63

The Commissioner,  
Konedobu

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Accompanied Van patrol 8 of 1962/63

*Robert Z. Allen*



The Commissioner,  
Konedobu,

Vanimo

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*Robert L. O'Connell*

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Vanimo

The Commissioner,  
Konedobu.

2nd. June, 1963.

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*R. L. O'Connell*

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Vanimo Patrol Post,  
Aitape Sub-District,  
Sepik District.  
2nd. June, 1963.

Officer-in-charge,  
Admin. Broadcasting Station,  
Wewak.

Reception Pagei area.

On my way through Wewak I was issued with a Phillip portable receiver for the purpose of reporting on reception in the border area.

During the last nine weeks I have moved around extensive in the inland area of the Vanimo area and in each village the receiver was tuned to Wewak and the peoples' reactions observed. The following points were noted:-

1. the reception was exceedingly good up till the seven o'clock news bulletin, but from then on the interference reduced the reception to more noise than music.

2. from five thirty to seven the people were very interested, but then they deserted the set and only a few were seen listening to it.

3. the pidgin news and interviews appeared to be the most popular programmes, however the music too was very popular particularly the Rabaul hit parade.

4. when the people become a little more familiar with the set I will submit a listeners choice list and a few news items.

5. for this area it would seem that more pidgin programmes in the four thirty to seven period would be a boost and the possible rebroadcasting of talks, such as that on crocodile skins, would increase their interest.

I fully realise the difficulties you must be having in trying to arrange a balanced programme to suit the different types. The area reported on is one of inland scattered villages with no or very few pidgin writers or readers, so the radio becomes the main source of propaganda for the people. I would imagine this is the situation over much of this District.

*Robert L. O'Connell*  
(Robert L. O'Connell)

P.O. - O-I-C.

Pagei Base Camp.

For Census of the Feroi and Killipari Census Divisions.

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<u>Date.</u>	<u>Village.</u>	<u>Number.</u>
3/2/63	Elis	3
3/4/63	Ainba!	12
2/4/63	Amoi	25
2/4/63	Sonbu!	15
5/4/63	Apwasbo	27
5/4/63	Idoli	14
5/4/63	Nantes	10
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28/3/63	Krise	35
30/3/63	Ossina	30
30/3/63	Omula	38
30/3/63	Airu	14
31/3/63	Awol	15
1/4/63	Olul	18
10/4/63	Isi	15
11/4/63	Killpau	15
10/4/63	Klap	20
11/4/63	Killwis	39
12/4/63	Aiyawou	37
12/4/63	Auli	4
12/4/63	Elau	8
12/4/63	Osol	12
15/4/63	Booi	37
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Total - 432 dogs.

Languages spoken in the Fagei Kilimeri area.

<u>Name of the Language.</u>	<u>Villages where spoken.</u>
Krisa	Krisa
Dral	Skotchiau
Tau	Elis Ainbai
Itu	Idoli Apwambo Nambes Amoi Sonbui
Yelau	Ilup Isi Kilipau Kiliwis Elau Auli Osol Aiyawou Sosi Olul Awol Orula Ossima Airu

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Director



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Sepik Report No. Vanimo No. 9A 1962-63

Patrol Conducted by N.H. Walters, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Standing Patrol Wutung Village.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 4

Duration—From 25./4./19.63 to 16./5./1963.

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ././19. 63

Medical ././19.

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol As per patrol instructions.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14.6/1963.

A. W. Axford.  
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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams--NATAFF

Telephone

Our Reference 67-8-61

If calling ask for

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua.

18th June, 1963.

The Assistant Administrator (Services),  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9/62-63 - VANEMC

This Report is passed to you for your information,  
please.

My comment is contained in the underlying Folio.

*J. K. McCarthy*  
(J. K. McCarthy)  
Director.

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67-8-61

18th June, 1961.

The District Officer,  
North Sopik District,  
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PATROL REPORT NO. 9/1962/63 - VAREED

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report together with the covering memoranda is acknowledged with thanks.


I have carefully perused this Report and can find no fault with Mr Walters' handling of the situation in the area. It is obvious he has taken positive steps to interest the people without intruding into their daily affairs.

I am pleased to note that he is working through the Councillor LIMA rather than through his Police.

Mr Tomasetti from this Department will be visiting the area shortly and may be able to assist Mr Walters in new approaches to maintain the people's interest.

I suggest that rifles should be inspected daily. It is a good disciplinary exercise.

A heartening report.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Director.



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District Office,  
Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

14th June, 1963

The Assistant District Officer,  
AITAPE.

VANIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 9-62/63

Please thank Mr. Walters for his patrol report No. 9 of 62/63.

It is pleasing to note that the Wutung people have accepted the standing patrol. I realise the difficulties of maintaining a standing patrol right in the village, but I do think that Mr. Walters is handling the situation really well.

The way things have settled down there, I would suggest to you that both the Officer and the police could be changed for a spell in Vanimo. You could send Mr. Bagge up for a day or so to make the break.

A good clear report.

*J. E. Wakeford*  
(J. E. WAKEFORD)  
DISTRICT OFFICER - NORTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu  
Officer-in-Charge, Vanimo.

C/D (9) This report probably of interest  
to you. Should we not get copies of  
the Border Intelligence Reports to <sup>O.I.C.</sup>  
Vanimo. <sup>WDA</sup> They are forwarded  
by <sup>WDA</sup> <sup>19/6.</sup> <sup>WDA</sup>  
19/6. <sup>WDA</sup> <sup>6.</sup>

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Sub-District Office,

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30th May, 1963.

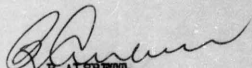
The District Officer,  
North Seyk,  
WENAK.

WANIMO PATROL REPORT 9. 62/63.

Two copies of the above report, Field Journal and camping allowance claim are enclosed.

*Belong to  
Walters*  
It is obvious from the Field Journal that ~~the~~ sea communication with patrol is difficult now. If the post is to remain sea contact will be impossible during the North-West. Now that an airstrip site has been located could it be pushed as a matter of urgency.

Mr. Walters appears to be handling the native situation with tact and maintaining good relations with the WUTONG people. The nature of the patrol could lead to petty grievances on the WUTONG peoples side if not handled carefully.

  
R. ALSBETT  
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

In Reply Please  
Quote:-

Wutung Village,  
Vanimo Patrol Post,  
Aitape Sub-District,  
Sepik District.

Patrol Report

See Field Officer's Journal Folios  
inclusive.

17th May, 1963.

The Officer In Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
VANIMO.

Vanimo Patrol Report No 9 1962-63.

Please find enclosed the original and three copies of  
Vanimo Patrol Report No. 1962-63.

Area of Patrol.	Wutung village.
Duration of Patrol.	From 25/4/63 to 16/5/63.
No. of Days.	22 days.
No. of Europeans accompanying.	Nil.
Native Personnel.	4 members of R.P. & N.G.C.
Objects of the Patrol.	As per instructions.

*N.H. Walters*  
N.H. Walters,  
Patrol Officer.

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Patrol Diary.

See Field Officer's Journal Folios No. 112 to 121  
inclusive.

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Introduction.

This is a short report on the first three weeks of the standing patrol at Wutung village. Movement between Vanimo and Wutung is by canoe when the seas are favourable and also on foot. Objects of the patrol are set out in the patrol instructions classified confidential, dated the 29th April, 1963. The Field Officer's Journal, Folios No. 112 to 121 inclusive, gives daily activities for the period which this report covers.

Native Affairs.

The Wutung people appear to have accepted the standing patrol in their village. There has been neither a great display of enthusiasm nor any hostility. As far as possible I have attempted to leave the people to their own devices and not interrupt normal daily activities. It is only natural that continual interference in their daily activities could cause resentment.

General discussions have been held as to why the patrol is here. I have stressed the necessity for continual precautions against sickness spreading to this Territory from the west.

During the last couple of weeks I have paid out money which has been owing to the Wutung people. This was for various building materials supplied to Vanimo station and for carriers. Naturally enough they are pleased to have received the money.

A wireless has been put in Wutung village and most of the people enjoy listening to radio Wewak. The Councillor looks after the wireless. At times they wish to know more about some news items and want others more fully explained. I have told them to always ask me about news items which they don't fully understand. It has been pointed out to them that they can ask to have records played and I expect that they will be making requests in the near future.

Up until now I have said very little to them concerning village copra production. However some interest and enthusiasm seem to have already been revived in this field and further discussions about the matter will be held. Since arriving here various sections of the coconut plantings have been cleaned and the rest will be cleaned later on. The copra drier is new and up until now has never been used.

Generally speaking village life in Wutung is happy. There is very little evidence of friction between individuals and family groups. Several minor disputes have been brought to me during the past couple of weeks and all have been settled amicably.

Village and Official.

Wutung village is clean and tidy. Housing is generally good and some of the older houses are now being replaced with better designed and more spacious dwellings. There is some sense of civic pride in the village. There are very few flies and mosquitoes.

Councillor Lima is helpful and co-operative. He comes from one of the most influential families of the village and seems to have the support of the people. Whenever possible I work through and with the Councillor rather than the police who a

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are accompanying the patrol.

Health and Hygiene.

All materials for the new small hospital are now at Wutung and it is expected that work will begin on the building in the near future. The present Aid Post continues to give health services to the people. There are no seriously ill people in Wutung and the Aid Post Orderly treats the usual minor complaints such as cuts, sores, aches and so on. The Wutung group appear to be quite healthy and have a fairly well balanced diet.

Police.

Since arriving here a new police house and small cook house have been built. The police house is a good building and is situated in a position not far from the rest house.

The police helped to collect some of the building materials, clean the site and area surrounding the house. Although during the day there are not many duties for the police all have had periods of night duty in and around Wutung, concentrating mainly on the tracks leading into the village from the west. Rifles are inspected three times a week. *daily*

Border Intelligence.

During the period which this report covers there have been certain activities in this field. All such matters have been dealt with under separate correspondence to the Officer In Charge, Vanimo.

Common Roll.

Compilation of the common roll for the Vanimo West Coast Census Division is now completed. The sheets have to be put in their respective covers when I visit Vanimo.

Conclusion.

Future reports will be submitted on this standing patrol at Wutung. Points in the patrol instructions not yet dealt with will be covered in later reports.

N.H. Walters  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Sepik Report No. Vanimo No. E-1962/63

Patrol Conducted by N.H. Walters, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Watung Village.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 6

Duration—From 17 5 / 19 63 to 30 6 / 19 63

Number of Days 45 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol As per Instructions.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*14.18/1963*

*[Signature]*  
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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
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No. 67-3-8

District Office,  
Sepik District,  
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16th August, 1963

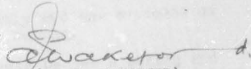
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KORORUA.

PATROL REPORT VANIMO NO. 2.

Attached please find a copy of a standing patrol  
at Wutung Village.

Mr. Walters has written his usual concise  
informative report.

He is continuing with the good work.

  
(J. E. WAKEFORD)  
DISTRICT OFFICER - NORTH SEPIK

Encl.

67-8-76  
The District Officer,  
North Sepik District,  
WEWAK.

The above report is acknowledged with thanks.

10/10/63.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
Director of Native Affairs.



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Sub-District Office,  
AITAPE.

6th August, 1963.

The District Office,  
North Sepik,  
W. N. A. E.

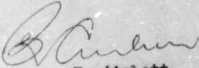
Patrol Report No. 9 62-65.

Two copies of the above report together with camping claim and field journal are enclosed.

Mr. Walters has given a good resume of the relations between the WUTUNG people and the Administration. The improvement noted in the attitude of the Wutungs towards the patrol is indicative of good native affairs work by Mr. Walters and good conduct by Police and other members of the patrol.

I visited Wutung recently and saw evidence of the cordial relations which exist at Wutung.

In a position which could become a boring and tiresome job Mr. Walters has made good use of his time without interfering too much with village life.

  
R. Aislett.  
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Wutung Village,  
Vanimo Patrol Post,  
Aitape Sbb-District,  
SEPLK DISTRICT.

4th July, 1963.

The Officer in Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
VANIMO.

Vanimo Patrol Report No. 1962-63.

Please find enclosed the original and three copies of  
Vanimo Patrol Report No. 1962-63.

Area of Patrol.	Wutung Village.
Duration of Patrol.	From 17/5/63 to 30/6/63.
No. of days.	45 days.
No. of Europeans accompanying.	Nil.
Native Personnel.	6 members of R.P. & N.G.C.
Objects of Patrol.	As per instructions.

*N.H. Walters*  
N.H. Walters  
Patrol Officer

Patrol Diary.

See Field Officer's Journal - Folios No. 120 to 137.

Patrol Officers

Patrol Officer [Name] was on duty at [Location] on [Date]. The patrol was conducted in accordance with the regulations of the [Department]. The following is a summary of the activities during the patrol:

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Introduction.

This is the second report on the standing patrol at Wutung. The Field Officer's Journal, Folios No. 120 to 137 inclusive, accounts for the day to day activities of the period covered by this report.

Native Affairs.

I mentioned in my last report that the Wutungs had accepted the permanent patrol in their village without either showing enthusiasm or hostility. During the last few weeks there seems to have been a favourable change in the attitude of the people. Prior to our arrival the people apparently thought that Wutung was the " world " and what occurred outside their vicinity was of no consequence as far as they were concerned. When necessary they visited Vanimo and, up until a few months ago, Hollandia. Regular patrols visited them from Vanimo and left when work was completed. Medical treatment could always be obtained from the Aid Post and they knew that any serious illness could be treated at Vanimo and Wewak.

No doubt what I have mentioned above is the general norm of many other villages throughout the Territory. However very few individual villages suddenly have an officer and police permanently stationed in their vicinity as has been the case at Wutung during the last two months. It has not been easy for the Wutungs to fully realise the reason for having someone stationed here permanently. Of course they all knew that Indonesia took over West New Guinea from the Dutch. However they did not realise that the takeover by the Indonesians necessitated certain precautions to be taken by their own administration in the border area. Their attitude seemed to be when the Dutch were on the other side no one bothered about the Wutung border area so why worry now. To a certain extent their feelings about the matter can be appreciated.

From village gossip and other sources of information it seems that having the government stationed in their midst has been a topic for conversation... they like to talk. It meant that some change was to be made in their small " world " Wutung and although this is in some respects true I have tried to interfere as little as possible in village life.

I consider that several factors have helped contribute to the favourable change in attitude which I mentioned earlier. These are as follows:-

- a. Personal contact. I have held meetings with them and encouraged them to come to the rest house for a talk whenever they feel inclined. The meetings and talks have covered council work, what is happening in other parts of the Territory and what they themselves can do to benefit their village.
- b. Councillor Lima's visit to Wewak. Lima recently visited Wewak for a Council Conference. Together with other councillors he was shown some of the work now underway in the Wewak area. On his return to Wutung he was able to tell his people about the visit.
- c. Simogen Peter's visit. I doubt if many of the Wutungs ever realised that there are leaders such as Simogen Peter around. From time to time they hear about native leaders on the wireless. However to see one in the flesh and have him talk to them was something quite different and I feel his visit was beneficial.
- d. Radio Wewak. The news broadcasts are heard and help make the people realise what is happening in other parts of the District.

*Col. Robinson*

There are a few older men in Wutung who have been retired from the police force for a number of years. They are good men but unfortunately none seem to have contributed much in the way of advice or knowledge for the benefit of the village. Perhaps in the early years of their retirement they did attempt to help but the Wutungs being like they are, were probably not interested in any advice. Councillor Lima is a bright and shrewd young man. There are others who are becoming more aware of what they can do.

Generally speaking the native affairs situation is good. A few disputes have been brought up for hearing. These have all been of a minor nature and settled amicably. It is difficult to find an adjective to describe the Wutung group. Perhaps "strange" or "different" would apply.

#### Health.

A new Aid Post has been built at Wutung. There is a clinic, ward and fire place. All buildings have cement floors, sawn timber frames and iron roofs. A steel sink and tank water supply are other features of the new Aid Post. The surrounding area has been cleared and flowers and shrubs planted.

Some of the children are suffering from whooping cough. They are being treated at the Aid Post. Regular checks are being made to ensure that the parents are taking the children for treatment.

#### Border Intelligence.

There have been some activities in this field. All matters have been dealt with under separate correspondence to the Officer In Charge, Vanimo.

#### Agriculture.

As soon as opportunity permits copra production will be started again. At present most of the people able to work are otherwise employed and there always has to be some left free to gather food and go fishing.

During July I intend going with the councillor to an area on the mountain range about half a day's walk away from Wutung to collect leaf and bark samples of a certain tree. From talks with the people it seems that this particular tree could be the one from which white copal gum is obtained.

#### Forestry.

I spent a week at Masu with Mr. Smith, Forest Officer, who was there to carry out a timber survey. It was explained to the Masu people that it was a timber survey and that they would not lose any of their land.

In the latter part of June I again visited Masu to see if the timber owners were willing to allow the Forestry Department to acquire a timber lease. A police corporal who is one of the land owners and stationed at Goroka returned to Masu for talks about this matter. All land owners were in favour of a lease being acquired.

#### Airstrip Construction.

Work has started on a small aircraft strip. Actual strip construction is being done by Mr. Entrop. Unfortunately only a small amount of work had been done when the dozer broke down and it has taken quite a while for repairs to be made.

The Wutung people have started on side and end clearing. All work has been interrupted by heavy rain which has fallen here during the last two weeks.

Police and Housing.

An area for police houses has been cleared and at the time of writing this report three new police <sup>houses</sup> ~~married~~ are near complet on. The Wutungs have worked well and are quite good builders. As soon as possible new single police quarters will be built.

Police stationed at Wutung are kept active on various duties including night and day watches on the tracks leading into Wutung and along the beach front. Those who have no set duties are being employed on house building and cutting timber.

Conclusion.

At present the Wutungs seem quite happy being employed building houses and clearing timber around the airstrip site. No doubt there will be future periods when they decide to be difficult to get along with. However such times can be overcome with patience, talking and understanding.

*N.H. Walters*

N.H. Walters  
Patrol Officer.



67-8-73

16th August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
North Sepik District,  
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PATROL REPORT NO. 10-52/61 - VANIMO:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.


I am gratified to note that the two officers of the Department of Information and Extension Services were of value during this patrol.

The development of radio Wewak will become of greater influence as it becomes better known and the people have radio sets in their villages.

I am gratified to note that the patrol was well received in all villages.

I am pleased to see you taking action in the Commonwealth Savings Bank pass-books rehabilitation of accounts.

A good report.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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District Office,  
Sepik District,  
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5th August, 1963

The Assistant District Officer,  
AITAPE.

WINIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 10


Please thank Mr. Dagge for his patrol report. He seems to have covered all aspects well.

I wish we could get more like Mr. Brian Amini and Mr. Mau Boromu to assist us in this type of work.

It was unfortunate that most of the pamphlets were in English, but I have no doubt that the department will soon remedy that.

Don't be despondent with the lethargy of these people, they were born that way and will no doubt die that way; however, it is surprising how they wake up when there is any cash about.

An interesting report.

  
(J. E. WAKEFORD)  
DISTRICT OFFICER - NORTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director of Native Affairs, Konedobu  
Officer in Charge, Patrol Post, Winimo



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-3

16th May 1963.

Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Dagge, V.J.

VANIMO.

VANIMO PATROL NO.10 - 1962/3

As verbally discussed with you please be prepared to mount a patrol to the Vanimo East Coast Division on 21st May 1963. The purposes of the patrol are :-

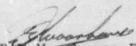
1. Compilation of the Common Roll. Please become fully conversant with the Directors circular of 13th March 1963 which outlines the method of compilation;
2. Dissemination of news and information paying particular regard to council propaganda;
3. Encouragement of economic activity with a bias towards increased copra production;
4. General administration.

You will be accompanied by Mr. Brian Awini and Mr. Idau Boromau of the Dept. of Information who are going along to gain practical field experience. Please ensure that they understand fully and participate in any work you carry out.

You may select an N.C.O. and one member of the Vanimo R.P.N.G.C. detachment to accompany you.

If practical arrange your return to Vanimo on 30th May.

I wish you a successful patrol.

  
D.B. Moorhouse, P.O.  
Officer in Charge.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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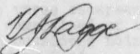
Vanimo Patrol Post,  
Aitape Sub District,  
Senik District.  
12th June, 1963.

The Officer in Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
VANIMO.

VANIMO PATROL REPORT No.10 - 62/3

Herewith original and three copies of above Patrol  
Report.

Area Patrolled	Vanimo East Coast Census Division
Europeans accompanying	Nil
Natives accompanying	2 Officers Dept. Information & Extension Services. 2 members RP & NCG.
Duration	21/5/63 to 30/5/63
No. of days	10
Objects of Patrol	(i) Compile Common Roll (ii) Dissemination of news & information - Council propo- ganda. (iii) Encouragement economic activ- ity. (iv) General Administration.

  
V.J. Dagge,  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION

The primary aim of the patrol was to compile the Common Roll for the Vanimo East Coast Census Division. This was accomplished and is being held at Vanimo.

The dissemination of news and information was carried out by verbal communication and the use of the amenities wireless. See further remarks under Information and Extension Services.

Lectures were given in all villages re economic development by the two Officers of the Dept. of Inf. and Ext. Services accompanying the patrol. See Agriculture.

The area patrolled consists of approximately 60 miles of narrow coastal plain, stretching from Cape Concordia in the West to Cape Pritwitz to the East. Within the Census Division there are eight villages, four of these constituting the Leitre group, all situated on the beach. Vegetation is mainly secondary with considerable areas of swamps and lagoons.

DIARY

See attached folios 6, 7 & 8 Field Officers Journal.

COMMON ROLL

The Common Roll was compiled in all villages. Of the total eligible population (577) 10% were absent - 40% of these being outside the Sub District, another 40% are inmates of the Aitape Leprosarium, the rest being employed on Vanimo Station.

The reasons for the compiling of the Common Roll were explained to the people and all available general information concerning it was passed on to them. The point was made on several occasions that this was not a normal census.

HEALTH

General health is fair. All minor illnesses being treated by the A.P.O. accompanying the patrol. Two cases of scabies were found and sent to Leitre for treatment.

The incidence of Philaria was found to be quite high as was Leprosy. As instructed enquiries were made re the 4 Hansenide escapees, 3 of these being found in their villages, the fourth having returned to Aitape. Of the three escapees all gave the same excuse for running away, they complained of the attitude of the local Aitape people towards outsiders being in the Leprosarium and using the ground to grow food.

In addition, two new cases of leprosy were found and forwarded to Vanimo. Three discharged patients were told to report to Vanimo at six monthly periods.

There is only one Aid Post in the area which is situated centrally at Leitre, all serious cases being sent to Vanimo.

AGRICULTURE

These people are basically sago eaters, the supplementary foods being kau-kau, taro and bananas. Surprisingly little fishing is carried out.

At present copra production is carried out only by the Leitre group of villages and sent to Vanimo for sale. The copra drier at Ringera is at present non-productive due to the corrosion of the firing drums.

Lectures were given in all villages by Mr. Brian Amini and Mr. Idau Boroma of the Dept. of Inf. & Ext. Services concerning economic development paying special attention to copra production. It is the opinion of the writer that these lectures would have been more effective and to the point if the two officers had been given more time to plan a programme for their talks. They were in possession of some well turned out pamphlets which could have been distributed to the people had they been printed in Pidgin, approximately 90% of them were in English.

Some European type vegetables were noticed on two occasions but due to the isolation of these villages and lack of sea transport there is little hope of them being able to bring them to Vanimo for the weekly native market.

A team of Agricultural Fieldworkers could well be put into the area to encourage copra and coffee production.

LIVESTOCK

Village livestock consists of pigs, fowls and dogs. In Rawo village a fowl pen was under construction. A dog census was compiled and is attached as appendix "A"

EDUCATION

Throughout the area all education is carried out by the Catholic Mission (Passionist Order). There is a priest based at Leitre but at the time of the patrol he was absent on leave. School buildings throughout the area were all in fair condition.

Attached at appendix "B" are figures of attendance, due to the absence of teachers on several occasions complete figures were not available.

INFORMATION & EXTENSION SERVICES

The amenities wireless was set up in all villages and tuned to Radio Wewak. Much interest was evidenced, the most receptive period being between 7 and 9pm. Although interest was shown in the "Listeners Choice" programme more localised news and short informative talks in Pidgin would be appreciated, eg. Health and Hygiene, Agriculture, Functioning of Local Government Councils.

Reception was quite clear throughout, improving during the later part of the evening.

With regard to the informative pamphlets held by the two Officers of the Dept. of Inf. & Ext. Services the same remarks apply here as in "Agriculture".

ROADS & BRIDGES

Roads consist of walking tracks except for approx. one hours walking from the Vanimo Station. This is usable by tractor and four wheel drive vehicles. All walking tracks were in good condition.

Except for two bridges on the above road, which are in good condition, there are no other bridges in the area.

VILLAGES

All villages were clean and on two occasions only were instructions given for minor cleaning to be done.

Rest houses were quite good, although showing signs of age. A new rest house is under construction at Puari village.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The situation throughout the area is good, but, with the exception of the Leitre group of villages a general air of lethargy pervades. The patrol was well accepted in all villages.

The Leitre group, Pino, Isi, Taris and Nowage have the "wants" and can see that by means of cash cropping they can be satisfied. This group is the most progressive of the Census Division.

The two most easterly villages Puari and Onei are hindered by isolation and lack of sea transport.

No major disputes were brought to the patrols attention, however several minor complaints of debt were settled. At Ningera village an enquiry was made concerning resettlement of a family group, the parties concerned were willing to abide by the Councillors' decision and the matter was left in abeyance until their return.

C.S.B. - PASS BOOKS

Pass books were checked in all villages and a total of nine were collected and passed to the C.S.B. agent at Vanimo for action.

*V.J. Dagge*  
V. J. Dagge,  
Cadet Patrol Officer

## APPENDIX "A"

DOG CENSUS

<u>Village</u>	<u>Number</u>
NINGERA	27
RAWO	71
PINO	32
ISI	27
TARIS	12
NOWAGE	60
PUARI	69
ONEI	33
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Total	311

APPENDIX "B"

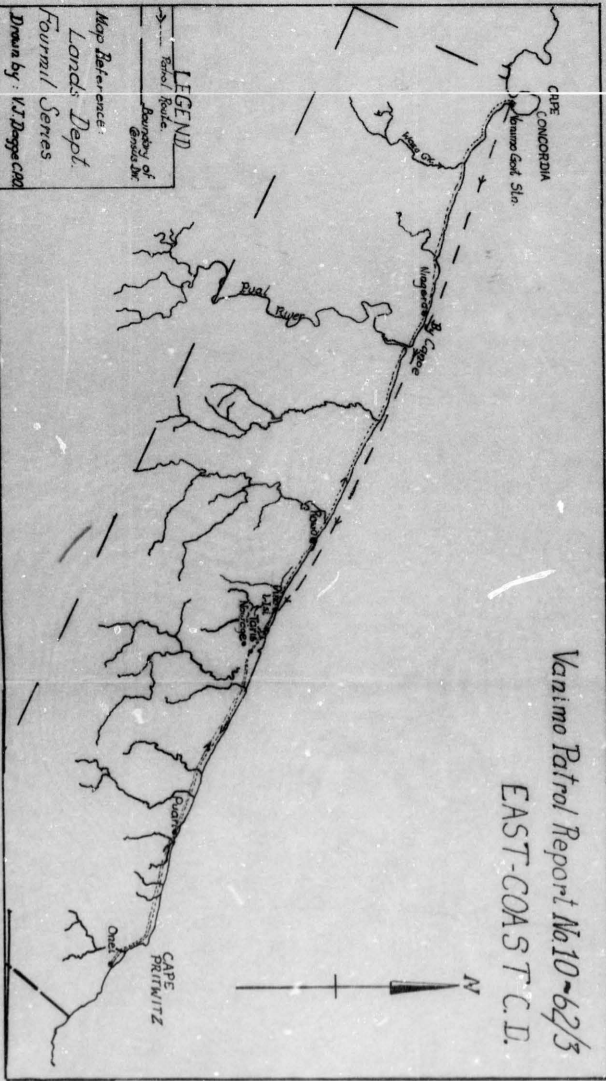
EDUCATION

Village	No.	M	F	Standard	Medium
NINGERA	30	17	13	1 & 2	Std.1 Pidgin Std.2 English
RAWO	no figures obtained				
PINO					
ISI	16	11	5	2	English
TARIS	no other figures available				
NOWAGE					
PUARI	11	9	2	1	Pidgin
ONEI	15	8	7	1	Pidgin

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Vanimo Patrol Report No. 10-62/5  
EAST-COAST C. I. D.



**LEGEND**  
- - - - - Rail/Route  
- - - - - Boundary of Grids etc.  
Map Reference:  
Lands Dept.  
Form/ Series  
Drawn by: W. Duggan

## ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY

THE REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT,  
SUB-HEADQUARTERS,

Vanimo Patrol Post.....

The Commissioner,

1st July, 1963

KONEDOBU.....

SUBJECT: No. 7828 Name SUGJNBAL L/Cpl.....

I CERTIFY that the entry made hereunder is a true facsimile of an original entry made by me in the Record of Service of the above-mentioned under the authority conferred on me as an Officer of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary and that the content thereof is true and correct.

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On lines hereunder insert any comments thought necessary re entries made or other personal data (e.g. increase in member's dependants).

*[Signature]*  
Officer of R.P. and N.G. Constabulary

ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY

~~The Commissioner,~~  
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Vanimo Patrol Post,

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