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WEST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... EWASSE No 1/68-9

Subdistrict..... HOSKINS.

District..... WEST NEW BRITAIN

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... R. ALLMARK A.D.O

Area Patrolled } Part Central Nakanai  
(Council and/or } (Council)  
Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Duration of Patrol—from 21/ 8 / 68 To 27/ 8 / 68

No. of Days..... 7

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... July 1968

Date..... Duration..... 38 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Wharf Construction, Land Purchase

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 2500 (approx)

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

14 / 10/1968

*Kw Dgw / Arc*  
District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-17-8

Department of District  
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

29th November 19 68

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
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PATROL NO. EWASSE 1-68/69

Your reference as above 14th October, 1968

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of  
\* Special/Annual/Census - Area Study/Situation Report by  
R. ALLMARK A.D.O  
..... to .....  
PART CENTRAL NAKANAI  
..... Census Divisions.

The matter of the Gaikoko wharf site was taken  
up with the Director of Lands who has since authorised the  
payment requested in his 68/17 of the 18th November, 1968  
to you.

It is suggested that the Soil Survey section  
might write to the Councillor expressing regret for not  
first obtaining the permission of the landowners and extending  
their apologies.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

cc. Mr R. Allmark  
C/- Patrol Post,  
EWASSE  
West New Britain.

\* Delete as necessary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-17-8

Department of District  
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1968

The District Commissioner,  
WEST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT  
HOSKINS

PATROL NO. EWASSE 1-68/69

Your reference 68/77 as above 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1968

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

\* Special/Annual/Census - Area Study/Situation Report by  
..... R. Allmah ADO..... to .....

..... Pat. C. Nakomai..... Census Divisions.

The matter of the CHIKERE lease was taken up  
with the Director of Lands who has since authorized the payment  
requested in his letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1968 to you.

It is suggested that the Soil Survey section <sup>might</sup> write to  
the Council ~~and advise~~ <sup>expressing</sup> regret for not first  
obtaining the permission of the land owner and extending their apologies.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

cc. Mr. R. Allmah  
4- Pat. Post  
EWASSE  
WEST NEW BRITAIN.

\* Delete as necessary.

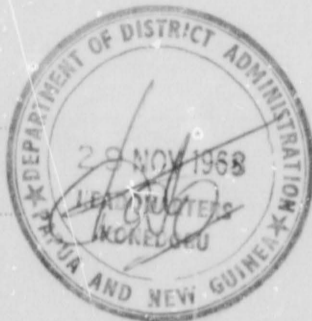


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.17.8 ⑨

Please address all  
Correspondence to the Director  
Telegrams--LANDS  
Telephone--4271  
Our Reference..... 68/17.

Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines,  
Konedobu, Papua.



If calling ask for  
Mr. Gollan/jt.

27th November, 1968.

The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
K O N E D O B U.

GAIKEKE - WHARF SITE, WEST NEW BRITAIN

Your 67-17-8 of the 20th November, 1968, refers. ①

2. Herewith please find a copy of my 68/17 of the 18th November, 1968, to the District Commissioner, Hoskins, approving of the extra \$50.00 to be paid to the native owners.
3. Purchase of this land should now be completed. ⑧

*D S Grove*  
(D. S. GROVE).  
Director of Lands,  
Surveys and Mines. *hg*

Encl. 1.

c.c. District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
H O S K I N S.



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Bernera/jt.

18th November, 1968.

The District Commissioner,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
West New Britain District,  
H O S K I N S.

INSTRUCTION NO. W.N.B. 52.

Your 35-3-111 of the 2nd September, 1968, refers.

2. The additional payment of \$50.00 plus \$24.00 for 19 mature coconuts, as mentioned in the original investigation report but not included in the price, has been approved.

3. Treasury Form 3, Number W.N.B. 52 A for the sum of \$74.00 has been forwarded to the District Commissioner, Rabaul, for funding.

4. Please have the Paying Officer emphasize to the owners that the \$50.00 is an added value for "Special requirements by the Administration" and not the general level of land prices in the area.

*D S Grove*

(D. S. GROVE)  
Director of Lands,  
Surveys and Mines.

*JG*

c.c. District Commissioner,  
R A B A U L.

Herewith please find T.F. 3 No. W.N.B. 52 A to be funded and forwarded to the District Commissioner, Hoskins.

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20th November, 1968.

The Director,  
Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines,  
KONEDOBU

GAIKEKE - WHARF SITE, WEST NEW BRITAIN

Your reference is 68/17 the following comment has been made by A.D.O. R. Allmark.

"It is essential that the area of land behind the wharf, known as Gaikeke, be purchased to enable bulk stores and other service facilities to be established. Payment for the seventy acres of land, \$150, was refused by the owners who claim they would be satisfied with \$200. The owners are well aware of the significance of the land and their offer of sale of the land for \$200 should be accepted without hesitation."

In the circumstances would you consider increasing the offer to \$200.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.



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EWASSE P/R 1/68-69

District Headquarters,  
West New Britain,  
HOSKINS.

14th October, 1968

The Assistant District Commissioner  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL REPORT - No 1/68-69  
SPECIAL PATROL - NAKANAI

The abovementioned patrol Report and your covering memorandum is acknowledged.

The remarks made on receipt of the last report from Ewasse is very pertinent. Reports should be completed within 4 days of completion of the patrol, and allowing for delays in transport (the regular run 'M.V. AIMARA') should be in this office within 14 days. Please draw Mr Allmarks attention to this.

Work on the Lasibu wharf is very vital, both as access and to show our interest in the area. I saw, on my recent trip to the Nakanai that the wharf was damaged and piles askew - I believe this may have been caused by the tremor recently. So far this had not been reported, and I am loathe to request emergency funds at this late date. When can the completion of this be expected? This should have a high priority.

I have taken the matter of additional funds for the Gaikeke land with the appropriate Department. However, Tarobi have offered additional land adjoining this and you will be requested to investigate the area as a whole shortly when the Land survey is available.

The matter of complaint against Soil survey is noted. I will take the matter of liason with the local Councillor up with them direct. I regret the oversight in not advising OIC Ewasse of the presence of their party in the Bilomi area.

Camping allowance claims have been approved and are returned for payment.

MINUTE TO:

The Director  
Department of District  
Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER  
District Commissioner

Report forwarded please. The report shows an improvement mainly in the morale of the local people who have previously felt comparatively neglected in favour of the Oil Palm settlement - which has had the Nol priority.

The land for which payment was refused at the price offered is most important as it is the only site for all-weather anchorage in the area and essential to servicing the extensive settlement areas at Uasilau and Silanga.

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER  
D.C.

Noted - but  
must be taken  
on subject  
files

67-1-1

Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

10th October, 1968

The District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No.1-68/69

Attached please find report of a patrol by Mr. R.Allmark to part of the Central Nakanai Census Division.

This patrol report covering special purposes is self explanatory and needs little comment. It is pleasing to note the improvement in relationships between D.A.S.F. and the local people and a similar improvement can be expected in regard to Co-Operatives following upon the recent posting of an Officer there.

In regard to the land at GAIKEKE the peoples' price should ~~not~~ be met even if above valuation.

Could the matter in regard to Soil Survey be mentioned to the appropriate authority.

Attached please find Camping Allowance claim for payment.

For your information, please.

*B.W.P. Burge*  
B.W.P. Burge  
Assistant District Commissioner



Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

26th September, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No 1 of 1968/69

Sub-District : HOSKINS.

District : WEST NEW BRITAIN.

Council Area.

Patrol conducted by : R. ALLMARK, Assistant District Officer.

Area Patrolled : Part Central Nakanai.

Personnel accompanying patrol : Nil.

Duration : Date out 21 . 8 . 68  
Date in 27 . 8 . 68  
Number of days 7.

Date and duration last D.D.A. patrol to area.  
: July 1968, 38 days.

Objects of patrol : Wharf construction  
: Land purchase.

Total population of area patrolled  
: 2500 (Approx)

Map reference : District map.

Village population register not enclosed.

*R. Allmark*  
(R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.

SWASSE PATROL No 1 of 1968/69  
PART CENTRAL NAKARAI

PATROL DIARY

Wed. 21 August.

Departed Biella for Ulaona and Baia per M.V. 'Aimara'  
Discussions Councillors and ward committees Baia  
and Ulaona.  
Overnight M.V. 'Aimara' at Ulaona.

Thurs. 22.

Ulaona to Silanga per M.V. 'Aimara'. Walked to Silanga  
p.m. To Salelaba and return discussions D.A.S.F. staff.  
Discussions Councillors and ward committees.

Friday 23.

Supervision wharf construction Lasibu.

Sat. 24.

Land purchase at Lasibu - payment refused.  
p.m. To Uastika and return for N.M.T.A. payments.

Sun. 25.

Observed.

Mon. 26.

Local Court hearing  
Supervision wharf construction - Lasibu.

Tues. 27.

Walked to Ubaí excellent track except for Bilonei  
Admin purchase - 9 hrs.  
Vehicle from Ubaí to Hoskins.



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Ewasse Patrol No 1 of 1968/69

Situation Report - (a) Political

1. Although this patrol was mounted only three weeks after the annual census patrol (reported in Hoskins 18/67 -68) the attitudes of the people to the Admin has shown a marked improvement. A visit by the Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives and the opportunity to register their complaints to him together with the posting of a Co-operative Officer to the area has improved the relationship between the local people and the Department of Trade and Industry. A certain amount of reserve still exists and it is up to the Co-operative Officer concerned to produce results before a complete restoration of confidence can be expected.

2. I am particularly pleased in the improvement of relationships between D.A.S.F. and the local people. It is essential that a rapport exists between the two if the area is to develop to its full. The Officer in-Charge at Salelubu, Ag. Dev. Officer Mr. Leary is an extremely enthusiastic, practical officer who extends his interests beyond purely agricultural matters to road building, co-operatives and social development. Informal weekly meetings with Councils, ward committees and co-operative society officers ensures their participation in local planning - a feature much appreciated by the people.

3. Despite this improvement in relationships with the Admin departments represented in the area I cannot see an overall improvement occurring until something definite is done about their major source of complaint - internal resettlement roads.

Situation Report - (b) Economic

1. The main purpose of the patrol was to continue work on the Lasibu wharf. Only two days was available for this task before having to proceed to Hoskins. A further two piles were placed giving a depth of some twelve feet at high tide. Two piles placed ten feet further should give this depth at low tides which will be adequate for all vessels of the coastal trading type using this wharf. Cement blocks have been placed above each pile and on the end of the causeway to take bearers for decking.

2. This wharf will be of great importance to the area as a whole. It is estimated that 1,500 tons of cocoa per annum will be produced by the Uasilau and Silanga settlements alone. All this produce, at current prices valued at some \$750,000, together with produce from the Mirapu and Sale/Malasi areas is expected to be channelled through Lasibu.

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3. It is essential that the area of land behind the wharf, known as Gaiekeke, be purchased to enable bulk stores and other service facilities to be established. Payment for the seventy acres of land, \$150, was refused by the owners ~~xxx~~ who claim they would be satisfied with \$200. The owners are well aware of the significance of the land and their offer of sale of the land for \$200 should be accepted without hesitation.

Situation Report - (c) Social

1. There is nothing to report since Hoskins Patrol 18 of 67/68.

Situation Report - (d) Miscellaneous

DC to Vaka  
up.

1. Whilst walking to Hoskins a complaint was made by people of Mirapu village that Soil Survey section of D.A.S.F. had been sampling soil outside the Admin purchase. The land owners is question stated that they would not allow this unless prior permission was obtained.

2. I had not been informed that Soil Survey was in the area although I was aware that some of their personnel were operating around Mirapu. I was somewhat surprised to find a large camp on the Bilomei River where I was informed that the current survey would be continuing for some months. I consider it essential that the C.I.C. of an area be kept informed of Admin activities such as these for his own information and to avoid embarrassment when queries are raised by the local people. It is also essential that officers in charge of such parties keep the local people informed of their activities and so avoid a potentially difficult situation such as have occurred at Mirapu.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... EWASSE 2/68-69

Subdistrict..... HOSKINS

District..... WEST NEW BRITAIN

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL - Land Purchase

Patrol Conducted by..... R. ALLMARK A.D.O.

Area Patrolled } East Nakanai (Part)

(Council and/or } Council

Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Duration of Patrol—from 9/3/68 To 13/9/68

No. of Days..... Five

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : June 1968

Date..... 26/6 to 13/7/68 Duration..... 22

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Land investigations

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 750 approx

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

14 / 10/19 68

*John R. [Signature]*  
District Commissioner.

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February 10th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL NO. EWASSE 2/68-69

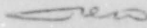
Your reference EWASSE P/R 2/68-69 dated 14th October,  
1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. R. ALLMARK, Assistant District Officer, to Part East  
Nakanai Census Division.

I agree with your comments to the Assistant District  
Commissioner, Hoskins regarding the need to ensure that the  
workings of the Demarcation Committee be fully explained to  
the local people to avoid confusion as to the purposes of land  
delineation in this concept.

The Principal Officer (Lands) has already commented  
as to the proposed future development of land alienated to  
date.

A very well set out report by Mr. Allmark.

  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

c.c. Mr. R. Allmark,  
Assistant District Officer,  
EWASSE Base Camp,  
HOSKINS,  
West New Britain District.





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KONEDOBU EWASSE P/R 2/68-9

District Headquarters,  
West New Britain,  
HOSKINS.

14th October, 1968

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL REPORT 2/68-69  
SPECIAL REPORT

The abovementioned report and your covering memo 67-1-1 of 10th October is acknowledged.

Land reports covering the investigations have been received and are being processed. The attitude of the natives of Nantambu is not unexpected. Frankly I do not know why the island is required. No plans have been made known here as yet, but you will be kept advised. I believe when something is known definitely and explanations can be made that the attitude could soften.

I understand that Insurance of the vehicle at Ubili was refused unless other cover was taken out. This matter is being attended to under separate correspondence.

Demarcation Committee workings and the reasons thereof must again be stressed to the Ulamona/Ubili peoples. There appears a fear that this work is connected with land acquisitions. The latest move with Kakolan will no doubt tend to confirm this but every effort must be maintained to endeavour to explain the Administrations intentions in terms of local and national development. Continued contact, and active assistance by O.I.C Ewasse of local and governmental (L.G.C) projects is of prime importance.

Camping allowance claims submitted have been processed and are returned herewith for payment please.

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER  
District Commissioner. W.N.B

MINUTE TO:

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

Forwarded please. The general attitude to land in these areas where large alienations have already been made is to wait and see what the Administration intends in terms of developing land now acquired. It will become increasingly important that we actively utilize at least some of this land in the foreseeable future. That being fully developed in the Hoskins area is too far removed to be fully known. Constant iteration of Administration aims is blunted by the uncertainty of when such development may take place.

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER  
District Commissioner

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10/2

*→ P.O. (Lans)*  
*For your information and*  
*reference please*  
*Jan 10/2*

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Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

10th October, 1968

The District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

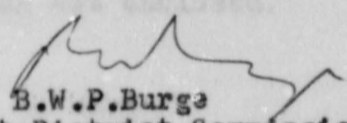
EWASSE PATROL No.2-68/69

This report covering a patrol mounted for a specific purpose needs little comment and is self explanatory.

The matter of insurance would need to be taken up direct with an insurance agent to ascertain what policies exist to cover these special circumstances.

Attached please find Camping Allowance claim for payment.

For your information please.

  
B.W.P. Burge  
Assistant District Commissioner



Base Camp,  
Ewasse

30th September, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No 2 of 1968/69.

Sub-District : HOSKINS.

District : WEST NEW BRITAIN.

Council Area : Nakanai Council.

Patrol conducted by : R. ALLMARK, Assistant District Officer.

Area patrolled : Part East Nakanai.

Personnel accompanying patrol : Nil.

Duration : Date out 9 . 9 . 68  
Date in 13 . 9 . 68  
Number of days 5.

Date and duration last D.D.A. patrol to area.  
: June 1968, one month.

Objects of patrol : Land investigations.

Total population of area patrolled.  
: 750 (Approx)

Map reference : District map.

Village population register not enclosed.

*R. Allmark*

(R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.

EWASSE PATROL No 2 of 1968/69  
EAST NAKANAI

PATROL DIARY

- Mon. 9 September. p.m. Departed Bialla for Ulaona per M.V. 'Fatima'  
Discussions Councillors and ward committees.
- Tues. 10. Complaints and enquiries at Ubili.  
Investigation Meiaiyea land.  
To Nuau per Ubili tractor  
Continued investigation Meiaiyea land.
- Wed. 11. Land investigation Nantambu Island at Nuau.  
p.m. Land investigation Kuau land.  
Investigations on behalf Public Solicitor.
- Thurs. 12 Continued investigations on behalf Public Solicitor.  
Departed Nuau for Ewasse by motor canoe.  
Unable proceed owing heavy seas and overnight  
Sabale OK.
- Friday 13. Continued to Ewasse per motor canoe.



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Situation Report - (a) Political

1. Land remains one of the major points among this group of people i.e. the Madedua and Ulamona groups. Of the land investigations completed one the people would not sell, the second the owners would lease for only five years and the third, a small site for Council use the owners agreed to sell outright.

2. There are three distinct land owning groups in this area: The Ulamona, Ibana and Madedua groups. Of these the Madedua and Ibana have sold large areas of land to the Administration. The Ulamona, although they have been approached on a number occasions, will not part with any land in large quantities. This is of course, their right. In recent years the only land they have sold or are prepared to sell is two 1/5 acre blocks, one for a Seismic tilt-meter station and the other for a Council liquor store.

3. It is the Ulamona people also that are holding out over Demarcation Committee proceedings. Demarcation work is proceeding well in the Madedua and Ibana areas where delineation of clan boundaries is almost completed. The Ulamona group on the other hand still retain the system of communal land holdings by all individuals of all clans within the group. Opposition comes mainly from the powerful Abilimosi clan led by Kautu, Maila and the clan leader Vetata all of Ubili village.

4. It was the Madedua group however that refused to sell land investigated. The land in question is Kakolan Island off Nantambu required by Forestry for logging port facilities. The owners reason for not selling or leasing is that the island has significance in folk lore and that it is the only land remaining in that area to the land owning clan. I feel an underlying reason may be that the Madedua group have already sold in excess of 27,000 Acres on which no development has yet taken place. Earlier in the year the people also refused payment for a road access between land bought for port facilities at Nantambu, Nambau and the large Bakada block. I am frequently asked when it may be expected that development in this area will commence. It has been rumoured that development will commence in the near future but rumoured that cannot be passed on to the local people. Consequently I do not expect any land in this area to be available for purchase prior to development taking place. The investigation into Kakolan Island is a case in point. The owners initial reply was that the Administration had already bought Nambau for port facilities and done nothing with it so why do they want the island as well?

Situation Report - (b) Economic

1. Copra production at Ubili is increasing rapidly. The last available D.A.S.F. coconut census indicated 16,723 palms of which 5330 were mature bearing palms. In this past year another 3000 odd should have come into bearing and it appears that new plantings have been extensive.

2. On a co-operative basis the village has purchased a tractor and trailer with which to collect cut copra and transport it to the two driers operated by the village. As yet no marketing facilities exist but the Nakanai Council is establishing a copra buying and selling business on a cost plus basis to assist the villagers in this regard.

3. The planned road from Ulamona to Nuau which is on the Council's works programme for this financial year will bring Nuau village within the scheme and should provide a stimulus to the copra industry in that area.

Situation Report - (c) Social

4. A point brought up for discussion was the possibility of insuring the houses. This results directly from the Nakanai Council insuring their buildings and is an example of education through the Council. Uppermost in their thoughts is of course damage caused in the event of an eruption of Mt. Ulewun. Although in all probability any insurance would not cover such an event I consider it is well worth their while obtaining insurance cover for all normal risk. With 47 permanent houses and 10 permanent kitchens, together with other sundry buildings - stores, meeting houses, they may well warrant a visit by an officer of one of the insurance companies and could obtain a more favourable rate.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. EWASSE No 3 of 68/69  
 Patrol Conducted by J.R. ELLEM P.O.  
 Area Patrolled CENTRAL AND EAST NAKAWAI (PARTIACH)  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL  
 Natives.....  
 Duration—From 30/10/1968 to 7/1/1969  
 Number of Days 69.70  
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO  
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services AUGUST 1968  
 Medical ...../...../19.....  
 Map Reference MILINCH BANGA SE. FOURMIL TALASEA  
 Objects of Patrol RURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKS

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY

Forwarded, please.

13/3/1969

*K. J. [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 .....

Pop

30

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Females in Child Birth

67-17-35

March 27th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
ROCKING.

PATROL NO. ELISEE 3/69-69

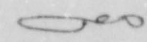
Your reference P/R 3 of 65/69 of 13th March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by MR. J.R. ELLEN, Patrol Officer to Part of Central and East  
NAKANAI Census Divisions.

Report and matters raised in same have been adequately  
dealt with in your covering memorandum.

I expect that the Assistant District Commissioner, Rocking  
has now taken necessary action to ensure that Sub-district liaison has  
been placed on a more stable footing than that referred to in your  
memorandum.

c.c. Mr. J.R. Ellen,  
Patrol Officer,  
EWASSE Base Camp,  
West New Britain District.

  
(Y.W. ELLIS)  
Director

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



P/E 3 of 68/69

HOSKINS, KWALAKESSI P.O.,  
WEST NEW BRITAIN.  
13th March 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No. 3 of 1968/69

Thank you for Mr. Ellem's report on the above patrol together with covering comment by Mr. Allmark and yourself. The report was excessively delayed, without explanation.

Mr. Ellem's report is of much less value because of the above delay. It is quite a good effort. I know Mr. Ellem has done a competent job on the projects concerned. However he should be encouraged to give more factual rather than general information and where specific action is required to indicate what has been done by separate correspondence.

I am particularly disappointed at the lack of any positive achievement in political or any other form of education. I have continually emphasised the importance of pre-educating the native people in what we are trying to do so that they understand what we are doing, are not so afraid and more likely to co-operate. I regard this of vital importance and there is evidence in many fields that in the District and particularly the Hoskins Sub-District we are not keeping abreast of this. I want to see a much more positive approach. Mr. Ellem had an ideal opportunity to talk with people not only about the House of Assembly, Councils etc but District development generally, rural development funds and particularly what we are trying to do to help the Uasialua/Silanga settlement area.

The matter reported at Pg 19 of the report relating to a radio sent by Soa to the Assistant Administrator (Economic Affairs) has been dealt with by myself and resolved. Mr. Ellem hints at other matters. If there are any you should get the factual information from Mr. Ellem and submit a report in the normal way. You are well aware of the importance of information and the channel of reporting. Of more importance is that significant matters that arise in the future are reported promptly and properly and it is part of your responsibilities to see that through your officers this is done.

I am concerned about several matters concerning stores arising from the report and would remind you that the provision of adequate services to the area are a matter of interest to me and that I regard the improvement of services as an important matter. Despite numerous requests over past months for specific factual complaints I get very few. Generalities are not good enough. It is common knowledge that shipping services are poor. I have the co-ordinator of transport and others interested to help but I must supply them with factual information. I remind you and the OIC Ewasse of my Circular memorandum of 4th February 1969 concerning DISTRICT SERVICES : SHIPPING, STORES, MAIL AND AIR SERVICES and would stress again the importance of sending me a brief minute of complaint for all deficiencies. All I require is brief reference to vessel, date, particulars of complaint.

On some matters relating to stores I am not ~~satisfied~~ satisfied that sufficient action was taken at the Sub-District level. The delay in cocoa shipment referred to for example. What did Mr. Ellem ~~do~~ do about this? Was any follow up action taken? Was another vessel sought? Concerning the lack of field survey equipment did Mr. Ellem ask you or office for any? With what result? I know of no request to this Hq. I am surprised that no equipment appears to have been forthcoming. Concerning the cement for the Lasibu wharf. I feel certain that during

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my visit on 20th December to the area with the D.W.O. that immediate requirements could be borrowed.

I am very pleased with the progress I saw on the road and so was the District Works Officer. I have recently received Mr. Ellem's details of work to be done once favourable weather conditions return. I hope and expect much will be achieved between April and August this year.

I am also pleased with the progress of the Nakanai Council but more attention must be paid to the educational aspects mentioned earlier. The administration must not be on the defensive in what it is doing but should be in the forefront, leading.

I largely agree with your comment on closing the area to recruitment but here again facts and figures are what I require before I can consider the matter seriously. Mr. Ellem gives no recent figures on what working population is available in the area and what has left the area or where they are working.

At page 16 Item B(d) of the report Mr. Ellem refers to lack of DASF inspections. Such comment is often encountered. The comment though of interest is not helpful unless supported by factual data. I do not know if the situation is unsatisfactory or not. I do not know what, if anything, has been done about it. In my view there could, and perhaps should, have been action along two lines locally. In the first place Mr. Ellem should have taken his notes of the situation to the OIC DASF SALELUBU and discussed it with him to check if what he has been told is factually correct and ascertain what is proposed to be done. A second course of action is through the agricultural committee of the Council. If this is done and an unsatisfactory situation still persists then there should be sufficient factual information available to discuss the matter at the HQ level at Hoskins, with the D.R.D.O. In reporting such matters you should make sure that Mr. Ellem (or any other reporting officer) indicates what action he has taken. If action is required outside his administrative area then he should indicate the matter is being taken up by separate memorandum.

Claim for camping allowance duly funded is returned herewith for payment.

*K.W. Dyer*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Commissioner.

→ Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information please. Mr. Ellem is doing a good job. I am concerned at an apparent inability to cope with matters at the Sub-District level and that there is insufficient guidance and organisation of staff. ~~Within my area~~ I am doing what I can to keep pressure on the A.D.C. to ~~keep him~~ get abreast of what has to be done in the Sub-District.

*K.W. Dyer*  
(K.W. Dyer)  
District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference..... 67-1-1  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Dept. of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

24th February, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No. 3 of 1968/69

Attached hereto please find a report of the above patrol conducted by Mr. J. Ellem, Patrol Officer.

Also appended are Mr. Allmark's (A.D.O.) comments on the report.

As can be seen from the report, the patrolling officer was fully occupied with Rural Development works during the course of the patrol.

The wharf at the time of writing is still uncompleted and is awaiting the arrival of the cement.

The new design for the wharf should prove much more manageable and easier to construct than the old. Though the cement ordered has not arrived, sufficient has been obtained from P.W.D. Hoskins to commence making the pipes to sheath the piers.

The survey of the Silanga project has been completed and the field notes sent down to this office for draughting as drawing instruments are not available at Ewasse. The completed plans have been returned to O.I.C. Ewasse and the submission should be to hand shortly.

It is doubted that Mr. Ellem was able to achieve much in the way of Political Education in the course of the Patrol. He had little time to spare except of an evening, and after the people were busy all day on road, bridge and tank construction, they would have been rather loath to sit and partake in Political discussions.

In regard to recruitment, I do not think that D.A.S.F. or Harrisons & Crossfield actively recruit in the area. The people themselves walk in and volunteer for work.

If the area is closed to recruiting this will have little effect as this does not debar the people from applying for casual work. All that is achieved is that recruiters will not be allowed into the area and the people cannot enter into agreements, neither of which is taking place at the moment.

The practice of using private persons to fire ammunition manufactured by Administration officers is quite common practice in this Territory and may prove difficult to stop. The main danger lies in false assumptions being drawn where all the facts are not known to the officer concerned.

Mr. Ellem is a keen energetic officer and has achieved excellent results, particularly with the UASILAU-SILANGA road improvements and development.

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The phraseology of the report leaves something to be desired and Mr. Ellem will be requested to pay more attention to the presentation of his reports in the future.

A useful patrol well conducted.

Camping allowance claim is attached herewith.

For your information please.

(E. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The original plan to use 2 1/2" concrete pipes  
was not a success. The pipes have proved to be  
completely unsatisfactory and the suggestion to use 4 1/2"  
pipes inside 6" concrete pipes has been adopted.

The new site of the road was selected to  
enable ships to pass clear of the beach at all times thus  
eliminating the danger of collision. There has in fact been  
no collision since the old roadway, constituting  
the danger of collision which was to be eliminated at this time.  
The new roadway was not to be finished at this time  
but the work was to be completed by the end of the year.  
The new roadway is to be finished at this time.

The survey was completed by the end of the year.

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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

14th January, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL NO 3 of 1968/69..

I attach four copies of the above report carried out by Mr. J.R. Ellem, Patrol Officer, together with Patrol Instructions and Mr. Ellem's claim for Camping Allowance.

The following comments are made in relation to the report :-

Lasibu Wharf

The original plan to use 3' x 8' concrete pipes as piles has not been a success. The pipes have proved to be completely unmanageable and Mr. Ellem's suggestion to use Kwila piles inside 18" x 4' concrete pipes has been adopted.

The new site of the wharf was selected to enable ships to come closer to the beach at all tides thus enabling a shorter wharf to be built. There has in fact been more work done in dismantling the old causeway, constructing the new and placing of piles than Mr. Ellem gives credit for. I had expected the wharf ~~have not yet~~ to be finished at this time but orders for cement lodged in November have not yet arrived owing to shortage of cement in Rabaul and shipping difficulties. Delivery is expected shortly.

Survey Silanga Water Project

This survey is required by the Local Government Engineer so that detailed design work can be done. The project has been submitted as a Rural Development Works project for the next financial year. I am a little disappointed that survey plans have not yet been submitted as this may have an adverse effect on the project being approved for the coming year. Mr. Ellem has been instructed ~~not~~ to hesitate, if work is being held up for lack of materials, as in this case, to contact either this office or Hoskins by radio.

Transmission Certificate Investigations

These have been forwarded under separate cover.

Land

Investigation reports on Tiauru/Wilelo Extended and purchase documents for Lala'auru and Caikeke have been forwarded under separate cover. The investigation into Tiauru/Wilelo Extended was Mr. Ellem's first and with this experience he should not have difficulty with future investigations.

Roads

Roadwork has been progressing well when weather conditions are taken into account. The work has been inspected by yourself, The District Commissioner and the District Works Officer. Now that the wet season has fully set in further work with mechanical equipment will not be possible until its cessation.

The remarks regarding shipping are pertinent and general to this Administrative area. The District Commissioner has requested that specific incidents be reported to him and this will be done as present shipping services leave a lot to be desired.

Situation Report - Political

1. Local Government. I doubt that pig meat forms a large portion of the Silanga people's diet but agree that they do form an important part of society, particularly in raising the status of the owners. However in this day and age, and more so at Silanga which is ~~entirely~~ dependent upon cocoa for an economy, a person who is not prepared to properly care for pigs should not be permitted to disrupt the enterprise of others.

2. 4 and 5. I had expected a fuller report on just what political education was carried out. I agree that the present pamphlets and booklets are pretty dry stuff and do not give rise to a great deal of ~~any~~ interest but this is what we have to work with at the moment and maximum use must be made of it. As regards the Councillors not knowing their roles and knowledge of the House of Assembly this is exactly the type of political education required. It is only by constant and repeated explanation that points can be got across.

Situation Report - Economic

b) Labour. I am in complete agreement with this section of the report. It has been said that block holders are not recruited to the palm oil settlement. This is not so and I have requested Mr. Ellem to prepare a list of blockholders who have worked or are working at either Harrisons and Crossfield or D.A.S.F. The procedures for closing an area to recruitment are laid down in Standing Instructions but I would prefer to see a voluntary restriction on recruitment of labour from this area by the employers themselves.

B2. Activities of Development Departments.

I understand that when the current building programme for Salelubu is completed a concentrated effort will be made on block inspections and dieback control. The O.I.C. of Salelubu also complains that lack of clerical staff is also hampering his activities.

Situation Report - Social

C5. I understand that The District Commissioner has spoken to the parties concerned. Whilst a private person has the right to write to whoever he pleases I agree that Administration staff should not encourage local people to go outside recognized channels.

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A full report from Mr. Ellem which has been discussed with him. Poor spelling will need to be watched in future. Mr. Ellem's sincere approach to his work is evident in this report.

Forwarded for your comment and further action, please.

*R. Allmark*  
(R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.

- 1. You will provide your report of approximately 1000 words submitted on your arrival at ...
- 2. Your name will be ...
- 3. ...
- 4. ...
- 5. ...
- 6. ...
- 7. ...
- 8. ...
- 9. ...
- 10. ...

*R. Allmark*  
(R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.

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Base Camp  
EWASSE.

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28th October, 1968.

Mr. J.R. Ellen,  
Patrol Officer,  
EWASSE.

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PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - EWASSE PATROL NO 4/68-69.

You will prepare for a patrol of approximately six weeks duration on your arrival at Ewasse.

Your tasks will be :-

1. Completion of Lasibu wharf. This is your first priority. Should materials prove insufficient more may be ordered using Council funds.
2. Completion concrete water tank on Uasilau Aid Post. Materials for this project are on hand.
3. Carry out a chain and compass survey of the proposed Silanga water supply project. This is required by P.W.D. for cost estimating.
4. Supervision of Council Chambers construction as time permits.
5. Complete investigation required in Ewasse file 70 - 0.
6. Political education. No opportunity should be missed to further the education of the people in this matter and discussion should be actively encouraged.
7. Other routine matters should be attended to as they arise.

Your report should be presented with ~~only~~ any attachments within three days of completion of the patrol and I will be available to give any assistance by radio at Ulamona.

I wish you a pleasant patrol.

*R. Allmark*  
(R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.

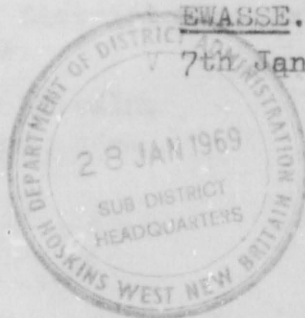


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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

7th January, 1969. (2)

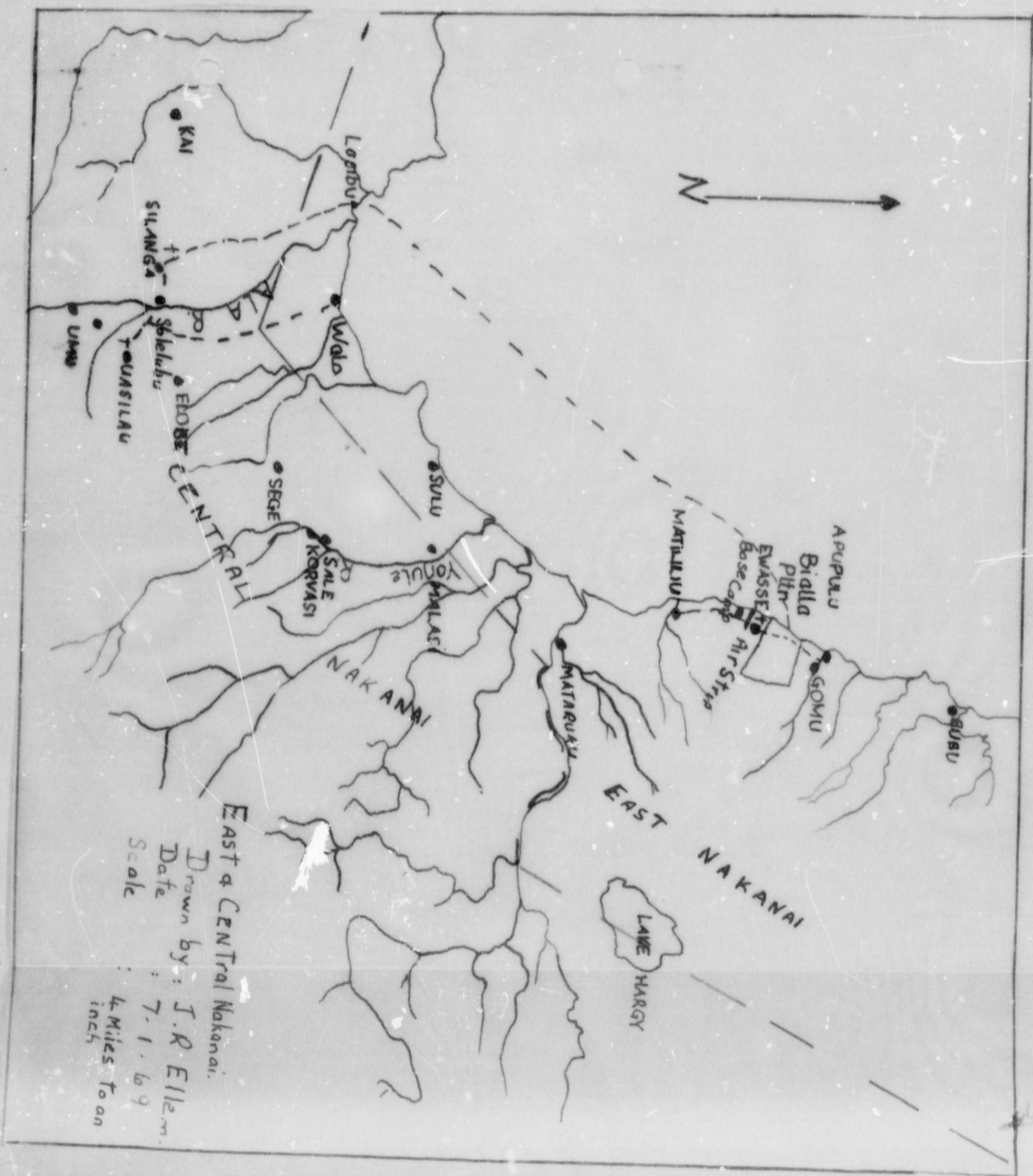
The Officer in Charge,  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE.



RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 3 of 1968/69.

Sub-District. : HOSKINS.  
DISTRICT. : WEST NEW BRITAIN.  
COUNCIL AREA. : NAKANAI COUNCIL  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY. : J.R. ELLEM? Patrol Officer.  
AREA PATROLLED. : SIIANGA AND UASILAU AREA  
CENTRAL NAKANAI AND EWASSE  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING. : AREA OF EAST NAKANAI.  
DURATION. : NIL.  
DATE OUT 30.10.68  
DATE IN 7. 1.69  
Number of Days 67.  
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL IN AREA.  
: AUGUST 1968.  
OBJECTS OF PATROL : SUPERVISING COUNCIL PROJECTS  
AS PER PATROL INSTRUCTIONS  
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED.  
: 2,900  
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER NOT ENCLOSED.

*J.R. Ellem*  
(J.R. ELLEM.)  
PATROL OFFICER.



East & Central Nakanai.  
 Drawn by: J. R. ELLIEM.  
 Date: 7.1.69.  
 Scale: 4 Miles To an  
 inch.



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Dept. of District Administration. (19)  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
West New Britain.  
7th January, 1969.

The Officer in Charge,  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 3 of 1968/69.

PATROL DIARY.

- 30/10/68. 1500 Departed Talasea for Hoskins by M.V. Huon.  
1845 Arrived Hoskins.  
Overnight Hoskins.
- 31/10/68. 0730 At Sub-District Office Hoskins to obtain  
instructions for the patrol.  
1700 Departed Hoskins for Malalia.  
1720 Arrived Malalia and boarded M.V. Huon.  
Overnight Malalia.
- 1/11/68. 0600 Departed Malalia for Hoskins.  
1500 Arrived Bialla and set out for base camp  
at Ewasse.  
1600 Arrived at Base Camp.  
Overnight at Ewasse.
- 2/11/68. Saturday at Ewasse.
- 3/11/68. Sunday at Ewasse.
- 4/11/68. 0745 At Office in Ewasse village and obtained  
Patrol Instructions.  
1000 Purchased Lala'auru Land for Aid Post sight  
at Ewasse.  
1300 Viewed position on file referring to the projects  
on patrol instructions.
- 5/11/68. 0745 Inspected progress on Council Chambers.  
1500 Repaired Council Motor Bike.
- 6/11/68. 0745 At Ewasse and viewed Council estimates.  
1400 Repacked Patrol gear for patrol in Central  
Nakanai.
- 7/11/68. 0745. Patrol gear to Bialla.  
0830. Mr. R. Allmark A.D.O. Arrived Ewasse per  
Helicopter, Discussed patrol instructions  
with Mr. Allmark.  
1000 Boarded M.V. Aimara and departed for Lasibu.  
1215 Arrived Lasibu.  
1245 Departed Lasibu for Silanga by Motor Bike.  
1515 Arrived at Silanga.  
1430 Departed Silanga for Salelubu.  
1500 Arrived Salelubu and Met Mr. R. Doery I.O.C.  
D.A.S.F. Salelubu.  
1515 Departed Salelubu for Uasilau.  
1530 Arrived Uasilau and discussed plans for the  
construction of the tank for the Aid Post at  
Uasilau and Reconstructions plans for the  
Lasibu wharf.

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1630 Departed Uasilau for Silanga.  
 1745 Arrived Silanga.  
 Overnight Silanga.

8/11/68.

0700 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 0800 Arrived Lasibu, Attempted to re-errect the three pilons which had collapsed. After many failours attempts were made to pull the pilons upon the beach. But owing to insufficient cane for all the men to hold it was decaded to put further attempts off until to-morrow.

1610 Departed Lasibu for ~~Lasibu~~ Silanga.  
 1640 Arrived Silanga.

9/11/68.

0700 Departed Rest house for Lasibu.  
 0800 Arrived Lasibu, with twenty men continued to secure cane around the pilons.  
 1345 Returned to Rest House Silanga.

10/11/68

Sunday at Silanga.

11/11/68

0715 Departed Silanga for Salelubu.  
 0745 At Salelubu- received word that Machinery had been hired for road work in the Silanga and Uasilau Settlement area.  
 1000 At Uasilau and informed Soa/Ubia and several villagers of the arrival time for the machinery.  
 1100 Returned to Silanga ,Called meeting of councillors and discussed the arrival of the machinery and the works program for the ~~fa~~ following day.  
 1400 Departed Silanga for Walo to await arrival of Bardge with the Bulldozer.  
 1705 No sign of bardge- Returned to Silanga.

12/11/68

0430 Departed Silanga for Lasibu  
 0500 Arrived Lasibu Assisted with off loading Bulldozer from Bardge.  
 0700 Bardge departed Lasibu and Bulldozer set out for Silanga, after winching the fallen pilons onto the beach.  
 1100 Bulldozer did an Hours work on Kai Hill.  
 1230 Bulldozer Was bogged in Tela creek for an hour.  
 1600 Showed operator of dozer the position of the road which he was to construct.  
 1900 Arranged meeting with Councillors and gave instructions for the followings days work.  
 2000 Meeting finished.

13/11/68.

0700 To Lasibu to continue with the reconstruction of the wharf.  
 1100 At Silanga and discovered that the bulldozer had become unservicable.  
 1200 Returned to Lasibu.  
 1230 Arrived Lasibu- Supervised wharf work.  
 1600 Work for the day ceases.  
 1630 Departed Lasibu for Silanga.  
 1700 Arrived Silanga.



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- 14/11/68. 0700 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 0730 Arrived Lasibu and continued with the work on the wharf.  
 1100 Returned to Silanga to be informed that again the bulldozer was unservicable.  
 1200 Departed for Lasibu.  
 1230 Arrived Lasibu and continued with work.  
 1615 Work for the day ceases. Departed for Silanga.  
 1645 Arrived Silanga.
- 15/11/68. 0530 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 0550 Arrived Lasibu and continued work with forty men.  
 1530 Work for the day finished. With two pilons placed in position and cemented.
- 16/11/68 0900 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 1000 Arrived Uasilau- Inspected materials for the construction of the concrete tank for the Aid post.  
 1100 Departed Uasilau for Silanga.  
 1200 Arrived ~~Uasilau~~ Silanga.
- 17/11/68. Sunday at Silanga.
- 18/11/68. 0600 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 0620 Arrived Lasibu and Supervised work on the Lasibu wharf.  
 1800 At Lasibu and completed the construction and positioning of the remaining three pilons.  
 1630 Departed Lasibu for Silanga.  
 1700 Arrived Silanga.
- 19/11/68. 0600 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 0620 Arrived Lasibu and supervised the cementing of the incompleted pilons.  
 1200 At Lasibu awaiting the arrival of the M.V. Aimara for transport to Ewasse.  
 1800 Still no ship - Overnight Lasibu.
- 20/11/68. 0700 Departed Lasibu for Salelubu for Morning sked  
 0740 Arrived Salelubu  
 0830 Departed Salelubu for Silanga.  
 0900 Arrived Silanga  
 1000 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 1400 M.V. Toa arrived Lasibu.  
 1430 Departed Lasibu for Bialla.  
 1620 Arrived Bialla.
- 21/11/68 0700 At Office at Ewasse. Unable to supervise work on Council chambers as no timber yet available.  
 0900 Made effort to reassemble Council chain saw.  
 1600 Repacked patrol gear ready for return to Silanga.
- 22/11/68 0630 Departed Ewasse for Lasibu per M.V. Toa.  
 0830 Arrived Lasibu - Supervised work on the Lasibu wharf.  
 1400 Departed Lasibu for Silanga and set upcamp.

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23/11/68. 0730 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0845 Arrived at Uasilau and Supervised work  
 for the construction of the concrete tank  
 at the Uasilau Aid Post.  
 1800 Completed the base work and returned to  
 Silanga.  
 1915 Arrived Silanga.

24/11/68. Sunday at Silanga.

25/11/68. 0600 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0715 Arrived at Uasilau and supervised work on  
 the Aid post tank.  
 1615 Departed Uasilau for Silanga.  
 1730 Arrived Silanga.

26/11/68. 0530 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0615 Arrived Uasilau and supervised work on the  
 Tank.  
 1530 Departed Uasilau for Silanga.  
 1615 Arrived Silanga.

27/11/68. 0530 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0615 Arrived Uasilau and Supervised work on the  
 Aid Post tank.  
 1400 Departed Uasilau for Lasibu.  
 1500 Arrived Lasibu and inspected wharf.  
 1515 Departed Lasibu for Silanga  
 1600 Arrived Silanga.

28/11/68. 0700 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0800 Arrived Uasilau and supervised work on the  
 Aid Post tank.  
 1400 Departed for Silanga and inspected work  
 being done by Bulldozer.  
 1630 Arrived Silanga.

29/11/68. 0730 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0815 Arrived Uasilau and discovered that the top  
 for the tank had been damaged and constructed  
 another.  
 1300 Departed Uasilau for Silanga and inspected  
 work being done by bulldozer.  
 1530 Arrived Silanga.

30/11/68. 0900 Inspected grass cutting on the roads which  
 were to be graded.  
 1200 At Silanga.

1/12/68 Sunday At Silanga.

2/12/68. 0630 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 0730 Arrived Uasilau.  
 1200 Departed Uasilau for Silanga.  
 1300 Arrived Silanga.  
 1400 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 1445 Arrived Lasibu where Mr. E. Kirkman arrived  
 with his grader.  
 1630 Departed Lasibu for Silanga.  
 1700 Arrived Silanga.



- 3/12/68. 0500 Departed Silanga with Mr. E. Kirkman and showed him the roads to be graded.  
 1000 To Salelubu to inform Hoskins that AGAIN the Bulldozer had broken down.  
 1200 At Lasibu awaiting the M.V. Aimara for transport to Bialla.  
 1500 M.V. Aimara arrived Lasibu.  
 1515 Departed for Bialla.  
 1730 Arrived Bialla.  
 1745 Departed Bialla for Ewasse.  
 Overnight Ewasse.
- 4/12/68. At Ewasse, attended meeting of the Nakanai Local Government Council.
- 5/12/68. 0745 Discussed progress and problems of the Central Nakanai with Mr. R. Allmark. O.I.C. Ewasse.
- 6/12/68. 0745 Commenced Land investigation for purchase of land - Wilelo and Tiaura extended.
- 7/12/68. Saturday at Ewasse.
- 8/12/68. Sunday at Ewasse.
- 9/12/68. 0745 Prepared list of owners for the proposed land purchase.
- 10/12/68. 0745 Obtained signatures for land investigation at Apapulu village.
- 11/12/68. 0745 Completed Land investigation at Ewasse.
- 12/12/68. 0745 Prepared gear for return to Central Nakanai.  
 1400 M.V. Aimara arrived.  
 1415 Departed Bialla for Lasibu.  
 1615 Arrived Lasibu.  
 1700 Arrived Silanga.  
 Overnight Silanga.
- 13/12/68. 0630 Departed Silanga for Uasilau to arrange for placing the top on the Aid post tank.  
 0930 Departed Uasilau and inspected work that had been done by the Bulldozer and Grader.  
 1300 Commenced surveying the sight for the Silanga water scheme.
- 14/12/68. 0800 Repaired four of the council wheel burrows.  
 1000 To Salelubu to obtain Cumpas for the survey.  
 1100 Returned to Silanga, and continued surveying the sight for the pipes in conjunction with the Silanga water scheme.  
 1300 Heavy rain - work for the day ceased.
- 15/12/68. Sunday at Silanga.
- 16/12/68. 0630 Departed Silanga for Uasilau.  
 1100 Returned Silanga.  
 1200 Continued surveying the water scheme at Silanga.

- 17/12/68. 0700 Continued with Survey.  
1500 To Bulu creek to cut a log that had fallen across the road. Used Chain saw.
- 18/12/68. 0600 Owing to heavy rain all roads were closed.  
0730 To Lasibu.  
0800 M.V. Aria arrived Lasibu with Mr. R. Allmark. and discussed the present position in the Silanga and Uasilau area with Mr. Allmark.  
0930 Departed Lasibu for Silanga. Supervised the clearing of Logs off the roads.  
1500 To Salelubu to inspect roads and reopened the roads.
- 19/12/68. 0745 Inspected Roads.  
1400 To Uasilau to discuss the visit by the District Commissioner Mr. K. Dyer with Soa/Ubia the leader of Uasilau.  
1630 At Silanga.
- 20/12/68. 0300 Departed Silanga for Lasibu per D.A.S.F. Tractor.  
0900 Arrived Lasibu.  
1130 M.V. Aria arrived Lasibu with the District Commissioner Mr. Dyer Mr. A.D.O. R. Allmark and D.W.O. Mr. R. Mitchell.  
1145 Departed Lasibu to inspect road work.  
1600 Returned Lasibu and the M.V. Aria departed for Bialla with the above party.  
1615 Departed for Silanga.  
1645 Arrived Silanga.
- 21/12/68. 0900 To Salelubu for meeting with all Councillors.  
1300 Departed Salelubu for Silanga.  
1330 Arrived Silanga.  
1400 Prepared list of tools required for the road work to be done in this area.
- 22/12/68. Sunday at Silanga.
- 23/12/68. 0730 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
0800 Arrived Lasibu.  
0845 M.V. Aria with the District Commissioner arrived Lasibu. Discussed requirements with the District Commissioner.  
0900 M.V. Aria Departed for Hoskins. I departed Lasibu for Silanga. and Supervised road work.  
1610 At Silanga.
- 24/12/68. 0700 Supervised Road work.
- 25/12/68. Christmas Day .. At Silanga ~~with the~~
- 26/12/68. 0700 Supervised road work.
- 27/12/68. 0700 Supervised road work.
- 28/12/68. 0800 To Lasibu to inspect Pipe molds.  
1200 Returned to Silanga.
- 29/12/68. Sunday at Silanga.



- 30/12/68. 0700 Supervised Road work.
- 31/12/68. 0700 Supervised road work.  
 1000 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
 1020 Arrived Lasibu.  
 1100 M.V. Aria Arrived Lasibu with Mr. B.Burge  
 A.D.C. Hoskins.  
 1140 Departed for Silanga with A.D.C.  
 1120 Arrived Silanga, discussed present position  
 in Central Nakanai with A.D.C. and presented  
 court cases.  
 1200 At Salelubu.  
 1315 Supervised Road work.
- 1/1/69. At Silanga.
- 2/1/69. Supervised Road work.
- 3/1/69. 0715 To Salelubu  
 0830 Inspected road work being done by Uasilau People.  
 1000 Supervised road work in Silanga area.
- 4/1/69. 0715 To Salelubu for conversation with Mr. Allmark.  
 0900 Examined new sight for road on the Silanga to  
 Kai road.  
 1100 Prepared Patrol Report.
- 5/1/69. Sunday at Silanga.
- 6/1/69. 0700 Supervised Road work.  
 1100 Prepared Patrol report.  
 1400 Supervised road work.
- 7/1/69. 0700 Supervised road work.  
 1100 Prepared gear for return to Ewasse. and  
 departed for Lasibu.  
 1230 Arrived Lasibu - To Ewasse per M.V. Aria- end  
 Patrol.

EWASSE PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1968/69.SPECIAL REPORT.1. LASIBU WHARF.

A little over twelve months ago the writer commenced the construction of this wharf, following the instructions and plans of the Assistant District Commissioner for Hoskins at that time. (Mr. C.T. Campbell.)

The plans consisted of a sixty foot causeway built from reef coral which was obtained from Reefs situated over one third of a mile away. The wharf was to be extended by an additional forty feet by pylons which were to be constructed by using pipes.

The writer supervised work on this wharf for two months before being transferred to Talasea sub-District.

Owing to the North West monsoonal conditions /the divers which hampered/who were obtaining the coral, only forty feet of this causeway was completed.

On return to the area during this patrol it was noted that the sight for the wharf had been changed and only little extra had been done towards the completion of this wharf. The extra work done consisted of the /of construction/and placing in position four of the required six pylons.

During the recent earth tremors in this area, three of these pylons had toppled over and damage was done to the causeway.

Because of the nature of the new causeway, concrete facing for a total distance of sixty feet will be required to support and strengthen the causeway.

The required amount of cement for this concrete has been ordered but not yet received.

The three collapsed pylons were regained from the sea bed after much difficulty and replaced into position. An additional two pylons were also placed into position.

During steady swells in this bay these pylons again tended to lean to one side.

As no equipment was available to assist with the construction of this wharf, the writer was certain that this method of construction would be unsuccessful and thus set about to find another more suitable and practicable method.

The results were that the causeway should remain as it is and pylons consisting of Kwila logs and 18" pipes would be used instead of the three foot pipes.

This plan was discussed with the District Commissioner Mr. Dyer and on approval the new requirements (thirty eight inch pipes) were ordered.

As soon as the cement or pipes arrive the construction of this wharf will continue.



CONCRETE TANK FOR UASILAU AID POST.

It took two weeks for the Uasilau people to gather sand enough for the construction of this tank. On Saturday the 23rd. November when sufficient sand had been gathered work commenced for the construction of this tank.

This was the first concrete construction of this nature attempted by the writer and the people of Uasilau. Thus no previous experience could be relied upon to assist with ~~this~~ the construction of this tank.

The tank was constructed in accordance with the type suggested in the Local Government Pulletin.

The writer attempted to get the people themselves to construct the major portion of this tank by showing and explaining to the people how and what to do, and then getting the people to complete the construction under the writers supervision.

As time passed it became obvious that this method was going to be unsuccessful as the people were working very slowly which was resulting with the portion first constructed becoming dry long before the remainder was completed.

From the commencement of this project until its completion there remained a look of uncertainty on the peoples faces. This was because they had never before seen concrete used without boxing of the usual type. Thus how could a concrete tank be built without using similar boxing.

The most difficult part of the construction was placing the top of the tank into position. The top was to be constructed on the ground and then lifted into position.

The first attempt to do this resulted with the top of the tank being damaged and another had to be constructed.

The tank now completed is a success and at this moment is holding about 2,500 g gallons of water.

The guttering of the aid post is still to be completed. This will be done as soon as the required materials become available (Tin snips, Fulx)

On completion of the Aid post Orderlies house ( One week) this new Aid post will be opened.

SURVEY FOR WATER PROJECT AT SILANGA.

It was not until the fifth week of this patrol that this survey could be commenced. The reason being that no survey equipment ( compass, Chain) could be obtained. During the fifth week a compass from D.A.S.F. Salelubu, four pieces of chain to give a total distance of 200 links and a spirit level were used to complete this survey.

The results of the survey indicated that the main pipe line would have to be 3,488 lks. in length, and the feed pipes into each village having a total length of 30,052 lks.

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SUPERVISING TO CONSTRUCTION OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Owing to the required materials being unavailable (cement and sawn timber) the writer was unable to continue with the construction of the Council Chambers.

INVESTIGATION ON EWASSE FILE 70-0.

These investigation concerning the Transmission certificate were completed and forwarded to I.O.C. Ewasse.

Since the death of the original block holder, Kasati/Bai'isi and Kamuli/Laile, the heirs according to their native custom have been regarded as the new owners of the block.

The heirs were informed that certain fees concerning the transfeer of the land and they understood this.

LAND.\*1. LAND INVESTIGATION.Tiaura / Wilelo extended (Huala Land.)

It took the writer four and one half days to complete this investigation.

These people are aware of the form of a Land investigation as they have been involved in several before.

It was suggested to the writer that the appointed agents could compile a list of the owners of this land. This was done but when the "Declaration of Custom" was being completed the writer noticed that several people were listed several times in different clans with the same or different name and approximately one dozen were listed in the one clan twice under different names. On investigating this matter it was discovered that each of these villagers had rights to the land in one clan only.

The schedule of owners therefore had to be retyped resulting in the loss of much time.

The area of land involved consisted of 5847.6 hectares. Of this land 25% is estimated as being suitable for Agricultural purposes. The remainder being rugged mountaineous country. Therefore this land would be of little value to the Administration for Resettlement schemes.

The owners themselves had approached the administration requesting the government to buy this land Whilst compiling the investigation report it was noted that some of the owners were expecting a high price for this land.

Owing to the nature of this land it is expected by the writer that the price recommended by the lands department will be low, so it is possible that when the time for the purchase comes the owners may change their minds and wish not to sell this land.



Land Purchase- Gaikeke Land (Lasibu)

Lala'aura Land (Awasse.)

The above two land purchases were completed by the writer during this patrol. In both cases the owners were satisfied with the purchase price.

ROADS.

On the 12th November 1968 heavy equipment (one H.D.11 Bulldozer) was shipped to Lasibu for the purpose of constructing the settlement roads in the Silanga and Uasilau settlement area. On the 2nd of December Mr. E. Kirkman and his grader arrived per barge at Lasibu to form and grade the roads being cleared by the bulldozer.

The bulldozer remained in the area for four weeks during which time it was unserviceable on four different occasions, as a result of different mechanical failures. The bulldozer cleared three miles of road before being returned to Kwalkessi.

The hire rate originally set for this dozer was \$16-00 per hour. However with this machine in its unreliable state and therefore not working to its full capacity and being operated by inexperienced New Guinea operators, \$12-00 per hour would have been a more reasonable rate for hire.

Mr. E. Kirkman remained in the area for three weeks and then returned to Talasea (Leaving his grader at Silanga) because daily rain made the roads boggy and unsuitable for grading. During his stay he managed to form and grade six miles of road.

Since the 23rd December 1968, men from Silanga and Uasilau areas have been working voluntarily on these roads. They have concentrated on drainage in the low lying areas.

The newly constructed roads pass through several swampy places. To date the majority of these swampy places have been successfully drained. The remainder being in the lower lying areas, will take longer to successfully drain. It is expected that this drainage work will be completed by the end of January 1969.

When this drainage work is completed decomposed pumice which can be located in numerous areas will be used to surface and raise the road in these swampy areas.

During the two weeks from 23rd December 1968 to 3rd January 1969 little was achieved by the voluntary labourers owing to Christmas and New Year festivity.

Starting from 6th January one council ward from each of Silanga and Uasilau Areas will work for one week following which another ward will work until all wards have worked, then the cycle will start again. This will still enable the settlers sufficient time to maintain and develop their blocks.

During the next few months of the North West Monsoonal season observations of all the constructed roads will be made to ascertain what additional drainage work will be required (ie. places requiring culverts, drains and filling.)

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The following is ~~an~~ a suggestion by the writer which would save much construction time and cost of 100yds. of road.

The suggestion is to relocate 200 yards of the Silanga (Portion 296) to Kaji (Portion 321) road which passes through a swamp between the Geigavi and Popolu gullies located on the boundary of Portion No. 367 and the Sacred heart Mission lease Portion No. 295.

To avoid this swamp the road could be relocated approximately forty yards downstream from its present position. It is in this swamp that the two gullies mentioned above meet to form the Lalubaluba creek and a culvert could be successfully constructed in this creek.

The sacred Heart Mission is in favour of the relocation of this portion of road and is willing to have the road relocated through part of its ~~land~~ land.

As soon as approval for this alteration is received the few trees to be felled along the side of the road will be felled.

Equipment for the construction of the Ala crossing at Salelubu have started to arrive.

These items were ordered by Public Works Department Hoskins who clearly indicated that the items were to be shipped to Lasibu.

The first lot of tools to arrived were shipped to Lasibu but the second, which were clearly marked to be shipped to Lasibu were offloaded at Walo. This meant that the Uasilau tractor had to be hired to transport these items to Salelubu where as the Agriculture tractor would have transported the items to Salelubu free of cost.

No word was received by the writer that items were to arrive on the day of arrival and it was thus not until after this ship the M.V. Paulus had departed that the writer received word that these items had been offloaded at Walo.

This is ~~not~~ <sup>un</sup> satisfactory and could result in items getting lost.



SITUATION REPORT."A" POLITICAL.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Nakanai Local Government Council has now been operating for two years. The council has made several rules during this time. One being the rule to disallow pigs to roam in villages and they must be kept in fenced areas.

This is as far as hygiene goes undoubtedly a good rule.

To-date the minority of the people have taken some action to see that their pigs are kept in fenced areas. The remainder have either ignored this rule as no councillor has taken any action against him, or killed all their pigs as they claim it is not worth having pigs if they have to be fenced in as this means that they have to be fed every day and this takes much time.

The number to have killed their pigs is estimated at about 35%.

If this percentage increases then these people will surely suffer from a lack of nutrition in their diets. Which would be detrimental to the community.

This was explained to the people during a discussion but little is expected to result from the discussion.

Is there an answer to the problem?

"For hygiene keep the pigs out of the village."

"For Agriculture (Protection of Gardens and crops) Fence them in"

"But this would mean that the pigs will become poor unless they are fed twice a day which involves much work."

"So we will kill the pigs to save us work, but then we won't have meat to eat."

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

The councillors contacted during this patrol are; Toluana, Neboi, Sukena and Mimbuna from Silanga, Soa/Ubia, Pagege, and Laiga from Uasilau and Ga'a the council president and Peni from Gomu and Ewasse villages.

Of these only Toluana and Ga'a were impressive and showed ability related to and a knowledge of their roles as councillors.

Of the remainder with the probable exception of Soa/Ubia and Mimbuna little was observed to show that these councillors were interested in fulfilling their roles as councillors or even to increase their knowledge about their roles.

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4 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERS.

The people in this area are now beginning to understand that there is a House of Assembly. This is because the member for the Talasea Open electorate Mr. J. Maneke comes from Babata Village at Silanga. But their knowledge of the actual purpose of the house of Assembly is limited. This is likely to remain the same until much political knowledge and experience, is received by these people.

Mr. J. Maneke is at this moment still touring various African countries. The purpose for this trip was explained to various people from Silanga and Uasilau but it is doubted whether they understood what was being said to them.

5 POLITICAL EDUCATION.

The writer would like to state that in his opinion little will be benefited by the people of Papua and New Guinea, from the Political education discussions by the Administration officers, unless more simple pamphlets and booklets in question and answer form are issued to each patrolling officer for discussion, explanation and distribution in the area being patrolled.

This type of material would ensure that each officer would give the same or similar answer to the villagers's questions. Thus minimising confusion in the villagers's minds because each officer gives him a different (slightly) answer to that given him by the previous officer.

Also being in Pidgin English the villagers could refer to them, after the officer had departed, to refresh their minds.



B. ECONOMIC.

1. Economic development in the area patrolled can only be explained as being dissatisfying.

1. GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

During the eleven months since the writer departed this area last year to the present moment it appears that only very little if any development on the settlement blocks has taken place.

Admittedly about one quarter of the blocks only were observed but in discussion no knowledge of any development was gained.

The reasons for this as best the writer can establish are;

a) DIEBACK.

With much dieback being in the area for some time and no cure or control of its spread being known, most of the Silanga and Uasilau settlers have a defeatist attitude towards the problem. They are, naturally enough, uncertain as to whether they would just be wasting their time by planting larger areas as it now looks to them that Die back cannot be controlled.

b) LABOUR.

The men from both Silanga and Uasilau have, to-date, always been willing to co-operate with the demands of Government and European personal.

They also had a good reputation for being good workers. Thus much recruiting by Mission and Keravat plantations has been done in this area.

During the last year, C.R.A., D.A.S.F (Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries) and Harrison & Crossfield (For the Oil palm project) have recruited numerous men from these two areas. Many of those recruited have blocks in the Silanga and Uasilau settlement area.

This resulted with a little over one third of the potential of this area being continually absent for the past twelve months.

Although there are several families living in the area without official rights to any of the settlement blocks they have rights by village custom, to cocoa on the community blocks.

This loss of potential labour immediately cripples the degree of maintenance on the established areas without considering further development.

The position has been explained to the people by the administration's Officers and the Local Government Council in the area. Yet as soon as word is received that labourers are needed more men leave the area.

If the employers were to consider the need for potential labour to develop this area they would come to the conclusion that their own needs were certainly no more important than those in this area. But one can rest assured that the employers are aware of this but they are taking advantage of the willingness of these people.

In consideration for the development needed in this area and for the people and their wish to

/Labour

co-operate, no recruiting should be done in the Silanga or Uasilau areas. (4)

Is it possible to close an area to labour recruiting? If so I would like to suggest that it be /done /in the Silanga and Uasilau area.

Within itself the area has sufficient labour to develop itself and thus have an important role in the development of the territory. But take part of this labour force away and this role is immediately lost.

c) ROAD WORK.

Roads are known to be important for the efficient development of a settlement area. A little over one and one half years ago, work commenced on the roads to serve this area.

For the road work done before extensive labour recruiting effected the area, road work done and organized in conjunction with Block work had little effect to the care given to the blocks. Since then, and at the present moment, maintenance alone is more than just a daily task to the people remaining in the area.

d) Lack of supervision and inspections.

Several settlers approached the writer at various times during this patrol and stated that they have not had their blocks inspected or been given any advice concerning the control of pests and diseases for over eight months by an Agriculture officer. This naturally hinders development for example as regards Die Back in the Cocoa.

B.2. ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND FISHERIES.

The Agriculture station for the area is based at Salelubu. This station is staffed with two Overseas and one Local (Papuan) Agricultural Officers.

The East Nakanai census division was to be served from Salelubu. This has proved unsatisfactory as far as the East Nakanais were concerned. In an attempt to overcome this an Agriculture base camp is being set up at Ewasse on the Local Government council Block.

During this patrol several settlers from the Silanga area expressed concern to the writer because they had not had their blocks inspected or been given advice for controlling pests and Diseases.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

There are three co-operative Societies in the area patrolled Silanga, Uasilau and Apapulu. These societies have been operating for several years and received supervision from Co-operative officers patrolling in the area.

In early December last year an officer was posted at Salelubu to serve the Central and East Nakanai societies. This is undoubtedly a move to promote success in the societies in this area as much more supervision can be given to the societies.



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Both the Silanga and the Uasileu societies are faced with shipping problems. Their orders for supplies take from one to three months to arrive but the main problem is getting their produce shipped to Rabaul before damage is done to it. An example for this problem is,

On 1st November 1968 the Silanga society advised the Master of the Ereventa that 61 bags of cocoa were awaiting shipment from Lasibu to Rabaul. The following week the co-operative officer responsible to the area forwarded a similar telegram.

The results were that 223 bags of cocoa were awaiting shipment at Lasibu before a ship (The Ereventa) called at Lasibu to collect this cocoa in Mid December.

With an officer permanently posted in this area it is hoped that this situation will improve.

B3 PROCESSING AND MARKETING.

Is controlled by the native societies mentioned above.

B4 VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENSION.

With the extent of Die Back in the Central Nakanai settlement areas, it is becoming obvious that a second crop will be required to boost development and increase the enthusiasm of the people.

A suitable second crop may be hard to find but with a settlement as large as this it would be reasonable to give much consideration to find such a suitable crop.

The attitude of the people, in these two areas, towards development is still favourable. These attitudes are none too slowly dwindling with the threat of failour with their cocoa as a result of Die Back.

To boost development and maintain their favourable attitudes towards development a second suitable cash crop would surely be the answer to the problem

B5 NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT.

Central Nakanai - Nil

East Nakanai - In the area patrolled only Biella Plantation. The Manager of this plantation Mr. M. King stated that in the near future the entire area of this plantation will be planted with coconuts.

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C. SOCIAL.

1. EDUCATION.

The area contacted by this patrol has three primary T Schools providing an education service for the children in the area.

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- 1. Ewasse Government/ Standard 6 ~~is~~
- 2. Silanga Roman Catholic to Standard 5.
- 3. Uasilau United church to Standard 5.

Attendance at the three schools is satisfactory.

2. HEALTH.

The Roman Catholic mission have a Hospital at Silanga and the Government have an aid post at Uasilau. A health center has been constructed at Ewasse but is not yet staffed. The people from the Ewasse area get medical treatment from the ~~Local~~ Aid post.

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Generally speaking the health of these people is good.

A short time before this patrol several children suffered from an attack of measles.

The only other cases reported to the writer were several cases where children were receiving treatment at the Silanga Hospital for Pneumonia.

3. Law and Order.

Five men were charged and found guilty under the Nakanai Local Government Council Pig rule. Three other men were charged with stealing but other than these cases Law and order in this area is good.

4. MISSIONS.

Both The Roman Catholic and the United Church are working in the East and Central Nakanai census divisions.

The Roman Catholic Mission is situated at Silanga whilst the United church is situated in both Uasilau and Ewasse.

Both these missions have much influence over the people and have an important part in the villagers life.

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Father Wagner of the Roman Catholic (Sacred Heart) Mission has been at Silanga for over sixteen years. He has played an important/in the establishment of the Silanga settlement and was one of the prime movers to get the settlement started.

5. CULT AND UNREST.

CULTS. In the area Patrolled cult activities is nil as far as could be observed.



UNREST.

During the past eight months a certain amount of unrest has arisen in the Uasilau area. This unrest was promoted by an Agriculture officer from Salelubu who advised the people to write letters to Government Officials and to Radio Bauraul for answers to their questions rather than answer them himself.

An example of this occurred when the bulldozer, which had been constructing the roads in the settlement area, was withdrawn for mechanical repairs. The people from Uasilau were naturally interested and concerned with what was happening and wished to know why the bulldozer had been withdrawn. In seeking an answer to their question Soa/Ubia the leader of the Uasilau people put their question to the officer at Salelubu. The officer rather than answer this question drafted a telegram in Pidgin English to the Assistant Administrator and informed Soa that if he was to sign this telegram he would get an answer to his question and that this was the best way to get an answer.

The following day the writer returned to the Central Nakanai from Ewasse and was working at Uasilau when Soa approached the writer stating what he had done and that he now knew that he had done wrong.

A meeting was arranged with the Uasilau people and their question was answered. They were also told that they were to seek answers to their questions from their Local Government council or the Administration Officer responsible for the area.

It was observed that these people were upset with what this Agriculture officer had told them to do.

At the end of this patrol the situation had returned to normal.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION.WOMENS CLUBS.Womens Clubs.

There are <sup>four</sup> ~~three~~ Womens Clubs in this area. They are situated at Silanga, Uasilau and Ewasse. <sup>a Gomu</sup>

These clubs are run by the Nakanai women themselves.

The clubs are concerned with sewing lessons, singing and sport.

Approximately 50% of the adult females in these areas are members of these clubs but the attendance at the meetings is not so pleasing.

J.R. Ellem  
(J.R. Ellem.)  
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of West New Britain Report No. EWASSE No. 4 of 68/69.

Patrol Conducted by ~~R. Tobia~~ R. Allmark Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Nakanai Council (Part) Part Ext. Mengen, Part Ext. Kol E.N.B.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 4 forestry personnel and Mr. R. Tobia

Natives Patrol Officer in Training.

Duration—From 28/10/1968 to 32/11/1968

Number of Days ~~28~~ 35 Allmark 25 Tobia  
60 Patrol Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept./1968

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

Map Reference Milinch ULAWAN Fourmil TALASEA

Objects of Patrol Forestry Survey

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

16/1/1969

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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February 10th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL NO. EWASSE 4/68-69

Your reference EWASSE P/R dated 17th January, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Messrs R. ALLMARK, Assistant District Officer, and R. TOBIA, Patrol Officer to Part of POMIO Sub-District, East New Britain and Part of East Nakanai Census Division.

Both officers carried out their duties most efficiently. In particular Mr. Tobia has presented an interesting and detailed report.

As you are by now aware staff assistance has been arranged to assist in the proposed ANIA/KAPIURA purchase.

*T.W. Ellis*  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

c.c. Mr. R. Allmark,  
Assistant District Officer,  
EWASSE Base Camp,  
HOSKINS,  
West New Britain District.

Mr. R. Tobia,  
Patrol Officer (Trainee),  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS,  
West New Britain District.

67.17.21

Ewasse P/R



HOSKINS, West New Britain

17 January 1969

Assistant District Commissioner  
HOSKINS

EWASSE PATROL No. 4 of 1968/69

Thank you for Mr Allmark's report on his patrol covering the purchase of the TIARU/PANDI timber right, and your covering comments.

The delay in processing this report is inexcusable. A copy of District Instruction No. 8 is attached herewith for your information.

A copy of the map is required for District Headquarters records.

Extracts from the report are being forwarded by me to the District Commissioner, Rabaul and the Lands Titles Commission, Rabaul. I agree with Mr Allmark and your comments that the native people should be advised of such pending purchases as early as possible. His action concerning the Ania/Kapiura proposed purchase in February is proper, though I am not certain at this stage whether, in fact, the purchase will proceed. We did not get very much notice of the Tiaru/Pandi purchase.

Let Mr Tobia know I am pleased with his report, which I find quite interesting.

I regret that assistance from East New Britain, which was expected, sought and promised did not eventuate. I foresee very grave problems in handling the forthcoming Ania/Kapiura purchase and I have made special representations to our Director concerning this.

Mr Tobia's camping allowance will be forwarded shortly, after funding.

c.c. Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

(K. W. DYER)  
District Commissioner

For your information. A large job competently concluded. The ANIA/KAPIURA purchase is 700,000 acres and problems concerning this, together with a request for staff assistance are covered in my memo. 33-9-3 of 15 January, 1969.

*K. W. Dyer*  
(K. W. DYER) *ac*  
District Commissioner

*PO (Lands)*  
*Your comments regarding*  
*DC Hoskins report Nelson*  
*from Nelson*  
*see 1012 on*





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....67.1.4.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
HOSKINS.  
West New Britain,

9.1.69.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

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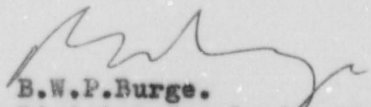
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Base Camp,  
EWASSE

10th December, 1968/

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS

EWASSE PATROL No.4 of 3/69

Attached please find four copies of the  
above patrol report. Mr. Ellem's patrol is  
numbered No 3 and will be submitted upon completion.

Claim for Camping allowance will follow.

For your comment and further action, please.

( R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

6th December, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No.4 of 1968/69.

Sub-District : HOSKINS

DISTRICT : WEST NEW BRITAIN.

Council Area : Nakanai Council.

Patrol Conducted by : R.ALLMARK, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Area Patrolled : Part East Nakanai.

Part Ext. Mengen) Pomio S.D.

Part Ext. Kol ) E.N.B.

Personnel Accompany: Mr.R.Tobia, Patrol Officer,  
(part time)

4 Forestry personnel.

Duration : Date out 29.10.68

Date in 2.12.68

Number of days 35.

Date and duration last D.D.A. patrol to area

: September, 1968, 5 days.

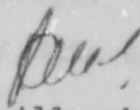
Objects of patrol : Timber rights purchase.

Total Population of area patrolled.

: 4,200 (Approx)

Map reference : Accompanying.

Village population register not enclosed.

  
(R.Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.



PATROL DIARY.

October.

- Tues 29 Loading m.v. 'Andewa' - overnight 'Andewa'.  
Wed 30 To Ulamona  
Setting up base camp.  
Thur 31 Unloading m.v. 'Eros'.  
Completing base camp.  
Heavy rain p.m.

November

- Frid. 1 Preliminary investigations into ownership  
Madedua, Ulamona, Ibana, Gulagula group.  
Sat. 2 Further discussion land owners.  
Mon. 4 Further discussion various parties  
To Buba (helicopter) investigation ownership  
of part Gulagula group.  
Tues. 5 Investigation ownership Madedua, Ulamona and  
Ibana groups.  
Wed. 6 Completion investigation of Ibana group.  
To Matanakunai and return complete investigation  
Gulagula group.  
Thur. 7 To Ewasse, Gigipuna and Bago discussions with  
land owners.  
Preparation coastal purchase documents.  
Frid. 8 Completion coastal purchase documents  
Discussion coastal groups re payment.  
Sat. 9 To Kamatame, Tuke, Mokeimokei, Menigugule,  
S'woire, Masuari, Bau'owe, Malbon, Talive and  
Muela - reconnaissance and discussion land owners.  
Mon. 11 To Bago investigation ownership.  
Checking of purchase documents.  
Tues 12 Payment of Ubili section Ulamona group.  
Wed 13 Payment Ubili section of Ibana & Madedua groups.  
Thur 14 To Nuau - payment of Nuau section of Ulamona, ~~Madedua~~  
Madedua and Ibana groups.  
Frid. 15 To Baia - payment of Baia section of Ulamona  
and Madedua groups.  
Sat. 16 To Matanakunai - payment of Matanakunai section  
of Madedua and Gulagula groups.  
Sun. 17 To Lake Hargy and Ewasse - reconnaissance and  
discussion land owners.  
Mon. 18 To Gigipuna - investigation part Ext. Mengen group.  
Reconnaissance to Mukul and Sangamali.  
~~Thurs 18~~ Preparation purchase documents.  
Tues. 19 To Bago - investigation part Ext. Mengen group.  
Preparation purchase documents.

- Wed. 20 To Bago - payment of Bago group Ext. Mengen.
- Thur. 21 To Gigipuna - payment of Gigipuna group Ext. Mengen.
- Frid. 22 To Masuari for investigation Ext. Kol - Sale refused.  
To Mukul and Sangamali - payment of Muro ~~fr~~ of Ext. Mengen.
- Sat. 23 Completion purchase documents.
- Sun. 24 To Ewasse discussion land owners.
- Mon. 25 Breaking camp.  
To Ewasse investigation ownership Maututu group.  
Setting up camp.
- Tues. 26 Investigation ownership Maututu group - south Maututu refused sale.  
To Bubu payment remainder Gulagula group.
- ~~Wed. 27~~
- Wed. 27 Preparation north Maututu purchase documents .  
To Bubu, Kahei and Apupul - purchase of ~~north~~ north Maututu - payment refused at Apupul.
- Thurs. 28 To Malasi preliminary investigation Aliai group.  
Recovery of monies paid to Bubu and Kahei.
- Frid. 29 Reconnaissance proposed Ania/Kapiuru purchase-discussions owners at Roko, Mirapu, Kai and Silanga.
- December.
- Sun. 1 To Malasi investigation ownership Aliai group.
- Mon. 2 Payment of Mataururu section Aliai at Ewasse.  
To Malasi payment of Kiava and Sulu section of Aliai group.  
Checking and completion purchase documents.

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Situation Report (a) Political

1. There arose little opportunity for political discussion on this patrol as its purpose was solely to purchase timber rights throughout the area. Throughout the Extended Mengen and Kol Census Division that the patrol visited 'members houses' were prominent. Whether this indicates a great interest in the House of Assembly or in the cargo cult is not clear although I am more inclined towards the latter.
2. There appears to be considerable opposition to the Department of Lands in the Extended Mengen. When sale of timber rights was ~~xxxxxxx~~ first discussed with them the people refused to sell. It was not until after full and careful explanation of timber rights purchase with emphasis that their land was not being bought that they agreed to sell. This opposition appears to stem from disagreement with Land Titles Commissioner Reads decision regarding the extent of the coastal Nakanai land. An investigation into land was carried out recently to see if the Ext.Mengen people wish to sell the land between the Ibana and Madedua purchase behind Mt.Ulewan. This investigation apparently met with a very definite refusal. I understand that Lands are still interested in purchasing this area but in view of the people's statements at this time that they will definitely not sell any land I feel it would be a breach of faith to again ask the people.

Situation Report - b) Economic

1. The purpose of the patrol was to purchase timber rights over a large area of land in the East Nakanai, Extended Mengen and Extended Kol census division. As far as the East Nakanai was concerned the intention was to buy timber rights over all land not owned by the Administration. (Refer map.)
2. This aim was achieved in the East Nakanai with the exception of coastal strips on either side of Bialla plantation which were not considered important by Forestry as a timber source but would have been needed for access to other blocks.
3. The Extended Mengen area sold the area required by Forestry after some initial confusion as to our intentions referred to in(a)para 2.
4. The Extended Kol group declined to sell on the grounds that they did not have a great amount of land and that they considered that if they sold their timber rights Lands would soon follow to buy their land. The area was not considered of real importance to Forestry as it is largely broken and unproductive for Forest purposes.
5. A total of \$76,093.00 was paid for the rights purchased and was broken up as follows.

Madedua	13,370
Ulamona	1,325
Ibana	10,146
Gulagula	8,825
Aliai	5,227
Ext.Mengen	37,200.

6. Of these monies the Ext.Mengen group invested \$33,510 in Treasury investment - a little over 90% of the purchase price. The coastal Nakanai people refused to sell for less than the full purchase price in cash. There are three main reasons for this.

(a) Previous large land payments in the area have all been paid in cash e.g. Mededua \$72,000.

(b) Large population in relatively small areas. For example had the Ulamona group accepted 10% in cash each individual owner would have received 42c.

(c) The need for cash to develop economic cash crops. Ubili village has recently purchased a tractor and trailer and required cash to repay their loan to the Catholic Mission. Tools are required and a small amount of labour needs to be employed.

The Ext.Mengen is very economically depressed and until at least some start is made on economic crop extension no capital is required and the people readily accepted investment.

7. The south Maututu group declined to sell on the grounds that they did not have a great deal of timber and what remained they wished to keep. It was explained that trees such as galip, breadfruit, erima, black palm and canoe trees were excluded from the sale but made no deference to their attitude. It was explained to all groups that the right to sell was entirely their prerogative and apart from explaining what was entailed in a timber rights purchase no attempt was made to pressure the owners to sell.

8. The purchase price for the north Maututu area was to be \$1720 or \$4.20 per person. This payment was refused at Apupul village with the claim that it was not enough. As an argument they quoted the high cost of sawn timber and started that they wanted \$100 per tree or \$1000 per clan before they would agree to sell. This would have involved (using the figure of \$1000 per clan) a purchase price of \$28,000 and was obviously ridiculous.

Situation Report - (c) Social

1. The Mengen Carden Cult appears to be showing no signs of abating in the Extended Mengen and Kol. Each village visited had a distinctive cult garden in evidence and a 'members house' for visiting cult leaders and 'Keriam Komitis'. I did not actively ~~xxxxxx~~ discuss the cult for fear of prejudicing our negotiations for sale of timber rights. Mr.R.Frost, C.P.O., from Pomio, who was conducting census in the area at the time, will no doubt report fully on the situation.

2. An interesting facet of the cult is the significance of the old New Guinea shilling. At Bago, when it was seen that ~~xxx~~ he had a shilling of this type, the pilot of the helicopter was offered up to four dollars to sell the coin. It was noticed that cult gardens are laid out in an exact replica of the reverse side of the shilling with a circle of crotons in the centre representing the hole with crotons radiating from this to form the arms of the cross.

3. Throughout the area and more particularly the Ext.Kol the people are very backward. Health standards are very poor; skin and eye diseases are prevalent and goitre is present in large numbers. No economic development has taken place at all. There is no reason why the people cannot develop as large tracts of good land are available from both banks of the Pandi River. A concentrated effort to establish economic crops at a village level could be one means of breaking this cult.



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Situation Report - (d) Miscellaneous.

1. There was a certain lack of advance preparation by our department although the Department of Forestry were very well organized. No officer was available from East New Britain until the final week of the purchase when there remained little to be done although some 60% of the purchase area was to have been in that District. Sub-District Office, Pomio, had apparently not been informed of the purchase as their officer patrolling the area knowledge of our presence. No map of East New Britain was available and a considerable amount of expensive helicopter time was used in merely locating villages before actual purchase investigations could commence.

2. I feel it would be an advantage for some advance warning to be given to the people on future forest acquisitions. On this occasion some confusion arose and in the case of the Extended Kol messengers were despatched to Pomio to ascertain the views of senior Kol people resident at Pomio. This could have been avoided had advance notice been given.

3. For this reason I have already had discussions with land owners of the Nakana Council area who will be involved in the Ania/Kapiuru forest purchase to be commenced in ~~the~~ February, 1969 and recommend that the same should be done in the Hoskins and Montague Harbour areas.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

HOSKINS PATROL No. /68/69.

Report Number Hoskins 68/69

Sub-District Hoskins

District West New Britain

Council Area Nakanai Council

Patrol Conducted by

Area Patrolled Part East /Part area looked after from POMIO

Personnel Accompanying Patrol :

Duration of Patrol

Date/Duration last D.D.A. Patrol :

Objects of Patrol (i) Forestry Survey

Map reference: Map enclosed

This patrol was carried into the patrol in the writer case was practical Division and it also covered part of an area in the Main Sub-District.

The purpose of the patrol (survey) was to purchase timber rights covering an area in the Nakanai Council area. The Forestry Department and the writer were available to the patrol. In fact most of the talk was to the Forestry Department was trying to do in the area. The Forestry was only intending to purchase so there wasnt any problem. The majority of the timber owners were not attending to some extent. The rights extended to the timber then goes back to what the administration was trying to do.

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One village visited inland. The first time they were seen on the second trip a week later by helicopter. The reason they didnt want to sell their timber was because a patrol was carried out 20 years back a patrol was carried out of lands and they were told that such a patrol will be carried out. The patrol was 10 or 15 years old and its probably already forgotten.

Up to the day the writer left a total of \$37,739 was paid to four areas covered in the purchase leaving three more still to be paid. The remaining three still awaiting payment are areas that can only be reach by helicopter or boat and because the helicopter had some engine trouble it had to go to Rabaul to be fixed and until it got back no further payment could be made. Up to date of the payments were made the lowest each person has been paid is \$4.00 and the highest \$207.00. One of the areas had 9 clans having rights to the timber and because there were 9 clan members each could only get \$4.00. Another area had 4 clans having rights to the timber and because there were 4 clan members each person received \$267.00. When all the payments are fully made the people in the area should be well off and with the money they get some good will be expected in the area. The administration has a system where when such purchase are undertaken the people get 1/3 of the total price and invest the rest of the money. However only was 7 clans of the village of HOSKINS followed the idea and the rest wanting their money made in cash. Correction this was only up to the day the writer left. These 7 clans have rights in the area known as the HOSKINS area. The total price their timber worth was \$19,000.00. \$7,000.00 was invested and the people getting \$170.00 with each person getting \$25.00 each.

Most of the people wanted to give the reason that they wanted their money straight out because they needed it in the next few years to enable them to go ahead with the work they are now doing mainly their coconut plantings and copra. They want to have the money ready in hand or in their personal bank books when the need arises. They also stated that seeing they had a council in their area if and when the council appeals for help they would have the money there to help the council. The fact that after all the payments were made the people in the area would be quite well off and any progress brought about by the people could well be carried out. The fact they had the money clearly outlined to the people. The was only present on the occasion when payments were being made to the areas HOSKINS and HOSKINS with the clans mostly found around HOSKINS VILLAGE. The effort would have been by helicopter and it could only seat two passengers.

The country is flat to undulating. Three mountains Mt. HOSKINS (the father), the South Son and the North Son are in the area purchased. The country can be said to be sloping down to



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The purpose of the patrol in the writer case was practical training covering all aspects of a Forestry Survey in a timber rights purchase. This patrol was conducted by the Forestry Department and the main purpose of the patrol (survey) was to purchase timber rights covering an area of some 200,000 acres. Mr. R. Allmark (A.D.O) was also made available to help in ~~the~~ carrying out the survey and the writer moreover got instructions from him. In fact most of the talk~~s~~ and explanation as to what the Forestry Department was trying to do in the area was done by Mr. Allmark. The writer was present in most of the discussions with the people when not attending to someother things. To the people it was explained that the Forestry was only intending to buy timber rights and not their land and that the rights extended to 40 years and that once the 40 years is up the timber then goes back to them. The timbers owners understood just what the administration was trying to and there~~is~~ was no problems.

Base camp was set up at ULAMONA MISSION and work parties flown to the bush by helicopter. Because the helicopter could only ~~xxx~~ seat two passengers the writer had to stay back in camp most of the ~~xxx~~ time when Mr. Allmark and a Forestry Officer, Mr B. Ramsey had to go and speak to villagers in land. The majority of the timber owners were eager to get some money out of the purchase so there wasn't any problem faced to slow the survey being carried out. One village visited inland at first didnt want to sell their timber the first time they were seen by the witer and Mr Allmark however on the second trip a week later by Mr Allmark and Mr B. Ramsey they agreed. The reason they didnt want to sell timber in their land was because a few years back a patrol was carried into their land by the Department of Lands and they weren't told the reason for such a survey and were not told that such a patrol will be carried out. This was explained to them that the patrol was 10 or so years old and that its probably already forgotten.

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the coastline. It is quite rugged in places but even then roads could well still be built around the rugged areas still enabling logging trucks to reach well into the inland areas. There arent as many river like it is further in the southerly direction to present problems. The only major problems would be having to built the roads in and around the area. The Catholic Mission in area has roads in ~~the~~ the area its logging timber from and they looked like all weather roads with their grading equipment to maintain it every now and then. The same could be done by the companies who are interested to log timber in the area. It would be costly having these roads in the area but if the trees have to be logged then roads will have to be built.

The question as to whether the people in the area would be willing to provide labour in a logging company move in look promising. Of the people spoken to all of them were quite happy to work and earn an income. The mission logging and sawmill in the area has already given good job opportunities to the natives working the mill and the loggers. Most of the jobs and machinery are done and operated by the natives with the Brothers supervision. All heavy equipments like graders are driven by natives. With another such enterprise moving into the area the natives would benefit a little more.

- 6-11-68 0745 names of timber owners taken down. The writer and Mr H. Allmark explained to the people what the Forestry Department was doing.
- 7-11-68 At camp today. The helicopter hasn't yet arrived so inland villagers couldnt be visited yet plus there's a fair way from camp. 0/night ULAMONA.
- 7-11-68 At camp whole day today. 0/night camp-ULAMONA.
- 8-11-68 At camp whole day. 0/night ULAMONA.
- 9-11-68 Observed
- 10-11-68 Observed
- 11-11-68 0745 left camp for the inland village of BAGO by helicopter. Arrived BAGO VILLAGE 0810. Found the villagers of BAGO waiting but not the adjoining village. Walked through the village. Discussed aspects of the boundary lines with the natives found that they agreed it correct. Villagers said they wouldnt sell their timber. Got back to base sometime after eleven. 0/night base camp.
- 12-11-68 First payment made to the area known as ULAMONA with the area owners mostly around ULLI VILLAGE. Payment made by S. Hickey and H. Allmark. Went along for observation. 0/night base camp.
- 13-11-68 0730 to ULLI VILLAGE further payment. S. Hickey and H. Allmark made the payment. 0/night base camp ULAMONA.
- 14-11-68 0745 left camp. Found out about census forms for Mr H. Allmark.
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- 28-10-68 0630 Left HOSKINS, per M.V. ENDEWA. 1400 arrived ULAMONA. Camp set up and settled in.
- 29-10-68 Worked around camp today, awaiting the rest of the party. Overnight ULAMONA.
- 30-10-68 Mr R. Allmark arrived today. Work hasnt still started yet still awaiting O.I.C of the forestry survey still to come from RABAUL by boat.  
O/night camp-ULAMONA
- 31-10-68 Odd jobs around camp. O/night ULAMONA
- 1-11-68 Rest of the party still havent arrived. Set up tents to serve as office etc. O/night ULAMONA.
- 2-11-68 Observed
- 3-11-68 Observed
- 4-11-68 Saw timber owners this morning. Natives told to come back the next day so the names of the clan members could be taken down.  
O/night ULAMONA.
- 5-11-68 0745 names of timber owners taken down. The writer and Mr R. Allmark explained to the people what the Forestry Department was doing.
- 6-11-68 At camp today. The helicopter hasnt yet arrived so inland villages could'nt be visited yet plus these a fair way from camp.  
O/night ULAMONA.
- 7-11-68 At camp whole day today.  
O/night camp-ULAMONA
- 8-11-68 At camp whole day.  
O/night ULAMONA
- 9-11-68 Observed
- 10-11-68 Observed
- 11-11-680 ~~xxx~~ 0745 left camp for the inland village of BAGO by helicopter. Arrived BAGO VILLAGE 0810. Found the villagers of BAGO waiting but not the adjoining villages. Walked through the village. Discussed aspects of the boundary lines with the natives found that they agreed it correct. Villagers ~~said~~ said they wouldnt sell their timber. Got back to base sometime after eleven.  
O/night base camp.
- 12/11/68 First payment made to the area known as ULAMONA with the clan members mostly around UBILI VILLAGE. Payment made By B. Ramsey and R. Allmark. Went along for observation.  
O/night base camp.
- 13-11-68 1330 to UBILI VILLAGE further payment. B. Ramsey and R. Allmark made the payments.  
O/night base camp U AMONA.
- 14-11-68 At camp today. Typed out some census forms for Mr. R. Allmark.  
O/night camp.
- 15-11-68 At camp. Typed out census forms.
- 16-11-68 Observed
- 17-11-68 Observed
- 18-11-68 0730 to UBILI VILLAGE on council work as instructed by Mr. Allmark.

DAIRY:

- 19-11-68 At camp, writing up report.  
O/night ULAMONA
- 20-11-68 At camp report.  
O/night ULAMONA.
- 21-11-68 Left ULAMONA 1030 per M.V. TOA.  
Arrived BIALLA 1330.  
O/night aboard the TOA.
- 22-11-68 Left BIALLA 0630 called in at EWASSE picked J. Ellem-  
left again 0848.  
Arrived LASEBU 1030. Left LASEBU 1035.  
Arrived MALALIA 1200 noon.  
Arrived Hoskins 1410.

END OF PATROL

(ii) Local Government Councils

The writer saw only three councillors during this time. One again it's the same story, that they were worried more about getting their council things concerning the council. The councillors in this area are especially concerned about their council and the way it's run more than the writer thought they would. Of the three councillors spoken to they all stated that they want to get their payments in and whole, that is to say some of it with the government. They said that if they had the money handy they would face problems without much trouble. Perhaps it could be more correct to say that they were more worried about progress in their little community than the area as a whole. It seems to appear that each councillor is more or less concentrating his efforts around his own council for and each one expects the other to be the same in his own work.

(iii) House of Assembly

These people know and understand the House of Assembly to the same degree they do with their village council. They know that the same set up in the House is that exactly found in the council except that the House of Assembly is the 'namba wan yawan' which has wider powers and covering the whole territory. Like they do with the council the people say little when the matter is being discussed. It's best to say that they are more accustomed able to understand the council than they would the House of Assembly. In fact very little was mentioned on the subject during this time.

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POLITICAL.

(1) Local Government Council:

The people are inside the NAKANAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL with the council headquarters at EWASSE.

Just how much interest the people have in their council the writer cannot very well cover in details. The people were mostly worried about getting paid for their timber than discuss council matters, as experienced. In any case where a few did have time to talk about the council the same thing was repeated, i.e. that a council is a good organisation to have at village level because it helped the people. Just how and what they meant when they said that is left to one's opinion. It gets down to the point then that the council is good at village level because the people run their own affairs with their own money or that's the impression the writer got speaking to the people. It is very hard to know exactly whether the people understand what the council means to them for they say very little when the subject is discussed. Personally the writer thinks the people are aware at least the fundamentals of the council as a body in their area. Most of the time one hears of complaints to why the council hasn't yet got around to doing what it has planned to do in a village. Because this was not a D.D.A. routine patrol, villagers spoken mostly came from the nearby village of UBILI. Maybe other villagers would have different ideas about the council.

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trip.







SOCIAL

(3) (4)

(i) Education

A Roman Catholic Mission ran school is located at ULAMONA. This is staffed by four indigineous teachers and a mission Sister who is in charge of the school. The school caters for classes from preparatory up to standard six. The school comprises of three school classrooms the third still undergiong its completion stage. Children from catholic villages attend the schhol and those children whose home villages are a fair way away from the school sleep in the school and attend classes. The top floor of one school building has been turned into a dormitory and these children use it.

At village standard most of the people can speak pidgin and a few can read and write pidgin english. These group wolud normally be those who have attend mission schools sometime in their earlier days.

(ii) Health

Overall health standard in the area is generally quite good. The mission in the area also runs a hospital providing medical services for the local population in the area. Infant welfare clinics are also conducted by the Sister in charge of the hospital in the villages nearby. Mothers have their babies born at the hospital and the hospital also takes in patient who are very sick.

(iii) Mission

The people in this area are followers of two dinominations, the Roman Catholic and the United Church. Thess are the only church in this area. There are more catholic followers than United Church followers.

(iv) Cults

The people on the coast are not invovled with any any cult or sort. If they are there is no light on the subject. It maybe true with the people on the island of LOLOBAU. Mr Allmark went in to investigate the matter and just what results he found he hasnt made this known yet.

There certainly can be found in the inland villages of BAGO, MANU and KAMITANE the people are followers of the KORIAM cult. The writer on a trip to the village of BAGO found that in the village the people have built a house special for KORIAM. The house well decorated and seems to be kept clean every day. The people are reported to waiting for their ancestors to send them cargo or something. They also keep their cemetery generally clean and tidy. These group of people have for sometime now been opposing the inroduction of a council into their area.

*R. Tobia*  
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(R. Tobia)  
Patrol Officer  
27.11.68.





MAP TO ACCOMPANY

EWASSE Patrol No. 4 of 68/69

Area bounded in red indicates  
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bought.

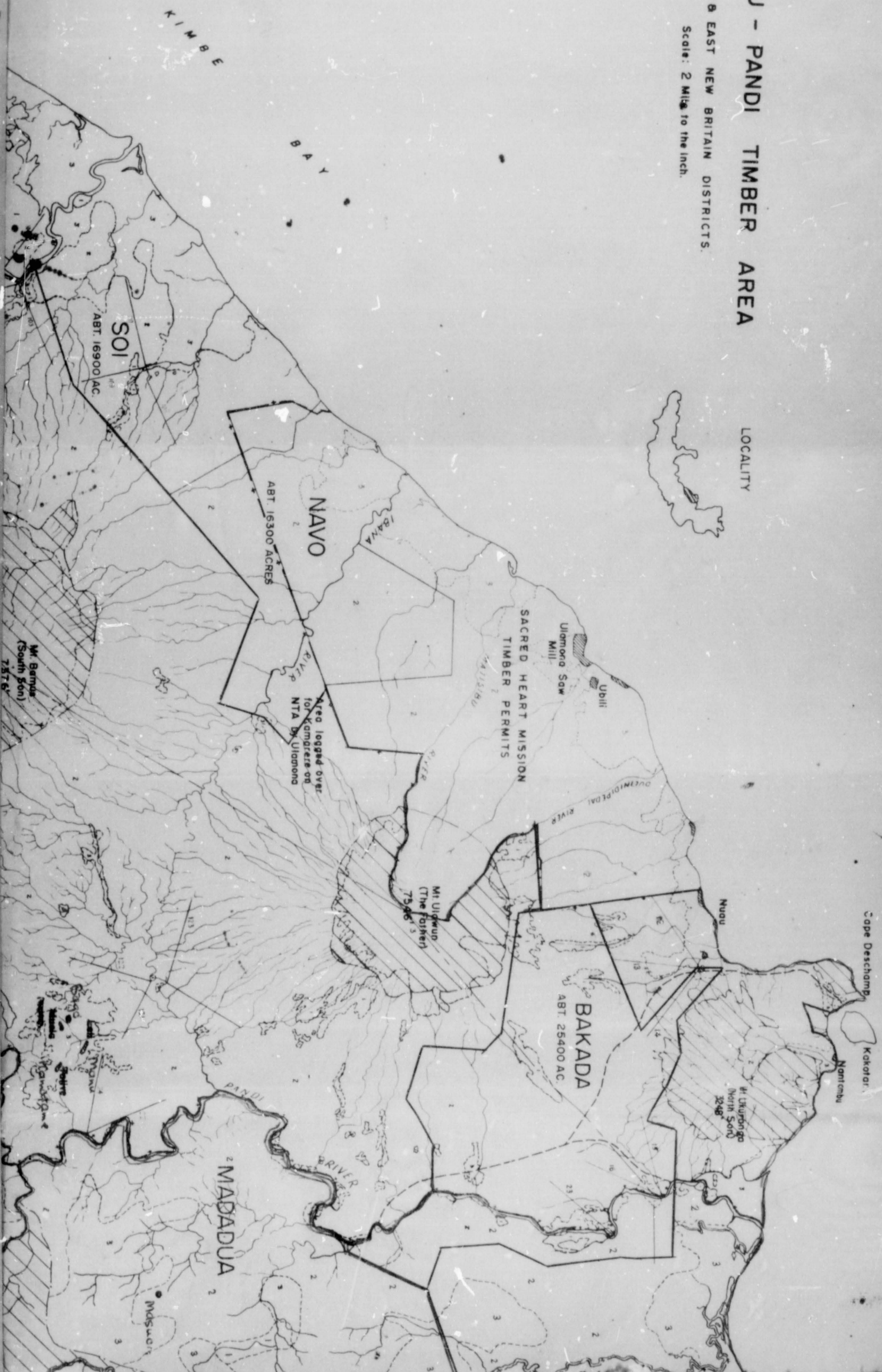
Area bounded in blue indicates  
area where sale was declined.

# TOIRU - PANDI TIMBER AREA

WEST & EAST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICTS.

Scale: 2 Miles to the Inch.

LOCALITY





# TIMBER AREA

MAIN DISTRICTS.  
of the Inch.

LOCALITY







WILELO  
29150 ACRES

ALIAN  
PURCHASE

PURCHASE

LAND

HARGY

LAKE

HARGY

KOMAGA

TAMBU

BALUHA  
RIVER

Mr. Gollisgalo  
(No. 3948)

Mr. BRITAIN  
(No. 5174)

BALUMA  
RIVER

DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS T.P.N.G.

LEGEND

- 1 Eucalyptus diquaria
- 2 Productive Rainforest
- 3 Unproductive
- Inaccessible
- Cocunut Plantation
- District Boundary
- Timber Area Boundary
- Village

Note: Blank map traced from working 1:63,500 scale  
 Vegetation boundaries taken from 1:63,500 scale  
 Photographs supplemented by 1:47,000 scale  
 maps

Songamali Mykud.

Malison

Leli

Tallio  
Mupia

Bauwau



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. EWASSE 5 of 1968/69

Patrol Conducted by R ALLMARK A.20

Area Patrolled MALASI area of CENTRAL NAKAWAI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives .....

Duration—From 9/1/1969 to 13/1/1969

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JUNE/1968

Medical .....

Map Reference MILIMUH BANGA S.E FOURMIL TALASEA

Objects of Patrol INVESTIGATE CULT ACTIVITIES

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[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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3rd April, 1969

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU

(7)

LAND SETTLEMENT SALE/MALASI WEST NEW BRITAIN

Your 35/11/17, 67/17/27 of the 18th March, 1969  
refers.

This memorandum has just been brought to my  
notice, and the delay in replying is regretted.

As you are now aware this matter was considered  
at the Land Development Board Meeting of the 1st April, 1969  
and when the Minutes of the Meeting have been approved by  
His Honour a cost/benefit investigation is to be carried out.

I believe that irrespective of this study the  
scheme is justified from a political aspect and strongly  
support its implementation.

(D.S.GROVE)  
Director of Lands,  
Surveys and Mines.

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35-11-17  
67-17-27

18th March, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of Lands,  
Surveys & Mines,  
KONEDOBU, Papua.

LAND SETTLEMENT - SALE/MALASI,  
WEST NEW BRITAIN.

Attached is a copy of EWASSE Patrol Report 5 of 68/69 describing an outbreak of cargo cult in the Mamusi and Malasi areas which the reporting officer considers can be attributed to lack of progress in the Sale/Malasi resettlement. Apparently cocoa plantings commenced before Administration purchase some three years ago, but everything has been at a standstill since then as there is no other suitable land for cocoa plantings.

The District Commissioner has commented that he has unsuccessfully pressed your Department for an indication of action, but the proposal has not yet reached the Land Development Board. He feels that "we should have progressed further than we have", and warns that lack of action may lead to unplanned squattings.

Could you advise me what is the present position, please?

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

MINUTE TO:

18th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain,  
HOSKINS.

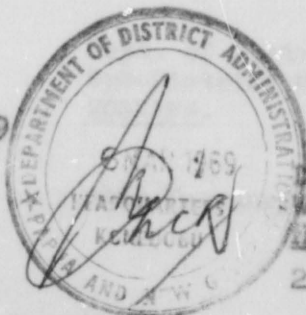
This report was quite adequate, but I agree with you that the delay was too long as it weakens our case for speedy action.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.



69-17-27 (b)

EWASSE P.R. 5/68-69



District Headquarters,  
West New Britain,  
HOSKINS.

2nd March, 1969

Assistant District Commissioner  
HOSKINS

SPECIAL PATROL - EWASSE No 5/68-69

The above report submitted by Mr Allmark of a special patrol to the Malasi area of the Central Nakanai, and your covering 67-1-1 of 24th February is acknowledged.

I must again point out that the report has taken an unreasonable time to reach this office, and you will give the movement of Patrol reports a top priority as directed in my Instructions of 13th January - District Instruction No 8.

Mr Allmark has adequately reported on the situation found in Malasi and of his subsequent actions which are endorsed. I concur that one reason could be the frustration in respect of a lag in subdivision of the Sale/Malasi land. However they must keep the development currently achieved, and utilize the benefits until something further can be implemented. I have pressed the Department of Lands (Settlement) for an indication of action, but without tangible success. The proposal has not yet reached the Land Development Board.

O.I.C. Ewasse should be instructed to visit the area with a degree of regularity to keep an eye on the situation, encourage the clearing of areas already planted, and show that he, at least is interested in them. He should certainly return there for a few days this month.

In the interim I will again raise the matter with the Dept of Lands, and request our Director to intervene. I await the resolution from the Nakanai Council which should bear out Mr Allmark's observations.

*K. W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER

District Commissioner, W.N.B.

MINUTE TO:

The Director,  
Dep't of District Administration,  
WONEDOBU

Two copies of report forwarded please. The outbreak was reported in the January report to the T.I.C. The reasons could well be the frustration and dis-illusionment caused by inordinate delays in utilization of lands purchased for settlement in the area.. the people concerned being largely migrants who have developed some area as was the case with Uasilau and Silonga.

Lands have promised action, but nothing has happened to date. There are problems; priorities within the District (Oilpalm) road locations and planning; but I feel that we should have progressed further than we have. Lack of action will see either (a) complete frustration or (b) the utilization of administration land in an unplanned manner by the people for development on the grounds that we do not really intend to use it.

Could you perhaps ascertain the present position.

*K. W. Dyer*

67-1-1

Dept. of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

24th February, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No. 5 of 1968/69

Attached please find a report of a special patrol to Malasi conducted by Mr. Allmark, A.D.O.

The report covers the situation quite well and leaves little need for comment by me.

I understand you are aware of other activities associated with the name of KORIAM in other parts of the District. The situation will be watched.

In regard to the Sali Malasi development I understand that the preliminary sub-Division plan has been drawn but not yet surveyed. I am not sure if the plan itself has yet been approved.

The Nakanai Council will once again be asked to make a submission to the District Co-ordinating Committee through this office, for the Sale Malasi roads, though until the sub-Division itself is approved the location of the roads is in doubt.

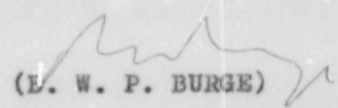
I agree with Mr. Allmark that an earlier commencement of this development would probably have averted this outbreak. At the very least with something to occupy them the people would have had less time to listen to the Mamusi cultists.

Discussions with Mr. Jones disclose that the further progress of the scheme rests in the hands of the Departments of Lands and Agriculture Headquarters.

I will write to the Executive Officer of the District Co-ordinating Committee to seek the help of that Committee in instituting the Sale/Malasi scheme as soon as possible.

There was no camping allowance claim attached to the report.

For your information please.

  
(E. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

16th January, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL NO 5 of 1968/69.

Sub-District : HOSKINS  
DISTRICT : WEST NEW BRITAIN  
Council Area : Nakanai Council.  
Patrol Conducted by : R. ALLMARK, Assistant District Officer  
Area Patrolled : Malasi area of Central  
Nakanai Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying : Mr. J. R. ELLEN, Patrol Officer.

Duration : Date out 9 . 1 . 69.  
Date in 13 . 1 . 69.  
Number of days 5.

Date and duration last D.D.A. patrol to area.  
: June 1968.

Objects of patrol : Investigation cult activities  
Malasi area.

Total Population of area patrolled  
: 126

Village population register not enclosed.

*R. Allmark*  
(R. Allmark.)  
Assistant District Officer.

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EWASSE PATROL NO 5 of 68/69.

PATROL DIARY

- Thurs. 9 January To Sulu by 'Aria'  
To Malasi - setting up camp.  
Village inspections Malasi and Silali hamlet.  
Slept Malasi.
- Frid. 10. January Further village inspections.  
Discussions local leaders and cultists.  
Slept Malasi.
- Sat. 11. January To Sale and return - village inspection,  
discussion leaders, village meeting.  
Local Court hearings at Malasi.  
Discussion with cultists.  
Slept Malasi.
- Sun. 12. January Village meeting.  
Departed for Sulu.  
Discussions with Councillors and Ward Committees.  
Slept Sulu.
- Mon. 13. January Departed Sulu for Ewasse per M.V. 'Aria'.

Situation Report - a) Political.

1. I am rather concerned with the political implications of this outbreak of cult activities at Malasi village. The cult was brought in from the Mamusi No 1 Census Division and particularly from Pokapuna village. The cult will be discussed in more detail under (c) Social. Outbreaks of this cult have occurred previously at Uasilau but this is the first occasion that I have heard of propaganda being used to the effect that the cult has government support.

2. This of course relates directly to Koriam Urekit the member for Kandrian - Pomio in the House of Assembly. The various cult workers are still known as 'Koriam Komiti' and it was found that cultists had been telling the Malasi people that the government in the person of Koriam together with a 'Wasta San' were coming to Pokapuna to hold a 'kago pati' and that funds were required for this purpose.

3. I believe Koriam has held a public meeting disclaiming any connection with the cult. If this is the case and the Mamusi are still using his name as a lever then surely they must be open to prosecution. It was explained to the Malasi people, some of whom are originally of Mamusi stock that Koriam does not represent them in the House of Assembly and that they have their own member to represent them. This was understood and Malasi people claim to have been tricked by the Mamusi.



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Situation Report - (b) Economic.

4. I would refer to paras 11 - 13 and 33 of Hoskins Patrol Report 18 of 1967/68. Unfortunately my prediction that the area was fertile ground for cult activities has proved correct. The present outbreak can be directly attributed to the complete lack of progress on the Sale/Malasi resettlement area. For the past three years the Sale/Malasi cocoa plantings have stagnated since the Administration bought the land with a view to resettlement on a similar basis to Uasilau and Silanga. There is no other suitable land available for cocoa plantings other than on the Administration land and the people have been languishing since the purchase awaiting some Administration action.

5. There has been pressure through the Nakanai Council for development to commence with no result to date. The people are aware of this and finally, have turned to other avenues for development, in this case cargo cult. I am hopeful that the cult outbreak has been stopped for the time being but it is essential to the good administration and development of the area as a whole that the Sale/Malasi scheme be instituted as a matter of urgency.

Situation Report - (c) Social

6. As previously reported the cult is based in the Mamusi Census Division of the East New Britain District. The cult is different from the Mengen Garden Cult in that to my knowledge the typical cult garden is not used.

7. Manifestations of the cult are:-

Small tables decorated with flowers are placed in houses with offerings of food and money for the ancestors. This closely parallels the previous outbreak at Uasilau.

Cash donations of 30c for each adult to be paid fortnightly. This is to enable the government and mission to hold the 'Kago pati'.

Visits by 'Koriam Komitis' to hold meetings with the people.

Overgrown cocor gardens and a drop in production can be directly attributed to the cult.

8. It is difficult to understand why the Malasi people have embarked upon this cult when the relationship between the Malasi people and the Mamusi is explained. Had the outbreak come from within this would be understandable. The Malasi people are proud of the fact that the Mamusi buy items from their Society store as they have none of their own. When money is not available the Malasi employ Mamusi men and women for a few shillings a week to clean cocoa gardens. In effect the Mamusi are merely a cheap source of labour and are treated as such but then the Malasi blindly follow when cult activists approach them.

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Situation Report - (d) Miscellaneous

9. Village meetings were held and at subsequent Local Court hearings four men PAKOSI - MAGOGO of Malasi, BURUSU - LILENGO, MAKALE - DELENGO and LEO - KATAWALIGE, all of Pokapona, were charged with spreading false reports. Of these Pakosi was sentenced to one month imprisonment and the remainder were convicted and discharged with a strong warning.

10. I am hopeful that the action taken will put a stop to cult activities but I do not expect the overall situation, responsible for giving rise to the cult, to improve until a start is made on the Sale/Malasi resettlement.



Amount Returned to Store

67-17-28



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. EWASSE 6-1968/69

Patrol Conducted by J.R. ELLEM PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled CENTRAL NAKANAI - UASILAU / SILANGA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives .....

Duration - From 9/1/1969 to 28/1/1969

Number of Days 20

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by - District Services NOV - JAN 1968/69

Medical .....

Main Reference MILINCH BANGA S.E FOURMIL TALASEN

Objects of Patrol ROAD CONSTRUCTION and INVESTIGATE CULT ACTIVITIES - TALASI

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2/3/1969

*[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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67-17-28

March 11th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL NO. EWASSE 6/68-69

Your reference EWASSE PR.6/68-69 of 2nd March, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by MR. J.R. ELLEM, Patrol Officer to Part of Central Nakanai  
Census Division.

Report is adequately dealt with by both covering  
memoranda.

I trust that Assistant District Commissioner, Hoskins  
has taken necessary remedial action concerning the apparent  
lack of inter-departmental co-operation as mentioned in the  
report.

Mr. Ellem is to be congratulated on his field work.

c.c. Mr. J.R. Ellem,  
Patrol Officer,  
EWASSE Base Camp,  
West New Britain District.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

Please note that political education must be a contin-  
ing process in all situations.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director, District Administration



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Report forwarded please. Mr Ellem has been doing a very creditable job in supervising and assisting on the Rural Development project -- access and subdivisional roads in the well developed Jasilau and Silanga settlement.

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER  
D.C.

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EWASSE P.R.6/68-69



District Headquarters,  
West New Britain,  
HOSKINS.

2nd March, 1969

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE SPECIAL PATROL No 6/68-69

The abovementioned report submitted by Mr Ellem, and your covering memorandum 67-1-1 of 24th February, 1969 is acknowledged.

In respect of the outbreak of cult in the Malasi area Mr Ellem's comments are noted, and largely endorsed. Sub-divisional work in the sector has been delayed overlong, but is due to the priority work required of the Land Settlement section in connection with the Oil Palm project. This is still going on. Strong recommendations have been made from this office and through the D.C.C for movement in the area; but priorities are determined within the District as they are within the Nakanai Council. I am still hopeful that action can be initiated within too long.

Mr Ellem's report on progress on the settlement and access roads in the Jasilau division is too brief to give an overall picture. Please have Lands Ass't Tavalakol trace, if necessary, a plan of the area and forward here so that I can arrange a number of copies to be printed. A copy of the plan, showing pictorially what sections have been completed, and what is being worked on will be invaluable. The attitude of the settlers in the area is good, and full co-operation is being achieved. I am interested to know how far work programmes were drawn up by the Councillors and people.

With the departure of Mr Allmark on leave, Mr Ellem will be able to give less time to supervision of work at Silanga. I suggest that Mr Hearn should be transferred to the site to work with and under Mr Ellem and then carry on. The work is a pressing need and completion has been too long deferred - though due to circumstances without your control. When may he be expected to leave?

I am perturbed at the tone of para 1 Page 5. What is the problem? Have you discussed the matter with DASH and has the situation been resolved? There is a complete need for all to work together if we are to achieve the optimum results.

The matter of equipment for the area will again be taken up with PWD, but I see little advantage of bringing in equipment while the weather conditions are unfavourable -- when vehicular traffic should be kept to a minimum.

Mr Ellem's claim for camping allowance, duly certified is returned for payment please.

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER

District Commissioner, W.N.

MINUTE TO  
The Director,  
Dep't of District Administration,  
KONEDORU

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

24th February, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No.6 - 68/69

Attached please find a report of a patrol carried out by Mr. Ellem in the SILANGA-MALASI area.

As can be seen from the report Mr. Ellem accompanied Mr. Allmark for the first 5 days of the patrol and Mr. Allmark's report No.5 covers that section fully.

The remainder of Mr. Ellem's report covers the same aspects as his patrol No.3 of 68/69 and shows continuing progress in spite of difficult weather.

I had the opportunity to inspect part of the UAS/LAU-SILANGA roads on 20/2/69 whilst in the area (per helicopter) in connection with a Timber Rights purchase and feel that all concerned in this endeavour are to be congratulated.

It is interesting to note (Political Education) that Mr. Maneke's, M.H.A., discussions following his recent trip overseas does not appear to have had a great impact on the people.

In this regard Mr. Ellem's earlier suggestion re a simple booklet on the Political system in the Territory has merit. However this type of booklet is already being produced and, though very simple, still fails to impart the required information due to the complete lack of any history, amongst most of the people, of any form of control or direction at a level higher than a clan or group of clans.

Though Mr. Ellem's refusal to allow Block Holders from this area to proceed to the Oil Palm area to work appears to be obeyed, it should be realised that there is no legal need to make such a request or legal authority to forbid such a move.

If this is the nearest source of money for these people, who do not have cash loans to fall back on, we may be making a mistake to do more than advise against this practice.

Once again Mr. Ellem has completed a useful patrol.

Attached please find a camping allowance claim.  
For your information please.

(B. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

West New Britain.

29th January, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

RE: EWASSE PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1968/69.

Attached please find my mentioned patrol report  
together with claim for camping allowance.

*J. R. Ellen*  
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(J.R. Ellen.)  
Patrol Officer.

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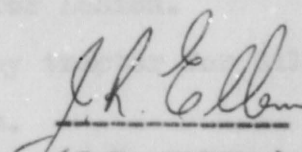
Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

29th January, 1969.

The Officer in-Charge,  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE.

RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 6 of 1968/69.

Sub-District : HOSKINS.  
DISTRICT : WEST NEW BRITAIN.  
COUNCIL AREA : NAKANAI COUNCIL.  
PATROLLED CONDUCTED BY : J.R. ELLEM, Patrol Officer.  
AREA PATROLLED : SILANGA AND UASILAU AREA OF  
CENTRAL NAKANAI.  
PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING : NIL.  
DURATION : DATE OUT 9/1/69.  
: DATE IN 29/1/69.  
Number of Days 20.  
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL IN AREA.  
: 30/10/68  
69 Days  
OBJECTS OF PATROL : SUPERVISING ROAD WORK.  
: RE. CULT ACTIVITIES MALASI AREA.  
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED.  
: 2,500  
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER NOT ENCLOSED.

  
(J.R. ELLEM.)  
Patrol Officer.



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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
West New Britain.  
29th January, 1969.

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

RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 6 OF 1968/68.

PATROL DIARY.

- 9/1/69. Departed Bialla accompanying Mr. R. Allmark O.T.C.  
Ewasse by Sulu per M.V. Aria.  
1200 Arrived Sulu and departed for Malasi.  
1300 Arrived Malasi.  
1400 Departed Malasi for Silali.  
1510 Arrived Silali, inspected village.  
1530 Departed Silali for Malasi.  
1540 Arrived Malasi inspected village.  
Overnight Malasi.
- 10/1/69. At Malasi investigating Cult activities.
- 11/1/69. 0630 Departed Malasi for Sale.  
0800 Arrived Sale, Village inspection and  
discussion re. Cult activities.  
0900 Departed Sale for Malasi.  
1030 Arrived Malasi.
- 12/1/69. Sunday.  
1430 Departed Malasi for S  
1530 Arrived Sulu.  
Overnight Sulu.
- 13/1/69. 1230 Departed Sulu for Ewasse per M.V. Aria.  
1345 Arrived Ewasse.  
1600 Departed Ewasse for Lasibu.  
1800 Arrived Lasibu.  
1930 Departed Lasibu by tractor for Silanga.  
2000 Arrived Silanga.  
Overnight Silanga.
- 14/1/69. 0700-1630 Supervised road work in Silanga area.
- 15/1/69. 0700-1630 Supervised Road work.
- 16/1/69. 0700 Supervised road work in Silanga area
- 17/1/69. 0700 Heavy rain A.M. Supervised road work during  
afternoon.
- 18/1/69. ~~18~~ Saturday at Silanga  
1700- 2100 Political education discussion with  
several villagers.
- 19/1/69. Sunday at Silanga.

- 20/1/69. 0700-1630 Supervised road and commences constructing 18" pipes for Lasibu wharf.
- 21/1/69. 0700-1400 Supervised road work.  
1430 at Lasibu.- Departed Lasibu for Bialla per M.V. Aimara.  
1630 Arrived Bialla. and Departed for Base Camp at Ewasse.  
1700 Arrived Base Camp.  
Overnight Ewasse.
- 22/1/69. At Ewasse.
- 23/1/69. 1015 Departed Bialla per M.V. Aimara for Lasibu.  
1235 Arrived Lasibu- Inspected road work.  
Overnight Silanga.
- 24/1/69. 0700- 1430 Supervised road work- Heavy rain P.M.
- 25/1/69. 0800-1400 Supervised pipe making.  
1400-1730 Operated tractor to grade roads.
- 26/1/69. Sunday at Silanga.
- 27/1/69. 0730 Supervised road work.  
1200-1400 heavy rain.  
1400 1600 Supervised road work.
- 28/1/69. 0700 Packed gear for return to Ewasse.  
0900 Supervised road work.  
1300 At lasibu- awaiting ship M.V. Aimara-  
End Patrol.



SPECIAL REPORT.1/ INVESTIGATION CULT ACTIVITIES MALASI AREA.

The investigation into the cult activities was conducted by Mr. R. Allmark A.D.O. who was then the Officer in Charge, Base Camp Bwasse.

The writer accompanied Mr. Allmark on this patrol for the purpose of gaining experience for investigating cult activities and for gaining on the spot information about the people concerned and manifestations of the cult.

From information gained during the investigation it appeared to be certain that these cult activities in the Malasi area were promoted by the lack of progress by the Administration on the Sale/Malasi land purchase.

The Sale/Malasi land purchase was made by the Administration with the aim of resettlement taking place on similar basis to that of Silanga and Uasilau.

Since that/these people have been informed that in the near future the Administration would take action to get the resettlement underway.

To-date very little other than the purchase has taken place.

As a result during the past few years new plantings of cocoa have stagnated as the only suitable land on which to plant cocoa has been purchased by the Administration.

The writer has been advised that pressure from the Nakanai Local Government council to get the resettlement moving has had no effect.

With the lack of co-operation it is not unlikely that these people should have sought other means for development though it was a cargo cult.

During the investigation several tables decorated with flowers and with offerings of food, were sighted.

The cult workers are known as "Koriam Demiti" which relates the cult to the earlier cult which appeared at Uasilau, and the Mamusi cult.

Koriam Urekit is the member for Kandrian-Pomio in the House of Assembly. Although he has denied knowledge of "Koriam Cult" his name is still used and this also gives the people the idea that the cult has the support of the Government.

The cult came into the area from the Mamusi area and the leaders who came to the Malasi area are all from Pokapuna village. They are; Burusu Lelengo, Makale Lelengo and Leo Katawalige. The Malasi people appointed their own committee who is Pakosi Magoga of Malasi village.

Cash donations of -30¢ from each adult were to be paid each fortnight to the committee man, this was to enable Government and Mission to hold a cargo Party.

As far as could be ascertained only one of these payments were made.

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It appears that the action taken by Mr. Allmark will put an end to the cargo cult in the Malasi area. But it is more than likely that unrest will remain until a start is made on the Sale/Malasi resettlement.

## 2. LASIBU WHARF.

This was a priority project for the writer's last patrol in this area Ewasse patrol No.3 of 1968/69.

Owing to difficulties in construction the writer re-designed the wharf and the required materials were ordered.

Cement has still to be received but P.W.D. Kos ins made forty bags available which are being used for making the thirty 18" pipes that will be required for the pylons. To-date ten good pipes have been constructed. The pipes are being made by Valuka Balo of Koto village who was taught the trade by the writer. Each week he has one assistant and in the near future will be making two pipes in one day.

As soon as the additional cement is received or sufficient pipes to start constructing the pylons work will continue on this wharf.

## ROADS.

Work has continued according to my last report "Ewasse No. 3 of 1968/69" as laid down in the ninth paragraph under roads on page 11.

With the heavy rains which have fallen since early January progress has been hampered but as this was expected the results to-date have been pleasing.

The rotation method adopted has produced very satisfactory results as during the week when the villager has to work he works well, then during his three weeks off he has achieved more than he did in the past six months, as far as maintenance goes, on his block.

### Progress.

#### 1. Silanga side of the Ala river.

concentrated At this stage work has been concentrated on this side and then mainly on the Silanga to Lasibu road.

From the council ward which is to work on a particular week the men work from Monday to Friday and the Women work on Tuesdays and Thursdays which enables them to gather their food on the off days.

The men have concentrated on;

A. Felling of trees along the Silanga to Lasibu road. Three miles are now completed.

B. Drainage and felling of timber from Salelubu to portion No. 461. Another few weeks should see this portion completed. To-date the results from this work has been surprising and on completion this portion of road will require eight culverts and one quarter of a mile of surfacing. This should make it an all weather road



C. Drainage along block 512 and 504. This area will be a problem area. Owing to the lack of Co-operation from the Department of Agriculture stock and Fisheries staff at Salelubu, at this moment this area is not passable to traffic.

There are three low lying areas in the area mentioned and the writer managed to have these successfully drained and then requested that when the Agriculture tractor was travelling to Lasibu empty that it should carry gravel to this area. During the many trips that it made no gravel was carried to this area, until this last week when the Agriculture staff made a desperate effort to get this road passable again.

In their present condition these three areas will require approximately twenty loads of gravel, twelve two foot pipes and three hundred yards of additional drains before it will be satisfactory. But it will not be possible to do this until after the wet season.

D. Surfacing wheel ruts with pumice for three miles of road in from Lasibu. Approximately half of one mile has been completed but as the rain increased it became unpracticable to continue with this work.

The women have concentrated on stock piling sand and have piled sufficient to construct one hundred pipes.

At the present time transport (Tractor and trailer) is the greatest handicap apart from the rain. When ever the roads dry out enough for transport to use it both the Mission and the Agriculture tractors are being used to carry materials to their stations.

There is hours of work for a tractor and trailer on the already constructed roads-Silanga to Lasibu (5 Miles) and Uasilau to Walo (7½ Miles). This work is to maintain these roads and if a public works tractor was to be made available much expenditure would be saved and therefore development increased.

The writer was previously advised that an attempt would be made for the second P.W.D. tractor at Cape Gloucester Patrol Post to be stationed at Silanga.

The writer has received no further advice on this matter but can assure that such a tractor would be fully utilised.

## 2. Uasilau side of the Ala river.

The men from Uasilau have completed cutting the grass and felling the trees along the road from Uasilau to Walo. They are now piling gravel for the purpose of gravelling the half mile of road in from Walo.

When this is completed the men will repair the rough patches which are numerous along this road.

## 3. Two "Bos Bois" Have been trained by the writer and at this stage appear to be competent in their work. They are continuing with the road work in the writers absence. From previous observations they should be able to continue with the good work during the writers absence. They are Wage the ex-councillor from Koto Village and Olei the committee man from Babata village.

SITUATION REPORT.A. POLITICAL.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS.

The problem mentioned in my Ewasse patrol report No. 3 of 1968/69, concerning pigs and the council pig rule has now been brought under control as all villagers have now repaired or constructed a solid pig pen.

This success was reached during the past three weeks where the villagers work was organised in conjunction with road work and each villager knew what he had to do and when to do it.

2. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Much time mainly between 7.30 and 9.30 P.M. was spent discussing the House of Assembly, its members, Local Government councils and their purpose with the villagers.

On the 21st of January when Mr. J. Kaseke the member for Talasea in the House of Assembly returned from his tour overseas, he too held political discussions with his people. When the writer questioned several villagers on the 26th and 27th he was surprised to find that only a very small percentage of the villagers were able to give an answer with any satisfaction.

The writer still feels sure that the type of booklet suggested by him in Ewasse Patrol report No. 3 of 1968/69 would be a step towards success in political education.

B. ECONOMIC.

Over the past three weeks this has improved. This, as previously stated, is the result of organisation in the villagers work program.

Labour. During this patrol eight men requested permission to return to the oil palm to work. As each of them have leases over portions in the Silanga and Uasilau area and they have made no effort for extended development on their blocks their requests were refused.

From Silanga seventy three block holders worked in the oil palm area during the latter part of last year. At this moment only two Veisau of Ioa village and Karesongana of Kisiluvi village, are working at the oil palm. It has become clear that several more block holders from Silanga wish to return to the oil palm area for work.

C. CULT AND UNREST.

As discussed under special report. 1.

At the end of this report information from a reliable source indicated that the cult activities at Malasi have been stopped.

*J. R. Ellen*  
 (J. R. Ellen.)  
 Patrol Officer



Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. EWASSE 7 of 68/69

Patrol Conducted by J.R. ELLET Patrol officer

Area Patrolled UASILAU - SILANCA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives .....

Duration—From 6/2/1969 to 12/2/1969

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JANUARY 19 69

Medical .....

Map Reference MILINCH BANGA S.E FOURMIL TALA SEA

Objects of Patrol SUPERVISION RURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKS

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[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 ....

67-17-33

17th March, 1969.


The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL EWASSE NO. 7/68-69.

Your reference is Ewasse P.R. 7/68-69 of 3rd  
March, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special  
Report by Mr. J.R. Ellen, P.O. to Part of Central Nakanai Census  
Division.

3. A routine patrol adequately commented upon by  
A.D.C. Hoskins and yourself.

  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

cc: Mr. J.R. Ellen, P.O.  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE,  
West New Britain District.

Please note that political education must be a  
continuing process in all situations.



Two copies of the report forwarded please. The patrol covers the supervision of Rural Development Project for access to the Uasilau Silanga cocoa scheme.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOEU

*K.W. Dyer*  
K.W. DYER  
District Commissioner

EWASSE P.R. 7/68-69

District Headquarters,  
West New Britain,  
HOSKINS.

3rd March, 1969

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL REPORT No 7/68-69 - SPECIAL  
PATROL PART CENTRAL NAKANAI

The abovementioned report submitted by Mr Ellen, and your covering 67-1-1 of 24th February are acknowledged.

I am pleased to see that Mr Ellen is continuing to give maximum supervision of the road work in this important area, as part of his overall responsibilities for the Nakanai Council area.

In his report he states that certain alterations to scheduled work conflicted with his planned approach to the road work. In my 10-37-5 of 19th December, he was specifically instructed to "draw up a detailed programme and submit this to me by the end of January 1969 showing work to be done, and detailed programme of work to ensure all preparations are made ..... Please give me your firm proposals as soon as possible" These have still not been received though requested on several occasions. This will allow me to assess what is being achieved.

The comment in respect of Mr Manske MHA has been noted. I will take the necessary action to see Mr Manske on his return from the current sittings and explain what is being implemented in the Silanga/Uasilau sector and the need for one control. I'm sure what was done was in good faith.

Mr Ellen must be instructed to advise me of undue delays in material supplies for the Ala Bridge. I will be contacting the DWO to ensure followup should extracted items be non-supplied with a reasonable period.

Your comments on the Uasilau Society have been noted. The breakup of Producer and Consumer sections of this Society (and others in the Nakanai) has been pressed for by this office for over two years. I am glad to see action in hand.

The delays in processing applications for loans is known and correspondence has already risen on this subject. I am unable to understand the delays of such length. I understood that most, if not all applications had been processed by now. It is understood however that the Uasilau/Silanga scheme was not organized as is the later developments, and loans were not a pre-requisite for development.

Please ensure that Mr Ellen forwards his progress plan on receipt of this; and that he continues to supervise this closely until Mr Hearn is available to carry on as outlined in my covering memorandum and comments on P.R.5.

K.W. DYER  
District Commissioner

67.17.33

*9/17/69*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....67-1-1.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

24th February, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No.7 of 1968/69

Attached please find report of a patrol conducted by Mr. J. R. Ellem to the UASILAU-SILANGA area of the Central Nakanai.

The patrol was of a routine nature aimed at Rural Development in the area and consolidated and advanced projects that the patrolling officer had been engaged upon during his last two patrols.

The Development works progress has been fully covered in the report and need no comment other than that progress is satisfactory and pleasing, particularly when the present weather and some of the delays are considered.

In regard to Mr. Maneke's interference, I will ask Mr. Ellem to contact him regarding the alleged interference as Mr. Maneke is now back at home.

I do not know what can be done in regard to the extracted items for the Ala River Bridge D.I.V's at this stage. I will ask Mr. Ellem to keep me informed as to any further delays in the supply of materials.

The Uasilau Society has been in difficulties for some time and losses have been occurring in the retailing (store) section of the business. These have been borne by the producers to date with consequent very small net returns to the copra and cocoa growers.

Though there have been faults in processing of produce a greater profit should have been shown than there has been to date.

On 21/1/69 a general meeting of the Uasilau Society was held and attended by myself, a Co-operative assistant and an Agricultural officer. When it was disclosed that the store has lost approximately \$8,000 (in fact almost all of the share capital) since the inception of the Society, it was decided by the members to close the store for 6 months and compare producer profits without the drain of the retail section.

If it is decided to start a retail store again this will be a completely separate business to the producer co-operative.

After discussion some ideas were given to the people for improving produce quality and transport methods.





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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
West New Britain.  
29th January, 1969.

RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 7 OF 1968/69.

SUB-DISTRICT : HOSKINS  
DISTRICT : WEST NEW BRITAIN.  
COUNCIL AREA. : NAKANAI COUNCIL  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : J.R. ELLEM PATROL OFFICER  
AREA PATROLLED : SILANGA AND UASILAU AREA  
OF CENTRAL NAKANAI.  
PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING : NIL  
DURATION. : DATE OUT 6/2/69  
Date in 12/2/69  
Number of Days seven.  
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A.  
PATROL IN AREA. : 9/1/69 twenty days.  
OBJECTS OF PATROL : SUPERVISING ROAD WORK.  
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED. : 2500  
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER : NOT ENCLOSED.

*J.R. Ellem*  
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(J.R. Ellem.)  
Patrol Officer.



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Base Camp.  
Ewasse.  
West New Britain.  
14th February, 1969.

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

RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 7 OF 1969/69.

PATROL            DIARY.

6/2/69	1030	Departed Bialla for Lasibu per M.V. Aimara.
	1240.	Arrived Lasibu- inspected road work.
	1630	Overnight Silanga.
7/2/69.	0730	Supervised road and inspected pipe makers
	1300	Departed Silanga for Elobe.
	1430	Arrived Elobe inspected sight for village water supple Re Nakanai Council Project
	1630	Returned to Silanga.
	1830	Held meeting at Rest house Silanga Re; Road work.
8/2/69		Saturday. obtained information for Deceased Estates Re Block Holders Silanga Settlement.
9/2/69.		Sunday at Silanga.
10/2/69.	0700	Supervised Road work.
	1100	Remarked position for pylons for Lasibu wharf
11/2/69.	0700	Supervised road work. Inspected Kwila logs to be used for the above pylons.
12/2/69.	0700	Gear to Lasibu, Heavy rain fell all day- men unable to work.
	1530	Departed Lasibu for Bialla per M.V. Aimara. End patrol.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

LASIBU WHARF.

During this patrol ten Kwila logs for pylons were felled and pulled to the wharf sight.

The position for these pylons were marked.

Sufficient 18" pipes have been constructed for these pylons.

The main ~~was~~ delay on this project has been caused by confusion and delay in receiving cement from Steamships Trading company, Rabaul.

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For the original plan ~~of~~ this wharf two tons of cement ~~was~~ required. The writer arranged for this cement to be ordered and it has been received although it took two months for delivery.

When the writer replanned this wharf an additional two tons would be required and the Advisor for the Nakanai Council Mr. Allmark A.D.O. was advised. Mr. Allmark advised that he made arrangements for the delivery of this cement to Lasibu.

Before departing on this patrol the writer made enquiries and it was found that no order had been made. An order has now been submitted and it is ~~expected~~ that the cement will be received within one month.

ROAD WORK.

On completion of the writer's last patrol in this area - ~~W~~wasse Patrol No. 6 of 1968/69, instructions were given to and discussed with the "Bos bois" Olei/Masile and Waga/Sabubu.

- 1. Silanga to Lasibu road: felling of trees, weather permitting, surfacing in swampy areas and constructing culverts.
- 2) Drainage work on the road from portion No. 504 to portion No. 436
- 3) Drainage work and felling of trees from Portion No. 436 to Salelubu.
- 4) Surfacing along the road from portion No. 415 (Tela creek to portion No. 295

On return to the area at the beginning of this patrol it was observed that no work had been done on either Nos 1) 2) above, owing to heavy rains No. 3 was untouched as flooded creeks kept the men from coming to work and only No. 4) progressed according to plans.

It was observed that the greater percentage of the labour force had been instructed to fell trees and clear the bush along the road from Silanga to the boundary of the settlement going towards Kai village.

Plans had been made by the writer for work



to commence on this road in March this year along the same lines as the roads were constructed in the Oil palm area at Hoskins. That is all trees along the side of the road were to be felled by the men and then the bulldozer would clear the area for the road. However the labourers worked their way along this road felling all trees as they came to them and then left most of them lying where they fell. Although the area cleared was pleasing the change in programme upset the road works programme established by the writer,

When making enquiries the people said that the member for The Talasea open ~~electorate~~ electorate Mr. J. Maneke of Babata village had changed the instructions but no definite reason for doing so could be found. During this patrol Mr. Maneke was in Port Moresby.

PROGRESS TO THE END OF THIS PATROL.

- 1) Sights were again marked for the construction of culverts along the Silanga to Lasibu road. Two foot pipes were ordered for these and the pipes are being made in the area.
- 2) It is hoped that this area will be completed next week.
- 3) This area is completed and only culverts and surfacing being required.
- 4) In this area there is still two hundred yards to be surfaced.

The method of labour employment (Being voluntary) as mentioned in Ewasse Patrol No. 5 of 1968/69 is proving very satisfactory, As the settlers are getting themselves organized and achieving much more as a result.

The Uasilau to Walo road is ready for gravelling but owing to the heavy rains that are falling almost daily it may be some time before this can be done.

Ala river Bridge.

The required tools for the construction of this bridge have started to arrive. To-date on the D.I.Vs received 50% of the items have been extracted.

SITUATION REPORT.LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The writer has recently been appointed adviser to the Nakanai Local Government Council. On appointment the estimates were examined and all projects not yet completed were noted.

One of these included the water supply for Elobe village. This was to be achieved by capping a spring according to the estimates.

On inspection of the area it was found that no spring existed but a gully was to be used.

To make this a success a dam will have to be constructed.

It's small projects like this that can upset the estimates for a council.

It is hoped that this project will be completed within two months.

ECONOMIC.GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

As stated in previous reports Rural development in this area during the past two years has been unsatisfactory.

With the organized programme given to the settlers by the writer in connection with road work, the settlers are now finding that they have much more time, if they follow the advice given to them, to spend on their blocks. At this stage the majority of this time is being spent on maintaining the already planted areas but in the near future the settlers should be able to make new plantings.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPING DEPARTMENTS.

The Co-operative officers have just completed an audit of the societies stores in this area. The results were surprising.

The Silanga Society was said to be running well but the Uasilau society store has managed to run at a loss of some thousand dollars. Unfortunately figures for these societies are not yet available from the Co-operative officer at Salelubu. When they are available further comments will be made.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND FISHERIES.

This Department has at last commenced work with the Silanga settlers. The Officer in Charge at Salelubu Mr. H. Doery has spent much time discussing loans with these settlers and Agriculture Assistants have commenced inspecting the settlers blocks.

The loans mentioned above were originally applied for several years ago. At this stage most of the blocks are bearing and thus now when the loans are approved they are of little or no



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value to these settlers. It is hard to imagine why such  
/longer loans should take/than six months to be approved.

SOCIAL.

Despite advice given by the writer the Silanga people have commenced building a mens club house.

When the writer was first informed that the men wanted to build a mens club house he advised against it because there is already three large meeting houses at Silanga and the Nakanai Local Government council has on its five year plan a community centre for Silanga and this was ~~and this was~~ listed as a possibility for 1969/70.

*J.R. Ellen*  
(J.R. Ellen.)  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of ~~WEST~~ NEW BRITAIN Report No. EWASSE NO 8 of 1968/69

Patrol Conducted by J.R. ELLEM PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled EAST NAKANAI (PART) UBILI TO BAIA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives .....

Duration—From 19/2/1969 to 22/2/1969

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NOV/1968

Medical .....

Map Reference MILINCH OF ULAWAN FOURMIL OF TALASEA

Objects of Patrol ROAD SURVEY LAND QUERIES

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

75/3/1969

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

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



67-17-38

27th March, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL NO. EWASSE 8/68-69.

Your reference is P/R 8/68-69 of 15th March, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. J.R. Ellem, P.O. to Part of East Nakanai Census Division.
3. Mr. Ellem continues to carry out good work.
4. I note from your covering memorandum that you have instituted the necessary action to ensure that he has adequate briefing to enable him to fulfil his duties to the fullest.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

cc: Mr. J.R. Ellem, P.O.  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
West New Britain District.

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

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P/R 8/68-69

HOSKINS, KWALAKESSI P.O.,  
WEST NEW BRITAIN.

15th March 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No. 8 of 1968/69

Thank you for the prompt submission of Mr. Ellem's report on the above patrol with your covering comment.

The patrol was a short one and Mr. Ellem has submitted some useful but general comment. As far as the objects of the patrol are concerned from my own knowledge and background of the area I do not consider these were adequately carried out. There were no patrol instructions with the report. Who gave Mr. Ellem his instructions and precisely what was he to do?

Road survey and land queries were listed as objects. Two long outstanding matters in the area are the Ulamona/Nuau road - an approved and funded Rural Development Project and the Sule airstrip. To a certain extent these two projects are linked because continual damage is being done to the Sule airstrip by water that runs on it across and down it from the existing Ulamona/Nuau road.

My file reference 4-3-2 bears ample reference to my dissatisfaction with progress on the Sule airstrip. The District Airport Inspector has continually insisted the work required is only minor. The O.I.C. Ewasse consistently said it was difficult and the people in the area did not particularly want the airstrip. Accompanied by O.I.C. Ewasse, NIKINIKI and the District Works Officer I inspected the airstrip on 22nd December 1968 and clearly indicated the first task on the Nuau road project was to reroute it around the SULE airstrip and keep water off the strip. Action, not further examination, was required. I understood recent lack of action was because of staff shortage. In commenting on Ewasse patrol No. 6 I suggested CPO Hurn should be moved to the Nakanai area. I consider you have other staff available who could be moved up for a specific job.

I do not know why Golden Pines are being asked for a quote on the road job. I believe that both Mr. Blake and the Catholic Mission have suitable equipment available on the spot. Being interested in the road I am sure the Council could secure a better deal through either of these than in moving equipment around from WILELO. As far as I can see the job is extremely simple. It amounts mainly to having an officer there to organize and supervise the job.

My file correspondence 35-3-95 asked for a thorough re-examination of matters relating to the land sought by Mr. Blake adjoining the airstrip. In summary: (i) Someone must be found to be responsible for the strip (ii) Mr. Blake has been the most interested but has his establishment NENE LOLOBAU Island (iii) Mr. Blake will accept responsibility for airstrip if he can get land and position labour etc adjoining the airstrip (iv) people will lease only 5 years (v) Admin. will not lease to Mr. Blake for less than 20 years. In view of this do you consider Mr. Ellem's comment at page (4) Para 3 adequate? Just what is the attitude of the people and the mission towards this strip which I consider important? Surely Mr. Ellem could have enquired further into the resistance for outright purchase, longer lease, or smaller area. Surely he could have explained the necessity to have someone at the strip.





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Sub District Office,  
HOEKING.

5th March, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
East New Britain District,  
HOEKING.

WAKEM PATROL No. 8 of 1968/69

Attached please find a report of a Patrol to part of the East Wakem conducted by Mr. J. R. Ellen, Patrol Officer.

This short patrol enabled Mr. Ellen on behalf of the Wakem Council to assess the requirements for the ULAMONA-NUAG road.

I am expecting a report from Mr. Ellen when the Council has finalised arrangements for construction of the road. By now the Council should be aware that the road will be its responsibility.

It is felt that the USILI-WAGO road can be left in abeyance until some firm indications are received as to the ultimate development along this road.

The SULA land does not now appear to be obtainable, a five year lease being unsatisfactory.

You will be advised as soon as further word is received in respect of the Department of Forests application at BAIK.

It is heartening to see that interest is being stimulated by Mr. Ellen's talks on Political Education and bodes well for future understanding by these people.

The extension of coconut plantings is to be praised and encouraged and indicates that the people of this area will be in a healthy economic state in the future.

In regard to the lack of assistance given by the Department of Agriculture it is apparent that this is due to lack of staff. The few extension officers available in the District are fully committed elsewhere. However, the Wakem Council may be interested in taking this matter up with a view to obtaining D.A.S.F. staff for the people of the Eastern end of the District.

The District Rural Development Officer has been asked to investigate the Yaro Blight, with a view to offering solutions but he is not at all optimistic.

Apparently if this is indeed the Yaro blight that has spread up from the Solomons the only cure is spraying, which is too expensive for the people.



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The only other approach is for the people to plant alternative crops and accept the fact that the Taro yield will be low in the wet season and reasonable in the dry season (when the crop is less affected).

If the request for a visit to UBILI by a Co-operative Officer is not answered the Makana Council may care to take this matter up also.

Can an outboard motor be obtained for O.I.C., Ewasse please?

A useful patrol and an informative report, marred somewhat by spelling errors.

Camping allowance claim attached herewith.

For your information, please.

(B. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Base Camp,  
EWABE.  
West New Britain.

RE: EWABE PATROL No. 2 of 1969/69.

SUB-DISTRICT	: Hookim.
DISTRICT	: West New Britain.
COUNCIL AREA	: Beharai Council
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	: J. M. Elliot.
AREA PATROLLED	: Ubili to Bain-East Haksnai.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING	: Nil
DURATION	: Day out 19/2/69
	: Day in 22/2/69
	: Number of days 4
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.B.A PATROL IN AREA	: 29/10/68
OBJECTS OF PATROL	: For 30 days. Timber purchase
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED	: Road inspection, Land queries
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.	: 600
	: Not attached.

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( J. M. Elliot. )  
Patrol Officer.



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Base Camp,  
New Britain,  
27th February, 1969.

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

RE: LAND APPLICATION NO. 3 OF 19/2/69.

- 19/2/69. 0630 Departed Base Camp for Ulusana by B.V. Aisara.  
1045 Arrived Ulusana- gear to Uhill village. Discussion with Councilors.  
1330 Dep. road Uhill for Bush inspecting Road and Sulu air strip along route.  
1500 Arrived Uhill-returned to Uhill via another proposed road sight.  
1550 Discussion at Rest House Uhill with villagers Re: Uhill-Ulusana road, Land application adjacent to Sulu airstrip. Owners of trade stores, Extensive Political education.  
2300 Discussion completed.
- 20/2/69. 0700 Waiting for powered canoe for transport to Baia. Re: Land application by Forestry.  
1200 Still waiting for canoe. It would help if Base Camp had its own Outboard Motor and Hull or Canoe.  
1400 Canoe arrives- heavy rain soon rough- unable to go to Baia.  
1410 Departed Uhill by village tractor to inspect a proposed road sight going towards New Land purchase.  
1730 Returned to rest house, Uhill.  
1930 Further Political Education discussions.  
2200 Discussion Completed.
- 21/2/69. 0630 Departed Uhill by canoe for Baia village  
1000 Arrived Baia- discuss ed proposed land purchase by Forestry, with villagers. Was informed that the majority of this land is owned by the Nantamukani villagers and that the "Big men" were still in Rabaul. Baia villagers willing to sell their portion and said that previously the Nantamukani people were also willing. Arrangements made for Nantamukani villagers to advise writer further.  
1230 Departed Baia for Nantamukani, then to Uhill.  
1600 Arrived Uhill.  
2000-2100 Political education discussion Uhill.

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2/2/69. of heavy rain falling, some near Lakshmi Nagar.  
0900 Departed Uthir Villages for Madhav pur located  
case.

1500 Arrived Madhav pur.  
and patrol.

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1. ROAD FROM ULLI VILLAGE TO ULLI VILLAGE.

Ref: A.P.O. 10-5-2 of 11/2/63.

On arrival at Ulli village arrangements were made for an inspection of the proposed road from Ullionsa near Catholic Mission to Ulli.

The writer was informed that there were two possible sights and both of these were inspected.

The inspection revealed:

1. This area will have no drainage problems other than culverting. The soil consists largely of Volcanic ash from the near by Ullion Volcano (The Fisher) this has resulted in a coarse textured soil which is indeed suitable for road construction.

2. The more suitable sight sight for this road is located inland. It follows one of the higher roads used by the Ullionsa men will be as far as the top of the hill air strip then cuts down towards the beach for some three hundred yards and from there follows the present track to Ulli village.

3. The other sight, which follows the coast line, is covered with an average of 2" of loose volcanic ash and is subject to erosion from the sea.

4. Approximately fifteen 1" culverts will have to be constructed, seven two foot culverts and three 5ft diameter pipe culverts/constructed to make this a perfect road.

need to be

5. There is only one bridge which spans the Ulli creek. This bridge has been constructed by the Mission but will need replacing within a few years.

A culvert (inert) using two rows of 4ft pipes would be adequate to solve this problem.

/ logs

"Golden Pines" have stated they would construct this road but will not commit themselves until they have inspected the area. At the present moment they are preparing for a ship due in early March so it will possibly not be until then that they can inspect this road. When their decision is given the District office will be advised.

2. ROAD FROM ULLI VILLAGE TO ULLI VILLAGE.

This road was inspected after the villagers mentioned it during a discussion stating that they would like to have a good road in the area so that they could plant coconuts in the area served by the road.

The writer inspected this road first and again was impressed with the natural conditions. As this road stones and rocks found on the small hills near Ullionsa would be the biggest problem.

The road follows an old timber road and is approximately some seven miles long.

The villagers were told that if they were to start to plant coconuts in this area then the Government would be interested in helping them. At such time the writer would recommend

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that the road be constructed.

2. LAND APPLICATIONS MADE IN THE AREA.  
RE: WASH 25-3.

This was discussed with the owners and the situation explained to them. Unfortunately Mr. Blake was in Rabaul during this patrol and a discussion with him could not be arranged.

The owners have stated that they are only interested in a five year lease.

4. LAND APPLICATIONS (FORWARD) IN BAINA AREA.

When the writer arrived at Baina enquiries were made to ascertain who the owners were and Baina villagers were named.

On arrival at Baina village it was discovered that the majority of the land belonged to the Namatouani villagers and that the clan leaders were at present in Rabaul but were expected to return about the 26th February.

The Baina villagers are willing to sell their portion of land and they said that the Namatouani villagers had previously been interested in selling.

Arrangements were made for the Namatouani villagers to advise the writer as soon as possible.

When word is received A.D.C. Hoskins will be advised under separate cover.



GENERAL SUMMARY.1. POLITICAL.LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.

There are three wards for the National Council in this area one at Uhill, one at Nuan, Santasha and Bain villages and the other at Pote and Poidoi village on Solobau Island. The councillor from Pote was absent during this patrol but the other two councillors Saneke of Uhill village and Gabu of Nuan village appeared to be keen and very interested in their work.

The National Council Pig rule has had some effect in this area. The results being that only one pig remains which is owned by a Uhill villager. The other villagers killed all their pigs and have decided that until they construct a good solid sty they will not have any more pigs.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Discussions for several hours were held with the Uhill villagers and the House of Assembly was one of the items discussed. These villagers know that there is a house of assembly and that the "members" hold meetings there but that is all that they understand about it. The role of the house of assembly especially making of laws was discussed at some length during this patrol. But it will take much time and a lot of discussion before their knowledge can be broadened.

POLITICAL SUMMARY.

As previously mentioned several hours were spent during this three nights camped at Uhill village discussing Government with the people.

The discussions were largely based on the information given in the De Kiet headed Government (Majority Rule No. 1)

This information was translated into Fijian English and all attending the discussion were able to understand what was being said.

The people stated that this was the first time they had heard of the points discussed and that never before had these things been explained to them.

Much interest was shown by these people and during the second and third nights a few of the people attending asked questions.

As many of the points discussed were new to these people it is possible that very few of the points will stay in their minds and therefore will have been forgotten but still during future discussions of this nature they should be able to recollect what they were told during this patrol and relate it to any new points that may come to light.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

1. Ubili Village.

In this area vast plantings of coconuts are to be seen. The latest available coconut census figures available from the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Salembu indicate that 16,723 palms of which 5330 are bearing are located in the Ubili plantation. As these figures are not recent these figures have changed considerably owing to new plantings and more palms reaching maturity.

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Special report No. 2 indicates that these villagers have further development.

2. Bua Village.

Figures are not available for the coconut plantings at this village but they are not as impressive as those at Ubili village. It was noted that new plantings are still being established.

3. Nantambu and Bua Villagers.

Coconut plantings at these villages are even less impressive but again extended plantings can be seen.

As the majority of the money received by these villagers for the sale of such of their land has been spent, the villagers are realizing that they will need some source for income and they are starting to expand their coconut plantings but the rate of development at this stage is very slow.

In these four villages the coconuts appeared to be bearing well. Ubili and Bua villagers have their own driers and Bua villagers informed the writer that they have arranged for the required materials to be ordered for a drier in their village.

From observations it can easily be seen that this area has potential. The main requirement for their success is assistance and advice when needed.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries.

1. To-date there has

only been a minimum of assistance given to these villages by the above Department.

Even just annual census of coconuts would tend to encourage coconut plantings as the villagers would then know how many coconuts they had planted in a year (and with these villagers) this should encourage them towards even larger plantings for the following year.

2. During this patrol the

mentioned writer examined gardens of the four previously mentioned villages. The following was noted:

a) Taro. With this food crop the plants never grew to more than 1/2 of its expected size. It was as at Bua or Bilang.

b) The taro when cooked was like a damp sponge and not at all tempting.

c) The leaves of the taro plants



were suffering from what appeared to be an attack by a parasite. Small dry blotches on the leaves could be seen and after a period these became larger and the whole leaf would be affected.

The writer was informed that Agriculture specialist had examined these infestations and had said that nothing could be done about it.

At least 75% of all Taro plantings were suffering from this infestation.

d) The villagers also stated that previously an Agriculture Officer (Name unknown) had said that he would arrange for experiments to be carried out in the area using various fertilisers. As this was some time ago it appears that this will not be so.

e) The villagers are becoming concerned.

Any steps that could be taken to improve the taro crops in this area should be taken, as it is well known that Taro is the main source of food for these villagers.

The matter will be taken up with the O.I.C. B.A.S.P. Salelaba.

During this patrol Oil palms were shipped to both Ubill and Nasa villagers where trial plantings will be established on the Nave and Nave's land purchases.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

As yet there are no societies in this area. The Ubill villagers have requested a Co-operative officer to visit their area with the hope of establishing a Copra buying society.

This would probably solve many of the villagers processing and marketing problems and it is hoped that this eventuates in the near future.

#### S. SOCIAL.

##### EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

The Ulusoud Roman Catholic Mission has a station near Ubill village which serves the area for Education and Medical needs.

##### MISCELLANEOUS.

The majority of these villagers are Roman Catholics with a few being members of the United church.

##### GENERAL AND SUMMARY.

ALL APPEARS TO BE WELL IN THE FOUR ABOVE MENTIONED VILLAGERS.

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REMARKS.

This patrol could have been much more successful had obtained better results if a powered canoe powered with a 20 hp. motor was stationed at O.I.C. Base. This is clearly indicated in patrol diary for 20/2/69 where plans and arrangements had been made for a powered canoe to be hired to transport the writer to Main and Poto villagers. As this day was relatively fine this trip could have been successfully made if the canoe had arrived when requested (which was possible) instead of six hours later.

This would have meant that the patrol could have visited Loloban island before rough seas set in which eventually prevented this from being done.

The writer has had experience in operating outboard motors.

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(J.R. Ellen.)  
Patrol Officer.



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Sub District Office,  
IRISIKI.

5th March, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
IRISIKI.

BRASSIE PATROL No. 5 of 1968/69

Attached please find a report of a Patrol to part of the East Nakamal conducted by Mr. J. R. Elles, Patrol Officer.

This short patrol enabled Mr. Elles on behalf of the Nakamal Council to assess the requirements for the ULAWONA-NUAU road.

I am expecting a report from Mr. Elles when the Council has finalised arrangements for construction of the road. By now the Council should be aware that the road will be its responsibility.

It is felt that the UBILI-NAVO road can be left in abeyance until some firm indications are received as to the ultimate development along this road.

The SULE land does not now appear to be obtainable, a five year lease being unsatisfactory.

You will be advised as soon as further word is received in respect of the Department of Forests application at BAIA.

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The District Rural Development Officer has been asked to investigate the Taro Blight, with a view to offering solutions but he is not at all optimistic.

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Can an outboard motor be obtained for O.I.C., Ewasse please?

A useful patrol and an informative report, marred somewhat by spelling errors.

Camping allowance claim attached herewith.

For your information, please.

(B. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



Amount  
Returned  
to State



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of West New Britain. Report No. Bwasse 9 of 1968/69

Patrol Conducted by J.R. Ellen, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Central and East Nakanai.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 6/3/1969 to 23/3/1969

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/2/1969

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

Map Reference See Bwasse Patrol No. 8 of 1968/69.

Objects of Patrol Wharf construction, Land matters and Political Education.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[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 .... \$.....

67-17-56

21st August, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
KIMBE  
Via Talasea.

PATROL NO. EWASSE 9/1968-69

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. J. R. Ellem, Patrol Officer, to CENTRAL and EAST NAKANAI Census Divisions.

Your comments, and those of the A.D.C., Hoskins, give a good coverage of this report.

No other special comment is required. Mr. Ellem has reported quite soundly.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.  
Mr. J.R. Ellem,  
Sub-District Office,  
EWASSE,  
Via Hoskins.

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

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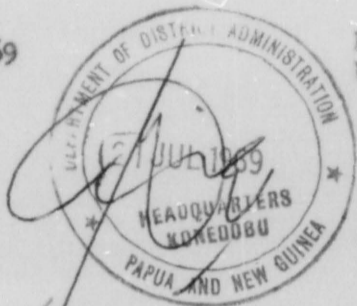


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Ewasse P.R.9/68-69

Hoskins, Kwalakesei P.O.,  
West New Britain District.

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15th July, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

Ewasse Patrol No. 9/68-69

Thank you for the abovementioned report.

Your S7-1-1 of 24th June, 1969, adequately covers the contents of the report.

It is obvious that Mr. Ellem approaches his work in a keen and enthusiastic manner.

Delay in submission rather detracts from the value of some of the material in the report.

Claim for Camping Allowance has been passed for payment.

*A.T. Carey*  
A.T. Carey  
a/District Commissioner

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

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Sub-District Office,  
Department of District Administration,  
HOSKINS.

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24th June, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No.9, 68/69

Attached please find a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. Ellem, Patrol Officer, over part of the Central and East NAKANAI. The report is marred by faults in expression and construction but is useful and concise.

Mr. Ellem's patrol was a useful one and the wharf (now in use) has proven of considerable benefit to coastal shipping in the area.

The decision to close roads when wet weather intervenes is fully concurred with but it is hoped that this will not be necessary when the next wet season arrives.

The fact that people are not prepared to enter into political debate after a hard day's work should not be deplored but the willingness to work displayed by the UASILAU-SILANGA people could be held up as an example to other groups in this sub-District.

A supply of books on Political and Social Education has been forwarded to Ewasse.

Discussion with the District Rural Development Officer did not produce any solution to the problem of Taro blight.

Apparently it is slowly moving into the area from the Solomons via East New Britain and any cure is far too expensive for the subsistence farmer.

As was said to me, people "must learn to live with it" and plant alternative crops.

Attached please find camping allowance claims for approval.

*(Signature)*  
(B. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

*Director  
D.D.  
Korobu*



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Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
 West New Britain.  
 31/3/69.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
 Sub-District Office,  
 Hoskins.

RE: EWASSE PATROL NO. 9 of 1968/69.

PATROL DIARY.

- 6/3/69 1010 Departed Biella for Tarobi by M.V. Aimara.  
 1400 Arrived Tarobi.-Repaired Village water pump.  
 1930 General meeting with villagers Political  
 Education.  
 2330 Meeting completed.
- 7/3/69 0700 Departed Tarobi for Lasibu by canoe.  
 0830 Arrived Lasibu- Supervised work on Lasibu  
 wharf.  
 1530 To Silanga inspected roads along route  
 2000 meeting with village officials  
 2230 Meeting completed
- 8/3/69 0750 Calculated the amount of fall from the dam to  
 the villages for the proposed Silanga water  
 system.  
 1530 Supervised painting of council tools.
- 9/3/69 Sunday at Silanga.  
 1930 General meeting with Silanga villagers Re; road  
 work.
- 10/3/69 0600 Kaka Supervised road repair work and wharf work.  
 1600 Wharf work for the day completed.  
 1800 Road work for the day completed.
- 11/3/69 0700 Departed for Lasibu- Supervised wharf and Road  
 work.  
 1800 Work for the day ceases.
- 12/3/69 0700 Supervised wharf and Road work.  
 1700 Returned to Silanga.
- 13/3/69 0500 To Uasilau- General meeting, discussed road work  
 programme  
 0930 Departed Uasilau for Lasibu.  
 1030 Arrived Lasibu- Poured concrete for two piers of  
 the Lasibu wharf.  
 1430 Departed Lasibu for Ewasse, per M.V. Aimara.  
 1700 Arrived Ewasse- overnight Ewasse.
- 19/3/69 0730 Departed Ewasse for Lasibu per M.V. Aimara.  
 0955 Arrived Lasibu- supervised wharf work.  
 1330 inspected road work.  
 1400 To Salelubu Discussed misplaced tools that  
 were found at Salelubu with Mr. A. Grant.  
 1500 Supervised work on Lasibu wharf.  
 1730 To Silanga - overnight Silanga.
- 20/3/69 0715 To Salelubu for District Sked.  
 -815 Supervised road work and wharf work at Lasibu.  
 1600 To Salelubu for conversation with D.D.C. Hoskins.  
 1730 Returned to Silanga.  
 1930-2130 Meeting at Silanga with villagers.





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SPECIAL REPORT.1. LASTBU WHARF.

Continuing with the construction of this wharf was the main purpose of this patrol.

Progress to the 7th March, as discussed in the writers earlier reports, consisted of:-

1. The construction of 25 concrete 18" pipes.
2. Preparing ten Kwila logs for use as Piers.
3. Marking the position for the ten piers.

The only equipment which was available for this work and for the work required to complete this wharf consists of;

1. one chain saw.
2. one spirit level.
3. four spades.
4. three pipe moulds.

The ten logs and thirty pipes were all brought to the sight by using bush cane and man power.

Progress to the end of this patrol consisted of;

1. The ten piers were positioned and sheaved in 18" pipes with concrete poured into the space between the logs and the pipes, thus sealing the logs from contact with the salt water. Bolts were also positioned in the top of the piers for the purpose of securing the main bearers.
2. The main bearers to support the decking were cut to length.
3. Work commenced on the causeway.

This progress was pleasing and some what surprising. As the ten kwila logs had to be lifted, placed in position and forced down into the sand by men using only bush cane, this obviously involved difficulties;

1. Constructing a solid platform over the wharf sight on which to work.
2. Standing the logs up without having them drift out of position.
3. Working the logs into the sand to a depth of up to 12 feet.

Additional decking has been ordered but shipping problems have delayed delivery of same.

It is estimated by the writer that the construction of this wharf will be nearing completion by the end of April. This will depend on the delivery of the extra decking and the 5/8" auger which has been on order since the 20th February.

2. ROADS.

At the end of Ewasse Patrol No. 7 of 1968/69, the writers last patrol in this area, the roads which had been constructed were in good condition with the exception of two areas requiring culverts on the road from portion No. 512 to Salelubu.

Twenty months ago the men from Silanga worked for four months in mud and water above their knees and since then, in drier conditions, for over a year on these roads. For this period, with the exception of two months, these people have been voluntary workers. Their efforts to-date have been outstanding and it is expected that this will be the case in the future.

However the villagers in this area have seen what can happen to the road constructed in the swampy area, adjacent to Lasibu, if used when wet. They therefore requested ~~that~~ "All persons in this area not to use this road during rain or afterwards whilst wet!" The villagers efforts are therefore not encouraged when these requests are ignored, resulting with the road being extensively damaged, as was the case with the Lasibu to Silanga road which was used during the peak of the North West monsoonal season.

From the 10th March to date 24 men have worked six days a week in an effort to repair the damage done to this road. The road is still not completely repaired.

It is therefore obvious that these villagers would, as they are, seek any and every possible excuse to avoid as much as possible of this road work as they can.

3. TOOLS AND MATERIALS.

This matter is becoming confusing with the tools and equipment arriving for the Ala river crossing, road work tools which are arriving addressed to P.W.D. Salelubu and Tools and equipment arriving for the Housing projects at Salelubu. It thus is very easy for items to be misplaced and to avoid this much care is being taken to keep this problem under control.

4. LANDS- EAST NAKANAI.

1. The required signatures for the completion of the Bauo Bauo Land purchase investigation were obtained. RE: District Commissioners 35-3-78, forwarded under Ewasse File 35-1.

2. The purchase of Kuau land was completed. RE: Ewasse 35-0 of 28/3/69.

3. Land application-Department of Forests Rangambol Point.

It was intended that enquiries as regards the willingness of the owners of this land to sell, be completed during Ewasse patrol No. 8 of 1968/69. However as there is no outboard motor ~~and~~ canoe or hull at Ewasse base camp and the unreliable condition of the few remaining outboard motors in the East Nakanai area this was not possible.

The majority of the owners of this land



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are from the Namatanakunai village and thus a trip to Namatanakunai was necessary.

On arrival at Namatanakunai village the proposed land purchase was discussed with the owners. Their reply was that they did not wish to sell the land as they had already sold much of their land to the Administration.

Estimated for the proposed local government building

Further details regarding the proposed building were discussed with the local government officials. It was noted that the local government was trying to move towards a residential area of the village.

The local government officials expressed their interest in the proposed building and their willingness to provide the necessary land.

It is noted that the proposed building will be a permanent structure.

Administrative Matters

Additional information regarding the proposed building was obtained from the local government officials. It was noted that the local government was trying to move towards a residential area of the village.

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SITUATION REPORT.

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A. POLITICAL.Local Government.

Water reticulation for Silanga is a project on this years (1968/69) and next years (1969/70) estimated, for the Nakanai Local Government Council.

During this patrol it was noted that Lands department was taking action towards subdividing the residential area of the Silanga settlement.

Enquiries were made and it appears that less than 15% of the population of Silanga will be leaving their present village sight.

As this is the case this project will continue as planned.

2. Political Education.

Working in hot exposed conditions for ten hours a day, any villager, let alone the ~~the~~ patrolling Officer, cannot be expected to be over keen to sit in a Political Education discussion at Night. Thus during this patrol little was discussed with the Silanga villagers along the lines of Political Education but still any opportunity which became available was taken advantage of.

During the night spent at Tarobi and the two nights at Nuau and Ubili villages, several hours were spent discussing Government and Methods of voting.

In these three villages the villagers showed much interest and this indeed is encouraging.

Having observed their reaction the writer is certain that the type of booklet suggested in his Ewasse Patrol Report No. 3 of 1968/69 would be very valuable in this area. The villagers sit and listen & ask questions but by the next day they have forgotten much of what was discussed and if they could refresh their memories by reading this booklet which would be in Pidgin English, as they would, then they would surely remember what had been discussed.

ECONOMIC.

The Taro disease mentioned in The Ewasse patrol report No. 8 of 1968/69 was discussed with the villagers of Nuau and Ubili and advice was given as listed in Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries File from the Officer in Charge Salelubu.

The villagers showed little interest towards the Suggestions.

During discussion on the night of Wednesday the 26th March it was noted that a few villagers stated,

" If soil survey looked at our soil they would find that it was good soil."

" During the time of our ancestors the men knew how to make poison to spoil the taro crops. Now we have forgotten how to do this."

" We think our Taro crops are no good because one of our ancestors made poison to spoil our gardens and then he died before he was unable to take the poison away. That is



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why we cannot grow good Taro crops to-day!

After they said this they immediately changed the subject and the writer was unable to obtain any more information regarding this matter.

This indicates the reason for the lack of interest shown by the villagers during discussions about their Taro crops.

Any advice that you could give me that may be of assistance towards settling this matter would be appreciated.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

AGRICULTURE.

This Department has set target figures for areas to be developed in the Uasilau settlement area.

The settlers concerned have stated that they know that and what they have to do this year. This will undoubtedly encourage development in this area.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

The requested visit of a Co-operative officer by the Ubili villagers has not as yet been answered. The writer has been informed that this is because the co-operative/incharge of the area "Timoti" who is stationed at Salelubu, is at present attending a course in Australia.

/officer

*J. R. Ellem*  
J.R. Ellem. )  
Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. EWASSE 10.1.1968-1969

Patrol Conducted by T. J. A. HEUSTON ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Area Patrolled EAST NAKANAI CENSUS DIVISION (PART)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans K. HART FORESTS OFFICER

Natives 1 DDA Land Field Asst. 1 Forests Asst.  
3 Forests Trainees.

Duration—From 22/4/1969 to 4/5/1969

Number of Days 13 days (9 nights camped out)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /Feb/1969 - J. Ellem P.O.  
Medical /Mar/1969 - C. Molas Med. Asst.

Map Reference MILINCH Open Bay FOURMILL Rabaul

Objects of Patrol 1. Investigate Baia Harbour (Bangambol Point) Land  
2. General Administration as required

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*20/5/1969*

*[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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June 6th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL NO. MESSAGE 10/68-69

Your reference MESSAGE P/R 10/68-69 of 20th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by  
MR. T.J.A. HEUSTON, Assistant District Officer to Part of East  
Malmei Census Division.

A good report even though it is disappointing that purchase  
of land was not finalized. Action, as you have suggested, could lead  
to a change of heart in the future.

If it could be arranged I would appreciate photographs of  
URILI village to illustrate the type of housing and layout in question.

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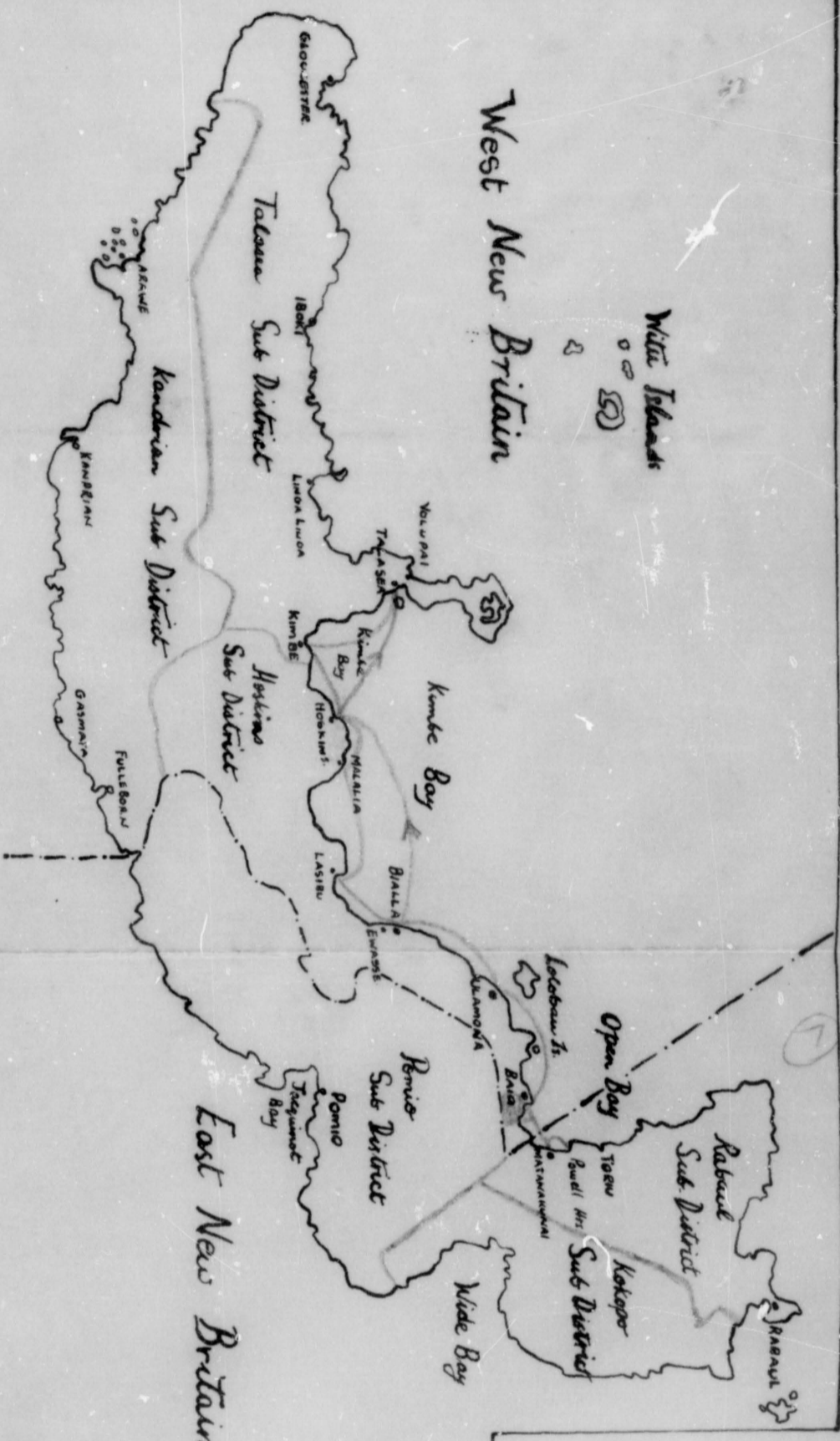
(T.W. HALLS)  
Director

c.c. Mr. T.J.A. Heuston,  
Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
TALASEA,  
West New Britain District.

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







West New Britain

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East New Britain

SCALE 30 MILES TO 1 INCH

HOSKINS PATROL

/1968-69

CONDUCTED BY: T.J.A. HEUSTON A.D.O.

DRAWN 7/5/69

T. Heuston

- PATROL ROUTE
- - - DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- SUB-DISTRICT BOUNDARY

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday  
21st April, 1969

1400 left TALASEA on MV "AIMARA" to KIMBE.  
Overnight at KIMBE.

Tuesday  
22nd April, 1969

0600 left KIMBE to KWALAKESSI and HOSKINS arr. 0900.  
Brief discussions with D.D.C. collected Patrol  
Equipment, Advance, and Lands Dept. Party.  
1000 departed HOSKINS to MALALIA, LASIBU, BIALLA  
arriving 1730. All available accommodation at BIALLA  
taken - slept overnight on deck MV "AIMARA".

Wednesday  
23rd April, 1969

0530 left BIALLA to ULAMONA 0930 thence to BAIA Village  
by 1400. "AIMARA" returned BIALLA. Set up camp BAIA.

Thursday  
24th April, 1969

Most of BAIA Village people absent at BIALLA.  
Commenced study of Ownership of RANGAMBOL Point,  
HARBOUR Site, and commenced detailed exploration  
of foreshore, study of terrain, soil types, vegetation  
etc. Returned to camp 1645. Slept at BAIA.

Friday  
25th April, 1969

ANZAC DAY. Flag at Half Mast 0600. Continued Survey  
by boat of Coastal Mangrove Foreshore in search of  
dry flat land from 0800 till 1800.

Saturday  
26th April, 1969

0930 left BAIA by canoe crossing Open Bay to  
MATANAKUNAI Village to speak to Land Owners.  
Land Owners all absent at work at Powell Harbour,  
however they returned by 1500. Commenced Land  
Investigation (verbally) owners willing to supply  
information however refuse to sell, or allow Survey  
of Rangambol Point Land. Storm and rough seas force  
patrol to stay overnight, unequipped at MATANAKUNAI  
village. People friendly and hospitable.

Sunday  
27th April, 1969

Awaited abating of storm waves: left MATANAKUNAI  
through moderate surf 1200 to BAIA. Camp at BAIA  
slightly damaged (tents, lamps) by overnight storm.

Monday  
28th April, 1969

At BAIA Camp - drying camp out after storm.  
Unable to contact Hoskins by Forests Field Radio.  
Hired outboard to deliver message to Powell Harbour  
- nearest RTC set- re refusal of owners to sell and  
suggesting patrol be picked up by "AIMARA" Wednesday.

Tuesday  
29th April, 1969

At BAIA. Advised by midday Forestry Sched. that  
Patrol to be picked up by "ARIA" from ULAMONA on  
Saturday or Sunday. No reply yet via Powell Harbour,  
and further canoe sent to contact first one.

Wednesday  
30th April, 1969

At BAIA - working on Land Investigation Report.  
Written Message received from Powell Harbour  
confirming that Patrol Required to move to ULAMONA to  
await pick up by MV "ARIA" at the weekend.

Thursday  
1st May, 1969

Hired 3 outboard canoes to shift patrol party to  
ULAMONA as required by instructions. Camp set up  
at UBILI Rest House. Visited ULAMONA Mission, and  
invited to stay there until pickup.  
Inspected UBILI Village, and UBILI Airstrip.

Friday  
2nd May, 1969

At ULAMONA awaiting shipping.

Saturday  
3rd May, 1969

At ULAMONA awaiting shipping. Managed to achieve  
radio contact with HOSKINS on Forestry Field Set  
for the first time this patrol - this confirmed that  
MV "ARIA" was en route to ULAMONA to pick up patrol.

Sunday  
4th May, 1969

0740 left ULAMONA on MV "ARIA" via BIALLA to HOSKINS  
arriving 1700. Discussions with District Commissioner.  
By car to VALOKA @ MALALIA to check up re patients.

Monday









ECONOMIC

The resettlement schemes at UASILAU, SILANGA, SALE-MALASI, and SALELUBU Agricultural Centre were not visited during this patrol.

With the exception of UBILI village, where there are extensive coconut plantings now coming into bearing, and three recently constructed copra dryers, none of the east coast appear to be making any serious attempt to increase production in the area. I was also told at UBILI that people had attempted to plant cocoa, but that the soil was unsuitable.

There are approx 2 acres cleared for coconuts at BAIA, and a similar token effort at MATANAKUNAI.

There are plantations at BIALLA and LOLOBAU Island, under European management. They appear to be well run and prosperous. There is a small (originally 120 acres, but now extending plantings to 560 acres) plantation at Matanakunai, under European Management. This plantation is extremely hampered by the lack of a suitable anchorage on the exposed surf beaches during the North West season.

There are a number of small logging leases along the coast, cutting logs for export to Japan.

At ULAMONA Mission there is a well managed and set up sawmill. The equipment appears to be old, but is all functional and in working order (unusual for sawmills in this country), including a locomotive with trucks used to haul sawtimber to the wharf, along railway lines. The sawmill staff are highly skilled and achieve a high rate of recovery from logs, and the consistent high and uniform quality of ULAMONA sawn timber, is again a by-word throughout the district.

Much land has been purchased along this coast in order to increase the productivity and economic output of the area. Plantation Development and resettlement are both warranted as a means of obtaining Capital, Skills, and Personnell.

The areas purchased are the best, flat coastland, and mainly volcanic of uniformly high fertility. They are:-

(a) East Nakanai

- (1) BAKADA - 25,240 acres inland from Cape Deschamp.
- (2) NAMBAU - 275 acres near Nantambu Village, as a Port Site.
- (3) BAUO BAUC 845 acres } West of Baia Village.
- (4) GIO 275 acres }

(b) Coastal Bainings (Open Bay)

- (1) KABOKU - 22,000 acres South West of Matanakunai.
- (2) MATANAKUNAI Plantation - 565 acres.
- (3) POWELL HARBOUR - unknown acreage est. 3,000 acres.

Suggested Port Sites have been:-

(1) NANTAMBU - as the anchorage in the vicinity of the BAKADA lands. This area known as NAMBAU was purchased. Nantambu is a suitable harbour in the North West, although small, however it is said to be exposed during the South East season.

(2) POWELL HARBOUR - as an outlet for KABOKU and the lands between Powell Harbour and the TORIU River. This has been purchased, however Powell is said to be exposed in the North West.





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SOCIAL.

Traditional systems of social organisation and social control appear to be breaking down. Old legends, dances and ceremonies have been forgotten or discarded (partly through Mission influence, and partly through Cargo Cult), and have been replaced by imports, mainly from the Gazelle Peninsular.

Villages are generally clean, but the standard of housing (apart from UBILI) is generally poor, but improving as small amounts of sawn timbers supplement the traditional materials.

On the other hand, UBILI village, adjacent to ULAMONA Mission Saw Mill, has permanent improvements of such a quality and standard that it must rate as one of the best "model" villages in the Territory. The village has been laid out in streets of individual allotments and drained roads, and over 30 houses of a well-designed low cost style have been constructed from concrete, sawn timber, iron roof etc.

The plans were drawn up, construction supervised, and the scheme financed originally by the Catholic Mission. The people were advanced individual loans, and the mission reports that the majority have repaid these loans, by instalments from cash earned as labourers at ULAMONA Sawmill. The majority of these homes are painted.

The improved housing has lead to improved health, and the Mission Hospital at ULAMONA reports that the UBILI people are not as subject to seasonal illness, 'flu, pneumonia as the people in villages with unimproved housing.

Health on the coast, however is generally good, diet supplemented by sea foods and the people well built, clean-looking and healthy.

*T. Houston*

T. Houston.  
Assistant District Officer.

Enclosed with Patrol Report:

- (1) Patrol Map - 2 copies, showing patrol route and location of Baia Harbour land.
- (2) 35-3-135 of 8th May, 1969 to Discom Hoskins - Investigation Report - Baia Harbour (Rangambol Point) land.
- (3) Plan of Land, and Locality Sketch Map - 2 copies.
- (4) Travelling Allowance Claim - 2xk 24/3/69 to 21/4/69  
 Camping Allowance Claim - 22/4/69 to 30/4/69  
 Travelling Allowance Claim - 1/5/69 to 5/5/69

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **WEST NEW BRITAIN** Report No. **EWASSIE 11/68-69**  
**HOSKINS**  
 Patrol Conducted by **T.J.A. HEUSTON A.D.O.**  
 Area Patrolled **EAST AND CENTRAL NAKANAI (PART)**  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**  
 Natives **NIL**  
 Duration—From **20 5 69** to **31 5 69**  
 Number of Days **12 (9 nights camped out)**  
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**  
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **/ / 19**  
 Medical **/ / 19**  
 Map Reference **MILINCH BANGA FOURMIL TALASEA**  
 Objects of Patrol **Investigate Lasiby - Ale River Land**  
**(Discom Hoskins' 35-3-140 of 2nd May, 1969)**

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*[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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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

67-17-52

1st August, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
KIMBE, via Talasea.

PATROL NO. 11 EWASSE 1968-69.

Your reference Ewasse PR. 11-68-69 of 9th

July, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of  
Special Report by Mr. T.J.A. Heuston, Assistant District Officer  
to East and Central Nakanai. (Part) Census Divisions.

3. I agree that this small area should be  
excluded from the proposed purchase.

4. I cannot see how at this late stage  
there can be any way of appealing against Mr. Commissioner  
Read's decision regarding SIBULAKOVA. Please have Mr.  
Heuston discontinue any action in this respect.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary  
Department of the Administrator.

cc:  
Mr. T.J.A. Heuston,  
Sub-District Office,  
TALASEA, West New Britain District.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Telegrams..... DISCOM  
Our Reference..... Ewasse P.R.11-68/69  
If calling ask for  
Mr. ATC:EMA

Department of District Administration,  
Hoskins, Kwalakessi P.O.,  
West New Britain District.



9th July, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Special Patrol part East and Central Nakanai

Forwarded find patrol report submitted by Mr. T. Heuston A.D.O. covering a special patrol to part of the central Nakanai, specifically for the investigation into ownership of land between Planet Bay and Uasilau/Silanga.

The investigation was satisfactorily completed and Mr. Heuston's report gives a complete coverage of his activities during this period.

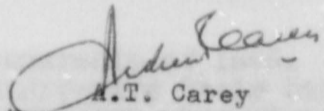
In respect of the section of land known as "Sibu Lakova", this situation is arising more and more often as land purchase investigations proceed through areas which have been under determination by the Lands Titles Commission. As stated by Mr. Heuston, this small area was delineated, but subsequently claims are now held over it by two opposing clans.

In forwarding the investigation report, I am recommending that this area be excluded from the purchase and further attempts will be made to see if the peoples concerned can reach a compromised solution. I do not believe that this can again be brought before the Commission which has already decided on ownership. There has been until now no claim or appeal against Mr. Read's earlier decision. The area concerned is very small in size, and does not gravely affect the area investigated for alienation.

It is however now a small island in the centre of Administration land for which little real use can be made, but which can be alienated at a time when a solution as to ownership is established locally.

Mr. Heuston's comments on the political, economic and social life of the Nakanai are interesting and adequate.

Camping allowance claims have been processed and are being forwarded through Treasury to Mr. Heuston now in the southern Highlands.

  
A.T. Carey  
District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub District Office,  
West New Britain,  
TALASEA.

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16th June, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL TO EAST & CENTRAL NAKANAI  
INVESTIGATE ALA RIVER LASIBU LANDS.

Please find enclosed four copies of a Report of  
A Special Patrol to the East and Central Nakanai to investigate  
Lasibu - Ala River Land, as per your 35-3-140 of 2nds May, 1969.

The Land Investigation Report and all accompanying  
documents was forwarded to you under cover of my O.21 of  
6th June, 1969.

A copy of the Patrol Map is enclosed together with  
acquittal of my Patrol Advance of \$ 50.00, and also claims for  
Camping and Travelling allowance.

*T. Hamilton*

T. Hamilton.  
Assistant District Officer.

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PATROL DIARY

**Tuesday**  
20th May, 1969  
1030 left TALASEA by MV "Aimara" to KIMBE and HOSKINS arr. 1545. Discussions with D.D.C. Slept HOSKINS.

**Wednesday**  
21st May, 1969  
0930 left HOSKINS on "Aimara" via MALALIA to LASIBU arr. 1300. To SILANGA arr. 1515. Set up camp, discussions with Village leaders, and one land-holding clan 2000 to 2200. Agreed to inspect boundaries of one section next day. Slept SILANGA.

**Thursday**  
22nd May, 1969  
0730 left SILANGA with leaders of BUALIALI-VELI Clan, walked to land involved. Cut boundaries and walked as far as practicable, established clearly ownership and names of land between ALA River, and road to LASIBU and VURU Creek. However names of, and ownership of land East of the ALA River, and to the South - a tongue of land adjacent to SILANGA Settlement - in doubt; people also unable to clearly define boundaries. Returned SILANGA 1500 in heavy rain. In evening 2000 to 2200 further discussions BUALIALI-VELI Clan, leaders agree to go and inspect land in doubt with BUALIALI-LOSO, ILAU-LOSO, UGAUGE-LOSO, and other clan leaders.

**Friday**  
23rd May, 1969  
Letter sent to D.D.C. requesting files on LALOPO land on Eastern boundary of INVESTIGATION. Waiting land leaders from TAROBI and PASUSU to arrive. Discussions with BUALIALI-VELI and BUALIALI-LOSO Clans re ownership. PM to SALELUBU by tractor, unable to ford ALA river due to engineering work on low-level crossing. Returned SILANGA 1800.

**Saturday**  
24th May, 1969  
AM further discussions re ownership of land and ownership customs. PM walked to UASI LAU and along WARO (WALO) Road cutting boundaries. Inspected "ALALO" & "PAI" land, "KOROGO", "MAMALU" & "LALOFO" ("NALUBO"); boundaries of "VALALAWELI" & "SIBULAKOVA" also partly indicated. Returned SILANGA 1730.

**Sunday**  
25th May, 1969  
Observed SILANGA.

**Monday**  
26th May, 1969  
AM prepared to leave for TAROBI - PASUSU. 0845 left for LASIBU, thence by canoe to TAROBI arr. 1100. Public Meeting of both Tarobi and Pasusu villages, and discussion re land matters. Commenced Investigation ABEABE-VELI Clan land. Slept TAROBI.

**Tuesday**  
27th May, 1969  
Worked on Investigation of BUALIALI-VELI and AILILI-VELI Clan lands. Left TAROBI 1100 to LASIBU and thence to SILANGA arriving 1600.

**Wednesday**  
28th May, 1969  
Discussions with BUALIALI-LOSO and UGAUGE-LOSO Clan leaders re ownership of land. Both Clans refuse to sell, and require their land to be excised from from the sale. ILAU-LOSO also claim to have rights to land designated as AILILI-VELI by Native Lands Commission. Map of adjacent purchase arrived and propose to show clan leaders this on the land.

**Thursday**  
29th May, 1969  
With owners to reinspect land boundaries. Indicated boundaries as shown on purchase Map of LALOPO Land. Satisfactorily settled BUALIALI-LOSO and UGAUGE-LOSO claims by showing their land to be outside the land subject of this investigation; however ILAU-LOSO still insist that they have rights to AILILI-VELI land.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of West New Britain. Report No. 11<sup>A</sup> of Ewasse 1968/69  
 Patrol Conducted by J.R. Ellem. Patrol Officer  
 Area Patrolled Central and Part of East Nakanai.  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.  
 Natives One Constable of R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 26 / 4 / 1969 to 4 / 5 / 19 69  
 Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 13 / 1 / 19 69  
 Medical ..... / ..... / 19.....

Map Reference See Ewasse Patrol Report No. 8 of 1968/69

Objects of Patrol Political Education, Followup to Cult investigation at Malasi, Inspection of Progress with Central Nakanai Roads and Wharf.

Director of District Administration,  
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/7/1969

A.J. Carey  
 District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....  
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....  
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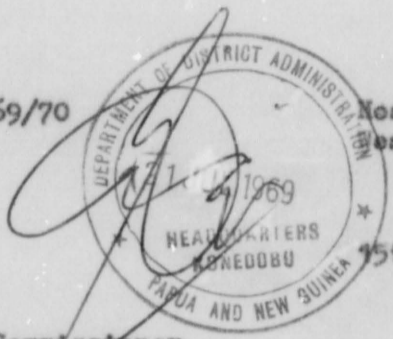




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Hoskins, Kwalakessi P.O.,  
West New Britain District.

15th July, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

Ewasse P/R No. 11A/1968-69

Receipt of the above report and your 67-1-1 of 25.5.69  
are acknowledged.

Your comments provide a sound coverage of the salient  
points of the report. I concur with your remarks that Mr. Ellem should  
not threaten the Malasi people. In this instance, I consider that he  
was keen to do a good job and was a trifle over-zealous.

I feel that Mr. Ellem should endeavour to provide more  
information about the people, their thoughts and attitudes in future  
reports. His comments under the headings of Local Government and  
Political Education do not convey very much.

Mr. Ellem is a promising officer, but he must be given  
proper guidance so that his work will mature along the right lines.

Claim for Camping Allowance has been passed for payment.

*A.T. Carey*  
A.T. Carey  
a/District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,  
Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.



67-1-1

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

25th June, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

EWASSE PATROL No. 11 of 1968/69

Attached please find a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. J. Ellem, Patrol Officer, to part of Central Nakanai Census Division.

The progress shown on the wharf and roads is heartening and with the interest shown in Political discussion further supports the view that these people are far more progressive than the remainder of the NAKANAI.

I am advising Mr. Ellem not to threaten the Malasi people. Admittedly it is disheartening to see cocoa overgrown, but the general disinterest shown is largely the fault of the Administration.

As has been mentioned in previous reports and at District Co-ordinating Committee meetings, the long delay in proceeding with the SALE-MALASI scheme is the basis of most of the discontent.

The people obviously will not do any work in the area until they find out if the scheme is going ahead.

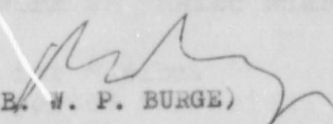
In fact the cocoa that is not being cleared is on Administration land and the people do not know as yet if the Administration intends leasing it back to them.

For an officer of this Department to say that they would not get larger blocks if the present ones were not looked after is exceeding his authority, though he may make such a recommendation.

I am of the opinion that the Sale-Malasi people should be gently handled for the present.

Mr. Ellem will be advised to consult a dictionary when composing future reports.

Camping allowance claim attached herewith.

  
(B. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

*The Secretary,  
Div. of Dist. Adm.  
Dept. of Administration,  
Konedobu.*

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
West New Britain.  
6/5/69.

67-2.

EWASSE PATROL NO. 11A OF 1968/69.

PATROL DIARY.

26/4/69

1000 Departed Ewasse for Mataruru by canoe.  
1200 Arrived Mataruru. Inspected sight for village water supply.  
1300 Departed Mataruru for Sulu.  
1630 Arrived Sulu.  
1930-2130 General Meeting -Political Education.  
Overnight at Sulu.

27/4/69

1000 Departed Sulu for Malasi.  
1115 Arrived at Malasi.  
1930-2130 General Meeting- Political Education.  
Overnight at Malasi.

28/4/69

0800 Inspected Malasi cocoa plantings.  
1400 Inspected work being done by Malasi villagers on their cocoa blocks.  
1930-2130 General Meeting- Political Education.

29/4/69

0800 Departed Malasi for Sege.  
1130 Arrived at Sege.  
General Meeting with Sege and Sale villagers- Political Education.  
1330 Departed Sege for Uasilau.  
1630 Arrived at Uasilau.  
1930-2130 General Meeting- Political Education.  
Overnight at Uasilau.

30/4/69

0800 Departed Uasilau for Silanga.  
0930 Arrived at Silanga. Local Court hearing.  
1200 To Lasibu- Inspected progress on the Lasibu wharf.  
1630 Returned to Silanga.  
Overnight Silanga.

1/5/69

0700 To Salelubu - Morning Sked.  
0830 To Lasibu. Barge arrived with Tractor for road work.  
1000-1730 Supervised/~~road~~ work at Lasibu.  
1930-2200 General Meeting -Political Education.  
Overnight Silanga.

2/5/69

0700 To Salelubu- Morning Sked.  
0900 At Silanga. Local Court Hearing.  
1000-1630 Supervised work on Lasibu wharf.

3/5/69

1000 Departed Silanga for Lasibu.  
1100 Arrived Lasibu departed for Kaiamu by canoe.  
1500 Arrived Kaiamu.  
1930-2130 General Meeting- Political Education.

4/5/69

0700 Departed Kaiamu for Ewasse.  
1330 Arrived Ewasse.

End Patrol.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

1. Progress on Central Nakanai Roads.

During the past five weeks continuous falls of rain have hampered the men in their efforts to continue with the work on these roads.

This has resulted with little being achieved. The only real achievement is that even with the heavy rain falls the Lasibu to Silanga to Salelubu road has been kept in a servicable condition.

On the 1st May, 1969 a tractor with traylor arrived at Lasibu to be used for this road work. This will undoubtedly have encouraging effects on these Central Nakanai villagers.

Work on these roads is now being supervised by Mr. P. del Hurn Cadet Patrol Officer who will be submitting a Special report this week to cover the progress on these roads.

2. Lasibu Wharf.

Progress on this council project has also been hampered by the prolonged Wet season. However during the two days of this patrol, that the writer spent at Silanga, he was able to secure 50% of the decking to the piers.

Weather permitting this wharf should be completed within three weeks.

3. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Discussed under ~~xxxxxx~~ situation Report.

4. Malasi, Inspector of Cult Activities.

The cult outbreak in the Malasi area was investigated in January this year. This patrol visited the area for the purpose of ensuring that the cult activities had ceased to exist.

General discussions were held during the patrols stay in the area. Nothing indicating further cult activities was noted. The only fact that concern was the condition of the cocoa blocks belonging to these people. The cocoa blocks in 60% of the cases, have not unattended since the January patrol. Ferns, shrubs and vines grow in a tangled mass amongst the cocoa. On these blocks the cocoa is being harvested but that is all.

These villagers were informed that the blocks were going to be inspected on Monday the 28th of April. Then on this Monday it was 1000 hours before the majority of these villagers made an effort to commence work on their blocks.

The proposed sub-division plan of the Sale Malasi land purchase was

caused the writer

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discussed with these villagers. They were informed that if they were not capable of looking after their present small cocoa blocks then the Government would not consider giving them a larger block. This resulted with the villagers making a greater effort to clean their cocoa blocks during the afternoon.

At night general meetings were held during which many points of Government were discussed. These people showed a great interest in these talks.

It is some time since an Agriculture patrol visited this area. The writer is sure that a patrol of three or four days spent at Malasi by an Agricultural Officer would result with these villagers taking a greater interest in their present cocoa plantings. This has been discussed with Mr. A. Grant, Agricultural Officer in charge of the Nakanai area East of the Ala river, of Salelubu.

After discussion with the councillor for the area, Tavis Ogola of Sulu village the writer feels sure that this matter will be discussed at the next council meeting of the Nakanai Council.

...the village water project in this area estimates was completed and the cost of the project was found. This will lead to difficulties during the construction of this project.

Political Education

This was one of the main purposes for this patrol.

At all villages visited general meetings were held during which Government and other political points were discussed.

The interest shown by the villagers concerned was very pleasing. In one case the writer was asked two or three questions. In another case it looked as though the patrol was not going to include this in these meetings and the villagers expressed their interest by asking if they could attend the meeting that was going to be held in the next village. This was the writer's plan.

It is very encouraging to see this interest by the villagers.

St. Bernard  
review

...discussed in Special Report No. 1, covers the ... Rural Development. The only other point of ... at Malasi village. In this village the ... requested assistance in establishing ... of ... they were advised to ... Department of Agriculture, ...



SITUATION REPORT.A. POLITICAL.Local Government.

1. During this patrol fourteen men were charged and found guilty of having pigs in their residential area. All these villagers are aware of the council pig Rule.

/village

This rule was explained to the villagers concerned and it was stressed that it was not the intention of the Council, when making this rule, to use it as a means of reducing the number of pigs owned by the Nakanai villagers but to improve the general hygiene of the villages.

It is unlikely that this had any effect on the villagers and it is very likely that unless their can roam free, they will kill the pigs.

/pigs

2. Sights for village water projects on this years estimates were inspected and instead of springs creeks were found. This will lead to difficulties during the construction of this project.

Political Education.

This was one of the main purposes for this patrol.

In all villages visited general meetings were held during which Government and other political facets were discussed.

The interest shown by the villagers concerned was very pleasing. After the meeting had completed the discussion it was normal for the writer to be asked two or three questions. In one case it looked as though the patrol was not going to include Sale in these meetings and the villagers expressed their interest by asking if they could attend the meeting that was going to be held in the next village. This was the writers plan.

It is very encouraging to see this interest by the villagers.

B. ECONOMIC.General Rural Development.

The situation discussed in Special report No.4. covers the Malasi Rural development. The only other point of interest arose at Kaiamu village. In this village the villagers requested assistance in establishing their own Fermentary and drier for cocoa. They were advised to bring their requests to the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries at Salelubu.

C SOCIALEDUCATION AND HEALTH.

Both of these social interests have been in discussion for some time with the Sale Malasi villagers, the Government and the Nakanai Council.

Correspondance from the Department of Health states that an Aid Post Orderly will again be posted to the Malasi Aid post.

There is no school in the Sege, Kaiamu, Sulu, Malasi, Sale area. This point is to be investigated by the writer in the near future in connection with the approval of the Sub-division plan of the Sale Malasi land purchase.

~~With~~ The introduction of fees at the Silanga Hospital has resulted with the majority of the settlers at Silanga avoiding the Hospital unless absolutely necessary.

This was discussed during the general meeting held at Silanga.

LAW AND ORDER.

Generally this is good. During this patrol fourteen cases were held for offences against the Nakanai Council Pig rule.

*J.R. Ellem*  
.....  
(J.R. Ellem.)  
Patrol Officer.





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67-17-58

22nd August, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
KIMBE via Talasea.

PATROL EWASSE NO. 12/1968-69.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. P. Hurn, A.P.O., to Central Nakanai Census Division.

2. This patrol was of a routine nature. Mr. Hurn has  
reported quite soundly, but far too briefly. I am sure that  
there are a number of matters that could have been included  
in the report to make it a more comprehensive document.

3. In your comments to the Assistant District Commissioner,  
Hoskins, I note your mention of a standard set of patrol  
instructions laying down the essential points that should be  
brought out in a report. This idea has considerable merit, and  
it is worthy of further study.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary  
Department of the Administrator.

cc:  
Mr. P.D. Hurn,  
Base Camp,  
EWASSE. via HOSKINS. West New Britain District.

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



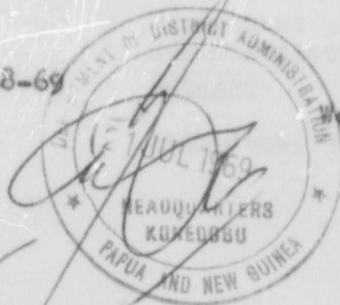
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Ewasse P/v. 12/68-69

Hoskins, Kwakakessi P.O.,  
West New Britain District.

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16th July, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
HOSKINS.

Ewasse Patrol Report No. 12/68-69

Receipt of the above Patrol Report is acknowledged.

Your comments and those of the O.I.C., Ewasse, in his 67-2 of 9.5.69, have been noted.

The report gives a reasonable picture of the work done, nevertheless, it is very brief considering that Mr. Hurn spent 18 days in the field. I appreciate the fact that this area has received a number of visits. However, I do consider that Mr. Hurn could have reported far more fully without repeating, to any great extent, what has been said before.

I have reservations about Mr. Eller's ability to show Mr. Hurn just what is required. I would like to see a standard set of patrol instructions laid down by you for all staff to follow. These instructions should indicate clearly and concisely the points that should be brought clearly out in reports - attitudes of the people towards Councils, the Administration, Missions; their ambitions (if any), aspirations, etc. It is essential that we receive this type of information from all patrolling officers. Each individual officer will present his own view of the people and we should then obtain a better overall picture. Please give this full consideration.

The delay in submission detracts from the value of the report.

Claim for camping allowance has been passed for payment.

*A.T. Carby*  
A.T. Carby  
s/District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,  
Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

67-1-1

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District,  
HOSKINS.

25th June, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
West New Britain District,  
HOSKINS.

PATROL no.12 of 68/69 - EWASSE

Attached please find a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. P. HURN, Cadet Patrol Officer, to part of the Central NAKANAI.

The main object of the Patrol was to further the road construction programme in the UASILAU-SILANGA area.

This aspect is proceeding satisfactorily but the report, and others from EWASSE point out the fact that officers of this Department are becoming too involved in carrying out of functions that fall within the province of technical Departments.

For some time the UASILAU-SILANGA roads have occupied this officer practically full time and though a worthy project has not allowed of his receiving the wide training that is essential at this stage of his career.

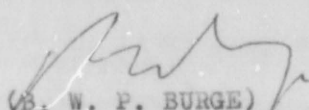
I am not proposing that this state of affairs be altered immediately, but feel that as soon as the roads are in a passable state he be given more time at Ewasse and Hoskins on other duties.

I think that the time is approaching, particularly in view of the proposed SALE-MALASI development, for P.W.D. to take over road works in the whole SILANGA-MALASI area.

The patrol was a useful one and though the report is brief little more could have been added without reiterating that which has been mentioned in the numerous previous reports on this area. Whilst an officer is constantly in the area and frequent visits are made from Ewasse and Hoskins it is not expected that patrol reports will contain much other than changes noted and an occasional review of the whole situation.

Camping allowance claim is attached.

For your information, please.

  
(B. W. P. BURGE)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



67-2.

Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
9th May, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS.

RE: PATROL REPORT EWASSE NO. 12 OF 1968/69.

Attached please find the above patrol report sub-mitted by Mr. P. del Hurn Cadet Patrol Officer.

I make the following comments on this report;

1. Unforeseen circumstances and the prolonged wet season prevented the patrol instructions from being completed.

2. Equipment and Materials for Central Nakanai roads and Bridges. The items received have been listed. It was presumed that Mr. Hurn would have included a list of items not received to enable the matter to be followed up without further delay.

3. Lasibu Wharf.

After inspection the writer now anticipates another two weeks work will be required to complete this wharf. Progress under the conditions has been satisfactory.

4. Roads.

The two miles of road adjacent to Lasibu are going to require much attention if this road is to be kept servicable. Instructions have been given to have this portion of the Lasibu to Silanga road surfaced with gravel. This will be a lengthy process but should minimise the rutts and pot holes on this road.

5. Political Education.

Mr. Hurn has been advised that leaflets and booklets are now available at this office for use in discussions on Political Education.

6. The report does not cover any of the instructions in any detail. There is no comment as to the villagers feelings and willingness towards the work. - Do they understand what and why they are doing things.

The actual set out of the report is not up to standard. A situation report should have been submitted.

Mr. Hurn returned to the Central Nakanai before the writer was able to read this report.

These comments will be discussed with Mr. Hurn and his next report will be up to standard.

Mr. P. Hurn is a keen officer and shows much interest in his work and the local people.

This report does not do him justice.

*J. R. Elle*  
.....  
(J.R. Elle)  
Patrol Officer.

Base Camp,  
EWASSE.  
 West New Britain.  
 24th March, 1969.

(6)

Mr. P.D. Hurn.  
 Cadet Patrol Officer,  
EWASSE.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - EWASSE PATROL NO. 12 OF 1968/69.

You are to prepare for a patrol of approximately four weeks, returning to this Base Camp on about the 20th April.

Your Tasks will be:-

1. Completion of the Lasibu wharf. Sufficient materials have been ordered and all but the 5/8" auger have been received. This is to be your 1st priority. Construction is well underway.
2. Supervising road work on the Central Nakanai roads.
  - a) Complete repair work on the Lasibu to Silanga road. Both Salelubu and Silanga tractors have been made available for this work.
  - b) Commence work on the Salelubu to Kauka creek road and roads in order as set out in the Road works program. Labour for this task is to be recruited from Uasilau. I will discuss the employment of labour with you at Lasibu.
3. Check and safely store all materials and equipment received for Ala river crossing and the road work. All such items are to be carefully watched and those for the Ala crossing kept separate from the road tools.
4. Complete the water supply project at Elobe village. You are to work with Soa/Ubia, the councillor from Uasilau, on this project.
5. Locate and mark a suitable sight for a Village pump (water) at Kai village.
6. Political Education. No opportunity should be missed to further the education of the people in this matter and discussion should be actively encouraged.

Your report should be presented within three days of completion of the patrol.

I will discuss your tasks with you when you arrive at Lasibu. If you require further assistance I may be contacted by radio at Bialla.

I wish you a pleasant and enjoyable Patrol.

*J. R. Ellem*  
 (J. R. ELLEM.)  
 Patrol Officer.



INTRODUCTION

The Patrol was conducted in the Uasilau - Silanga area, for the purpose of roads and bridges (repairs and building) and the checking of arrival of equipment for the ALA river crossing, against D.I.V.'s.

The patrol commenced on the 17th of April, 1969, this section was completed on the 6th of May, 1969, to be continued on the 8th of May, 1969.

The whether conditions of the patrol were bad in the first weeks, due to rain and thunder ~~storms~~ storms, which subsided in the last week, the conditions were then favourable.

SUBJECT

The equipment that had been received, was at LASIBU, the store at the rest house and mainly at SALELUBU, where the ALA river crossing will be built. The building of the crossing is expected to commence within several weeks.

Equipment at SALELUBU is as follows:-

Quant.	Description	Vocab No.
36	Axe $\frac{3}{4}$	5110 - 441
24	Spades Garden	3750 - 100
56 lbs	Nails 2"x11G	5315 - 232
1 cwt	Spikes Deck 6" x $\frac{3}{8}$	5315 - 419
2	Hammer Sledge 7lb	5120 - 122
3	Hammer Nailing 20oz	5120 - 111
6	Knives Bush 16"	7340 - 276
24	Handle Shovel W/long	5120 - 023
112 lbs	Nails JH 2" x 11G	5315 - 232
224 lbs	Nails JH 4" x 7 G	5315 - 265
24	Shovel Hand L.H.R.M. No.2	5120 - 067
12	Pick Head Digging	5120 - 023
12	Handle Mattock Pick	5120 - 012
4	Handle Hammer Wood Sledge 30"	5120 - 155
3	Handle Hammer Wood Claw 14"	5120 - 144
3	Saw Hand Crosscut 26" 7pt	5110 - 661
1	Level Carpenters 30"	5110 - 793
4	Axe Single Bit $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb Head W/hand.	5110 - 485 <sup>v30</sup>
4	Handle $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb Single Bit Axe 32"	5110 - 485

Equipment at LASIBU is as follows:-

12	Spades Garden	3750 - 100
24	Handle Rake	3750 - 122

Equipment in store at rest house is as follows:-

Quant.	Description	Vocab No.
224 lbs	Nail B/Head 3" x 9G	5315 - 694
9	Chalkline 60 ft.0	4020 - 133
8	Bucket Galv. 3 gallon	7240 - 111
30	Pencil Carpenters	7510 - 266

Work on the wharf at LASIBU was in very slow progress during the two weeks of rain. In this time the main bearers were boxed and placed into position on the pilons.

Later the cross bearers were placed and fixed into position with nine inch deck spikes. At this stage most of the decking is on and nailed into position.

The causeway has been brought back 6 - 8 feet from the pilons, the boxing for the end of the causeway is now ready for the cement to be poured. The main part of the cement will be poured on this coming Friday, which will leave the setting of the same for the weekend.

At this stage there is one main bearer short, but it is hoped that this will be on the site within the next few days. There being one bearer short is due to two new pilons, which were added to the main structure. If this bearer is not available for any length of time the completion of the wharf will be delayed.

Roads in the area are now being maintained, as the last period of rain softened the surface of the road to such an extent that when the tractor from D.A.S.F. - SALELUBU travelled to and fro, with nesenary cargo for building programs, cut badly into the ~~road~~ road leaving wheel ruts and pot holes.

Now that fine whether is with us, the road has had sufficient time to dry out. the road from SILANGA to SALELUBU will be formed with a blade-terrace within the next few days. Also all drains on this section of road will be cleared of silt.

POLITICAL

POLITICAL EDUCATION

On the night of theThursday 1st of May, there was a general meeting for all local people inthe area, held at SILANGA. During the course of the meeting the subjects were discussed thoroughly. These being, Democracy, Repräsentative and Majorities, (Majority Votes).

Although the people showed some understanding it is not known how long this knowledge will be retained, therefore more discussions will be held in the neare future revising the same topics

Also during the discussion the topic of future projects was raised. This mainly being the water reticulation system soon to be put through the area. With this the concept of a shower block and cement table, for the washing of cloths, of which there would be one in each village,. These shower and washing blccks will be built if the people desire them as they will have to raise the money for these amongst themselves. The price of these units is considered to be at \$250 to \$300.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Also during the discussion two of the topics discussed in the House,were spoken about.



These subjects being, that the Creation of Local Government Services Should Be Extended and that, 2,200 Children are Attending Vocational Schools this year. These topics were taken from the paper, This Week In The House Of Assembly. Of the 11th of March, 1969. No. 8.

PATROL DIARY

- ~~xxxx~~  
17 - 4 - 69      Departed from Ewasse 0930  
1210 Arrived Lasibu. Proceeded to check equipment against D.I.V.'s.
- 18 - 4 - 69      0745 to Salelubu most of equipment found there. Crossed ALA river to find one crate and box of nails.  
Rain in afternoon, unable to work on wharf.
- 19 - 4 - 69      Worked in forenoon on wharf - boring holes in main bearers.  
Afternoon Observed.
- 20 - 4 - 69      Sunday Observed
- 21 - 4 - 69      Worked full day on wharf.
- 22 - 4 - 69      Returned to Ewasse by M.V. AIMARA, for opening of Council chambers  
1800 Arrived Ewasse.
- 23 - 4 - 69      In forenoon Opening of Council Chambers by D.C.  
Then opening of Aid Centre  
Luncheon in Airmans Mamorial School.  
SingSings in afternoon
- 24 - 4 - 69      Returned to Silanga By M.V. AIMARA  
1200 Lasibu  
Heavy rain in afternoon.
- 25 - 4 - 69      Anzac day Observed  
Rain in afternoon.
- 26 - 4 - 69      Observed Rain on Saturday Morning.
- 27 - 4 - 69      Rained most of day.
- 28 - 4 - 69      Rain again interfered with work  
1800 Death of LUBUBU ULEO of UMU reported.
- 29 - 4 - 69      0745 to Salelubu check of equipment.  
1000 J.R.Ellem , P.O. arrived.  
Worked on wharf in afternoon.
- 30 - 4 - 69      0730 to Salelubu for radio schedual.  
0945 left Silanga for Kai village  
1115 arrived Kai. Looking for site for village well.  
1145 departed Kai village  
1355 arrived rest house then walked on to Salelubu  
1505 arrived Salelubu  
1730 returned Rest House  
1945 Commenced Political Education dicussion.
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Worked full day on wharf.

3 - 5 - 69

Short inspection of villages  
took P.O. John Ellem to beach on return  
to Ewasse.

4 - 5 - 69

0930 Village inspection  
1230 Inspection completed.  
Rest of day Observed.

5 - 5 - 69

Continued work on wharf.  
one tractor carried sand for cement for wharf  
DASF tractor carted pumice for road repair.

6 - 5 - 69

In forenoon worked on causeway  
in afternoon travelled to Ewasse by M.V. AIMARA  
1830 Arrived Ewasse.

END OF PATROL

PETER deL. HURN

Cadet Patrol Officer.

7th of May, 1969.



