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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

WASU

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. Wasu Number 1 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted by R.P.Morrison. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Kalalo Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R.Draffan, A.P.O.

Natives Const.Etem.No.1444.

Duration—From 4/8/1969 to 21/8/1969 and 7/10/69 to 9/10/69.

Number of Days TWENTY ONE DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July 1969

Medical July 1969

Map Reference Attached.

Objects of Patrol Annual Census and Area Study.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

M. S. J. J.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	\$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	\$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

.....15-1-70.....

The Assistant Secretary,
International Relations & Internal Affairs,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The Head of Special Branch,
R.P. & F.C.C.,
KONEDOBU.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT/AREA STUDY.

The following information has been extracted
from ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Patrol Report/Area Study No. 1-60/70
covering Kalalo Cesus Division
Kabwun.....Sub-District, Morobe.....District
Patrolling Officer

The period of patrol : 4/8 - 21/8 and 7/10 - 9/10/69

Extract/Precis. ~~XXXXXX~~ folio 21 covering memorandum

Re Airfield Construction at SIO

"There is still a fair amount of work to be carried out on this strip, namely lengthening, removal of stone outcrops and removal of soil on the top end of the strip to lessen the lateral slope. ...Due to attitude of people this work will probably take much longer (than a month)....Part of the strip is also subject to flooding and this will mean that it will be closed during the wet season".

Length - 1800ft Width 150ft.
Being constructed to Category "B" standards.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS) *AK*
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

GFB:HC

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua

12th January, 1970.

Preparator-in-Charge,
Papua and New Guinea Public Museum
and Art Gallery,
P.O. Box 635,
PORT MORESBY.

Dear Sir,

HAUS TAMBARAN - ROINJI

Attached please find an extract from Wasu
Patrol Report No.1/69-70 covering the Haus Tambaran
at Roinji in the Morobe District.

It is considered that this matter may be of
some value.

Yours faithfully,

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator

... Attach.

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GFB:BT

67-6-38

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PARU.

13th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. WASU 1/69-70

Your reference 67-2-9 of 19th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. R. P. Morrison, Patrol Officer, to KALALO Census Division.

The covering comments are quite comprehensive. Mr. Morrison has submitted a workmanlike report of sound worth; however, it is disappointing to note that the Area Study does not include information under the heading "Attitude Towards Central Government" and "Accommodation, Services and Facilities".

I consider that Mr. Morrison should strive for more in-depth reporting on the attitudes and activities of the people in his Situation Report.

The information about the "Haus Tambaran" at ROINJI has been brought to the attention of the Preparator-in-Charge, Papua and New Guinea Public Museum and Art Gallery.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

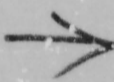
c.c. Mr/ R. P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU, Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

67.6.38

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MINUTE:



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.



Attached please find original and one copy of Wasu Patrol No. 1 of 1969/70, together with covering comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kabwum.

Could the continued operation of the "Haus Tamberan" at Roinji be brought to the notice of the appropriate authorities, there is no doubt would have considerable anthropologic research value. I think it would be safe to say that this is the only functioning "Haus Tamberan" in existence, at least on the coast of the Morobe District.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)

a/District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

19th December, 1969.

~~Assistant~~ District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABOM.

WASU PATROL NO. 1 OF 1969/70

I acknowledge receipt of Wasu Patrol No.1 of 1969/70 conducted by Mr. R.P. Morrison, P.O. to the Kalalo Census Division.

It would seem that prosecution against SALAK should effectively finalise his efforts at cargo cultism.

At the present time, the functions of Demarcation Committees is under review and it is probably better if they ~~make~~^{make} time until policy has been clarified. If there appears no likelihood of disputes being settled at the local level, you should instruct the Officer-in-Charge at Wasu to assist these people in applying for a hearing by the Land Titles Commissioner.

It is necessary for such applications to be accompanied by a reasonably accurate map of the area under dispute. Accuracy is especially necessary where natural land boundaries, for example, rivers, are not available for future reference.

The attitudes displayed at Roinji and Darongga would indicate that traditional leadership is stronger there than in many other areas. The continued operation of the "Haus Tamberan" is of interest and it will be brought to the notice of the Secretary, Department of the Administrator as an item of special anthropological interest.

Mr. Morrison has carried out a useful patrol and submitted a good report.

B. Bunting

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

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JA/sil;

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District,

2nd December, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Department of Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
DISTRICT Office,
LAR.

WASU PATROL NUMBER 1/1969-70.

Attached please find three copies of the above Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R. Morrison, Patrol Officer. Camping allowance claims for Mr Morrison and Mr Draffan are also attached. Mr Draffan, Assistant Patrol Officer, accompanied Mr Morrison for part of the patrol. I did not require him to submit a report.

This patrol was an Annual Census and Area Study Patrol. It was a broken patrol, Mr Morrison has explained the reasons for this and I need not add to them.

It is well that the people west of the Timbe River show no inclination to join the Council as it would be impractical for them to be included in the Kabwum Council until communications to that area are considerably improved. Vide Situation Report, para 1.

The proposal put forward by Mr Morrison for a local fishing co-operative on the coast is a very valid one and will be kept in mind when the Council is doing its estimates for the 1970/71 financial year. It would require a considerable amount of supervision in the beginning, and also a considerable capital outlay; but if the scheme worked the turn over would be considerable. Vide Situation Report under the Head Economic.

Little else in the Situation report excites comment.

See Section (J) Communications in the Area Study, para (e) Air Communications. I inspected the proposed airstrip at Sio in company with the Officer in Charge, Wasu and the Assistant Airport Inspector on the 22nd November this year. There is still a fair amount of work to be carried out on this strip, namely long thinning, removal of stone outcrops and removal of soil on the top end of the strip to lessen the lateral slope. Under normal circumstances this work would only take about one month, but when the lethargic attitude of the Sio people is taken into account this work will probably take much longer, even with direct supervision. Part of the strip is also subject to flooding, this will mean that it will be closed during the wet season.

The remainder of the Area Study requires no further comment from me. Mr Morrison has submitted a very reasonable report and Area Study which is, unfortunately, somewhat marred by spelling and typing errors.

J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner

cc

O.I.C. WASU.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telep.....
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If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration, ²⁰
Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
21st October, 1969.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL REPORT NUMBER 1 of 1969/70.

Attached please find four copies of the above report, and my claim for camping allowance and also a claim for Mr. Draffan, who accompanied part of the patrol.

Report Number	: Wasu No.1 of 1969/70.
Sub-District	: Kabwum.
District	: Morobe.
Council Area	: Kabwum.
Patrol Conducted By	: R.P.Morrison.
Designation	: Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Kalalo Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	: R.D.Draffan. A.P.O. (Part) Const.Eten.No.1444.
Duration of Patrol	: Twenty One Days. (Broken)
Date Out	: 4th August, 1969.
Date In	: 21st October, 1969.
Date and Duration of last DDA Patrol	3rd June, 1969 to 18th June, 1969. Six Days.
Objects of Patrol	: 1. Conduct Annual Census and compile Area Study of Kalalo C.D. 2. Investigate an report on Roinji's "Haus Tamberan". 3. Hear land dispute at Singoroka -i.
Total Population	: 2840
Area Patrolled	:
Map Reference	: Attached.
Village Population Register	: Attached.

R.P.Morrison
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R.P.Morrison.
Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

The aims of the patrol as listed were successfully carried out, although there was an unintended delay between the date of commencement and date of completion. Whilst censusing the two Sio villages I received word of the arrival of Mr. Draffen at Wasu and returned, so as to be on hand when he arrived. A series of boats, visitors, Council meetings and a pressing Land Investigation report then prevented my returning to finish the patrol until early October.

Area patrolled included most villages in the Kalalo Census Division, in an area stretching some 40 miles along the coast and at one point about 12 miles inland. Due to the distances involved between the coastal villages it is both a costly and time consuming patrol.

PATROL DIARY.

4th August, 1969.	Departed Wasu 10.00.a.m. per chartered boat for Singorokai. Arrived Singorokai 2.30.p.m. Talks with Luluai and Tultul. Overnight Singorokai.
5th August, 1969.	Censused Singorokai in a.m. Heard land dispute in p.m. Overnight Singorokai.
6th August, 1969.	Departed Roinji 7.00.a.m. per chartered boat, arrived 10.00.a.m. Censused Roinji and Darongge in a.m. Visited "Haus Tamberan" in p.m. and discussed it with Darongge Tultul. Overnight Roinji.
7th August, 1969.	Departed Roinji 8.15.a.m. Arrived Singorokai 1.15.p.m. Discussions with local "entrepreneurs". Overnight Singorokai.
8th August, 1969.	Departed Singorokai 7.45.a.m. Arrived Nineia 9.30.a.m. Censused Nineia, Boneia, Apalap. Talks on local economy p.m. Overnight Nineia.
9th August, 1969.	Departed Nineia 8.15.a.m. Arrived Singorokai 10.00.a.m. Returned to Wasu per chartered boat.
10th August, 1969.	Observed at Wasu. Receiving treatment for infected foot.
11th August, 1969.	Compiling census figures and working on Area Study at Wasu.
12th August, 1969.	As above.
13th August, 1969.	As above.
14th August, 1969.	To Kelanoa per VH-ELF. Then to Sialum Base Camp. Discussions held with O.I.C. Overnight Sialum.

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PATROL DIARY. cont.

- 15th August, 1969. Discussions with C.I.C re-possible Gitua-Sio road. Overnight Sialum.
- 16th August, 1969. Observed Sialum.
- 17th August, 1969. To Gitua per M.V. "Morobe". Overnight Gitua.
- 18th August, 1969. Departed Gitua 7.40.a.m. Arrived Kwaling River cliffs 10.40.a.m. Looked over Japanese submarine in the shallows. Changed carriers then to Nambariwa, arriving at 2.10.p.m. Possible road route inspected on the way. Talks with Councillor and Advent Tarosi. Overnight Nambariwa.
- 19th August, 1969. Departed Nambariwa 7.40.a.m. Arrived Sio 9.40.a.m. Commenced census of Sio II. Arrival of M.V. "Morobe" in p.m. Overnight Sio I.
- 20th August, 1969. Continued census of Sio II until 2.30.p.m. Then to airstrip site. Hearing disputes in p.m. Overnight Sio I.
- 21st August, 1969. Censused Mula and Lebangande. Departed Sio 10.45.a.m. for Wasu to meet new A.P.O. Arrived Wasu 2.30.p.m.
- 7th October, 1969. To Sio in a.m. to complete census. Discussions in p.m. with Councillors and Tarosi. Overnight Sio I.
- 8th October, 1969. Completed census of Sio II in a.m. To airstrip in p.m. Instructions given for widening to be carried out. Overnight Sio II.
- 9th October, 1969. Censusing Sio I. Arrival of Japanese War Graves Party in p.m. Returned to Wasu per chartered boat at dusk.

END OF PATROL.SITUATION REPORT.Political Situation.

Little can be added to my comments in previous reports. Support ~~for~~ the Council is as before in areas under the Council, whilst areas not in the Council show no inclination to join the Council.

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Political Situation. cont.

Enthusiasm for developmental projects is confined to the villages east of the Timbe River and this area is likely to benefit considerably from this attitude over the next twelve months. Council wells are planned for the coast, a road is being built with Council help from the Timbe River to Sio, and an airstrip is under construction at Sio and sporting and Community Development projects are under way at Wasu. The area west of the Timbe River seems unlikely to develop further until it joins the Council or takes a more realistic view to self-help, projects.

Economic Situation.

As previously stated people in the area patrolled are fairly well off, harvesting of coffee and copra brings in sufficient cash for their present needs. These remain the staple cash crop, however a substitute source of income or added source is fishing. At present the only fish sold are those brought into the Wasu market each week or those sold direct to the Kabwum Trading Company. Organized on a small scale with freezers located at various villages, along the coast and several boats to carry the fish to airstrips, at Sio and Wasu, for shipment to the hinterland and sale there. Waters along this coast are abundant with fish such as mackerel, tuna, barracouta, trevalli, etc. Run on a local basis such a venture would provide an added source of income for the coastal people as well as permanent employment for a number of others. As an individual venture there are probably no locals in the area with the finance to start, however the Kabwum Local Government Council could perhaps provide the initial capital and later turn the venture over to a co-operative.

Social Situation.

A recent instance of cargo cultism has just been exposed, following the failure of "the money" to arrive.

Last month a man called Salak from Yalumet in the Timbe Census Division arrived at Kotorok, a hamlet in the hills behind Weliwel. He asked one of the villagers for a suitcase, which he then buried, saying it would fill with money. That night having filled the case with dirt, Salak removed the suitcase and let some of the villagers feel the weight of it. When they had done this he told them it was full of money and invited them to pay "membership fees" and make their fortune. Fees to the value of \$49-80 were paid. Three weeks later however when the suitcase was dug up again it was found to contain soil, ashes, etc. The victims who has lost their money then brought the story to the office. Salak is to be proceeded against.

R. P. Morrison

 R. P. Morrison.
 Patrol Officer.

AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.(A) INTRODUCTION.

(a) The Kalalo Census Division stretches some 50 miles along the north coast from the Madang border to the Nambariwa cliffs. Most of the villages are situated on the coast.

Most of the area along the coast is covered by kunai plains, with timbered areas in the foothills behind these plains and along rivers and streams. The terrain is dominated by the coastal kunai plains and the timbered foothills which merge into the slopes of the higher mountain ridges.

Rainfall along this belt is scarce between the months of May and October, and most of the areas annual average of 80 inches falls during November-April. Rainfall in the timbered slopes behind the foothills is more consistent and much heavier, but this stops before reaching the lower coastal area.

(b) The only airstrip in the area is located at the Patrol Post at Wasu, although one is under construction at Sio. There is no road link with the Sub-District Office at Kabwum and the only means of movement between the Kalalo C/D and Kabwum is by air, about 8 minutes flying time from Wasu. Similarly, District Headquarters is reached by air and also sea although this is about a 17 hours trip as against 25 minutes by plane.

Shipping in the area fluctuates from good regular service, to the situation at present, where it is almost impossible to obtain cargo space on ships between Lae and Madang. The only vessels visiting the area with any degree of regularity are the M.V. Simbang and the M.V. Morobe. The only wharf in the area is at Wasu, which is the port for Kabwum, but regular stops are made at Sio where a good anchorage is available.

There are currently 12 miles of road radiating from Wasu, approximately seven miles to the Gatop Mission in the mountains behind Wasu, 4 miles to Kiari along the west coast and 1 mile to the Kudzewa River in the east. A coastal road is being constructed to the Timbe River in the West and Nambari-wa in the east. Surveys are currently being carried out to determine the feasibility of a road to Kabwum.

(c) The area has been patrolled by the Administration since the early 1930's, attitude towards the Administration is neither pro nor anti, the whole population is a pretty carefree lot, particularly the Western coastal area where the people are not interested in Local Government, and show no great desire to improve the area. Mission activity has lapsed at Roinji and Darangge since the ejection of the native missionary for interfering in the customs of the people there. Similarly the people of Boneia and Nineia have announced their intention of trying to get the Seventh Day Adventists from the Madang side to establish a school at Nineia. No cargo cult activity has been evident over the past few years.

AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.(B) POPULATION - DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

(a) See attached Village Population Register forms.

(b) See attached map for details.

(c) Generally the villages east of the Timbe River have a high absentee rate as against the villages to the west. This is attributed to two main causes; 1. Two schools, mission and administration at Sio and one administration school at Kalalo provide a basic education for the young males of the eastern area and they are thus able to obtain employment in Lae and elsewhere.

2. Transportation out of the eastern area is made easier by the anchorages at Sio and Wasu, boats stop frequently at these two places but seldom between Wasu and the Madang border.

The two Sio villages account for over a third of the population of this Census Division and apart from the above reasons these villages were heavily recruited in the late 50's early 60's. These labourers have been away for up to 15 years, most of which haven't been back to the village since leaving.

(C) SOCIAL GROUPINGS.

(a) Number of distinct component social groups.

GROUP	NUMBER OF PEOPLE
1. Barom Linguistic Group. Includes:- Roinji Darongge Nineia Boneia	
2. Pano Group. Singorokai Malasanga Kiari	
3. Siongua Group. Lebanggade (hamlet) Nambariwa	
4. Weliki Group. Weliki	
5. Mula and Lebanggade.(village)	
6. Apalap.	
7. Sio.	

(b) Simple family and extended family group is the functional social unit, with only the older people being able to trace their forefathers, etc. The younger people are at a loss after four or five generations and are unable to trace their family beyond this.

(c) See (a) above.

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AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.

(d) Group Relationships. Groups in the area normal friendly relationships without being overly interested in one another, the only issue which does cause concern is that of land.

Several disputes in the area have been outstanding for many years and the Demarkation Committee's in the area are rendered virtually useless because they all distrust each other. Disputes exist between the Sios and the Kulavis, the Sios and the Welikis, and the coastals and the Kombas/Timbes. The former involve plateau villages coming down to the coast and planting gardens and coconuts on land claimed by themselves and the coastal Sios. The latter also involve the coastals and on the other side the mountain people from the Komba and Timbe. The people from Songgin in the Timbe have established a camp at Weliwel and also in the hills behind Weliwel, this began as an agreement between some five people and now with more Songgins drifting in both villages are becoming embroiled.

Trading between the mountains people and the coastals is still considerable, with highland vegetables being traded for fish, pots, shells and betel nut.

(e) As described above.

(D) LEADERSHIP.

(a) Leaders - present and potential.

VILLAGE	NAME	PRESENT	POTENTIAL
Roinji		Kondong-Amanga	
Daronge		" "	
Singorokai		Wangi-Kurima	
Boneia		Giniong-Goi	
		Walung-Dinuang	
Malasanga		Ulon-Endran	
		Woro-Duko	
Kiari		Uli-Barita	Asa
			Maksen-Mario
Sio I		Koli-Raboga	Cla-Jekci
Sio II		Kanongi - Zuke	

Other villages in the area do not have any clearly defined leaders.

(b) KONDONG-AMANGA.

Age 53

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Subsistence farmer. Luluai of Roinji.

No known convictions.

Traditional Religion.

Administration appointed and traditional leader of his people. Influence confined to Roinji and sister village Darongge. Not enthusiastic about Lutheran Mission, but not over concerned about their activity so long as they stay out of his area. The Lutherans were told to leave the area when they began telling the local people to forget their Traditional beliefs and destroy their "Haus Tamberan". This they refused to do and the "Haus Tamberan" is still active.

Not an enthusiast for progress, content to maintain the status quo.

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AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.

(b) cont.

WANGI-KURIMA.

Age 63

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Retired subsistence farmer.

No known convictions.

Traditional leader of the Singorokai people. Luluai is the spokesman for the village but holds little power. Wangi is a Lutheran but the whole village is a pretty lethargic lot, religion doesn't receive any great boost as is evidenced by the church, which is of native materials as compared with some of the "cathedrals" along the coast. Singorokai is one of the most consistently filthy and unco-operative villages in the area which reflects on the leaderships attitude toward progress, etc.

GINIONG-GOI.

Age 51

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Coffee planter and subsistence farmer.

Luluai, holds little power. Spokesman only.

No known convictions.

WALUNG-DINUANG.

Age 47

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Coffee planter and subsistence farmer.

No known convictions.

Shares leadership with Giniong. Neither very vocal or bright but more enthusiastic towards progress than the coastals. Pro-Administration and anti-Lutheran, villages of Boneia and Nineia have approached the S.D.A. Mission in Madang about establishing a school in the area.

ULONA-ENDRAN.

Age 49

Education. Educated by Lutheran Mission to Standard

unknown.

Occupation. 6 years teaching Kotte in a Mission School

at Finschhafen. Now subsistence farming.

No known convictions.

Reasonably progressive, without having any ideas of his own. Spokesman for the Malasangas now living at Welwel.

WORO-DUKO.

Age 39

Education. 4 years Mission education.

Occupation. Spent four years at Rabaul as a mechanic.

Now a subsistence farmer.

No known convictions.

He controls the people still at Malasanga. Leadership acquired due to education and personality.

ULI-BARITA.

Age 52

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Coconut grower and subsistence farmer.

No known convictions.

Ex-Councillor. Traditional leader. Progressive and willing to involve his people in area development.

ASA-WARI

Age 30

Mission. Education. Educated to unknown Standard by Lutheran

Occupation. Councillor in Kabwam L.G.C., now a subsistence farmer. Formerly Lutheran Teacher at Kiari. Speaks English. Takes interest in national events and although a Sio could become leader in this area. No known convictions.

AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.

(b) cont.

MAKSEN-MARIO

Age 28

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Subsistence farmer.

No known convictions.

Appears as likely successor to Uli as leader of Kiari people. Intelligent and familiar with local affairs, progressive type.

KOLI-RABOGA

Age 63

Education. Nil.

Occupation. Councillor in Kabwum L.G.C.

Subsistence farmer and Trade Store owner.

No known convictions.

Holds certain amount of influence, mainly due to his age and ability to talk people round to his way of thinking. Professes anti-Mission sentiments, but such thoughts usually kept to himself when there are any Mission personnel around. Keen mover behind Sio airstrip work and has progressive outlook.

OLA-JIKEI

Age 35

Education. Educated by Mission to unknown Standard

Former Mission teacher at Sio.

Occupation. Now Trade Store Keeper at Wasu.

(Mr. E.L. Foads') Also has own store at Sio and considerable coconut plantings at Sio and along the coast between Sio and Kiari. Is Chairman of the local Demarkation Committee and knowledgeable re - land disputes in the area.

No known convictions.

KANONGI - ZUKE

Age 45

Education. Unknown, standard at Mission school.

Occupation. Councillor in Kabwum L.G.C.

Subsistence farmer and Trade Store owner.

No known convictions.

Influence is hard to gauge, but is the spokesman for Sio II and along with Kole is a keen participant in local affairs and development of the Sio area. Both pro-Mission and Administration

(c) The traditional pattern of leadership remains, but it is noticeable that the younger more informed, (but less intelligent or wise) are trying to assert themselves as leaders over the elder traditional leaders. Several instances of trouble arising from young men just back from the towns was noted during this patrol. Old disputes previously settled were brought up again by these young men who felt that the decision should have been more in their favour in the first place, usually they did not have the full facts of the matter and were trying to put an act for the benefit of the elders.

This attitude is particularly noticeable in villages which don't have many people who have been to the towns present in the village. The young "know alls" returning from the towns come out with a statement on something which has just occurred in the House of Assembly, interpreting it to suit their purpose and those in the village don't know any different.

AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.(E) LAND TENURE AND USE.

(a) Land inheritance is patrilineal throughout the area. Land is passed down to the sons and if there are no male children the eldest daughter inherits the land, similarly if the male members of the family die out the eldest daughter inherits the land.

Areas of land are regularly leased or sold to other natives for commercial purposes. Mainly the planting of Coconuts and coffee. Boundaries are fixed by the owner and buyer or lessee, with witnesses attending for both sides and the land is marked by stakes or some such marker.

(b) No land is leased from the Administration by natives in the area. A group of Timbe villagers who are currently squatting on Government Station land at Wasu intend applying for a business lease at Wasu, but as yet have not done so.

Understanding land tenure conveyance. Little interest is shown in this system of land holding as current arrangements are still proving satisfactory. Most have no knowledge of this system and those who have, haven't really thought about it as being applicable to them.

(c) Cash cropping is both individual and on a communal basis. Crops are usually planted on clan ground with the harvesting, etc the responsibility of the family using the particular area of ground. Family efforts rather than communal efforts to plant and harvest crops predominate.

(F) LITERACY.(a) i/ SIO Primary T School.

Standard	Male	Female	Total	Language Taught
1	24	15	39	English
2	20	17	37	"
3	19	15	34	"
4	27	7	34	"
5	30	7	37	"
6	25	9	34	"
Totals	145	70	215	

ii/ SIO Primary T School.

Standard	Male	Female	Total	Language Taught
3	19	8	27	English
4	39	12	51	"
5	29	6	35	"
6	60	10	70	"
Totals	147	36	183	

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AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.(F) LITERACY.cont.(a) iii/ GATOP Primary T School.

Standard	Male	Female	Total	Language Taught
From Kalalo Census Division	75			English

iv/ Village Schools run by the Lutheran Mission.

Standard	Male	Female	Total	Language Taught	School
Prep	12	14	26	Kottee	Sio II
1	6	6	12	"	"
2	8	9	17	"	"
Prep	11	6	17	"	Weliwel
1	12	11	23	"	"
2	8	10	18	"	"
Totals	57	56	113		

(b) ~~ix~~ ADULTS LITERATE OR SEMI-LITERATE.

Village	English	Pidgin	Kottee	Other
Roinji	-	5	2	8
Nineia	-	3	2	3
Singorokai	-	9	1	2
Malasanga	1	13	26	21
Kiari	6	12	10	8
Weliki	3	8	7	9
Sio I	5	40	30	60
Sio II	2	17	10	60
Nambariwa	1	6	1	16
Lebaggande-		2	2	7
Totals	18	115	91	194

(c) Nil.

(d) See Appendix .

(e) The only publication received in the area is "NIUS Bilong YUMI", which is published by D.I.E.S This is received through the local Sports Club and also the Councillors receive copies through the Kabwum Council. Apart from this there is no great interest shown as other newspapers are in English.

Radios are becoming more common in the area as returning workers generally bring one back with them. The stations at Wewak, Hagen and Rabaul receive most attention, as Moresbys majority of programmes are in English and thus of no interest to the village people.

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AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.

(G) STANDARD OF LIVING.

(a) Housing throughout the area is of a fair standard, most villages are constructed of native materials, with the exceptions of Sio I and II and Nambariwa, where a lot of old corrugated iron from W.W.II has been used as roofing and building materials, this was mostly brought from Finschhafen during the fifties. Houses of native materials predominate in all other villages. Fairly consistent patrolling of the area by P.H.D staff is mainly responsible for the housing, which never becomes real bad or real good. The one exception is Singorokai, which has been visited by both P.H.D and D.D.A. patrols regularly for the past four months in an attempt to clean up the place.

Whilst the housing situation is generally satisfactory the village environs leave much to be desired. Village pig paddocks are being constructed at all villages except the Sios, which already have them, following this patrol. Pigs were given free rein and this was culminating in villages being denuded of grass, shrubs, etc. A follow up patrol is proposed for next month to ensure that instructions issued re pig paddocks have been carried out. Apart from the pigs villages are generally not kept clean of debris from coconut trees, etc and most villages appear to be inhabited only when a visit by a patrol is expected. Latrines in the area usually run at two or three to a village no matter how big the village, instructions were given for more to be built.

European clothes and utensils have almost completely replaced native attire and artefacts. Grass skirts are worn by the old women only and the only local artefacts used are clay cooking pots and hand made fishing nets. The extent to which the natives have adopted European clothes, etc is evident at singsings where kundus and decorated head-dresses are usually the only native artefacts used.

(b) Locally grown foods form the basis of the diet in the area. Home grown yams, taro, sweet potatoe, coconuts, corn are the main foods which are grown in gardens at the village. Depending on the soil and climate of the area, introduced vegetables, i.e. potatoes, beans, cabbages, cucumber, tomatoes, water melons, onions, are also grown along with bananas, pineapples and pawpaws. These introduced fruits and vegetables are grown mainly in the villages inland. A weekly market is held at Wasu which provides the coastal and the mountain people with the opportunity to buy each others produce. Pig, fish and turtle are regularly sold at the market and this along with tinned meats and fish provide the main source of variety in the diet.

Fish, rice, sugar, salt, tea are the most widely consumed introduced foods, these items are stocked in most trade stores and consumed by the majority of people in the area.

(c) A Sports Club formerly existed at Kalalo, but this has been disbanded and a new one formed at Wasu. Regular soccer matches are held at Wasu between the local team and teams from the surrounding area. An area of land on the Government Station has been allocated to the Club for construction of a Sports Pavilion come Community Centre and it is intended that construction of this building be commenced in November. The Sports Centre when constructed will be used not only for Sporting functions but also as a meeting hall, Community Education Centre, etc. When the premises have been completed the Club intends applying for a liquor licence.

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AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.

(H) MISSIONS.

(a) The Lutheran Mission is the only mission operating in the area. Roinji and Darongge have ejected the Lutheran Mission for reasons already explained. Nineia and Boneia have expressed hope that The S.D.A.'s from Madang will establish a school in the area, but this is highly unlikely due to the sparse population and entrenchment of the Lutherans in surrounding areas. All other villages claim adherence to the Lutheran Mission.

(b) Mission schools are maintained at the following villages:- Nineia, Sio I and II, Singorokai, Weliwel. A mission Aid Post is run at Sio I. These establishments are run by one local.

There is a "boss-mission" in each village who conducts services, etc. The area is supervised by the European Missionary at Ulap.

(c) Influence of the mission is concentrated particularly at Sio and Nambariwa, this is possibly due to the fact that there was a Mission Station at Sio prior to the War. Other villages in the area carry their general outlook on life over to their interest in religion, i.e. show a lethargic interest without being over zealous about anything in particular.

(I) NON-INDIGINES.

(a)-Trade Store at Wasu anchorage owned by Mr.E.L.Foad of Finschhafen.

-Proposed Trade Store for a Business Lease to be established by Kabwum Trading Company. Two other Business Lease blocks are not being used as yet.

(b) Ola-Jekei of Sio I runs Mr.Foads store, along with one permanent assistant and casual labourers who are employed to unload and load boats. Three permanent labourers are employed by the Kabwum Trading Company to unload planes and boats, etc at Wasu.

(c) Coffee and copra are both brought from the local people by Ola and shipped out of Wasu. Similarly coffee is brought to Wasu by plane by the Kabwum Trading Company and thence shipped to Lae. Tonnage figures are not available. See (J) re communications.

(d) There are no other Europeans in the area.

(J) COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) ROADS.

See also comments under (A) part (b).

Six miles of road links Wasu with the Mission hospitals at Etep and Ulap, the Government Primary "T" School at Kalalo the Mission PTS at Gatop, and the Lutheran Mission Headquarters at Gatop. This road is not well located and is unusable during the "wet" only by four wheel drive vehicles using chains. Attempts are being made to improve the road by re cutting the surface, putting a gravel foundation and surfacing it with gravel. If this section is to be used as part of the Wasu-Kabwum road it will have to be considerably up-graded. Hongo in the Selepet Census Division is the only village at present linked by this road, although the road to Satop has been surveyed and marked.

A proposed coast road from the Timbe River in the west to Nambariwa in the east is being built out from Wasu. So far four miles have been completed towards the Timbe and one mile to the east. A considerable number of low level cement bridges will have to be constructed on this road, and work is currently being held up by the unavailability of cement in Lae. Once built this road will provide a link between Wasu and the greater part of the population of the area.

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AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.

(J) COMMUNICATIONS. cont.

(h) SEA.

Wharves

Anchorage

Wasu

Wasu

Sio I

Sio II

Weliwel

Malasanga

Roingi

Singorokai

Vessels which visit the area infrequently include the M.V. Vitiiaz, Kauri, Yanina, Janel, Sorengana, Kathleen, none of these however maintain a regular run. Prior to having its license revoked the M.V. Abel Tasman had established a regular fortnightly service between Lae-Wasu-Madang, however since it ceased operations no other vessel has been available to take over the route. Consequently the only regular trips to the area are made by the M.V. Morobe and the M.V. Simbang, the former carrying Administration cargo and some Council cargo, whilst the latter carries Mission cargo.

A regular service between Lae and Madang with calls at all ports in between is badly needed along this coast, with the number of private businesses, Councils, etc that could use the service it would prove a profitable run.

(c) AIR.

The only commercial airstrip in the area at present is at Wasu. This strip is 2700' long by 750' wide, and is a Category "C" strip. It cannot be lengthened due to a hill at one end and a depression at the other.

Use of the strip is constant, planes owned by Crowley Airways, T.A.A., Macair, Kabwum Trading Company, Cedric Chee, Lutheran Mission and the Aero Club all use the strip at various times. The only regular service to Wasu is the Friday Govt. Charter, operated by Macair, Crowley Airways previously had a service to Wasu on Thursdays but this is no longer reliable.

An airstrip is currently being developed at Sio and it is expected that this will be opened within the next month. Length is 1800' by 150' wide, this will be suitable for Category "D". A possible site behind Singorokai was inspected and this site will be further investigated during the next patrol to the area.

(K) TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

There are a smattering of workers in most trades absent in the towns, namely, carpenters, plumbers, painters, mechanics, clerks, etc. There are now several Teacher Trainees from Sio attending Teachers College in Madang and also two students at Napa Napa Nautical Training School at Moresby. Boatscrew for several coastal boats are provided from Sio, also the skipper of the M.V. Vitiiaz is from Sio.

Apart from carpenters these tradesmen stay in the towns and only venture back to the villages for holidays.

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(L) Through the influence of the Kabwum Local Government Council, villages in the council are becoming more and more aware of items of political significance. A vast difference is noticeable between those villages in the Council and those who are not. In the Council villages, interest is shown in the work of the Council, mainly manifested in the tax rate and benefits the area will receive from the Councils current Works Programme. However, this is a start and better to have a self-centred interest which can be developed into an interest in overall affairs, than none at all. Villages not in the Council at present have no interest in joining the Council and not much interest in any other sort of development.

Because the Councillors and villages of the Council have more opportunity to be told what is happening in the towns, re political development, etc these villages are better informed on National politics and show more interest in the work of the House of Assembly, etc than the non-Council villages, who have to rely on political education patrols and people returning from the towns to inform them of what is going on. Visits by the two M.H.A's for the area haven't impressed the people one way or the other, as they have been to infrequent. Whilst the M.H.A. for Kabwum Electorate usually visits the station population at Wasu, on his return from meetings of the House, his visits do not include trips to the coastal villages where the population is. The Regional Member Mr. Voutas has not visited the area since his election, but sends out a regular newsheet, which is generally not understood. Mr. Gam, the Kabwum M.H.A. visited Honiara in the B.S.I.P earlier this year to attend the opening of that Territory's Legislative Council.

Comprehension of the present form of Government is limited to a few better educated persons in the area. The majority of the population are completely baffled when asked about Ministerial Members, Self-government, voting powers of the House, etc. And generally it could be said that most are interested in understanding. Rule through the local station, Kabwum and Lae is all they understand about who makes decisions on projects, laws, etc. Administration by district is as far as their conception of Administration goes, thus they can conceive how authority is passed through Lae to Kabwum and Wasu, the two administrative stations in the area. A very vague concept of the original and true authority coming from Port Moresby is held by these people.

Both the Administration and the Mission are held in high regard in the area, apart from those villages mentioned under MISSIONS.

Visitors to Conferences, etc.

Advent. Tarosi of Sio I, currently serving on the Commission of inquiry into the Electoral System, is to visit Canberra shortly as part of his appointment.

Koli-Raboga of Sio I, visited the House of Assembly in 1968 as an observer.

All the Councillors from the area have attended the Morobe District Councils Conference.

AREA STUDY - KALALO CENSUS DIVISION.(M) THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA.(a) Economic Trees.

Village	Coconuts		Coffee	
	Mature	Immature	Mature	Immature
Roinji	1108	5485	-	-
Nineia	469	1694	601	369
Boneia	125	1641	2600	1636
Singorokai	632	4595	-	-
Malasanga	957	2309	-	-
Kiari	481	2309	-	-
Weliki	326	2298	708	-
Sio No.1	12625	9306	-	-
Sio No.2	8982	4372	-	-
Nambariwa	2268	1577	-	-
Lebaggando	83	745	2606	478
Totals	28116	44450	6515	2483

* Figures above are 1966 figures, no reliable census taken since.

(b) No figures kept by companies, etc in the area.

Potential production is however:-

Coffee:- 1 lb dried parchment per tree per year at an average ruling price of 10 cents per lb.

Copra:- 13 lbs copra per tree per year at an average price of 4 cents per lb.

Gives:- Coffee 6515 lbs - \$651-50

Copra 365,558 lbs \$14,622-32.

(c) See above.

(d) Market gardening conducted on a limited scale.

(e) Wages and Payments received by people living in the area.

1. Mission wages	-	\$240-00
2. APO wages	-	\$1950-00
3. Teachers	-	\$3000-00
4. Storekeepers	-	\$ 500-00
5. Labour	-	\$2000-00
6. Carriers - Patrols	-	\$1000-00

Total \$8690-00

(f) Both Namasu and F.M.D.S are accepted but treated indifferently.
\$135 is invested in Namasu
\$8000 " " " F.M.D.S

(g) The only entrepreneurs of any note are Mole of Sio and Ola. Jekei also of Sio. Both own and operate trade stores, own a small dinghy and have considerable copra plantings. Local labour is employed by both.

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(h) See Appendices.

(i) No apparent difficulty in paying tax.

(j) The average per capita income for the area is \$10.

Most of the money made privately is by the Sio villages, hence this figure is not a realistic assessment of the true income of the area.

The lowering of coffee prices and subsequent failure to raise them again has reduced the income of the coffee producing villages. Local producers are paid 10 cents per lb, whilst the buyers are getting 35c per lb from marketing sources. This hardly seems a fair profit margin. Previously 16 and 18 cents per lb was the ruling prices, then with the mid-year slump this was reduced to 10 and 8 cents per lb. Although the coffee marketing position has improved, buyers seem to have decided not to raise prices to the old level and hence are doing very well.

(k) Marketing facilities are not good overall. Wasu and Sio are the only points which are regularly used by shipping. Establishing the coast road and then feeder roads to it will assist the villages on the coastal belt considerably.

(N) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

(a) The area of land not in use is indicative of the lethargic attitude of most of the coastal people towards cash cropping. I would estimate that of the 250 square miles of the Kalalo Census Division, no more than 7% would be under crops of any type. Land is adequate for future tree plantings.

(b) Market gardening could be increased, but at present the demand doesn't warrant it. The market held each week at Wasu provides the only outlet for vegetables in the area, and even then all vegetables are not bought up.

(c) Wage earnings are not likely to be increased until some industry is established in the area. Labour is provided by local sources, additional demands on labour would seriously effect the manpower available in the villages for primary production. As it is now, most of the village work is done by the women and young children.

(d) For comments on possible fishing industry see comments under "Economic Situation", in SITUATION REPORT. The only other possibility at present appears to be cattle, but as yet no surveys or investigations have been carried out as to the feasibility of such a scheme.

(e) Apart from the villages west of the Timbe, any plans to establish new cash crops or ventures to increase cash earnings would be met with an enthusiastic response from the people. Volunteer road work, and work on the Sio airstrip, and Wasu Station are just some examples of the eagerness of the locals to improve their area.

(O) See comments under (L)

END OF NARRATIVE.

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APPENDIX 1.

WALKING TRACKS AND VEHICULAR ROADS.

Vehicular Roads.

Wasu - Hongo 6 miles.
Wasu - Kiari 4 miles.

Walking Tracks.

Time.

Wasu -	Kiari	30 min.
Kiari -	Weliwel	2½ hrs.
Weliwel-	Malasanga	1½ hrs.
Malasanga -	Singorokai	4 hrs.
Singorokai-	Roinji	2½ hrs.
Singorokai-	Nineia	1½ hrs.
Nineia -	Boneia	3 hrs.
Nineia -	Apalap	12 hrs.
Wasu -	Weliki	3 hrs.
Wasu -	Kulavi	1½ hrs.
Wasu -	Sio II	4 hrs.
Sio II -	Sio I	20 mins.
Sio I -	Nambariwa.	1½ hrs.
Nambariwa -	Gitua	4 hrs.
Sio I -	Lebanggande	3 hrs.
Lebanggande	Mula	2½ hrs.

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APPENDIX 2.

REPORT ON "HAUS TAMBERAN" AT ROINJI.

On arrival at Roinji, inquiries were made re the existence of a "Haus Tamberan". I was told by the Luluai from Roinji that the "H.T." still existed and was run by the Tultul from Darongge, the sister village to Roinji. I then met the Tultul and he took me to the "H.T." which is located some 15 minutes walk from Darongge in the bush to the rear of the village.

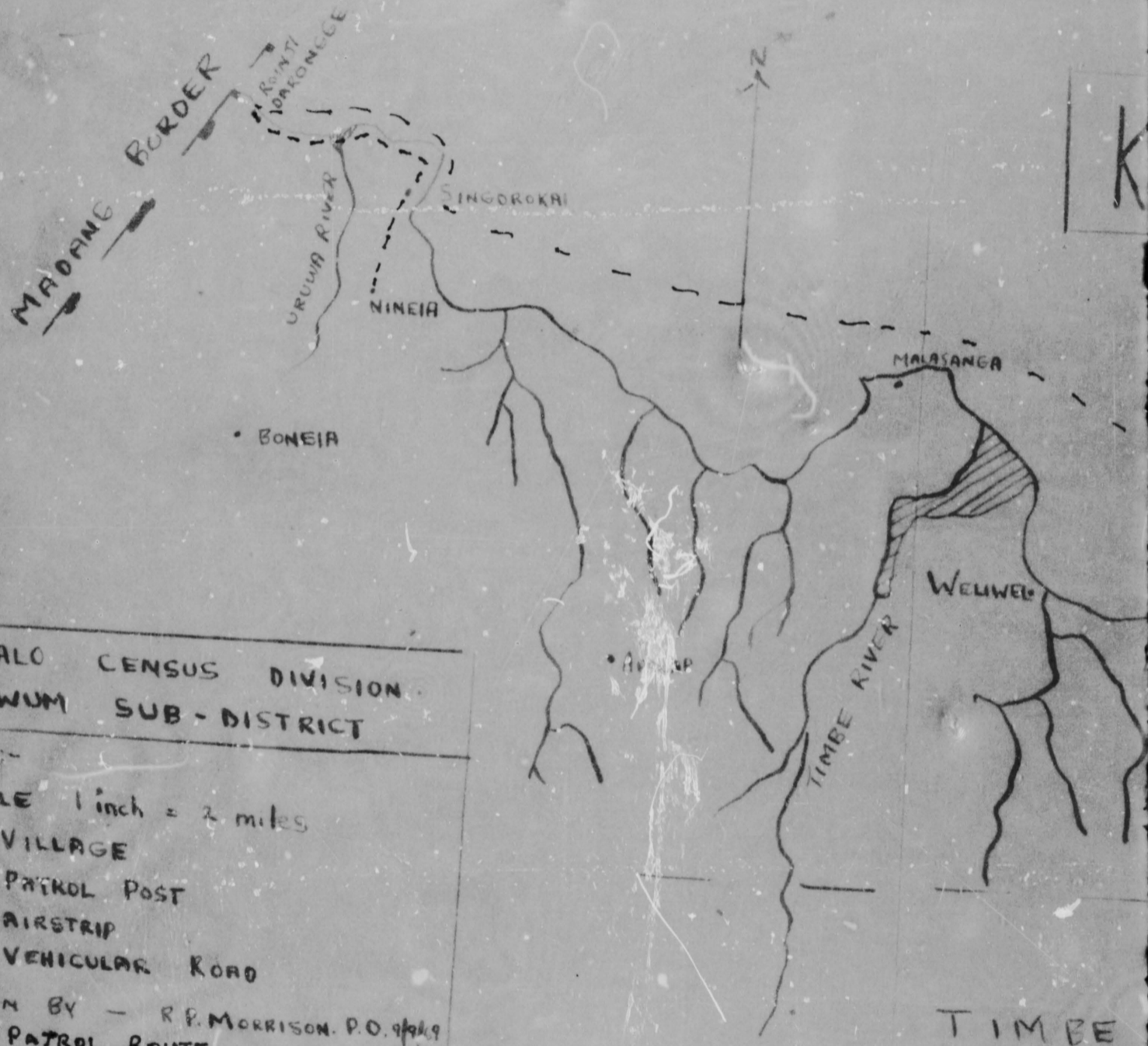
The "H.T." consisted of three small four sided shelters, enclosed on all sides and with a kunai roof overhanging the walls. Inside each shelter were several "woomeras" on raised benches. I inquired about the origin of the "H.T." and was told the following by the Tultul:-

"Haus Tamberans", were common throughout the Sio, Uruwa, Yupna, Saidor coast area before the arrival of the missionary. However when the mission arrived they forbade the erection of new "H.T.'s" and ordered the destruction of the old ones. The "woomeras" were first placed in the "H.T.'s" by their "tumbunas" and they then copied the designs, etc. These "woomeras" assisted them in their hunting, fishing and growing food and also helped to protect them from spirits, etc. The present "H.T." was erected in 1968, when the Lutherans were told to leave the village. The mission had told the villagers to destroy the "H.T.", to which they replied, "who will help us grow our food".

The Darongge's look after the "H.T.", but other villages still bring their young males to the "H.T." to be initiated into it. Women are not allowed to go to the "H.T." and males cannot go until they have been taken and initiated by the older men. When a group of youths are to be initiated, they all meet at the village where the "H.T." is and feast and sing-sing before and after the initiation. Pigs, etc are brought and given as gifts to the village which has the "H.T.", also all parents and guardians of youths being initiated must bring a pig.

During the initiation ceremony a talk is given to the young males by the older men and they are then shown the "woomeras" and told of their power.

Although the "H.T." has adherents at Darongge and Roinji, it would appear that these two places are the only ones which take any active part in its operation.



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KALALO CENSUS DIVISION
 KABWUM SUB-DISTRICT

KEY:-

SCALE 1 inch = 2 miles

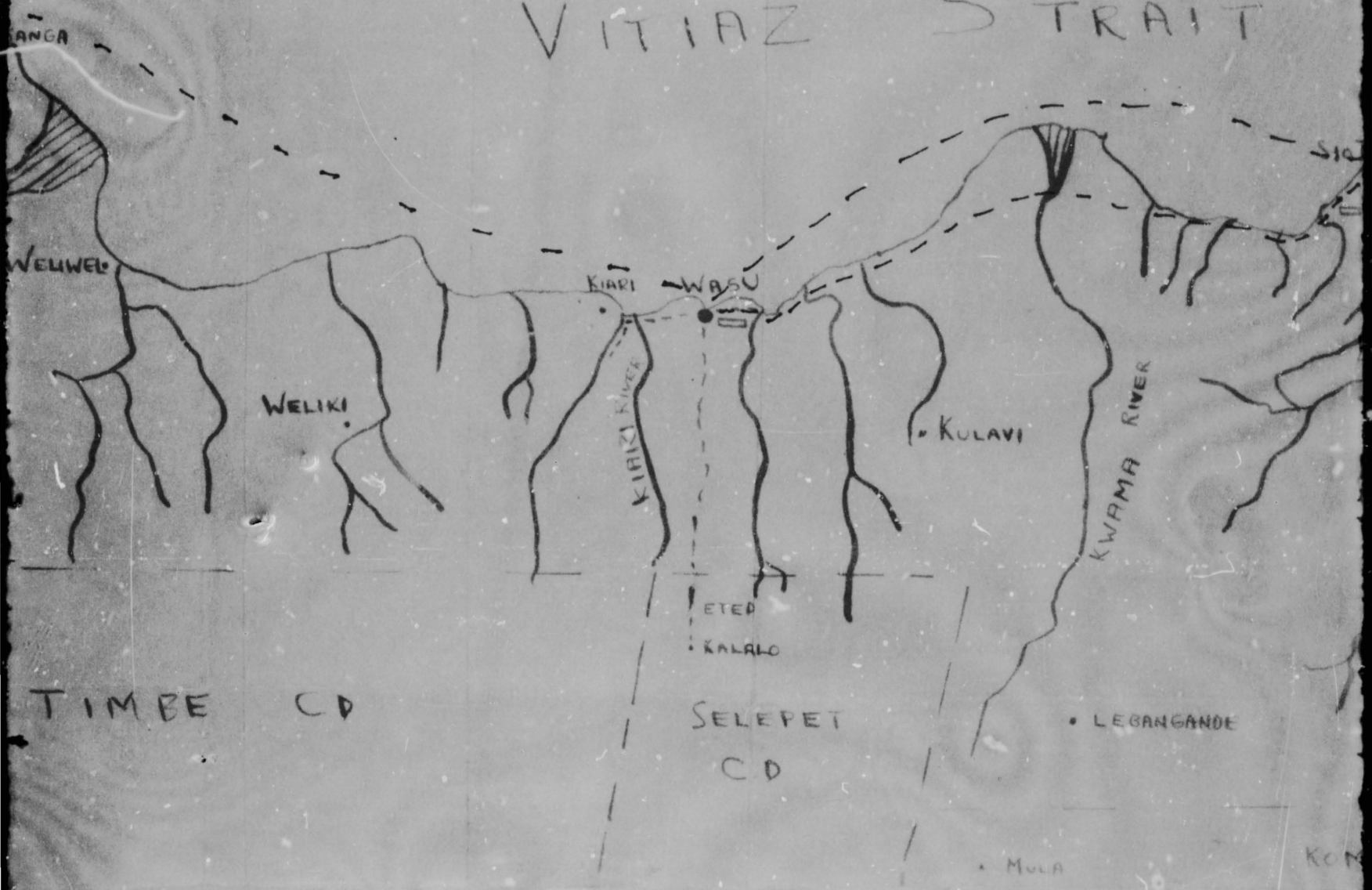
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WASU PATROL NO. 1. of 1969/70

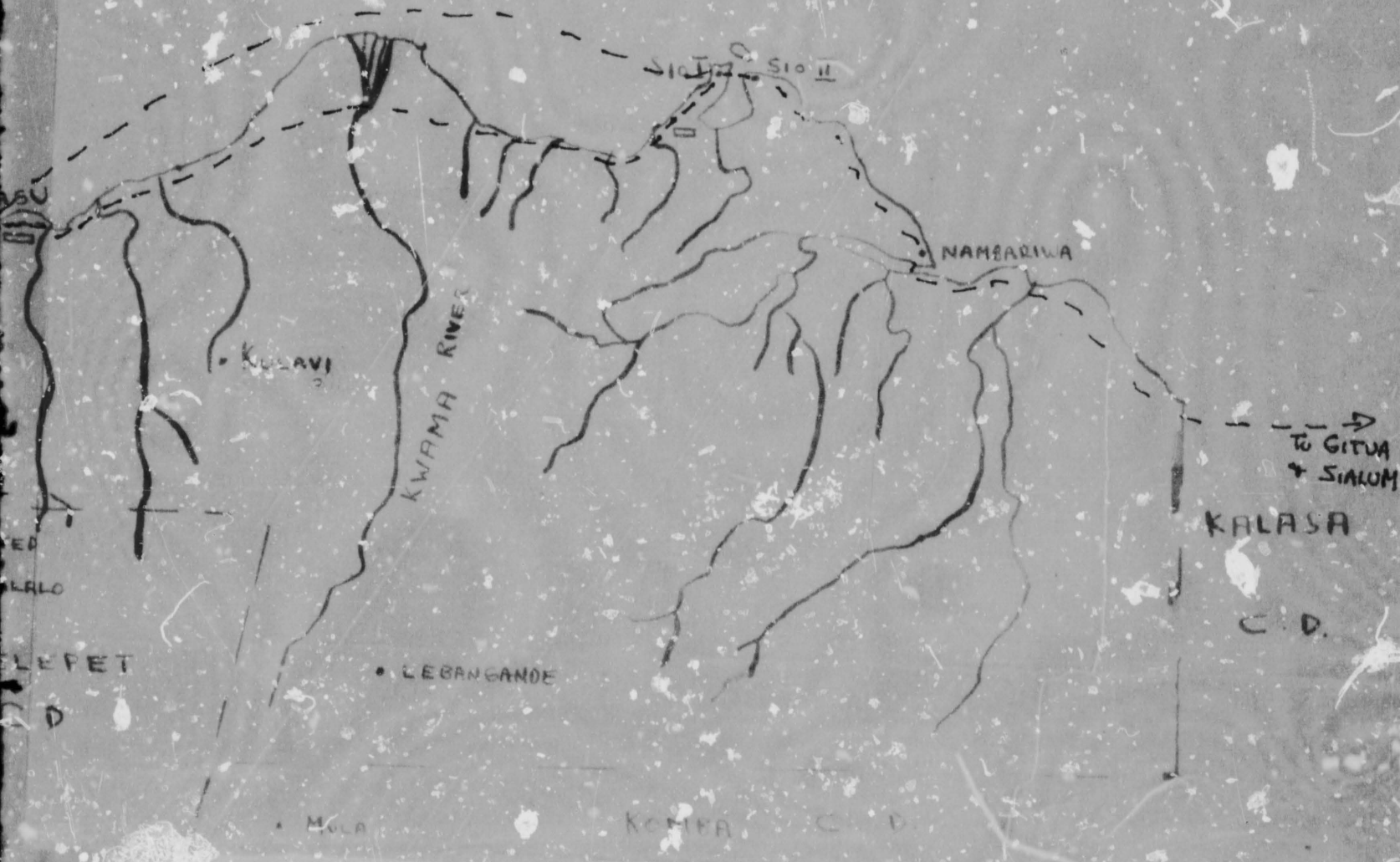
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... MOROBE..... Report Now wasu No "2" 1969 / 70.....

Patrol Conducted by... D. Turner A.P.O.

Area Patrolled Part... Yupna Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... R. Draffan A.F.O.

Natives..... 1 Member R.P.&N.G.O.

Duration—From... 16 / 9 / 1969... to... 3 / 10 / 1969...

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

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 5 / 11 / 1968...

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

Map Reference... Attached.....

Objects of Patrol... Initiate construction of Bonkiman airstrip.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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

67-6-39

8th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.S.

PATROL WASH NO. 2/68-70.

Your reference is 67-2-9 of 19th December, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R.D.W. Draffan, A.P.O., to part Iupna Census Division.
3. This report is a reasonable effort, though Mr. Draffan should take more care with the presentation of his written work in future.
4. I am favourably impressed by Mr. Draffan's interesting observations on the attitudes of the people.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. R.D.W. Draffan,
Patrol Post,
WASH. Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

WASH.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

Telegrams--

Telephone--

Our Reference..... 67-2-9

If calling ask for

Mr.....

19th December, 1969.



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

WASU PATROL NO.2 OF 1969/70

I attach herewith a supplementary report
to Wasu Patrol Report No.2 of 1969/70 which was
previously submitted to you and acknowledged on
the 25th November, 1969.

Covering comments by the Assistant
District Commissioner, Kabwum are accompan~~y~~ed.

B. Bunting

(B. BUNTING)

a/District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

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Morobe District,

28th November, 1969.

Mr. Draffan,
Patrol Post Wasu

District Commissioner,
Department of Administrator, PATROL 2/69 TO
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
IAE.

Mr. Draffan please be prepared to report on
patrol with Mr. Turner on Tuesday the 16th September
1969. Mr. D. Turner will be in charge of the patrol. The patrol
will be to the proposed airstrip site at Bonkiman in the Papua
Census Division.

WASU PATROL REPORT 2/69-70.

The following Attached please find three copies of the above
report submitted by Mr R. Draffan A.P.O. together with his
claim for camping allowance. This patrol was conducted by
Mr. D. Turner A.P.O. this report should therefore be read
in conjunction with Mr Turners report which has already
been dispatched to you.

Mr Draffan has exercised his powers of
observation during his first patrol and has produced a
quite interesting report. His report on the proposed
airstrip is very comprehensive.

Mr Draffan is at present carrying out a second
patrol in the Bonkiman area and I look forward to his
second report on the airstrip.

On the whole a good report, somewhat marred by
spelling and typing errors.

J. ABSALOM.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Mr R. Draffan,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

Sub District Office,
Kabwum

MGROBE DISTRICT
9, September 1969

Mr. R. Draffan,
Patrol Post Wasu

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS WASU PATROL 2/69 70

As verbally informed please be prepared to depart on patrol with Mr. D. Turner on Tuesday the 16th September 1969. Mr. D. Turner will be in charge of the patrol. The patrol will be to the proposed airstrip site at Benkiman in the Yuma Census Division.

The following are your instructions for the patrol.

- (1) As this will be your first patrol endeavour to learn all you can regarding patrol procedure from Mr. Turner.
- (2) Endeavour to improve your knowledge of Pidgin English.
- (3) Note the requirements for proposed airstrip sites. This knowledge could well be useful to you at a later date.
- (4) The duration of the patrol will be from 2 to 3 weeks.
- (5) Submit your patrol report together with your claim for Camping Allowance to the Officer in Charge, Wasu Patrol Post, within one week of your return to Wasu. Read the Director's circular instruction 67_1_0 of 21st June 1968 before writing your report, and submit your report in accordance with the prescribed pro form.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc D.S. Turner,
KABWUM
cc Officer in charge,
Patrol post,
WASU

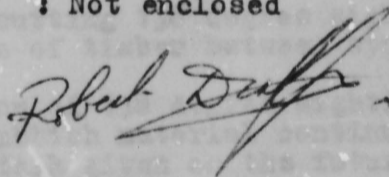
a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KABWUM.

Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
20th October 1969.

WASU PATROL REPORT NUMBER 2 1969/70

Attached please find four copies of the above patrol report and my camping allowance claim.

Report Number	: Wasu No. 2 of 1969/70
Sub-District	: Kabwum
District	: Morobe
Council Area	: None
Patrol conducted by	: D. Turner
Area patrolled	: Part Yupna Census Division
Personnel accompanying patrol	: R. Draffan A.P.O. Const. Netato 1373
Duration of patrol	: 18 days
Date out	: 16 September 1969
Date in	: 3 October 1969
Date and duration of last D.D.A. patrol	: 5 November 1968 to 9 November 1968 Five days
Objects of Patrol.	: To initiate construction of Bonkiman airstrip.
Total population	: 500 aprox.
Area patrolled	: Part Yupna Census Division
Map reference	: Attached
Village population register	: Not enclosed



R.D.W. Draffan.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

The object of this patrol was to survey and mark out an airstrip site near the village of Bonkiman to serve the surrounding villages in the Yupna Census Division and to facilitate access to the area.

Initial clearing of the site was completed by the time the patrol left the village, and instructions were left for subsequent work to be carried out.

All work on the airstrip site was done on a voluntary basis by the villagers of Bonkiman and other villages.

PATROL DIARY.

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| 16 September 1969. | 08.15 departed Wasu for Kiari by boat chartered from Mole Mole. Arrived Roinji 14.30. Overnight Roinji. |
| 17 September 1969 | 08.00 departed Roinji en route for Bonkiman. Carriers changed at Yuwong which is 1½ hrs. walk from Roinji. Bivouaced for the night under bush material shelter 3¼ hrs. walk out of Yuwong. Carriers much longer. |
| 18 September 1969. | Some carriers arrived from Bonkiman. Departed bivouac 19.15 walking over the top of the ranges and down to Bonkiman. Time 4½ hrs. Carriers time 6½ hrs. Made visual appreciation of proposed air strip site. |
| 19 September 1969 | Organised voluntary village labour into work gangs and cut initial sighting at 128 degrees. |
| 20 September 1969 | Second sighting cut at 140 degrees through forest Cutting grass continued on area already cleared of timber. |
| 21 September 1969 | Sunday Observed. |
| 22 September 1969 | Clearance of cut rubbish materials |
| 23 September 1969 | Continuation of rubbish clearance. Rain stopped work P.M. |
| 24 September 1969 | Started cutting 138 degree sighting. Clearance of timber between strips |
| 25 September 1969 | Completion of 138 degree sighting. Clearance of cut rubbish material continued. General talk given on the future work to be done and benefits to be expected from the air strip. |
| 26 September 1969 | Clearing of timber continued Rain stopped work P.M. |
| 27 September 1969 | Clearing continued. Runner arrived ex Wasu with mail and instructions. Helicopter due 29/30 September. |
| 28 September 1969. | Sunday Observed. |

PATROL DIARY Cont.

29 September 1969. Clearance of timber continued.
Helicopter failed to arrive.

30 September 1969 Clearance of standing timber completed.
Helicopter again failed to arrive.

1 October 1969 Final phase of clearing started. Removal of
tree stumps etc. Instructions for future
work given.

2 October 1969 Departed Bonkiman 07.00
Arrived biv ouac site 10.00 and spent one
hour reading mail brought in by runner.
Arrived Yuwong 12.30 Departed Yuwong 13.00
Arrived Roinji 14.30 Carriers 3½ hrs later.

3 October 1969 Departed Roinji 03.30 to escape local mosquitos.
Care needed crossing Urop river.
Arrived Wasu 18.30 Time Roinji to Wasu 15 hrs.
Patrol boxes left at Roinji in the care of
Const. Netato as no boat or finance was
available for their despatch.

END OF PATROL.SITUATION REPORT.Political Situation.

The Yupna Census Division in which Bonkiman lies is as yet still without its own Local Government Council due to a number of factors. This is chiefly due to the isolation of the area which has inhibited the economic and political growth of the areas peoples. As a result the area enjoys a total blanket tax exemption.

Several of the villagers notably Giramu Kane the indigenous Lutheran pastor and those villagers who had travelled outside their area (a very small percentage.), were enthusiastic for the village to participate in local Government affairs.

It was pointed out that the area must develop sufficiently economically before the people could afford to pay the taxes necessary to support a Local Government Council of their own.

The vast majority of the population were unable to speak Pidgin English and appeared not to be over interested in Governmental affairs. This attitude is understandable in that the people can see, in relation to other areas, relatively little tangible evidence of the benefits of full political participation. It would also this process if more frequent D.D.A. patrols could visit the area which would give the people a greater feeling of being of some concern to the Government.

Earlier in the year Mr. Ruake Gam the local Member of the House of Assembly visited the area.

The village Luluai at Bonkiman is quite unable to speak Pidgin English and is therefore unable to take in instructions and other information and subsequently put this across to the villagers himself. J.A. Smith P.O. had a similar comment to make in his Patrol Report No. 7 66/67 Kalalo when he wrote "Luluai unable to speak Pidgin and is of no help."

SITUATION REPORT.Economic Situation.

The Yupna Census Division is economically backward due to the rugged terrain of the area which prohibits the economic construction of land communications to outside centres of transport. ie. Sea and air ports.

Currently the only cash crop in the area is coffee. Owing to the work on the air strip there was not enough time for me to count the coffee bushes in the area. However according to Patrol Report No. 7 66/67 of Kalalo by J.A. Smith P.C. there was at that time 3015 mature bushes, and 1975 immature bushes around Bonkiman. At the theoretical rate of 1 lb. of dried coffee per bush, this would give an approximate yield of 5000 lbs. This is however probably an optimistic figure on account of the poor agricultural standard in the area.

The Kabwum Trading Company is currently buying it's coffee at the rate of between 8 cents, and 14 cents per pound from the grower, before flying it to Wasu for shipment. Therefore going on these prices the current bushes in Bonkiman would earn the village between \$4000 and \$7000. These figures do not include coffee that could be brought in from outlying villages.

The coffee seems to have been planted without much expertise or regard to ease of cropping etc. There was also a certain amount of disease in a percentage of bushes.

There are no machines for the initial processing of the coffee beans, all this is done by hand. Drying is of course done in the sun.

The other agricultural products in the area were all used purely for domestic consumption. The numerous pigs are kept out of the village by a good horizontally laid bamboo fence situated on the Northern side of the village. This fence had others running at rightangles to it separating individual villagers herds. The inevitable large number of chickens and dogs are present in and around the village. Bananas, taro, sweet potatoes, paw paws, pineapples, yams, tobacco etc. are grown in the surrounding gardens. I was interested to note that the tobacco crops received special attention and were always well fenced and cared for.

Providing a commercial company such as P.M.D.S./N.A.M.A.S.U. or Kabwum trading Company is prepared to fly into Bonkiman to buy produce it might be worthwhile introducing other crops capable of being economically air lifted out in order to diversify production and increase income. Several rubber trees were found on the air strip site so it is possible that this might, at a later stage be a feasible crop but is almost certainly too complex a proposition at this stage. The other crop that has possibilities is pepper which is growable in the area.

At the moment most of the trading from the Bonkiman area is done through a small store at the Lutheran Mission at Tapen in the Madang District across the Yupna River. Roinji, a comfortable day's walk from Bonkiman also serves as an outlet with it's sea access. The store at Roinji had only five items in stock while we were there. These were tinned milk, Milo, sea biscuits, tinned fish, and news paper for use as cigarette wrappers. On buying a few tins of milk and biscuits at the store the owner was unable to add up the bill correctly and would have lost 20% of the sales price had the mistake not been pointed out to him. I would be surprised makes enough

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SITUATION REPORT Cont.

profit to cover the trading licence.

While at Bonkiman a man asked if he could obtain a trading licence but he appeared to have little grasp of the essential basic principles of trading I.E. making a profit. Salt appears to be in short supply in the area and was much sought after.

Whatever happens re. diversification of crops etc. I feel that it is important that if at all possible an Agricultural Officer visit the area to advise on the care of coffee bushes, picking etc. and assess the potential for other crops.

I feel that unless some economic benefit is felt by the villagers themselves from the air strip then they will be discouraged from further development and so negate much of the value of the air strip. This may also have the effect of encouraging an exodus of people to other areas thereby adding to the already strained urban situation and hindering further rural development in the area.

SOCIAL REPORT.

The village of Bonkiman was found to be very tidy and well kept. All the houses were constructed of local materials. Woven sac sac walls, bamboo flooring and thatched roofs. The majority of the houses were elevated above ground level on piles although a few were built on the ground with beaten earth flooring. All were in a good state of repair with ample supplies of fire wood at each home. The village supports a large capacity church which is filled at services.

Family groups tend to live in individual homes or adjacent houses. The social and economic activities of hunting, gardening, house building etc. are undertaken on a communal basis.

It was noticed that the carriers turned their pay over to the Luluai presumably for community funds.

There is no school at Bonkiman and only a handful of children attend the Lutheran Mission School at Taran which lies just inside the Madang District border. Six boys and ten girls are currently attending this school.

The Lutheran Mission appears to exert a strong influence over the area. The indigenous Lutheran Pastor Giram Kane spared no efforts to encourage the people to attend the work on the air strip, and was a most useful person to have around.

The vast majority of the men still persist in wearing the traditional bark breech cloth, though a few pairs of shorts and lap laps were in evidence. The women almost without exception wore 'grass' skirts.

There are no womens clubs or similar organisations in the area.

HEALTH REPORT.

A large percentage of women were suffering badly from goitre, particularly in Bonkiman. Abscesses were also present, chiefly amongst the men on their legs but only in a relatively small number of people.

One case of elephantitis was noticed affecting the legs of one of the carriers from Roinji, but this didn't seem to effect his efficiency as a carrier.

Many of the children in the villages suffered from an unbalanced diet leaving them with the characteristic distended stomach. Quantity of food was quite adequate.

SITUATION REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Roinji - Bonkiman route via Yuwong consists in the main of crossing the tail end of the Finisterre range and then descending into Bonkiman which lies at an altitude of about 2800'

Both on the ascent and descent the track is relatively steep in places. The immediate approaches on either side of the villages were cut and well maintained but in the main the track seems to be kept open by the wear of traffic. The length from Bonkiman to the top of the range is the steeper section and efforts have been made to improve it by reinforcing the more precipitous downward slopes with driven stakes and cross members to prevent land slides. The latter are much in evidence in the area.

For route times see the diary. The carriers were for the most part very slow partly due to the terrain and I suspect also due to a certain amount of lethargy on their part.

AIR STRIP.

See enclosed plan of air strip site.

The Kabwum Local Government Council tools previously air dropped were found unused under two sails on the air strip site. A few more were recovered from various villagers who had taken some spades and picks to their huts but had not used them.

Commencement of work on the airstrip site was started on 19 September 1969, when a sighting of 128 degrees was cut (from A on the map.) extending through the line marked out by D.C.A. on the open stretch of old gardens at the Northern end of the site. This line measured 1980'. It was found that the ground at the Southern end dropped away on the Eastern side at an unsatisfactory angle to warrant further investigation in that area. A second sighting of 140 degrees was cut at a point 138' and 90 degrees East of the original starting point (A). This line extended for 1980' (Starting point B on the map.), The land, at the top South West end of the site drops very steeply away so a further sighting of 138 degrees was taken from point A to a point approximately 75' West of the end of the 140 degree sighting ending up on the lip of the ridge (D)

There are three clumps of rock, the largest of which measures approximately 30' X 18' X 12' which should yield to pick work. There are also a few depressions notably at the South West corner of the Southern end, and another about one third of the way up from the Northern end stretching across the whole runway.

It would appear that the best central mark for the runway would take a 134 degree bearing from point A. This would mean a bit more clearing of an already partially cleared garden site to the West of point A which presents no topographical problems.

The following villages have been instructed to work on the air strip during the following periods.

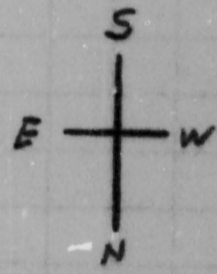
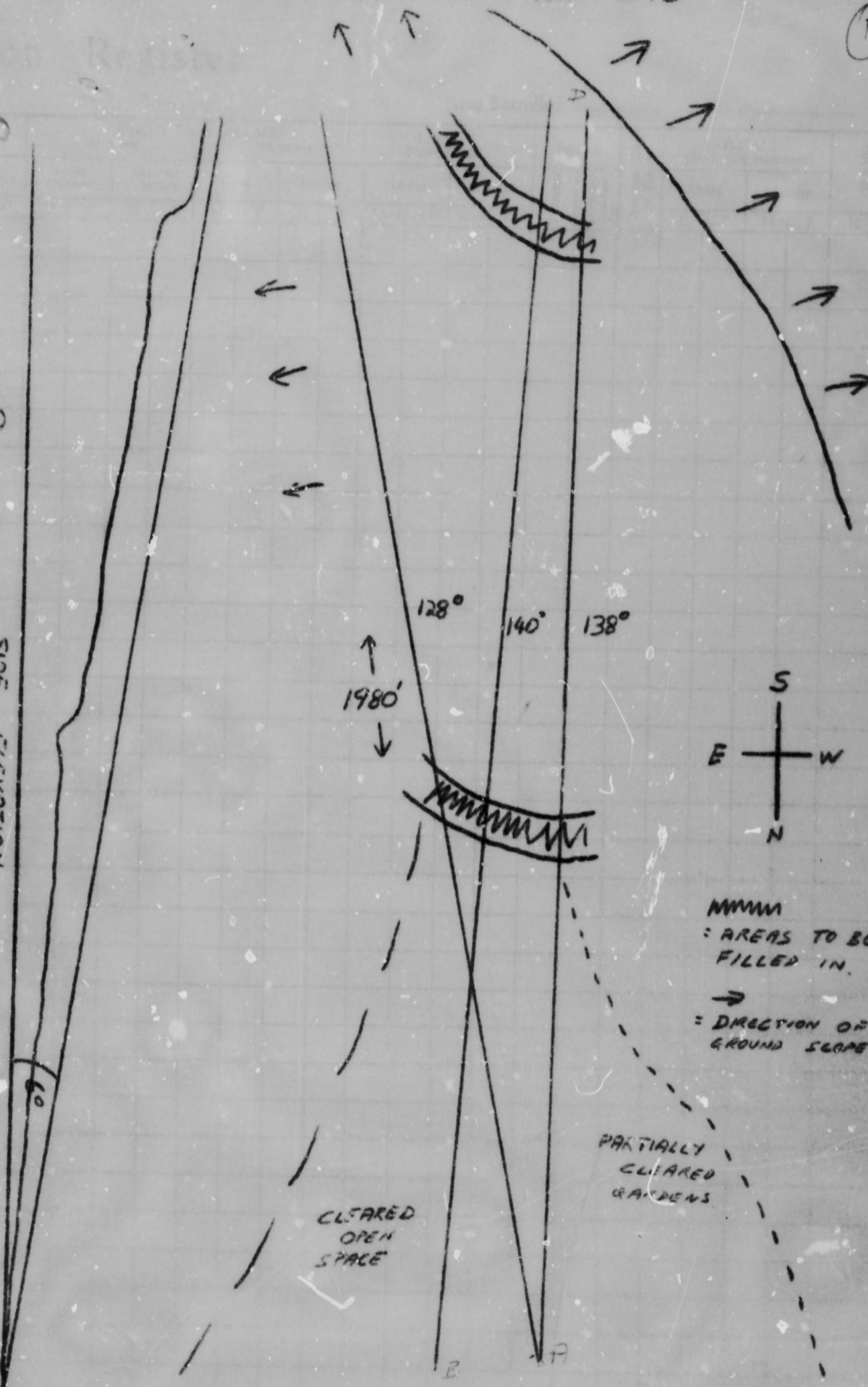
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Bonkiman Wandabong	17 November - 29 November

R.D.W. DRAFFAN
Assistant Patrol Officer.

BONKIMAN AIR STRIP SITE

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SIDE ELEVATION



MWWW
 = AREAS TO BE FILLED IN.
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 = DIRECTION OF GROUND SLOPE.

CLEARED OPEN SPACE

PARTIALLY CLEARED GARDENS

VILLAGE HOUSES

1980'
 128°
 140°
 138°



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Special PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WASU ^A 4/1969-70

Patrol Conducted by D.S. TURNER ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART YUPNA AND KALALO CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. DRAFFAN A.P.O.

Natives CONST. NEOLA

Duration—From 10/5/1969 to 28/10/1969

Number of Days EIGHTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NOVEMBER 19 69

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

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Clearance of airstrip site
General administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

4th December, 1969
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The Assistant Secretary,
International Relations & Internal Affairs,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The Head of Special Branch,
R.P. & N.G.C.,
KONEDOBU.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT/AREA STUDY

The following information has been extracted
from Patrol Report/~~Area Study~~ No. .../1969-70...
coveringPart. Yu. ka. and. Kalale. Census Divisions,
....Wasu..... Sub-District, ...Merebe..... District
Patrolling Officer ...D. S. Turner; Assistant Patrol Officer.

The period of patrol : 16/9/69 to 3/10/69.....

Extract/Precis.

Political situation report.

Mr Reuke Gam M.H.A. conducted a patrol through the area
earlier this year to bring the people up to date with
the working of the House of Assembly.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

GFB:KA

67-6-31
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAIUA.

25th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. WASU 2/69-70.

Your reference 67-2-9 of 12th November, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special
Report by Mr. D.S. Turner, A.F.O., to parts YUPNA and KALALO
Census Divisions.

The construction of an airstrip in this isolated area
will be a progressive step. However, it does appear as though
constant supervision will be required if work is to go ahead
effectively.

Mr. Turner has conducted a useful patrol. The report
is a sound effort.

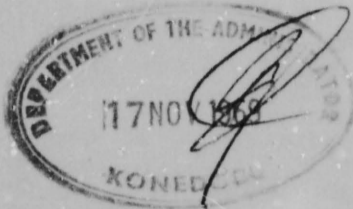
(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

Mr. D.S. Turner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM, Morobe 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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67-2-9

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

12th November, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Kobum.

WASU PATROL NO.2 OF 1969/70

I acknowledge receipt of Wasu Patrol Report
No.2 of 1969/70.

Mr. Turner has carried out a satisfactory
patrol and his report adequately covers it. It is hoped
that work on this airstrip will proceed in the near
future to improve access and to provide an outlet for
cash crops.

It seems most likely that the people in the
Yupna Census Division will continue to be administered
as part of the Morobe District.

MINUTE:

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator
KONEDOBU.

Attached please find original and one copy of
Wasu Patrol No.2 of 1969/70 together with covering comments
from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kobum.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

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JA/sil;

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Merebe District,

30th October, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
LAE.

WASU PATROL 2/69-70.

Attached please find three copies of the above Patrol Report submitted by Mr D.S. Turner, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with his claim for camping allowance.

The prime aim of this patrol was to establish the feasibility of building an airstrip at Benkiman. Its feasibility has now been established and a second patrol will be moving into the area within the next week to get the people started on constructing the actual runway.

It was unfortunate that the arrangements with the helicopter to take the Assistant Airport Inspector to Benkiman went astray - but it is hoped that it will be possible to take him in there at a later date. He questioned Mr Turner on his return from Benkiman and has stated that he sees no reason why work shouldn't commence.

It will probably take some time for this strip to be built as the population in the area is not large, and they will probably require a fair amount of supervision. Time only will tell on this aspect.

Situation Report.

The people of the Yupna area have always been relatively isolated - in fact they could almost be termed 'the forgotten people'. With the establishment of an airstrip in the midst there will be more outside contact and it is hoped that the people of the area will become a little less parochial and will progress in the fields of Economic, Social and Political Development.

With regard to having the Yupna Census Division transferred to the Madang District, I think a wider consensus of opinion of the people in that area should be made before a definite decision is reached. The patrol only visited Benkiman, after all.

Mr Turner has submitted a reasonable report.

J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post, WASU.
cc D.S. Turner,
Sub-District Office, KABWUM.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-1-5
If calling ask for
Mr. JA/sil;

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KAPWUN,
Morobe District,
9th September, 1969.

Mr. D. Turner,
Sub-District Office,
KAPWUN.

PATROL INSTRUCTION - WASU PATROL 2/69-70.

As discussed please prepare to depart on Patrol to the proposed airstrip site at Bonkiman village in the Yupna Census Division of the Wasu Administrative Area. You should plan your departure for Tuesday the 16th September 1969.

The following are your instructions:-

(1) The prime aim of the patrol will be to clear the site of all secondary growth and have the grass cut so that when the District Airport Inspector visits the site on or about the 23rd September he will be able to assess the potential of the site with ~~ease~~ ^{ease}. There are two possibilities for the site, these are:-

(a) Running almost at right angles to the Yupna River valley - taking it right back through the village, and

(b) Diagonally across site (a) with the bottom end of the strip passing through the village cemetery.

Take the necessary equipment, ie. 100 foot tape, compass and abnery level with you so that you can establish the most likely centre line before the D.A.I. arrives. Remember we require 1800 feet by 150 feet at the minimum. Make sure there is a clear line of sight along your selected centre line. Above all choose a centre line with the least amount of work. Either the District Commissioner, the O.I.C Wasu or myself will accompany the D.A.I. on this inspection.

(2) Look up the files and get the minimal requirements for flight path clearance, etc.

(3) In the event of the helicopter not arriving on the 23rd keep on working at Bonkiman until you hear from me.

(4) Liase with the Officer in Charge, Wasu regarding patrol equipment, hire of dinghy, police to accompany the patrol, etc.

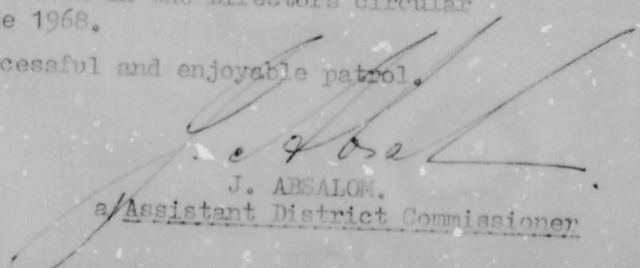
(5) Any disputes brought before you which can be settled by mediation please act as mediator. Any which, in your opinion, require court action send into the station.

(6) Endeavour not to work on religious days.

(7) Give both formal and informal Political Education talks whenever the occasion arises.

(8) Submit your report together with camping allowance claim within one week of your return to the station. Your report should follow the proforma laid down in the Directors circular instruction 67-1-0 of 21st June 1968.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.


J. ABSALOM,
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
WASU,
Morobe District,
8th. October, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL No.2 Of 1969/70.

Attached please find four copies of the above report and my claim for Camping Allowance.

Report Number	Wasu No. 2 Of 1969/70
Sub-District	Kabwum
District	Morobe
Council Area	Non Council Area
Patrol Conducted By	D.S. Turner
Designation	Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled	PartnYupna and Kalalo Census Div.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	R. Draffan, APO, Const. Neeta
Duration of Patrol	Seventeen Days
Date Out	16th. September, 1969
Date In	3rd. October, 1969
Date and Duration of last Patrol	5th. November 1968 to 9th. November 1968----Five days
Objects of Patrol	Prepare airstrip site at Bonkiman
Total Population	General Administration
Patrol Map	Approximately 500
Village Population Register	Attached
	Not enclosed

D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

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INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled constituted part of the Yupna Census Division of the Wasu Administrative area. The lay of the land is very mountainous and rugged throughout. The population of just over 3000 is spread throughout ten villages which are large walking distances apart. The area was very wet and leech infested.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 16th. September

Departed Wasu by powered dinghy arriving at Roinji six hours later. Slept Roinji.

Wednesday 17th. September

Departed Roinji for bush camp via Yuwong, erected shelters and slept in bush.

Thursday 18th. September

Departed bush camp for Bonkiman. Inspected airstrip site. Slept Bonkiman.

Friday 19th. September

Commenced work of marking out airstrip site. Bush cleared on bearing 140 degrees.

Saturday 20th. September

Completed clearing.

Sunday 21st. September

Sunday observed.

Monday 22nd. September

Resumed clearing of airstrip on bearing of 138 degrees.

Tuesday 23rd. September

As the previous day; the helicopter did not arrive.

Wednesday 24th. September

General clearing of airstrip site.

Thursday 25th. September

General clearing of airstrip site.

Friday 26th. September

General clearing of airstrip site.

Saturday 27th. September

General clearing of airstrip site.

Sunday 28th. September

Sunday observed. Received message in P.M. that the helicopter would be arriving Monday or Tuesday.

Monday 29th. September

General meeting of Yupna village officials, talks given and work schedule drawn up. Helicopter did not arrive.

Tuesday 30th. September

General clearing of airstrip site. Once again helicopter did not arrive, food short decided to wait one more day.

Wednesday 1st. October

Heard on Lae Outstations that helicopter had been arranged for sometime next week. General clearing.

Thursday 2nd. October

Departed Bonkiman 7.00 a.m. arriving Roinji at 2.30 in the afternoon. Slept Roinji.

Friday 3rd. October

Departed Roinji at 3.30 a.m. arriving at Wasu at 7.00 p.m. Relatively easy walk except for numerous river crossings.

END OF PATROL.

BONKIMAN AIRSTRIP.

On arrival it was clear that no work had been done on the airstrip site since the original visit of the D.C.A. Airport Inspector in 1968, recently the Kabwum Local Government Council organised an airdrop of tools to help in the construction of the airstrip, these were found unused and still wired together.

Work was started the day after we arrived

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...and continued for nine days and two half days. In that time all trees in the 2000'x150' area were cut and approximately half the area was cleared of debris. All the stumps were left to be dug out afterwards. The attitude of the people towards work was very poor and they were inclined to sit down or disappear when left unsupervised for too long. I have my doubts whether the people will continue to work on this project without strict supervision.

The airstrip is in a very good site and is 2000 feet long (no possibility of extension) and has a slope of approx six degrees. The approach is along the Yupna River valley. The strip will be an advantage for Administration patrols, eliminating a three to four day walk from Wasu. There is some coffee in the area which can be taken to Bonkiman for sale.

SITUATION REPORT.

Political Situation.

One of the aims of the patrol was to give political education talks whenever possible and this was done at one general meeting of the village officials of the Yupna Census Div. also individual casual talks were given daily. On the whole the people seem quite willing to remain as they are without making any further progress. When asked about joining the Kabwum Local Government Council they all said they were not ready yet as they could not afford to pay tax regularly.

Mr. Rauke Gam M.H.A. conducted a patrol through the area earlier this year to bring the people up to date with the working of the House of Assembly.

The probability of this census division been taken into the Madang District was also discussed and all said they would rather stay in the Wasu administrative area. With the completion of the airstrip it is thought that the patrols will be more regular and not necessarily of a month to six weeks duration as previous, because of the distance from the patrol post.

Economic.

Coffee is the only cash crop in the census division and as yet none of this has ever been harvested due to the long distances and rugged country that must be crossed to sell it at either Wasu or Saidor in the Madang District. The Yupna village of Yuwong also has some coconuts on the coast which are sold to F.M.D.S. at Roinji.

There is an absentee rate of 22.8%, as of 1967 census and if these men send home only \$10.00 per year it would mean an extra \$2,000 or so.

There are other introduced crops in the area such as tomatoes, beans, pineapples etc. which grow quite well but lack marketing outlets.

If the road walked can be taken as a general example then it is my opinion that it would be almost impossible to build vehicular roads without earthmoving equipment and the expense would not be justified.

Social.

At Roinji several cases of elephantitis were seen and in both the villages of Yuwong and Bonkiman quite a large number of large goitres were noticed. There are only two Aid Post Orderlies in the census division and according to the Bonkiman villagers they had only been visited once in the past year.

There are no Administration schools in the area and any education is carried on by the Lutheran Mission of New Guinea, who have a school at Tapen, in the Madang District.

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The census division is a non-council area by the people's own choice and the luluai and tultul are the only symbols of authority in the area. The luluai at Roinji was very helpful but the others were very poor.

The villages visited were all neat and tidy with extremely good housing, the only thing which mar this neatness was the pigs running loose in the coastal villages.

Miscellaneous.

One of the main problems of the patrol was the slowness of the cargo carriers. On the three days that cargo was carried the carriers managed to arrive a minimum of four hours after the patrolling officers. The terrain crossed was difficult without carrying cargo and further patrols should take this into account when planning a day's walk.

Almost everybody wanted salt, and some was distributed amongst cargo carriers and those who proved themselves useful to the patrol.

The main hinderance to a road from Wasu to Roinji is the bridging of the Timbe and Uruwa Rivers. Both are fast flowing mountain type streams which form deltas at the coast. The construction of the rest of the road would be ~~rather~~ relatively easy and a road has been started to link Wasu and Malasanga.

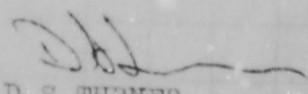


D. S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

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REPORT ON MEMBER R.P.N.C.C.

NAME	RANK	NUMBER	COMMENTS
HEOTA	Const.	1373	Good worker, conduct good.



D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

WASU PATROL NO. 2/69-70

YUPNA CENSUS DIVISION

CONDUCTED BY: D.S. TURNER
 ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

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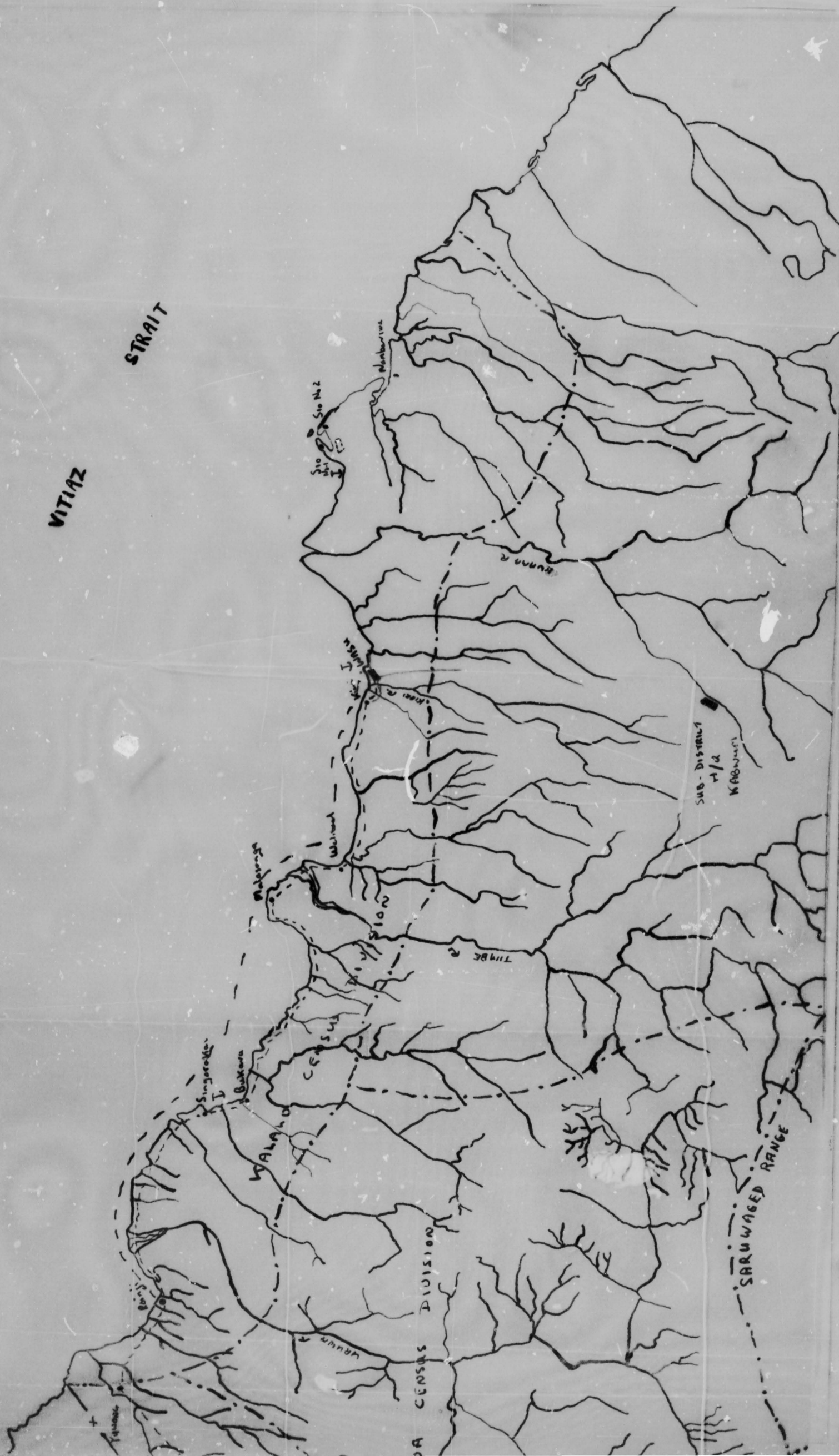


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Special PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WASU No. 3 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by R.D.W. Draffan (A.P.O.)

Area Patrolled Part Yupna Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Constable Netato 1373

Duration—From 11./Nov/1969 to 24./Nov/1969

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3./Oct/1969

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

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Construction of Bonkiman air strip

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/11/70

District Commissioner

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

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

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

10th February, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. WASU 3/69-70

Your reference 57-2-12 of 28th January, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. R.D.W. Draffan, Assistant Patrol Officer, to part YUPNA
Census Division.

A sound report of some useful field work. Mr. Draffan's
detailed description of the airstrip work is very informative.

The delay in submission appears to be excessive in
the light of Paragraph 7 of the patrol instructions. I see no
reason why reports of this nature cannot be submitted promptly.
Please have the Assistant District Commissioner keep a close
check on this in future.

(S.J. PEARSALL)

s/Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. R.D.W. Draffan,
Patrol Post,
WASU. Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it
is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected
to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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JA/sil;

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District,

28th October, 1969.

Mr. R. Draffan,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS WASU PATROL No.3/69700.

As verbally discussed with the Officer in Charge Wasu Patrol Post, please prepare to depart on patrol to the proposed airstrip site at Benkiman in the Yupna Census Division within the next week.

The following are your patrol instructions:-

(1) The prime aim of this patrol will be to get the Yupna and Uruwa people working on the airstrip. Spend three weeks in the area doing this. Ensure that you are familiar with all D.C.A. requirements regarding flight path clearance, fly over areas, etc before your departure. Ensure that the proposed site meets all of these requirements. There is little point in getting the people to work and then finding that D.C.A. will not open the strip when it is completed.

(2) Three deaths from Influenza have been reported in this area. Please ascertain the extent of the epidemic in the Yupna and Uruwa Census Divisions and dispatch a report immediately you know the situation to the Officer in Charge, Wasu. Probably the easiest way to dispatch this report would be to send a message to Tapin Lutheran Mission Station and ask them to convey it by radio to Ulap Mission Station.

(3) Do not deal with any complaints or disputes unless absolutely necessary. These should be sent to Wasu to be dealt with.


(4) Endeavour not to work on religious days.

(5) Endeavour to improve your pidgin English.

(6) It is quite possible that I shall be flying over Benkiman during your stay there. If you require any thing please pass a message at the same time as you send the message to Tapin and anything you require could be dropped to you.

(7) Submit your report per the Director's circular 67-1-0 of 21st June 1968 within one week of your return to Wasu.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.


J. ABSALOM,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

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Division of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
L A E.

28th January, 1970.

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

WASU SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1969-70

Thank you for the above Special Patrol Report.
The aims of the patrol seem to have been achieved.

I am not at all sure that the forming of
Village Committees is a good step and I do not think any
more should be formed, unless you have something definite
in mind for the people to do.

With regard to the suggestion to replace the
Lulua at BONKIMAN, I do not think any action should be
taken on this until we have quick access into the area
and a further visit is made. I note that there does not
seem to be any indication of a resurgence of cargo cult, as
previously reported.

Again this Report has been submitted too
late and I understand that the Health Department is
aware of the number of deaths which occurred in the area
in October.

With regard to the rock requiring blasting
on the airstrip at BONKIMAN, as this is not in a Council
area the money will need to come from Minor New Works funds
and these will not be available until our next financial
year.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOEU.

Attached please find two copies of the above Special
Report, together with comments by the Assistant District
Commissioner, Kabwum.

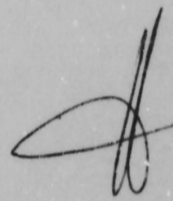
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(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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The lay out of Mr Draffan's report is poor. He should know by now that the Situation Report should be submitted on separate pages from the remainder of the report, Not with the whole lot run in together and mixed up. The format of a Patrol Report is laid down in the Directors circular 67-1-0 of 21st June 1968, and later circulars. The report on Police accompanying the patrol should also be submitted on a separate page, as an appendix.

Apart from the above Mr Draffan has submitted a very informative report which makes good reading. He has conducted a useful patrol.



J. ABSALOM.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Mr. R. Draffan,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

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JA/sil;

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District,

14th January, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Department of Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
LAE.

WASU PATROL REPORT No 3/1969-70.

Attached please find three copies of the above report, together with a claim for camping allowance submitted by Mr. R. Draffan, A.P.O., of Wasu Patrol Post.

The aims of the Patrol are listed in the Patrol Instructions, a copy of which are attached to the report.

Situation Report.

Vide Para 2. under the head Political. It is gratifying to note that interest in the outside world is increasing in this region, and that this is possibly due to the effects of more regular patrolling.

Vide Social Situation, para 7. Mr Draffan has shown some enterprise in forming a village committee. This committee could possibly be used at a later date to maintain the airstrip.

Reference the resurgence of the Yali cult. there does not seem to be anything in this rumour. I have also discussed this matter with the Assistant District Commissioner Saidor, and he expressed the opinion that Yali's influence is on the wain, rather than on the increase.

Vide Economic Report, para 4. The people of Bonkiman will be given all possible assistance in the establishment of their business. In addition when the airstrip is opened the Kabwum Trading Company will in all probability establish a store there.

Also a local co-Operative society will be formed similar to those shortly to be established in the remainder of the Sub-District.

Application will shortly be made to have land for four business investigated and purchased adjacent to the strip. These will be put up for tender as soon as the strip is ready to be opened.

Mr Draffans report on the airstrip is very comprehensive and requires no further comment from me. Could an extract of this part of the report please sent to the District Airport Inspector, Lae.

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District,

28th October, 1969.

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Mr. R. Draffan,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS WASU PATROL No. 3/1969-70

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(7) Submit your report as per the Directors circular 67-1-0 of 21st June 1968 within one week of your return to Wasu.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Officer-in-Charge
Patrol Post,
WASU.

Sub-District Office,
KABWUMI

Morobe District,
29th. October 1969.

GR
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Mr. R. Draffan,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS WASU PATROL No.3/1969/70

Further to my instructions contained in my 67-1-5
of 28th. October 1969.

There have been reports of a resurgence of the Yali
Cargo Cult in the Saidor area of the Madang District.
The Uruwa and Yupna Census Divisions were originally involved
in this cult.

Please keep your 'ear to the ground' while you are
in the Bonkiman area, and try to ascertain if the people are
affected in the resurgence.

Mr. Morrison will be able to give you all the details
you require regarding the characteristics of the Yali type
cult.

J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

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Patrol Post,
WAVU
Morebe District.
27 November 1969.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KABWUN.

WASU PATROL REPORT NUMBER 3 of 1969/70

Attached please find four copies of the above patrol report
and my camping allowance claim.

Report Number	:Wasu No. 3 of 1969/70
Sub District	:Kabwan
District	:Morebe
Council area	:None
Patrol conducted by	:R.D.W. Draffan
Designation	:Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled	:Part Yuma Census Division
Personnel accompanying patrol	:Constable Netate 13/3
Duration of patrol	:13 days
Date out	:11 November 1969
Date in	:24 November 1969
Date and duration of last D.T.A. patrol	:16 September 1969- 3 October 1969 18 days
Objects of patrol	:(1) Continue construction of Boukiman air strip. (2) Report on influenza situation (3) Investigate possible Cargo cult resurgence.
Total population	:500 approx.
Map reference	:Attached
Village population register	:Not enclosed

R.D.W. Draffan
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R.D.W. Draffan.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of this patrol was to continue with the construction of the air strip at Bonkiman in the Yupna Census Division. This work had already been started by a previous patrol undertaken by myself and Mr. D.S. Turner during the latter half of September of this year. (Refer to Wasu patrol report No. 2 of 1969/70.)

The other objects of this patrol were to investigate a possible resurgence of the Yali type Cargo Cult, and to assess the current extent of influenza in the area.

The region patrolled was a small section of the Yupna Census Division. I spent all my time in the village of Bonkiman with the exception of a day and a half at Yuwong.

PATROL DIARY.

- 11th November 1969. Departed Wasu at 03.15 in order to make the most of the stable sea conditions of the early morning. Arrived Singerekai 07.00 and departed at 08.05 arriving at Roinji at 10.00. Departed Roinji at 11.45 and arrived Yuwong 13.25 Overnight Yuwong.
- 12th November 1969. Departed Yuwong 06.45 and reached camp site at 09.30. Arrived Bonkiman 15.45. Carriers 2 1/2 hours later.
- 13th November 1969. Started tree stump clearing and the marking out of the actual air strip site on a bearing of 133 degrees. Rain stopped work P.M.
- 14th November 1969. Tree stump clearing and air strip marking continued. Rain again stopped work P.M.
- 15th November 1969. Strip marking completed. Clearing of new section at N.W. end begun. Rain stopped work P.M. Combined village sing sing held during the night.
- 16th November 1969. Sunday observed.
- 17th November 1969. Clearing of tree stumps and rubbish off the air strip continued. Approximately 170 people attending the work. Earth tremor experienced at about 06.00
- 18th November 1969. Clearing work continued with only about 140 people present. Rain stopped work P.M.
- 19th November 1969. 110 people turned up for work today but cleared about twice as much as yesterday's effort. I sent a message to the Lutheran Mission at Tapen for relay to Wasu concerning the latest influenza information.
- 20th November 1969. 80 people at work. The Isan crew distinctly unco-operative and hardly did a stroke of work all day. Clearing continued.
- 21st November 1969. Clearing continued with a nucleus of workers. The Isan contingent have melted away over night. Rain stopped work P.M.
- 22nd November 1969. Departed Bonkiman 07.15, arrived camp site at 11.55, Yuwong at 14.00. Carriers 4 hours later. Overnight Yuwong.
- 23rd November 1969. Sunday observed at Yuwong.
- 24th November 1969. Departed Yuwong 07.15 arrived Roinji 08.15. Departed Roinji by boat 10.10, arrived Wasu 17.15.

END OF PATROL.

SITUATION REPORT.Political Situation.

The political situation in the Yupna Census Division remains largely unchanged since my last visit to the area during September of this year. The area is still without a local Government Council of its own.

I noticed that there does however seem to be a slightly increased interest in the affairs of the outside world since the previous patrol was in the area.

I think that with increased D.D.A. patrols and the use of the airstrip, the area will at last begin to come out of its shell and will want to participate more fully in affairs related to its welfare.

Social Situation.

There was a large sing sing held at Bonkiman on the night of the 15/16th of November. This was attended by people from Urop, Isan, Mek, Danatum, Baup, and Wandabong.

I took the opportunity to address the gathering about the air strip and 'invited' the people to stay on after the sing sing to work on the air strip.

The sing sing itself was a most impressive affair with each group of villages doing its own dances. The village of Bonkiman is made up of two parallel rows of houses, and the dancing took place on the ground between the houses. There were at times three separate dances going on at once under the light of flaming bamboo torches. This created a magnificent setting which was further enhanced by the superbly made head dresses depicting birds, animals, fishes and designs of various symbols. Some of the head dresses had medals of birds that moved up and down in sympathy with the rhythm of the dancer. There were also many birds of paradise plumes in evidence. For the most part the dancers were attired in traditional dress with remarkably little European influence.

Unfortunately the rain fell intermittently throughout the night, but for the most part the festivities went on regardless except for the heavier falls.

Children barely old enough to walk were seen taking part hanging onto their mother's hands and obviously very much absorbed in the proceedings.

The sing sing finally drew to a close as the day dawned.

Towards the end of my time at Bonkiman I suggested to the people that they should form a committee as I felt this would help the Tul Tul in his work and also give the village a greater sense of being an entity. This suggestion was enthusiastically received and forthwith the villagers gathered on their own to elect the members.

The result of the voting was as follows.

Gembe 59 votes
Gesonee 44 votes
Ramit 36 votes

One Mesol Bai was already on the existing committee of one, and so kept his place. Those elected seem to be reasonably good types.

The Luluai didn't bother to attend any of the meetings held in the village and did nothing in his official capacity as Luluai. I dealt through the Tul Tul Kasinep Dogem who can be very helpful when he wants to be, but on other occasions is a little lethargic. I would suggest that he replace the current Luluai and Mesol Bai be made Tul Tul.

The committee formed seemed keen and it will

What sort of committee

Mesol Bai stays

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Social Situation cont.BE

be interesting to see how they shape up.

The increased contact with D.D.A. patrols seems to be having a beneficial effect on the people of Bonkiman in that they are now beginning to feel less neglected and in closer contact with the government.

Yali type cargo cult.

There seems to be no evidence of a resurgence of the cargo cult in this area. The villages visited, Singrokai Roinji, Yuwong and Bonkiman were all actively involved in pursuing normal day to day activities of home building, copra drying, gardening etc.

I spoke to the German Lutheran Missionary from Tapen at Wasu on November 10th as he was passing through on the M.V. Simbang. He didn't seem to think that there were any signs of the cargo cult in his area which lies on the Morobe District border. The only evidence of Yali that I came across at all was in a harmless election poster found in the village book at Roinji. This was written in pidgin and was undated, but was presumably for the 1964 House of Assembly elections.

Health report.

On the outgoing boat trip I called in at Singrokai and found the Aid Post Orderly in the village. He had previously been reported absent from his post. The village was clear of influenza. On arrival at Roinji I was told that their A.P.O. had still not returned and was staying at Malasanga. I had a message sent to him ordering him to return immediately and to go and attend to the sick at Yuwong. One young man had died there on November 9th and three others were down with influenza when I arrived at the village on the 11th.

The position in the other villages at the time was as follows.

- Urop. 1 death in October otherwise clear.
- Isan. 1 Death in October otherwise clear.
- Mek. 5 deaths in October otherwise clear.
- Lanatum. 2 deaths in October, 4 currently ill
- Beup. No deaths, 4 currently ill.
- Wandabong. 2 deaths in November, 4 currently ill.

These figures were obtained on 15th November from the people from these villages who came into Bonkiman for the sing sing. It would appear then that the influenza epidemic hit this area in October and has by now more or less run its course. It is estimated that 2000 people have lost their lives throughout the country in the epidemic so this area appears to have escaped comparatively lightly.

Radio messages with this information were relayed to Wasu through the Lutheran Mission station at Tapen and Ulap on the 15th and 19th of November.

I had to treat a Bonkiman woman who had been cut just below her left eye by a piece of bamboo wielded by her husband during the sing sing.

Besides the usual cases of goitre and sores and the above mentioned influenza cases the area seems as healthy as can be expected on its traditional diet.

On my last day at Bonkiman I was called out to look at one small boy who appeared to have general poisoning of sorts in his legs and lower abdomen so I told his parents that they would have to take him to a hospital for treatment. They were very reluctant to do this as his mother "would miss him and didn't like him to go so far away." The child was in great pain and was unable to lie at full stretch. When the flesh on the swollen areas was pressed the impression of the finger tip remained and only returned to normal slowly. I told his parents to have him down at Roinji when I left so that I could take him to Wasu with me by boat. They agreed to this somewhat reluctantly but when it came to the time to depart there was no sign of them. It is difficult to allay the fears and superstitions these people have of hospitals.

When I passed through Yuwong on my return journey

Health report cont.

I found that the Aid Post Orderly from Roinji had been to the Village and injected the population. All appeared to be well after his visit.

It is reported that the Luluai from Danatum has died.

Economic report.

The economic situation remains more or less unchanged from my last report.

There was still much talk and discussion with me about setting up a trade store at Bonkiman. I feel that if this venture were to be handled properly it would be a great asset to Bonkiman and the surrounding villages. Much of this rests on the enterprise of the prospective store keeper and the ease with which trade goods can be brought in. This is one aspect where the air strip could be of benefit to the village.

At Yuwong there is a small store whose owner died from influenza only a few days before I reached the village. The store was of new construction and was devoid of stock. I told the village Luluai that the new owner would have to obtain a store licence, but so far no one has been found to take over.

Air strip report.

On my arrival at Bonkiman on 12th of November I found that work on the air strip had almost totally been neglected. Approximately one day's work of earth moving had been done, otherwise the site was exactly the same as when I left on 2nd of October. The villagers rostered to do work during the intervening period, Megan, Keviang, Urop, Isan, Mek, Danatum, Banp, and Yuwong all gave the recent influenza epidemic as their excuse for not working. Apparently the small amount of work done was completed by Keviang.

A number of villages convened at Bonkiman for a sing sing held on the night of 15th/16th November. I allowed a section of the Bonkiman population to prepare for this as I felt that to try and force a large labour line onto the air field and so interrupt the preparations would have a detrimental effect on future work.

I started off the work about ~~EE~~ 600 feet up the site from the North West end clearing the rubbish and tree stumps from the strip. Below this point is an area of 3-6% inclination most of which was already cleared before work was started. This area will require minimal surface levelling but no major earth works. The remaining 1400 feet will require varying degrees of earth movement to smooth off bumps and fill in depressions.

There are several outcrops of coronous rock which will need to be removed. Most of these are small enough to be removed by pick work, but one outcrop in particular I think should be removed by explosives. This rock lies approximately 300 feet from the South East end of the air strip and has a cubic capacity of about 6480 cubic feet, with dimensions of 30 feet long, 18 feet wide, and 12 feet high. I feel that the removal of this particular rock by hand would take too long as I don't think the people are capable of the sustained effort necessary for its destruction.

There are two major areas where earth movement will have to be done. The first is approximately 800 feet from the North West end of the air strip where there is a short running diagonally across the runway deepening to the Southern side. The second is another short rise at the top of the South East end cutting across a corner of the strip.

Airstrip Report cont.

Drains will also have to be dug down the sides of the strip.

During the eight days of actual working time we were only able to get in three full days work. On the other five days heavy rain halted work for the afternoon. This is of course a great waste of time especially when it is so difficult to keep outside labour on the job.

In this time the boundary of the actual runway was marked out, 2000 feet long, and 150 feet wide running at 133 degrees. This was done with long poles sunk into the ground and surrounded by a stone cairn at the base. In the past markers without cairns havetended to be removed.

A further small area at the bottom of the strip had to be cut and cleared due to the final positioning of the strip.

There was at the time of my departure only about 300 feet more of the strip at the top end to be cleared of rubbish and tree stumps. The Tul Tul and committee were instructed to have this area cleared before the 4th of December when the District Commissioner and the District Airport Inspector are due to fly in by helicopter to inspect the site.

Besidethe levelling of the ground, the above mentioned 300 feet of clearing, and drain construction, the other piece of work to be done is the clearing of the flight path of timber. This will require a fair amount of work and the removal of a few houses.

I found the people for the most part would work well when progress could readily be seen, but as soon as this was held up by various problems enthusiasm waned visibly. The villagers from Bonkiman itself were the best workers while those from the outlying villages who came in for the sing sing tended to resent having to work on 'someone elses strip' despite being told that the air strip was being built to serve the area as a whole and not solely for Bonkiman. This applied especially to the people from Isan who I found to be positively lazy and un-cooperative. This resulted in several hard verbal encounters with this particular crew. At the slightest opportunity they would slip into the bush at the side of the strip and down into the village for a sleep in the huts. Over the week people would drift away during the night back to their villages. There is little one can do about this desertion of outside village labour once they have disappeared, save encourage those who are prepared to do a bit of work. The latter I noticed seemed to take a peculiar delight in showing up their more lethargic counterparts. In actual fact the desertion of these unwilling workers didn't really hinder the work, as they simply swell the number of people who are on the work gang without adding to it's actual practical working strength. Constant supervision is needed at all times to keep the work going.

Enclosed is a plan of the air strip site with percentage gradient levels at 330 feet intervals taken along the North East side of the strip which is probably a more accurate average of the site than the South West side which tends to be a little more uneven. The strip has an overall average slope of 8%.

There is no hope of any extension to the air strip at the top end (S.E.) because of a steep drop in the ridge on one side and the upward trend of the mountain on the other side. However at the North West end there is a sharpish but small drop ending in another gradient of approximately 3-6%. This fall would require a fair amount of work to level it out. The extension of this line down the flight path cuts through the village and into a thick timber belt which appears to follow the ridge down. It would therefore be possible in the unlikely event of this being needed to extend the runway further. It is difficult to estimate the exact length of possible extensions while wandering around in thick timber, but I feel that a further 1000 feet might be possible. However I should like to view this area from the air before being able to give any definite opinion on the matter. The clearance of the approach area will at any rate give an answer to this question.

Miscellaneous.

The weather during the patrol was fairley wet and this caused the track from Yuwong to Bonkiman to be very slippery. Yuwong village had maintained an excellent standard of maintenance on the stretch of route as far as the camp site up in the mountain. Above this however the track has deteriorated markedly since my last trip, and many trees have been blown across the track by the storms.

Walking was fairley hard work under these very greasy conditions. On the steeper sections an ability to glissade is a definite asset.

The carriers did a good job getting from Bonkiman to Yuwong and vice versa in the one stretch. I think under these wet conditions this is the maximum effort that can reasonably be asked for. They were cheerful enough despite the conditions.

An earth tremor shook the village of Bonkiman at about 06.00 on the 17th of November. The rest house rocked about and water standing in a bowl was spilt over the sides.

R.D.W. Draffan.
Assistant Patrol Officer.

R. D. Draffan

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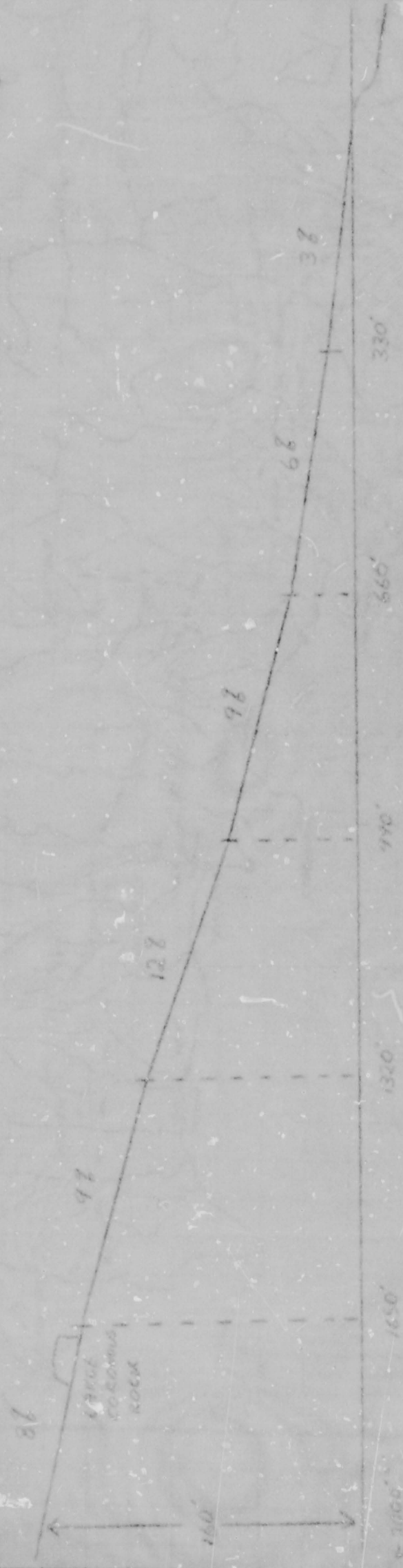
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Assistant Patrol Officer.

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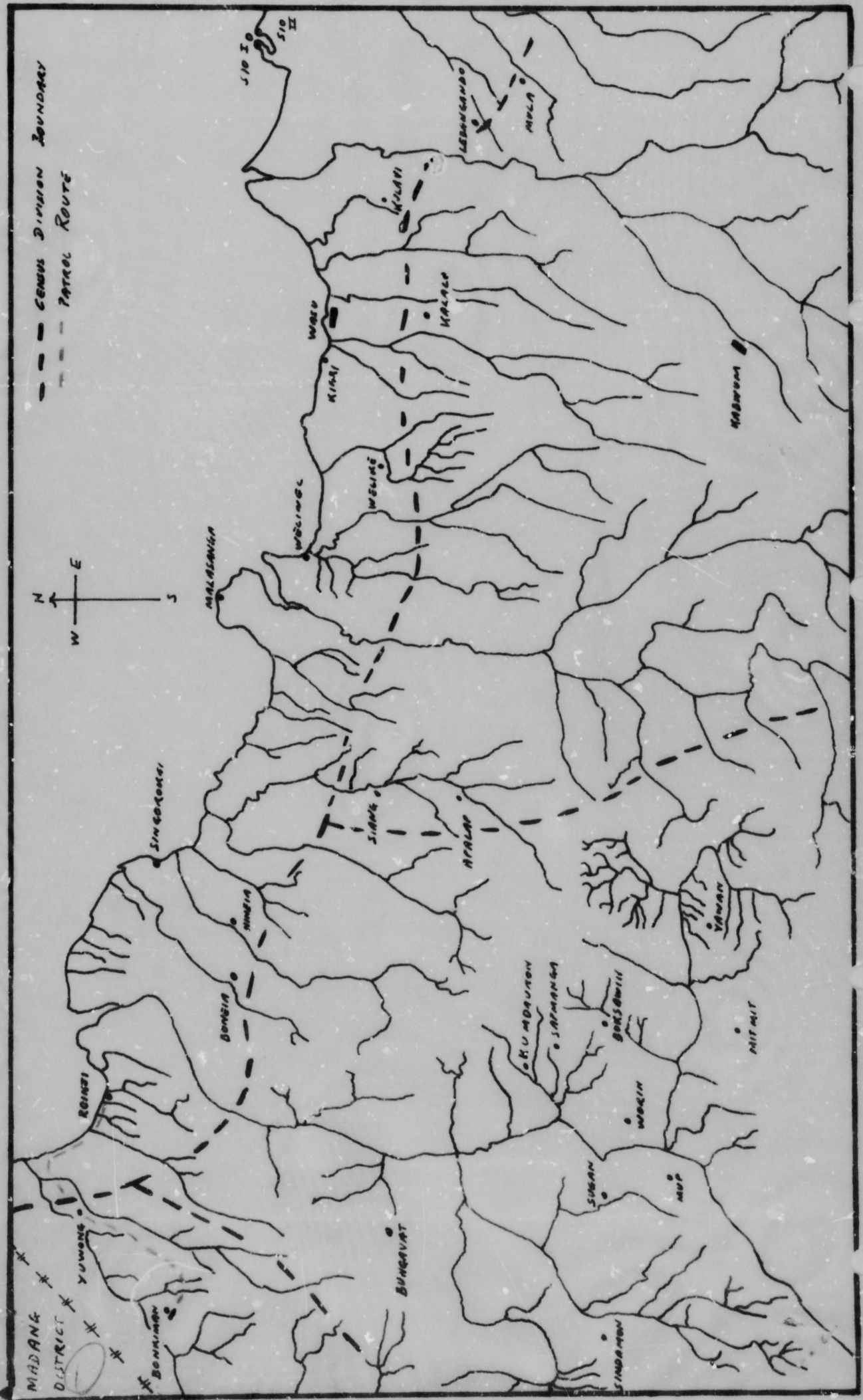
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST Report No. W.M. 104 of 1960/1961

Patrol Conducted by R. P. HARRISON, P.O.

Area Patrolled STO

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. P. Harrison, A.P.O.

Natives Maori, Marawa, 2222 P.P.A.N.G.C.

Duration—From 5th / Jan / 19 70 to 20th / Jan / 19 70

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 7th / Oct / 19 69

Medical / / 19

Map Reference 11413

Objects of Patrol Confirmation of boundaries

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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

GFB:KP

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

16th June, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L A E.

PATROL NO. WASU 4/69-70

Your reference 67-2-12 of 2nd June, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Special Report by Mr. R.P. Morrison, Patrol Officer of Part KALOLO Census Division.

This somewhat meagre report is now of little value other than for record purposes.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. R.P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU,
Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

2nd June, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAMOM.

WASU SPECIAL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1969/70

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report
vide your 67-1-2 of the 11th May, 1970.

2. My previous comments on delays apply and it is
noted that you have advised Mr. Morrison to this effect
also.

3. While Mr. Morrison has conducted an effective
patrol, the presentation of the report is not enhanced
by spelling mistakes and typographical errors.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report together with the
Assistant District Commissioner's comments are attached.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Sub District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District.
11th May, 1970.

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Department of the Administrator,
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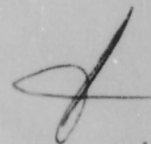
WASU SPECIAL PATROL No. 4/69-70.

Attached please find three copies of a report on the above patrol submitted by Mr Patrol Officer Morrison together with his ammended claim for camping allowance.

This report should be read in conjunction with that of Mr R. Draffan submitted to you on the 19th March 1970. Mr Draffan A.P.O. accompanied Mr Morrison on the Patrol.

As Mr Draffan's report was far more comprehensive than this one, I have no further comments to add regarding this patrol.

Mr Morrison has been informed that the submission of his reports are on no account to be delayed in the future.



J. ABSALOM
s/ Assistant District Commissioner.

CC Mr R. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
5th March, 1970.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL NUMBER 4 of 1969/70.

Attached please find four copies of the above report, and camping allowance claims for myself and Mr.Draffan, A.P.O., who accompanied the patrol.

Report Number	: Wasu No.4 of 1969/70.
Sub-District	: Kabwum.
District	: Morobe.
Council Area	: Kabwum.
Patrol Conducted By	: R.P.Morrison.
Designation	: Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Part Kalalo Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	: R.D.Draffan. A.P.O. Const.Mangzure.No.2880.
Duration of Patrol	: Four Days.
Date Out	: 5th January, 1970.
Date In	: 8th January, 1970.
Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. Patrol	: 4th August, 1970 to 21st October, 1970. Twenty one Days. (Broken).
Objects of Patrol	: Supervise work on Sio Airstrip.
Total Population	: 2840.
Area Patrolled	: 1585.
Map Reference	: Attached.
Village Population Register	: Not Attached.

R.P. Morrison
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R.P.Morrison.
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

Sole aim of the patrol was to mark and supervise work on the proposed airstrip at Sio. With a regular daily roll up of between 250 and 300 people enthusiasm over completion of the airstrip was the best since my arrival at Wasu ten months ago. Prior to this patrol visits by myself and other officers were generally greeted with a lethargic approach concerning the airstrip and a good roll up of workers was never more than about sixty people. However the change in attitude is very pleasing and it is to be hoped that the enthusiasm doesn't wane.

PATROL DIARY.

5th January, 1970. Departed Wasu 0900 by chartered dinghy, arrived Sio 1030. To airstrip site, roll up of over 250 people. Strip site cleared of kunai and stones on eastern end "burnt". Knocked off at 1615. Overnight Sio.

6th January, 1970. To airstrip 0800. Further clearing of kunai. Work held up whilst owners of lower portion of strip persuaded to let land be used for the airstrip. Clearing of side drains commenced. Talk given to villagers and work allocated. Overnight Sio.

7th January, 1970. Completed clearing of site. Good progress on five drains on northern side. Work commenced on shifting dirt from southern side to northern side. Overnight Sio.

8th January, 1970. Departed Sio 0730 by chartered dinghy, arrived Wasu 0920. Unable to arrange airdrop of tools. Arranged for 9th January.

9th January, 1970. Airdrop of extra tools.

END OF PATROL.SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL SITUATION.

The attitude of the Sios towards the construction of the airstrip has changed since my last visit. As explained in the Introduction previous visits were greeted with a disinterested response. However on this occasion the attitude was completely different with an enthusiastic turn up every morning for work. One of the main obstacles before in trying to get any progress was the lack of co-operation between the people of Sio I and those of Sio II. Prior to this visit each village had split the airstrip site into a section was their responsibility, except that neither would work on the area bordering the two sections, and neither would help the other once their area was finished.

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POLITICAL SITUATION. cont.

On arrival the groups were working at each end of the strip, so that afternoon they were assembled and it was explained that if the airstrip was to be completed they would have to work together and help each other. Following this they seemed to join ranks and provide a co-ordinated work force,; much more satisfactory than before.

ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Nothing to add to previous reports on the area.

SOCIAL SITUATION.

Apart from an inactive Womens Club at Sio there are no organizations or clubs to promote the social welfare of the people.

REPORT ON AIRSTRIP CONSTRUCTION.

During the intervening period between this visit and the last prior to it, no work at all was done on the airstrip site. On arrival instructions were given to clean the whole site of kunai, this being done on the first day with the grass being burnt at night. Drainage ditches were then marked from the airstrip site running in a north-easterly direction towards the lagoon. Three of the five marked were commenced with picks and shovels, tools for the work proved inadequate and more were later airdropped. Work was also marked on the site where cutting and filling had to be carried out, this was also commenced, with soil from the southern side of the site being deposited on the northern side.

If work proceeds at the rate it does under supervision when there is no supervisor there this airstrip could be completed within two months, however as the Sios have shown past reluctance to work without supervision I envisage the time of completion being somewhat longer, despite monthly visits by myself.

R.P. Morrison
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R.P. Morrison.
Patrol Officer.

END OF REPORT.

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOEU. PAPUA.
20th April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. WASU 4/69-70

Your reference 67-2-9 of 7th April, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R. D. W. Draffan, Assistant Patrol Officer of part KALOLO Census Division.

This is a sound piece of work. I am pleased to note Mr. Draffan's ability to report clearly on matters of interest and value.

Mr. Draffan should study the spelling of "fairly".

Please ensure that Mr. Morrison's report is submitted without further delay.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. R. D. W. Draffan,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM, Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

7th April, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM

WASU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1969/70

I acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. R. Draffan, Assistant Patrol Officer. Your comments regarding the Primary T School at Sio are being passed on to the District Inspector of Education. I have issued instructions direct to Mr. Morrison that he is to proceed to Sio and spend considerable time on the airstrip in an endeavour to have this project completed as soon as possible.

The matter of non-submission of a patrol report by him I am also taking up direct.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

MINUTE:

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Attached please find original and one copy of the above mentioned patrol report together with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

For your information please.

J.A. Abalom
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J. ABBALOM.
s/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Mr. R. Draffan,
Assistant Patrol Officer, KABWUM.
cc Officer in charge,
Patrol Post, WASU.

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Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District,

19th March, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Department of Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
LAE.

WASU PATROL NUMBER 4/1969-70.

Attached please find the above report submitted by Mr. R. Draffan, A.P.O. together with camping allowance claim.

I have been holding this report so that it could be submitted to you with that submitted by Mr. R. Morrison P.O. of Wasu who conducted the patrol. As yet Mr. Morrison's report is not to hand - he has been requested to submit it without delay.

From Mr. Draffan's report, on work on the airstrip, it would appear that the presumption that the Sio's are too lazy to work is somewhat incorrect. It is heartening to note that larger numbers are now turning out to work, this is possibly a direct result of a visit to the strip site by the Assistant Airport Inspector. The report on the strip is comprehensive and I need add little to it.

Vide Situation Report, Social, para 5. I am rather concerned about Mr. Draffan's report on the attitude of the Sio people to the Primary 'T' School their and suggest that possibly a visit from the District Inspector of Education is warranted.

With regard to the wells at Sio. The Officer in Charge, Wasu reports that water from two of the wells at Sio is drinkable.

I feel that P.H.D. should possibly have done more research into the sighting of the wells.

Mr. Draffan has submitted a Good report.

For your information please.

J. A. Abalom

RT

J. ABALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Mr. R. Draffan,
Assistant Patrol Officer, KABWUM.
cc Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post, WASU.

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Patrol Post,
WASU,
Morobe District
25th January 1970

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a/ Assistant District Commissioner
Sub District Office
KABWUM

WASU PATROL No. 4 of 1969/1970

Attached please find four copies of the above patrol report
and my claim for camping allowance.

Report Number	:Wasu No 4 of 1969/70
Sub District	:Kabwum
District	:Morobe
Council Area	:Kabwum L.G.C.
Patrol conducted by	:R.P. Morrison
Designation	:Patrol Officer
Area patrolled	:Sio village
Personnel accompanying patrol	:R.D.W. Draffan :Const. Mangare
Duration of patrol	:11 days
Dates out	:5th January 1970 :19th January 1970
Dates in	:13th January 1970 :20th January 1970
Dates and duration of last D.D.A patrol	:7th-11th October 1969 :5 days
Objects of patrol	:Construction of Sio airstrip
Total Population	:1700
Map reference	:Attached
Village population register	:Not enclosed

R.D.W. DRAFFAN.
Assistant Patrol Officer

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol had as its sole objective the continuation of the construction of the Sio airstrip, a long outstanding project.

Initially this patrol was to have taken place before Christmas but owing to various factors to be elaborated on later in the report, the patrol did not get under way until January 5th 1970.

PATROL DIARY.

5th January 1970

Departed Wasu by boat at 09:00 arriving at Sio one and a half hours later. On inspection the air field was found to be covered with kumai grass to a height of approximately three feet. The remainder of the day was taken up with grass clearance by a gang of some 200 persons, made up mostly of women.

6th January 1970

Grass cutting continued on the air strip and drain sites. A minor dispute which arose over the Eastern end of the air strip was heard and resolved.

7th January 1970

Drain digging started on the Northern end of the air strip. Labour attendance down on yesterday.

8th January 1970

Mr. Morrison departed for Wasu during the morning. Torrential rain washed out any hope of work for the day.

9th January 1970

Picks and shovels were dropped by the Kabwum Trading Company Cessna aircraft during the morning. As a result levelling of the Western end of the strip was started.

10th January 1970

Saturday. Visited Sio 2.

11th January 1970

Sunday observed.

12th January 1970

Ground leveling continued. A good turn out of labour but somewhat late in arriving for work. There was a minor dispute over some land at the Western end of the airstrip which was soon resolved. I marked out depth levels for ground clearance.

13th January 1970

I started the work off on the airstrip in the morning and then departed for Wasu by boat in order to attend the Local Government Council meeting.

19th January 1970

Returned to Sio with the District Commissioner Mr. H.P. Seale and his party on board the Government trawler M.V. Morobe. Mr. Seale inspected the airstrip site and spoke to the people before returning on board the 'Morobe' which spent the night in Sio anchorage.

20th January 1970

Completed marking out the work to be done and then returned to Wasu in the evening in order to be at Wasu to meet a Police board enquiring into Police overtime.

END OF PATROL

SPECIAL REPORT.

SIO AIRSTRIP.

This project has been going on for some years without gaining momentum or visible progress. Various D.C.A. parties, Administration officials and the onetime European schoolteacher at Sio have all made visits, talked, encouraged and then have gone away until the next time. On odd occasions a party has stayed and supervised work which in most cases has simply been grass cutting. This is obviously a recurring necessity and therefore gives little visible progress for encouragement to the people.

The Sios have a reputation for being a somewhat lethargic and self willed people, but I don't think that this reputation is fully deserved, although it certainly is in part. Given definite instructions and easily understood working markers which will give them something that they can actually see and aim for, I think that work should progress. I am sure that with periodic and regular supervision to keep the people on the right lines the progress of air strip construction should maintain momentum.

This patrol was unable to get away at the original date, firstly because of the wishes of the Sio people themselves. Councillor Koli Rawoga of Sio 1 came over to Wasu and requested that the airstrip construction be delayed until after Christmas because the Sios wanted time to prepare for the festival. The second delaying factor was the search for the Crowley Airways Aztec aircraft which disappeared on a flight from Wasu to Yalumat. This operation lasted from 20th December until 30th December during which every available was occupied full time in some capacity or other more or less full time. It was then necessary to bring the station back to normal as the whole place had been disrupted both physically and administratively.

Mr. Morrison and I eventually left for Sio by boat on the 5th of January to begin the patrol.

On our arrival we found that the airstrip site was covered to a height of approximately two and a half feet by kumai grass. Clearing was started immediately over the whole area. Before Mr. Morrison left on the morning of January the 8th, sites for four drains had been cleared, and digging had started.

The following day a plane load of picks and shovels were air dropped by the Kabum Trading Company Cessna during the morning. The workers present on the strip had to be firmly restrained from rushing out onto the dropping zone during each run. Whether they thought they could catch the bundles of cargo or not I don't know, but there would have been some sadly disillusioned corpses about if they had had their way.

These tools proved to be invaluable and enabled work to be started in earnest. The Western end of the airstrip requires lateral levelling with earth being moved from the Southern side to the lower Northern side to bring it within the mandatory two percent. D.C.A. also require four feet of soil to be taken off the top of the hill at the Western end so as to allow a two way approach.

Before I left Sio on the 13th I marked out the centre of the air strip, and the depth to which soil had to be removed from the top side, and the height to which it had to be piled on the lower side. I returned on the 19th on the Government trawler the M.V. 'Morobe' accompanied by the District Commissioner Mr. H.P. Seale and his party. On arriving at the anchorage the party disembarked and then walked over to inspect the airstrip site. After his inspection Mr. Seale spoke to the Sios and then returned on board the 'Morobe' for the night, departing early the next morning.

I was pleasantly surprised to find that a fair amount of work had been done since my departure on the 13th. The area that I had marked out for levelling had almost been finished and instructions had been faithfully carried out.

Originally I had been afraid that the violent rain storms active at this time would have had a detrimental effect on work already carried out on the airstrip and therefore force work to be abandoned on account of the erosion factor. However I don't think that this is as serious as was at first thought. I was surprised at the rapidity at which the ground dried out ~~over~~ after a heavy and prolonged storm. Some of the unfinished ditches were filled to a depth of two feet or so with water but this fairly rapidly soaked away.

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SITUATION REPORT.

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SOCIAL REPORT.

The two villages of Sio 1 and Sio 2 seem to be two entirely separate communities despite their common name. It was interesting to note that the two villages were reluctant to work together during the initial stages of the patrol. The people from Sio 1 tended to work on their half of the strip levelling the ground, while those from Sio 2 wanted to keep to their end of the strip digging drains and burning rocks. I gave a long talk on the necessity of the two villages working together on a project which after all is of mutual concern, and towards the end of the patrol both villages were working well together. I would ascribe at least a certain amount of the independence of the two groups to the personal jealousies between the respective Councillors Koli and Kanongi.

There were two minor disputes over ownership of a couple of sections of the strip. One man who had been in Madang claimed that he wanted to put a garden right on the strip and hadn't been informed that his clan's land had been taken up on the strip. It was pointed out that the whole project would have to be abandoned if he insisted on having his way. He eventually acquiesced, which I am certain he intended to do in the first place. It would appear that he was simply upset that a special delegation hadn't been sent to Madang to consult him, and wanted to draw attention to himself and praise from his fellows when he generously donated the land. He admitted that his clan owned an ample sufficiency of land on either side of the airstrip, so it certainly wasn't a case of land shortage.

The second occurrence was when an old man tried to stop the cutting of an extra strip of kumai grass from the edge of the airfield. This came to nothing as the old man was somewhat senile and the land didn't belong to his clan anyway. He seemed quite happy when this was pointed out to him, so the problem was easily resolved.

Leadership at Sio consists in the main of the two Councillors Koli Raboga for Sio 1, and Kanongi Luke for Sio 2. Koli appears to have had no education and is illiterate, whereas Kanongi can both read and write and has a fairly good grasp of the elementary academic necessities. Each of the Sio villages has a committee of which that of Sio 1 seems to be the more efficient and go ahead.

There is a Primary 'T' school at Sio 1 which serves both villages, and has about 215 pupils. It appears that the exam pass rate for the school has dropped alarmingly since the European school teacher left, with the result that the parents of the school children are becoming a little restless over the situation. Unfortunately I have been unable to follow this up for lack of time, so can only go on what the committee members have told me. Advent Tarosi is the current Headmaster at the school. He seems to be a most capable person but is away fairly frequently as he is on the electoral commission. He went down to Australia to observe the recent Federal elections. Just before the end of last term the deputy Head teacher at the Primary School took two of his subordinates to court at Wawa for threatening him with an axe. One of these teachers was fined and both were transferred from the school. These factors obviously don't contribute to an efficient school.

The Lutheran Mission maintains a school at Sio. Many of whose pupils go on to their school at Gatop.

SITUATION REPORT Cont.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Sios being a relatively sophisticated and educated people have a fairley good grasp not only of local but of national politics as well.

Sio exists within the Kabwam Local Government Council boundaries and provides one of the more able Councillors in Kanongi Luke, who is Vice - President of the Council and sits on the financial committee as well.

Informal talks were held during which discussion took place mostly on matters of local import. Much interest was shown in the recent technical disallowance of council rules, a matter at the time being the cause an emergency sitting of the house of Asscmbly. This was explained in relation to the Kabwam Local Government Council and the House of Assembly.

Both the Councillors at Sio intend to stand for re-election at the forthcoming council elections.

ECONOMIC SITUATION

Sio has the potential to become a relatively prosperous place if only the people would overcome their lethargy and plant more coconuts

There is an excellent source of fish in the waters around Sio especially off the Kwama river, and this could certainly be exploited to much gain.

Copra is produced, but as indicated earlier production could be increased considerably. There are one or two local entrepreneurs who seem to be making a very satisfactory living out of their various business ventures. These are Mole Mole who runs a boat with an outboard motor up and down the coast carrying copra and other cargoes. He has a fair number of coconuts planted not only at Sio but also along the coast notably at Singorokai. Ola Raboga is the other prominent business minded person. He has coconuts planted at various sites, owns a trade store at Sio, operates a small dinghy and outboard, and runs a store for Mr Ted Poed at Wasu. He also has a small copra dryer at Sio.

There is an excellent small anchorage at Sio which has deep water and good shelter. Various coastal vessels call in, notably the 'Warobe', the 'Sintang' and one of the Steamships Trading Company's vessels which calls in to take on copra for Madang.

There is no local market at Sio so the people take their produce when possible to Wasu for the weekly market on Fridays. At this time of the year the river Kwama is in spate making crossing either dangerous or impossible so most of the people don't go to the market. A few go by boat, but nothing like the number that normally goes by foot.

Cooking utensils are now almost totally mass produced factory models. A recent request by a social welfare offiver for a clay pot and a sample of clay had to be met by a special order. There are a few clay utensils in evidence, but it seems that pottery making is probably a dying art at Sio.

The water wells recently installed by the P.N.D. well team for the Kabwam Local Government Council all have a certain saline content. I found the water unfit to drink, and had to ask for rain water for this purpose.

R.D.W. DRAPPAN


Assistant Patrol Officer

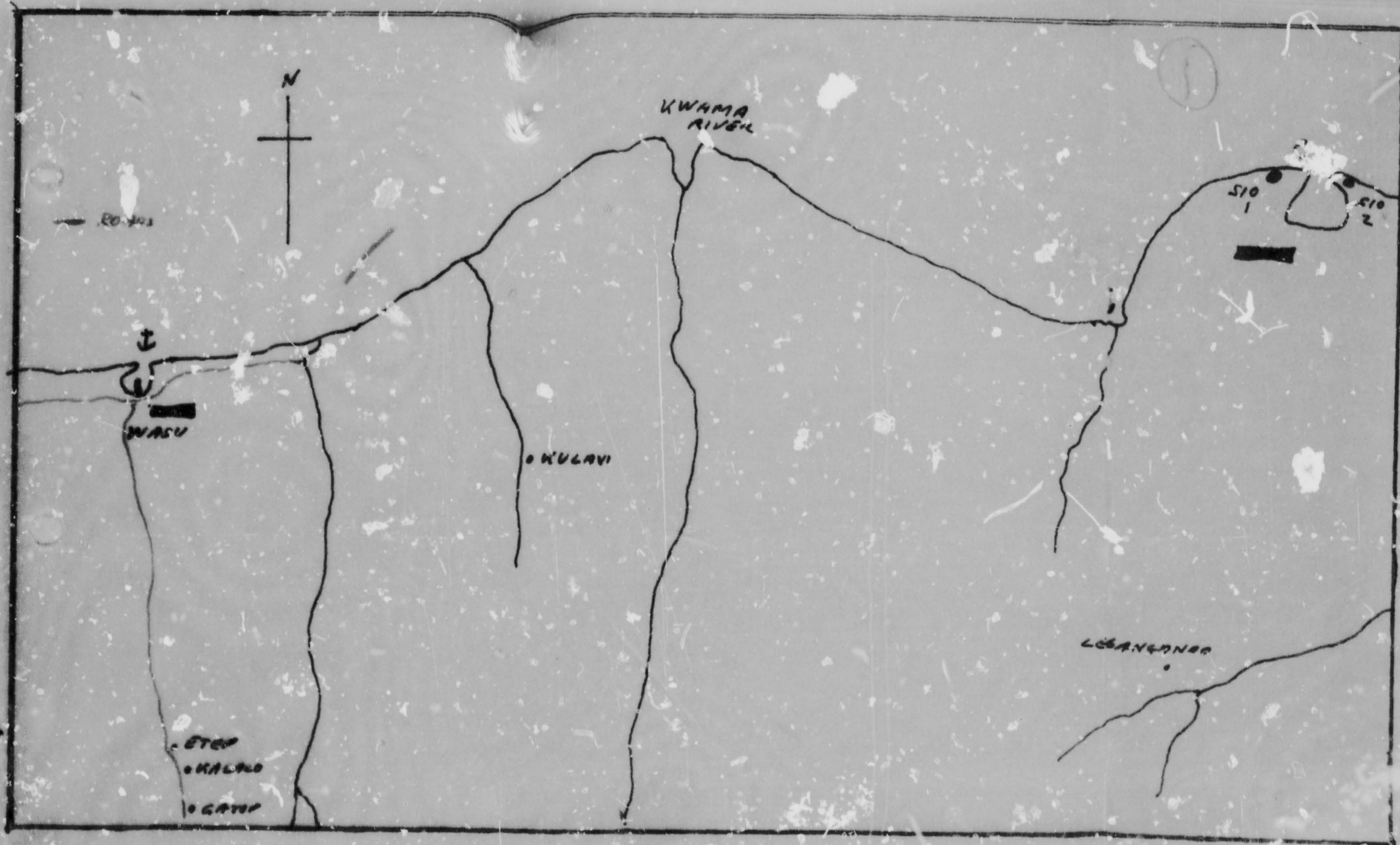
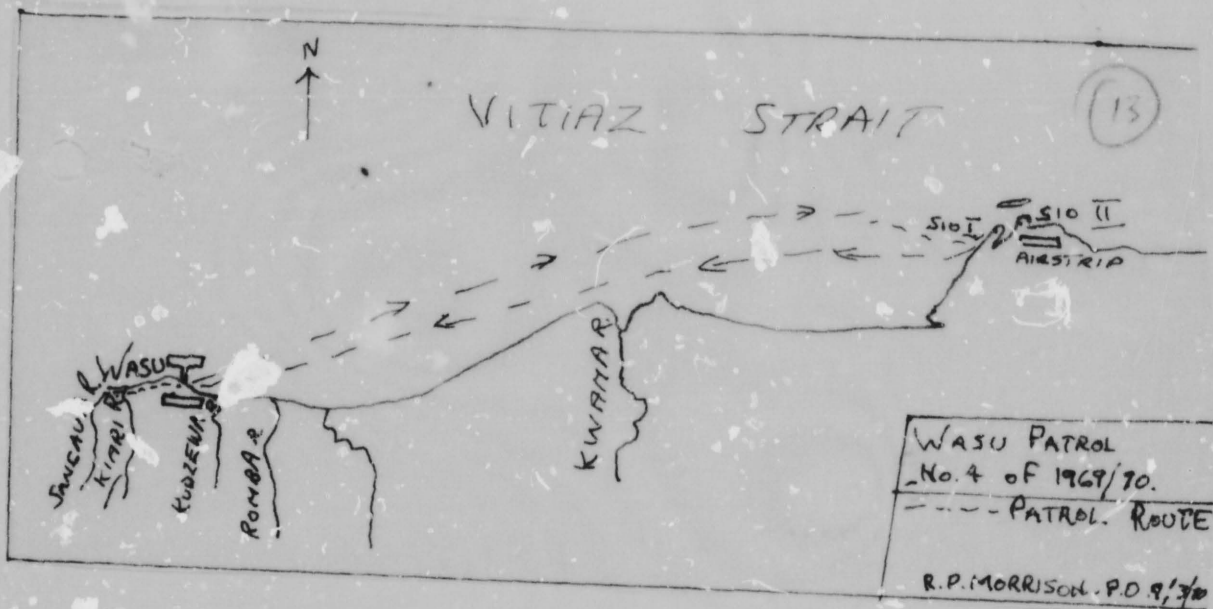
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REPORT ON PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Constable Mangzure 2380 R.P.O.N.G.C.

He needs to take his work a little more seriously.
This was his first field patrol, so he has a little to learn in this aspect
of his work.


R.D.W. DRAFFAN
(ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER)





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... Morobe Report No. Wasu No. 5 of 1969/70.
 Patrol Conducted by..... R.P. Morrison. Patrol Officer.....
 Area Patrolled..... Yupna Census Division.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil.
 Natives..... Const. Netato. 1373. Const. Engitau. 1376.

Duration—From 27. / 1. / 19 70. to 11. / 2. / 19 70
 Number of Days..... SIXTEEN DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... / Nov. 1969

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference..... See Patrol Map.

- Objects of Patrol.....
1. Area Studt and Annual Census.
 2. Supervising work on Enkiman airstrip site.
 3. Political Education.
 4. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

No. Mrs. Murray

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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16th June, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L A E.

PATROL NO. WASU 5/69-70:

Your reference 67-2-9 of 5th June, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Situation Report by Mr. R.P. Morrison, Assistant Patrol Officer, of YUPNA Census Division.

This report is a reasonably informative submission- but I fail to understand why an Area Study was not prepared in accordance with the patrol instructions. Mr. Morrison's reasons for the non-submission of this work are rather flimsy.

As it appears as though census was revised, please advise when the Village Population Registers will be forwarded.

I agree that the delay in the submission of this report is unwarranted. This failing appears to be a feature of Mr. Morrison's work and I will look for a marked improvement in future.

Mr. Absalom's detailed covering comments are of value.

c.c. Mr. R.P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

See memo 1/6/70

67-1-2

JA/ga

Sub District Office,
KABWUM?Morobe District.
11-5-70.

District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
LAE.

WASU PATROL No 5 of 1969-70.

Attached please find three copies of a report on the above patrol submitted by Mr R. Morrison, Patrol Officer, together with his amended claim for camping allowance.

Although Mr Morrison's Patrol Instructions stated that if it were necessary to break the patrol he was to complete the Area Study of the Yupna, he has not done this. His reasons (given in the Introduction) are that there was some confusion over the Census Division Boundaries. The Area Study will now have to be completed for both the Yupna and Uruwa Census Divisions as one entity when the Uruwa Census Division is patrolled in the near future.

I am pleased to note that this patrol was conducted in a leisurely manner, as it is important that as much time as possible is spent in the villages when a patrol visits this isolated Census Division. Visits by patrols to this area have been few and far between over the past few years. Vide para graph 5 of the Introduction.

Vide paragraph 1 Situation Report under the Head Political. The M.H.A. for the Kabwum Electorate, Rauke Gam, takes his responsibilities to his constituents seriously. Although he has only visited the area once, it has obviously produced results.

There is much more communication from this area to Wantoat Patrol Post than to Wasu. All the Aid Posts in the area are supplied from Wantoat and in some cases complaints and reports of major crimes are reported to the Officer in Charge, Wantoat, rather than Wasu, as with the murder case in 1968. The main reason for this is that the distance to Wantoat from the Upper reaches of the Yupna is only one day; it is three or four days to Wasu.

It is hoped that the opening of the Bonkiman and Teptep airstrips will considerably improve the inflow of knowledge to this area.

Vide paragraph 2 under the head Political. With regard to Mr Morrisons suggestions that this area be included in Kabwum Local Government Council; in general I am more in favour in including these Yupna Villages in the low level Council proposed by the Assistant District Commissioner, Saidor. He has suggested that such a Council

be established at Teptep airstrip (which is apparently nearing completion) to take in all the Mountain villages on his (the Western) side of the Yupa River. Many of the people from the Eastern Yupa have worked on Teptep. It would appear more practical to include these people in such a Council than to stretch further the communications of the Kabwun Council. Reference correspondence regarding the future of the Yupa Census Division if airstrips are opened at Teptep, Bonkiman and Yara.

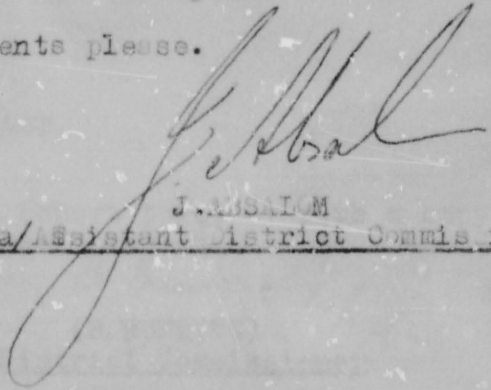
Vide paragraph 1 under head Economic. It is obvious that the opening of airstrips at Bonkiman and Teptep will considerably improve the economic lot of the people in this Census Division. There will be a cessation of the long walks to and from the coast and Taper to convey coffee out and trade goods in. It is to be hoped that this area will follow the lead of other areas in the Sub-District when airstrips were constructed in them.

The problems of land pressures and shortages will, I trust, be more fully covered in the Area Study, I shall therefore not comment further on this.

Vide paragraph 3. Mr Morrison is not quite correct when he states that there are no other airstrips in the area. As previously mentioned, an airstrip is being constructed at Teptep in the Saidor Sub-District on the Western fall of the Upper reaches of the Yupa Valley at approximately 6,500 feet. This airstrip will possibly provide better service to those villages in the Upper Yupa than Bonkiman and Taper which are reasonably close together and much nearer the coast. See sketch map attached to my memo 1-2-2 of 4th March, 1970, regarding the Morobe/Madang District Boundary.

I have no further comments except to say that Mr Morrison has presented a neat report.

For your comments please.


J. ASSALEM
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Mr R.P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
Wasu.

67-6-98.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

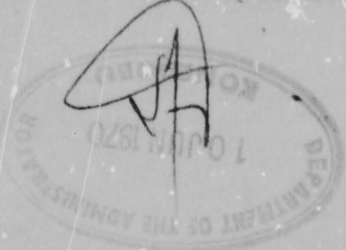
5th June 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KANWUM.

WASU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1969-1970

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

2. Delay in the submission of the report is unwarranted.
Please ensure that reports are submitted by patrolling officers
within a week of completion of patrols.



(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE TO:
Secretary
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Two copies of the above report together with a copy
of the ADC's comments forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

(9)

Telegrams.....

Our Reference..... 67-1-5

If calling ask for..... JA/SIL

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

~~WAKA~~ Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

Morobe District.

12th January, 1970.

Mr. R. P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

WASU PATROL No. 5 of 1969/70.

As discussed verbally with you please prepare to depart on Patrol to the Yupna and Uruwa Census Divisions on the 23rd January, 1970. As you are aware I am endeavouring to obtain the use of a helicopter on the 23rd to take the District Airport Inspector into Bonkiman. You will be advised within the next ten days whether this will eventuate. If it does not you will have to travel by dinghy up the coast and walk in.

Your instructions are as follows:-

(1) The aims of this patrol are to carry out the annual census, compile the new census sheets and make an Area Study of both the Yupna and Uruwa Census Divisions. You are aware of the requirements of an Area Study, so there is no need for me to elaborate.

(2) If it is necessary to break the patrol to attend your own affairs, this will be quite in order, however it is desirable that if you do this you finish the Area Study of the Yupna first and then return to complete the Uruwa.

(3) Spend as much time as possible at Bonkiman supervising airstrip work.

(4) A patrol from Saidor will be in the area at the same time, and will be at TEPTOP on the 23rd January, 1970 to meet the helicopter if the charter discussed above eventuates. If you feel it is desirable meet with this patrol and discuss the development of the Yupna area with the Officer conducting the patrol.

(4A) Political Education talks should be given where possible.

(5) Convene Local Courts where necessary.

(6) Endeavour not to work on religious days and to patrol this area in a leisurely manner. There has not been a patrol through most of this area for sometime.

(7) Submit your report as per the Directors circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1967.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

J. Absalom
J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
13th March, 1970.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL NUMBER 5 of 1969/70.

Attached please find four copies of the above report, along with my camping allowance claim.

Report Number	: Wasu No.5 of 1969/70.
Sub-District	: Kabwum.
District	: Morobe.
Council Area	: Nil.
Patrol Conducted By	: R.P.Morrison.
Designation	: Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Yupna Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	: Const.Netato.No.1373.
	: Const.Engitau.No.1376.
Duration of Patrol	: Sixteen Days.
Date Out	: 27th January, 1970.
Date In	: 11th February, 1970.
Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. Patrol	: 11th November, 1969 to 24th November, 1969. Thirteen Days.
XXXXXXXXXXXX Objects of Patrol	: 1. Area Study and Annual Census 2. Supervise work on Bonkivan Airstrip site. 3. Political Education. 4. Routine Administration.
Total Population	:
Area Patrolled	:
Map Reference	: See Patrol Map.
Village Population Register	: Attached.

R.P.Morrison
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R.F.Morrison.
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

Main purpose of this patrol was to conduct an Area Study and Annual Census of the Yupna Census Division, neither of which have been done for some years. However, due to some confusion over the Correct Census Division some villages are in and also the splinter village at Kewieng I was unable to complete these and will incorporate details of the Uruwa and Yupna Census Divisions in one Area Study after my patrol of the Uruwa in April. The village of Yuwong is included in the Village Directory and apparently hasn't been censused for years. (Three). The population of over 750 at Kewieng in the headwaters of the Yupna has split into two groups, one of which lines under the old Kewieng name and the other under "Tambanganang", this line did not arrived when the Kewiengs came to be censused.

Patrolling in the Yupna involves firstly a day or half a days boat trip to reach Roinji, then a solid days walk to Bonkiman across a 5,600' range to reach the interior of the Yupna. The Census Division roughly follows the course of the Yupna River which forms the Morobe-Madang Districts Border, with villages sited on spurs and crags overlooking the Yupna River. Once Bonkiman is reached further climbing is required then to advance to the other villages which extend along the eastern wall of the Yupna valley. These villages are linked by tracks which are little more than a foot wide in places and at this time were heavily overgrown due to infrequent patrolling of the area. A week was spent improveing the road between Bonkiman and the range which was dangerous and even more so when wet.

Fortunately there was not consistent heavy rain during the patrol, as the North West ~~W~~ winds generally bring heavy rain to the area in October to April. As walking in the area is interesting enough when the tracks are dry.

Other aims of the patrol were to supervise further work on the Bonkiman Airstrip site and also to conduct Political Education talks. Work on the airstrip as expected had not progressed since the last report and it is obvious that only constant supervision will finish the airstrip. The village committees and "Hatmen" do a reasonable job supervising work when a patrolling officer is in the area but once he returns to the station they to relax and forget the airstrip. Further details are provided in the body of the report.

This patrol was conducted in a leisurely manner with overnight stops in all villages. Both group and individual discussions were held and the people showed a suprising interest in the House of Assembly, and some working knowledge of the same.

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PATROL DIARY. cont.

- 8th February, 1970. Departed Baup 0850, arrived Wandabong 1250. Changed carriers and continued to Bonkiman, arrived 1450. Overnight Bonkiman.
- 9th February, 1970. Supervising work on Bonkiman site. Visited Luluai's "Haus Tamberan" in p.m. Overnight Bonkiman.
- 10th February, 1970. Inspected Tultul's "Haus Tamberan". Departed Bonkiman 0805, arrived Yuwong 1540. Overnight Yuwong.
- 11th February, 1970. Departed Yuwong 0830, arrived Roinji 0930. Departed Roinji 1030 per chartered dinghy. arrived Wasu 1630 p.m.

END OF PATROL.SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL SITUATION.

Interest in politics seems to have been enhanced by a visit to the area by Mr. Rauke, Cam, M.H.A. Prior to Rauke's visit no would-be M.P.'s or members for the area had visited this Census Division. However, apart from this visit and the visits of Administration patrols there is virtually no constant source of outside information for the area. I did not see one radio throughout the whole patrol and of course no literature. It was noticeable that more males are leaving the area to work, a considerable number claim to be working on the Wantoat - Kaiapit road, and there are also small numbers going to Madang and Lae to try and find work. Some two dozen are at present employed at Wasu and on the Wasu - Gatop road. It is hoped that these absentees will learn more of the ways of the towns, business, policies, etc and return with the information and spread it in the home area, as at present communications between this area and the outside is virtually non-existent.

When I brought up the matter of Councils the unanimous reply was that they were not interested as they had nothing to contribute to a Council and couldn't afford taxes anyway. General understanding of the aims and functions of a Council were vague and disinterested. If Bonkiman becomes a commercial airstrip, I consider it would be a step towards bringing these people forward if the Yupnas were included in the Kabwum Council. On the basis of the Kabwum Council being subsidized by the Central Administration for including the area, on the grounds that the Yupnas couldn't be expected to pay tax. Four or three wards from the area could then have their representatives flown out to meetings as is the case with the other Kabwum areas. At present their inclusion is out of the question as they couldn't be expected to walk three and four days to and from meetings and also there is no way of getting materials in for projects other than airdrops.

ECONOMIC SITUATION.

The area relies solely on coffee for cash. The villages closer to the coast, Yuwong, Bonkiman and Wandabong carry the coffee to Roinji, where it is bought by the local native store-keeper. Whilst the others carry the coffee to the Lutheran Mission airstrip in the Madang District at Tapen. Little coffee is harvested in the area due to the great distances it has to be carried to sell it, this was in evidence by the large amounts of trees sagging under the weight of cherries that should normally have been picked. The only Trade Stores in existence are at Bonkiman, Yuwong, Wandabong, all other villages consider they are too far away from the point of supply to make it worthwhile. Those visited at the three villages named had very little stock and stocks were apparently replenished about every month when a line of women were sent to Tapen or the coast with coffee and they then carried cargo from there back for the stores.

Fresh vegetables were relatively plentiful, but apart from selling these to visiting patrols and the Mission at Tapen, there is no market for them in the area.

Due to the nature of the terrain land suitable for cultivation is in short supply and within the next ten years there is likely to be an acute shortage of land. It would appear that some form of resettlement should be considered for this area, possibly in the more sparsely populated Uruwa.

Development in the area is hampered by the lack of roads and airstrips. Apart from the airstrip being constructed at Bonkiman and the Mission Airstrip at Tapen, there are no other roads or airstrips in the area. No new airstrip sites were seen during the patrol and I cannot imagine roads ever being built in the Yupna.

The airstrip at Bonkiman will be of tremendous benefit to the area when eventually finished, in that the people will be able to sell their coffee at the airstrip instead of walking to the coast or Tapen, this should provide impetus to harvest more coffee and sell it, and thus raise the per capita income of the area. The Manager of the Kabwum Trading Company has stated that the Company would be willing to put a limited Trade Store at Bonkiman when the airstrip is opened. This would provide a purchase centre for the coffee and also a source of trade goods for the area.

SOCIAL SITUATION.

There are no societies or clubs in the area. Unlike other areas in the Kabwum Sub-District, there is no problem in the Yupna as yet with a top heavy ratio of females to males. The absentee rate is however increasing as more and more males in the 16-45 years age group leave the villages to seek employment in the towns.

SPECIAL REPORT.PROGRESS OF AIRSTRIP SITE, AT BONKIMAN.

As previously mentioned no work done since previous patrol. So to cleaning the site of grass, which had grown up over the intervening period between patrols, this done, work was commenced on cleaning grass and undergrowth from the western end. The recent flu epidemic was still in vogue as the reason why no work had been done. It was pointed out that that was some months ago and the people didn't appear to be badly affected now.

When I departed for the Yupna proper on the 31st January, the clearing of the site had been completed and work was started on levelling the 300' directly behind the undergrowth at the western bottom end which was being cleared. Stumps and undergrowth was still being cleared from the top 600' of the proposed airstrip.

During this time although word had been sent to other villages no one other than the Bonkimans were working on the airstrip. Detailed instructions of the work to be done were left with the Bonkiman Tultul, and I informed him that as villages were censused they would be asked to go to Bonkiman and assist with the work. However, on arrival back at Bonkiman, despite promises made by the various villages, none had come to assist with the work. Work was then getting under way with only the Bonkimans, leveling of the lower 300' and clearing at the top end being carried out.

Instructions were left for the clearing of trees and plants between the Church and the present site and also to try and break up the stones at the eastern end by burning and picking.

REPORT ON ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY.

NAME	NUMBER	CONDUCT	COMMENT:
NETATO	1373	Good	Good bush policeman.
ENGITAU	1376	Good	Steady worker.

R.P. Morrison
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R.P. Morrison/P.O.

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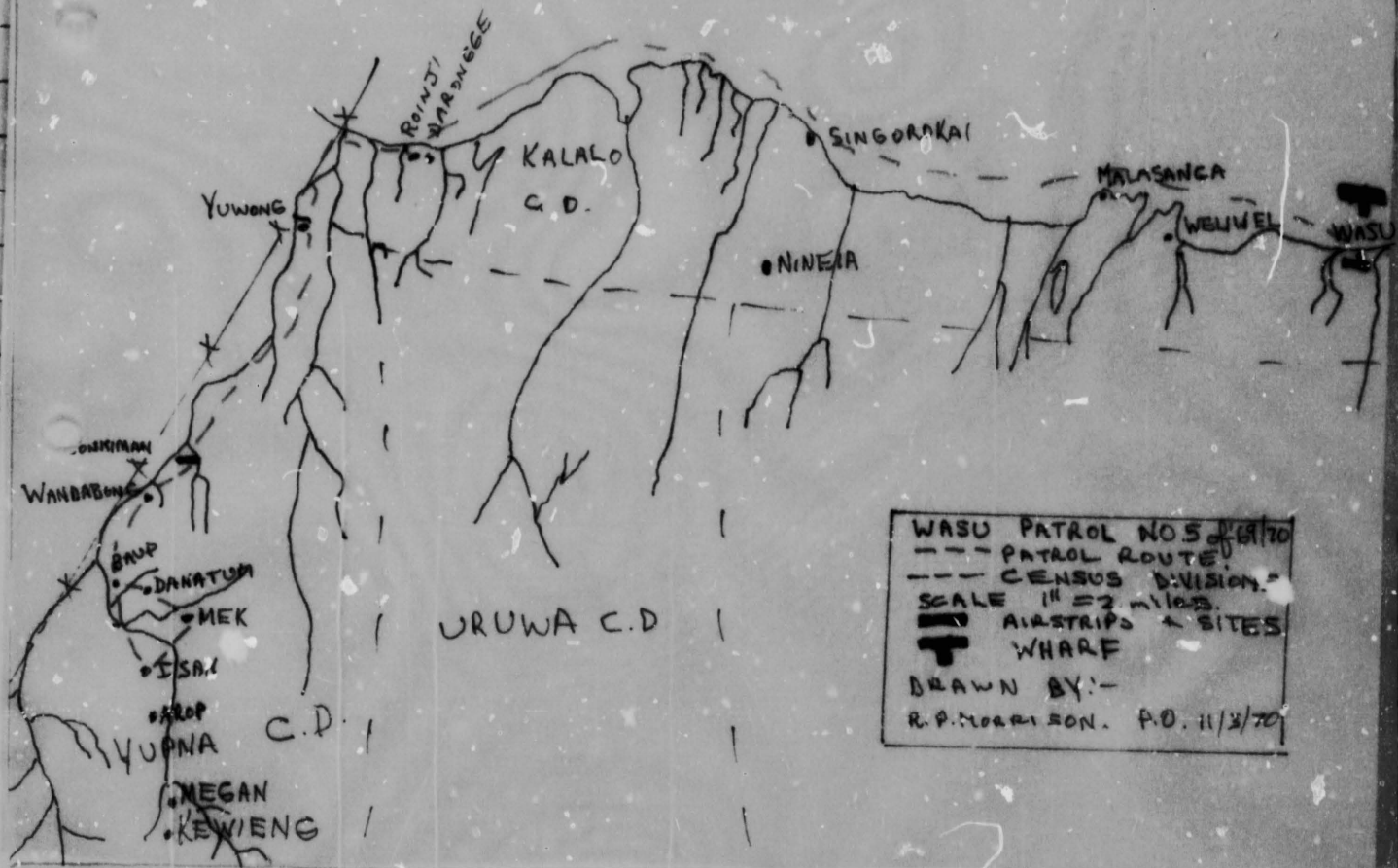
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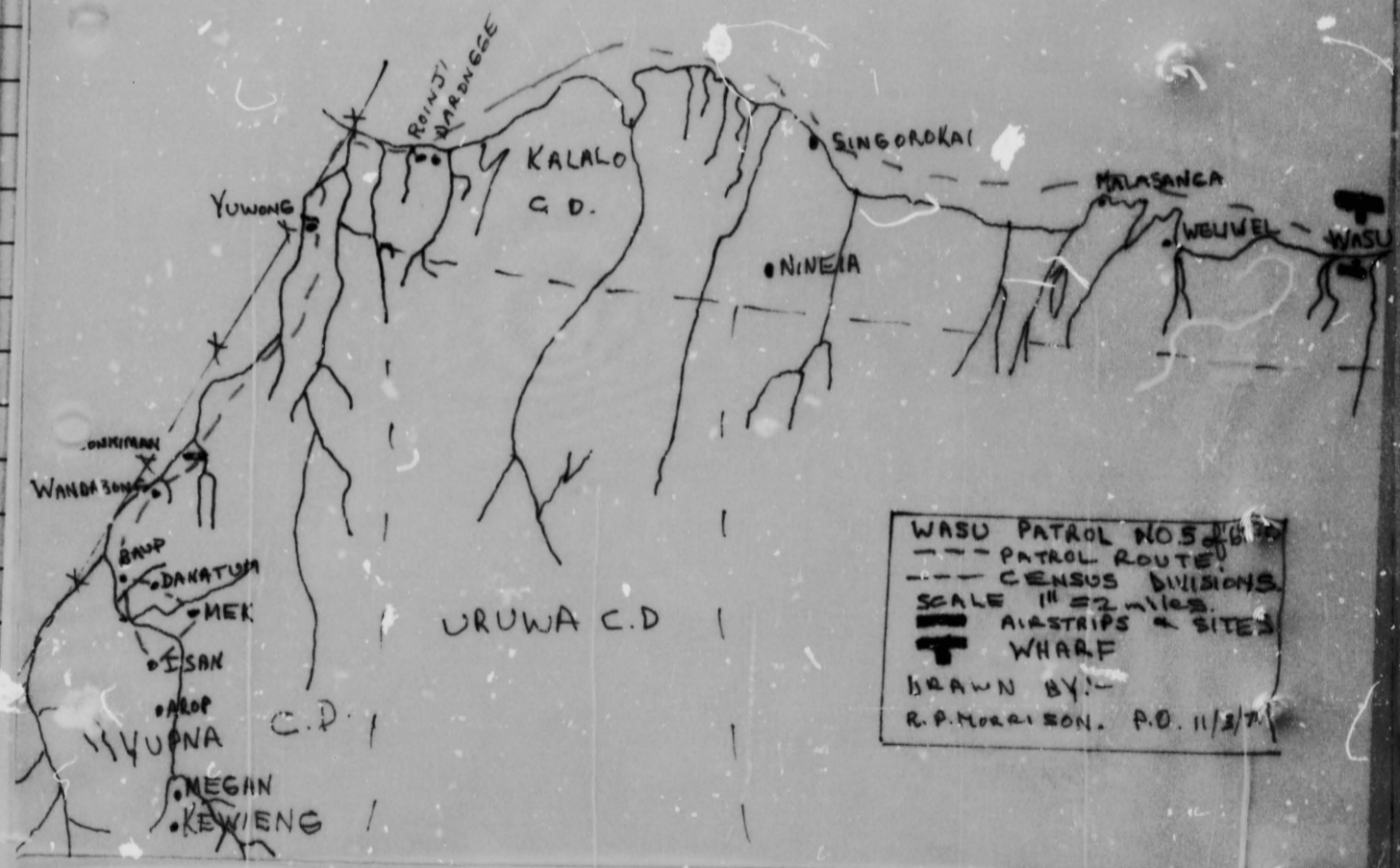


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. WASU Patrol No. 6 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted by R.P. Morrison. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part. Kalalo Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Const. Wave No. (Part)

Duration—From 6/4/1970 to 17/4/1970

Number of Days NINE DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan 1970.

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

Map Reference See Patrol Map.

Objects of Patrol Supervise Construction of Sio Airstrip.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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,

ROMEDOBU Papua.
11th June, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

PATROL NO. WASU 6/69-70

Your reference 67-2-12 of 2nd June, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Special Report
by Mr. R.P. Morrison, Patrol Officer of Part KALOLO Census
Division.

This patrol appears to have undertaken some useful
work on the Sio Airstrip.

I have no further comments.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. R.P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU,
Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

2nd June, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAMMUM.

WASU PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1969/70

Receipt of the above report vide your 67-1-2
of the 6th May, 1970 is acknowledged.

2. Mr. Morrison's patrol has done good work at
Sio airstrip. It is to be hoped that the situation
remains so favourable.

3. However, Mr. Morrison should pay more attention
to report compilation to eradicate grammatical, spelling
and typographical errors.

4. Your comments adequately cover the remainder
of the report.

MINUTE:

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

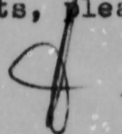
Two copies of the above report together with the
Assistant District Commissioner's comments are attached.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Morrison has submitted a good, neat report.

For your comments, please.



J. ABSALOM
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc Mr R. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

67-1-2

Sub District Office,
KABWUM,

JA/ga

Morobe District.
6th May, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of Administration
District Office,
LAE.

WASU SPECIAL REPORT No 6 of 1969/70.

Attached please find three copies of a report on the above patrol submitted by Mr R. Morrison, Patrol Officer, together with his amended claim for camping allowance.

The prime aim of this patrol, as stated was to supervise the construction of Sio Airstrip. Mr Morrison's report on progress on the strip states the situation adequately. It is very heartening to find that the Sio people are now working with some purpose. I intend inspecting the strip on the 7th May and it may be possible to set a tentative date for the opening then.

Vide Situation Report under the head Economic para 1. The Sio's have long had a reputation for being lethargic. The more enterprising members of this community seem to leave the village; many of them are white collar workers and tradesmen to be found in almost all of the Territory main centres. They are, in the main, skilled workers. It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm they are now showing in the construction of the airstrip will not wain with its completion; and that its completion will herald a new economic era for the Sio's.

Directly the airstrip will not be of great economic import to these people as they already have adequate cheap sea transport. Possibly the advent of the airstrip will demonstrate to the younger members of that community what can be achieved by hard work, it is to be hoped so - possibly a vain hope.

Vide para 2. As a long range project it is hoped to push the road east from Wasu to Sio and thence further East along the coast to join with the Sialum/Pinschhafen road complex and so connect the Kabwum Sub District by road with Lae, around the coastline of the Huon Peninsular.

Vide Social. Mr Morrison appears to have dealt with the alleged cargo cult adequately.

This report requires no further comment from me. Mr



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
19th April, 1970.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

~~wasu patrol no. 6~~ WASU PATROL NO.6 of 1969/70.

Attached please find four copies of the above report along with my camping allowance claim.

Report Number : Wasu No.6 of 1969/70.
 Sub-District : Kabwum.
 District : Morobe.
 Council Area : Kabwum.
 Patrol Conducted By : R.P.Morrison.
 Designation : Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled : Part Kalalo Census Division.
 Personnel Accompanying Patrol : Const.Wave.No.
 Duration of Patrol : Nine Days.
 Date Out : 6th April, 1970.
 Date In : 17th April, 1970.
 Date and Duration of Last DDA Patrol : January, 1970.
 : Eleven Days.
 Objects of Patrol : Supervise Construction of Airstrip at Sio,
 Total Population : 2840.
 Area Patrolled : 1535.
 Map Reference : See Patrol Map.
 Village Register : Not Attached.

R. P. Morrison

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R.P.Morrison.
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

As the Sio Airstrip has been under construction for sometime without consistent progress being shown, the aim of this patrol was to supervise the construction and mark work to be carried out on the airstrip. Previous work has been done under supervision, but not when the supervising officer left. Progress on the airstrip site is dealt with in the body of the report.

PATROL DIARY.

- 6th April, 1970. Departed for Sio at 1015, arrived 1200. Heard alleged stories of cargo cult activities by one, Wonza of Sio I. Went to airstrip site at 1415, poor roll-up of approx. 70. Work started on drain at eastern end, site for another cleared. Talk given to workers at 1600. Investigating assault charge against a teacher from Kelanoa. Overnight Sio I.
- 7th April, 1970. Departed Sio 0730, arrived Wasu 0805. To Etep to witness payment of back rent by Lutheran Mission. Work on station until 1750, then to Sio, arrived Sio 1815. Overnight Sio I.
- 8th April, 1970. To airstrip site 0730. Few arrivals until 0915. Eventually up to 225 working. All employed on moving dirt from southern to northern side, eastern end to wet to dig drains. Discussions with Cnclr. Kanongi. Overnight Sio I.
- 9th April, 1970. To airstrip site, good roll-up of 300. Further work leveling southern side and building up northern side. Talks given to Sio I and II before leaving for Wasu at 1245. Arrived Wasu 1420. Working in office.
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- 13th April, 1970. Accompanied District Commissioner to Sio on M.V. "Morobe", to inspect site. Returned to Wasu by dinghy p.m.
- 14th April, 1970. Work on wharf abutments and office work, paying staff, etc. Departed Wasu 1115 for Sio by dinghy, arrived Sio 1415. To airstrip site, only 70 workers there. Overnight Sio I.
- 15th April, 1970. To site a.m., no arrivals until 0910. Work on levels for site, clearing remaining raised areas. Two new side drains marked and one extended in p.m. Talks to groups at 1600, re work, days to be allocated to work and gardens. Overnight Sio I.
- 16th April, 1970. To airstrip site a.m. Burning bones at eastern end, and putting in levels. Further work in p.m. Talks to groups in p.m. They decided to work alternate weeks on the airstrip and their gardens. Overnight Sio I.

PATROL DIARY. cont.

17th April, 1970. To airstrip in a.m. Distributed list of unclaimed War Gratuities to Councillors from both Sio Villages. Returned to Wasu at noon by chartered dinghy.

END OF PATROL

SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL SITUATION.

During the patrol informal discussions were held with the Councillors, committees and various villagers. Considerable interest was shown in current Council projects, tax and the forthcoming elections and new Financial Year expenditure. Councillor Kanongi brought up the situation in Vietnam, and wanted to know why the Allies couldn't resolve the position in South Vietnam, a discussion involving Vietnam, the Korean War and guerilla warfare as against conventional warfare, then evolved.

It was evident from the discussions that both Councillors Kole and Kanongi from the two Sios keep their wards fairly well informed of the work of the Kabwum Council. Satisfaction was expressed that the Council tax rate was to remain as is for the next financial year, also support was voiced for Councillor Kanongi's representations to the Council that the coastal area receive more attention in the next years Estimates. It was pointed out that apart from some assistance to the airstrip at Sio and small allocations to the Kalalo - Wasu road, Wasu - Malasanga road and the installation of water wells along the coast, little of the Council's expenditure has come to the coast and area between the coast and Kabwum. I pointed out that as this area wouldn't contribute one quarter of the Council's revenue, it couldn't expect to receive a disproportionate amount spent in the area. The overall picture of development for the area was also explained in connection with group interests.

From the point of political awareness and knowledge of current events the Sios are unsurpassed in the Kalalo Census Division. This can be attributed to the number of radios in the villages and also the frequent commuting from villages to the towns, most of the males at Sio manage a trip to Lae or Madang during the year and this travel tends to keep those in the village informed, as those returning from the towns bring back news of what's going on. There is also the contribution of a large number of Sio students attending schools in Lae, Madang and Port Moresby, they write to their families and also come home on holidays at various stages of the year.

ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Opportunities to do well financially are better at Sio than elsewhere along the coast, but remain unexploited. Copra plantings in the area have not increased significantly in the past few years, and the Sios seem content to harvest what they have, apart from Molemole and Ola as mentioned in previous reports. With a good anchorage and shipping reasonably regular the possibilities from copra are enormous, as the Sios have ample ground and much unused. Also there is the abundantly rich sea which has never been exploited for its fish and crayfish, by the Sios.

ECONOMIC SITUATION. cont.

At present there are no roads in the area, but the area is reasonably well served by shipping, the Vitiaz, Simbang and Morobe all call in regularly at Sio. The proposed coastal road between Malasanga and Sio is at present being built towards Malasanga, but the section towards Sio has not been commenced due to the need for bridges over the Kudzewa, Romba, and later on the Kwama, both the Kudzewa and Romba have been surveyed and plans drawn up for bridges, but this road is likely to be a long term project due to the cost involved in bridging the rivers. The section from Sio to the Kwama however should not provide a great deal of difficulty, this is to be commenced when the airstrip at Sio is completed.

SOCIAL SITUATION.

As mentioned in my Patrol Diary I heard allegations of cargo cult activities during the Patrol. The allegations were brought to my attention by Councillor Kanongi.

The story told was that a male adult, Wonza - Serenge of Sio I, had a vision of God, who gave him the power to cure sickness. Wonza then left the village and went to live in a house near the Kwama River, word was passed around that he could cure illnesses and people who were sick or "thought they were sick" began to go and stay in the area. On March 21st a small girl died at this place, "Kukua" and she was brought by Wonza to Belambu, a hamlet of Sio I. However on arrival at Belambu some of the child's relatives asked Wonza to "pray" for the child, he said he would and that the child would come back to life if they left her and didn't bury her. Thus it wasn't until Sunday afternoon, March 23rd that the child was buried, and only then because the village elders told the relatives to.

Further information was given by the "boss mission" at Belambu; who said that he had few people attending church at Christmas because most of the village (Belambu) were in a house where Wonza was "preaching". Apparently a rumour came from Wonza's meeting that fire would come at Christmas and burn the church. This part of the story was considerably embellished by the mission.

When Wonza was questioned about the above he said that he had the vision early last year and that he had been "curing" people since. Mention was made of cargo arriving at Christmas when the fire came, but as the time had been and gone he wouldn't discuss this in detail and no one else could provide any assistance. He explained the rumour about the fire by saying that the people would feel "fire" for their wrongs throughout the year.

During investigation of the "cult" it was noticeable that Cnclr. Kanangi, who brought my attention to the matter was intent on getting to the bottom of the matter whilst Cnclr. Kole was very silent and when he did speak tried to close the matter prematurely. I suspect that he was involved in the matter, to the point of not wanting to say anything until Christmas past, in case the cargo did arrive. Evidence from others was vague and either hearsay or their own coloured idea of what was going on, as in the case of the "boss mission". No evidence reliable enough or concrete enough for Court Action was presented therefore I instructed Wonza to return to the village, (Belambu) and not to cause any trouble and told the Councillors and village committeemen to keep me informed of his movements and actions.

AIRSTRIP PROGRESS.

After a poor roll-up the first day I was at Sio the number of workers steadily improved, and an average of 150 per day was about the number working daily on the site.

Since the last visit to Sio in January, work had mainly been concentrated on the moving of soil from the southern raised side to the lower northern side, at the bottom of the rise in airstrip and up to about 500' to the eastern end. This work was being done on two levels, with the Sio Is working at the top and the Sio IIs at the bottom end of the rise. No further work had been done on side drains due to the water-logged eastern end. However, this area had dried out since and one new drain was marked and started and the area cleared for another. A considerable amount of soil was moved during my stay and the amount of work done was quite pleasing.

Following the District Commissioners' visit on the 13th of April, levels were placed on the southern side of the site and across the site to assist the workers in leveling and cutting. Although it was explained what the levels were and how they were to be used, on a number of occasions they were pulled up because "they were in the way". Further explanations were made after this happened a few times and they had to be re-set.

When I returned to Wasu workers had been allocated work on drains and burning the stones at the eastern end. The site is quite dry now and if these drains are completed now it will save a lot of hard work when the area becomes water-logged in the "wet". At present it appears that the "wet" is over with only a small rainfall for the period, which improves the chances of getting the airstrip finished this "dry".

Whilst on the site a meeting was held to decide what working arrangements would prevail re - work on the airstrip and gardens. The people decided that the two Sio villages will work alternate weeks on the airstrip and gardens, whilst the Mulas and Lebangedes will work on the airstrip the week the Sios work on their gardens. The Councillors pointed out that they plant their yam gardens in March-April-May, and that as half the time had gone and they had been working on the airstrip all that time, it was essential that the gardens be planted soon.

APPENDIX.

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REPORT ON MEMBER ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY.

NAME	NUMBER	CONDUCT	COMMENTS
WAVA	3251	Good	First Patrol Learning routine.

R. P. Morrison

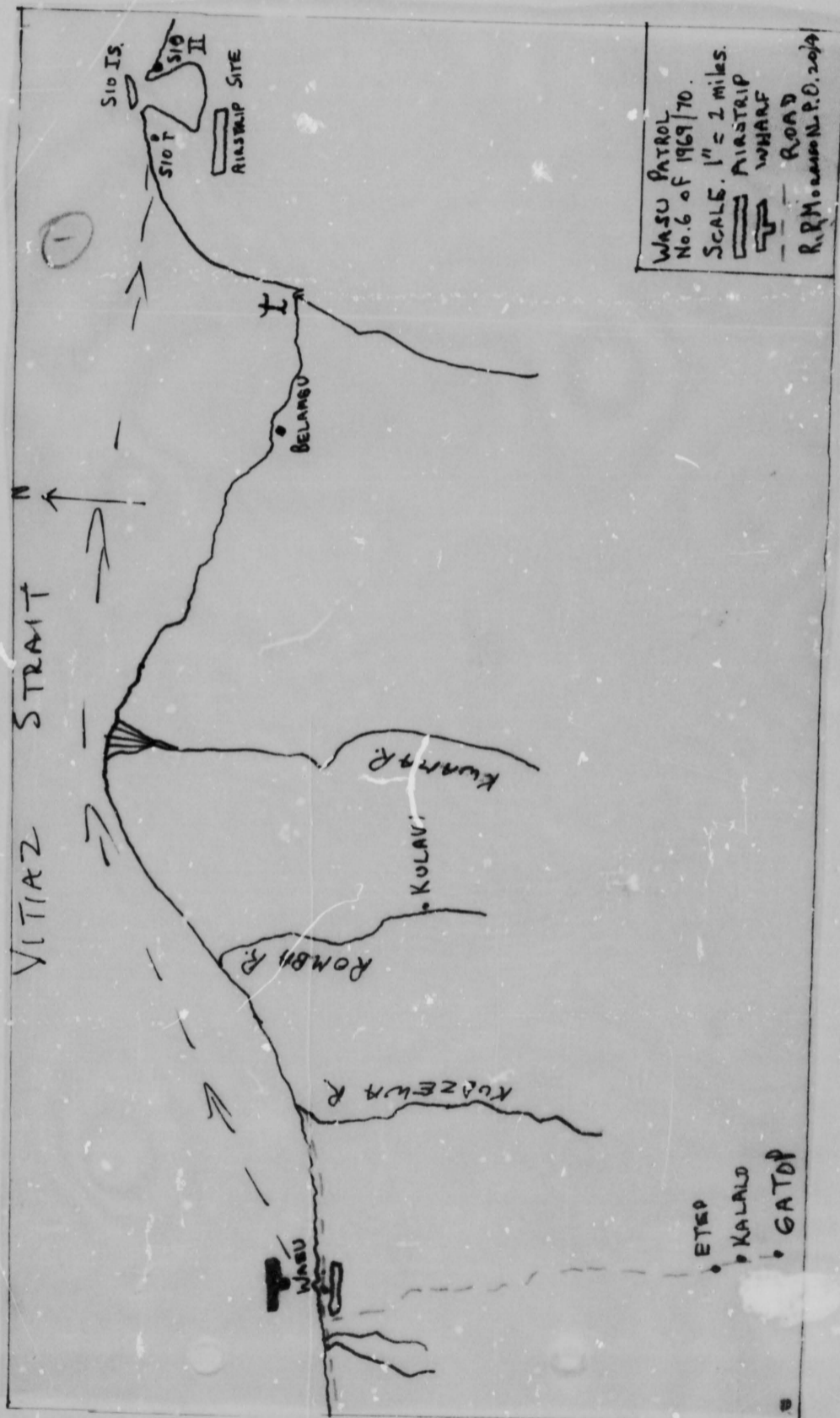
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. WASU, Patrol No.7 of 1969/70.
 Patrol Conducted by R.P.Morrison. Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled Part Kalalo Census Division.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Const. Eter. No. 1444. Const. Wava. No. 3251. (Part)

Duration—From 21/4/1970 to 7/5/1970.

Number of Days ELEVEN DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /Apr./1970.

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

Map Reference See Patrol Map

Objects of Patrol Supervise construction of Sio Airstrip.

Director of District Administration,
 PORT MORESBY.

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 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,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

21st July, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

PATROL NO. WASU 7/69-70

Your reference: 67-2-9 of 6th July, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Special Report
by MR. R. P. MORRISON, Patrol Officer of part KALOLO Census
Division.

(T. W. HILLS)
Secretary.
Department of the Administrator.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

6th July, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KARUM.

WASU SPECIAL REPORT NO.7 OF 1969/70

Receipt of the above report is
acknowledged vide your 67-1-6 of the 17th June, 1970.

2. The patrol was of a routine nature,
and the report calls for little comment.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner



c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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H. P. Seale
(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,
 Morobe District,
 17th June, 1970.

a/Asst District Commissioner,
 Sub-District Department of Administrator,
KABWUM Division of District Administration,
 District Office,
LAE.

Herewith WASU SPECIAL PATROL No 7/69-70.
 claim for camping allowance

Attached please find three copies of the above report submitted by Patrol Officer, R.P. Morrison. His claim for camping allowance was not received at this office.

The Reference my memo 4-1-2 of 18th May 1970 for comments on Sio Airstrip.

Vide para 2 under the Head, Political, in the Situation Report. I have instructed the O.I.C. Wasu to look into this matter in a more searching manner and have detailed discussions with the contributors with a view to making a firm recommendation regarding the granting of a loan.

For your information, please.

Total Population	: 2840.
Area Patrolled	: 1582.
Map Reference	: See Patrol Map.
Village Population Register	: Not Attached.

R.P.M.
 R.P. Morrison
 Patrol Officer

J. ABSALOM.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
13th May, 1970.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL NO.7 of 1969/70.

Herewith four copies of the above report, along with my
claim for camping allowance.

Report Number	: Wasu No.7 of 1969/70.
Sub-District	: Kabwum.
District	: Morobe.
Council Area	: Kabwum.
Patrol Conducted By	: R.P.Morrison.
Designation	: Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Part Kalalo Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	: Const.Etem.No.1444. Const.Weva.No.3251.(Part)
Duration of Patrol	: Eleven Days.
Date Out	: 21st April, 1970.
Date In	: 7th May, 1970.
Date and Duration of Last DDA Patrol	: April, 1970. Nine Days.
Objects of Patrol	: Supervise construction of Sio Airstrip.
Total Population	: 2840.
Area Patrolled	: 1585.
Map Reference	: See Patrol Map.
Village Population Register	: Not Attached.

R.P.Morrison
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R.P.Morrison.
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The supervision of work on the Sio Airstrip was the object of this patrol. With the rotation of villages as mentioned in Report No.6 of '69/70, there is a roll up of some 250-350 workers when the two Sio villages work, but only up to 50 on the alternate week when the Mulas and Lebangandes are on. Unfortunately there are no other villages in the area that could be used to boost this latter labour force. Progress on the strip is dealt with in the body of the report.

PATROL DIARY.

- 21st April, 1970. To Sio a.m. per chartered dinghy. Talks with P.H.D. Well Team re - lack of co-operation from the Sios. To airstrip site, about 30 there. Wedge of earth at top of excavations removed since last visit, further work been done on drain on southern side. Negligible work on bottom wedge. Some levels had been removed. Returned to Rest House 1620. Overnight Sio I.
- 22nd April, 1970. To airstrip a.m. only 21 there. Work on lower wedge. Returned to Rest House 1600. Overnight Sio I.
- 23rd April, 1970. Going through War Gratuities List with Ex-Servicemen. Sick after drinking well water, remained at Rest House. Overnight Sio I.
- 24th April, 1970. To airstrip a.m. Instructions to policeman to supervise work on drains. Returned to Wasu p.m.
- 28th April, 1970. To Sio a.m. by chartered dinghy, proceeded to airstrip site. Two drains at eastern end dug but not deep enough. Straightening leveled area. Levels placed on southern side of site. Overnight Sio I.
- 29th April, 1970. Hearing marital dispute at Rest House in a.m. To site, good roll up. Measured and marked 1900'x150'. Concentrating on this area. Stones being burnt at eastern end. To site in p.m. then to Sio Primary T School to obtain biographical details of Mr. A. Tarosi, for report to D.C. Overnight Sio I.
- 30th April, 1970. To site in a.m. Work continued on leveling and digging southern side drain and burning stones. No work in p.m. due to heavy ~~rain~~ rain. Overnight Sio I.

PATROL DIARY. cont.

- 1st May, 1970. Departed Sio a.m. per chartered dinghy, arrived Wasu noon.
- 5th May, 1970. To Sio per chartered dinghy, arrived 1100. Discussions with Cnclr. Kanongi re work on airstrip. Seven from Lebangande working on drains. Runner sent to villages to recruit further workers.
Overnight Sio I.
- 6th May, 1970. Discussion with D.C. on sked re strip progress. No more workers on strip. Discussion with Cnclr. Kanongi re Sio I's leaving work when I left the previous Friday.
Overnight Sio I.
- 7th May, 1970. To Sio II in a.m. for village inspection, returned to Rest House noon. Arrival of s/A.D.C. Absalom p.m. accompanied to airstrip to inspect work. Returned to Wasu p.m. ~~taxi~~ per chartered dinghy.

END OF PATROL.SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL SITUATION.

As has happened before with this project when the visiting supervising Officer has left the airstrip site, so to have the workers. So it was with some surprise that I received a report from Councillor Kanongi that the Sio II's had all left work when I had departed on the Friday. Previously the Councillors wouldn't say anything to put the others in. Kanongi explained that the Sios had been told to return to work and had reply that as the supervisor had left they were going to leave also. This situation has occurred on numerous occasions and the result has usually been that the committees have been irate but unable to do anything. On this occasion I went to the village and spoke to the people about the work at the airstrip and then followed this with an inspection of the village. It will be interesting to see if this practice continues in future.

Interest in the outcome of the Kabwum Local Government Council elections is increasing as the Polling day draws nearer. Both Councillors from Sio are intending standing for re-election and there have been a number of others have stated their possible ~~nomination~~ nomination as candidates. Although both Councillors are elderly it would not be surprising to see both re-elected, as one is popular for his middle of the road attitude and the other doesn't push his constituents to great degrees, as far as work in the area is concerned, this to makes him popular. The usual reason for not re-electing Councillors once they become old is that "they cannot walk or be expected to walk to meetings", this doesn't apply here as the Councillors are flown to meetings.

ECONOMIC SITUATION.

To facilitate the shipment of copra and other produce to market, the Sios had planned to buy a small boat, something like 25-30'. This idea was to have been financed by some of the better off Sios namely Ola. Jekai, Tambali.Latu and smaller contributors. However on the two occasions on which they visited Madang they were unable to purchase or order a suitable boat. At present the idea has been dropped, however I feel that the money which was intended for the boat could be put to use through consultation with the Business Advisory Service and Development Bank, in Lae. The sum involved is in the vicinity of ~~ex~~ \$8,000 - \$10,000. With guidance and only a small number involved a fishing or cattle project should prove a successful economic proposition.

SOCIAL SITUATION.

There have been no further reports of cargo activities as reported in Wasu Report No.6 of 1969/70.

END OF REPORT.

R.P. Morrison
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R.P. MORRISON.
Patrol Officer.

AIRSTRIP PROGRESS.

Work on the site has progressed quite well over the last two weeks with an area of 600' by 200' wide being roughly leveled, rolling will be commenced on the next visit. The area stretches from the flat area at the 1000' mark to the start of the rise at the western end.

Levels were placed and replaced for the side drain, to run the length of the airstrip, and this drain is now some 1200' down the side of the airstrip. This will drain into another drain already dug at the bottom of the airstrip at the Sialum end, this in turn drains into the swampy area between the airstrip and the lagoon. Side drains on the lagoon side are being deepened and lengthened.

During this Patrol there was intermittent rain on four days with heavy rain on the Friday, April 30th. When I inspected the Sialum end after this rain the surface was soft and the drains undiggable. The rain whilst heavy was not consistent and it appears that this lower 600' will have to be built up to avoid regular closure of the completed airstrip. The ground in this area is black and becomes sticky very easily with rain, if the area were top dressed with red soil from the Wasu end and then grassed it should solve the problem.

The stones at the eastern end are quite large and burning them is taking considerable time. Whilst Mr. Absalom was inspecting the site on May 7th, I requested that Mr. Cottingham be sent to blow both these rocks and other large outcrops in the vicinity of and in drains being dug on the side.

APPENDIX.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY.

NAME	NUMBER	CONDUCT	COMMENTS
ETEI	1444	Good	Good reliable worker
WAVA	3251	Good	Still getting bush experience

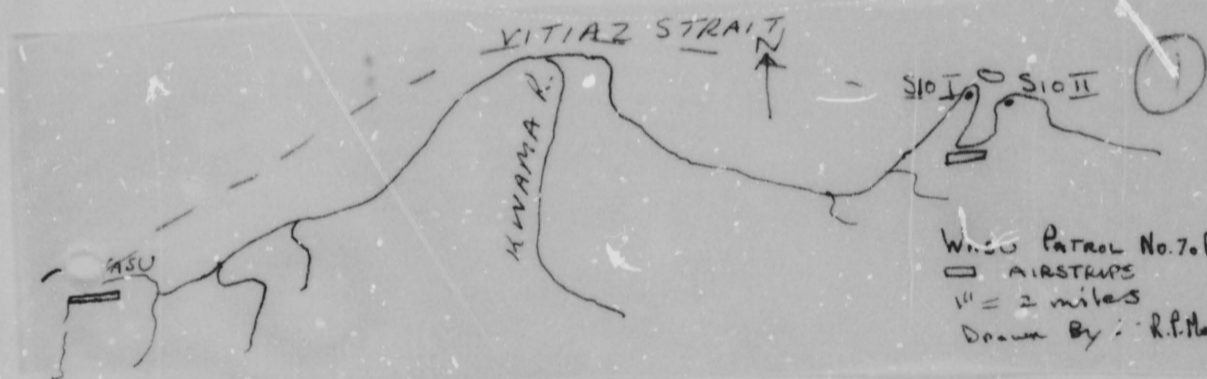
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WASH. NO. 8 of 1969-70

Patrol Conducted by D. S. TURNER

Area Patrolled Part Selepet, Kalalo and Timbe Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. P. Morrison (Part)

Natives Const. 1/2 ETEM, BELGAN GIRI (DDA clerk)

Duration—From 19-5-70/19 to 13/6/19 70

Number of Days FIFTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MAY/19 70

Medical/19

Map Reference See Patrol Map

Objects of Patrol Local Government Council Elections, Supervision of construction of SIO airstrip

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MORobe Report No. WASU No. 8 Of 1962-70

Patrol Conducted by D. S. TURNER

Area Patrolled Part Selepet, Kelalo and Timbe Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R. P. Morrison (Part)

Natives Const. 1/c. ETEN, BELGAN, GIRI (DDA CLERK)

Duration—From 19/5/1970 to 13/6/1970

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services NO /1970

Medical /19

Map Reference See patrol map

Objects of Patrol Local Government Council Elections, Supervision of construction of SIO airstrip

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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Patrol Post,
WASU,
Morobe District,
22nd June, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL No.3 of 1969-70.

Herewith four copies of the above report, along
with my claim for Camping Allowance.

REPORT No.	WASU No.3 of 1969-70.
SUB-DISTRICT.	KABWUM
DISTRICT.	MOROBE
COUNCIL AREA .	KABWUM L.G.C.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY.	D.S. TURNER
DESIGNATION.	ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.
AREA PATROLLED.	PAKT SELEPETRALALO STINBE C.D.'s
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL.	Conct. 1 1/2 UTEM Reg.No.1444
	BELGAN GIRI (P.D.A. Clerk)
DURATION OF PATROL.	FIFTEEN DAYS (Broken)
DATE OUT.	19-5-70
DATE IN.	13-6-70
DATE & DURATION OF LAST D.D.P.A.	
PATROL	APRIL/MAY 1970, ELEVEN DAYS.
OBJECTS OF PATROL.	CONDUCT ELECTIONS FOR THE KABWUM L.G.C. & SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF SID AIRSTRIP.
MAP REFERENCE.	PATROL MAP INCLUDED.
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.	NOT INCLUDED.

D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

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INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was an extension of Wasu patrols 4, 5, 6, 7, and the main aim after the Council elections was to supervise construction of Sio airstrip. Sio is composed of two villages and was the big name place before Kabwun was opened up.

DIARY.

Tuesday, 19th. May, 1970.

General office duties at Kabwun then to Wasu in late A.M. To Sio by dinghy in P.M. Inspected airstrip site.

Wednesday, 20th. May, 1970.

Supervision of clearing, Wasu end of strip marked. Talks re elections next day.

Thursday, 21st. May, 1970.

Worked on airstrip in A.M. and held election in P.M. Two candidates, Barnabas Kuso, Sio PTS, the victor with three-quarters of the vote. (SIO 1)

Friday, 22nd. May, 1970.

Election at SIO #1. Pitu Wale ex-APC elected with 60% of the votes. Kanongi, former Vice President seems to have lost the people's confidence. Returned to Wasu.

Tuesday, 26th. May, 1970.

Wasu to Belombibi, 5 hours, election held in P.M. Four candidates, Sangani of Hainpato the victor after distribution of preferences.

Wednesday, 27th. May, 1970.

Belombibi to Hongo. Election held, five candidates with HUTO MARIO of Satop the winner with an absolute majority.

Thursday, 28th. May, 1970.

Hongo to Kiari in A.M., confusion re day of election, returned to Wasu.

Friday, 29th. May, 1970.

Wasu to Towat, two candidates with Waiwai the winner.

Saturday, 30th. May, 1970.

Towat to Wasu and then to Kiari. One candidate, no election, Ase of Kiari returned.

Thursday, 4th. June, 1970.

Departed for Sio with Assistant Airport Inspector, Mr. R. James. Prepared levels for strip and strip measured and was inspected, returned to Wasu in P.M.

Monday, 8th. June, 1970.

To Sio by dinghy, poor turn up but work progressing satisfactory. Received pass in P.M. to proceed to Lebangando tomorrow for elections.

Tuesday, 9th. June, 1970.

Sio to Lebangando, 3 1/2 hours, less than one dozen men and women present. Waited for others to return from gardens, etc. IAKE SEMO only candidate. Only 75 voters this ward.

DIARY.(cont'd)

Wednesday, 10th. June, 1970.

Returned to Sio, supervision of work on airstrip.

Thursday, 11th. June, 1970.

Supervision of airstrip construction, to PTS in afternoon for radio sked.

Friday, 12th. June, 1970.

Started work on airstrip again then to Wasu.

.....END OF PATROL.....

PATROL REPORT.

The prime aim of this patrol was to carry out elections on the coast for the Kalam Local Government Council. Seven elections were held, two of these in newly created wards, four new councillors were elected and the other remained his seat unopposed. Electoral figures and brief notes on the new councillors have been forwarded to Kalam under separate cover.

Work on the Sio airstrip is progressing satisfactory and after levelling the West end of the strip the main job seems to be rolling the strip. The Assistant Airport Inspector visited Sio on June 4th. and the strip was measured, the width reduced and levels obtained, the aim being to make Sio a two way strip, very necessary due to strong winds. Reducing the width of the strip leaves the rocks at the Sialua end outside the markers but these will still need to be blasted because of their weight. There has been little rain lately and the drains appear to have handled this without much worry. Work on the drains has ceased until the rest of the strip is completed, as per instructions of Mr. James. The overall length of the Sio airstrip is now 1950 feet, the bottom 400 feet at the Sialua end not likely to be of any use in the wet season.

It was decided to split the two Sio villages into two working parties working alternate weeks. The two villages refuse to work with one another and when forced to work together gradually drift apart and form two distinct groups.

B. S. TURNER

Assistant Patrol Officer

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

During the course of the patrol elections were conducted in the seven coastal wards of the Kabwaa Local Government Council. Two new wards were created, four new councillors elected and one retained his seat unopposed. Those councillors who were not re-elected included the Vice-President, one of the most active councillors and a bad loss for the Council.

The councillors who were elected include a schoolteacher from Sio PTS, a former APO who was discharged from the Public Service and a former councillor from another ward. The other three councillors appear to be the usual village native, not distinguished in any way.

The Sios are perhaps the most sophisticated people in the Kabwaa Sub-District and are economically well off. The majority of the younger people have received at least primary education and quite a few have continued on to high school and the university and Lae Institute of Higher Education. These are always coming and going to the villages and the main towns, thus giving the people a high degree of political awareness.

ECONOMY.

The only cash crop in the Sio area is copra but as stated in previous reports very little effort has been made in the last few years to increase this crop. There are a couple of entrepreneurs from Sio who have established themselves in business further along the coast as well. One being Ola Jekel who has coconuts at Sio and Wasu, hires out his Motor dinghy, owns a trade store at Sio and also manages a store for Tod Foad at Wasu. The other is Mole Mole who has coconuts at Sio and Singorokai and runs a boat with an outboard carrying copra and passengers along the coast. Mole Mole has had trouble with land at Singorokai, the people seemly envious of his fortune.

There are no roads at present in the area but plans have been made to start a road linking Wasu and Sio within the next financial year. There are several rivers to cross and the cost of building these could be the biggest holdup. The land just back from the coast appears flat but is in fact broken by gullies and watercourses in quite a number of places and some hard work can be expected. The 'MOROBE' and the 'SINBRANG' call regularly at Sio as well as the 'VITIAZ'.

SOCIAL.

The recently installed wells at Sio appear to have failed and both give brackish water which is unfit to drink. These wells appear to be the only ones to fail and as PWD has since returned all its equipment to Lae the fault will not be rectified for some time.

As stated previously there is a PTS at Sio catering for approximately 200 students, however the administration of the school seems to lack something and Education seems to think this might be remedied by the retirement of the Head Teacher Mr. Advent Tareli.

D. S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

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

CONSTABLE 1/C STEW
REG. NO. 1444

LACKS ENERGY BUT HIS MERE PRESENCE AT SIO SEEMS TO GUARENTEE
SOME ROLL UP EACH MORNING.

D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

GFB: SJ

67-C-121

Division of District Administration,

KONEHOBU. FAIUA.

28th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Maroke District,
FAIUA.

PATROL NO. WABU 8/69/70

Your reference 67/2/9 of 21st August, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. E.S. Turner, Assistant Patrol Officer, of part
SALOLO, TIKIA and KALOLO Census Divisions.

This patrol appears to have completed some useful work
in a sound manner.

The meagre report is barely adequate.

(T.S. SELLIS)

Secretary.

Department of the Administrator.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

21st August, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
K/WUH

WASU PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 1969/70

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report.

The objects of this patrol appear to have been carried out satisfactorily. I have no further comment to add.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Two copies of the report together with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments are attached.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

67-1-6

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District.
13th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
LAE.

WASU PATROL NO. 8/1969-70.

Attached please find the above report submitted by Mr D.S. Turner, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with his claim for camping allowance.

The main aims of this patrol carried out by Mr Turner were to conduct the Kabwum Local Government Council Elections in the seven coastal wards and to supervise work on the Sio Airstrip.

Vide para 2 under the head Economic Situation report:


Mr Turner is not quite correct when he states that there are no roads in the area. There are two roads in the area traversed by the patrol. There is the Wasu - Ulap Road which is 7 miles long (Ulap being adjacent to Hongo village) and a good road from Wasu to Kiari and beyond.

The Council Elections were carried out successfully and were the subject of a separate report.

Work on Sio airstrip is progressing satisfactorily and an opening date has now been set, the 5th October, 1970.

Although Mr Turner stated that a map was included with the report, none was submitted to me.

I have no further comments.


J. ABSALOM
a/ Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr D.S. Turner,
75 Elizabeth Street,
East Coburg,
Victoria 3058.

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JA/sil;

Mr. D.S. Turner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

Sub-District Office,
KABWUM,

Morobe District,
19th May, 1970.

INSTRUCTIONS.

As verbally advised, you will please prepare to depart for Wasu Patrol Post on the 19th day of May 1970. You are to remain at Wasu until your departure for leave on the 30th June 1970.

Your instructions for your stay at Wasu are as follows.

(1) Initially your main task in visiting Wasu will be to conduct Council Elections in the six coastal wards of the Kabwum Local Government Council. You have been instructed on this so there is no need for me to elaborate. Please have all the returns ready for me when I visit the Wasu area on the 11/12th June 1970.

(2) On the completion of the L.G. Elections you will proceed to Sio where you shall supervise the construction of the airstrip there. Liase with Mr. Morrison, the P.O.I.C. and you regarding work on the airstrip, he will give you details before his departure to the Uruwa Census Division.

Supervision of the construction of Sio airstrip is to have priority after the completion of the elections.

(3) Return to Wasu on the 16th June and take over the station from Mr. Morrison, POIC. You will then hand over to Mr S. White on his return from leave at the end of June.

(4) Keep an eye on work on the Wasu / Malasanga Wasu/Malasanga roads, again liase with the P.O.I.C.; Wasu on this matter.

(5) Please arrange to have a motor dinghy at Sio on the afternoon of the 11th June to uplift me from Sio and take me to Wasu. I shall be arriving at Sio on the 10th June ex Komba; please meet me there.

(6) Carry out any political education possible during your patrol.

(7) Enjoin you not to work on religious days.

(8) Submit your report within one week of your return to Wasu.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

J. ABSALOM.

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc District Commissioner,
LAR.

cc Officer in Charge, WASU.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,
WASU,
Morobe District,
22nd June, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL No.8 of 1969-70.

Herewith four copies of the above report, along with my claim for Camping Allowance.

REPORT No,	WASU No.8 of 1969-70.
SUB-DISTRICT.	KABWUM
DISTRICT.	MOROBE
COUNCIL AREA .	KABWUM L.G.C.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY.	D.S.TURNER
DESIGNATION.	ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.
AREA PATROLLED.	PART SELEPET?KALALO &TIMBE C.D.s
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL.	Const.1/c ETEM Reg.No.1444
	BELGAN GIRI (D.D.A. Clerk)
DURATION OF PATROL.	FIFTEEN DAYS(Broken)
DATE OUT.	19-5-70
DATE IN.	13-6-70
DATE & DURATION OF LAST P.D.A.	
PATROL	APRIL/MAY 1970, ELEVEN DAYS.
OBJECTS OF PATROL.	CONDUCT ELECTIONS FOR THE KABWUM L.G.C. & SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF SIC AIRSTRIP.
MAP REFERENCE.	PATROL MAP INCLUDED.
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.	NOT INCLUDED.

D.S.TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was an extension of Wasu patrols 4,687, and the main aim after the Council elections was to supervise construction of Sio airstrip. Sio is composed of two villages and was the big name place before Kabwum was opened up.

DIARY.

Tuesday, 19th. May, 1970.

General office duties at Kabwum then to Wasu in late A.M. To Sio by dinghy in P.M. Inspected airstrip site.

Wednesday, 20th. May, 1970.

Supervision of clearing, Wasu end of strip marked. Talks re elections next day.

Thursday, 21st. May, 1970.

Worked at airstrip in A.M. and held election in P.M. Two candidates, Barnabas Kuso, Sio PTS, the victor with three-quarters of the vote. (SIO 1)

Friday, 22nd. May, 1970.

Election at SIO 44. Pitu Wale ex-APO elected with 60% of the votes. Kanongi, former Vice President seems to have lost the people's confidence. Returned to Wasu.

Tuesday, 26th. May, 1970.

Wasu to Belombibi, 5 hours, Election held in P.M. Four candidates, Sangani of Hainpato the victor after distribution of preferences.

Wednesday, 27th. May, 1970.

Belombibi to Hongo. Election held, five candidates with PUITO MARIO of Satop the winner with an absolute majority.

Thursday, 28th. May, 1970.

Hongo to Kiari in A.M., confusion re day of election, returned to Wasu.

Friday, 29th. May, 1970.

Wasu to Towat, two candidates with Waiwai the winner.

Saturday, 30th. May, 1970.

Towat to Wasu and then to Kiari. One candidate, no election, Asa of Kiari returned.

Thursday, 4th. June, 1970.

Departed for Sio with Assistant Airport Inspector, Mr. R. James. Prepared levels for strip and strip measured and inspected, returned to Wasu in P.M.

Monday, 8th. June, 1970.

To Sio by dinghy, poor turn up but work progressing satisfactory. Received pass in P.M. to proceed to Lebangando tomorrow for elections.

Tuesday, 9th. June, 1970.

Sio to Lebangando, 3 1/2 hours, less than one dozen men and women present. Waited for others to return from gardens, etc. IAKS SEMO only candidate. Only 75 voters this ward.

DIARY.(cont'd)

Wednesday, 10th, June, 1970.

Returned to Sio, supervision of work on airstrip.

Thursday, 11th, June, 1970.

Supervision of airstrip construction, to PTS in afternoon for radio sked.

Friday, 12th, June, 1970.

Started work on airstrip again then to Wasu.


.....END OF PATROL.....

PATROL REPORT.

The prime aim of this patrol was to carry out elections on the coast for the Kabwum Local Government Council. Seven elections were held, two of these in newly created wards, four new councillors were elected and the other retained his seat unopposed. Electoral figures and brief notes on the new councillors have been forwarded to Kabwum under separate cover.

Work on the Sio airstrip is progressing satisfactory and after levelling the Wasu end of the strip the main job seems to be rolling the strip. The Assistant Airport Inspector visited Sio on June 4th. and the strip was measured, the width reduced and levels obtained, the aim being to make Sio a two way strip, very necessary due to strong winds. Reducing the width of the strip leaves the rocks at the Sialum end outside the markers but these will still need to be blasted because of their height. There has been little rain lately and the drains appear to have handled this without much worry. Work on the drains has ceased until the rest of the strip is completed, as per instructions of Mr. James. The overall length of the Sio airstrip is now 1950 feet, the bottom 400 feet at the Sialum end not likely to be of any use in the wet season.

It was decided to split the two Sio villages into two working parties working alternate weeks. The two villages refuse to work with one another and when forced to work together gradually drift apart and form two distinct groups.



D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

During the course of the patrol elections were conducted in the seven coastal wards of the Kabwun Local Government Council. Two new wards were created, four new councillors elected and one retained his seat unopposed. Those councillors who were not re-elected included the Vice-President, one of the most active councillors and a bad loss for the Council.

The councillors who were elected include a schoolteacher from Sio PTS, a former APO who was discharged from the Public Service and a former councillor from another ward. The other three councillors appear to be the usual village native, not distinguished in any way.

The Sios are perhaps the most sophisticated people in the Kabwun Sub-District and are economically well off. The majority of the younger people have received at least primary education and quite a few have continued on to high school and the university and Lae Institute of Higher Education. There are a large number of radios in the villages and the men are always coming and going to the main towns, thus giving the people a high degree of political awareness.

ECONOMIS.

The only cash crop in the Sio area is copra but as stated in previous reports very little effort has been made in the last few years to increase this crop. There are a couple of entrepreneurs from Sio who have established themselves in business further along the coast as well. One being Ola Jekel who has coconuts at Sio and Wasu, hires out his Motor dinghy, owns a trade store at Sio and also manages a store for Ted Foad at Wasu. The other is Mole Mloe who has coconuts at Sio and Singorakai and runs a boat with an outboard carrying copra and passengers along the coast. Mole Mloe has had trouble with land at Singorakai, the people seemly envious of his fortune.

There are no roads at present in the area but plans have been made to start a road linking Wasu and Sio within the next financial year. There are several rivers to cross and the cost of building these could be the biggest holdup. The land just back from the coast appears flat but is in fact broken by gullies and watercourses in quite a number of places and some hard work can be expected. The 'MCROBE' and the 'SIMBANG' call regularly at Sio as well as the 'VITIAZ'.

SOCIAL.

The recently installed wells at Sio appear to have failed and both give brackish water which is unfit to drink. These wells appear to be the only ones to fail and as PHD has since returned all its equipment to Lae the fault will not be rectified for some time.

As stated previously there is a PTS at Sio catering for approximately 200 students, however the administration of the school seems to lack something and Education seems to think this might be remedied by the retirement of the Head Teacher Mr. Advent Tarosi.



D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer

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

CONSTABLE 1/C ETEM.
REG. NO. 1444

LACKS ENERGY BUT HIS MERE PRESENCE AT SIO SEEMS TO GUARANTEE
SOME ROLL UP EACH MORNING.



D.S. TURNER
Assistant Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. Wasu No.9 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted by R.P.Morrison, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Uruwa and Yupna (Part) Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Const. v/c. Noeofa. No. 1580.
Const. Wava. No. 3251.

Duration—From 27 / 5 / 1970 to 12 / 6 / 1970

Number of Days SEVENTEEN DAYS.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan/19 68 (Uruwa)
Feb 1970 (Yupna)

Medical Jan/19 68

Map Reference See Patrol Map.

Objects of Patrol Area Study and Annual Census.
Political Education.
General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Area Study Done
Mrs. MASAMU [unclear]
(S.A. 5/10)

Forwarded, please.

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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

GFB:JO

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

31st August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. WASU 9/69-70.

Your reference 67-2-9 of 21st August, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. R.F. Morrison, Patrol Officer, of Uruwa and Yupna Census Divisions.

Whilst the overall situation in this area cannot be regarded with satisfaction, there does appear to be little that can be done to improve conditions until better communications are developed. Clearly there is a need for more intensive patrolling, and I am pleased to note that the Assistant District Commissioner has programmed a follow-up visit in October or November.

Mr. Morrison's report gives a generally sound picture of the area. His Area Study contains a lot of informative material, but it should have included the headings "Attitude Towards Local Government", "Attitude Towards Central Government" and "Accommodation, Services and Facilities", even though there would have been little to report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

21st August, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KADUM

WASU PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF
1969/70

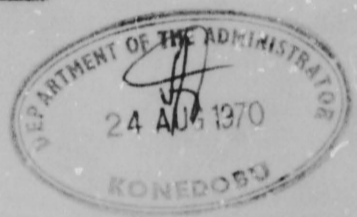
Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

The report indicates some good work by Mr.
Morrison. Your comments adequately cover the report.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDCBU



Two copies of the report together with comments
from the Assistant District Commissioner forwarded
herewith.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

67-1-6

Sub-District Office,
KABWUN,

Morobe District.
13th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
IAE.

WASU PATROL NO. 9/69-70.

Attached please find three copies of the above report submitted by Mr R.P. Morrison, Patrol Officer, together with his claim for camping allowance.

The following are my comments on this patrol report and the accompanying area study. The comments made on Wasu Report 5 of 1969/70 in my 67-1-2 of 11th May, 1970 are applicable in part to this report.

Vide para 2 and 3 in the Introduction, page 1. I do not entirely agree with Mr Morrison's comments on the patrol route. In the past the Uruwa and Yupna Census Divisions have been regarded as one and the annual Census Patrol for both Census Divisions has been carried out as one patrol. A study of the patrol map attached to the report will indicate that this is far more practical than carrying out two separate patrols as has been done in this case. In the case of a broken patrol, Mr Morrison's route via Tep Tep would appear the most practical. Mr Morrison broke his patrol for private reasons.

Vide para 2 Situation Report. I fail to see why Mr Morrison did not recommend the appointment of new Village Officials himself. I shall however instruct the next patrol into the area to take this matter in hand.

Vide para 3. I am particularly concerned with the unco-operative attitude of the Dinangat villagers. I intend instructing the next patrol to the area to spend some days in this village in order to discover, and remedy, if possible, their grievances.

Economically these people are in something of a backwater as reported by Mr Morrison. The airstrip site at Yawan will be investigated and if practical may prove to be the economic stimulant required to develop this area.

Vide para 3, Area Study under the head Standard of Living (page 5). It may be worthwhile for the next patrol into the area to undertake prosecutions under the N.A.R.'s regarding village sanitation and hygiene.

This area has been neglected somewhat over the past few years and appears to be showing the results of this neglect. A follow up patrol will be conducted in October/November of this year. This patrol will also spend some time at Bonkiman to supervise work on the airstrip there.

Mr Morrison has tabulated much valuable information in his area study and I have nothing to add to it.

My comments contained in my 67-1-2- of 11th May, 1970 shc

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be read in conjunction with this memo.

J. ABSALOM

a/ Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr R.P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

c.c. Officer in Charge,
WASU.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
WASU.
Morobe District.
23rd June, 1970.

a/Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.

WASU PATROL NUMBER 9 of 1969/70.

Attached please find the original and four copies of the above report,
along with my claim for camping allowance.

Report Number	: Wasu No.9 of 1969/70.
Sub-District	: Kabwum.
District	: Morobe.
Council Area	: Nil.
Patrol Conducted BY	: R.P.Morrison.
Designation	: Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Uruwa and Yupna(Part) Census Divisions.
Personnel Accompanying Patrol	: Const.I/c Noeofa.No.1580. Const.Wava.No.325I.
Duration of Patrol	: Seventeen Days.
Date Out	: 27th May, 1970.
Date In	: 12th June, 1970.
Date and Duration of Last D.D.A. Patrol	: January, 1968 - Uruwa. 16 Days.
Objects of Patrol	: February, 1970 - Yupna. 17 Days.
	: 1. Area Study and Annual Census.
	: 2. Political Education.
	: 3. General Administration.
Total Population	: 4750
Area Patrolled	:
Map Reference	: See Patrol Map.
Village Population Register	: Attached.

R.P. Morrison
.....
R.P.MORRISON.
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone.....
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Our Reference... 67-I-5
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KABWUM.
Morobe District.
19th May, 1970.

Mr. R. P. Morrison,
Patrol Post,
WASU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

As verbally instructed please prepare to depart on patrol to the
Uruwa Census Division in the very near future.

This patrol will be a continuation of your recent patrol to the
Yupna Census Division, (Wasu Patrol No. 5 of 1969/70) you will therefore regard
my Patrol Instructions 67-I-5 of 12th January, 1970 as relevant for this patrol
also.

Please ensure that I receive your Area Study and all statistics
before your departure on leave on the 19th June, 1970.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

J. Absalom
J. Absalom,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. District Commissioner,
District Office,
L A E.

INTRODUCTION.

Main purpose of this patrol was to conduct an Annual Census and Area Study of the Uruwa Census Division, and to complete the census in the headwaters village of Kewieng, in the Yupna, which was not completed on Wasu Patrol No. 5 due to the confusion over the Kewieng hamlets being included under Megan or Kewieng. New census sheets were compiled for several villages which had not been censused during the January, 1968 patrol and for which no census figures or patrol report were compiled.

This particular area and also the Yupna Headwaters villages are particularly inaccessible, and it took the patrol three days to reach the first Uruwa village of Kumdauron. This involved a trip by dinghy to Singorokai on the coast thence an over night camp in the bush, and finally on arrival at Kumdauron on the third day. Route from there followed the Uruwa and Som valleys, crossing into the Yupna from Gorgiok in the Uruwa. Following completion of work in the Yupna village of Kewieng, the patrol departed for Wantoat, making camp after crossing the Finisterres at about 10,000 to 11,000 and walking for 9 hours, 5 hours walk the following day brought the patrol to Wantoat and from which it returned to Wasu.

At present an airstrip is being conducted at Teptep on theadang side of the District border, I would suggest that future patrols either commence the Yupna/Uruwa patrols at Teptep by flying in from Wasu or finish at Kewieng and walk out to Teptep and fly to Wasu. (This of course when the strip at Teptep is finished) At present I think the route followed by this patrol is the quickest and most economical available.

The objects of the patrol were achieved, with the census and Area Study material being completed and collected satisfactorily, whilst political education talks were given at the various villages, and local disputes, etc were dealt with.

PATROL DIARY.

27th May, 1970.	Departed Wasu 0040 for Singorokai per hired dinghy, arrived 1530. Departed 20 minutes later for Nineia, arrived 1700. Overnight Nineia.
28th May, 1970.	Departed Nineia 0830, arrived Boneia 1030. Departed Boneia 1100, camped 1500, built rough shelters. Overnight Bush.
29th May, 1970.	Departed camp 0805, arrived Kumdauron 1530. Overnight Kumdauron.
30th May, 1970.	Censused Kumdauron, departed 1005, arrived Sapianga 1200, censused Sepmanga, departed 1320, arrived Boksawin 1435. Worked on census figures in p.m. Overnight Boksawin.
31st May, 1970.	Censused Boksawin. Departed 1240, arrived Worin 1420. Working on census figures p.m. Overnight Worin.
1st June, 1970.	Censused Worin. Departed Worin 1115, arrived Yawan 1245. Censused Yawan and Gotet p.m. Worked on census figures in p.m. Overnight Yawan.

PATROL DIARY, cont.

- 2nd June, 1970. Departed Yawan 0820, arrived Mitmit 1030. Censused Mitmit, departed 1230, arrived Mup 1445. Censused Mup. Overnight Mup.
- 3rd June, 1970. Departed Mup 0820, arrived Sukan 1030. Censused Sukan, departed Sukan 1240, arrived Sindamon 1530. Censused Sindamon. Overnight Sindamon.
- 4th June, 1970. Departed Sindamon 0840, arrived Kundem 1520. Overnight Kundem.
- 5th June, 1970. Censused Dinagat. Eventually departed 1330 after carriers had disappeared and had to be rounded up. Arrived Gorgiok 2030 after 2½ hrs walking in the dark. Overnight Gorgiok.
- 6th June, 1970. Censused Gorgiok, rest of day working on census figures and resting knee cut during fall in the dark on previous night. Overnight Gorgiok.
- 7th June, 1970. Departed Gorgiok 0755, arrived Isan 1615. Overnight Isan.
- 8th June, 1970. Censused Isan, departed 1100, arrived Urop 1220. Censused Mek and Urop in p.m. Work on census figures and Area Study. Overnight Urop.
- 9th June, 1970. Trouble obtaining carriers, eventually left at 0835, arrived Kewieng hamlet 1335. Megan and Kewieng censused. Overnight Kewieng.
- 10th June, 1970. Departed 0835, crossed Finisterres and made camp 1735, erecting bush shelters. Track in reasonable condition considering. Overnight Bush.
- 11th June, 1970. Departed camp 0805, arrived Wantoat Station 1315.
- 12th June, 1970. Returned to Wasu by air.

END OF PATROL.SITUATION REPORT.POLITICAL SITUATION.

As with the neighbouring Yupa Census Division the Uruwa has been neglected over the past few years and has never been afforded much attention by the Administration, mainly due to its isolation and in the last few years due to the high turnover of staff at Kalalo and Wasu Patrol Posts.

POLITICAL SITUATION. cont.

A follow up patrol to this one is I feel essential to re-establish strong contact between the people and the Administration, at present the system of village officials is in a shambles, with some of the V.O.'s having died, others having left the village and some villages appointing their own. Recommendations for new appointments should be made by the next patrol as a matter of urgency and I also strongly recommend the appointment of V.O.'s who can speak Pidgin, or at least one in an area. At present the situation in some villages with both luluai and tultul speaking only the local language is nothing short of exasperating. Even if the person appointed is not a particularly strong leader in the village, a person who can communicate is essential to efficient patrolling and administration. Further, many of the villages are beginning to fragment again and are starting small hamlets all over the place, an effort should be made to encourage settlement in one place. I spoke to several villages about this but doubt if my suggestions were heeded.

There is no shortage of manpower in the area to carry cargo, etc, but in the top end of the area, Dinagat and Gorgiok were particularly anxious to avoid carrying cargo, as compared with the villages lower down who were more than willing. The village of Dinagat proved particularly unco-operative, not only did the men disappear when asked to carry, but on several occasions doors were slammed in policemen's faces when they were looking for the carriers. The attitude of this village was one of complete disinterest in assisting the patrol, and an anxiety to get rid of it but without carrying the cargo. I would suggest that the next visiting Officer be cautious in dealings with this particular village.

There is an increasing number of young men leaving the area to work on the roads at Wasu, Wantoat and Erap and to seek work on the plantations in the Maridhan Valley. This however appears to be a seasonal migration, as I was told the majority of the absentees earn some money and then return to the village, before going out again to find similar work. There is no great increase in the movement to the towns of young men seeking work.

Local Government was brought up by several of the villages in the Uruwa, and all mentioned that they felt they were not yet ready for a Council in the area, and that if communications in the area improved and they received some assistance in improving their coffee they might be able to think of having a Council, but at present they were not well off and therefore couldn't afford to pay tax and run a Council. During Political Education talks held with groups and individuals it became evident that little was known of the subjects which I mentioned, e.g. House of Assembly, its members and functions, self-government, independence, labour movements, relationship of Local Government to the Central body, etc.

ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Coffee is the only cash crop in the area and this is sadly neglected. The last visit to the area by an Agriculture Officer was made by Mr. Peter Bitlus in early 1968. Coffee trees 20' high are not uncommon in the area.

ECONOMIC SITUATION. cont.

Beans are not harvested because of the distances which the coffee has to be carried before it can be sold, villages in the lower Uruwa, carry their coffee some 15 hours from Kundauron to Singorokai where it is bought by Molemole for as low as 8 and 10c per pound. The people in the Uruwa and Som Headwaters carry the coffee to Wantoat or Erap and sell it there. This walk also takes two days. Fresh vegetables are plentiful in the area but apart from occasional trips to Wantoat and Erap when potatoes are taken and sold there is no outlet for these vegetables.

The huge expanses of unpopulated kunai hills in the area would be suitable for cattle, although it would be a perilous job getting them into the area as the walking tracks from the coast and to Wantoat are anything but well graded tracks. This appears to be the only possible economic hope for the area at present, as the villagers have lost faith in the growing of coffee to bring them a good cash income. To get a cattle project going for the local area however requires capital to buy the beasts, which these people don't have.

The only possible site for an airstrip seen on this patrol was an area running parallel to the village of Yawan, which appeared to have a reasonably flat area with sufficient width and length for a small strip, but there was no time to investigate the site thoroughly. This if feasible would be well sited as it is in the centre of the lower Uruwa population.

The few stores in the area had no stock and little operating cash.

SOCIAL SITUATION.

Although some Madang Mission teachers organize sport in the villages there are no organized clubs or societies in the area.
