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WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

Wapenamanda - ~~Wabag~~ - ~~Wabag~~

<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
<u>WAPENAMANDA</u>		
1-68-69	A.N. Asmussen	Wapenamanda L.G.C. area
3-68-69	R.W. Daubenspeck	Wapenamanda L.G.C. Lower Lai C.D.
<u>KOMPIAM</u>		
1-68-69	A.O. Lapu	Kompiam Lower Sau & part of upper Sau
2-68-69	L.B. Warr	Wale Tarua C.D.
3-68-69	I.F. Smalley	Upper & Lower Sau C.D.
4-68-69	P.G. Whitehead	Kompiam
5-68-69	G. Tuck	Sau C.D.
<u>WABAG</u>		
1-68-69	C.C. Vass	Ambum C.D.
2-68-69	P.G. Whitehead	Wabag C.D. also Upper Lai
3-68-69	I.A. Thompson	Parts Wabag & Middle Lai
4-68-69	I.A. Thompson	Middle Lai C.D.
5-68-69	I.A. Thompson	Wabag C.D.

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February 12th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
PORT MASP.

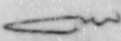
PATROL NO. WAPENKANDA 1/02-62

Your reference WED 725 dated 21st January, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. A.E. AMMUSEM, Assistant District Officer to WED,
Middle and Lower End Census Divisions.

The Report indicates that Council elections went
off smoothly and the general situation is satisfactory.

Officers should be advised to emphasize all aspects
of political education programmes at every opportunity when
in contact with the local people.


(T.W. KELLS)
Director

c.c. Mr. A.E. Ammusem,
Assistant District Officer,
Patrol Post,
WAPENKANDA,
Western Highlands District.

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

21st January, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 68/69

Two copies of the above report, submitted by Mr. Asmussen, are enclosed.

The report is of a routine nature and indicates a satisfactory state of affairs within the Wapenamanda Council area.

An increase of 2 cents per hand has been announced for the price of pyrethrum (Page 2 situation report).

This report and others received recently indicate that the Department will have to give greater emphasis to political education programmes.


(S.M. FOLEY)
District Commissioner

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Sub District Office,
NABAG,
Western Highlands District.
29th December, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
EL. ICHU.

Wapenamanda Patrol Report No. 1. of 1968/69
Wapenamanda L.G.C. Area by Mr. A.H. Janssen, A.B.O.

Forwarded herewith, please find the abovementioned Patrol Report in triplicate together with claims for Camping Allowance in respect of the Officers accompanying the Patrol. The Report which is of a Special nature has been submitted in accordance with A.B.O. Circular 67-1-9 of 21st June, 1968.

The Council Election Report and various returns were submitted immediately after the Elections in October, hence there is no need to comment on this portion of the report at this instance.

General Rural Development. - It is hoped that field staff will be available in the New Year, when Mr. Janssen returns from leave, to enable work to be carried out on the remaining 9 miles of motor bike track on the Wapenamanda to Kogin road to bring this road up to normal vehicular standard. The completion of this road will be of great assistance to the economic development of the Lower Lal area, as well as supplying a much shorter route from Kogin to the major airstrip at Wapenamanda, than the existing route via Wabag.

Land and Forest. - As stated by Mr. Janssen, there is an urgent need for Land Demarcation work to commence in the Wapenamanda area. At present, Demarcation work is progressing slowly but well in the Wabag Administrative area, and it is hoped, once staff is available, to extend this work to the Wapenamanda area. Until Clan boundaries are defined and clearly marked, land disputes will continue to be a major source of unrest amongst the Native people in this area, as land is a scarce commodity in this Sub District generally, and is becoming increasingly so due to the rapidly increasing population and the extra land required for cash cropping.

The report is self-explanatory and there is no need for further comment by me. The delay in submission of the report is regretted, but is due to an acute staff shortage at Wapenamanda in recent months, which has left Mr. Janssen, O.I.C. with little time to compile this report.

D.J. Hook

(D.J. Hook)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge, WAPENAMANDA.

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REPORT NUMBER : Wapenamanda 1/68-69

Sub District : WABAG

District : Western Highlands District.

Council Area : Wapenamanda L.G. Council

Patrol Conducted By : A.N. Amussar.

Designation : Assistant District Officer.

Area Patrolled : Wapenamanda L.G. Council area.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol :

Mr. A. Lapi (L.G. Asst.)	- Team 1
Mr. J. Apini (L.G. Asst.)	- Team 1
Mr. M. Gerari (General Asst.)	- Team 2
Mr. P. Camps (Council Clerk)	- Team 1
Mr. P. Ziesing (C.P.O.)	- Team 2
Mr. K. Aitok (Interpreter)	- Team 2

Duration of Patrol : 29/9/68 to 16/10/68 ; 40 days. (over days)

Date and Duration Last BDA Patrol To Area :

Tehak C.D. May 1968	- 22 days
M. Lai C.D. March "	- 30 days
L. Lai C.D. March "	- 30 days

Objects of Patrol : 3rd General Elections - Wapenamanda Council.

Total Population of Area Patrolled : 29745

Map Reference : Formil WABAG, Milinch WAPENAMANDA

Village Population Register : Not Attached.

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Team departed Ruananda 1300 moving to Pina Rest House where polling booths set up. Team at Pina night.
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- Wednesday 2/10/68: 0800 nominations called for Ward 4. Five nominations received and nominations closed 0900. Polling commenced finishing 1300. Voting counted and new Councillor appointed. Discussions with people. Team departed Yaibos 1500 arriving Pina Rest House 1530. Polls set up. Night at Pina.
- Thursday 3/10/68: 0800 nominations called for. Two nominations received. Nominations closed 0930, and polling commenced. Retiring councillor re-elected. Discussions with people. Team moved to Pomabus Rest House. Polls set up. Night Pomabus.
- Friday 4/10/68 : 0800 nominations called for Ward 6. Two nominations received and nominations closed at 0900. Polling commenced closing 1115. Retiring Councillor declared re-elected. Discussions with people. Team departed to Wapenamanda arriving 1500. No Rest House at Ward 9.
- Saturday 5/10/68: 0800 nominations called for Ward 9 at Waiminagan. Two nominations received and nominations closed. Polling commenced 0930 and completed 1230. Retiring Councillor defeated and new councillor declared elected. Discussions with people. Team returned to Wapenamanda.
- Sunday 6/10/68 : Observed at Wapenamanda. Mr CPO Ziesing arrived on transfer from Laigan.
- Monday 7/10/68 : Team 2 now accompanied by Mr Ziesing moved to Ward 20, at Kria. Nominations called for 0900, while polling booths set up. Three nominations received and nominations closed. Polling commenced finishing 1300. Retiring councillor re-elected. Discussions with people, then returned to Wapenamanda.
- Tuesday 8/10/68 : Team 2 to Londo (Ward 21), where nominations called for. Three nominations received and polling commenced, being completed at 1200. Retiring Councillor declared re-elected. Discussions then returned to Wapenamanda.
- Wednesday 9/10/68: Team 2 to Sapundis, where patrol left under care of CPO Ziesing, self returning to station.
- Thursday 10/10/68: Self on station.
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- Saturday 12/10/68: On station. Team 2 returned late PM having completed their itinerary.

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DIARY - Patrol No. 1/68-69 - A. J. ...

Sunday 13/10/68 : Observed. Team 1 also returned to station late PM yesterday.

Monday 14/10/68 : Team 1 to Walya polling. Team 2 no poll.

Tuesday 15/10/68 : Team 1 at Kumbasakra polling. Team 2 no poll.

Wednesday 16/10/68: Team 1 and 2 at Wapuzamanda. Nominations called for new Ward 36. Two nominations received. Polling commenced and counting finished 1200. Interpreter KIRUKI declared elected.

Finish of Election.

END OF PATROL

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DIARY - Patrol Wapenamanda 1/68-69 - J. Ajisi Aisa

- Thurs. 10/10/68 : Depart Mt Hagen for Wapenamanda arriving 1300. Proceeded to Yaramanda with Team 1. Poll at Yaramanda finished previously. Night at Yaramanda.
- Fri. 11/10/68 : Depart Yaramanda for Yagandis. Nominations called for but only one nomination received. Retiring Councillor returned unopposed. Moved on to Anji. Slept Anji.
- Sat. 12/10/68 : Election at Anji. Completed and returned to Wapenamanda.
- Sun. 13/10/68 : Observed.
- Mon. 14/10/68 : Departed for Walyt, where nominations called for. Only one nomination and retiring Councillor re-elected unopposed. Team returned to Wapenamanda.
- Tues. 15/10/68 : Team to Embanaka where election held of Wapenamanda (Ward 7). Four nominations received. Polling commenced. Old councillor defeated and new councillor appointed. Returned to Wapenamanda.
- Wed. 16/10/68 : With team 2 on Wapenamanda Station election. 2 nominations and election conducted. New councillor elected.

END OF PATROL

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Patrol Personell

Mr. A. O. Lapu (L.G.A. Gr. 11)
Mr. Peter Camps (Council Clerk)

Mr. J. A. Apini (L.G.O)
Joined the patrol at YARAMANDA and was with the
patrol right through.

Police

Const 1/c WENA Reg.No 1127
Const. Bugler SIKOKI Reg. No.2151.

Both members of the force are handy for patrol
and willing to carry out orders.

Interpreter

IAXAMOG Council labourer.

Interpreted well and carried out orders willingly

Census Division

Lower Lai

Patrol Duration

29th September to 16th October, 1968.

Objects of Patrol

Wapenamanda Council Election.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND ALSO OFFICIAL BUSINESS, REPORTS AND

I may point it out that these people are not interested on Council activities and the elections, because they have already involved with "MOGA" and that is why all the Candidates are the leaders of the MOGA whom they called "KAMONGO". The people think that Council has got something to do with MOGA so they elect all the KAMONGOS to represent them in the Council. However they have got some definite idea on what the Council is and yet they don't follow through. The only active contact was to get at the back of them and advise them what to do.

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Wapenamanda Patrol Post,
WAPENAMANDA.
Western Highlands District.

17th October, 1968.

Officer In Charge,
Patrol Post,
WAPENAMANDA.

Wapenamanda Council Election Patrol Report No.1.
of 1968/69.

The Patrol commenced on the 29th Sept. 1968 and election began at the first election place Elyaganda on Monday 30th September, 1968 at 0900 hrs. The Council Clerk (Peter Camps) and myself had been advised the day before as to the procedures involved.

At every election place for polling to commence there were nearly everybody present to vote. This however proved that they all wanted to vote for the former Councillors in order to get them back, as they realised that if the younger men have competed against and won the elections, they would be hard on them on general administration activities or bring them to court everytime whenever they are in troubles.

All the elected Councillors won with a majority votes and the other two (2) who were elected unopposed Cr. MANA of Ward 11 and Cr. KEPA of Ward 13 with a majority voters present. The former Cr. PAIOK of Ward 24 was defeated with only 17 votes. He could have won the election, but the story was that during his term of office, he did not settle the troubles evenly and this was the reason why this small group of people turned their back to him. The other former Cr. LAKAU of Ward 12 was also defeated with 119 votes. Perhaps people look upon SOHELE as a business man and would do something to help them.

Before the opening of the poll I gave a brief address to the groups gathered outside the election tent being a reminder of what they had done during the 1968 House of Assembly election and the last Council elections. Polling then commenced and followed very closely at the procedures. The Council Clerk (Peter Camps) and myself not being familiar with the routine and the people not fully understanding what was expected of them. This patrol team was very slow as all the procedures and calendar was followed closely, as Prooiding Officer I tried not to get a head of the polling days, however this position was changed around.

After the Council elections in every Wards, the Committee elections were held. They were asked whether they want to change their Committees or not. However nearly all the Ward Committees were re-elected and some competed by voting in individual lines which they represent, but this however as I mentioned it earlier that the people wanted to get the fair man as a Committee or even a Councillor. The Committees were younger man and they were hard on them at the Administration activities and also outside affairs, disputes and etc.

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There was no troubles raised during the elections and no disputes or queries whatsoever settled by the patrol members. A Committee - ANIAMBULLI of KALUA & MARE- YALIS complaint to the patrol about the garden sweet potatoes around the AIPANDA Rest House. He asked the patrol for pay for the garden sweet potatoes that he had planted around the rest house for the Government patrols. I told him to see the OIC of Wapenamanda when he comes around at the next patrol.

This team had a successful patrol.

For Your information and onforwarding, please.

A. O. L. (L. S. A.)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

DIARY.

Sunday 29th September, 1968.

The patrol gear despatched in the morning and self picked up by Wapenamanda Council vehicle at 2. p.m. for Wapenamanda arriving at 3. p.m. reported to Mr. A. Amussen and was advised on the procedures then departed at 3.30 p.m by vehicle to Mambasanda then walked up to the first polling place Elyaganda, about an hour and half walk. Prepared for the to morrow election. Slept at Elyaganda.

Monday 30th September, 1968.

Election held at Elyaganda for Ward 34. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES. Former Cr. WAPAI ANJO
Committee KULIMBAU POK

Voting. WAPAI 215 votes
KULIMBAU 75 "

Total 290 voters.

WAPAI ANJO declared the winner badge issued to him.

COMMITTEES elections were held.

Clan Rungipin- Kuta --- Committee KAMBAU re-elected

KIAGAI -Kwiaru --- " SILO " "

" -Kareamen -- " PELLANDA 55 votes

KULIMBAU 3 "

Pelianda was the winner committee badge issued to him. Slept again at Elyaganda.

Tuesday 1st October, 1968.

Election held at Elyaganda for Ward 35. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES. Former Cr. PAKAPE MINAK
Mission Boy TAMBUIK PABO

Voting PAKAPE 267 votes
TAMBUIK 47 "

Total 314 voters

PAKAPE MINAK declared the winner and badge issued to him.

COMMITTEES elections held.

Clan MAGUIGIN No 1 and No 2 Committee PITA Re- elected.

Tsendai " YEMBEWE " "

Slept at Elyaganda.

Wednesday 2nd October, 1968.

The patrol departed at 7.30 am for AWAS. Climbed the steep grade took 3 hours to get to the top of KOBAMANDA. Rested for 15 minutes then departed again took another 3 hours arriving at 1.30pm at AWAS. Paid off 25 carriers. Election tent and etc. prepared and slept at AWAS.

Thursday 3rd October, 1968.

Election held at AWAS for Ward 33. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES. 1st count 2nd count 3rd count

SAUBINK 52 1 27 = 120

PAKIALA Former Cr. 107 22 33 = 162

TIMU 23 - -

RAGALIO 78 - -

Total 300 Excluded 282

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PAKIALA SOGON declared the winner badge issued to him. 300

Departed at 11.40am for TUPIKORES arriving at 1.40 pm. 1 1/2 hr walk.

Election held at TUPIKORES for Ward 32. Talks given and nominations closed. CANDIDATES Former Cr. IRAI KUIRAO 163 votes

PELLANDA LANGA 64 "

Total 227 voters

IRAI KUIRAO declared the winner badge issued.

Slept at TUPIKORES

Friday 4th October, 1968.

Departed at 7.00 am for AIPANDA arriving at 10.35 am. 3 1/2 hours walk. Paid off carriers. Election tent set up. No polling this day. Slept at AIPANDA.

Saturday 5th October, 1968.

Election held at AIPANDA for Ward 23. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES.

Former Cr.	PIRU BAI	269	votes
Committee	NIRA IONDAGAI	156	"

Total 425 voters.

PIRU BAI declared the winner badge issued to him.

COMMITTEES elections held.

Clan	PERARI	Committee	MAIRANK	Re-elected
	MINIAGUN	"	POKE	ELECTED INSTEAD of NANAJ.
	WAIPARI	"	NITA	Re-elected.

Slept at AIPANDA.

Sunday 6th October, 1968.

Departed at 8.00 am for YALIS arriving at 9.55am. Paid off carriers. Election tent set up. Sunday observed at YALIS. Slept YALIS.

Monday 7th October, 1968.

Election held at YALIS for Ward 24. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES.

Former Cr.	PAIOM	MANOH	240	votes
	LAI	PINJALA	257	"

Total 497 "

Informal 1

Total 498 voters

LAI PINJALA was declared the winner badge issued to him.

COMMITTEES elections were held.

Clan	LALUA & HARE	=	COMMITTEE	AMHAMBULL	Re-elected.
	YOKOP	=	"	TIBIRALA	elected unopposed to replace LAI who was the former Committee.
	KONDENDAMANTS	=	"	NANE	Re-elected.
	YALIS	=	"	PILO	" "
	WAREPINK	=	"	INJIA	" "

Finished at 4.30pm. Slept YALIS.

Tuesday 8th October, 1968.

Election held at YALIS for Ward 25. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES.

Former Cr.	NABIRA	HAGANDE	196	votes
	LIIO	FRANK	152	"
		Total	348	voters

NABIRA HAGANDE declared the winner and badge issued to him.

Committees were all re-elected for their clans.

Finished at 1.50 pm. Departed by Council vehicle for PAUS. ARRIVED and election tent set up and slept at PAUS.

Wednesday 9th October, 1968.

Election held at PAUS for Ward 22. Talks given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES.

MABISO	YAK	87	votes
WAPURAO	KAMBIALA	71	"
PUPU	LIPU	Former Cr.	260
		Total	418 voters

PUPU LIPU declared the winner on the 1st count, badge issued to him.

Committees were all re-elected for their clans.

Finished at 2 pm. Slept at PAUS.

Thursday 10th October, 1968.

Departed at 9.30 am by vehicle for YARANANDA about ten minutes drive. Election tent set up and talks given, nominations collected. Polling started on Ward 10.

<u>CANDIDATES.</u>	KBOWA	ANWALI	227	votes
	INIS	IRIOK	213	"
			<u>440</u>	voters.

KBOWA declared the winner badge issued to him. He was former Cr. Committees were all re elected for their clans. Finished at 2.15pm. Joseph Apini arrived. Slept at YARANANDA.

Friday 11th October, 1968.

Departed by Council vehicle at 9.30 am for YAGAINDIS. Arrived and found nobody as it was raining. At 11. am everybody turned up and were punished to clean around the rest house for an hour. At 12.00 noon they were gathered around the election tent and polling commenced. Mr. A. Asmusen arrived for inspection. Talks given and only one nomination collected. The former Cr. Mana. Cr. Mana was then declared the winner, elected unopposed. Departed by vehicle to ANJI arriving at 3. p.m. Rain continued to fall. Election tent set up and people were made to clean around the Councils field workers house which gave a reasonable accomodation to the patrol team. Slept at ANJI.

Saturday 12th October, 1968.

Election held at ANJI for Ward 12. Talks were given and nominations collected. CANDIDATES.
Former Cr. LAKAU KAINIGE 81 votes
SOBELE GILO 200 "

Total 281 voters.

SOBELE GILO was then declared the winner badge issued to him. COMMITTEES MINJUK and PILO were re elected. NANAU was elected with 89 votes and both RAI 13 votes, WANJAGALI 14 defeated. NANAU elected to replace SOBELE. Finished at 2.30 pm. Departed for Wapenamanda self to Wabag for week-end. Returned on Sunday afternoon slept Wapenamanda.

Monday 14th October, 1968.

Departed at 8.15 am arriving Walya. Election tent set up. Talks given and nominations collected, only one nomination, the former Cr. KEPA PUPI. Councillor KEPA PUPI elected unopposed.

COMMITTEES elections were held.
WALA PALIKA of YAPONDA IEGIBARU elected unopposed
OGING KOGA " " MAIP " "
MABISO NAKAUA " " IBUP " "
KEAP KAPERAU " " MULOPEKARENK " "
Returned to Wapenamanda at 12. 00 noon.
afternoon in the office.

Tuesday 15th October, 1968.

Election held at KUMBASAKAM for Ward 7. Talks given and nominations collected.

<u>CANDIDATES.</u>	YAI	YALIMA	114		
	PIA	TONDAUA	136	x/	
Former Cr.	KIBUNKI WALIWALI		292	24 + 4	= 320
	ROLAND FREYND		201	50 + 135	= 386

Plus the excluded ones on the 2nd count = 705 life votes.
37
743 voters.

Mr. Roland Freynd was declared the winner and badge issued to him. Committees elections were held and NAMAIO and KUMU both were elected 56 and 43 votes respectively. The other 3 were re elected. Returned to the station and slept at Wapenamanda.

Wednesday 16th October, 1968.

Election held at Wapenamanda Court House for Station Ward.

Wednesday 16th October, 1968. (Cont.)

CANDIDATES

Public Servant (Interpreter)	KIBUNGI AITOK	129	votes
Waso (Lutheran Mission)	Mr. HENDERSON	23	"
	Informal	<u>172</u>	"
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KIBUNGI was declared the winner badge issued to him. Total 154 voters

END OF DIARY.

DIARY - Patrol Wapenamanda 1/68-69 - P. Ziesing CPO. (5)

- Mon. 7/10/68 : Depart Wapenamanda in company with OIC at 0630 hrs, arriving Kria rest house 0915 hrs. Nominations accepted and polling began. Counting of votes concluded 1230 hours. Arrived back at station 1400 hours.
- Tues. 8/10/68 : Depart Wapenamanda 0830 hrs. arriving Londo rest house 0915 hrs. Nominations accepted and election began. Counting of votes concluded 1200. Returned to station.
- Wed. 9/10/68 : Departed Wapenamanda 0830 hours, arriving ~~Tupisamanda~~ Sepundis rest house 0930 hours. One nomination only received for Ward 16. Commenced polling for Ward 17 at 1100 hours and concluding 1230 hours. Counting of votes concluded 1300 hours. Talked with local people, no disputes were brought forward. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Patrol slept ~~Arumanda~~ rest house, Sepundis.
- Thurs 10/10/68: Departed Sepundis 0815 hours, walking to Arumanda rest house, arrived there 0855 hours. Only one nomination for Ward 19. Polling commenced for Ward 18 at 1000 hours, and concluded 1130 hours. Counting of votes concluded 1200 hours. Talked with local people, no disputes were brought forward. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Patrol slept Arumanda rest house.
- Fri. 11/10/68 : Departed Arumanda 0815 hours, walking to Fumekos rest house, arrived there 0915. Only one nomination for Ward 15. Rain delayed polling for Ward 14, which began at 1100 hours, and concluded 1200 hours. Counting of votes concluded 1230 hours. There were no disputes to be heard, so patrol continued on to Tupisamanda rest house, arriving there at 1400 hours. Flag lowered 1800 hours. Patrol slept Tupisamanda rest house.
- Sat. 12/10/68 : Heavy rain during night until 1100 hours in the morning. Nominations received, election began at the polls at 1130 hours and continued until 1500 hours. Votes were counted by 1530 hours. Patrol left Tupisamanda by vehicle at 1555 hours, arriving back at Wapenamanda station at 1655 hours.
- Sun/Mon/Tues. 13-15/10/68 : At Wapenamanda
- Wed. 16/10/68: Team 1 and 2 on new Wapenamanda station ward election.

END OF DIARY

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(P. Ziesing)
Cadet Patrol Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
WAPENAMANDA.
Western Highlands District.

23/10/68.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
WABAG.

WAPENAMANDA L.G. COUNCIL THIRD ELECTIONS 1968.

Introduction

Just prior to the Third Elections of the Wapenamanda Council the Administrator assented to the changes in the Constitution of the Council making it a multi racial body. Only one new ward was created, being that enclosing Wapenamanda Station and Kumbasakas (the Waso complex). All other areas of alienated land were absorbed into existing wards.

Two polling teams were used comprising of :

Team 1. Mr. Allan Lapu (L.G. Assistant)
Mr Peter Camps (Council Clerk)
Mr Joseph Apini (L.G. Assistant - available first week only)

Team 2. Mr A.M. Asswassen (ADO)
Mr Martin Gerari (D.D.A. Clerical Assistant)
Mr P. Aiesing (CPO - available latter half of patrol)

The area of the Wapenamanda Council was decreased since the second elections in 1966, with the loss of six wards to the Baiyer Council during 1967.

(a) Type and Duration of Pre Election Campaign

There were no pre election patrols as such due to staff situation. The coming of the elections were however widely publicised by other means, the most effective being through the Council Tax patrol which commenced in July and was completed in mid September. Nominations were not called for at this stage, and were accepted by the polling teams during the course of the actual election, as outlined in instructions.

(b) Mode of Election

The elections were carried out as laid down by statute, and all requirements were observed. The people showed a fair degree of awareness in the main of the method of preferential voting, where it was desirable (i.e. more than two candidates), as may possibly be best exemplified by the results of voting in Ward 7. In all seven retiring Councillors were reelected unopposed. This figure is the same as that for the 1966 election, however only five of those elected unopposed in 1966 were again returned unopposed this year.

(c) Feminine Interest in Elections

As always the women take a back seat in matters of state. No women were nominated as candidates, nor did any women nominate candidates. Feminine interest and indeed Male interest has lapsed since the 1966 election as the following percentage of voting will show :

1966	males	94%	1968	77%
1966	females	92%	1968	75%

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This figure is however still better than that found during the House of Assembly elections earlier this year.

(d) Incidents

All ran smoothly and no incidents occurred. The preferential system is still not fully understood by the majority. It may be a better policy to inform voters that the preferential system is not merely to enable their second choice to stand a chance of winning (most often they do not like any of the second choices anyway), but can also be used to keep out a candidate they do not like. This is a negative approach but may be more readily understood by voters.

Voting, as in the past, follows clan ties and "uoga" affiliations.

(e) Absentees

The "Unavoidably absent" figure is indeed excessive, and from my remarks above it will be seen that this term has been applied to those who were just not interested in the election and chose to stay away.

(f) Analysis of Statistics

As in 1966 the most interesting contest was in Ward 7, where a European, Roland Freund, successfully contested the election against three indigenous candidates, and won solely on second preferences.

Seven retiring councillors failed to be re-elected, and indeed two others were returned only by a narrow margin. This can only be explained by two possible causes

- (i) The people for some reason feel their Councillors should be able to speak pigin (which though handy, hardly matters as meetings are conducted in the Enga language). I feel this is a minor cause.
- (ii) Dissatisfaction with their old representatives who merely used their position to feather their own nests and oppress the people.

However, after having experienced area administration for three years now, it is felt that the people in the main have now made the only drastic changes in the composition of the council, and have clearly expressed their opinions of the local Government system in an affirmative manner. It is also felt that the next election (due 1970) will see very few changes, or at least nothing to the scale of this election.

(g) Summary

Though the the overall voting average has dropped since the last election, I would point out that this election was not combined with Census or Tax collection and appearance before the patrols was in the ideal of Non-compulsory voting. In this regard it is proposed that the election was an unqualified success.

The decrease in the composition of the Council from 36 Councillors to 31 will make it a more flexible body. The infusion of 8 new Councillors should prove a lift to the mode of meetings over the next two years.

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(A.N. Amussen)
Officer In Charge

SITUATION REPORT

(1) POLITICAL

The Wapenamanda people may be termed as political conservatives, suspicious of radical ideas, and tied to their traditional way of life, the latter retarding their political, economic and social development.

They tend to uphold traditional alliances and enmities, which practice is not restricted only to this area. There is a greater awareness and identification as primarily "WAPENAMANDAs", then "ENGA", and occasionally "HIGHLANDS". This of course depends on the matter of the moment.

Local Government The Wapenamanda Council has now been functioning for three years. It is felt that this period may be labeled as preparatory, and it is anticipated that the council will tend now to develop at an accelerated rate. Politically the council has emerged little, however its political effect on the local people has been profound.

Local Government Councillors These are in the main elected by the people on the grounds of their traditional social position (ie. a big man in the pig exchange). Most are illiterate, uneducated, untravelled and little experienced outside their own traditional way of life. Those Councillors who have held their position over the last three years and have been again re-elected are in the main capable. Some of the new councillors appear to have been elected because of their youth and ability to speak pigin.

House of Assembly This is not understood by the local populace. The Council this financial year, has set aside funds to pay for the movement of four councillors to accompany the Local Member to a meeting. To date three have made the visit. It is too early to yet gauge the effect of these gratis trips, but reports from returning councillors have been impressive.

Political Education This is being carried out all the time. To date no advice has been received of the proposed political education programme to be implemented in preparation for the 1972 House of Assembly elections.

Preferential Voting This is not yet fully understood. Voters in the main tend to vote for only one candidate. It may well be, of course, that they just do not like any of the other candidates.

(2) ECONOMIC

General Rural Development The road system existing at present has assisted greatly in the development of the area. The only area still retarded is the Lower Lai Census Division, which area is currently the route of the proposed Wapenamanda/Kompiam road. The road head exists some 11 miles east of Wapenamanda and a motor track has been finished for a further distance of 8 miles almost to the Wapenamanda/Kompiam administrative boundary. Should staff be available it would be possible to link up the two stations to vehicular traffic by mid 1969. Once this road is completed this would enable DASF expanded activity, cattle projects, and the expansion of WASO activities, to uplift this now depressed area.

Activities of Development Departments It is reported that DASF policy restricts major development activity to areas serviced by a road system. Hence there is little development in the Lower Lai area. However throughout the rest of the Wapenamanda area regular DASF patrols are conducted.

Processing and Marketing This is adequately covered by existing institutions. DASF are restricted to pyrethrum buying, which crop is not overly popular with the people as return for labour is not as great as for market gardening. This latter is handled almost exclusively by a local company, WASO Ltd, who supply such centres as Madang and Wewak with a large variety of fresh vegetables, on a regular basis. Prime difficulty in this distributing is the weight restrictions on DAF uplift from this airstrip.

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Village Cash Crop Extension DASF policy is now to promote pyrethrum, and not extend coffee. As outlined above pyrethrum is not overly popular in the Wapenamanda area, hence most cash income comes from Vegetables and coffee. All pyrethrum is purchased from Wabag, two days per week. There is a degree of dissatisfaction about the price per pound.

Non Indigenous Development Almost all activity under this heading takes place along the main Highlands Highway, in the form of trade stores, coffee buying, and wholesaling of trade store goods to trade store owners.

With the land shortage generally throughout this area, there are no plantations, as in the other end of the District.

The activities of WESO Ltd could also possibly be grouped under this heading, as several Europeans are employed by the organisation. However it is basically a native owned company on a shareholders basis.

(111) SOCIAL

Education, Health There is only one government school in the area, situated on Wapenamanda. All other education facilities are handled by the Lutheran, Catholic or SDA Missions. Educational coverage is insufficient for this expanding area. Health facilities are adequately covered by the Lutheran Mission (Mambisanda Hospital) and several Mission and Administration Aid Posts scattered throughout the area. Health in the area is fair to good.

Law and Order This is a fluctuating situation. As well as the usual civil claims concerning pigs, bride price etc. the area would average at least one large scale riot per year. There have been three murders this calendar year. There has been a marked increase in thefts from trade stores, European houses, as well as pilfering from business organisations. It would thus appear that while there is a decrease over the years in traditional crimes (fighting, pig stealing etc.), there has been an increase in the more sophisticated type of malpractices. The people respect the institutions of law and order, and appreciate ~~it~~ them.

Services Provided by Government and Government Agencies. After the normal functions of this department, those performed by DASF would be the most appreciated by the local populace, being agrarian by tradition. Normal extension patrols have more work than can be properly handled, and are constantly in demand.

Missions The Lutheran Mission complex is the largest Mission in this area, followed by the Catholic Mission, and lastly the Seventh Day Adventists. The first two are staffed by Europeans, the latter being small, relying on native pastors and teachers. Their contributions to providing health and education services in the area is considerable.

Cult and Unrest No cargo cults have been reported in the area. Native unrest fluctuates and is at a low at the moment. Prime causes of trouble in the area are, in order of priority, land, pigs, women. Every several months there occurs an upsurge in land disputes, which tends to spread throughout the whole administrative area. There is a crying need for land demarcation work in this area.

Community Education, including Women's Clubs The Division of Welfare makes sporadic visits to this area, but any activities are confined to the station itself. A Women's club exists at Wapenamanda and appears to function after a fashion. Several basketball trips have been made to other stations.

Clubs The only club in the area is the Wapenamanda Native Club, which holds an occasional liquor licence. This is a financially strong club, having recently overcome some monetary problems. ~~recently~~ It is well supported both by station personnel and other native people in close proximity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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Report Number WAPENAMANDA 3/68-69

Subdistrict WABAG

District WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by R. W. DAUBENSPECK

Area Patrolled WAPENAMANDA L.G. COUNCIL

(Council and/or LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

P.R. ZIESING, C.P.O. Const. 1/c. MUSUA Reg.No. 0832

Const. 1/c DEGUPA Reg.No. 0969 Const. UG. Reg.No. 2435

Const. 1/c VENAHA. Reg.No. 1127

Duration of Patrol—from 17/3/69 To 28/3/69

No. of Days 30 14/4/69 1/5/69

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :

Date 4/11/68 to 13/12/68 Duration 40 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) (a). TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE AND SUPERVISE WORK ON THE

WAPENAMANDA /KOMPIAM ROAD.

(b). GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 6,255

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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

67-14-38

29th July, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PATROL NO. 3 OF 1968/69

Your reference WHD 754 of 24th June, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. D. Daubenspeck to Lower Rai Census Division.

Mr. Daubenspeck has written a good report on a well conducted patrol.

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

cc:
Mr. D. Daubenspeck,
Sub-District Office,
WABAG. Western Highlands District.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
District Office,
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.

27th June, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBUNU.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT 3/68/69.

Two copies of the above report submitted by Mr. B. W. DAUBENSPECK, Cadet Patrol Officer, are enclosed.

As stated in the Assistant District Commissioner's comments, the Wapenamanda-Kompiani road has been given top priority in the District's Rural Development Programme, and the allocation of funds should do much to ensure the completion of the road. From this, and other reports, it appears that despite enthusiasm on the part of the people, little progress is made unless an Officer is in the area to supervise and support the officials.

The situation report indicates little change in the area other than the possibility of economic development following the completion of the road.

A good report.

S. W. Fozzard,
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,

WABAG.

W.H.D.

5th June, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PATROL REPORT - WAPENAMANDA NO. 3 OF 1968/69
CONDUCTED BY MR. R.W. DAUBENSPECK - C.P.O.

Please find attached three copies of the abovementioned report,
conducted by Mr. R.W. Daubenspeck.

The patrol was of a special nature and its main aim was to improve
and extend the present development of the Wapenamanda to Korpian road. The
road will open up large tracts of land that may be suitable as re-settlement
blocks as well as giving Korpian Patrol Post closer communication with
District Headquarters.

Mr. Daubenspeck has given a thorough account of the progress made
on the road during the patrol and this aspect requires little comment, other
than commending the officer on the enthusiasm shown in carrying out the
patrol's main objective.

The formation of the road has now been completed apart for one and
a half miles. The major task now is to receive sufficient funds to construct
the required 30 bridges and the completion of sufficient sheeting to make the
road a good vehicular road. It is believed that there are sufficient funds
for part of this in the Rural Development Funds and that this road is the
Western Highlands District's first priority on these funds.

Mr. Daubenspeck is to be congratulated on the manner in which he
conducted his first solo patrol.

Contingencies for camping allowances are attached.


D.R. SCHMITT.
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. R. Daubenspeck, Wabag.

DIARY - PATROL WAPENAMANDA 3/68-69 - R.W. DAUBENSPECK. (11)

- Monday 17/3/69 : Equipment and personnel assembled, final preparations made for departure from Wabag. Patrol instructions received, left Wabag 0930 hours. Arrived Wapenamanda 1030, vehicle sent back to Wabag. Discussions held with O.I.C. Wapenamanda and P.R. Ziesing, Cadet Patrol Officer, Officer to act as advisory to Patrol, on the purposes of the patrol and the standards desired. Night spent Wapenamanda.
- Tuesday 18/3/69 : Departed Wapenamanda 0900 hours accompanied by P.R. Ziesing, C.P.O., personnel and equipment. Arrived roadhead at TOMBES at 0945. Condition of road to roadhead muddy and steep in places however no trouble in traversing same. Carriers called for at roadhead and assembled, a 15 minute walk to Aipanda resthouse. Upon arrival at resthouse discussion held with Mr. Ziesing on his previous experience in the area. The afternoon spent inspecting roadwork and meeting councils and committees to the river Torop. Returned resthouse 1630; flag lowered 1800.
- Wednesday 19/3/69: Left Aipanda 0830 together with carriers, equipment and personnel, arrived Tupiakores at 1145. The width of a vehicular road having been made for a large percentage of the distance to this point, although still an unsurfaced motor bike track. The resthouse at Tupiakores was found in an neglected condition. A discussion was followed with the Councillor of the area who immediately marked a number of his line to rebuild the roof of the resthouse. In the afternoon an inspection was made by myself and Mr. Ziesing of the road work to Awas. During this time I met Councillors and received advice on the area from Mr. Ziesing. Returned resthouse at 1700; flag lowered 1800.
- Thursday 20/3/69: Set out from Tupiakores at 0815 accompanied by Mr. Ziesing and interpreter. Talks held with Councillors Pagap and Pakiela and their lines at their individual places of work on the road. Advice given as to the width required for a vehicular road and the importance of drainage. Heavy rain in the afternoon; returned to the resthouse 1600; flag lowered 1800.
- Friday 21/3/69 : Sent police together with patrol equipment and carriers to Aipanda at 0800; myself and Mr. Ziesing departed for Lutheran Mission Puwari. Arrived Puwari 0915. Track slippery and muddy from previous nights rain. Talks held with various inhabitants of the Puwari area as to their feelings towards the road construction and the government land adjoining the Mission Station. 1300 inspection made of the Government land and discussion with missionary. Departed Puwari 1400 arrived Aipanda 1730. Flag lowered 1800.
- Saturday 22/3/69: Departed Aipanda resthouse 0800 together with two police and Mr. Ziesing. Arrived Wapenamanda 1000 for discussion with the A.D.O. on the progress of patrol. Stopped the night at Wapenamanda.
- Sunday 23/3/69 : Departed for Aipanda at 0800 leaving Mr. Ziesing and First Class Constable Degupa at Wapenamanda. Arrived Aipanda 0930. Spent morning talking to a number of committees on the road construction. Remainder of Sunday observed.

- Monday 24/3/69 : Left Aipanda at 0800 accompanied by interpreter for supervision of all roadwork up to the River Torop. Talked with Councillors Napira, Piru, and Lei, their committees and lines on the purposes behind the road and the standards required for a vehicle road. Returned to rest house 1700. Flag lowered 1800.
- Tuesday 25/3/69: Awaiting the arrival of a nurse holding a Leprosy control inspection in the area and asked for full co-operation from the Councillors whose lines were being inspected. Upon her arrival at 0900 I departed for supervision of the roadwork. Spent major part of the day advising and supervising a section of road close to the Torop river being cut by lines of Councillor Lei through a section of rock. Returned to resthouse 1730. Flag lowered 1800.
- Wednesday 26/3/69: Implemented some reroutes on the section of road being cut by Councillor Piru's lines. Rain in the afternoon, returned to resthouse at 1615. Flag lowered at 1800 at Aipanda resthouse.
- Thursday 27/3/68: Heavy rain throughout the night had caused a number of landslides. Organised teams to clear these in the morning and in the afternoon supervised a new section of road being cut by one of Councillors Piru's lines. Again spent the night at Aipanda. Flag lowered 1800.
- Friday 28/3/69 : Received a pass in the morning to return to Wabag to pick up a motor bike to help improve supervision of the roadwork. Departed Aipanda 0900; arrived Wabag 1300. Held discussion with the A.D.C. Wabag on the progress of the road and spent the night at Wabag.
- Saturday 29/3/69: Set out for Wapenamanda from Wabag at 0730. Travelled by the motor bike as far as two miles and had an accident on a slippery bridge. Walked to Erelan mission where I was transported to Wabag Hospital for medical attention to my left hand. Informed at the Hospital that I would not be able to leave the station until my hand had recovered. Reported to the A.D.C.
- Sunday 30/3/69 to Sunday 13/4/69 spent at Wabag Station receiving medical treatment for an injured left hand. During this time I worked on and around the station.
- Monday 14/4/69 : Departed Wabag together with patrol equipment and personnel at 0900 arrived Aipanda rest house at 1145. Discussion held with Councillors during afternoon on problems encountered during my absence. Slept night at Aipanda. Flag lowered 1800.
- Tuesday 15/4/69 : Left Aipanda 0815 for inspection of roadwork to the River Torop. Noticed some lines having a poor attendance of its workforce; stressed the importance of a full attendance of manpower to enable a rapid completion of the work, to all councillors and committees. Returned to the resthouse 1530 due to heavy rain; flag lowered 1800.
- Wednesday 15/4/69: Assembled carriers patrol departed for Tupiakores at 0800; arrived Tupiakores 1000. Held discussions with Councillors in morning; in the afternoon inspected progress of roadwork to Awas. Returned to resthouse at 1700; flag lowered 1800.

- Thursday 17/4/69.: Accompanied by interpreter walked to the River Nenemp on the way advising Councillors Pagap and Pakiela on their sections of road construction. Both council's making good progress. Surveyed a stretch of bush between the river Nenemp and Awas about half a mile long for the best possible route for a road. Returned to resthouse at 1730 ; flag lowered 1800.
- Friday 18/4/69 : Went to Puwari with interpreter and one policeman for further discussion with local inhabitants on their attitudes towards the road construction and the 800 acres of government land adjoining the mission. Departed Puwari at 1300 arrived Tupiakores 1500. Flag lowered at 1800.
- Saturday 19/4/69: Left police at Tupiakores and myself walked to Aipanda from where I was transported to Wapenamanda. Had discussions with the O.I.C. on progress of the patrol ; stayed the night at Wapenamanda.
- Sunday 20/4/69 : Departed Wapenamanda 0800 and arrived Tupiakores at 1145. Afternoon Sunday observed.
- Monday 21/4/69 : Work on the road making good progress; all lines having good attendance and showing enthusiasm to complete their sections. The day was spent supervising sections worked by Councillors Irai and Wambi and giving general advice to them. Returned resthouse at 1700. Flag Lowered 1800.
- Tuesday 22/4/69 : Set out at 0800 for supervision of the new section of road being cut through the bush to the river ~~Nenemp~~ Nenemp. Very good progress being made; one team of men cutting the bush and another coming behind making a surface. Returned to resthouse 1630. Discussion held with Councillors on attitudes towards Local Government, and house of Assembly. Flag lowered 1800.
- Wednesday 23/4/69: Awoken in the early hours of the morning to the cracking of timbers; realised the roof of the resthouse was falling in so spent the rest of the night in the haus cook. All day spent in the supervision of a new roof for the rest house. Flag lowered 1800.
- Thursday 24/4/69 : Received a visit from the relieving missionary at Puwari in the morning and he accompanied me on my inspection of the roadwork. Returned to the resthouse 1700. Flag lowered 1800.
- Friday 25/4/69 : Departed Tupiakores 0800 for Wabag for Anzac Day. Arrived Wabag with police at 1130. Anzac Day observed.
- Saturday 26/4/69 : Discussion held with the A.D.C. Wabag all day on the progress of the roadwork. Spent night at Wabag.
- Sunday 27/4/69 : Myself and police departed for Aipanda at 0800. Arrived at Aipanda 1030 hours where talks were had with a number of committees on their sections of road; left for Tupiakores at 1145 and arrived at 1400 in heavy rain.
- Monday 28/4/69 : Due to the heavy rain of the previous day and night slow progress made on all sections of the road. General clearing of landslides and working of drains. Mostly supervised section of road worked by Council Pagap's lines. Returned resthouse 1700; Flag lowered 1800.

Tuesday 29/4/69. : Walked to Awis and supervised the working of a new section of road through the bush. The bush had now been completely cleared and all lines of Council Pakiela were now working on a surface and width. Returned to Tupiakores 1730 ; flag lowered 1800.

Wednesday 30/4/69 : Assembled carriers after receiving a message from A.D.O. Wabag to return, to return to Aipanda. Patrol departed 0945 arrived Aipanda 1140. Spent the day talking to Councillors and giving them final advice. Slept night at Aipanda. Flag lowered 1800.

Thursday 1/5/69 : Departed Aipanda by motor bike leaving patrol to walk to Tombes and wait for transport which I would arrange upon reaching Wapenamanda. Arrived Wapenamanda 1030 reported to A.D.O. and myself and vehicle returned to pick up the rest of patrol at Tombes. Patrol arrived 1300.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

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INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted into the Lower Lai Census Division for the purpose of further encouraging and assisting the local inhabitants of the area in the building of the Wapenamanda / Kopiam Road. During this patrol Administration influence was spread throughout the people of this region and an effort was made to consolidate the peoples faith in the Government at all times.

The area of this patrol has a total population of some 6,255 people, the majority of whom are illiterate and economically and politically backward. However there are a number of schools being built and also completed in this region both government and mission. This together with constant patrolling and the opening of this road will in the future remedy this situation.

Geography and topography varies greatly, as the altitude rises to heights of 6,500 feet above sea level and then drops sharply to 3,400 in the depths of the valleys and gorges. The fast flowing Lai river is the dominating feature throughout which is flanked by towering cliff faces covered in kumai and moss vegetation. The tops of these cliffs are sloping kumai grass flats which slowly ascend into mountainous and thickly vegetated rain forest.

There are several resthouses in the area as well as aidpost -s. The two main aidposts being a Government one at Yalis, approximately one and a half hours walking from the station, and a Mission one at Puwari, where the airstrip could be used for medical emergencies. With the advent of this vehicular road health services and economic growth will commence on a noticeably larger scale in comparison to what is at present existing in the area.

REPORT.

The patrol commenced on the 17th March, 1969, with instructions firstly to pick up an officer of the Wapenamanda Patrol Post with previous experience in the area, who was to accompany and advise the patrol, and secondly having received this advise on the standards required to encourage and assist the local inhabitants as much as possible in the opening up of a vehicular road.

Therefore the first week of the patrol was spent in a complete survey of all roadwork up to the point passing the rest house at Awas. During this time all Councillors and Committees were met and talked to on their road progress and discussion held with Mr. Biesing on all aspects and problems encountered during his previous patrol of November-December.

Condition of the road at this stage was as follows: ten miles of road completed for vehicular traffic up to a point approximately two miles past Yalis rest house, by name known as Tombes, a distance of two hundred yards past Tombes, where a trade store is situated, the road although being vehicle width is blocked by a number of large rocks which have been left for blasting. From Tombes up to Aipanda and about two hundred yards past Aipanda a vehicle width road had been cut, and a reasonable surface ready for finishing with river gravel had been completed. The road from this point on for a distance of approximately two miles ran along side rocky shale cliff faces which made cutting extremely difficult, thus progress on this section had been slow. Also heavy rain during the wet season had caused a number of landslides. The road from here up to a place named Kaimeres and about a mile past same ran through hilly kumai country, thus good progress had been made and a vehicular width road laid. Then from this point the road made its way through Shale cliff faces again to Tupiakores which although in most places

one vehicle width track had been cleared, there was only a very limited amount of surfacing completed and drains and culverts built. From Tupiakores to Awas and approximately half a mile past Awas a good vehicle width road and surface together with drains and culverts had been built, a distance of approximately seven miles. Although, in certain places landslides and watercourses had necessitated rerouting which were now being implemented. The section of road route not yet cut and still bush except for a walking track was about half to three quarters of a mile starting from the River Nenemp leading up towards Awas. (For distances see map attached)

This then was the situation and upon the second week of the patrol and having familiarised myself with councils and their lines and the work progress itself I formulated a policy which I thought would speed up and encourage work progress. Starting from the Aipanda rest house each day for the next week supervision and reorganisation of some working teams was given, to the River Torop. The Councillors responsible for this section were, in order of work marks from Aipanda, Napira (from Yalis), Piru (from Aipanda) and Lei (from Yalis). Discussion was held with each and his committee's on the opening up of the road to vehicle width, drainage and the clearing of landslides. A standard length of timber was cut and given to all working teams for the opening up of a standard width road. Another length given to all for the depth of culverts and drains to be built. Councillor's sections of work on the road were not changed from the previous marks given by the earlier patrol of Mr. Ziesing, however some crews were allocated for the clearing of landslides on roadwork already completed. The section from Aipanda resthouse ~~is~~ was worked by Council Napira, the second by Piru and the third which finished at the edge of the river Torop by Councillor Lei.

Both Piru and Napira had found and were finding the work progress slow because of the rock faces they were cutting through the lack of crowbars and the number of landslides. Whereas Councillor Lei and his teams were making good progress through the hilly Kunai hills before mentioned.

On Friday the 28th March, 1969, and at the finish of the second week I received a pass from Wabag saying a motor bike had arrived for me and if I picked it up, supervision of all lengths of the roadwork would be improved. I returned to Wabag that day arriving in the afternoon and having discussions with the A.D.C. on the work of the patrol throughout the afternoon. The next day upon returning on the motorbike to the patrol an accident ensued and I was transported to the Wabag Hospital for medical attention to an injured left hand. I was then ordered to remain in the precincts of the station at Wabag until my hand recovered. The patrol was then resumed on Monday 14th April, 1969.

Upon returning to the Aipanda resthouse discussion was held with all Councillors working up to the River Torop on problems encountered in my absence. The following day was spent inspecting roadwork progress and general supervision. The patrol then moved to Tupiakores resthouse where it was intended to give supervision to the work of all Councillors and their lines working from the River Torop to the River Nenemp.

There was four Councillors and their lines working from the River Torop to the River Nenemp. These, starting in order of their work mark's from the River Torop were, Councillors Wabai and Irai, working from the River Torop to the resthouse at Tupiakores, and Councillors Pagap and Pakielaworking from Tupiakores to Awas. The Councillors Wabai and Irai were making reasonable progress however due to stone and shale cliff faces and lack of crowbars their work was impeded. However Pagap and Pakiela had made and were making good progress although a lot of their work had to be redone because of landslides and watercourses.

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By the end of April Councillor Pakiela and his lines had started cutting the last half a mile of bush between the River Nenemp and Awas, and had also finished rerouting the road and surfacing it where watercourses and landslides had disrupted it. Councillor Pagap had done likewise and had finished putting in drains and culverts. Progress by Wabai and Irai was still slow due to stone cliff faces. Some rerouting had been done by Councillors between the river Torop and Aipanda however good progress by them had been made.

At the end of the patrol the situation was a vehicle width road up to the section of cliff faces being worked by some lines of Councillors Wabai approximately one mile from the river Torop on the Tupiakores side. Then a vehicle width road up to the mark worked by Councillor Pagap approximately one mile past the rest house at Tupiakores where he was rerouting a section which had not been completely finished. A vehicle width road from Pagaps section to the River Nenemp except for approximately half a mile of bush which had just been cut and a road surface was being put through by Council Pakiela's lines.

Overall by the end of the patrol approximately a mile and a half of roadwork in the opening up to vehicle width and the clearing of landslides had yet to be worked. Also there had only been sparse number of drains worked and culverts and the blasting of large stones obstructing the road, had yet to be done. Road surfacing had not been commenced with river gravel and only one vehicular bridge had been started. There are approximately some forty bridges yet to be worked for vehicular traffic ranging in size from five to thirty odd feet.

Without supervision and a patrol in the area to advise the teams and Councillors working on the road it would be hard to estimate an early completion date even though a keenness and enthusiasm to finish the road was shown, at all times.

RECEPTION.

The people and Councillors in the area are showing an increasing awareness of the benefits to be procured from this road at its completion and thus welcome sincerely any aid sent in the form of a patrol or otherwise. At all times the patrol was received kindly and co-operation was given by all Councillors to the utmost. The advice given by the patrol on the road construction was always accepted gratefully and used to its fullest extent.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol in its stay at Tupiakores also investigated the feelings of the people towards the Government land at Puwari. And these investigations whilst not committing the Administration in any way did discover that the people of the area as was shown by two local inhabitants already would be keen to develop cattle projects in the area, as well as high yield leguminous crops. As an increasing economic awareness is being shown throughout the area as this road nears completion. This is also shown by a number of new tradestores erected and being erected alongside the length of the road to Awas.

Thus this road already is giving a number of economic benefits to the people and there is a great desire by the local inhabitants to complete it as soon as possible so as to be able to exploit it to its maximum.

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SITUATION REPORT.

(i) POLITICAL.

As at the present moment the peoples way of life in the Lower Lai area is traditional and a political line of thinking has not yet been developed as much as in more economically advanced areas. Their political thinking does not go much past their Local Government Councillors. These councillors are respected as the law and government in their area's, and arbitrate on any areas of dispute. As yet because of their lack of contact with the outside area's because of lack of roads their knowledge and political awareness of institutions such as the House of Assembly is very limited. However with the completion of this road a large increase in political education seems imminent.

(ii) ECONOMIC.

Before the developing of this road into the area there was only a very slight contact with any form of cash crops. Now a large percentage of the area is under cultivation with coffee crops and legumes such as peanuts. These crops are gathered and sold to the Mission store in Wapenamanda called Waso. There are also watermelons transported from Puwari whenever possible and sold to Waso. The area because of its variation in geography and altitude has good potential for the development of cash crops. Whilst the patrol was in the area it saw ~~in~~ two visits by D.A.S.F. who were giving advice on the growing and improvement of coffee. Also this department now buys vegetables from the area at roadhead at Tombes and at Yalis. There have been two or three public motor vehicles brought into the area which are owned by the local inhabitants and which transport crops to markets and goods to the tradestores in the area.

There were several tradestores already alongside the portion of road opened up to Tombes and now due to the closeness of completion of the road a number have also been opened up past this point. One at Tupiakores and another close to Awas. At these stores the people purchase meat or fish, cloth and various cooking items.

As yet there are no non-indigenous developments in the form of businesses. This is however envisaged once the road is opened in its entirety and is regularly used by motor vehicles.

(iii) SOCIAL.

The people of the area show a great desire to increase the number of schools in the area, however as yet these are sparse and of only the lowest level, mostly teaching in talk place. There are no government schools in the area and only three or four mission schools mostly run by the Lutherans. The main Government school being at Wapenamanda. Health services in the area are good. There is a large mission hospital at Mambisanda and aidposts both mission and government at Yalis and Puwari.

The main law and order stems from Wapenamanda patrol post and any major disputes handled by this establishment. However Local councils also play a large part in settling minor disputes. Whilst the patrol was in the area a woman was murdered, at least this murder occurred during the time the patrol had come back to Wabag for the writer to receive medical attention. The people while holding a respect for the law of the government and the influence of the administration do still live their traditional way of life and until a road is completed in the area law and order by way of administration on the spot can only be done and administered by patrols.

Other than those services provided by D.A.S.F. as already mentioned the only other services are provided in the area by D.D.A.

(iii) SOCIAL cont.-
in the way of self help projects.

The largest mission in the area is the Lutheran and is staffed by both indigenous and European personnel. There is also Roman Catholic and Seven Day Adventist missions. All of these missions hold considerable influence in the area and have quite strong followings. Also they have a number of tradestores, the major one being Waso at Wapenamanda.

There are no cults in the area and unrest is at a minimum although there is occasional disputes over pigs, land and women,. However traditional fighting has ceased.

There are no community education schemes or youth clubs in the area although there are at Wapenamanda.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There have been no army patrols or any such activities in this area.

APPENDIX 'A'

REPORT ON THE MEMBERS OF R.P.M.G.C. ACCOMPANYING.

Reg.No. 0969. Const. 1st. Class. DAWUPA:

Accompanied the patrol during the first week. His previous knowledge and experience in the area made him invaluable. He proved more than capable in situations he encountered; showed great efficiency in the carrying out of his duties. Should be an asset to any further patrols in this area.

Reg.No. 1127. Const. 1st Class. VENAH:

This member of the patrol displayed a certain initiative in all tasks allotted to him. His conduct and attitude to the work was good.

Reg.No. Const. 1st Class Musua.

Carried out all duties given to him with efficiency and zeal. His previous experience in roadwork in other area's made him a very valuable member. His conduct and willingness to work was exemplary to the other members of the patrol.

Reg. No. Const. UG.

Although a comparatively new member of the constabulary and rather limited in experience he showed a great desire to improve and learn. His conduct and willingness to work was at all times good.

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