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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of ECOROBE Report No. MUMENG No. 1-56/67

Patrol Conducted by R.K. NILAND C.P.O.

Area Patrolled HUANG AND PART MUMENG CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 Poll Clerk & 1 member R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 14./7./1966 to 10./8./1966

Number of Days Twenty Seven

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3./5./1966

Medical 27./5./1966

Map Reference 2202 HUON GULF SPECIAL FOURMIL

Objects of Patrol See Inside

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6/11/1966

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 £.....

67-6-9

15th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 1966/67.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Niland's report of his patrol in the Buang and Mumeng Census Divisions to conduct the Kaindi Bi-elections.

Covering comments by yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner Mumeng are also acknowledged and noted.

There is little need to comment on such a report other than to express satisfaction in the manner in which it was conducted and the adequacy of the report submitted.

It is to the credit of all officers concerned that the Kaindi Bi-elections were carried out so smoothly.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-6-9 (11)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

67-2-4
Sinclair/jgr



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.
6th October, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District
Administration,
KONEDOBU

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1966/67

Enclosed herewith please find copy of the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Niland covering his patrol of the Buang and part Mumeng Census Divisions. The report is supported by patrol map, voting statistics and copy of comments submitted by Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

2. Little comment is necessary on this short report. The purpose of the patrol was to conduct the Kaindi Bi-elections. It is apparent from the report that Mr. Niland carried out his duties efficiently. In fact, I am very pleased with the general conduct of the Kaindi Election. The efficient way in which arrangements worked are a credit to all concerned.


(D. J. Gordon)
a/District Commissioner

c.c. Mr. Niland, Sub-District Office, Mumeng.
c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

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Sub-District Office,
MUMENG,
Merobe District.
30th September, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Merobe District,
District Office,
L. A. E.

EMERGENCY PATROL REPORT NO. 1-66/67.

MUMENG AND PART MUMENG CENSUS DIV.

Attached please find two copies of the report by C.F.O. Mr. E. Niland who conducted the Bi-Election poll in the Mumeng and part of Mumeng Census Divisions.

Mr. Niland's instructions were to conduct the elections in accordance with the Electoral Ordinance and the "Instructions to Presiding Officers." Other instructions included a report on the Vagan airstrip and general matters arising from the patrol.

Mr. Niland has compiled voting statistics on each polling centre in the return marked Appendix "A". It is interesting to note that of the total of 2,275 voters, 1,298 were women. The high response to the elections is characteristic of the general co-operativeness of the Mumeng and Mumeng People.

The report shows that the Vagan airstrip is now regularly maintained. The use of the Rural Progress Society's tractor-mower is being paid for by the Mumeng Council in the current year.

Mr. Niland's report is concise and well presented. The delay in forwarding is due to myself being engaged in other duties.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.



(I. B. TUCKY)
Assistant District Commissioner



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 62 - 1 - 4

If calling ask for

Mr. Niland

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG,
Morobe District

15th August, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner
Sub-District Office
MUMENG

MUMENG PATROL NO. 4-66/67 - PATROL REPORT

Patrol conducted by

R.X. NILAND C.P.O.

Area patrolled

BUANG CENSUS DIVISION AND MUMENG
BUSH VILLAGES

Personnel accompanying
patrol

N. BORABA, ASST. AGRICULTURAL OFFICER
AS POLL CLERK
1 MEMBER R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of patrol

BUANG, C.F.: commenced 14/7/66
completed 3/8/66
Mumeng Bush Villages:
commenced 5/8/66
completed 10/8/66
TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS: 27

Last patrol to the area

D.D.A. 3/5/66
D.A.S.F. 13/4/66
P.H.D. 27/5/66

Objects of the patrol

1. CONDUCTING OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
BI-ELECTIONS
2. INSPECTION OF AIRSTRIP AT VAGAU

Map reference

2202 HUON GULF SPECIAL

INTRODUCTION.

The Major object of this patrol was the conduction of the House of Assenbly Bi-Election and as the Gazetted timetable had to be adheared to, it was not possible to devote much time to other things.

The patrol was carried out in two parts, the first being in the Buang Census Division and the second among the outer villages of the Mumeng Census Division. Both of these areas have been covered several times by patrols earlier on during the year.

The Buangs have a good access to Mumeng and Lae and have had a lot of contact during the past few years, they are also fairly progressive amongst themselves and in general are fairly well developed.

The part of the Mumeng Census Division visited on the other hand are a good days walk in from the Lae-Mumeng road over high mountains and consequently they have had a lot less contact and on the whole are a lot less developed.

DIARY

Thursday 14th July. Departed Mumeng per station landrover 0930 to C.D.W. camp on the Buang road, arrived 1030 waited for carriers but none arrived that day so spent night at road camp.

Friday 15th July. Carriers assembled so departed and walked to Mambump arriving 1330. Spoke to Councillors and Committeemen from all the headwaters villages around Mambump re. election procedures, night spent Mambump

Saturday 16th July. Elections commenced 0800, people from Mambump, Maniau and Ayayok villages voted, later spoke to Agricultural Officer Mr C. Heyzen regarding the Vagau airstrip and its maintenance.

Sunday 17th July. Walked out to Vagau and inspected the airstrip. Afternoon observed.

Monday 18th July. Elections held and people from Gambia, Rari and Bugwev villages voted. That night heard two complaints, one regarding trespassing and another regarding an alleged marriage of a girl under age to a man in Lae.

Tuesday 19th July. Polling again carried out a Mambump, villages of Bugai'au and Vagau voted. That night the councillor from Vagau asked about the ownership of a piece of land naer Bugai'au.

Wednesday 20th July. Departed Mambump and walked to Lomalom, Arriving 1130, stayed at councillor Mali's house. Councillors from surrounding villages came in and election procedures were discussed.

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Thursday 21st July. Polling took place at Lomalom and people from two villages, Lomalom and Dawong voted. Polling completed that day, night spent Lomalom.

Friday 22nd July. Polling again took place at Lomalom, this time people from Bulantim village voted. 1230 was satisfied that all had voted who wished to vote so closed polling booth 1400 departed Lomalom and walked to Mapos village. Spoke to representatives from each of the surrounding villages regarding polling procedures. Night spent Mapos.

Saturday 23rd July. Polling commenced for Mapos Polling Place, people from the village of Mapos No. 1 voted. That night had tea with S.I.L. Missionary Mr. B. Hooley.

Sunday 24th July. Observed, in the afternoon walked to Mapos No. 2 village and talked with people there.

Monday 25th July. Polling took place and people from Mapos No. 2 village voted. Polling completed, night spent Mapos.

Tuesday 26th July. Polling again took place, this time people from villages of Chimbulok and Sinagei voted. 1330 was satisfied that all who wanted to vote had voted so closed polling booth, packed gear and at 1430 departed and walked to Sagaiyo.

Wednesday 27th July. Elections held at Siyugei polling place, people from Siyugei and Sagaiyo villages voted. Polling completed and night spent at Sagaiyo.

Thursday 28th July. Inspected some limestone caves and a native burial ground near sagaiyo. That afternoon left Sagaiyo and walked to Lagis village, arriving 1600, night spent Lagis

Friday 29th July Presiding over polling at Lagis polling place people from Tokanen and Lagis villages voted. Polling completed night spent Lagis.

30th July, Saturday. Polling carried out at Lagis polling place, people from Papekani village voted.

31st July, Sunday. Departed Lagis and walked to Manga, attended church service and that afternoon walked to Bogumatu and had talks with the people there. Returned to Manga that afternoon.

Monday 1st August. Polling commenced at Manga polling place, people from Bogumatu and Manga Villages voted. Polling completed, night spent Manga.

Tuesday 2nd August. Polling again took place at Manga, people from Kwasang village voted. Booth closed when polling was completed. Night spent Manga.

Wednesday 3rd August. Departed Manga 0830 and walked to Buang Bridge. Council truck was there waiting so loaded patrol gear and returned to Mumeng, arriving 1300. Later Chief Electoral Officer, Mr Briant and Returning Officer Mr Harlot arrived by helicopter. Had talks with them regarding the elections and was informed that the helicopter was available for the next two days so arranged to go to Engabu village the next day.

Thursday 4th August. Packed patrol gear, 0815 helicopter arrived, took off and tried to reach Engabu however the area was covered in cloud so returned to Mumeng. 1150 tried again but the area was still covered in cloud. That afternoon departed Mumeng per station 1/r to Zenag. Spoke to some Engabu people regarding a shorter route to Engabu village and decided to take it the next day. Returned to Mumeng that night.

Friday 5th August. Helicopter arrived 820, took off and was able to get into Engabu, dropped cargo and returned to Mumeng. Helicopter then took another load of gear in then returned and I went out again to Engabu with the last load. Took gear to rest house and settled in. Spoke to Councillor and Committeeman re. electoral procedures. Night spent Engabu.

Saturday 6th August. Polling took place, people from villages of Engabu and Towangala voted. Polling booth was closed after all had voted. Night spent Engabu

Sunday 7th August. Day observed

Monday 8th August. Departed Engabu 0845 and walked to Yanta village arrived 1230 spoke to the councillor regarding the electoral procedures later an extremely sick and thin looking dog stole some meat out of the cook house so had it shot.

Tuesday 9th August. Polling commenced 8 a.m. and all the people from Yanta village voted. Polling booth was closed when I was satisfied that that all who wished to vote had voted. That night spent at Yanta.

Wednesday 10th August. Packed gear and departed Yanta 0900 and walked to main road near Peraklos, arriving 1330 went to Mumeng and returned with Landrover. Carriess arrived 1430 were paid, gear packed on Landrover and returned to Mumeng.

END OF DIARY.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL.

At all times throughout the patrol the reception was particularly good. The people were given plenty of warning of the patrol's coming and electoral education had been carried out previously as well as at least one candidate had visited all the villages so that the people had a strong interest in the elections and polling.

CONDUCTION OF THE POLLING.

The polling in all places was carried out in accordance with that set out in the Electoral Ordinance and 'Instructions to Presiding Officers and there were no difficulties or incidents occurred. The people were asked to stagger the attendance at the polling over the days involved. Two polling booths were set up at each place, one for self voters and one for assisted voters in which the poll clerk helped in filling out the voters' ballot papers.

Voting Statistics.

Polling was carried out at eight polling places during the patrol and a total number of 2,275 people voted. Of this number 2,255 were ordinary votes and 20 were section 130(i) votes, there were no other sectional or other votes. There was a much greater number of female voters than males, the figures being 1,298 and 977 respectively, the main reason for this is that a much greater percentage of the men are working outside the village. The average number of votes per polling place was 284 however the actual numbers varied considerably, the largest being Mambump with 687 votes polled while the smallest, Yanta, had only 115 votes polled. See Appendix "A" for a village breakup of the polling figures.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Vide. my report Mumeng No. 6-65/66

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

As above.

REST HOUSES.

As above.

COMPLAINTS.

Two complaints were heard during the patrol, the first regarding a man from Gambia who had trespassed on land belonging to the people of Rari and shot several pigs there. I told the people to refer the matter to the Assistant District Commissioner as he had held a court regarding the land a few

months ago.

The second complaint was made regarding a girl from Sagaiyo village who had apparently "married" a European man in Lae. On checking her name on the village register I found that she was under age. I told the people concerned that I would refer the matter to the welfare officer in Lae. Soon after my returning from patrol the Welfare Officer, Mr. Knoll visited Mumeng and told me that he was already investigating the matter.

CARRIERS.

Vide. my report Mumeng No. 6-65/66

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

As above.

EDUCATION.

As above

MISSIONS.

As above.

AIRFIELDS - VAGAU AIRSTRIP.

While at Mambump I visited Vagau Airstrip to speak with the people regarding the maintenance of it. The Agricultural Officer from Mumeng was there, Mr. Heysen, and he said that the tractor which the Rural Progress Society there had purchased was now operational and would be able to maintain the airstrip if the Local Government Council provided a subsidy for running it. The cost would be approximately \$18 per month.



R.K. NILAND C.P.O.

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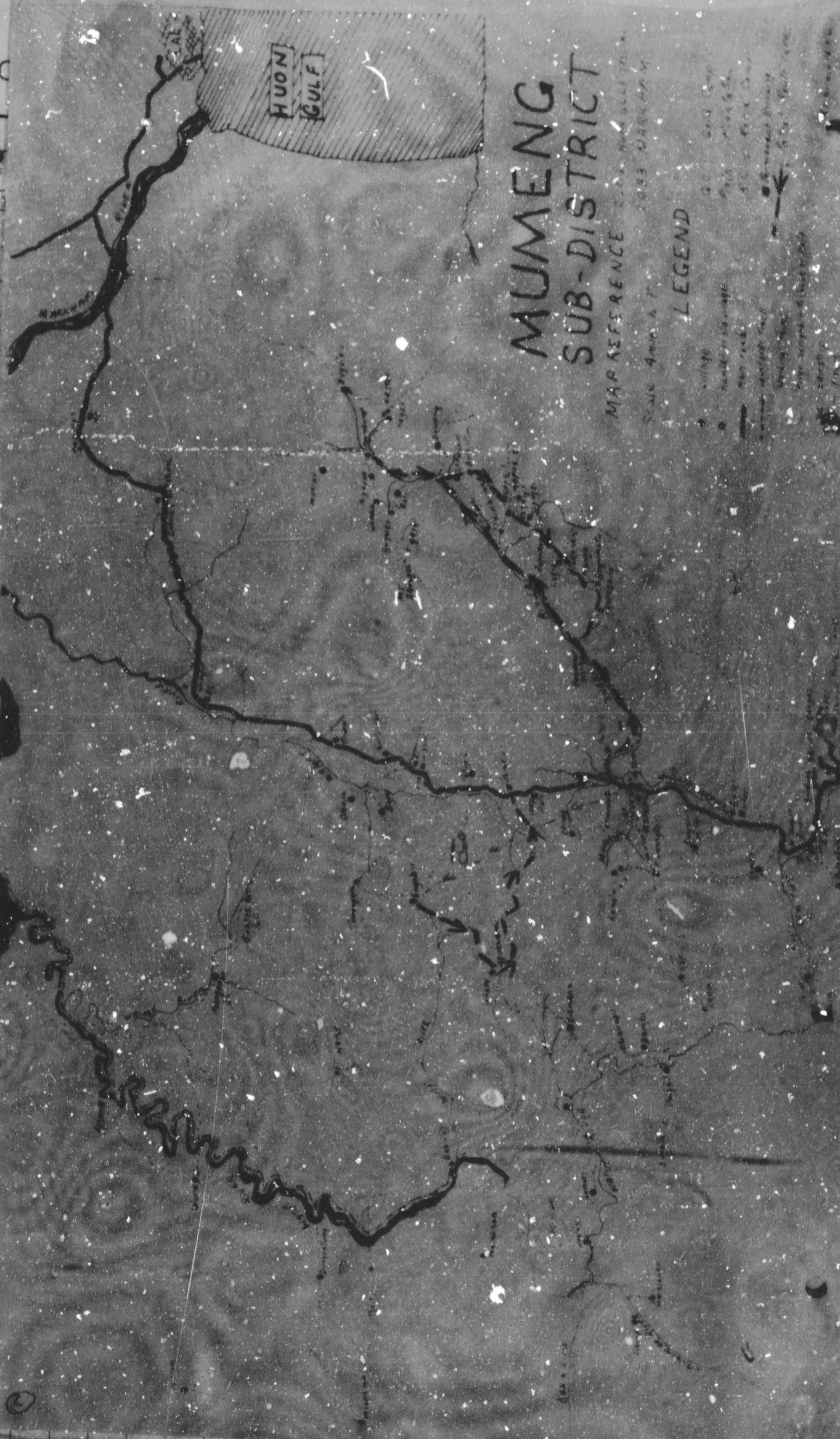
Polling Place	Village	Ordinary Voters			Sectional Voters			Total		
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Mambump	Mambump	43	44	87	1		1	44	44	88
	Ayayok	38	59	97				36	59	97
	Muniau	37	62	99				37	62	99
	Gambia	21	29	50				21	29	50
	Bugwev	36	43	79				36	43	79
	Rari	24	40	64				24	40	64
	Bugai'au	59	74	133		1	1	59	75	134
	Vagau	33	41	74	1	1	2	34	42	76
	Total	291	392	683	2	2	4	293	394	687
Lomalom	Lomalom	52	60	112		1	1	52	61	113
	Dawong	36	41	77				36	41	77
	Bulantim	71	96	167	1	1	2	72	97	169
	Total	159	197	356	1	2	3	160	199	359
Mapos	Mapos No 1	58	95	153				58	95	153
	Mapos No 2	62	105	167	1		1	63	105	168
	Chimbulok	15	21	36		1	1	15	22	37
	Sinagei	15	31	46	1	1	2	16	32	48
	Total	150	252	402	2	2	4	152	254	406
Siyugei	Sagaiyo	27	46	73		1	1	27	47	74
	Siyugsi	23	24	47				23	24	47
	Total	50	70	120		1	1	50	71	121
Lagis	Lagis	26	36	62				26	36	62
	Tokenen	21	27	48				21	27	48
	Papekani	20	24	44	1	2	3	21	26	47
	Total	67	87	154	1	2	3	68	89	157
Manga	Manga	56	57	113	1		1	57	57	114
	Bogumatu	29	38	67				29	38	67
	Kwasang	49	57	106		1	1	49	58	107
	Total	134	152	286	1	1	2	135	153	288
Engabu	Engabu	48	58	106	2		2	50	58	108
	Towangala	21	13	34				21	13	34
	Total	69	71	140	2		2	71	71	142
Yanta	Yanta	48	66	114		1	1	48	67	115
Grand Totals		968	1287	2255	9	11	20	977	1298	2275

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MUMENG SUB-DISTRICT

MAP REFERENCE 2522 HUON GULF DISTRICT
2083 MARKWANG

Scale 4 miles to 1 inch

LEGEND

- Village
- Settlement
- Road
- Main road
- Secondary road
- Railway
- Canal
- Stream
- River
- Lake
- Bay
- Gulf
- Mountain
- Hill
- Plain
- Forest
- Cultivated land
- Uncultivated land
- Swamp
- Marsh
- Sandbar
- Shoal
- Reef
- Island
- Peninsula
- Strait
- Bay
- Gulf
- Ocean



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... **MOBOEN** Report No... **3** .. **66/67** .. **Mumeng**

Patrol Conducted by..... **R. K. FILAND C.P.O.**

Area Patrolled..... **LOWER WATUT CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **NIL**

Natives..... **FIVE**

Duration—From **47** .. **11** .. / **1966** .. to .. **7** .. **12** .. / **1966** ..

Number of Days..... **THIRTY**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... **YES**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services. **APRIL** .. / **1966** ..

Medical **JULY** .. / **1966** ..

Map Reference..... **2202 HUGH GULF SPECIAL 4 MILES TO 1 INCH**

Objects of Patrol..... **SEE INSIDE**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

31/1/1967

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-6-30

15th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.M.

PATROL REPORT NUMBER NO. 1-1966/67:

Receipt of the above report and your 67-2-4 of 25th January 1967, is acknowledged with thanks.

A good report of a patrol during which Mr. Niland dealt satisfactorily with routine matters, although it is noted some specific tasks were not completed.

It is pleasing to hear that the Lower Watut people are eager to join a Local Government authority.

(J.E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



67.6.30
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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-4

If calling ask for

Mr. JPS/RMR



Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

25th January, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

MUMENG PATROL NO. 3 OF 1966/67 - LOWER
WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.

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I attach copy of report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. R.K. Niland, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with Village Population Register, patrol map, copy of patrol instructions issued to the Cadet and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

2. This was a routine administrative patrol to a relatively isolated Census Division.

3. The Cadet was given quite a considerable number of tasks to undertake and has completed most of them satisfactorily. I am most dissatisfied, however, with his treatment of the Tsile Tsile land investigation. He has submitted a land investigation report which is totally unacceptable and which will have to be re-done. Instructions regarding land investigations are complete and specific and it should not be necessary for such reports to be referred back to the originating officer. Apart from this aspect Mr. Niland has satisfactorily carried out the tasks set him.

4. Mr. Seefeld's comments are comprehensive and cover most aspects of the report.

5. Mr. Seefeld notes that the percentage of absentees is very high. However, I do not think this is any matter for concern. The Lower Watut is an isolated Census Division with limited opportunities for economic development and the people have traditionally obtained most of their income by the sale of their labour. I recollect that when I patrolled the Lower Watut 16 years ago the position was much the same then as it is now.

6. In all, a satisfactory report of a well conducted patrol.

7. Matters of interest to other Departments
have been referred to them.

(D. J. [Signature])
a/District Commissioner.

67-2-1

PFS:MT

Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

18th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Korohe District,
L A E.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT No. 3/66-67 - LOWER WATUT
CENSUS DIVISION - MR. R.K. NILAND, C.P.O.

1. Attached are 3 copies of the above report, together with claim for Camping Allowance. The delay in forwarding was due entirely to the lack of Village Population Registers of which more copies were required. These had been ordered in November, but only arrived last week from the Government Printer.
2. Political Situation: This section has been covered very briefly by Mr. Niland. The census figures shown a total absentee figure of 429 people. This represents a very high 22% (approx.) of the total population recorded. It remains to be seen whether inclusion in the Huon Council, and any benefits accruing there from, will encourage people to return to their villages. Frankly, I doubt that it will. No doubt most of the absentees are engaged in temporary or permanent employment in Lae or Port Moresby. Some figures on the whereabouts of absentees would perhaps be useful in estimating the additional amount of Council tax which people from this area would contribute.
3. Complaints and Enquiries: These seem to have been of a fairly normal nature, and do not constitute any defineable trend. The Aid Post orderly at WURUP has been removed by Health Dept. as a result of his Letharian activities. There were no Court cases requiring further action at this office.
4. Carriers, Rafts, etc: Mr. Niland should know that shotgun cartridges are not an item of trade!
5. Health: It appears that more frequent Health patrols to the area would be beneficial. With the removal of the A.P.O. from WURUP, there are now no manned Aid Posts in the Lower Watut area. It is suggested that the manning of Aid Posts, and their more frequent inspection, be given early attention by the Regional Medical Officer.
6. Roads and Bridges: Perhaps the MARALINAN people could be assisted in the first instance by the Administration in obtaining wire for the Banir River bridge. It will be some months before the Huon Council is in a position to make provisions in its estimates for such a project. The village is, in any case, not yet in the Council.
7. Census: Although the total male population is greater than the female, there are in fact more females than males in the villages at present within the marriageable age bracket (305 males to 384 females in the 15-45 age group). This is of course mainly accounted for by the 247 adult males absent at work inside and outside the District. The picture is in fact a normal one for an area where the male population has been forced to find employment outside the villages.

8. Dambi Water Project: It is planned to visit Dambi in the next 2 weeks or so, to rectify mistakes and finish the project. The Council's Artisans will be giving this project a high priority from February onwards.

9. Land Application - Tsiletsile: The Investigation report on Mr. B.C. Wickham's application is being forwarded under cover of my memo 35-1-1 of 18th January, 1967.

10. Workers Compensation Claim: The personal effects of the deceased KIRAMUS WOBOPALAS are now held at Mumeng, awaiting collection by Next of Kin.

11. General Comment: Mr. Niland carried out a very full programme in a most satisfactory manner. The report is somewhat brief, considering the patrol took almost three weeks, but this can be explained by the time factor. Mr. Niland had barely two weeks to type the report, pack his possessions, and proceed on leave. In addition, he was unavoidably involved in Land Demarcation work, and was temporarily in charge of the station during my absence for 5 days. However, I feel that more information and observations could well be included in his future reports. The typing is fairly neat and quite well set-out, but punctuation needs a great deal more attention.

P. F. Seefeld
(P.F. SEEFELD)
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. ~~R.K.~~ Niland.

67-2-1

FFS:MT

Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

15th November, 1966.

Mr. R.K. Niland,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MUMENG.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MUMENG PATROL No. 2/66-67

..... LOWER WATUM CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Lower Watut on Thursday, 17th November, 1966. Apart from attending to general Administrative matters, the following require specific attention:-
 2. (i) Annual Census Revision. There has been no revision of the Village Population Register since 1963. You will have to pay careful attention to recording of births.
 - (ii) Dambi Water Project. En route, please check the water pipeline which the Mumeng Council has started. Reports state that the pipe has been laid incorrectly and that the flow of water could be improved with alterations and fitting of a filter.
 - (iii) Land Applications + Tailitsili. Refer to File 35-1-1 Land Application by Mr. B.C. Wickham. Please carry out investigation and report fully in accordance with Lands Dept. Circular No. 1/64. Note that D.A.S.F. are also interested in a block of land adjacent to the airstrip. No formal application has yet been received for this, but to avoid another trip at a future date, please ensure that you report on both areas of land.
 - (iv) C.S.B. Inoperative Accounts. See File 28-4-5. Please extract details of accounts relevant to the area you will be visiting, and ask the depositors to report to the C.S.B, Lae Branch, with their Savings Books.
 - (v) Workers Compensation Claim. Reference File 54-2-1, KIRANUS MOROPALAS (deceased) of MOROM Village. Please supply the information requested by Dept. of Labour in their memo of 11th November, 1966.
 - (vi) Inclusion in Local Government Councils. As discussed between you and Mr. S. Cleland (S.L.G.C.), give this matter the necessary publicity. I understand that GUMOTS Village is to be included in the Mumeng L.G.C., and that the remainder will be incorporated in the Huon L.G.C. You should assess current feelings in this matter and report on general trends of thinking. There will be no tax collection on this patrol, but the people should be advised to have tax money ready on joining the Council.
3. You will be accompanied by Mr. A. Tom, Medical Assistant, who is conducting a general health survey of all children in the area, and inspecting Aid Posts. Constable 1st Class YAMA of Mumeng detachment and one Constable from Bulolo, will also accompany you.

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4. The patrol should take you about 3 weeks, but please ensure that you do not hurry unduly and that all matters requiring attention are dealt with fully. On your return to the station, you will be required to complete your report in accordance with Departmental Standing Instruction, Chapter IV, part 2. The report, and all relevant statistics, must be completed prior to your departure on leave on 22nd December, 1966.

14th February 1966.

Shepherd
(P.F. SHEPHERD)
Assistant District Commissioner.

LOCAL AREA OFFICE, ...

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
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Mr. Niland

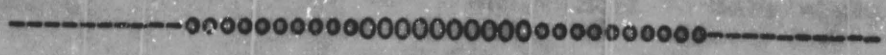
Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG,
Morebe District.

14th December, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. 43-66/67

Patrol conducted by	R.K. NILAND C.P.O.
Area patrolled	LOWER WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.
Personnel accompanying the patrol	L. TOM N.M.A. 2 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C. 2 NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLIES
Duration of the patrol	COMMENCED 17-11-66 COMPLETED 7-12-66 NO OF DAYS ON PATROL 20
Last patrol to the area	D.B.A. APRIL 1966 3 WEEKS P.H.O. JULY 1966 3 1/2 WEEKS D.A.S.F.
Objects of the patrol	1. ANNUAL CENSUS REVISION 2. PUBLICITY FOR ENTRY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS. 3. SPECIFIC MATTERS AS PER PATROL INSTRUCTIONS: DAMBI WATER PROJECT LAND APPLICATIONS TSILETSILE; CSB INCORPORATIVE ACCOUNTS AND WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM. 4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.
Map reference	2202 HUGH GULF SPECIAL 4 NELL TO 1 INCH



Introduction: In general terms the object of the patrol could be described simply as routine administration. The two main objects were the revision of the census, which had not been done since 1963 and telling the people about their inclusion into the Councils, Mumeng in respect of Gumots village, and Huon for the rest of the villages, which is to take place in the near future. Also to assess their feelings regarding this.

There was no tax collection this time because they will be expected to pay tax to their respective councils when they enter them. This was explained to the people.

The area patrolled is the most primitive in the Mumeng Sub-District however the people have shown signs of a considerable amount of progress over the past few years. In the past there has been no development of the area by outside interests, this being mainly due to lack of communications, however several leases have been taken up, or are in the process, for Agricultural, business and administration lease and these might be expected to improve development in future.

Medical Assistant L. Tom accompanied the patrol and conducted a health survey in the area.

Diary.

Thursday 17th November. - Departed Mumeng per Station L/R 8.30 and drove to Sam-Sam. Unloaded gear and walked to Sambio Village. Had some trouble getting carriers but was able to get away at 10.10 and walked to Taiak village, arrived 1330, had lunch and spoke to the people re. inoperative accounts and departed and walked to Galawo village, arrived 1530. Overnight there.

Friday 18th November. Packed up and departed Galawo 8.15 walked straight to Dambi village, arriving 12.30 had lunch then spoke to the councillor regarding inoperative accounts. Later on went up and inspected the water pipe that was put in for them by the council. Night spent Dambi.

Saturday 19th November. Departed Dambi at 8.55 and walked to the Piu boundary, changed carriers and walked on to Piu arrived there 12.15 had a talk to the councillor about their coffee and the problems they'd had trying to get it started Overnight Piu.

Sunday 20th November. Morning observed. At 12.30 departed and walked to Gumots village, arrived there 15.00 a heavy rainstorm hampered progress on the latter part of the walk, spent the night at Gumots.

Monday 21st November. In the morning lined all the village for census revision and Medical Assistant gave them a medical check up. Then inspected the village - all the houses, latrines, aid post etc. 13.10 departed and walked to Wowas arriving 14.05, paid off carriers. Spoke to the Tultul regarding the building of rafts to travel down to Babwaf. Night spent Wawos.

Tuesday 22nd November. 845 departed Wawos and walked to Maralango; arrived 11.30, paid off carriers and had-lunch. Then lined the people from Maralango and Zinimp villages for census revision.

That afternoon heard two native complaints one regarding a man who had deserted his wife and taken another one and had gone to Latep village. The second was regarding an unmarried girl who had become pregnant.

Wednesday 23rd November. In the Morning inspected the village and then spoke to the people about improvements to be made to the village and entry into the Huon Council. 10.15 departed and walked back to Wawos and inspected the village. Spent night there.

Thursday 24th November. A.M. lined people for census revision then spoke to them regarding the improvements to be made in their village and their entry to the Huon Council. Departed and walked to the Watut bridge. P.M. split patrol gear and sent half to Maralinan village and travelled with the rest by raft down the Watut river to Babwaf.

Friday 25th November. Lined village for census revision then inspected all the houses and aid post etc, and spoke to the people regarding improvements and their entry to the Huon Council. Departed 1300 and walked to Maralinan, arrived 14.10 and stayed the night.

Saturday 26th November. In the morning inspected the village. A child died during the morning and the people asked if the census revision could be postponed until Sunday so that the child could be buried. Later a group of soldiers of the S.A.S. arrived on patrol from Menyanya. The medical assistant discovered several cases of Yaws and gave them penicillin injections.

Sunday 27th November. Lined the village for census revision, Medical Assistant gave medical checkup in the afternoon departed and walked to Tsilitili village. Later a man arrived and said that the Watut and Markham rivers were flooding and it would not be possible to raft down to Chevasing.

Monday 28th November. Went with soldiers to Tsiletsile airstrip. Their first plane arrived at 10.30, went with them to Lae and spoke to the A.D.C. who was there and also the D.D.C. re. the possibility of flying the patrol out because of the flooded rivers preventing rafting out. Returned to the airstrip and flew back to Tsiletsile. That afternoon inspected Tsiletsile village.

Tuesday 29th November. In the morning lined the people for census revision and spoke to them regarding improvements to be made in the village and entry to the Huon council. After lunch walked to Dunungtung and inspected the houses there.

Wednesday 30th November. At 7.30 lined the people for census revision and spoke on improvements and entry to council. Finished 500, split patrol gear, sent some with one policeman to Wuruf and travelled with the rest to Pesen by raft, arriving 1600.

Thursday 1st December. Inspected the village and then lined the people for census revision. Afterwards spoke to them regarding improvements to be made in their village and their entry into the Huon Council. 11.30 departed and walked to Wuruf village. That afternoon heard a complaint made by the Tultul regarding the A.P.O. and his daughter.

Friday 2nd December. Lined the Wuruf people for census revision and spoke to them regarding their entry into the Huon Council. Inspected the village then at 11.30 departed and walked to Moron village, arrived 1345 and stayed the night, Medical Assistant was feeling sick and did not feel capable of doing too much walking so went instead to Dunungtung.

Saturday 3rd December. AM inspected Moron village and then lined the people for census revision. When finished spoke to the people about the village situation, improvements to be made there and their entry to the Huon Council. Had lunch then departed for Mongamu 1400 arrived at the SOLAP river and found it was flooding as the did not appear to be going down at all and it was too late to send for axes etc. to make a bridge turned back and walked to Dunungtung and sent word to Mongamu for the people to come down to Dunungtung.

Sunday 4th December. Morning observed a man who had just returned from Lae said that both the Watut and Markham had gone down and it was now possible to raft down them P.M. people from Mongamu village arrived so lined them for census revision then gave explanations

about entry to the Huon Council and council work. Also spoke to people regarding the large number of deaths in their village.

Monday 5th December. Told the people to go and build rafts then spent the day waiting while they did this.

Tuesday 6th December. Departed and walked to Watut river there put patrol gear on rafts and travelled down the watut. Spent the night on the bank of the river near the mouth of the watut.

Wednesday 7th December. 6 AM departed and travelled down the river to Chevassing then walked to the main road and took a passenger truck to Lae, picked up an admin. truck and went back out to Chevassing, picked up the patrol gear and returned to Lae. Found another passenger vehicle and returned to Mumeng that night.

END OF DIARY

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL.

The patrol was given a good reception at all times. In all places the people were friendly and quite forward in bringing up matters which they wanted to be straightened out or in which they wanted action to be taken.

VILLAGES.

In general fairly good in the lower areas although not quite so good in the higher parts. See Appendix 'A'.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Several of the village officials have died over the past few years, however because they will soon be joining the local government councils, no recommendations were made regarding new appointees.

Due to a very strong mission influence in the area, most of the officials have only limited influence in their villages.

The mission pastors and teachers, mainly due to better education and a closer contact with the people in their work, have the largest amount of influence. A list of the village officials has been attached as Appendix 'B'.

OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The people over the past few years have been improving considerably. They are becoming increasingly aware of their political obligations and of how things outside their area can affect them. The recent House of Assembly Bi-election that was held in this area and campaigning by candidates helped them in gaining an understanding of why they were voting. The people have also become conscious of the advantages of being in a local government council and in most cases were rather eager to join. Part of my duties on the patrol was to give publicity to their joining the Mumeng Council, in regard to Gumots village and the Huon Council in regard to all the other villages. I found in almost all the villages visited the people had a fair idea of council functions and what joining would involve, they seemed fairly eager to join. No adverse feelings towards the administration or the work that it is doing although they seemed to think that they were being left out of things a bit, and that there wasn't enough development in their area.

AGRICULTURE. Very little change in the agricultural situation from my last patrol to the area in April of this year. Comments and figures for coffee production are as recorded in report Mumeng No. 5-65/66.

At the present there is a European who intends to set up a trade store at Tsiletsile in the near future and this may be expected to boost coffee production in the area because previously the only outlets that they had for their coffee were infrequent flights made in to Tsiletsile by airline companies, or by building rafts and taking their coffee down the Watut river to Erap.

LIVESTOCK: There is very little livestock in the way of domestic animals only a few fowls and some pigs, although the number of pigs has decreased considerably over the past few years and generally only one or two pigs are seen in each village. Most of the people get their meat from the bush as the area is particularly abundant in wild pigs, birds and ducks.

FORESTS: Vide Mumeng patrol report No 5-65/66.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. At present there is almost no commerce and only a very small amount of industry in the way of gold mining although this has almost died out in favour of coffee growing. A European, Mr. E.C. Wickham is planning to set up a trade store to purchase coffee but apart from this there are no other trade stores in the whole of the area.

LAND: Vide Mumeng patrol report No. 5-65/66.

COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES: There were three complaints and two enquiries made during the patrol. The first enquiry was made by the people of Maralanan and Dunungtung villages, they wanted to know if the Department of public health could put an aid post at either Tsiletsile or Dunungtung because they felt there weren't enough Medical facilities in the area. The Medical assistant accompanying the patrol left one of his medical orderlies at Dunungtung tentatively to give some help to the people. The second enquiry was made by the Maralanan people regarding the bridge over the Banir river, they said it was in very bad condition and they wanted to know if the government could give them some wire to strengthen it. I told them that as they would soon be joining the Huon council they could request the council help them.

There were two complaints made at Maralango village, the first one regarding a man from that village who had deserted his wife and taken another woman and had gone to Latep village near Bulolo. The second was regarding a girl who had become pregnant. She had had relations with several men, a few months before. I spoke with the village elders and they said that one of the men she had had relations with was single and was prepared to marry her. The girl said she would marry the man concerned so the matter was settled that way. The third complaint was made by the Tultul from Nuruf village he said that the Aid Post Orderly there had entered the house where his daughter was sleeping and had had sexual relations with her. I questioned both his daughter and the A.P.O. and found that the girl had asked the A.P.O. to come and have sexual intercourse with her on two occasions and on the second they had been discovered. I told the Tultul that as his daughter had actually asked the A.P.O. to come into her house and have sexual intercourse with her he had not broken the law. I then told him that he was as much to blame for allowing his daughter to sleep in a house on her own where the temptation was open to inviting someone in.

REST HOUSES. In general the rest houses were fairly good in the Lower Watut, there was one in each village. and, because there were no particularly long distances between villages, there were none built outside them. The standards of the rest houses and comments are recorded in Appendix 'C'.

CARRIERS, RAFTS, ETC. On the whole the people were particularly helpful when it to carrying, building rafts and paddling them. In the Middle Watut the people like to carry from their village borders to the border of the next village, while in the Lower Watut they generally carry from their own village to the next one. Most of them prefer to be paid in money however they will accept trade tobacco and down in the lower parts where there are no trade stores they like trade goods also, especially shotgun cartridges.

HEALTH. The health of the people in this area is rather poor and has been deteriorating rather than improving over the past few years, one of the main causes of this, I feel, could be put down to the worsening of the health services in the area. Originally there were three aid posts in the area, at Gumots, Babwaf and Wuruf. The aid post at Babwaf has been closed for some time due to lack of staff and because of the trouble the A.P.O. at Wuruf had (vide 'complaints' above) he had left the aid post unmanned for a while, then the medical assistant decided to remove him in case there was more trouble. Because of the shortage of medical services there the Medical Assistant also decided to leave a Medical Orderly at Dunungtung until more definite arrangements could be made.

Since my last patrol in this area when I stated that there were a particularly large number of deaths in Mongamu village, The Medical Assistant has made a patrol to that area and supplied them with some medicines and the people say that their health has improved and no-one has died in the past six months.

During medical check-ups given by the Medical Assistant at Maralanan village, several cases of Yaws were found. These only occurred in the children and consisted of some small round sores, mainly on the arms and legs, and having a bright yellowish colour. The medical assistant treated all those infected, and those living in the same houses, with two penecillin injections.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are no vehicular roads in the Lower Watut at present and the only means of communications are walking tracks, the Watut River which is navigable to canoes, rafts and small boats and one airstrip at Tsiletsile. The walking tracks in general are in good order, although the people tend to let them become overgrown and only cut them when they know there is a patrol coming. There are several bridges in the area, all in the higher parts of the of the Watut river where the river is narrow enough to build them. Nearly all of them are in quite good order, the only one noted that was in bad condition was the one across the Banir River, and the people requested that they be given some wire to strengthen it (Vide 'Enquiries', above).

MISSIONS : Vide Mumeng patrol report No. 5-65/66.

AIRFIELDS

There is only one airstrip in the Lower Watut, that being at Tsiletsile, an old wartime strip. Previously there had been a lot of trouble in getting the grass cut on the airfield, and several times it had to be closed until the grass was cut down to a safer level.

However the Airstrip has now come under the control of a European who intends to buy the 'strip and see that the airstrip is always open.

PERSONAL TAX

There was no personal tax collected this time because the whole of the area will soon be joining local government councils and they will be expected to make some contribution to the council that they join, when they join.

CENSUS

The census figures for this year show a slight increase over the figures for the last census taken in 1964. The grand totals for the two censuses are: 1964 census = 1843. 1966 census = 1936, an increase of 93.

This gives an average increase per year of 2.52%. As may be seen from the figures, the male population is considerably greater than the female population, although there is very little difference between the male and female children. This would seem to suggest that either there has been a large number of women migrating out in the past, or that women are more susceptible to disease and/or have a shorter life expectancy.

DAMBI WATER PROJECT

Whilst in the Middle Watut, enroute to the Lower Watut, I inspected the Dambi water pipeline which the council had started there. The pipe had been laid from a creek, about three hundred yards from the village, down about one hundred yards of the way onto the main walking track. I found that there were several faults in the way that the pipe had been laid. Firstly, one length of pipe was run from the creek down into a fifty gallon cement settling tank and this was alright because it made a filter un-necessary, however the outlet pipe had been set into the tank too high up and consequently only half the water flowed into the pipe while the rest flowed out over the top of the tank. Secondly the pipe was not laid in the ground at all but was built to carry the water aeriually down across the creek and up to the road. The disadvantage of this is that the creek is subject to severe flooding and the next flood that comes will wash away the supports for the pipe and it will fall down and very likely break. Thirdly it will be necessary put the point of outlet much lower to get any pressure out of the pipe. X

The only suitable solutions to the problems that I can see are: Firstly the metal pipes must be taken out of the creek and a plastic one be used, this could be set into the ground by digging a trench around the side of the creek. Secondly the outlet pipe from the settling tank should be reset lower down and thirdly the pipe should be taken to the lowest part of the village to give the water enough fall to create a fair amount of pressure in the pipe.

C.S.B. INOPERATIVE ACCOUNTS

As per patrol instructions I contacted as many of the people with inoperative accounts as I could find and told them to take their books either to Mumeng or Iae for interest to be added.

LAND APPLICATIONS TSILETSILE

Investigations were carried out on the application by Mr B.C. WICKHAM and Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries for two blocks of land near the Tsiletsile airstrip. (Vide Mumeng file 35-1-1).

WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM

At Morom village I asked the people about the deceased, KIRAMUS MOROPALAS and received from the information required by the Dept. of Labour in their memo on Mumeng file 54-2-1. The parents of the deceased requested that his personal effects be sent to them.

R. K. Niland

 R.K.NILAND C.P.O.

VILLAGES

GUMOTS VILLAGE: (i) Housing in general fairly good, an average of 5 people per household.

(ii) A particularly poor site, set on a narrow ridge on the side of a mountain, very little room for expansion.

(iii) Water supplies are fairly good, a small creek about 100 yards from the village.

(iv) A fairly clean village, 2 new latrines had to be built.

WAVOS Village: (i) Housing was rather poor, many of the houses had no walls and some had no floor.

(ii) A good supply of fresh water about 250 yards from the village.

(iii) Site is fairly good, it is next to the Watut river

(iv) cleanliness in the village is only just average and the people were told to remove the pigs and rebuild the pig fence.

MARALANGO Village: (i) Housing is fairly good, an average of 4.3 people per household

(ii) Site is good, next to a large creek although it is subject to flooding in the lower parts.

(iii) Water supplies are good, the people use the creek next to the village.

(iv) village generally was fairly clean, 3 new latrines were to be built

BABWAP Village: (i) Housing in this village was good. This village and all the others on the lower Watut Plain had a habit of building only the roof with no floor, but making beds to sleep on.

(ii) Site is fairly good, also on this lower plain the only important factor in a village site is the proximity of fresh water.

(iii) There is a fresh water creek only a few yards from the village.

(iv) This village was particularly clean only one latrine to be replaced.

WARALINAN Village: (i) Housing in this village is quite good. 4.8 people per household

(ii) Site: good

(iii) Water supplies.: A freshwater creek next to the village

(iv) cleanliness is only just adequate, 9 latrines to be replaced

TSILETSILE Village: (i) Housing is only just adequate, 5.5 people per household.

(ii) Site: good

(iii) There is a fresh water creek next to the village.

(iv) Cleanliness and sanitation is rather poor 9 latrines to be replaced.

DUNUNGTUNG Village: (i) Housing is adequate and fairly good. 4.7 people per household.

(ii) Site: good

(iii) Water supplies consist of a fresh water creek adjacent to the village.

(iv) Cleanliness and sanitation are alright, 5 latrines were to be replaced.

PESEN Village: (i) Housing was quite good, 4.2 people per household.

(ii) Site: only just adequate, could be better. The centre of the village is rather low and fills up with water after rain.

(iii) fresh water creek about 150 yards from the village.

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(iv) Village clean, two new latrines.

WURUF Village: (i) Housing in this village was fairly good, an average 3.5 people per household.

(ii) A particularly good site, the soil around the village is particularly fertile, gardens are good and coconut palms had more coconuts bearing than I have ever seen before, often up to 70 per tree.

(iii) Water supplies are good, a fresh water creek next to the village.

(iv) Cleanliness and hygiene was average only two new latrines had to be rebuilt.

MOROM Village: (i) Housing is of a different type to the lower areas but is quite good for the conditions, 3.9 people per household.

(ii) Site is a poor one, on top of a ridge with very little room for expansion and the houses are too close together.

(iii) Water supplies are not particularly good, especially in the dry season. One small creek next to the village which tends to dry up.

(iv) The village is not particularly clean and because of poor water supplies hygiene is not good. 4 latrines were to be re-made.

APPENDIX 'B'

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

GUMOTS: Luluai: An average official, appears to have a fair amount of influence

Tultul: Also rather average, has less influence than the Luluai.

WAWOS: Luluai: Deceased.

Tultul: Generally considered to be a bit of an eccentric by the people, his influence is hard to determine.

MARALANGC: Luluai: Quite a good official but his influence appears to be eclipsed to a certain extent by the Mission pastor.

Tultul: Deceased.

MINIMP: Luluai: Ex tultul appears to do an adequate job.

Tultul: Nil

BABWAF: Luluai: Rather old and although does a good job has only limited influence.

Tultul: Does an adequate job, has a fair amount of influence.

MARALINAN: Luluai: At present is not particularly liked because he divorced one woman and took another.

Tultul: Quite a good official, does a good job and is liked by all the people although does not have much influence because of his young age.

Tailetsila: Luluai: Rather aged and does not have too much influence.

Tultul: Quite good, he is respected by the people.

Dunungtung: Luluai: Ex tultul is a good official with a fair amount of influence.

Tultul: Nil

ESSEN: Luluai: Appears to be alright, does a good job.

Tultul: Nil.

WURUF: Luluai: An average official appears to take a fair amount of interest in his work.

APPENDIX 'B' (CTD).

Tultul: Rather aged and does not appear to have much to do in running the village although has a fair amount of influence.

MOROM: Luluai: Ex tultul does a fair job and has good influence.
Tultul: Nil.

MONGAMU: Luluai: Quite a good official but there is very strong mission influence in this village and he takes second place to the Pastor.

Tultul: Also a good official but likewise is eclipsed by the Pastor.

APPENDIX 'B'

REST HOUSES

GUMOTS: Rather poor, site is bad on the side of a mountain and is a long way from the village.

WAVOS: Quite good, adjacent to village with a fence around it.

MARALANGO: Also quite good but is on the other side of the river to the village and the river has a tendency to flood.

BARWAF: Rest house is alright but the police house is poor, told the people to fix it up. Is in the centre of the village.

MARALINAN: Quite a good rest house but is right in the middle of the village.

TSILETSILE: A very good set up, well situated.

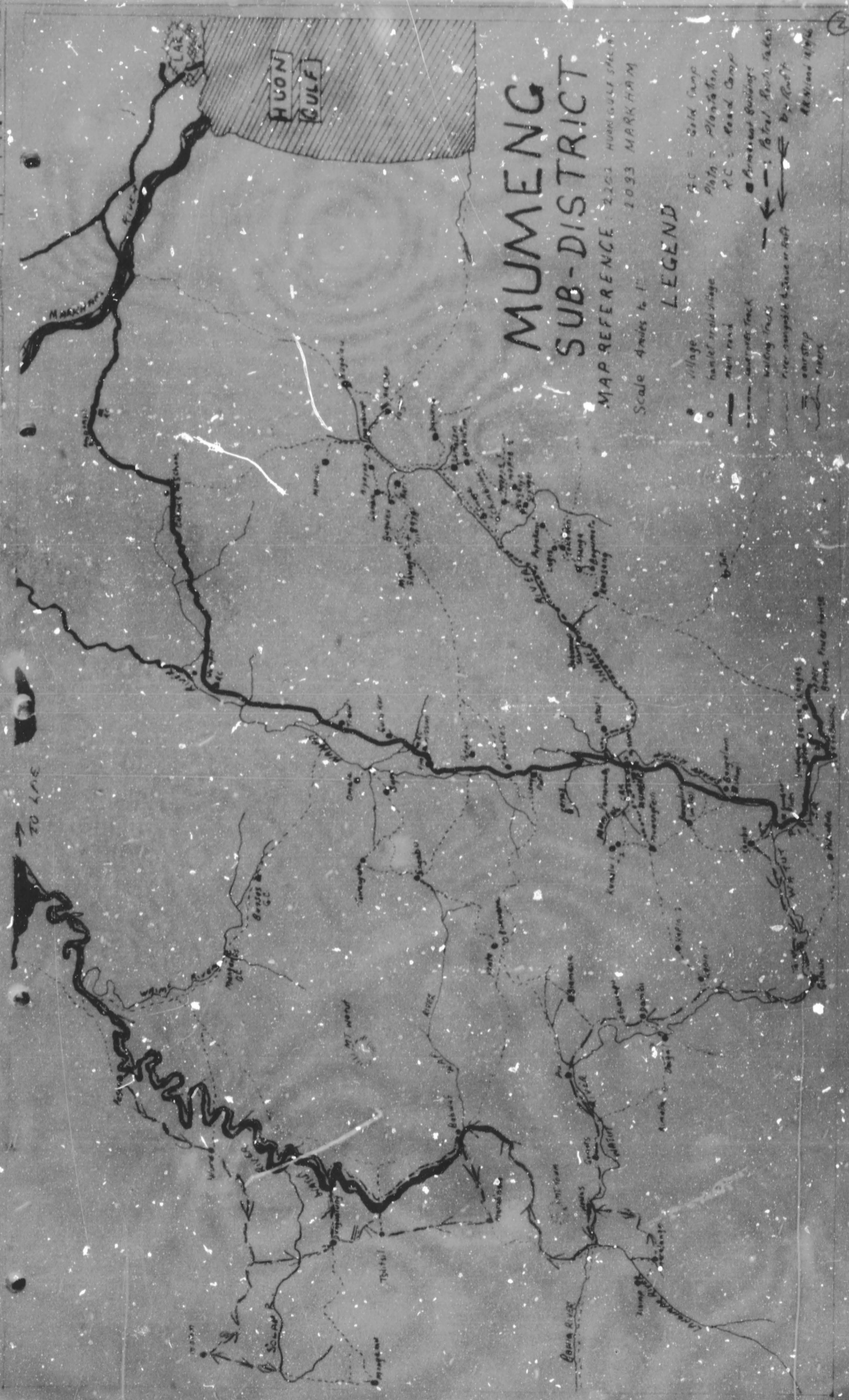
DUNUNG TUNG: As above

PESEN: As above

WURUF: As above

MOROM: Is also quite good but is built too far from the village.

MONGAMU: Very poor, it is much too small and is right in the centre of the village should be removed later.



MUM MENG SUB-DISTRICT

MAP REFERENCE 2201 HUONG GULF SHEET
1033 MARKHAM
Scale 4 miles to 1"

LEGEND

- Village
- hamlet or old village
- main road
- - - - - secondary track
- walking track
- river, navigable to some extent
- non-navigable river
- Gold Camp
- ▢ Plantation
- ▣ Road Camp
- ▧ Promised Buildings
- ← → Control Post (take)
- by boat
- Additional signs

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. No. 6 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by G. J. SCARLETT, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BUANG CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. F. SEEFELD, A.D.C.

M. KONIB, Local Govt Assistant
Natives 1 Member, R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 19./4./1967 to 13./5./1967

Number of Days 25 days (Unbroken)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/8/1966

Medical May/1966

Map Reference 2202 Huan Gulf Special.

Objects of Patrol : Census Revision : Electoral Roll Revision
: Conclude Land Investigation report.
: Cattle Project Land Survey.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

12/7/1967

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
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Morobe District,
LAE.

11th July, 1967.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONELOBU.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1966/67 - BUANG
CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached please find copy of the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. G.J. Scarlett, Cadet Patrol Officer. The report is supported by Village Population Registers and a neat patrol map. Also attached is a copy of comprehensive comments made by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

2. This was a leisurely and well conducted patrol and Mr. Scarlett has submitted quite a good patrol report. It is well typed and set out and it is apparent that the Cadet has successfully carried out the objects of the patrol as set forth in the patrol instructions issued to him. It is pleasing to see a young officer carrying out such a careful patrol which is of far greater administrative value than the quick visits which are becoming all too common these days. Mr. Seefeld's comments adequately cover the patrol report and I have little to add.

3. The Buang people have always been a remarkably self contained and cohesive group, keeping themselves to themselves and traditionally maintaining a high standard in their villages and gardens. They have been renowned carriers on long patrols for many years past. I am surprised to note that Mr. Seefeld considers that there has recently been a decided lack of community spirit and co-operation among the Buang people in some matters. More frequent leisurely patrols of the type now being discussed should correct this tendency.

4. The question of the future development of the two blocks of Administration land in the vicinity of Vagau is currently under consideration by the Morobe District Co-ordinating Committee. It is expected that some definite recommendation will result from the next meeting of the Committee to be held later this month.

5. It is pleasing to note that the Buang Road is now almost through to Vagau airstrip. There is no doubt that the future maintenance of this road

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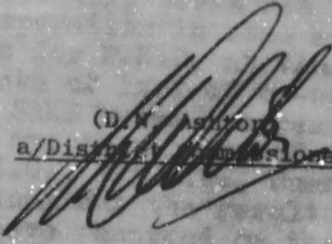
will pose very severe problems. The Commonwealth Department of Works have constructed this road to the very minimum standard in response to repeated pressure from the people and our Department. Although the road is trafficable to four-wheel drive vehicles it remains dangerous in many places, and unless continual maintenance is given to it there appears little doubt that it will become un-serviceable. I understand that Mr. Voutas, M.H.A., is taking independent action to obtain clarification of future maintenance of the Ruang Road. The matter will also be referred to the Morobe District Co-ordinating Committee.

6. It will be noted that trainee Local Government Assistant Mr. Michael Koujib accompanied the patrol and is reported to have performed very well. I am pleased to note the progress made by this young officer.

7. In all, this is a satisfactory report of a well conducted patrol.

8. Matters concerning other Departments have been referred to them.

(D. W. Ashford)
a/District Commissioner.



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Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

6th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Merobe District,
L A E.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT No.6/1966-67 - BUANG CENSUS DIVISION:

1. Attached are original and two copies of the above report, submitted by Mr. G.J. Scarlett, C.P.O. The patrol was of a routine nature, and the main aims were to compile the annual census figures and to bring the electoral roll up to date. I have the following comments to make:-

2. POLITICAL SITUATION: This census division is frequently visited by Mr. A.C. Voutas, M.H.A., KAINDI, as are all the areas within this member's electorate. Mr. Voutas has particularly close ties with NUNIAU village, having been accepted into family membership of one of the NUNIAU clans.

3. The people in this area continue to show a fairly independent spirit and are capable of good communal work when the fancy takes them. It is however noticeable that, recently, there has been a decided lack of community spirit and co-operation in some matters. The lack of effort in improving facilities for P.H.D. at VAGAU is remarked on later. There have been complaints of lack of co-operation between Councillors and directors of the SAKB Rural Progress Society, which has tended to interfere with the smooth running of the Society and with economic activity. The O.I.C., D.A.S.F., Mumeng, has conducted a problem census into this question, but the results were not very revealing. C.D.W. plant operators have remarked on the total lack of voluntary labour in clearing land slides on sections of the Buang road just opened up. I will comment on this road more fully later on.

4. At the same time, Mission influence continues unabated and any request by this body for voluntary labour for any Mission project appears to receive immediate response. An example of this occurred last year when the Mission conducted its conference for the YABIM-speaking missions at a site near LOMALOM village. Upwards of 50 native material structures were built to house those participating, ranging from lang-houses and elevated puppit to cook-houses and latrines. After being occupied for a few days, the buildings were deserted and are now rotting. The preparation and construction probably took as long as 2-3 months.

5. The absentee figure for able-bodied males is particularly high, and this matter is frequently remarked on by those older people still in the villages. This question was referred to in para. 4 of my 40-2-3 of 28th December, 1966.

6. FORESTS: The Forestry Department carried out some surveys in the BOGUMBU area earlier this year, but I have no idea what the results may have been. Re-afforestation would certainly be a worthwhile project as much of the land has now been turned into useless kunai slopes by gardening and successive burnings off.

7. LANDS: The question of the future development of the two blocks of Administration land has been brought up before. My 35-2-2 of 28th December, 1965, and 35-2-2/1-1-9 of 18th May, 1967, refer. Enquiries have been made by ex-servicemen and ex-members of the Police force regarding possible subdivision of the land for agricultural purposes. I think that consideration should be given to such subdivision in the case of the land near BUGAI'AU village (either Portion 367 or 368), in the first instance. The future of the other area, near MAMBUMP village, still rests partly with the Education Dept. Mr. J.P. Sinclair wrote to Lands Dept. some weeks ago requesting copies of plans of the two areas. Have these been received yet? If so, could copies please be made available to this office.

8. Documents relating to purchase of land on Mt. Shungol for a Posts and Telegraphs repeater station were forwarded to you under cover of my 35-1-3/69-1-1 of 5th June, 1967.

9. The land required by BEN DANGU has been transferred to his name, by native custom, at a sitting of the Chiefs Titles Commissioner at Bulolo on 27th July, 1967. A copy of the Application (Form 1) was forwarded to you on June 8th, 1967.

10. HEALTH: Whilst the patrol was at VAGAU, some work was done on improving the buildings and facilities at the Infant and Maternal Health Clinic. However, as soon as the patrol left the area, the work ceased. The Health Dept. team which usually visits the area on a 4-weekly basis, was advised to cancel its visit at the end of May. Since then, it has been reported that the necessary work was completed, and I believe that the June visit was carried out by the Infant Welfare team.

11. Three Aid Posts have been closed down in this census division, due to general staff shortages elsewhere in the District. Following requests by the people, and recommendation by the Council Health Committee, MAMBUMP Aid Post was kept open because of its central position to the headwaters villages. The Aid posts at LOMALOM, BUGWEV and KWASANG have now been closed, and those at MAMBUMP, WAPOS and MANGA serve the area.

12. EDUCATION: The siting of a Primary I School at BABWUMP does not appear to have been a total success. There are no villages nearby, and the teachers posted to the school are not happy with the degree of assistance given by the Parents and Citizens group. The eleven (11) villages comprising the headwaters area are anxious to have the school moved further up the valley, but do not wish to upset the other Busang villages by demanding that the school be necessarily sited right at VAGAU. However, the land available in that area appears most suitable for a school and the matter still awaits some decision by the District Co-ordinating Committee. (refer again my 35-2-2/1-1-9 of 18th May, 1967.)

13. At the same time, it is obvious that one school in the area is not going to solve the whole problem of education, and experience has shown that it is inadvisable to place the school in a kind of "no-man's-land". It would be preferable to site the school so that one village, or at least a recognisable group of villages, is responsible for assistance. The number of school age children at present in the 11 headwaters villages of BUGAI'AU, VAGAU, MUNIAU, MAMBUMP, AYAIYOK, GAMBIA, BUGWEV, RARI, DAWONG, LOMALOM and BULANTIM is 329 males and 333 females in the 6-15 years age group. Projecting the present census figures by 5 years, the totals become 362 male and 346 female children.

14. ROADS AND BRIDGES: The Buang road is now almost through as far as VAGRU Airstrip. C.D.W. equipment is at present working back along to road in an effort to decrease the very steep gradients found on parts of the road. I understand that the allocation of over \$48,000 has been almost expended and that the C.D.W. team will be pulled off the road within the next 10-14 days. Unless more work is done on this road urgently, it will remain unsuitable for commercial vehicles which, after all, was the main reason for the road's construction.

15. Another factor giving concern is the question of maintenance of the present road. Even with all the goodwill in the world on the part of ourselves the people (a factor which I think will be almost totally lacking), it would be unreasonable to expect them to maintain this road with picks and shovels only. C.D.W. have frequently had to pull back heavy equipment to clear slides on the newly made road and such slides can be expected to continue for some considerable time. Mr. A. Vcutas has taken up this matter with the Assistant Administrator (Economic Affairs) with a view to having the road inspected and maintenance arrangements clarified in order to protect the considerable capital investment outlaid on this road already.

16. GENSUS: According to the records, this was the first full census undertaken since July 1963. Consequently it is difficult to relate figures, especially in view of the new forms now being used. However, the total population has increased by 569 in the period, and the present natural increase rate of 8.2 per 100 (over a 4 year period) may be a warning that this area could well present a land/population problem in 20 years time.

17. CONCLUSION: The patrol achieved its aims and appears to have been conducted in a satisfactory manner. The delay in submission of the report is regretted, but was due to the necessity to give preference to the Electoral Roll in other census divisions. This resulted in a delay in the finalisation of the census figures. My own involvement in the Wau evacuation plans also delayed the writing of these covering comments.

18. Trainee Local Govt. Assistant Mr. Michael Konjib acquitted himself well on this patrol. Camping allowance claims for all officers are attached. Also copy of the patrol map, of which 10 copies would be appreciated if this can be arranged.

(P.F. SHEPHERD)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

PFS:MT

18th April, 1967.

Mr. G. Scarlett,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MUMENG.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MUMENG PATROL No.6/1966-67
BUANG CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Please prepare to depart on patrol to the above area on Wednesday, 19th April, 1967. You will be accompanied by Mr. Michael Konjib (Trainee Local Government Assistant).
2. The main purposes of the patrol are (1) Annual Census Revision and (2) Electoral Roll Revision for next years House of Assembly Elections. As this area had its Electoral Roll revised last year for the KAINDI by - Election, the latter task should prove to be relatively simple.
3. Michael Konjib is to assist you in the two main tasks mentioned, and is also to bring the Council Tax Register up to date. He should prove extremely useful, as he comes from this area.
4. I will join you on April 24th, for about 5-6 days, and will start the Census and Electoral Roll revision with you. Do not commence these tasks until I join you. In the meantime, please attend to:-
 - (a) the Certificate in Relation to Boundaries relevant to the purchase of Mount Shungal (Mountain Top Repeater Station). Ref. our files 35-2-4/69-1-1.
 - (b) Survey of approx 10 acres near MUNIAU village for a cattle project for BEN DANGU. This land will be transferred by the clan to individual ownership by BEN, and application forms and sketch plan are required by the Chief Lands Titles Commissioner.
5. The patrol should be completed within 3 weeks, but should not be hurried. Please pay full attention to Standing Instructions, and complete your Patrol Report in accordance with Chapter 1V, part 11.

Map Reference

2202 Highway

(P.F. SEEFELD)

Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. D.C. LAE.

cc. Mr. MICHAEL KONJIB, D.D.A. MUMENG.

THESE ENCLOSURES OF 1967 TO BE KEPT IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND TO BE DESTROYED AT THE END OF THE YEAR. THE PROBABLY BE ALL OF THE VILLAGES IN THIS DIVISION. THE ROAD IS BEING CONSTRUCTED FROM MUMENG, AND TO THE SOUTH OF THE ROAD APPROX 10 MILES FOR AN AREA..... THIS ROAD WOULD BE A GREAT DEAL OF USE TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA AND WOULD DIRECTLY SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-1-4
If calling ask for
Mr. GJS:MT

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

31st May, 1967.

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

MUMENG PATROL No.6 OF 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by

G.J. SCARLETT C.P.O.

Area Patrolled

Buang Census Division

Personnel Accompanying
the Patrol

P.F. SEEFFLD, A.D.C. (6 days)
M. KONJIB Local Government Asst.
1 Member R.P.N.G. Constabulary

Duration of Patrol

19/4/67 - 13/5/67
25 days (UNBROKEN.)

Last Patrol to the Area

D.D.A. 66
F.A.S.P. April, 1967.
P.H.D. May, 1966

Objects of the Patrol

- Census Revision
- Electoral Roll Revision
- Conclude Land Investigation report at "Shungol."
- Survey of ground near Muniau Village for proposed cattle project

Map Reference

2202 Huon Gulf Special

Generally speaking, the population of the Buang area is not so high as it was in their early days. The average village has a small output of coffee as a source of income.

These Buang people have a great advantage over many other peoples mainly to the fact that a vehicular road which is costing thousands of dollars is constructed and maintained in an area proximate to all of the villages in this district. The road is being constructed from Muniu, and follows the Buang River for about 10 miles to the Buang River. The road is a dirt road and is very rough and uneven. It is expected that the road will be completed by the end of the year and will serve the Buang villages as well.

This road should prove to be a tremendous asset to the Buang people in the future and will help to bring the Buang villages closer to the main roads.

INTRODUCTION:

The two main objects of this patrol was the revision of the census and Electoral Roll Revision for next years House of Assembly elections.

Several other minor tasks were undertaken during the course of the patrol these being.

(1) A chain and compass survey of 101 acres near Muniau village in relation to an application by Mr. Ben Langu of Muniau, to obtain a block of ground and establish a cattle grazing project there.

(11) The "Certificate in relation to Boundries" which was required to conclude an investigation report completed by C.P.O. R. K. Niland in 1966. The certificate is in relation to a small block of land situated on the peak of MT. SHUNGOL. (8,978 ft). A proposed tele - communications repeater station is to be constructed there.

Practically all the villages in the Buang C/D are situated in a large valley through which the Snake river flows comparatively slow and shallow; to join with the Watut river near Mumeng. The lower section of the valley is of extremely rugged limestone terrain. Here the villages are to be found only on the slopes of ridges at altitudes of 5000' - 5'500 above sea level. In the head waters region of the Buang river the country becomes less mountainous and here the valley opens up into a large flat swampy area at an altitude of 4000' above Sea Level. There, the villages are found on the gently moderating slopes close to the level of the swamp.

Vast open areas of Kunai grass dominate in this area. Further back into the mountains and in the headwaters area, tropical rain forests can be found, however most of the villages are to be found in the open Kunai terrain. Practically every year in this region the Kunai is "burnt off", the only valid reason for doing this, is to reduce the numbers of deadly snakes, which claim an average of several deaths per year in this area. The area experiences a regular rain fall with the heaviest falls occurring between Sept. & Feb. Rarely does lack of rain hamper agricultural production.

Generally speaking, the people of this area appear not to be very ambitious in their striving for better incomes from their land. The average villager seems contented with a small output of coffee as a means of income.

However some isolated cases of economical advancement regarding primary production could in time emerge into something worthwhile.

These Buang people have a great advantage over many areas, referring mainly to the fact that a vehicular road which is costing thousands of dollars to construct and maintain is in close proximity to all of the villages in this division. The road is being constructed from Mumeng, and follows the Snake river for approx. 16 miles as far as Bulant. From the the end of the present road to Vagau airstrip would not exceed three miles - It will not be a great deal of time before the road will reach Vagau, and thus directly serve the Headwater villages as well.

This road should prove to be a tremendous advantage to the area, mainly in the transportation of produce to Mumeng and other buying centres.

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- PATROL DIARY: 19/4/67. Departed Mumeng 1130 hrs. by Landrover arrived at Mambump via Puang road 1410 hrs. (1 hrs. walk from end of present road.) Established camp, and had general discussions with village people. Overnight Mambump.
- 20/4/67. Surveyed block of ground near Muniau for proposed cattle project. Application form completed. Overnight Mambump.
- 21/4/67. To Vagau Airstrip during morning. Inspection of co-operative society there. Returned Mambump 1400 hrs. packed cargo moved to Bugwev. Overnight Bugwev.
- 22/4/67. Departed Bugwev 0600 hrs. for peak of MT. SHUNGOL arrived at Peak 1100 hrs. - walked boundaries of land involved. - Arrived back Bugwev 1630 hrs. packed gear then moved to Mambump - overnight Mambump.
- 23/4/67. Sunday - Observed at Mambump.
- 24/4/67. Waited at Mambump for A.D.C. Seefeld to arrive. A.D.C. arrived 1215 hrs - arrangements made for census. Heard court regarding unlawful striking.
- 25/4/67. Ayaiyok, Munia & Muniau villages lined and census revised. - Overnight Mambump.
- 26/4/67. Bugwev, Rari & Mambump villages lined and Census Revised - overnight Mambump.
- 27/4/67. Departed Mambump 0900 hrs - arrived Vagau 1000 hrs - village lined and census revised. Inspection of ground for proposed Govt. School. Overnight Vagau.
- 28/4/67. Departed Vagau 0930 hrs - arrived Bugai'au 1030 hrs. Census revised. - Arrived back Vagau 1600 hrs. - overnight Vagau.
- 29/4/67. Departed Vagau 0830 hrs - Arrived Bulantim 1100. Dawong village lined & census revised. A.D.C. departed for Mumeng.
- 30/4/67. Sunday - Observed Bulantim.
- 1/5/67. Lomalom & Bulantim villages lined & census revised. Departed Bulantim 0700 hrs. Arrived Mapos 1 1800 hrs Overnight Mapos.
- 2/5/67. Mapos 1 village lined & census revised. Overnight Mapos 1.
- 3/5/67. Mapos 11 village lined census revised. Overnight Mapos 1.
- 4/5/67. Chimbolak & Sinagei villages lined & census revised. Departed Mapos 1 1400 Arrived Sagaiyo 1445 - Overnight Sagaiyo.
- 5/5/67. Sagaiyo & Siyugei village lined & census revised. Overnight Sagaiyo.

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- 5/5/67. Days census plans postponed because of European Missionaries in villages for a General Meeting - visited limestone caves near sagaiyo & also old burial cave where skeletons are to be seen.
- 7/5/67. Sunday - observed - departed Sagaiyo 1400 hrs - arrived Lagis 1600 hrs - overnight lagis.
- 8/5/67. Lagis & Tukanen villages lined & census revised. overnight Lagis.
- 9/5/67. Pepkani village lined & census revised departed Lagis 1400 hrs - arrived Manga 1530 hrs - overnight Manga.
- 10/5/67. Manga & Bagamatu villages lined & census revised. overnight Manga.
- 11/5/67. Departed Manga 0800 hrs - arrived Kwasang 1000 hrs heavy continuous rain. Prevented work - spent day working on census figures & Electoral Roll Revision.
- 12/5/67. Kwasang village lined & census revised rest of day on figures & Electoral Roll.
- 13/5/67. Departed Kwasang 0830 - arrived Buang road near Babump where waiting L/Rover picked up cargo arrived back Mumeng 1100 hrs.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

It was most pleasing the way in which the patrol was greeted in all the villages visited. Gifts of fresh food were received at all villages and a general friendly attitude was obvious at all times. Special mention should be made to Sagaiyo where gifts of poultry, tins of meat and fish and large quantities of fresh foods were presented on the patrols arrival and any payment for such was quickly rejected. No outward signs of ill feeling towards the Administration was visible at any stage.

VILLAGES HOUSING:

(1) Generally speaking the standard of housing in this division is quite satisfactory and housing structure is quite uniform throughout the area. Typical of the dwellings is the relatively high pitched gable roof covered with Kunai which has an effective life of about four years. The light circular timber framed walls are lined with either rough cut timber boards, bamboo woven matting, and in some cases pandanus leaf has been used. Floors are elevated about 3 - 4 ft above the ground on circular wooden stumps and are lined with rough cut planks or split bamboo. Some dwellings have an adjacent house-cook but in many cases the cooking is still carried out on a fire hearth centred in the middle of the main room. Most dwellings usually only have two rooms.

(11) Most villages appear to be conveniently situated, mainly close to small springs or streams which ensure a permanent all year round water supply. In the lower part of the valley it would prove rather difficult to re-position the villages because of the lack of level ground available. However in the headwater region the villages of BUGWEV and BUGAI'AU are built on very steep slopes when there is ample level ground a short distance away. The people of BUGAI'AU are gradually re-building their village on the level ground closer to the river but the BUGWEV villagers still choose to remain on an extremely steep muddy slope.

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(111) No water tanks are to be found in any of the villages in the area - Water is obtained from small streams and springs which ensure a permanent water supply. However the people of PEPEKANI village have a long walk of about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile down a steep slope to obtain good water for domestic use. To run a pipe from the creek above the village would involve considerable expense; therefore it is suggested that an iron roof be put on the school and one or two tanks installed. This matter will be brought forward at the next Council Meeting.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

(112) Village councillors were most co-operative at all times and proved extremely helpful particularly in the task of revising the census. The most impressive councillors with whom I had discussions about various matters were the Councillors for MAPOS 1. and SAGAIYO villages. The councillor for MANGA does not appear to be very efficient and rather slow in going about his work. Committee men of the various villages did a good job by securing carriers.

POLITICAL SITUATION- The Lutheran Mission has influenced this area for a great deal of time and obviously have a strong religious dominance over the inhabitants. When European Missionaries visit the area there is a tremendous gathering and the people appear to be greatly absorbed by their teachings. However as previously mentioned the peoples attitude towards the Administration was very pleasing and they realise that a great deal of money is being expended in their area, referring mainly to the new BUANG road. Mr. Anthony Voutas M.H.A. for this division has established committees in the villages who help to carry out his work on a local basis. Mr. Voutas has a very impressive influence in the patrolled area.

The extremely high absentee male rate in this area is quite disturbing. Hundreds of young males are occupationally classed as Domestic servants, in the towns of Lae and Moresby, however the actual number employed is very doubtful. Many males from the villages in the lower part of the division are employed as gold miners at Wau & Bulolo. The only employment available on a local basis is with the Commonwealth Dept. of Works on the new BUANG road.

AGRICULTURE. A wide range of subsistence crops flourish in the mild climate of this region. The staple food of the village native, Kau Kau and Yams are grown in large quantities - Many European introduced vegetables are grown successfully; these include English Potatoes, Tomatoes, onions, cabbages, carrots, lettuces, beans and pumpkins. Fruits such as oranges, bananas, paw paw and passion fruits can be found in most parts of this area. There is a ready market at Mumeng for vegetables and fruits of this type. However no commercial trucks use the BUANG road and all the produce has to be carried to the station, therefore much of it is consumed in the village and the income derived from sales of such produce is very small.

The only cash crop of any importance in this area is arabica coffee and small gardens are found scattered throughout the whole area. - The bulk of the coffee production from this area is sold to buyers at Mumeng. As previously mentioned no commercial vehicles use the road as yet and the coffee has to be carried by hand to Mumeng; a good day's walk from the headwater villages. Coffee statistics for the BUANG area are attached.

LIVESTOCK. As yet, there are no native owned cattle in the BUANG area. During the course of the patrol a portion of ground was surveyed in relation to an application by Mr. BEN DANGU of Muniau (BEN is incidently Secretary and general assistant to Mr. J. Voutas M.H.A. for KAINDI). BEN proposes to obtain about 101 acres of ground in the headwaters area near his village and establish a cattle project there. For the most part this block is moderately sloping Kunai and scrub terrain. The lower portion along the BUANG rivers is flat and swampy. The area has been investigated by

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an agricultural officer from Mumeng and classed as satisfactory for grazing cattle.

I had discussions with many of the more prominent villagers about establishment of cattle as a means of income and stressed that most of the division has very good potential for cattle grazing. However many stated that they did not know enough about caring for the beasts and keeping them in good health. The cost of fencing and the actual cost of purchasing cattle also presents a problem to them. It would be a very good idea if some of the more prominent and go-ahead people could be given some sort of course in this field and some financial aid be supplied.

FORESTS. Much of the patrolled area is Kunai and scrub country and little chance was given to investigate timber potential. Perhaps some thought could be given to re-forest some of the open bare expanses of country void of all timber. Much of this type of terrain is in close proximity to the BUANG road, therefore transportation should not be a difficult problem.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Practically every village has a small individually owned trade store. However the goods held by these are very limited, actual turnover small and prices far in excess of the larger centres such as Mumeng and Bulolo. Two well stocked trade stores are situated at Vagau airstrip; one being owned by N.A.M.A.S.U. and the other by Mr. T. Leahy of Mumeng. These two stores satisfactorily serve the headwaters division. Apart from trade stores there are no other commercial activities worth mentioning in the BUANG division.

LAND. Two administration owned blocks of 29 and 30 acres; situated near Vagau in the Headwaters area, have not yet been put to any worthwhile use. Both these blocks would be most suitable for cattle grazing and if leased for such a purpose could prove to be a desirable move.

COMPLAINTS. One complaint was heard by the A.D.C. during the early stage and settled on the spot. No other complaint of any nature were brought to my notice.

COURTS. - One case was heard by the A.D.C. at Mambump village. The complaint was unlawful striking between two females where-in one received a severely bruised arm after being struck by a piece of timber. The defendant was found guilty and fined the sum of \$1.00.

REST HOUSES. Most of the rest houses stayed at were in good condition and in a well maintained state. No suggestions regarding additional rest houses can be made.

The rest house at MANGA, it appears, has been constructed in a hurried fashion and instructions were left to rectify several faults about the place - In addition latrines and cook houses were satisfactory.

CARRIERS:- There was no difficulty encountered in obtaining carriers during the full course of the patrol. However in most cases young women were called upon to carry lighter cargo. The rate paid to carriers in this division is 10c per hour.

HEALTH:- The general health of the people of this division can be classified as quite satisfactory. The health of younger children appears to be quite under control and very few infant deaths were recorded during the last three years. About twice a month welfare nurses from Lat are flown into VAGAU and a couple of days are spent there checking on the health of young children. However this service is usually limited to the villages of the Headwaters area.

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Aid posts in the area are reasonably equipped and many minor illnesses and ailments are treated at these posts. If necessary, patients can be transferred to Mumeng within a reasonable short space of time. The general public appear to be sufficiently educated in cases of snake bite by the deadly adders which are numerous in the lower Kunai country. However one middle aged man was bitten about half a mile from where the patrol was camped and neglected to apply the necessary measures. He subsequently died about 8 hours later.

At the present time there is a move by BULOLO health authorities to close-down three aid posts in the area, these being at MAMBUMP, MANGA, and KWASANG. However this matter, will be investigated more fully at Mumeng Council meetings.

EDUCATION. Practically every village in this division has a small Lutheran Mission School established. The mission schools in the Headwater division are controlled from the Lutheran Mission Station at Malalo which is in the Lae S/D whilst the villages in the lower part of the valley are controlled from Mumeng. A larger Mission school establishment at VAGAU in the Headwaters division offers a higher education to the children of the area. Bambump Primary "T" School situated in the lower part of the valley closer to Mumeng provides a better education to children in the vicinity. Primary "T" schools at Mumeng and BANGULUM also absorb students from this area. Also a large mission school at Mumeng takes students from the entire division. There is a very strong interest in the Headwaters villages to establish a Government School there desirably near Vagau airstrip which is next to the village. A block of land including the Mission school at VAGAU airstrip was inspected during the course of the patrol. Further investigations are to be made regarding possible purchase of this block.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The new Buang road under construction is as yet, suitable only for 4 wheel drive vehicles. Ordinary conventional drive vehicles can negotiate the road in favourable weather conditions for about the first 5 or 6 miles out from Mumeng; from here on extremely steep gradients make it far too dangerous to attempt. Approximately 16 miles of this road has been completed and only about one mile bridges the present point of completion with the final mark at VAGAU airstrip. The actual surface condition of the road at this time of the year is very good. However it must be stressed that before this road can be of commercial use some very steep grades will have to be modified and it is also desirable that the road be widened in some sections. Walking tracks throughout this division were quite satisfactory, except between the last villages of MANGA and KWASANG, where light rain made the steep track very greasy in parts.

CEMETERIES:- Village cemeteries in this area are well looked after and all that were viewed were very neat and tidy.

MISSIONS. The villages in the headwaters region are under the direct control of the European Lutheran Mission establishment at Malalo. Malalo, being situated in the Lae Sub District was outside the patrol's movements, therefore little can be said about actual development there. The rest of the division is under the supervision of the Lutheran Mission at Mumeng. Perhaps the actual influence of the mission can be determined by the well attended church services held daily in each village.

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AIRFIELDS:- The only airfield in this division is the small light aircraft strip situated at VAGAU village. Crowley Airways of Las use this airfield about once weekly with both Cessna and Aztec aircraft. Although the actual strip is very close to the level of the swamp, the surface at this time of the year is very dry and hard. However reports indicate that after heavy rains the surface becomes very soft and muddy in places. No other possible sites for airstrips were noticed.

CONCLUSION:- Attached are camping allowance claims for myself and Michael Konjib.

G. J. SCARLETT
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

G. J. Scarlett

APPENDIX B.

COFFEE PLANTINGS BUANG CENSUS DIVISION.

MUMENG PATROL No 6 of 1966/67

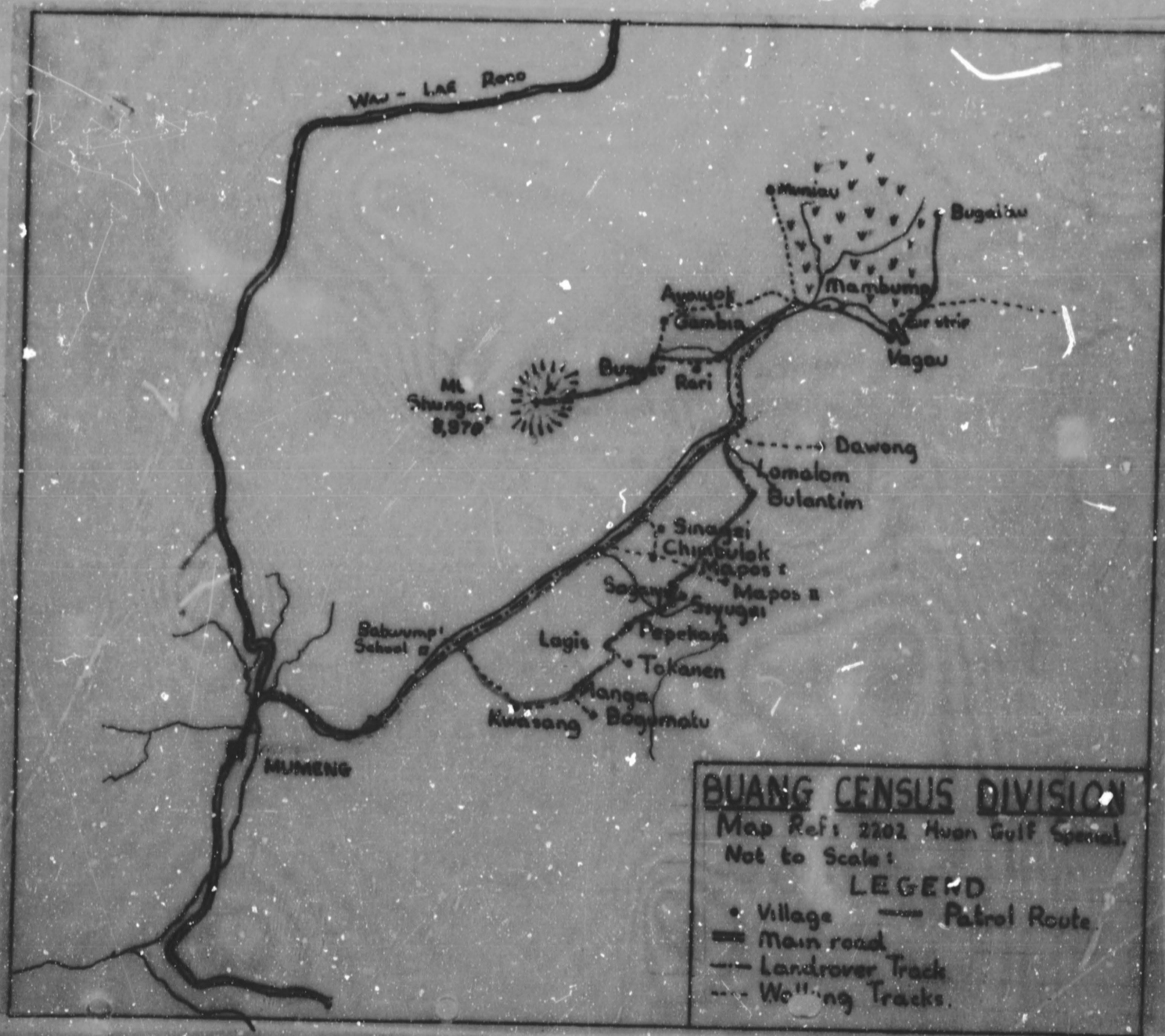
<u>Village</u>	<u>1963 Planting</u>	<u>1964 Planting</u>	<u>1965 Planting</u>	<u>1966 Planting</u>	<u>1967 Planting</u>	<u>Total Trees At April 1967.</u>
AYAIYOK	1395	790	504	583	691	3,963
BOGUMATU	391	54	375	975	116	1,911
BUGAI'AU	3798	1630	1104	1596	1526	8,654
BUGWEV	1957	842	604	521	219	3,843
BULANTIM	2880	1489	1145	1065	1235	7,814
CHIMBLUK	952	102	631	762	-	2,447
DAWONG) GAMBIA)	7900	1307	782	1080	1285	12,354
KWASANG	3048	565	2044	6559	-	12,216
LAGIS	503	114	166	829	101	1,713
LOMALOM						
MAMBUMP	2947	1063	965	1687	1320	7,982
MANGA	989	83	-	798	-	1,870
MAPOS 1.	1320	3711	1392	3890	1352	11,665
MAPOS 1.	440	945	71	2248	114	3,818
MUNIAU	2937	513	339	321	387	4,497
PEPEKANI	330	36	146	290	130	1,432
RARI	3220	810	868	720	754	6,378
SAGAIYO	1125	328	482	551	-	2,486
SINAGEI	2403	606	1642	3053	-	7,704
SIYUGEI	1849	240	734	827	175	3,825
OKANEN	496	20	93	593	-	1,202
VAGAU	7718	1875	1808	1759	1273	14,433

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PRESIDING COUNCILLERS FOR DUANG C/D MUMENG PATROL No 6 of 1966/67

APPENDIX C.

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Councillors Name</u>	<u>Address (Village)</u>
MAMBUMP - MUNIAU	NGAI - MALES	MUNIAU
VAGAU - BUGAI'AU	LAGUM - KANDUON	VAGAU
AYAIYOK - GAMBIA	UMBI - DANDAS	AYAYOK
RARI - BUGWEV	SIUNG - SULUK	RARI
DAWONG	JIVINS SIWEK	DAWONG
LOMALOM	MALI LUK	LOMALOM
BULANTIM	TOM MUK	BULANTIM
CHIMBULOK - SINAGEI	SU KATE	CHIMBULOK
MAPOS No.1	YURAGO WAK	MAPOS No.1
MAPOS " 11	GUSEI GANJE	MAPOS " 11
SAGAIYO - SIYUGEI	MALNOK MAIYOK	SAGAIYO
PEPEKANI	MANGEIM BAPAK	PAPEKANI
LAGIS - TOKANEN	KANDIEN KANDUS	LAGIS
MANGA	NASONK BUWAGA	MANGA
BOGUMATU	KALALOM KALOM	BOGUMATU
KWASANG	WARIN MANIS	KWASANG





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... MOROBE Report No... MUMENG Patrol No. 7 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by..... G. J. SCARLETT, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled..... Part MUMENG Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil.....

JOHN UNGAIAU. Medical Orderly.
Natives..... 1 Member R.P. & N.G. Constabulary.

Duration—From 29./5./1967 to 3/6/1967.

Number of Days..... 6 Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... Yes.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... May...../1966....

Medical March...../1966...

Map Reference... 2202 Huon Gulf..... 2033 Markham.....

Objects of Patrol.....: Revision of Census & Electoral Roll.....
: Estimation of requirements for YANTA
~~water reticulation scheme~~

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

27, 7, 1967

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

67-2-1

PFS:NT

Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

24th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L A E.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT No.7/1966-67

PART MUMENG CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Attached are original and two copies of the above report, a patrol map, and camping allowance claim, submitted by Mr. G.J. Scarlett, Cadet Patrol Officer.
2. The patrol was necessarily brief, due to the pressure of Electoral Roll work, and Mr. Scarlett was only asked for a brief report. The remainder of the Census Division was covered in the period 26th May to 30th June, 1967, by day trips. All D.D.A. officers stationed at Mumeng participated in completing the census for this division, and the final figures are attached for your information.
3. The Mumeng Census Division is, generally, in a favourable position regarding communications, contact, provision of services by the Administration, and economic potential. The exceptions are the five villages visited by Mr. Scarlett, (YANTA, ENGABU, TOWANGALA, OMALA and BUPU). Very little can be done about communications with these villages, as roads into the area would be impracticable and economically unwarranted. Contact with these villages is maintained by patrols, whilst the villages are of course represented on the Mumeng Council. BUPU and OMALA are fairly close to the main Lae - Wau Road (about one hours walk) and therefore are not as isolated as the other three villages. Most of the absent male workers from OMALA are employed by S.D.W. at GURAKOR, whilst employment is also found at GURAKOR Plantation (Mr. E. Ward.)
4. HEALTH. The question of an aid post to serve some of these villages is under consideration. The Dept. of Public Health and the Council Health Committee are in the process of deciding on a location for an aid post. This will be situated on the main road so that the best use can be made of such facilities by TIMINI, GURAKOR, OMALA, BUPU, TOWANGALA, ENGABU, and PAFEP No.2 villages, as well as C.D.W. GURAKOR, and the Mission School at TIMINI. YANTA village will miss out for the time being, but this is largely their fault. The aid post there was only closed down in early 1966, due to lack of co-operation by the people. P.H.D. are prepared to staff it again, if a new aid post is constructed and maintained by the people. For the time being, the aid post orderlies at GUNOIS visits YANTA every two weeks and remains for 2-3 days.
5. EDUCATION. The Mission runs a recognised school at POKWANA (YANTA) which caters for Prep. only. It is likely that the Mission will withdraw its request for recognition next year, in favour of a school elsewhere. The remainder of the census division is served by Administration schools at Mumeng and Bangalum, and Mission schools at Mureng, Kusalu and Timini.
6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Apart from the area visited by Mr. Scarlett, the census division has considerable potential for further economic development. There is some good pastoral land available (although pasture improvement may be required), whilst coffee, vegetables, and fruit, are well in most areas.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2-4
If calling ask for jps/jgr
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
Morebe District,
LAE.

27th July, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District
Administration,
KONE DOBU

MUMENG PATROL 1966/67 - PART MUMENG
CENSUS DIVISION - MR. G.J. SCARLETT
CADET PATROL OFFICER

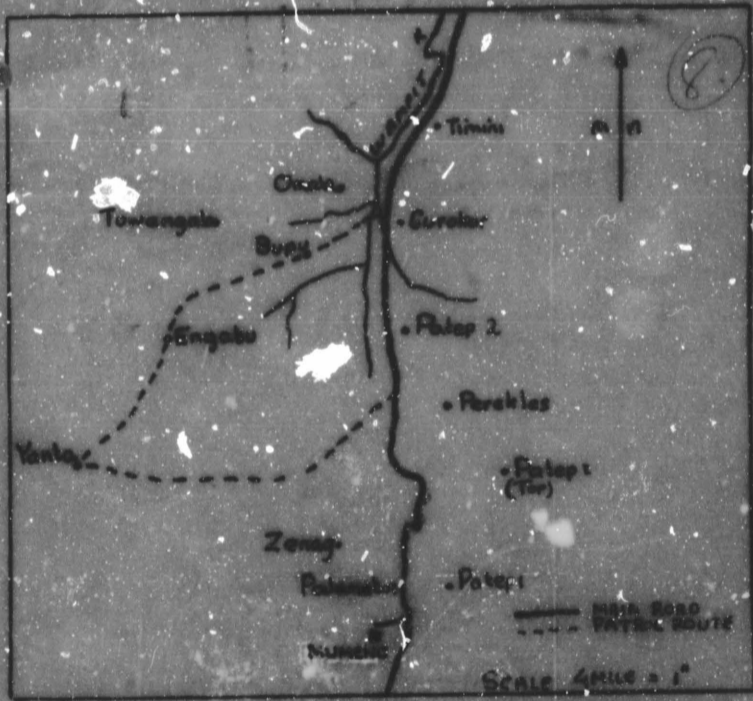
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2. This was a brief patrol primarily in connection with the revision of the electoral roll. The comprehensive comments of Mr. Scarlett adequately cover the contents.

3. Mr. Scarlett appears to have adequately carried out the task set him.

(D. Assistant)
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.
c.c. Mr. G.J. Scarlett.



7. The main barrier to more rapid development, is the constant bickering over land ownership. The Mumeng Demarcation Committee is at present in full operation, but some of the problems which exist appear to be beyond the Committee's present ability to resolve. A Land Titles Assistant has just been posted to Mumeng, and with increased activity on the part of the Lands Titles Commission, it is hoped that some of the major land disputes will be settled. The process, however, appears to be a very slow one.

8. POLITICAL SITUATION. Relations between the people and the Administration are fairly good, and the Council system is fully accepted in the area. Unfortunately, race relations are not the best in this census division. Nearly all expatriated development is concentrated here, and as you know, there exist certain elements which have resulted in strained relations.

9. Mr. A. Voukas M.H.A., is active in this section of his electorate, and has formed a branch of the PANGU PARTI at Mumeng station. It will be interesting to see if anyone stands against him next year, as he was completely unopposed in the Mumeng sub-district in last years re-election.

10. CENSUS AND STATISTICS. The total population has increased from 5095 to 5,598 since the census was last revised in 1962/63. Over this period, the natural inc ease has been 9.6 per 100 population. 688 births were recorded at the census this year, which is an impressive total, even allowing for the period of time. No doubt this figure is largely due to the regular visits made by Infant and Maternity Clinic sisters, and the overall improvement in health facilities.

11. Details of requirements for the Yanta water supply have been forwarded to the Council, and will be considered during the 1st Revised Estimates.

12. Report on Police accompanying the patrol has been forwarded to the Commissioner.

Lee Field
(P.F. SERFFED)

Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-1.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr..... PFS:MC.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
MUMENG

24th May, 1967.

Mr G.J. Scarlett,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MUMENG.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MUMENG PATROL No 7/1966-67
PART MUMENG CENSUS DIVISION.

1. As discussed with you, please prepare to depart on a patrol to all villages in the Mumeng Census Division which are not accessible by road. There are five villages involved, and the patrol will commence on Monday, 29th May, 1967.
2. You will be accompanied by a Health Dept team under Mr John Ungaiiau, who will be giving first Triple Antigen injections. One Police Constable will also accompany you.
3. The main aims of the patrol are Census Revision and bringing the Electoral Roll up to date for next years House of Assembly Elections.
4. Would you please investigate the proposed YANTA water supply project which has been included in the Mumeng Councils estimates for 1967/68. Measurements and an estimated cost of materials is required.
5. The patrol is a brief one and should take about one week. On your return, a short patrol report will be required in accordance with Standing Instructions.

Yanta Water Supply
2002 Huan Gao
2003 Huan Gao

(P. F. SEIFELD.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

G. J. SCARLETT
Cadet Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-1
If calling ask for
Mr. GJS:MEP

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

4th July, 1967.

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

PATROL REPORT MUMENG PATROL No. 7/1966-67.

Patrol Conducted By G. Scarlett C.F.O.
Area Patrolled Part Mumeng Census Division
Personnel Accompanying Patrol. John Ungaiou, Medical Orderly
1 Member R.P.N.G. Constabulary
Duration of Patrol 29/5/67 - 3/6/67. (6 Days).
Last Patrol D.D.A. May 66.
P.H.D. March 66.
D.A.S.F.

OBJECTS of Patrol :Electoral Roll Revision
:Revise Census
:Yanta Water Supply
Map reference .2022 Huon Gulf
.2033 Markham

Scarlett

(G. SCARLETT)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY. MUMENG PATROL No 7 of 1966/67.

29/5/67. Departed Mumeng by Landrover to PEREKLES village, there by foot to YANTA (7hrs). Had discussions with Councillor and other village people. Overnight YANTA.

30/5/67 YANTA village lined and census revised. Spent afternoon measuring pipe requirements for water re-irrigation scheme.

31/5/67 Departed YANTA 0830 hrs, arrived ENGABU 1230 hrs. ENGABU village lined and census revised.

1/6/67 TOWANGALA Village lined and census revised at ENGABU. Torrential rain during afternoon prevented further movement.

2/6/67 Departed ENGABU 0700 hrs, arrived BUPU 1100 hrs. OMALA and BUPU villages lined and census revised.

3/6/67 Departed BUPU 0900 hrs, arrived GURAKOB on main road 1000 hrs. Landrover picked up personnel and cargo. Arrived back at Mumeng 1100 hrs.

End of Patrol.

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INTRODUCTION: The two main objects of this brief patrol were to revise the census and Electoral Roll. Only five villages that are not accessible by vehicular road were involved, therefore comments applicable for this area may not necessarily apply to the rest of the Mumeng Census division.

The opportunity was taken whilst at Yanta, to estimate requirements for a village water reticulation scheme. This information will be forwarded to the Mumeng Local Government Council for action.

The patrol was accompanied by Hospital Orderly, John Ungaiou, who gave first triple Antigen injections to infant children. Treatment for other minor disorders was made available to the village people.

VILLAGE: Housing in the patrolled area appears to be quite satisfactory and no recommendations can be made to improve local building techniques. The patrol was accompanied by two members of the Mumeng Local Government Council who carried out an inspection of sanitation and housing in each village visited.

All villages appear to be conveniently situated; mainly in close proximity to small streams which provide an adequate water supply. An estimation of requirements for a water reticulation scheme at Yanta was completed whilst stopping there. A list of materials and cost will be forwarded to the Mumeng Council. The proposed pipe will replace an existing bamboo pipe line and extend closer to the village than the old one.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: During the course of the patrol the writer came into contact with only a few councillors. All proved to be of great help in the task of revising the census and were most co-operative at all times. The councillor for the BUFU and OMALA ward appears to be rather slow and disinterested. The most impressive councillor with whom the writer came into contact was the member for YANTA village.

POLITICAL SITUATION: As previously mentioned there was a very friendly attitude shown towards the patrol and no outward signs of ill feeling towards the Administration was visible at any time. There is a reasonably high absentee male rate throughout the area, however many of these are locally employed by the Commonwealth Dept. of Works at nearby road camps. Very few women are absent living with their husbands. The aged people appear to be well looked after.

AGRICULTURE: European introduced vegetables are very scarce in this area however large quantities of bananas and oranges are to be found but vegetables such as potatoes, cabbages and beans are unobtainable. However there is a large abundance of native foods such as Kau Kau, Yam and Taro.

The only cash crop found in this region is arabica coffee. Production is sold to buyers at Mumeng and Zenag plantation.

LIVESTOCK: The patrolled area has little potential for cattle because of the constant thick rain forest cover and no open grassland areas are to be found. Several pigs are to be found in each village and wander freely about. Some constructed pig sty's were seen and it was stressed to the people that to keep these animals in captivity would be a most desirable move.

FORESTS: A section of forest between OMALA village and the main LAE - WAU road near CURAKOR would be worth while investigating in my opinion. Although trees are not of a large girth, they are extremely straight and tall. However access to this timber may prove difficult because of the steep mountain slope.

COMMERCE: There is very little effort made by these people to derive income by other means than coffee production and working at nearby centres. The two trade stores that are found in the area have practically no stock and offer very little in service to the local inhabitants.

REST HOUSES: Rest houses were in reasonable condition in all villages except BUPU. Instructions have been left with the councillor and committee men to re-construct the present one. The house police there is also in a bad state of disrepair and they have been told to re-line the walls with a suitable material. Improvements are also required on the toilet there.

CARRIERS: No difficulty was obtained in any of the villages in obtaining carriers. The rate paid is 10c an hour although on the long hard trek between PEREKLES and YANTA (7 hours walk) an additional 5c per hour is quite appropriate.

HEALTH: As previously mentioned, the patrol was accompanied by Hospital Orderly, John Ungaiou. First Triple Antigen injections were given to infant children under 3 months of age. Treatment was also given for minor ailments such as sores, ulcers, colds, diarrhoea etc. It is quite disturbing to note the high child death rate for TOWANGALA village during the last four years, apparently from Malaria, also the aid post at Yanta has been unattended and closed up for the last few years. However if an aid post is to be situated in this area, which is desirable, because of the long walks to Mameng, ENGABU would prove to be most suitable because of its central position in the area.

EDUCATION: Several small mission schools are to be found in the area but the standard taught at each is very low. Census figures reveal very few children attend Govt. Schools from this part of the division, in fact very few reach higher mission schools outside their own village. The villages of TOWANGALA, BUPU and OMAKA have very few children attending Mission schools.

ROADS and BRIDGES: Walking tracks were in fair condition at the time of patrol. However the track between YANTA, and PEREKLES on the main road, was extremely slippery and difficult, after heavy torrential rain.

MISSION: There are no established mission stations in the area, but there is a strong Lutheran influence throughout. Usual church services are held daily in each village and are well attended. Outside educational and religious teaching, the Mission have achieved very little as far as economic development is concerned.

AIRFIELDS: No possible sites exist for an air strip in this area.

CONCLUSION: Claim for camping out allowance is attached.

G. Scarlett
(G. SCARLETT)
Sadet Patrol Officer.

67-2-4

jps/jgr

Morebe District,
LAE.

27th July, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District
Administration,
KONEDOGU

MUMENG PATROL 1966/67 - PART MUMENG
CENSUS DIVISION - MR. G.J. SCARLETT
CADET PATROL OFFICER

Copy of report on the abovementioned patrol submitted by Mr. Scarlett is attached herewith together with patrol map; copy of patrol; village population register; instructions and copy of comments of Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

2. This was a brief patrol primarily in connection with the revision of the electoral roll. The comprehensive comments of Mr. Seefeld adequately cover the contents.

3. Mr. Scarlett appears to have adequately carried out the tasks set him.


Assistant Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.
c.c. Mr. G.J. Scarlett.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. 8/66-67

Patrol Conducted by B. J. KELLY P.O.

Area Patrolled Middle Watut Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

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

Duration—From 29/5/1967 to 6/6/1967

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /3/1967

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Census Revision Common Roll Amendment

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 \$.....

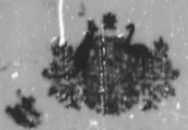
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund \$.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2-4
If calling ask for
Mr. GGH/DH



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

12th October, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

MUMENG PATROL NO. 8/66-67
B.J. KELLY, PATROL OFFICER

Attached please find the report of patrol to the Middle Watut Census Division, Mumeng Sub-District conducted by Mr. B.J. Kelly, Patrol Officer.

This report is very unsatisfactory being extremely short and submitted three months after the patrol was completed. I delayed on forwarding the report to Headquarters pending an explanation from Mr. Kelly. This has been given as involvement in Council work and Common Roll revision. As many other officers in this District have been similarly involved in recent months, I find this explanation inadequate.

I would point out that this report is far below the usual standard of good work which I have come to expect as a matter of course from Mr. Kelly.

D.N. Ashton
(D.N. ASHTON)

a/District Commissioner.

Encl.

C.C. The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

Mr. B.J. Kelly,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

Distroff

67-2-1

PFS/BH

Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

8th September, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L A E.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT No. 8/1266-67.

MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.

1. The above patrol was mounted from Mumeng at the end of May and occupied nine days in the field. The report on this patrol has only just been submitted to me.

2. Because of pressure of other duties at that time, Mr. Kelly was only expected to submit a brief report, together with census statistics. Even allowing for heavy pressure of Council and Electoral Roll work since the patrol was completed, this 2-page report should have occupied only a few hours of Mr. Kelly's time.

3. This is a disappointing effort by Mr. Kelly, who can do much better, as his work with the Council has shown.

4. There are a few comments to add to the report:-

CENSUS: The number of absent males is having a drastic effect on the potential labour force, and is a reflection of the isolation the people feel in this area. As you know, the question of a road into the Middle Watut has been raised on many occasions. The Council have set aside \$1080 in the Draft Estimates for 1967/68. They now await a surveyor to investigate the possibilities and the cost of a road.

VILLAGE STRUCTURE: This again is being affected by the number of absentees, and by the desire to move closer to the main LAR - WAU road. I will be visiting the Middle Watut in about 10 days time, and will look into the question of re-arrangement of Council Wards, with a view to next year's change to a Multi - Racial Council.

5. Camping allowance claim is attached for your signature, please.


P. N. SHEPHERD
Assistant District Commissioner.

(C O P Y)

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Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

24th May, 1967.

MR. B. J. KELLY,
PATROL OFFICER,
MUMENG.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MUMENG PATROL No.8/1966-67.

MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Please prepare to depart on patrol to the above area on Monday, 29th May, 1967.
2. The main aims of the patrol are to revise the Annual Census and to bring the Electoral Roll up to date. Would you please attend to the following:-
 - (i) Ensure estimates of materials and contract price is finalised for the two wire bridges at GALAWO and TAIK. As you know, these projects have been in the Council Estimates for the last two years at least.
 - (ii) Check the DAMBI Water Supply. This was completed earlier this year, but is reported to be out of order.
3. Check with Sub-Inspector Ruru regarding a Police Constable to accompany you.
4. Because of pressure of Census, Electoral Roll and Local Govt. work, your patrol will have to be somewhat hurried. However, the area has received frequent patrols recently by D.D.A., P.F. and Council teams and there should be little to detain you in any one village. The patrol should last no more than two weeks.
5. On your return, please prepare a brief but concise report in accordance with Chapter IV, part 2, of Standing Instructions.

(P.F. SEEFELD)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-5

BJK:ME

Sub-District Office,
MUMING.

24th August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MUMING.

MUMING PATROL No. 3/1966-67.

Patrol Conducted by

B.J. Kelly P.O.

Area Patrolled

Middle Watut Census Division

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol

1 Member R.P. & N.S.C.

Duration of Patrol

29/5/67 - 6/6/67 (9 days).

Objects of the Patrol

Revision of Census.
Amendment of Common Roll.

REPORT OF PATROL

The patrol was received very well in all villages. Quantities of food were made available and all the people were very cooperative. Hospitality was everywhere during the patrol.

RESULTS

The standard of housing in most villages was above average. The usual materials used were bamboo, wood, and thatch. Some of the houses were built on stilts. The houses were well built and the roofs were steeply pitched. The houses were well ventilated and the air was fresh. The houses were well lit and the interiors were clean and tidy.

INTRODUCTION:

The area patrolled follows the Watut River from Sambio Village down to Piu Village. Most villages are situated in the river valley with ample supplies of water and gardening land. The vegetation is mainly tropical rain forest with some large areas of kunai grassland.

The two main objects of the patrol, census revision and Common Roll amendment have been completed and will be dealt with in the main body of the report. Two other things undertaken were the checking of the Dambi Water Supply, which is now back in working order, and the finalisation of contract price for the two bridges at Taiak and Galawo, which was also completed.

PATROL DIARY:

- 29/5/67. Departed Mumeng in Landrover at 10.30 and arrived at Sunsum at 1045. Departed Sunsum 1100 and arrived at Sambio 1130. Conducted census revision of Sambio.
- 30/5/67. Departed Sambio 0700 and arrived at Taiak 0835. Conducted census revision of Taiak. Inspected progress on Taiak Bridge and discussed contract price with carpenter.
- 31/5/67. Departed Taiak 0700 and arrived at Galawo 0900, paying visit to Sonia school en route. Census of Galawo.
- 1/6/67. Departed Galawo 0800, inspected proposed bridge site and then proceeded to Piu, arriving there at 1400.
- 2/6/67. Conducted Census Revision of Piu, Biamena and Gauapu. Informal discussion with people on Council work.
- 3/6/67. Departed Piu 0800 and arrived Dambi 1000. Many people absent in gardens etc., so postponed census until following day.
- 4/6/67. Conducted Census Revision of Dambi and Dangal. Informal discussion with people on Council work. Inspected water pipe-line and gave advice re cleaning and maintenance of dam.
- 5/6/67. Departed Dambi 0700 and arrived Kapin 11 1020. Conducted Census Revision of Kapin 1 and 11.
- 6/6/67. Departed Kapin 11 0830 and arrived Mumeng 1330.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The patrol was received very well in all villages. Quantities of fresh food were made available and all the people were most co-operative. No difficulty was encountered obtaining carriers.

VILLAGES:

The standard of housing in most villages was above average. The usual materials used were a floor of split bamboo, split saplings or bamboo matting, walls of bamboo matting, bark, pandanus leaves or hand hewn planks and a roofing of kunai thatch. All villages were kept clean and in good order.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION:

Having been under Local Government for some years now, the people have a fair idea of the aims of the Government, more so as regards to the local scene rather than the Central Government. However, during the course of the patrol, informal discussions were held with the people, on both local and central government. The relationship between these two was explained, and I feel that perhaps they gained a little more knowledge, and of the role that they themselves play in it.

The native attitude towards Europeans is most healthy, as Messrs. A. and P. Ireland, who are the only two working in the area, treat the natives most fairly and are always willing to help them.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:


The agriculture is mainly confined to coffee as the cash crop, although quite an amount of introduced vegetables are grown for sale to the Council, or at the Lae or Mumeng Markets. There is no shortage of subsistence crops. Apart from the usual pigs and fowls, there is no livestock, although there are areas suitable for grazing cattle.

CENSUS:

The last census revision done in this area was in June, 1963, four years ago. There has been an overall increase from 2718 to 2867, an average of approximately 3.7% increase each year. The natural increase is 5%, which is about average. A total of 503 male adults are absent from their villages at work inside and outside the District. This comprises just over 50% of the adult male population. 105 males and females are attending Government and Mission schools throughout the District.

VILLAGE STRUCTURE:

At the bottom end of the Middle Watut, the village structure appears to be collapsing. Bimalla village no longer exists, most Dangal people seem to reside at Dambi, Gauapu appears to have moved almost completely to Peralabus and the Biama people have moved to a site near Sangas. Considerable thought will have to be given to the forming of completely new wards before the next Council elections.


(B.J. KELLY)
Patrol Officer.

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MORobe Report No. MUNING No. 9/1966-67

Patrol Conducted by G. J. SCARLETT C.P.O.

Area Patrolled LOWER WATU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 Member R.P.N.G. Constabulary

Duration—From 22/5/1967 to 30/5/1967

Number of Days Nine

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/3/1967

Medical June/1967

Map Reference 2033 Markham, 2022 Huon Gulf

Objects of Patrol Revise Electoral Roll

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

10/8/1967

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund \$.....

67-6-57

6th October, 1967.

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

MUMUNG PATROL NO. 3 OF 1966/1967.

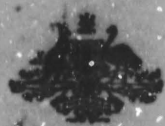
Your 67-2-4 of the 8th August, 1967, refers.

Thank you for the above Patrol Report and the covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner at Mung.

Mr. Scarlett appears to have carried out his duties in a capable manner. I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner that we cannot count a Council to specific projects particularly when it could appear that this is a "carrot" held out to induce the people to join the Council. No promises such as this can be made.

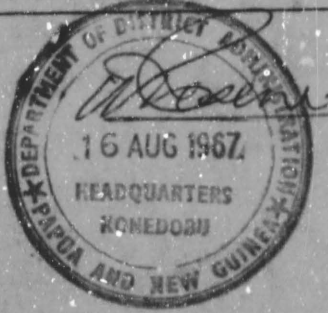
(T. W. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
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Our Reference.....
If calling ask for JPS/CEP
Mr.....



Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

8th August, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

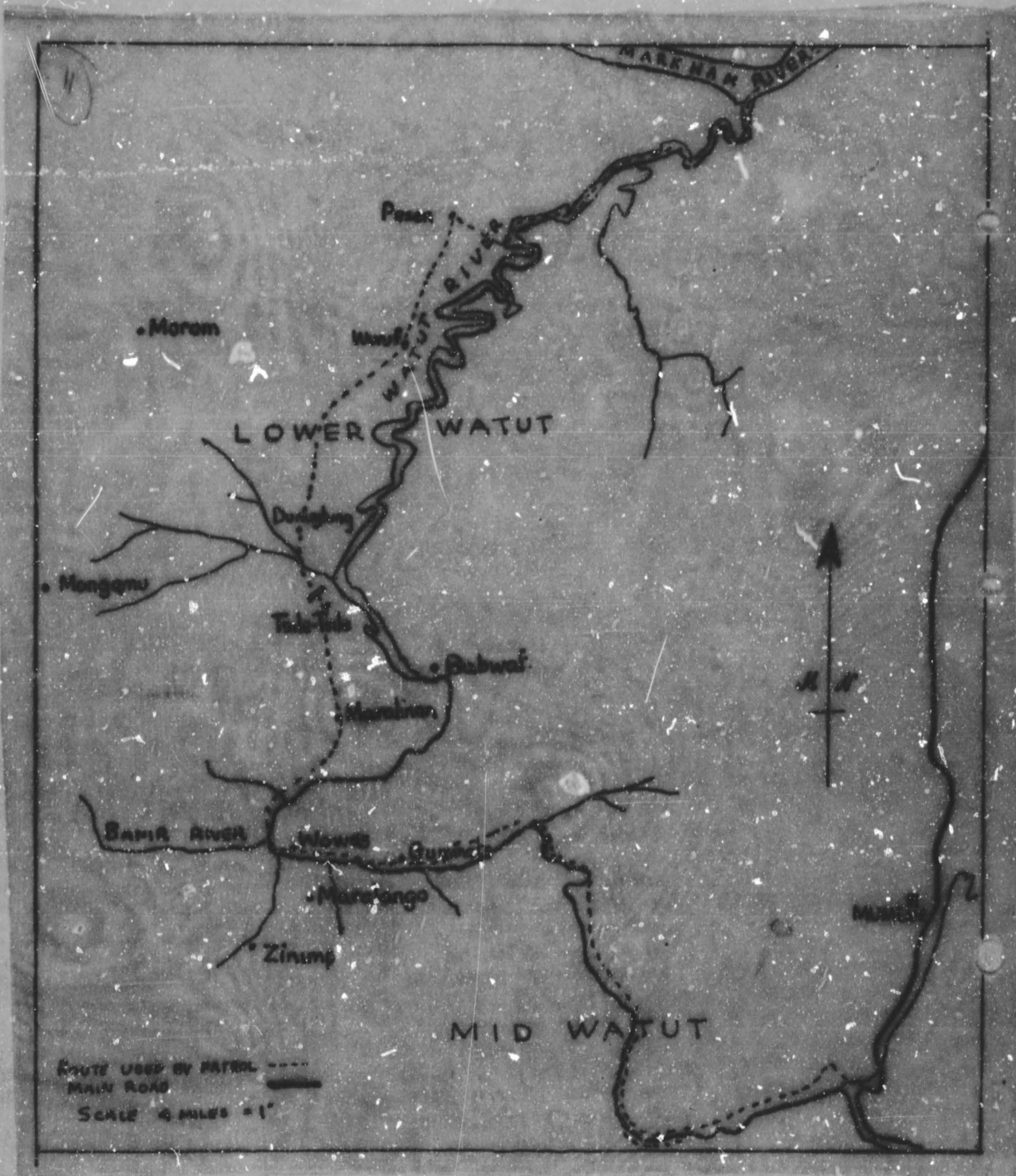
HUMENG PATROL NO. 9,1966/67 - LOWER WATUP
CENSUS DIVISION, MR. J.G. SCARLETT, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Report on the above mentioned patrol by Mr. Scarlett is attached, together with patrol ~~copy~~, copy of patrol instructions issued and comprehensive comments on the patrol by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

2. This was a special patrol in the series carried out to amend the Common Roll. As such, the patrol was successfully carried out and Mr. Scarlett has submitted a brief though quite well presented, patrol report. Matters raised in the report are adequately covered by Mr. Seefeld in his memo.

3. Mr. Scarlett has conducted good work during this his first term in the Morobe District, and I would be pleased if he is re-posted to this District. He is shortly proceeding on recreational leave.

(D.N. [unclear])
a/District Commissioner



67-2-1

PFS:MT

Sub-District Office,
KUMENG.

31st July, 1967.

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

MUMENG'S PATROL REPORT No. 2/1966-67 LOWER WAPUZ
CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Attached patrol report in triplicate, with patrol map and camping allowance claim, is submitted by Mr. G.J. Scarlett, C.P.O.
2. The patrol was necessarily completed as speedily as possible, in order to finalise the Electoral Roll revision for this sub-district by early July. Mr. Scarlett carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner, and his report, although brief, covers all relevant matters adequately. I have the following remarks to add:-
3. This area will shortly be transferred administratively into the Iae sub-district, which will coincide with the area entry into the Huon Local Government Council. Only one village, SUNGUS, will be included in the Mumeng Council. The area had its population figures revised in November/December, 1966, and will not require another census until late this year.
4. REPAIRS. The question of assistance in repairing the wire bridge near KAWALINAN has been raised before. Patrol Report No. 1/1966-67 refers, as do my 57-2-1 of 18th January, 1967 (para 6), and memo 40-2-3 of 23rd March, 1967. At this stage, it is rather too early to commit the Huon Council to any specific projects, and I hope the people in the area do not expect too much as a result of Mr. Scarlett's assurances.
5. RE TRADE STORE - FEILERSILE. A full investigation report was submitted on an application by Mr. B.C. Wickham, vide memo 35-1-1 of 15th March, 1967. I have heard, unofficially, that Mr. Wickham is no longer as interested in this land as he was previously. Obviously the people are keen to know the latest position. Could you please ascertain this, and also advise whether purchase documents are being drawn up for this land.
6. LIVESTOCK. I believe there are two areas of administrative owned land in the area which may be suitable for cattle. These blocks are known as "SWAN" and "LARSOK" and are of 700 and 1950 acres respectively. I have very little on file here regarding this land, but I understand that Mr. Peter Ireland of Sunshine Plantation may have made enquiries about the possibility of leasing. If European development is sought in this area, then perhaps these blocks should be put up for tender.
7. POSSIBLE CO-OPERATIVE ORGANISATION: Mr. Scarlett's suggestion regarding a co-operative society in the area may not be workable, due to the small population and the lack of development. However, inclusion in the Huon Council may well stimulate the area to greater activity and productivity.

This was Mr. Scarlett's last patrol before proceeding on leave on 8th August. I consider that this officer has shown steady improvement during his time at Mumeng, and that he has done particularly well in his field work.

21st June, 1947.

Keelid
(P.F. SEVELD)

Assistant District Commissioner.

The main object of the patrol is to maintain the standard of the area as far as possible. The lower level has been controlled twice since last November, and I do not expect this to be a full administrative patrol. It is hoped that some officers will be brought to your attention.

I will patrol along with a patrol of the area. All that will be required is your presence.

There is no need for a Police Constable to accompany you and only essential patrol equipment should be taken.

(Signature)
Assistant District Commissioner

Received at the office of the Assistant District Commissioner on 25th June.

The above is a copy of the report of the patrol of the area on 21st June, 1947, and is being placed in the file of the area.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephones

Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr. PPS/NT

Department of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
MUMENG.

21st June, 1967.

Mr G.J. Scarlett,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MUMENG.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MUMENG PATROL No 9 of 1966-67.

LOWER WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Please arrange to depart on a patrol to the above Census Division on Thursday, 22nd June, 1967.
2. The main purpose of the patrol is to compile the Electoral Roll for this area as speedily as possible. The Lower Watut has been patrolled twice since last November, and I do not expect this to be a full Administrative patrol. Attend only to those matters which are brought to your attention.
3. A full Patrol diary and a brief "general comments" report are all that will be required from you on your return.
4. Please arrange for one Police Constable to accompany you and draw only essential items of Patrol equipment and rations.

(P.F. SHEPHERD.)

Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams DISADM

Telephone 67-2-1
Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr. Scarlett

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

27th July, 1967.

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

PATROL REPORT - MUMENG PATROL No 9/1966-67.

Patrol Conducted By :	G.J.Scarlett. C.P.C.
Area Patrolled :	Lower Watut Census Division.
Personall Accompanying Patrol :	1 Member R.P.& N.G. Constabulary.
Duration of Patrol :	22/6/67 to 30/6/67 (9 days)
Last Patrols to Area :	D.D.A. 22/2/67 to 9/3/67 F.H.D. June, 1967 D.A.SFF. May, 1967.
Objects of Patrol :	Electoral Roll Revision.
Map Reference :	2033 Markham 2022 Huon Gulf.

(G.J.SCARLETT)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION. This was a special patrol to the lower Watut census division, with the main task being to complete the revision of the Electoral Roll as quickly as possible. The area has had two full administrative patrols since November, 1966, therefore usual administrative duties were not fully covered. However several matters that were brought to the writer's attention, namely regarding economical development of the area, were fully discussed.

It is quite noticeable how the people of the lower Watut are at a less advanced stage, both socially and economically than the remainder of the Sub District. The area is the only part of the Sub District that is not included in a Local Government Council. Meetings held in the past indicate that the people of the division wish to be included in the Hon. L.G.C., however GUMONS village desires to join the Mumeng Council. Inclusion into a Council should prove to be of great value to the inhabitants of the area.

Most of the villages are situated on a mosquito infested river plain which is a continuation of the Markham river valley and continues for about ten miles along the lower reaches of the Watut river. Here the muddy river flows slowly and is easily navigable by small boat or raft for most of the year.

The entire division experiences a coastal type climate and for the most part the vegetation consists of coastal type rain forest, however large areas of open forest grass are to be found throughout.

PATROL DIARY.

- 22/6/67. Departed Mumeng per Landrover for SAMBAM Plantation at 1100 hrs. From SAMBAM to SAMBIO (2 hrs.) Departed SAMBIO 1530 hrs. arrived TALAK 1800 hrs. Overnight TALAK.
- 23/6/67. Departed TALAK 0830 hrs. arrived GALAWO 0930. Changed carriers and proceeded to DANBI, arrived there 1430 hrs. Overnight DANBI.
- 24/6/67. Departed DANBI 0830 hrs. arrived PIU 1130 hrs. Changed carriers, arrived GUMONS 1230 hrs. Revised Electoral Roll for GUMONS and had discussions with village people.
- 25/6/67. Sunday, Departed GUMONS 0800 hrs. arrived WOWES 0900 hrs. Revised Electoral Roll for WOWES, ZINIMP and MARALANAO villages. Overnight WOWES.
- 26/6/67. Departed WOWES 0830 hrs. arrived MARALINAN 1330 hrs. Revised Electoral Roll for MARALINAN and BABWAF villages. Overnight MARALINAN.
- 27/6/67. Departed MARALINAN 0900 hrs. arrived TSILE TSILE 1030 hrs. Revised Electoral Roll and moved on to DUNUNTUNG (1 hrs.) Revised Electoral Roll for DUNUNTUNG, MONOM and MORGAMU. Overnight DUNUNTUNG.
- 28/6/67. Departed DUNUNTUNG 0600 hrs. arrived. WINUF 1130. Revised Electoral Roll and moved on to PESEN (2 hrs). Overnight PESEN.
- 29/6/67. By Canoe down the WATUT River from PESEN. After 7 hrs. drifting, arrived at Crocodile Shooters camp near the junction of the WATUT and MARKHAM rivers. Overnight there.
- 30/6/67. By canoe from the mouth of the WATUT river, down the MARKHAM River to near. CHIVASIA Primary "T" School (2 hrs). Picked up KALAPIT Council truck and proceeded to LAE. Sent vehicle back to pick up cargo and then by vehicle back to MUMENG.

- End of Patrol -

VILLAGES. As previously mentioned little time was available to carry out an inspection of housing and sanitation in the various villages, however it was quite obvious that an effort had been made prior the patrols arrival to clean up the villages.

Water supply in the Lower Watut is rather doubtful in some villages and some suggestions could be made, namely installation of water tanks, as a means of obtaining water.

COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES. The only complaint brought to the writers notice was at MARALINAN, where the wife of a Hospital Orderly, complained that he was periodically beating her, apparently for her having associations with another man about ten years ago. I warned him about this dubious practice and told him that if another complaint arises regarding this he will be charged and taken to court.

ENQUIRIES. (1) The first enquiry was regarding the old suspension bridge over the Watut river between WOWAS and MARALINAN villages. At the present time it is extremely dangerous to negotiate because of the rotting timber decking and slack supporting cables. It was requested that aid be given in the purchasing of some arc mesh which would replace the rotting planks. It is also required that the old supporting cables be tightened and other broken wires be replaced. Here, I stressed to the people that if they were included in a Local Government Council the Councillor involved could immediately request for such items at a Council meeting, and it would be most likely that the money would be made available.

(11) There is widespread interest to the DUNUNTUNG, TSILE-TSILE area regarding the establishment of a European Trades store at TSILE TSILE. The people of this area claim that, to sell their coffee, they have to construct rafts and raft it down the Watut and Markham rivers as far as Erap where it is purchased. On some occasions it has been rafted down the Markham river as far as the Markham bridge, just outside Lae. Obviously the long walk back to the village does not help to encourage increased production amongst growers.

The nearest trade store to the area is at least a good two to three days walk. Items such as Tobacco, Sugar, Salt, Clothes, Kerosine and Shotgun cartridges are tremendously scarce. An application has been made by Mr. R. Wickham of Lae, for a portion of ground at TSILE-TSILE, in order to establish a trade store there, but as yet nothing has evolved. I was handed a petition signed by many of the leading officials in the area, requesting that Mr. John White, general trader of MUMENG, be asked if he is interested in establishing a store at TSILE TSILE. However, Mr. White is uncertain if such a venture would prove worthwhile because of the small amount of cash crops grown in the area and the lack of incomes derived from such.

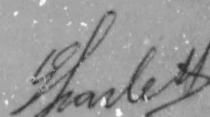
LIVESTOCK. Throughout most of the Lower Watut area there is fairly good cattle potential, probably only suitable for low land type cattle. At the present time there are no stock to be found in the area and the large expanses of level and moderately undulating Kunai grass terrain is lying idle.

There were a few enquiries regarding the purchase of cattle but generally there was little interest shown by the majority of people in developing such an industry. However the main factor that hampers such development in the area is the isolation from road points and larger productive centres. Some advantage could be taken of the old war time airstrip at TSILE-TSILE, which, if improved could handle DC 3 or similar aircraft. However if cattle had to be driven into the area the only suitable way at present would be to bring them along the main Lae-Goroka road past Chivasing and march them across the Markham river and then through flat easily accessible country into the area.

To bring them from SAMSAM near Mumeng would be out of the question because of the several necessary bridge crossings over the Watut river and narrow dangerous bridle track.

CROCIDILE INDUSTRY. At present there are no local inhabitants deriving income from crocodile skins. Several young Sepik men have established a camp near the mouth of the Markham river and are making a good income from such. Several European shooters have been in the area and shot crocodiles as far up the Watut river as TSILE TSILE. However the numbers of these reptiles has apparently diminished over the last few years and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find them in sufficient numbers to be worthwhile.

CONCLUSION. The economical and social development of this area mainly rests in the hands of the people themselves. They are relying on a European to establish a trade store in the area when the people themselves could in fact form some sort of co-operative and establish their own buying and selling organisation. Inclusion into a Local Government Council should help the inhabitants to realise that they must attempt to help themselves and not be so reliant on both Administration and Mission aid in the future.



(G.J. SCARLETT)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

REPORT ON R.P. & N.G. CONSTABULARY.
MUMENG PATROL No 9/1966-67.

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<u>No</u>	<u>Reg No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
	11685	Pacyangan	T/Constable	Good	Keen and Alert, Good Patrolling Constable.

G. J. Scarlett
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Cadet Patrol Officer.

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REPORT ON R.P. & N.G. CONSTABULARY.
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Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 1 - 66/67

Patrol Conducted by I.K. McIntosh Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled NORTHERN CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans D.S. CHRISTIAN E.M.A.

A. Yobking A.P.O.

Natives Maswas Interpreter.

2 members R.P.&N.G.C

Duration—From 15/7/1966 to 9/8/1966

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Oct/1964

Medical Mar/1966

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol By Election KAINDI

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14/ 9/1966

District Commissioner

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

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

Amount Paid from P.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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67-6-7

15th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Merobe District,
L.A.R.

KENYANJA PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. McIntosh's report of a patrol to the Northern Census Division to conduct the Kaindi Bi-elections in that area.

2. The report adequately covers the patrol and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyanja further emphasise some points raised.

3. No other comments are pertinent at this stage.

(J. K. McCarthy)
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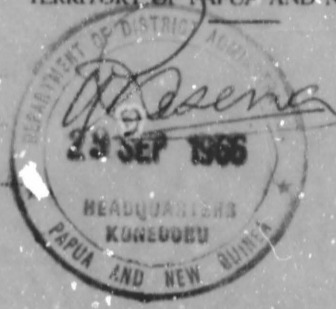
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2-5
If calling ask for
Mr. Sinclair/rmr



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

14th September, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
LAE.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 1 - 1966/67.

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I attach the abovementioned patrol report which is supported by patrol map and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Menyamya. No written patrol instructions were apparently issued as the prime purpose of this patrol was the conduct of the Kaindi By-Election in the Northern Census Division.

2. Mr. Lang's remarks adequately cover the content of this short report.
3. It is pleasing that the polling team was so well received in this primitive area.
4. Matters concerning other Departments have been passed to them.

(D. N. [Signature])
A/District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

In Reply Please
Quote No. 67-I-I

Sub-District Office,
MENYAMYA,
Morobe District,

7th September, 1956.

ML/ML

District Commissioner,
District Office,
L A E.

MENYAMYA PATROL REPORT - No. I - 66/61.

Attached please find original and two copies of the above-mentioned report, submitted by Mr. McINTOSH.

1. This was an electoral patrol, one of three in this Sub-District for the purpose of the KAINDI by-election. The other two patrols were conducted by myself and by Mr. BRADBURY, and Patrol Maceranda in respect of these patrols have already been forwarded to you.
2. Mr. McINTOSH's report, a short one, is considered to be adequate taking into account the nature of the patrol. Electoral information has already been forwarded to the Returning Officer WAU for inclusion in his report.
3. Generally speaking, the elections went off without serious hitch although the MENYAMYA system of naming individuals is likely to cause some confusion when a roll or other list is being used. This situation could perhaps be improved after the establishment of a council and a Births, Deaths and Marriages Register is maintained.
4. Some coffee has been established in this Census sub-Division, but in view of present agricultural policy it appears likely that the idea will not proceed much further.
5. This area is to be patrolled again shortly by Mr. BRADBURY in connection with the area survey.
6. Camping Allowance claim attached for signature please.

M. Lang

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(M. Lang)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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

10th August, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
MENYAMYA.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO.1 - 66/67.

OFFICER CONDUCTING.

I.K.McIntosh P.O.

ACCOMPANIED BY.

D.S.Christian E.M.A.

A.Yoboking A.P.O.

Maswas Interpreter.

2 members R.P.&N.G.C.

DURATION.

15/7/66 to 9/8/66

Of 26 days duration.

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

Conduct By-Station for the
KAINDI Elect. Sta.

Deal with other matters of
routine administration as they
arise.

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I.K.McIntosh P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

The Northern Menyama Census Division has been patrolled regularly since the re-opening of Menyama in the early fifties. The people in this area, although very primitive, are friendly and law abiding, and only a few minor disputes were brought to the notice of the patrol.

Objects of the patrol were as follows:-

- (1) Conduct By-Election For the KAINDI Electorate.
- (2) Routine Administration.

Typical of the Menyama Sub-District, the topography is very rugged, made up of kunai hills up to approximately 4500 feet A.S.L. At this altitude the flora turns to tropical rain forest. The villages in this area were situated mainly between 4500 - 5500 feet, and were found where the kunai met the forest bush lands. There is little wild life in this C.D except for a small number of parrots. Domestic pigs and fowls supply a limited amount of protein.

The climate throughout the area was pleasant, but could become quite cold during the night. Heavy rain fell on most days during the afternoon, and at times hindered the work of the patrol.

DIARY.Friday 15th July.

Morning spent preparing patrol equipment and bringing office duties up to date. One trip made by land rover to Concordia with equipment. Departed Menyama by tractor at 1500 hours arriving at Concordia at 1540 hours. Carriers assembled and patrol departed for MENYA at 1600 hours. Arrived MENYA at 1800 hours. Overnight.

Saturday 16th July.

Polling began at 0800 hours. EIWAGI and TUAPAI-ARI hamlets completed during the day. Heavy rain began at 1530 hours preventing further polling. Overnight.

Sunday 17th July.

Sunday - Observed.

Monday 18th July.

Polling began at 0800 hours. MENYA and TAIGWA hamlets completed. Instructions given to Luluai to have carriers assembled by 0700 hours. Overnight.

Tuesday 19th July.

Departed MENYA at 0745 hours. Arrived HENGELAKAPA village at 1200 hours. People had not assembled due to heavy rain. Discussion held during late afternoon to brief people on election requirements. Discussion continued until 0800 hours. Overnight.

Wednesday 20th July.

Polling began at 0800 hours. HENGELAKAPA, TSINJANGOGWI and KAIMIAVI hamlets were completed during the day. Luluai of the UMBA hamlets asked to have the people ready for polling on the 22nd. Overnight.

Thursday 21st July.

Departed HENGELAKAPA hamlet at 0900 hours. Arrived UMBA village at 1300 hours. UMBA village completed this day. Overnight.

Friday 22nd July.

Polling began at 0800 hours. AIOGWEI and KWANDAGOGI hamlets completed during the day. A number of minor disputes heard and arbitrated. Closer hamlets inspected and found to be clean. New Tul Tul appointed and his name entered up in the village book. Overnight.

Saturday 23rd July.

Departed UMBA at 0800 hours. Arrived at AIWOMBA village 1130 hours. Polling began at 1300 hours. The hamlets of SAWETMOVE and WABIJIGA were completed during the day. A number of complaints brought to the patrol's notice. These will be seen to after polling is completed. The Rest house here is very shabby, and is to be replaced on Monday. A permanent Aid Post is also to be built. Overnight.

Sunday 24th July.

Sunday - Observed.

Monday 25th July.

Polling began at 0800 hours. KAIPWAGWANAPA and LUSIAGAR hamlets completed this polling day. Rest House, Police Quarters and Aid Post completed by night fall. Five minor complaints heard and arbitrated. Little time to inspect village, but what was seen, seemed to be quite clean and tidy. Some houses in need of repair. Overnight.

Tuesday 26th July.

Torrential rain prevented the patrol from moving to the next polling centre. Discussions held with village officials re constant road maintenance and upkeep of the village and surrounding areas. Overnight.

Wednesday 27th July.

Departed AIWOMBA at 0800 hours en route for ITONGGWANA polling centre. Arrived at 1530 hours. Luluai instructed to have the people lined by 0745 hours the following morning. Overnight.

Thursday 28th July.

Polling began at 0800 hours. The hamlets of ITONGGWANA, KARAPAIWI and KWEKWI were completed during the days polling. People asked to assemble in the morning to carry the patrol equipment to the next polling place. No complaints. Overnight.

Friday 29th July.

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Departed ITONGGWANA at 0830 hours en route for WAIYERPA. Arrived at 1430 hours. Brief inspection made of closer hamlets. Village clean, but many of the houses in need of repair. People asked to be at the polling centre at 0730 hours. Overnight.

Saturday 30th July.

Polling began at 0815 hours. People took some time to assemble. SESERE not yet back from mission meeting in the Lower Watut. The hamlets of WAIYERPA and KATION were completed this day. Overnight.

Sunday 31st July.

Sunday - Observed.

Monday 1st August.

Able to complete SESERE although heavy rain hindered polling. Due to the rain the patrol did not leave WAIYERPA for ARIFOGO. Will proceed tomorrow. People told to be ready to carry the patrol equipment early the following morning. Overnight.

Tuesday 2nd August.

Departed WAIYERPA en route for ARIFOGO at 0830 hours. Arrived at 1500 hours. Luluais of various hamlets instructed to have their people assembled by 0730 hours the following morning. Overnight.

Wednesday 3rd August.

Polling began at 0800 hours. The hamlets of ARIFOGO and WAKOPA were completed during the day. New police quarters ~~built~~ new latrines for rest house and police built. Overnight.

Thursday 4th August.

Polling began at 0800 hours. KWASIMERGA hamlet completed. Departed ARIFOGO for AWEREPA village at 1015 hours. Arrived at 1235 hours. AWEREPA people voted during the afternoon. One case of adultery brought to the notice of the patrol. Sent to Menyanya to appear before the local court. Overnight.

Friday 5th August.

Departed AWEREPA for mission centre at 0815 hours. Arrived HIMERKA village at 1300 hours. Instructions given to head men of HIMERKA and YINIMBA to have the people ready for polling the following day. Overnight.

Saturday 6th August.

Polling began at 0800 hours. The two hamlets of HIMERKA and YINIMBA completed during the day. No complaints from this area. Rest house quite good. Village quite away from rest house - inspected only closer hamlets. Overnight.

Sunday 7th August.

Sunday - Observed.

Monday 8th August.

Polling began at 0800 hours. The hamlets of JIPA, KANOGOGEI and WAPIAKAMAGA were completed, thus the Elections were brought to a close. A number of minor complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol. These were arbitrated in the village. Overnight.

Tuesday 9th August.

Departed for MENYAMYA at 1200 hours. Arrived at 1300 hours. Carriers paid and patrol equipment packed away. Rest of the day spent at office going through outstanding mail.

End of Diary.NATIVE AFFAIRS.

As this was a special patrol, with only a certain amount of time to complete the Elections, it was only possible to spend a limited amount of time attending to routine Administration.

The By-Election in the Northern Census Division was conducted quite smoothly within the required time. During the revision of the Common Roll which took place shortly before the actual elections, propaganda talks were given at all the polling centres. Thus the people were familiar with election requirements. Only at HENGEIAKAPA hamlet did the people ask to have details explained to them again. Each evening, the head men of the various hamlets that were to poll the following day, were asked to have the people ready by 0730 hours. The people had usually arrived by 0745 hours, and polling was not hindered by late attendance.

VILLAGES.

In this C.D. there are no complete villages, only small groups of hamlets under the supervision of a Government Luluai. At MENYA, HENGEIAKAPA and ARIFOGO it was noticed that hamlet groupings were much larger. I believe this has happened because there is no longer the fear of intruding fight groups, and the people have moved from the ridges to the river flats which provide richer soil. The village people maintain a family garden usually situated some distance from the main settlement. A crude house is built and during planting or harvesting the people live in this dwelling.

It was possible to inspect a number of the closer hamlets at each polling centre, and in general these were found to be quite clean. Many of the houses are very old, and in a few cases the luluai of the area was instructed to see that repairs were carried out.

Pig fences were found around a few scattered hamlets, but pigs are still causing a considerable amount of damage to gardens. It will be some time before gardens are completely fenced off and the numerous complaints caused by pigs cease.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Generally the walking tracks throughout this area were of quite a good standard. It was obvious that the people had spent a great deal of time clearing the tracks just before the patrol entered the C.D. The people of JIPA and MENYA have started to build a vehicular road from Concordia, and at the present stage, it is possible to drive a tractor as far as JIPA. With a little extra work on bridges, it will also be possible to drive the landrover to this village.

EDUCATION.

A Primary T School is situated at the Concordia Mission station catering for students up to standard six. The closer villages have been sending their children to the school since it was opened up at the start of the school year in 1965. A number of children who have completed their primary schooling have been sent to the Mission school at Siassi to further their education.

Native Evangelists in the hamlets of the outer areas provide elementary schooling with ~~the~~ religious training.

REST HOUSES.

With the exception of AIWOMBA, rest houses in this C.D were in good condition. The rest house at AIWOMBA had completely fallen down. At this hamlet, new police quarters and an Aid Post were built as well as a new rest house.

HEALTH.

Report Appended.

AGRICULTURE.

Cash crops throughout this area were only introduced a few years ago, and only now are the people receiving a return from these crops. Coffee, the first of these cash crops to be introduced, was seen in and around MENYA, ARIPOGO and AIWOMBA. Although the areas planted were not large, it seemed that the owners were spending some time weeding the plots, and in general taking a certain amount of care with them. Compared with other areas I have seen in the Menyama Sub-District, they were well looked after.

Centrosema, the second cash crop to be introduced, was seen only between the villages of MENYA and JIPA. This crop which brings in a return after 12 months is becoming popular right throughout the Sub-District, and should spread further into the Northern C?D in the near future.

MISSIONS.

The Lutheran Mission is the only active mission in

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this Census Division. The mission station at Concordia has sent Evangelists to MENYA, HENGELAKAPA, and ARIFOGO, and these men have had a settling influence on the people of this area. Sesere and Katsion are visited each year by the New Guinea Lutheran Mission from Lae, and at the time of the patrol these people were just returning from a meeting in the Lower Watut. There are evangelists in both these villages.

COURTS & COMPLAINTS.

Only one case that needed court action was brought to the notice of the patrol. This was heard at ARIFOGO, and all those connected with the case were sent back to MENYAMYA to wait court.

Minor disputes were heard and arbitrated while the patrol was in the field.

CONCLUSION.

All objects of the patrol were accomplished successfully, and a clear insight of the area its problems and people was gathered.

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