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PATROL REPORTS MADANG DISTRICT

1963/64

MADANG, BOGIA, AIOME & SIMBAI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>MADANG</u>		
1-63/64	I. J. Smitmanis	Vua Census Division
14-63/64	A. E. Cooke	Parts Naho-Rawa and Dumpu- Kaigulan Census Divisions
<u>BOGIA</u>		
5-63/64	J. R. Edwards	Part Tangu, Josephataal, Siluwa and Uramin Census Divisions
10-63/64	G. E. McGrath	Tangu, Josephataal, Mugumat- Yakiba census Divisions
<u>AIOME</u>		
1-63/64	A. E. Cooke	Aiome-Angsaus-Anor and Angsau- Kumaran Census Divisions
3-63/64	A. E. Cooke	Rao-Breri Census Division
<u>SIMBAI</u>		
1-63/64	M. L. Mackellar	Biripien Valley





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. 110.1 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by A.E. COOKE, Patrol Officer Gr. 1

Area Patrolled Alome-Angau-Anor and Angamu-Kumaran Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P.R. Jones, A.O. (Angamu-Kumaran only)

Natives 3 members R.P. & G.C., 1 H.O.

Duration—From 20/7/1963 to 13/8/1963

Number of Days 32

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11/1962

Medical 18 (Not known)

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol 1) Census Revision 2) Compilation Common Roll  
3) General Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,  
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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28th October, 1963.

The District Officer,  
 Madang District,  
M A D A G.

AIOME PATROL NO. 1-63/64:

The above report is acknowledged.

2. Mr. Cooke has put a good deal of effort into his report and it indicates that he performed his field tasks effectively.

3. The visual aid material supplied by the Department of Information and Extension Services is necessarily standardised and will not adequately effect the circumstances in many areas administered from Aiome Patrol Post. A good deal of ingenuity, modification and improvisation will be necessary here and elsewhere by our officers to effect on the spot situations. However, the material supplied is a very useful background for field staff and their assistants.

4. The Annaberg Saw Mill Society appears to be having some difficulties through a certain amount of misunderstanding. No doubt you are watching this at the local level in consultation with the District representative of the Department of Trade and Industry. I understand that there is some mission sponsorship and thought that under this paternal guidance the society would function reasonably smoothly.

5. I agree with you that road construction should be realistically planned and carefully watched.

*W*  
 (J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

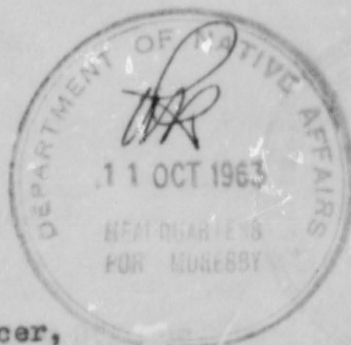


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Sub-District Office,  
MADANG

3rd October, 1963

District Officer,  
MADANG

AIOME PATROL NO. 1 OF 1963/64

Attached hereto please find abovementioned patrol report.

A routine patrol, spoilt somewhat by the late submission of report. Mr. Cooke's attention has been drawn to the fact that patrol reports are to be submitted within one week of completion of patrol.

As you well know this is a poor area and their economic development prospects are limited.

Mr. Cooke's meeting of officials will be attended by myself.

*Kb*

(K.I. CHESTER)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

PATROL OFFICER?  
AIOME

Late submission of patrol reports is a continuing embarrassment to this office. You must complete and forward you patrol report within one week of completion of patrol.

Please advise me of the date you propose holding your meeting of village officials. I shall endeavour to be present.

*K.I. Chester*

(K.I. CHESTER)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Department of Native Affairs,  
MADANG  
4th October, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU

Forwarded herewith. I fully agree that roads should only be built as outlets for produce when such work is a burden on small communities.

*A.K. Jackson*  
(A.K. JACKSON)  
DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,  
AIOME M.D.

11.9.63



Assistant District Officer,  
MADANG

AIOME PATROL NO.1 OF 1963/64

AIOME-ANGAUA-ANOR and ANGAMU-KUMARAN CENSUS DIVISIONS

Officer conducting patrol: A.E.Cooke, Patrol Officer Gr.1

Duration: 2.7.63 - 13.7.63  
20.7.63 - 9.8.63

Total No. of days: 32

Personnel accompanying: 2.7.63 - 13.7.63 3 members RP & NGC  
1 N.M.C.  
20.7.63 - 9.8.63 3 members RP & NGC  
1 H.O.  
P.R.Jones, D.A.S.F.

Objects of patrol: 1) Census Revision  
2) Compilation Common Roll  
3) General Routine Administration

Last patrol to area: D.N.A.-October/November, 1962

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.E. Cooke".

A.E. COOKE  
PATROL OFFICER



-DIARY-

Tuesday 2nd July

Preparations for patrol. Corr. Inst. Roll, Register and Annual Return prepared. General office duties. Departed 1410 for ATIAPI arriving 1620. Heavy rain shortly after arrival. Camped night.

Wednesday 3rd

Census and Common Roll compiled for ATIAPI. Village inspected. Talk on economic affairs. Departed 1040 per canoe, some cargo going by road. Went ashore 1110 and walked to DIUGUMBI, crossing small lake just below village, arriving 1215. Inspected village. Revised census and compiled C/R. Camped night.

Thursday 4th July

Departed 0840 along a slightly mushy track arriving IRARAPI 1010. Inspected village. Lunch. After noon revised census and compiled C/R for IRARAPI, IVAGRIPI, ULIA'ANGUPI and SUVATAPI. Talks with people and V/O's re activities in timber, coffee and rice. Camped night.

Friday 5th July

Departed 0930 arriving VAVAPI 1025. Inspected village. Lunch. Revised census and compiled C/R for VAVAPI and AKAVAMPURANG at VAVAPI. Police constable dispatched to PUNGAMBU to carry out village inspection. Talks with people re economic activities. Camped night.

Saturday 6th July

Census PUNGAMBU and compilation C/R at VAVAPI. Departed 1000 for AKAVAMPURANG arriving 1130. Village inspected. Departed for IPONGADOR arriving 1245. Village inspected. Afternoon revised census and compiled C/R. Talks with people etc. Camped night.

Sunday 7th July

Observed IPONGADOR.

Monday 8th July

Departed 0820 over good track arriving PARAPASAM 1000. Village inspected. Discussions with V/O's and people on economic activities. Afternoon, revised census and compiled C/R. Camped night.

Tuesday 9th July

Departed for PASINKAM inspecting ASTANGU en route, arriving 1040. Village inspected and proceeded to Admin. school and Aid Post and inspected same. Afternoon, revised census and compiled C/R for TARANKU and ASTANGU Villages, finishing at dusk. Camped night.

Wednesday 10th July

Remained PASINKAM. Morning revised census and compiled C/R for LONGAR and NAMBINJ villages. Afternoon ditto for IRIVAS, adjacent to school site and PASINKAM. Two minor complaints heard. Camped night.

Thursday 11th July

Departed after completing previous day's book work 0920 via IRIVAS, NAMBINJ, LONGAR and AWAM, these villages being inspected en route arriving ISOWAK 1100. Afternoon, sick and rested. Camped night.

Friday 12th July

Revised census and compiled C/R for AWAM and ISOWAK. Departed 1130 for ATEMBLE via IWAK 1 & 2, arriving ATEMBLE 1315. Village inspected. Camped night.

Saturday

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Saturday 13th July

Revised census and compiled C/R for IWAM and ATEMBLE. Several sick persons found for dispatch to Aiome. Departed 1110 for Aiome. Arriving 1300. Bulk of cargo left at ATEMBLE to be picked up at start of ANGAMU-KUMARAN patrol.

Sunday 14th July

Observed at Aiome.

Monday 15th -

Friday 19th July

Office and station duties.

Saturday 20th July

Preparations for resuming of patrol. Office duties. MAL Piaggio in 0900 and 1330 to backload old tractor and bringing in kerosene and supplies. Departed in company of P.R. Jones, Esq., D.A.S.F., 1515 arriving ATEMBLE 1730. Set up camp and slept night.

Sunday 21st July

Remained ATEMBLE. Revised census and compiled C/R for AKURUMGUNT and ACILIMUP. No complaints. Camped night.

Monday 22nd July

Departed ATEMBLE 0930 arriving AKURUMGUNT 1000. Village inspection. Departed for ACILIMUP arriving 1030. Village inspection. Paid carriers and took on new line. Departed for WASIARUK arriving 1215. Village inspected. Afternoon revised census and compiled C/R; temporarily interrupted by rain. Talks in conjunction with Mr. Jones on economic development. No complaints. Camped night.

Tuesday 23rd July

Departed 1000 after some trouble in organizing sufficient carriers, arriving ANDUGUS 1055. Inspection village; on to GWARINGIRI arriving 1200. Inspection village. Revised census and compiled C/R for ANDUGUS and GWARINGIRI. Talks with people etc. Camped night.

Wednesday 24th July

Further discussions with people re economic activity and departed 0930 for WABU. Met Const. TIKAI on track approx. 1020 with letter ex Aiome. All O.K. and continued on to WABU arriving 1145. Inspection village, census revision and C/R compilation. Talks etc. Camped night.

Thursday 25th July

Heavy rain all morning; was told that people of URANGERE were on the way to meet patrol at WABU so decided to remain WABU. Talks with V/O's and Village elders re plans for cash cropping here. Investigated alleged sorcery case from JITIBU; parties brought by Const. EMBOGE to WABU. Nothing proved, however, all warned. Camped night.

Friday 26th July

Revised census and compiled C/R for URANGERE at WABU. Departed 0915 arriving now almost abandoned URANGERE site 1115. Brief rest. Departed for EMERUM arriving 1315. Inspection village. Talks with people of EMERUM, GUM and MANGE re proposed rice plantings on Sogoram river. Camped night.

Saturday 27th July

Revised census and compiled C/R for EMERUM. Departed 1050 for SINIAP inspecting a hamlet



Saturday 27th July

of EMERUM en route, arriving 1430. Village inspection. Discussions with people and V/O's re possibilities of introducing rice here. Mail arrived ex Alome. Camped night.

Sunday 28th July

Remained SINIAP. Revised census and compiled C/R for SINIAP. Very hot and oppressive here. Camped night.

Monday 29th July

Dealt with case involving sub-teenage girl allegedly soon to be married to aged male. Aged male warned to keep away from her. Departed 1015 for GALISAKAN passing through hamlet of SUMASARU, arriving GALISAKAN 1500. Cargo in 1545. Village inspection; some diseased dogs destroyed. Camped night.

Tuesday 30th July

Rain all morning, easing off by 1300. Census GALISAKAN and SUMASARU revised and C/R compiled. Discussions held during a.m. on economic potential here. Departed 1445 for KARAMASARIK, Madang administrative area, arriving 1830. Cargo in 1915. Camped night.

Wednesday 31st July

Some carriers departed during night and so, had a little trouble in obtaining sufficient carriers for trip to KAMAMBU. (CPO Edwards, Madang, had departed this village the previous afternoon and taken all able-bodied males with him). Finally set out 0845 over sometimes non-existent track stumbling into KAMAMBU 1730. Camped exhausted.

Thursday 1st August

Remained KAMAMBU convalescing. Carriers, who had brought patrol from SINIAP, a sore and sorry lot. Inspection of village. Revised census and compiled C/R. Talks with people and V/O'S re economic situation here. Camped night.

Friday 2nd August

Departed 0915 and walked to SILEIEI arriving 1115. Village inspection. Rain all afternoon so census postponed. Camped night.

Saturday 3rd August

Revised census for SILEIBI, MUSITA and KUMBUNA villages and compiled C/R. Police constable dispatched to latter villages for inspection. Discussions with people re economic affairs. Camped night.

Sunday 4th August

Departed 1045 for SAMBAKU arriving 1630. Inspected village. Rested and camped night.

Monday 5th August

Difficulty again experienced with carriers; departed 0945 for MANGE arriving 1205. Village inspection.

Monday 5th August

Afternoon revised census and compiled C/R for SAMBAKU and MANGE. Usual talks with people on economic affairs. New Aid Post site marked out here. Mail arrived ex Aiome. Camped night.

Tuesday 6th August

Departed 0900 for GAUM arriving 1110. Village inspection. Commenced on census and C/R but abandoned after heavy cloudburst. Talks etc. Camped night.

Wednesday 7th August

Remained GAUM sick. Afternoon finished off census and C/R. Camped night.

Thursday 8th August

Departed 0930 after discussing various matters brought up by V/O's and walked to ANIMINKIN resting briefly at a hamlet of ANIMINKIN en route. Inspection village. Revised census and compiled C/R. Talks on rice growing here. Camped night.

Friday 9th August

Departed 0815 proceeding to a hamlet of ITARANKU; continued on passing through ASTANGU to PASINKAM. Paid off several carriers and walked on to ATEMBLE passing through LONGAR, AWAM and ISOWAK arriving ATEMBLE 1600. Brief rest and hit the track for Aiome, staggering in 1815. Patrol completed.

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R/R AIOME  
No 1/63-64

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The ANGAMU-KUMARAN is the exact opposite in this respect as the majority of villages are situated no less than two hours apart with some walks of up to nine hours between villages. Thus, a great part of the patrol's time is consumed by monotonous trudging through the bush. It is estimated that at GALISAKAN village, the patrol reached a point there approximately half-way to Madang. Thus, a picture of the area's isolation and vastness can be gained.

The terrain in both Divisions consists of undulating hills with heights ranging from 300 to 900 feet. Vegetation is largely tropical rain-forest with sparse patches of Kunai grass. Nights are quite cool and mosquitoes are few. Daytime temperatures would probably range from 75 degrees - 90 degrees, average daily temperature probably being 86 degrees.

### Native Affairs and Economic Situation

Pol. Education

Generally, the situation in both Divisions is satisfactory. Attendances at censuses were good and co-operation and attentiveness to the patrol's aims and objects were apparent. No attempt was made towards mass education of the people regarding the forthcoming General Elections, as it was felt that that would have only served to create confusion in the minds of the majority.

Now that propaganda pamphlets and Visual Aid material has been received, a start has been made, with the assistance of the Catholic Mission of Annaberg, on the initial education campaign, concentrating on the few influential and more enlightened people in the area. Annaberg Mission will be able to contact the majority of the population in the AIOME-ANGAU-ANOR; it is not known at this stage whether arrangements have been made from Madang to contact the more distant villages in the ANGAMU-KUMARAN; however, a start will be made here on the group of villages centred roughly between the Ramu and Sogeram Rivers, viz, GAUM, MANGA, ANIMINKIN, MASTARUK, URANGAL, EMERUK, AGILIMU and AKURUMGUNT.

Both Divisions appear to be extremely law-abiding; it was not found necessary once to convene the Court for Native Affairs. Complaints were all of a petty nature.

The Annaberg Sawmilling Society, perhaps somewhat prematurely has extended its activities to both Census Divisions. A number of villages reasonably close to the Sogeram River are now engaging in crocodile hunting and some, notably, ANIMINKIN, in the ANGAMU-KUMARAN and ITARANKU, PARAPASAM and IPONGADOR in the AIOME-ANGAU-ANOR are growing rice for sale to the Society. Crocodile skins are also bought in this area by Mr. J.C. Mackinnon. This Society has expanded considerably since its inception two years ago; its methods of operation, particularly as regards payment for produce, would seem to be open for discussion, however. Several complaints have been received as to the reason for the long delays involved with payments. Explanations given seem satisfactory enough but the situation will have to be changed if the Society is to achieve the success it is striving for.

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Several villages in the IRARAPI, DIUGUMBA, VAVAPI area in the AIOME-ANGAUJA-ANOR Division has been and are at the present time cutting timber on the Ramu for sale to Annaberg. For these villages, however, this cannot be regarded in any way a permanent venture, as stands close to the Ramu will soon (that is to say in a number of years) be exhausted. A large-scale road net-work would seem to be the only answer but, in any case, as no re-afforestation is being carried out at the present time, and as the extent of stands inland from the Ramu in this area has not yet been ascertained, it would appear that timber is only a temporary money-earner for these people.

Coffee has been experimented with in both Divisions. Failure has been due to a number of reasons, the most outstanding are being the non-availability of markets, the only market being the D.A.S.F. office at AIOME which is a considerable distance from most villages. Low standard of soils has had much to do with its failure also. Generally speaking the populace has lost all interest in coffee growing. Rice could be successfully instituted, it is felt, as the Annaberg Society provides a ready market (which it will not do for coffee) even to the extent of collecting produce at various pick-up points along the Sogeram River in one of its outboard powered boats or canoes. This was propounded at most villages and the people were urged to commence large-scale rice gardens with the disposal as outlined above.

Villages in the ANGAMU-KUMARAN Division in the MANGE, GAUM, EMERUM region were urged to plant rice on the Sogeram. Coffee plots planted here by R.O. Moyle failed badly mainly due to lack of adequate supervision. Even if trees had not died, the long walk to AIOME would have deterred most. AGILIMUP, AKURUMGUNT, WASIARUK, URANGERE, GWARINGIRI and WABU villages all have land on the Ramu and a few have commenced clearing ground for rice gardens there. It was explained, that land close to village sites is not suitable for economic cropping and this was confirmed by Mr. Jones D.A.S.F., soils here have a heavy concentration of clay. These villages are approximately a day's walk from the Ramu and many have constructed houses on their garden sites. The gardens have since been inspected by Mr. Jones D.A.S.F., and he reports that clearing has not yet finished but that all are enthusiastic and the soil seems excellent. The proposed method of transportation will be by canoe as far as ATEMBLE and thence overland to AIOME, a walk of ten hours at the most.

Those villages east of EMERUM, notably, SINIAP, GALISAKAN, KAMAMBU, MUSITA and KUMBUNA would seem to be in the unfortunate position of being miles away from anywhere. Coffee and rice had been tentatively recommended for some of these villages some time ago and KAMAMBU village even managed to get hold of a small manually operated rice husker; however, when the produce was ready for milling and sale, it was realized that a walk of up to three days would be involved to reach the nearest market at UTU Catholic Mission and naturally, enthusiasm waned. At present the only income earned by these people is through agreement labour who return to the village on completion of their contracts. It would be pointless to encourage them to plant economic crops when there is no way of marketing the produce. At first, it was thought that the Annaberg Society might be able to venture some distance up the SOGERAM (past MANGE village in the direction of GALISAKAN) in outboard powered canoes; this would have provided a glimmer of hope for this group of villages, even if it could only be done in the "wet" season. However, after discussions with Mr. Loth it was ascertained that MANGE was the furthest point that they could possibly reach even in the "wet" season.

A meeting of all village officials from the ANGAMU-KUMARAN will be convened shortly at AIOME to further discuss economic prospects. It is felt that such a meeting will greatly increase their feeling of importance, in view of the fact that many of the more distant villages rarely visit the station and the only time contact is made with them is on the annual census patrol.

### Native Agriculture and Livestock

Subsistence agriculture follows the usual pattern for the Ramu Valley in both Divisions. However, due to the hilly nature of the terrain, very little sago is found and hence the bulk of the native diet consists of taro, sweet potato and yams, supplemented by bananas, paw-paws and breadfruit. Due to the abundance of wild pigs in the area, all gardens are fenced heavily.

Though there are very few shotguns in both Divisions, wild pigs are hunted regularly and pork would form a small part of the diet. Fish and small fresh-water prawns are found in the many tributaries of the Sogeram and Ramu but these would not be consumed to any great extent.

Bird-life is plentiful throughout the area, including duck, pigeon, "Goura" pigeon and cassowary.

Village livestock is negligible amounting to the usual under-nourished chickens and scurvy, scrawny dogs. The dog population in some villages was astounding; GALISAKAN had probably upwards of 40 of these pathetic creatures, several of whom had to be destroyed.

Several villages have young domesticated cassowary who have to forage for scraps around the village, as do the chickens and dogs.

### Missions and Education

Although there are no Mission Stations in either of the two Divisions, Catholic Mission influence emanating from Annaberg is quite apparent. A number of villages have catechist led Mission Schools and these appear to be doing a reasonable job, considering the teachers' own limited capabilities.

In the AIOME-ANGAUA-ANOR, a total of 71 males and females are attending the Administration school at PASINKAP, whilst there are 93 males and females attending the various Mission schools throughout the area.

In the ANGAMU-KUMARAN, 6 males are attending Administration schools either at PASINKAP or AIOME, whilst there are 17 males and females attending Mission schools.

The Catholic Mission intends some time in the future to station a priest at PASINKAP, if and when, an airstrip can be constructed. The latter has been under construction for some time but very little progress has been made to date. The actual site does not appear to be a good one and it is doubtful that it would ever be suitable for anything but Mission operations.

ATEMPIE Catholic Mission has been unmanned for a year or so now but Rev. Fr. Materné of Annaberg makes regular visits there, to inspect the school and to conduct church services.

### Health

An Aid Post or Health Orderly accompanied the patrol throughout and they were kept busy at every village, attending to cuts, sores and various skin complaints. Three cases of leprosy from around this area were sent to AIOME and they have already been dispatched to Madang.

The Administration maintains an Aid Post at PASINKAP and this is being reasonably well kept, though it seemed obvious that co-operation with the A.P.O. is not always forthcoming. The people were addressed on this matter.



An Aid Post site was marked out at MANGE village in the ANGANU-KUMARAN Census Division and this will bring much needed medical attention to this isolated, scattered group. The Aid Post should be constructed and staffed within three months, providing co-operation is forthcoming from the people; however it will no doubt require no little prompting initially to get construction under way, even though the Aid Post was requested by the people themselves.

There is evident still amongst the people of this area of a strong reluctance to seek medical attention. Bringing medical attention within easy walking distance of most villages alleviates the position a little but it is felt that the only answer could be provided by a constantly patrolling European Medical Assistant. Lack of Staff precludes against this so the best possible use will have to be made of the A.P.O. to be stationed at the Aid Post.

#### Villages and Village Officials.

Villages were found generally to be in good condition. There were, of course, some villages which required attention and the necessary directions and supervision were given.

Two villages, URANGERE and SUMASARU, have been partially abandoned since the last census; it was proposed at that time that URANGERE combine with WABU and SUMASARU combine with GALISAKAN, due to their gradual decrease in numbers. However, none have yet built houses on the WABU and GALISAKAN sites. It is felt that both URANGERE and SUMASARU should continue to hold their own Village Books when they do eventually amalgamate. There were instructed to proceed immediately with construction of new houses.

Village Officials are generally doing their best but many are leaders in name only. As with other groups in this administrative area, the business manager or "bos-boi" frequently has much more influence than the Luluai or Tultul. No one village Official, though expressed the desire to resign and no real fault other than their general hopelessness could be found; there are no changes in Village Officials in both Census Divisions for this year..

#### Roads and Bridges

Roads were for the most part in reasonable condition. Some little rain was encountered but not enough to badly deteriorate the condition of tracks.

The only track where any difficulty at all was experienced was between KURAMASARIK village in the Madang administrative area and KAMAMBU in the AIOME administrative area. As there is no direct track between GALISAKAN which is the last Aiome administered village before going on to KAMAMBU and that village, it is necessary to make a 13 hour walk proceeding first to KURAMASARIK, sleeping here and then moving on to KAMAMBU. This road could not even be classed as a jungle pad as it is almost impenetrable in places.

The possibilities of cutting a direct track through to KAMAMBU from GALISAKAN will be investigated.

The AIOME-JOSEPHSTAAL road does not appear to have eventuated. (see Patrol Report A104 of 1960/61) Even if it had, I cannot see what possible purpose it could have served at this stage of development, Aiome and Josephstaal both being in the middle of nowhere. Widening and clearing of the road appears to have only reached the PASINKAP area and no further. All that this has achieved is to make the walk from AIOME to PASINKAP almost unbearable on a clear day owing to the complete lack of shade. It is felt that road-building must be planned with an eye to definite outlets for produce: to this end, a road is at the present time being constructed from AIOME to ATIAPI on the Ramu; Mr. J. Mackinnon hopes to obtain a Land-Rover and/or tractor to use as a ferrying vehicle between the station and the river; once the road is completed produce carried from the less distant villages, could be delivered to ATIAPI and transported by

Mr. Mackinnon from there. I am sure that this would provide some incentive for people to plant substantial economic crops.

Bridges throughout the area are non-existent.

Native Land Resettlement Areas

Unfortunately, the copy of the District Officer's memo 35-7-4 of 27.2.49 was received during the final three days of the patrol and hence, suitable areas of land were not located as no attempt was made to do so.

It will be noticed from the attached map that there are large areas of uninhabited land in the Angamu-Kumaran Census Division, particularly between the Warimuk, Gwaringiri, Emerum group of villages and the Ramu River; land near the river itself has been proved to be reasonably fertile. This tract of land will be investigated at the earliest opportunity.

Census and Statistics

As can be seen from the census figures, the total population for both Divisions has decreased since the previous year; figures now read:

AIOME-ANGAUA-ANOR : 2434

ANGAMU-KUMARAN : 1411

This is a decrease of 3 for the Aiome-Angau-Anor and 31 for the Angamu-Kumaran. The latter seems to be due to drastic and I think could be put down to the area's isolation and the poor medical services available to it. This should be favourably changed with the introduction of the new Aid Post at Lange, however, this remains to be seen.

There are a total of 236 adult males out of a work force of 756 absent from the Aiome-Angau-Anor Division. In the Angamu-Kumaran, there are 152 adult males out of a work force of 487 absent from their villages. Both Divisions would not seem to be suffering from a shortage of man-power.

*A. E. Cooke*  
(A. E. COOKE)  
PATROL OFFICER

APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P. & D.B.C. ACCOMPANYING ALONE PATROL NO. 1 OF  
1257/64

No. 4227 Const. 1/a SANDAGAI

An experienced policeman; extremely loyal and reliable, however, now a little too old for patrolling. Was hampered considerably by a bad leg for a good part of the patrol. Efficient and always cheerful.

No. 7725 Const. KAGO

Slow and plodding. Had to be needled constantly to produce maximum efficiency. Patrol duties satisfactory but not outstanding.

No. 10469 Const. BENJOMAH

Young and energetic. At all times courteous, loyal and respectful. Intelligent and reliable.

*A. E. COCKE*

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PATROL OFFICER





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. AIO 3 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by A.E. COOKE, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled RAC-BRERI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 N.M.C.

Duration—From 22/11/1963 to 7/12/1963

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 4/1963

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol 1) Discuss electoral changes for Rac-Breri N.L.G.C. with  
2) House of Assembly propoganda 3) Land Investigation-PSUMBA 4) Finalize  
purchase VAMISE access road

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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



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Department of Native Affairs,  
 Madang.  
 21 January, 1964.  
 67-7-4

January 21st, 1964.

The District Officer,  
 Madang District,  
MADANG.


PATROL REPORT No. 3 - 1963/64 - AICOME:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The report was pretty much of a routine nature.

It is not uncommon for House of Assembly Elections and Local Government Council Elections to be confused. It is interesting to note that certain sections of the people are adamant in their wish to be represented in the House of Assembly by a native rather than a european; it may be as Mr. Cooke finds, indicative of a national outlook amongst the Ramu people.

A very thoughtful Report.

  
 (J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

AKJ.JM



Department of Native Affairs,  
MADANG.

8th. January, 1964.

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-3-3

If calling ask for

Mr. ....

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU

AIOME PATROL No. 3 of 1963/64

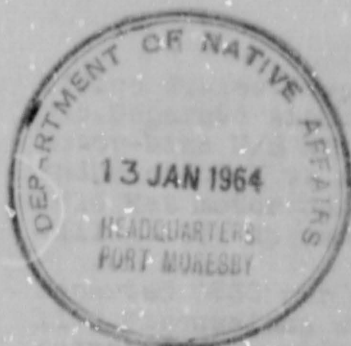
Forwarded herewith the abovenamed report already commented  
on by my 40-1-2 of even date.

*A.K. Jackson*  
(A.K. JACKSON)  
DISTRICT OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,  
AICOME  
16.12.63



Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MADANG

AICOME PATROL NO. 3 OF 1963/64

RAC-BRERI CENSUS DIVISION

OFFICER CONDUCTING: A.E. COOKE, PATROL OFFICER GR.1

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: 3 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.  
1 N.M.O.

DURATION OF PATROL 23.11.63 to 7.12.63

NO. OF DAYS 14

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- 1) Discuss electoral changes for Rao-Breri Local Government with people.
- 2) Disperse House of Assembly election propaganda.
- 3) Finalize purchase VAMBIE access road.
- 4) Investigate Church of Christ application for Mission Lease-TSUMBA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.E. Cooke".

A. E. COOKE  
PATROL OFFICER

-DIARY CONT-

Saturday 1st December

Departed CHUNGREBU 0915 for PAKINGABU. Approximate 1 hour by foot and canoe. Re-fastened cargo at PAKINGABU and departed 1015 for hamlet of GUMBI on KERAM. Very tiring walk through mosquito infested swamp. Arrived GUMBI 1310. Met BUMBERA motor canoe and departed 1330 for NAGRUBU arriving 1515. Discussions with assembled people of BUMBERA, BUNUNGOM, BOROANABRINGI, BAMFU, NANIKESO & NAGRUBU re Council and House of Assembly elections. Some minor enquiries dealt with. Camped night.

Sunday 2nd December

Departed 0815 arriving GUASINGI 1330. Inspected Trade Store of Luluai of SABU en route and also a store which Annaberg Society has erected just above NAGRUBU, The latter not to commence operations until Business Lease and Gen. Merc. Licenses granted. Assembled NALISA and GUASINGI and had discussions on Council and House of Assembly elections. Inspected village and camped night.

Monday 3rd December

Departed 0830 per motor canoe for SIOGOI. Arrived landing point 1200; 15 mins walk to village. Village inspected. Afternoon assembled SIOGOI, WABESA, MELETO, EROKOTO, & KIGA and had discussions on Council and House of Assembly elections. Camped night.

Tuesday 4th December

Remained SIOGOI. Caught up on patrol notes, etc. Assembled GOKTO & IONGITABU and gave talks on Council and House of Assembly elections. One very sick woman from SIOGOI dispatched to Annaberg. Camped night.

Wednesday 5th December

Departed 0820 for WOBU. Arrived 1200 after unpleasant trudging through swamp. Village inspected. Assembled WOBU & LITIBU and gave talks on Council and House of Assembly. Camped night.

Thursday 6th December

Departed 0815 arriving ROROROPI 1015. Brief rest and changed carriers. Departed for AMBAI-ATI arriving 1330. Gave propaganda talks to assembled villages of ROROROPI and AMBAI-ATI. Camped night.

Friday 7th December

Departed 0800 for Aiome passing through hamlets of DOBORAT AND TIVIRICH en route arriving 1000. Patrol completed.



-DIARY-

Friday 23rd November

Office duties. Preparation correspondence, etc. Departed Aiome 1500 per motor-bike. Motor-bike U/S after about 15 mins. ride and continued to ATIAPI on foot arriving 1715. Let motor canoe and proceeded to ATIAPI village. Set up camp and slept night.

Saturday 24th November

Departed 0830 per canoe for JITIBU arriving 1100. Discussions with people and V/O's re patrol's programme. Awaiting arrival of DJAM people for Council discussions. Village inspection and general clean-up. Camped night.

Sunday 25th November

Discussions with people of DJAM and JITIBU re electoral changes and gave lecture on House of Assembly elections. Camped night.

Monday 26th November

Departed 0820 for Annaberg arriving 1000. Discussions with Messr. Haley and Loth of Annaberg Society. To Mission but found Fr. Materne absent so could not finalize purchase VAMBIE access road. Afternoon held meeting at KRAGABU of KRAGABU, NODABU, NAMBABU, MOIBU, REBU, & SABU villages and discussed Council and House of Assembly elections. Some native complaints and enquiries dealt with. Slept Annaberg.

Tuesday 27th November

Departed 0830 per canoe. Arrived WATABU 0945. Held meeting of WATABU, VIMBITABU, & BAIBU villages. Council and House of Assembly elections. Village inspected. Departed for GREMGABU arriving 1200. Lunch. Afternoon discussions with people of DUBU and GREMGABU re Council and House of Assembly elections. One marital dispute heard and settled without court action. Camped night.

Wednesday 28th November

Departed 0845 after listening in to Madang RTC sked for CHUNGREBU arriving 0930. To Mission and had discussions with Missionary, Mr. Fletcher. Afternoon, held meeting of CHUNGREBU, PAKINGABU, MANGEIBU, WENGABU, LIMBUBU, & URINEIBU villages. Discussed Council and House of Assembly elections. Convened C.N.A. to deal with child neglect case. Slept Mission.

Thursday 29th November

Departed in company of Mr. Fletcher for TSUMBA 0800 arriving 1100. Investigated proposed Mission lease. Carried out compass-and-chain survey. Departed back for CHUNGREBU 1615. Heavy rain shortly after departure and had some trouble with outboard motor. Going very slow against current and finally arrived CHUNGREBU 0200. Slept soundly.

Friday 30th November

Rested a little and discussed remainder of patrol programme with V/O's. Had made discreet enquiries re alleged cargo cult activities by KAVARI of GREMGABU. Nothing concrete ascertained and no further investigations at this stage. Afternoon, assembled TSUMBA, MISINKI, SUTUBU and KORGUNKA and had discussions on Council and House of Assembly elections. Slept Mission.

RAO-BRERI N.L.G.C. ELECTORAL AMENDMENTS

The patrol was primarily concerned with discussing with the people the electoral changes as proposed in the District Officer's memo 40-1-8 of 20th September. All amendments as proposed are acceptable to the people. One further amendment which came from the people themselves was that TSUMBA should combine with THE NAGRUBU/NANIKESO/NABRINGI/RAMFU electorate on the Keram. It was explained that the TSUMBA people were of the same language group as the latter Keram villages and owned land in conjunction with them. The former proposal that TSUMBA should combine with MISINKI was, in fact, a suggestion put to the people by me, which met with no opposition from either villages at the time. Apparently, the suggestion was regarded more or less as an instruction and, hence, no objections were offered. TSUMBA is less distant from these Keram villages than it is from MISINKI and one man should have no difficulty in giving it the same amount of attention as he gives the other four. It seems that the new combination is far more logical than the previous one and I recommend accordingly.

I found that in several villages some apprehension had arisen amongst the people since my last visit regarding the proposal that a group of villages will combine to be led by one Councillor. Evidently, the general feeling was that there would be a general exchange of usufructuary rights to land and that many disputes would naturally arise. Care was taken in every electorate to see that this erroneous idea was dispelled. I think that all are now fully convinced that the Council is a workable proposition and all are very keen to see it in operation. The people are quite naturally very hazy about the reason behind the introduction of the Council but are no longer afraid and have accepted it as something which cannot fail to be anything but beneficial to them.

I list hereunder the new revised schedule of electorates:-  
 DJAM/JITIBU; MOIBU/REBU/NAMBABU; KRAGABU/SABU; NODABU; VIMBITABU/BAIBU;  
 WATABU/DUBU; GREMGABU; CHUNGREBU/PAKINGABU/URINEIBU/MUNGEIBU; LIMBUBU/  
 WENGABU; SUTUBU; KORGUNKA; MISINKI; TSUMBA/NAGRUBU/NANIKESO/RAMFU/NABRINGI;  
 BUMBERA; BUNUNGOM/BORO; NALISA/GUASINGI; SIGGAI/MELETO; WABESA/BROKOTO/  
 KIGA; GOKTO/IONGITABU; LITIBU/WOBU; ROROROPI/AMBAL-ATI

*TSUMBA to join  
BUMBERA.*

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS PROPAGANDA

Lectures on the House of Assembly elections were delivered at all villages visited. Lectures followed mainly the propaganda pamphlet but included also material given in notes accompanying Flip Charts. Lectures were of not less than one hour's duration ranging up to two hours; all villages with the exception of MUI and NUMARI, which have been transferred to Angoram Sub-District, in the Rao-Breri Census Division were contacted; thus, a probable 4000 people were contacted.

As the Rao-Breri N.L.G.C. elections and the House of Assembly elections will undoubtedly follow one upon the other, it is inevitable that confusion must arise. It was endeavoured to differentiate clearly between the two and I think the idea of two separate elections has been grasped by most; but, I feel that there is still much confusion regarding the relative functions of Local Councillors and "federal" representatives. More intensive political education should be able to combat this.

Use will be made of Education Dept. teachers over the Christmas vacation period to disperse further political propaganda. It is hoped that the entire administrative area will be covered by the end of JANUARY.

Very few questions were asked by anyone and although disconcerting, this is only to be expected. A point worthy of note, it is felt, is that many made it quite plain that they would not vote for Europeans standing in the electorate. They stated emphatically that they wanted people of their own skin only to represent them. This attitude was not widespread by any means, however, it may be, perhaps, indicative of a growing "national" outlook amongst the Ramu people.

LAND INVESTIGATIONS

The application by the Church of Christ for a Mission Lease at TSUMBA was investigated and the report will be forwarded by separate memo. The VAMBIE access road purchase has now been finalized and relative Transfer Documents will be forwarded separately.

This report is not a normal comprehensive one owing to the special nature of the patrol's duties, and it is, of necessity, brief.

*as before P.O.*