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MOROBE DISTRICT  
PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

MENYAMYA AND ASEKI

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....MOROBE.....Report No.....MENYAMIA 1 - 1970/91

Patrol Conducted by.....G.G. CONNOR - A.D.O.

Area Patrolled.....WAFI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL

Natives.....2 P.N.G.C.

Duration—From.....2/2/1971 to.....15/2/1971

Number of Days.....12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../11/1969

Medical...../5/1968

Map Reference.....Journal of Wau

Objects of Patrol.....Annual census, common roll revision, routine administration,

Land survey - Mission lease HANJUA

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

District Commissioner

15/3/1971

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

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

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

RPK:KP

67-6-64

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

1st July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-2-5 of 11th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. G.E. Connor, Assistant District Officer to the Wapi Census Division.

It is hoped that the cult which appears to be emerging is being checked. The people must be discouraged by all means which will not deter routine administration in the area.

Mr. Connor has submitted a good report and has carried out its objectives satisfactorily.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.



67-6-64  
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The points which you made in your memorandum, that is,

- (i) To prevent the spread of cultist ideals
- (ii) To prevent any dissatisfaction with the Administration
- (iii) As a just reward for roadwork
- (iv) If we don't we will never see another road labourer on the Menyama Aseki road

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4. Cults: There have been many cults in Melanesia and their rise and fall is now to some extent predicatable. I would not be surprised to see a prophet arise in the Menyama, and collect money in the name of a cause, even the said "Society". It is to be hoped that the cause does not become related to a political party.

The report is satisfactory. I wish you to know that I appreciate the physical work which is being done.

(B. BUNTING)  
a/District Commissioner.



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

Forwarded herewith two copies of the report together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

(B. BUNTING)  
a/District Commissioner.



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Division of District  
Administration,  
Morobe District,  
LAE

11th March, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
MENYAMYA. Morobe District.

MENYAMYA PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 1970/71.

Thank you for the patrol report by Mr. Connor and your covering memorandum. I have the following comments to add.

1. Common Roll: Now that the House of Assembly has agreed to lower the voting age to 18 years it will be necessary for you to further amend your Common Roll. I propose to issue specific instructions on this subject to all stations.
2. Forests: 3,500 small seedlings of Eucalyptus species have been flown to Menyama. These will be distributed by the Forestry Assistant and given out on request to village people. The species include Swamp Mahogany, Flooded Gum, Grey Gum and Kadage. In addition 1,000 mixed pinus species (mainly ornamental pines which can be grown in poor soils) have been sent to the Menyama nursery.
3. Wapi Society: I have forwarded copies of your memorandum 15.1.1 of 17th February, 1971 to the Rural Development Officer, the Business Advisory Officer, and the Co-operatives Officer, Lae. There are two factors which come to mind from your submission, (a) the cultish implications, and (b) the economic viability of the scheme. In the first case it is important that we do not create our own cult. Small societies have seldom been outstanding successes with local people and even where they have operated profitably their returns, when paid, have usually made the people disenchanted. This stems from their inflated expectations on yields. A dividend of 5% or even 10% on capital is sometimes not accepted. People clamouring to invest their wealth should be treated with a great deal of caution, and I would prefer to have nothing to do with their money.

The second point is the economics of the situation. Market gardening could not be justified for (1) Wau supply allegedly already exceeds demand. Vegetables have been left at the Wau airstrip because of over supply in Lae. I have been advised that Namasu will not consider making purchases beyond Wau. (2) Airfreight would be approximately 5.5 cents lb, and this would either lower the returns to the growers or out price vegetables on the existing market.

Coffee. I could not make a reasonable statement without knowing current and projected production figures. A thorough examination should be made of this before the idea of a new society is further entertained.

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Menyanya,  
Morobe District.

2nd March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

MENYANYA Patrol Report No. 1 1970/71

G.C. CONNOR - WAPI C.D.

Attached is a brief report by Mr. Connor covering the Wapi Census Division. The patrol was a routine one and instructions were verbal. All instructions have been carried out. Common roll has been amended and retained at this office.

I have the following comments.

- a. Himerka and Kanogogei have always been troublesome and there is a police investigation currently in progress because of a murder in the area recently. The Administration has persistently tried to encourage development in the two areas without success. I propose to let the two villages lapse as "development" areas and routine administration only will be carried out.
- b. Forests. No mention was made of the acute shortage of timber in many of the areas in the Wapi. It is hoped to overcome this problem to some degree with the assistance and services of the Forestry Officer now stationed here.
- c. Roads and Bridges. I concur that the WONEZ - HENENE and HIMENKAKANGI roads are feasible but nothing should be done with them until the major road links in the area have been completed.
- d. Labour. The census statistics reveal that a total of 478 figure (828) it can be seen that disenchantment with labour conditions has indeed stemmed the outward flow.
- e. Wapi Rural Society. Please refer to my 15-1-1 of 17/2 in which I have requested that a feasibility study be undertaken as the idea is feasible.
- f. Cults. There does indeed exist a cargo cult in the Wapi and it is rapidly gaining support and importance. This will be the subject of a confidential memorandum at a later date. Suffice it to say that the situation is being closely watched.

  
(P.J. Lancaster)  
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Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT

DISTRICT OF MOHOBE

WENYAMBA PATROL NUMBER ONE - 1970/71

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| PATROL CONDUCTED BY:                     | G.C. COMBOR - A.D.O.      |
| AREA PATROLLED:                          | WAPI CENSUS DIVISION      |
| PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY EUROPEANS          | NIL                       |
| PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY NATIVES            | 2 RPNGC and 1 interpreter |
| DURATION : 2/2/71 - 15/2/71              |                           |
| NUMBER OF DAYS : 12                      |                           |
| NO MEDICAL ASSISTANT ACCOMPANYING PATROL |                           |
| LAST PATROL TO AREA BY D.D.A.            | November 1969             |
| LAST PATROL TO AREA BY PHD               | June 1968                 |
| MAP REFERENCE :                          | FOURMIL OF MAU            |

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- \ (1) Annual census, common roll revision.
- \ (2) Routine Administration.
- \ (3) Land investigation - Mission Lease HANJUA

PATROL DIARYTUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

1030 departed Manyanya by A5850. Arrived Concordia Lutheran Mission at 1100. No carriers waiting to take patrol to HIMERKA. Waited for 15 minutes until they eventually turned up and walked to HIMERKA. Rest house and census site in poor condition. Usual story of villagers disobeying the Luluais instructions suffered in silence. Census of HIMERKA groups 1300 - 1800. Disputes heard 1800 - 1900. Lectured villagers on their poor attitude to the patrol. Slept at rest house.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

Departed HIMERKA 0805 after difficulty in obtaining carriers. Arrived KANOGOGEI 1045 over rough, overgrown slippery track. The locals are too lazy to clean it. Census of KANOGOGEI and WAFI KAMAGA 1145 to 1500. Census figures compiled and common roll amended. Attempted to give talk on social welfare and political education but all present were obviously not interested so these were abandoned. Slept in what could only be called a chicken coop which also doubled as the rest house.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

From KANOGOGEI to AKWANJE after further difficulty in obtaining carriers. AKWANJE village in clean condition with a new rest house and police barracks having just been completed. Patrol was greeted warmly and all kinds of vegetables brought in abundance. Rain all afternoon so cancelled census until tomorrow. Mediated in some minor disputes.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

Census of AKWANJE, WAITSUARA, WAUGAGONCA and WIAKOPA. Attempted to solve land dispute but as all concerned were too incensed to talk rationally will attempt to resolve at Manyanya on my return. Moved to KABONG rest house in p.m. Heavy rain again in afternoon so no census. Slept KABONG rest house.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

A.m. census of KABONG, MABUKABU, TAUPA and WOTAWOPI. Moved on to AIOGI in afternoon, 45 minutes walk. Still more rain so census put off until tomorrow. Talks with village leaders during afternoon, fresh food purchased.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Genus of AIOGI, AWI, KWAIKUMA, YEGEPA and AKWANGI. Held talks on House of Assembly and the possibility of a Local Government Council in the future. Response fair. Genus figures compiled at night. Some 20 people have moved out of AIOGI to AKWANGI which borders on the LANGINAR area. Overnight again at AIOGI.

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MONDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

0745 - 0900 AIOGI to SIKWONG. Census of UYEKEI and SIKWONG 1 and 2 (AMATEI). Little change in grand total from previous year. all with p.c. some with private and some with public marketing and vegetable marketing society. This interest appears to be right through the WAPI Census Division and I will take the matter up with the A.D.C when I return. Camped overnight at road camp rest house.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

A.M. to PANIOGI and TIMI. Census conducted. Moved on to WOMEI in afternoon as rest house at PANIOGI was the size of a toilet. Heard various cases in the Local Court at WOMEI pertaining to adultery, assault, prostitution and water pollution.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

A.M. census of WOMEI, MINGEPA and HAGITA. Moved to WAUWOGA in early p.m. Census of WAUWOGA, ENARAIPA, EITAGAIPA, KWAGAGA and YAMAPA. Compiled census figures at night. The patrol once again noticed that many old men have taken young girls as wives which is a particularly repulsive practice. Overnight at WAUWOGA.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

0800 - 0900 moved from WAUWOGA to PIWI where census was conducted. 1030 - 1200 moved from PIWI to PEKAIJINYL - census. 1300 to HANJUA rest house, set up camp. Census of HANJUA conducted. 1500 to 1640 chain and compass survey of block of land applied for by an independent Baptist missionary who lives at HANJUA. Owners do not appear to be too willing to sell. Slept HANJUA.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

15 minutes walk to WATAMA. Census of WATAMA, HANCARERA and KATANGA. Walked to Menyamya in afternoon, approximately 2 hours over good bench. Reported to Assistant District Commissioner.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

OBSERVED MENYAMYA

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

OBSERVED MENYAMYA

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

Census of TAMOI at TAMOI, KABINYE at KABINYE and KUMAI at MENYAMYA. Figures compiled in afternoon.

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MENYAMYA PATROL NO.1 - 1970-71

INTRODUCTION

The object of the patrol was to conduct the annual census revision in the WAPI Census Division and to ammenate the common will.

This Census Division lies to the east of Menyamya Station, stretching about six miles to the North, seven miles to the east and ten miles to the South. The area consists of fairly steep kumai covered hills the upper regions of which are tropical rain forest. This rain forest type vegetation commences at the 4500ft a.s.l. mark.

The area is fairly well served by roads and walking tracks and most of the villages are less than 2 hours apart which makes it a fairly easy patrol walking wise.

SITUATION REPORT

Most of the people of the WAPI have very little idea of the workings of Government, Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly and do not appear to be very interested as yet. This present apathy may change in the future with more purely political education patrols.

There is however, much current enthusiasm about establishing a coffee marketing society, similar to the one at ASEKI and it does appear that this could be feasible as the people do have a small amount of coffee and European type vegetables abound in most villages. The most pleasing aspect is that the people are keen to do something about their economy instead of just vegetating.

All villages with the notable exception of HIMERKA and KANOGOGEI welcomed the patrol warmly and relations were good. The two villages previously mentioned have always been somewhat anti Administration for some obscure reason. One line of thought is that years ago various other WAPI villages ousted all unwanted from their ranks and subsequently these people went and formed these two places.

*Goods*

*CULT*

Cargo cults are present in the area although they are not perfectly obvious normally. The exception to this could be the society movement as it was learned from various meetings that the locals are of the opinion that if they build a store, put up some capital and sell goods to Lae they are all going to be rich and will not have to work further once the society is established. The ADC plans to have a Business Advisory Officer hold meetings with all interested parties to explain the workings of a society properly with view to having such an organisation properly established and to give it a chance of being successful.

One other cult sign is a home made windsock which reposes on hill near Kumai village just off the Menyamya station boundary. The obvious intent of this needs no further explanation.

The only political party represented in the area is FANGU. The local representative is a man from Sikwong named "Buka" who is also a road foreman. He has a supply of FANGU membership cards, badges and T shirts but I believe that interest is only slight and sales are slow.



AGRICULTURE

Most WAPI villages have coffee in varying amounts. I do not have any idea as to the number of trees and the possible production output but would say that it would only be about 5 or 10% of the total income. A more detailed account will be given when and if a society is established. *a more detailed account should be given before any conclusions are given to the status of a society.*

As previously mentioned European type vegetables exist in most villages in the area and if markets could be arranged in Lae the income in cash cropping in these could be substantial. At present demand exceeds supply because of the small European population at Menyanya. The Lutheran Mission do however buy large amounts of vegetables and send them to Lae for use in guest houses, hostels etc. Any surplus they sell to places like the Melanesian Hotel and Huon Gulf motel. At present discussions are taking place with the view to a WAPI society taking over the Missions market outlets.

LIVESTOCK

The Lutheran Mission run about 10 head of cattle at KARONG and are interested in assisting interested villagers in establishing small cattle projects. Interest to date has not been great but one villager from TAUPA has 3 cattle for breeding purposes and eventually hopes to operate a small meat supply into Menyanya station.

FORESTS

Tropical Rain forest in small quantities at altitudes over 4,000ft but most of the region is covered by kunai grass. The small stands of timber that do exist appear to be quite good and upwards of 10 people are engaged cutting hardwood planks for road bridging and pine for building construction. The Lutheran Mission buys most of the latter.

*Seeds*

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

There are Native owned trade stores at NIMBERKA, KWAIGUMA, SIWONG and WAUWOGA and WOMEI. All goods to these stores are hand carried and the range is basic. Little profit is made by the owners as they have no idea of business management and expect to make a fortune just by building a store, putting rice and fish inside and forgetting about it. One store (Kwaiguma) 6 miles from Menyanya by vehicular road charges \$1 for a pound of sugar and the owner still wonders why people do not buy things from him.

All of these stores are run on a plan basis and what little profit is made is split normally, among several of people.

There are no other forms of village industry.

LAND

Land disputes are rife in all villages and there seems to be little hope of solving them due to the ability of these people to tangle the facts into a skein of pathological lies.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MENYAMIA NUMBER T/O - 1970/71

Subdistrict..... MENYAMIA

District..... ISOROBÉ

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... H. G. COMPTON ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Area Patrolled.....

(Council and/or..... PART LOWER KAPAU AND PART KAPAU/KABU CENSUS DIV.

Census Division/s.).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

..... P. R. F. MORRISON OIC ASEKI (PART)

Duration of Patrol—from 3 / 3 / 71 To 13 / 3 / 71

No. of Days..... TEN

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... HILL FOR THIS PURPOSE

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....

..... TO VISIT ROCK OUTCROPS ON THE ASEKI SLATE CREEK AND ASEKI MENYAMIA ROADS

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 14,000

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

30/3/71

District Commissioner.

BPK:LB

67-6-64

KONJEDOBU...PAPUA.  
7th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Morohe District,  
LAE.

MENYANYA PATROL NO.2 of 1970/71

Your reference is 67-2-5 of 30th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. G.C. Connor, Assistant District Officer to parts Lower  
Kapau and Kapau/Kabu Census Divisions, rock blasting on  
Aseki/Menyanya Road.

The report requires no comments from this office.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

30th March, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - MENYANYA No.2-1970/71.

Forwarded herewith please find a report of a patrol  
and an explanation of that report from the Assistant  
District Commissioner, Menyanya.

The road work appears to be progressing satisfactorily.

*F. T. Galloway*  
(F. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

**Menyanya,  
Morebe District.**  
**23rd March, 1971.**

**The District Commissioner,  
Morebe District,  
LAE.**

**MENYANYA PATROL NO. 2 - 70/71.**

Attached is patrol diary and brief report to cover the above by Mr. G.O. Connor.

The patrol was mounted solely to blast limestone outcrops on the Wau road. Reports on the progress of the road have gone forward previously.

Mr. Connor holds both a blasting and magazine licence.

Camping claims for both Kerrison and Knox are attached.

**D.S. LANCASTER,**  
Assistant District Commissioner.

INTRODUCTION AND COMMENT

The purpose of this patrol was to blast a number of limestone rock outcrops which were hampering construction and vehicle movement on the ASEKI/WAU and ASEKI/MENYAMYA roads.


All of the blasting done by the patrol was successful and there were no incidents.

Labour was provided by administration labourers from Aseki and some Kapanu Census Division villagers.

All were rather impressed as to the results that gelignite can achieve but were not so impressed when asked to work on the weekend to enable the patrol to finish the task quicker. Everyone thought that it was a good idea that someone had come to blast the rocks as they could not break or roll away, but that this was only a Monday to Friday affair as they just must play football on Saturday or Sunday.

The patrol also attempted to assess blasting requirements on the POIYU road but due to the numerous outcrops no blasting was done as it would have taken more than the time allocated for the patrol.

No other comments are to be made as the patrol was for the purpose of blasting rocks only.

  
(G.C. Connor)  
Assistant District Officer.

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KENYAMA PATROL NUMBER TWO - 1970/71

PATROL DIARY

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3RD

1210 To ASEKI by Crowley aircraft. Reported to OIC Mr. R. Morrison. Inspected Wau Road with view to blasting 4 large rock outcrops. Local labourers put to work constructing camp. Slept ASEKI.

THURSDAY MARCH 4TH

A.M. to WAU road with OIC ASEKI. Commenced drilling of limestone rock outcrops. One rock blasted by nightfall. Slept under canvas.

FRIDAY MARCH 5TH

Drilling and blasting all day.

SATURDAY MARCH 6TH

Drilling and blasting all day. Returned to Aseki in evening as intend moving camp on Monday.

SUNDAY MARCH 7TH

OBSERVED ASEKI

MONDAY MARCH 8TH

To WAU Road a.m. Commenced drilling on rock face some 3 miles from Menyama/Aseki road turnoff. Sent labourers to establish camp on Menyama road. Completed blasting 1500. Moved by motor cycle to 7 mile mark on Menyama/Aseki road. Camp not yet established. Returned to Aseki.

TUESDAY MARCH 9TH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10th

THURSDAY MARCH 11th

Drilling and blasting rock outcrops at 7 mile mark. Completed this on Thursday evening and returned to ASEKI.

FRIDAY MARCH 12TH

Returned Aseki p.m.

To POIYU road to inspect blasting requirements.

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH

Returnend to Menyama by motor cycle.

END OF PATROL



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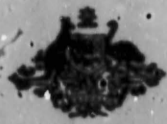
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MENYAMYA NUMBER THREE - 1970/71

Subdistrict..... MENYAMYA

District..... MOROBE

Type of Patrol..... ANNUAL CENSUS

Patrol Conducted by..... G. C. CONNOR.

|                               |   |                                      |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Area Patrolled                | } | <u>NON COUNCIL CENSUS DIVISIONS:</u> |
| (Council and/or               |   | <u>NORTHERN</u>                      |
| Census Division/s.)           |   | <u>WESTERN</u>                       |
| Personnel Accompanying Patrol |   | <u>SOUTH WESTERN</u>                 |

2 R.P.N.G.C.  
27 carriers

Duration of Patrol--from 27/4/71 to 126/5/71 Patrol was broken

No. of Days..... 22

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... November 1969

Date..... Duration..... TWO WEEKS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... AMEND COMMON ROLL THROUGH CENSUS REVISION

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 13,500

Director of District Administration  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
District Commissioner.

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KORIDOHU PAPUA

28th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Meroke District,  
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MEKAMIA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-5 of 17th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Situation Report by Mr. G. Connor of Northern, Western and South Western Census Divisions.

It is agreed that there is a limit to what the MEKAMIA people can be expected to absorb in the way of political education. They will absorb only that which relates to them. The Administration's apparent inability to solve land disputes will inevitably result in increased fighting and a breakdown in law and order.

In view of the fact that 22 days were spent in the field, the report is far too brief.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District  
Administration,  
MOROBE District.

17th June, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONE DOBU

MENYAMYA PATROL NO. 3 - 1970/71

MR G. C. CONNOR, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Herewith please find two copies of a patrol report by Assistant District Officer G. Connor. The purpose of the patrol was census revision and the revision of the Common Roll.

Two characteristics of the area are highlighted in the report:-

- (a) A disinterest in politics and those who are associated with politics.
- (b) Preoccupation with land matters, disputes, and ownership of economic trees. What is obviously concerning the people of Menyama is the solution of land disputes. They had expected to turn to the Administration to obtain decisions but found only long tedious drawn out procedures. Their respect for this authority thus diminished and they have not bothered to report subsequent acts of trespass; the incidence of fighting and behaving in a threatening manner has consequently increased. Similarly there is an increasing disrespect for decisions handed down in cases of murder and in other crimes.

With respect to political awareness, the situation may improve with the establishment of a Menyama Electorate. The people may, during the life of the next House, be able to identify their member with their electorate.

In the field of political education our officers will continue to keep people informed on current topics. Obviously if we fail to do so some other person or persons will, and such information is wholly open to misinterpretation. Disappointment expressed by our officers on the material so far absorbed could be the result of an expectation which was impossible to achieve. We should not form false expectations that unsophisticated people will readily assimilate the complicated political structure which we are passing on.

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,  
Menyanya,  
MOROBE DISTRICT.  
8th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

MENYANYA PATROL NO. 3 - 1970/71.

Attached are three copies of the abovementioned report by Mr. Connor covering the Northern, Western and South West Census Divisions.

No maps have been drawn on instruction as I can only assume that all patrol routes are well documented after 20 years of patrolling.

All the census divisions have been grouped together as I originally intended to do the S & S.W. divisions but was unable to do so.

The report is brief but it is all that I require at present as one of the main purposes of the patrol was the amendment of the Common Roll and Mr. Connor is engaged on this full time at present.

Census figures for the other census Divisions will be forwarded as soon as the remaining villages at Hakwange have been completed now that the registers have been returned from Headquarters.

I shall be making a separate submission at a later date to have the two census divisions of the South West and the Western amalgamated as the two have been patrolled as one unit for the past four years.

Camping claims are attached.

  
P. J. LANCASTER,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

MONDAY MAY 3RD

All post and rest houses construction and cleaning of village.

TUESDAY MAY 4TH

Completion of rest house and aid post. Talk on village hygiene given but met with usual black expressions of ignorance of WILKINSON and WABASUNA.

WEDNESDAY MAY 5TH

TO KHEWE via new route of 21 hours. Camped.

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MENYAMYA PATROL NUMBER 3 -1970/71

PATROL DIARY

TUESDAY APRIL 27TH

To YINIMBA by vehicle at 1500. Census and amendment of common roll until 1750. Camped YINIMBA.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28TH

From YINIMBA to HENGELIAPA 3 hours. Census of HENGELIAPA and KAMALYANAPA groups. Camped HENGELIAPA.

THURSDAY APRIL 29TH

HENGELIAPA to UMBA 3 hours. Census of UMBA. En route censused smaller villages of TSINJANJOGWI, AIOGWEI and KWANDAOGGEI. Camped UMBA.

FRIDAY APRIL 30TH

To AIWOMBA 3 hours over rough track. Camped AIWOMBA.

SATURDAY MAY 1ST

Census at AIWOMBA of SAWETMOVE and KAIPWAGWANAPA. Camped again at AIWOMBA.

SUNDAY MAY 2ND

To WABAJIKA 80 minutes. Discussions with villagers re filthy state of village and depraved state of aid post and rest house. Commenced work on construction of new aid post. Camped.

MONDAY MAY 3RD

Aid post and rest house construction and cleaning of village.

TUESDAY MAY 4TH

Completion of rest house and aid post. Talk on village hygiene given but met with usual blank expressions. Census of LUSIAGAR and WABAJUKA.

WEDNESDAY MAY 5TH

TO KWEKWI via new route 5 1/2 hours. Camped.

THURSDAY MAY 6TH

Census of KWERWI, KARAPAIWI and ITONGWANA.  
Camped again KWERWI.

FRIDAY MAY 7TH

To FORNO 3 hours 45 minutes over fairly  
good but occasionally steep track. Census of KATSIONG  
and SENE in afternoon.

SATURDAY MAY 8TH

Census of FORNO. Moved to TSEWI 75 minutes.  
Census of TSEWI in afternoon.

SUNDAY MAY 9th

Census of TSUAGINDI and YAZINSA groups.

MONDAY MAY 10TH

To AWAIPA. Census and continued on to station.

WEDNESDAY MAY 12TH

By vehicle to AMI and JIBA. Census, return  
to station.

FRIDAY MAY 14TH

To KENYA Group. Census all day. Returned  
to Menyanya.

FRIDAY MAY 21ST

To KWAKOPE in S.W. census division to take  
over this patrol from ADC Lancaster. Census of this group.  
Camped.

SATURDAY MAY 22ND

KWAKOPE to LAGAI 2 hours. Census of LAGAI  
and HARLINGI. Camped.

SUNDAY MAY 23RD

To IBALE 5 hours. Census of IBALE and village  
of IWAIA en route.

MONDAY MAY 24TH

IBALE TO VAILALA group. Camped ME'ENAKA.  
Census of ME'ENAKA, KWAPOULE and NELAMDI.

TUESDAY MAY 25TH

EASTERN/SOUTH ME'ENAKA to YAKANA .Census and camped.

WEDNESDAY MAY 26TH

YAKANA to ASAGUNDI. Census of the four YAGWOINGE hamlets. Walked back to Menyama. Patrol stood down.

This patrol was mounted solely to ensure the Census Roll for the above three Census Divisions.

Census figures for the Northern are included but those for South West and Western will be forwarded later as the census for these divisions is not yet completed due to the absence of the registers. **0000000000000000** for photo-copying for Territory Census purposes.

No area study has been done as the layout for all divisions was in 1969 and nothing in the way of amendments have to be made as the situation in all villages has remained more or less stagnant.

One thing worth mentioning would be the amalgamation of the 30 and Western Census Divisions. These two divisions contain roughly the same ethnic groups as those from the divisions have moved to and it is between the divisions with the exception of the language group with the resulting "melting pot" effect. Also both divisions have since the early 1960's been patrolled as one division and all continue to be done as such. The amalgamation of the two divisions called "South West" would have some advantages for administration but there would be a loss of census registers and a loss of the census roll.

The region patrolled comprises variations ranging from low level undulating hills to steep rugged peaks. The forest covered mounds are scattered in all directions with the exception of large open areas and high ridges. All three divisions are largely unpopulated with the exception of the small settlements which are well patrolled hence the absence of good tracks.

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MENYANYA PATROL NUMBER 3. - 1970/71

NORTHERN, SOUTH WESTERN AND WESTERN CENSUS DIVISIONS.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was mounted solely to amend the Common Roll for the above three Census Divisions.

Census figures for the Northern are included but those for South West and Western will be forwarded later as the census for these divisions is not yet completed due to the absence of some of the registers in Port Moresby for photo-copying for Territory Census purposes.

No area study has been done as the latest for all divisions was in late 1969 and nothing in the way of amendments have to be made as the situation in all villages has remained more or less stagnant.

One thing worth mentioning would be the amalgamation of the SW and Western Census Divisions. These two divisions contain roughly the same ethnic groups as clans from both divisions have moved to and fro between the divisions (with the exception of the Hakwange group) with the resulting "melting pot" effect. Also both divisions have since the early 1960's been patrolled as the one division and will continue to be done as such. The amalgamation into the one Division called "South Western" would also have its advantages for Administration and tasks such as compiling of census registers and amending the common roll.

The region patrolled comprises variations ranging from kunai covered undulating hills to steep rugged tropical rain forest covered mountains. Access to all villages with the exception of Menyanya, Ami, Yinimba and Jiba is by foot and all three divisions are served by reasonable bridle tracks with the exception of the BANIR Headwaters which is poorly populated hence the absence of good tracks.

With this sort of attitude on the part of politicians, the task of political education is a heavy one. We tell people what members can do for them and that they can get jobs for themselves and they duly elect a representative. **oooooooooooooooooooo** never sent after being elected and future talks on Government by the patrol officers are regarded with a very cynical and downright disbelief.

The frequency of patrolling in this Sub District does not lead itself to a solid political education campaign but only a scattering of information is given resulting in lack of understanding. Continued regular patrols of this nature conducted by an expert on the subject would, I feel, be of far greater benefit.



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SITUATION REPORT

(a) POLITICAL

The majority of the people in the three census divisions patrolled remain politically unaware and have little idea of what the House of Assembly is let alone its functions and aims.

For years officers from this Sub District have reported that the locals here just do not understand what is going on around them and are not vitally interested in such. They seem to have a purely materialistic outlook and can not think on a broad scale. So much has been said on this that I do not intend to hackney it further.

Political education is of course a long continuing process and it takes years to reap results but in primitive areas such as this the task is made even harder due to the disinterest of the people and their mental slowness. Their style and pattern of living does not lend itself to village discussion therefore there are only infrequent exchanges of views and thoughts.

From the time of evolution onwards these people have been living in little family groups on the crests of rugged mountains. It is only since the missions and the Administration arrived that the people have formed some semblance of a village, solely to please the two aforementioned authorities. A system now prevails whereby each family has two houses. One is in the so called village and is used only when the Government Officer visits, and the other is on the traditional hill in the bush and is used for the remainder of the time. With a situation like this existing in all of the outlying villages any sort of group thinking must be hampered.

The patrol asked villagers who their local members of Parliament were and when they last visited. None at all knew Mngobing Kakun the member for Munya, none had seen him and few knew what he did. Since this man from Mumeng has been elected to the current House he has not visited his constituents in their native habitat. A more substantial number knew of Mr. Voutas but since becoming the Morobe Regional member he too has not made any village visits for well over 12 months.

With this sort of attitude on the part of politicians it makes our task of political education even harder. We tell people what members can do for them and what they can get done for themselves and they duly elect a representative. The representative is never seen after being elected and future talks on Government by the patrol officer are regarded with a suspicion, apathy and downright disdain.

The infrequency of patrolling in this Sub District does not lend itself to a solid political education campaign and only a smattering of information is given resulting in lack of understanding. Continual regular patrols of this nature conducted by an expert on the subject would, I feel, be of far greater benefit.

## SITUATION REPORT

### (B) ECONOMIC

Many epistles have been written on the economic potential of the Menyanya Sub District and a few grandiose schemes have been talked about. I do not plan to be pessimistic about cattle schemes and cash cropping but I cannot see them coming about.

In the Northern Census Division the patrol noticed a few ragged plots of coffee, with the possible exception of Menyanya village, which has more than a few, the occasional European type vegetable and that was about the sum total of everything. The BANIR RIVER headwaters is even in a more depressed state and has absolutely nothing in the way of coffee and vegetables and is even short of native produce hence the large numbers of absent workers.

At one stage it was thought that it would be feasible to start a cattle project in the MIWI River area near TSEWI. Rumour started and certain people were led to believe that 5,000 acres of good land were available. The patrol looked at the site which in its best moments would be 500 acres of undulating ground, grass covered, but riddled with holes, gullies, rocks and creeks. Maybe these difficulties can be overcome but with no foreseeable road access to outside centres marketing would be impossible.

The South West and Western Divisions are slightly better off and coffee is more predominant although the position of the world market in regard to coffee hardly encourages any great expansion of the same in this region. European type vegetables abound in the Hkwange and Asagundi areas of the Western Division. Seemingly any amount of these could be grown but then again marketing by air access is uneconomic and the area could not compete with other areas served by road. Even when a vehicular road to Wau is completed transport costs will still be higher than those of growers shipping Wau-Lee and as the quality of vegetables here is not as good as those of Wau and Boana I cannot see an economic proposition.

### (C) SOCIAL

Concern was registered at some of the Northern villages about the spate of murders in the C/D this year. The total so far is 4 and the instances of threatening behaviour and riotous behaviour have also risen. All of the trouble is over pandanus and land and seemingly cannot be resolved. Some people even suggested that the government pull out all pandanus trees to stop the trouble. Everyone in the area goes heavily armed and most seem to have a genuine fear of what may happen to them if they go otherwise, but as usual are not prepared to do anything about it themselves but expect the Administration to.

The people of the SW and Western Divisions are content to smoulder of such disputes and revert to violence less often.