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SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

VANIMO

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPIK..... Report No. Vanimo P/Report No. 2 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by..... R. Kopi, Assistant Patrol Officer,.....

Area Patrolled..... Vanimo East Coast Census Division.....

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

Natives..... 2 R.P.N.G.C. Members.....

Duration—From 19/10/1964 to 26/10/1964.

Number of Days..... 7 days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 1964.....

Medical ... June/...../1964

Map Reference..... Patrol Map, Scale : 1" = 4miles.....

Objects of Patrol..... (1) Census revision; (2) Adjustment to Common Roll; (3) Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/11/1964

A. B. Cole
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

67-8-33

4th January, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1964/65 -
VANIMO

Receipt of the above mentioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Kopi is continuing his good work, and his reporting has certainly improved. Please convey to him my appreciation for the work he is doing, and congratulate him on my behalf on the improvement in presentation of his reports.

If transport is so difficult, I suggest that consideration may be given to setting up dryers at a place which has a good anchorage to which the full nuts can be transported. The people can then send small copra cutting teams to these locations.

An interesting report.

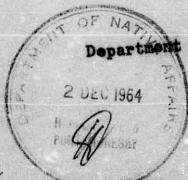

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
NEWAK.

27th November, 1964

Assistant District Commissioner,
VANIMO

VANIMO PATROL NO. 2 - 1964/65

I refer to the above Patrol Report. Would you thank Mr. Kopi for it, please.

I feel that we shall have to accept the lack of English in these reports. It is a pity, because it must, I feel, retard his chances in the future.

I have recently issued a Copra Buyers Licence to Mr. Goodwin, and one has already been issued to Mr. Campbell at Vanimo. We might now get some of the copra shifted. I fully agree that it is too risky for the trawlers along that coast line.

I know the chances are remote, but should you at any time be asked to recommend the setting up of a school, keep the Leitre people in mind. It must be terribly galling to them, after the way they have assisted the Administration in the past, to see the activity and the development taking place on both sides of them and they are left as they were twenty years ago.

Would you make some enquiries about prices being paid for crocodile skins in your area. I did hear that the payments being given were very low.

R. R. Cole
(ROBT. R. COLE)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

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Sub-District Office,
YANIMO.

18th November, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
NEWAK.

YANIMO PATROL REPORT 2/1964-65.

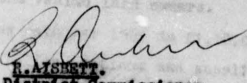
Two copies of the above report together with camping allowance claim are enclosed.

Mr. Kopi has compiled a good report and although there are some mistakes in grammar the report shows a considerable improvement in this field.

1. Native Affairs. Advise of the group of Serra people in the PUARI area has been forwarded to the A.D.C. at Aitape, who should investigate the intention to move before anything further is done.

2. Economic Activities. The problem of transport for produce on this coast is still extremely hard to overcome. It is possible to move produce during the South East season but even so this is not always successful. Ships' captains are hesitant, and rightly so, about standing to on this coast. Now that two traders, W. & R. Parer and Mr. K. Goodwin, have shown interest in buying copra in the area there may be a possibility of improvement. Mr. Goodwin has stated that he will purchase copra in the village and bear the responsibility of moving it. He hopes to use a large Ali Island canoe for the purpose and this could be the answer.

3. Education. Mr. Kopi did well to inform the Leitre people that there was little possibility of an Administration school at Leitre. While this is unfortunate there are just not the teachers available in the immediate future.



R. A. GIBBERT,
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.

19th October, 1964.

Mr. R. Kopi,
VANIMO.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please make arrangements to patrol the Vanimo East Coast Census Division.

The objects of the patrol shall be:

1. Census revision.
2. Adjustments to Common Roll.
3. Routine Administration.

Please check the wireless receivers given to Councillors in these villages to ensure they are working satisfactorily and that they are made available to the maximum number of people.

The following points should be emphasised in discussions with the people.

- a. Maintenance of roads.
- b. Health matters - village hygiene
- c. Copra production should not be encouraged beyond Leitre because of the difficulty of shipping.
- d. Endeavour to interest the people in short term work in and around Vanimo station.
- e. Also contract supply of building materials from the bush near Vanimo. This can be arranged with the Vanimo land owners.
- f. Advise them that the Council Tax rate for 1965 is £1.10.0.

Please make your own arrangements for Police, rations and supplies and carriers.

R. H. B. G. T.
R. H. B. G. T. A.D.C.

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Sub-District Office,
Vanimo.

3rd November, 1964.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Vanimo.

Vanimo Patrol Report No 2 of 1964/65. Vanimo East
Coast Census Division.

Officer Conducting: R. Kopi, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: East Coast Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by European: Nil.

Personnel Accompanying: 2 R.P.N.G.C. Members.

Duration of Patrol: 19/10/64 to 26/10/64

Number of Days: 7 Days.

Last Patrol to the Area: D.N.A. February 1964.
P.H.D. June 1964.

Objects of Patrol: (1) Census revision
(2) Adjustments to Common Roll
(3) Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Patrol Map attached - Scale 1" = 4 miles.


(R. Kopi,
Assistant Patrol Officer.

Introduction.

The patrol to Vanimo East Coast census Division was conducted by the writer for the aims specified in the patrol instructions. These were accomplished and attached to the report.

This census division comprises the area approximately 350 square miles of mostly coastal plain with considerable amount of areas under swamps and lagoons. The vegetation is secondary forest. There are quite a number of small rivers rise at the coastal ranges with the exception of Rual River which is the biggest river in the area and which rises further inland areas of Pagi.

The area's rainfall is mostly during the monsoon periods.

The area patrolled is under Vanimo N.L.G.C. which was formed in 1962.

Patrol Diary.

- Monday 19/10/64 Departed Vanimo at 0930 hrs for NINGERA by a tractor. The tractor stopped at a bridge where the WARASTON carriers were waiting. About 10 minutes walk to WARASTON. Departed WARASTON village at 1015 hrs. The patrol consisted of 2 R.P.N.G.C. members and 10 carriers. Road fair. Arrived NINGERA at 1515 hrs. The people were all in the bush so remain waiting. The people arrived late in the afternoon. Discussions with the villagers at night. Slept.
- Tuesday 20/10/64 During the morning village inspected and census revised. No complaints. Departed NINGERA at 1005 hrs; after about 1 hr. crossing the Krukru river. Road fair. Arrived RAWO at 1315 hrs. Rested. Inspected the village and census revised. No complaints. Discussions with the villagers at night. Slept.
- Wednesday 21/10/64 Departed RAWO at 0800 hrs. for LEITRE. Road good. Arrived PINO at 0900 hrs. Village inspected clean and tidy. Census amended. No complaint. Departed PINO for ISI at 1030, arrived at 1045 hrs. Rested. ISI, TARI and NOWAGE villages inspected. Villages clean and tidy. Conducted the census revision for ISI, TARI and NOWAGE. Good attendance. No complaint. Discussion with the villagers. Slept.
- Thursday 22/10/64 Rain and bad weather prevented the onward movement to PUARI so remained ISI rest house. Discussions with the villagers at night. Slept again.
- Friday 23/10/64 Departed LEITRE at 0745 hrs for PUARI. Road good. Arrived PUARI at 0930 hrs. Village inspected clean and tidy. Conducted census revision. Good attendance. No complaint. Discussion with the villagers at night. Slept.

Patrol Diary (cont'd.)

Saturday 24/10/64

Departed Puari at 0645 hrs. for ONEI, leaving half the patrol gears with a policemen. Road well cleared. Arrived ONEI at 1030 hrs. Village inspected clean and tidy. Conducted census revision, good attendance. No complaint. Returned to PUARI at 1330 hrs. Arrived back PUARI at 1615 hrs. Slept PUARI.

Sunday 25/10/64

Observed. In the afternoon moved to LEITRE. Slept ISI rest house.

Monday 26/10/64

Departed ISI at 0800 hrs. for Vanimo; changed carriers at PINO and proceeded; changed carriers at MAWO; proceeded to NINGERA; nested and lunch and changed carriers; Proceeded to Waraston; Changed carriers proceeded to VANIMO. Arrived Vanimo at 1900 hrs.

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There were some plants brought to the patrol's attention.

Health and Hygiene

END OF DIARY.

generally good throughout the villages that there were no other medical cases or reported that needs to be treated but for leprosy cases, there were in quite a big number of people had been admitted to the leprosy at Aitape. Several discharged lepro patients in the villages were told to report to the Medical Officer at Vanimo for check-up every six months.

All the villages in the area were inspected and seen the village hygiene is well kept. The village toilets are sufficient and are well kept up, clean and tidy. The area has an ISI Post at LEITRE and it is well attended by the patrol.

Other villages

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The area and all were visited. The area was very good and the patrol group.

The housing in the villages was attached there are several houses which are not suited to be reconstructed. The villages were told about this.

The patrol group are well equipped and are all in good order. The patrol group is well in a good plan of the area from the base camp.

Native Affairs.

The patrol was well received throughout the villages and the carriers were obtained from village to village without much trouble. PUARI is the only village that the patrol has to wait for carriers.

The people here are quite progressive group, particularly the IBIANE villages. They are keen and interested to better themselves but due to the difficulties in transports, they remain to achieve very little chance to progress. However, this is going to be their main trouble unless the native Local government council of the area assists to put a road to the station or the people themselves combine to find a place for the motor-camper to come to the shore to load if any produce the people want to sell. This was pointed out to the people during the discussions in the villages.

The living condition of the people here, is low but it appeared to be quite reasonable as there are many people here have the necessary cooking utensils and many people ^{have} some kind of a chair or a table in their houses.

During this patrol there was a group of people from SERRA villages camped at a place called MAM, about 45 minutes walk East from PUARI village, doing fishing for the Christmas celebrations. These people are belong to one clan and their ancestors lived in this place sometimes back; and they owned the land. They approached the patrol that they wish to come back to set up a village and to live here as they said that they have no land at SERRA. The patrol told them that it is not very good to leave SERRA just like that at this stage as their ancestors moved into SERRA for quite sometime now and their families now mixed with SERRA people. The patrol also told them that it might be a good thing for them leaving SERRA as they have no land at SERRA. There are about 40 people in this clan.

Throughout the area there were no complaints brought to the patrol's attention.

Health and hygiene.

The health is generally good throughout the villages that there were no other medical cases seen or reported that needed to be treated but for leprosy cases, there ~~there~~ is quite a big number of people had been admitted to the Leprosorium at Aitape. Several discharged lepro patients in the villages, were told to report to the Medical officer at Vanimo for check-up every six month.

All the villages in the area were inspected and seen the village hygiene is well kept. The village toilets are sufficient and are well kept too, clean and tidy.

The area has an Aid Post at LEITRE and it is well attended by the people.

village and Housing.

There are eight villages in the area and all were visited. They were all clean and tidy, particularly LEITRE group.

The housing in the villages was good although there are several number of houses show age which needed to be reconstructed. The councillors in the villages were told about these.

The rest houses are all in good repair and are all in good order. A new rest house at NINGERA village is built in a same plan as the old one that the beams are very low.

Agriculture and Livestock.

The agriculture in the area is carried out in a primitive fashion of gardening. In these gardens the people grow taro, kaukau, banana, pitpit and sugarcane. The people also grow some small quantities of European introduced vegetables such as tomatoes, chinese cabbages and shallots. These are grown for local use only.

Sago is the staple food in the area supplemented by what they cultivate from the gardens.

Although these people live along the coast, they do very little fishing as the seas along this coast are rough during most part of the year. There is also very little fishing carried out in the rivers and lagoons which is mostly carried out by the women.

The common livestock in the villages are pigs and fowls but these are a limited numbers and are also of poor species. The bush areas also contain wild animals as pigs, cassowaries, tree-kangroos and possums. There are also variety kinds of birds. The people here again not very good in huntings.

Economic.

The copra production was not encouraged because there is a transport difficulties in the area at the present.

It was reported that there is about one ton of copra at LEITRE waiting to be transported out for sale but at the present the sea is very rough and there is no vehicular road to be used, this copra is going to remain until the sea is calm again.

During the discussions, regarding the above problem, some councillors raise the idea to find a place for the motor-canoes to call in ashore to bring in or take out any loads that are needed. They reckon a place called MAM is a good place for it. This place MAM is actually a good place for the motor-canoes to call in even during rough weather. They reckon they will build a copra shed at this place for storing the copra which are waiting to be transported out for sale. The roads will be connected to this place without much trouble. This place will might later become a village site, settled by a group of people now living at SERRA villages (see Native Affairs).

The people carry on with crocodile hide huntings is quite encouraging. A group of people or hunters from Sepik River, employed by Mr. L. Thomas vanimo, are now in the area and they take in several locals undertaking training.

School and Mission.

There is no administration school in the area at the present but the Catholic mission in the area carry out the needs in the area's education.

The administration station school at Vanimo at the present also take in the children who pass the required standard of entrance at the mission schools.

LEITRE is the Mission station school which now has several school children from PUARI, ONEI and RAWO, boarded in the school. The standard one at the present, is the highest in this school; and the priest here is hoping to have standard two next year. The mission also have village schools at NINGERA, PUARI and ONEI but these schools cannot be classed as schools because none of the teachers has qualified for teachers teaching certificates. These teachers mainly teach religious instructions.

School and Mission. (cont'd)

The people here approached the patrol that they wish to have an administration school at LEITRE besides the Catholic mission school. However, it was pointed out that the Department of Education at the present, is very short with teachers and the Catholic mission school at Leitre at the present has to carry out the needs in the area's education. The patrol also told them that there would be a waste of a teacher here as there are not many school children in this area.

The number of children ~~xxx~~ at the school age are listed below which are approximated from the census book. The ages are from six (6) to twelve (12). Ringera was not included in this because it is about 4 hours walk from Vanimo station school and will come into Vanimo station.

Village. No. of Children.
(Age 6 to 12)

	M	F	
ISI	22	10	
NOWAGE	25	31	
CNEI	5	8	
PINO	11	17	
PUARI	7	6	
RAWO	8	12	
TARIS	10	8	
Total	88	92	- 180

Roads and Bridges.

The vehicular road from Vanimo to WARASTON village, which is about 45 minutes walk from the station, is usable by the vehicles and motorcycles; but at the present a bridge about 10 minutes walk ~~from~~ to WARASTON village, is in a bad condition now and the vehicles do not go beyond that except motorcycles.

The other roads consist of walking tracks and they are good walking tracks, just along the coast. They are generally well maintained.


Census and Common Roll.

The attendance in the census was very good in most villages. During the lines the patrol did not find any problem or difficulties in lining the people for census.

The common roll was also amended at the same time as the census revision and are held in Vanimo Sub-District Office.

Conclusion.

The people here are quite progressive group but due to the transport difficulties in the area, they will take a long while to achieve any changes. They certainly need more encouragements.


(R. Kopl,)
Assistant Patrol Officer.

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Sub-District Office, Vanimo

4th November, 64

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The Commissioner of Police,
Konedobu.

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Sub-District Office, Vanimo.

The Commissioner of Police,
Konedobu.

4th November, 64.

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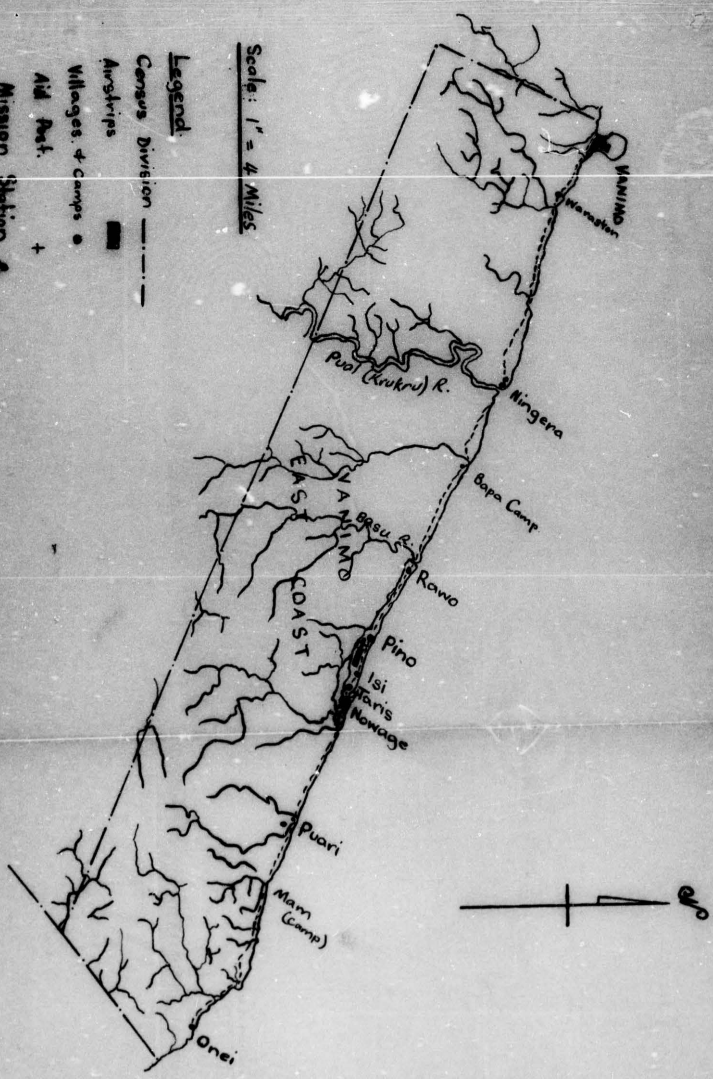
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Villages & Camps ●

Air Post. +

Mission Station. †

Scale: 1" = 4 Miles



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of North Sepik Report No. 3 of 1964/65 - vanimo.

Patrol Conducted by M. Kopi, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled vanimo East Coast.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 2 Members of M.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 17/12/1964 to 21/12/1964.

Number of Days 5 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October/1964.

Medical June/1964.

Map Reference Patrol map Attached.

Objects of Patrol (1) Road and Village inspections.
(2) Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25/1965

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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24 February, 1965.

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3rd March, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
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YANIMO PATROL NO. 3 - 1964/65

Reference your 67-3-6 of 3rd February, 1965.

I acknowledge receipt of the report of the
above patrol.

Mr. Kopi has carried out a useful patrol
which has been well reported.

(T. G. Kitchison)
a/DIRECTOR

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3rd February, 1965.

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.

Assistant District Commissioner,

VANIMO.

Report conducted by Patrol Report - No. 3 6/65

Please thank Mr. Kopi for his interesting report.

Area Pat.

The report calls for little comment. I agree, the copra business is interesting. I hope we can maintain it.

Personal Administration

(J. E. WAKEFORD)
A/District Commissioner.

Mutation

Number of staff

→ c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

*Good.
metal patrol
well reported*

Sub-District Office,
Vanimo.

19-1-65.

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

Report of a patrol to Vanimo East Coast Census Division -
vanimo patrol report No.3 of 1964/65.

Patrol conducted by: H.Kopi, Assistant patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Vanimo East Coast Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by European: Nil.

Personnel Accompanied: Two (2) R.P.N.G.C. Members.

Duration: From 17/12/64 to 21/12/64

Number of days: 5 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: U.D.A. October 1964.
P.H.D. June 1964.

Map Reference: Patrol Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol: roads and village inspections.
acurine Administration.

Introduction.

The area patrolled comprises an area approximately 350 square miles which stretches from cape CONCORDIA in the west to cape PRITWITZ in the east. Vegetation is mostly secondary growth forest with considerable amount of land under swamps and lagoons. There are two big rivers, KRUKU and NASHI which have ferrymen based to serve the people's movement in the area. There are also numerous small rivers rise at the coastal mountains.

There are eight villages in this census division with the population of 1052 which is quoted from the last years' census.

The object of this patrol were road and village inspections; routine administration which were attained.

Patrol Diary.

Thursday 17/12/64.

Departed Waino at 1200 hrs for WARAATON by tractor. Arrived WARAATON at 1245 hrs. Obtained carriers and departed WARAATON for NINGERA. Road cleared but on several points trees fell across the road. These were caused by a recent big wind. Arrived NINGERA at 1530 hrs. Most villagers were in garden areas so the patrol remained, waited for the people. All arrived later in the afternoon. Discussions with the villagers in the afternoon. Told the councillors about the falling trees across the roads. No complaints. Slept.

Friday 18/12/64

At Ningera, inspected village during the morning. Village clean and housing fair. Departed Ningera at 0830 hrs for LEITKE. Changed carriers at RAWO and PINO. Arrived ISI rest house at 1435 hrs. ISI village inspected. Village clean and tidy. No complaints. Discussions with the villagers. Slept.

Saturday 19/12/64.

Remained at ISI. Inspected MARI and MOWAGE villages. Villages clean and tidy. Housing fair to good. Several houses appeared to show age. Told the councillors to have these houses build again. Village water supplies inspected. No complaints. Slept ISI again.

Sunday 20/12/64.

Observed at ISI during the morning. In the afternoon departed ISI for RAWO. Passed through PINO and while passing through, inspected PINO hamlets. Hamlets clean and tidy. One of these hamlets will soon move to a new site and so far there are four houses completed on the new site. The patrol recommended to move to a new site for health reasons. No complaints. Departed PINO for RAWO at 1540 hrs. Arrived RAWO at 1650 hrs.

Patrol Diary, Cont'd.

Sunday (Cont'd), 20/12/64.

Inspected village, village fair but village toilets were in a poor condition. Bad drinking water seen. Told the councillor to have the toilets build again. No complaints. Slept.

Monday 21/12/64.

Departed MAWO at 0600 hrs for Vanimo. Arrived NINGERA at 1100 hrs. Rested and lunched. Changed carriers and departed NINGERA at 1310 hrs. Arrived WARASTON at 1545 hrs. Loaded patrol gears on the waiting tractor, and departed WARASTON at 1605 hrs by tractor. Arrived Vanimo station at 1655 hrs.

End of Diary.

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Native Affairs.

Generally, the people here are quite progressive group, particularly the LEITRE villages. They are aware both politically and economically and are keen and interested to achieve the betterments, but due to the lack of sea-transport, they remain to achieve very little chance to progress.

Living condition of the people here can be compared as low but in some ways it is reasonably high. Inside their houses, the people have the necessary cooking utensils and have some home made furnitures as a table or a chair. The type of dressings these people have are, women wear laplaps and blouse and dress is worn on occasionals; and men wear laplaps and shirts but now shirts and shorts are worn more often which eventually become a usual dress for the men.

The SERRA people camped at MAM, near PUARI village, are now all gone back to SERRA.

The law and order is generally abiding in the area that there were no complaints brought to the patrol's attention.

Village & Housing.

Villages were clean and tidy when the patrol visited, only on several occasions some minor cleaning up needed to be done which were brought to the councillors, and which were carried out.

One of the hamlets of PINO village have agreed to move from the present hamlet to a new hamlet site for health reasons. The present hamlet is situated on a low level ground and during the rain periods the water accumulates in the hamlet and remains for days. The new site is on a high level ground which the people be able to get away with it. The new site is towards the beach about 300yds. from the old site. So far, on the new site there are 4 houses been completed and seven more houses yet to be built. The patrol recommended to shift the hamlet to the new site.

Village hygiene is generally well kept except RAWO village appeared to have very poor outlook. The village toilets are badly needed to be built again and village pigs should be kept in fences because these pigs particularly use the village drinking water to bathe. The councillors of this village, RAWO was told about these as these endangers the health of the people in the village.

During the discussions with the people of the villages, pointed out to them that the village pigs should be kept in fences because the pigs do lot of nuisance in the villages.

The housing in these villages is sufficient and appeared to be fair to good. Those that needing to be put up again, were all told to have them build again before the next patrol. Rest houses were all in good order and were all in good condition.

Agriculture & Livestock.

Sago is the staple food in this area which is supplemented by their native foods as sweet potato, tapiok, taro and banana which are grown in their primitive fashion gardens in a limited quantities, but it is quite sufficient for the needs. There is also a small quantities of European introduced vegetables which are grown for their own consumption.

There are pigs and fowls roam around in the villages. These are used in need of meat. Dog appeared to be a common animal in these villages and are used to assist in

Agriculture & Livestock - Cont'd.
 hunting wild games.

The bush areas also contain wild animals as pigs, tree-kangaroos, cassowaries, wallabies and possums which returns the hunting parties with fresh meat for the needs.

Economic.

The copra production in the area is non productive at the present except the copra mentioned in the last patrol report which is still awaiting to be transported out but the weather here at the present is still rough. This copra now has been bought by Mr Woodwin and it is now left to his responsibility to shift this copra out. The copra money was paid out by the Agriculture Officer, Mr. McKean to the councillors then the councillors paid them out to the individuals producers. The people were most contented to sell this copra to satisfy their needs for money and during this patrol the people showed keenness and interests of making more copra which depends on the weather conditions and which particularly will permit the customers to move the produces.

All the villages in the area already have copra drying houses only NINGERA village just started to build one. The Agriculture Officer at Vanimo will soon send the field assistants to NINGERA to assist the people to build it.

There are several lagoons and rivers which provide good crocodile hunting areas. Now there are several locals engaged to it and they occasionally bring in few hides to Mr. Thomas in Vanimo for sale. There is also a group of Sepiks, employed by Mr. Thomas based at NINGERA. They do lot of huntings in the area and they are making roughly an average of eight (8) crocodiles a night.

There are no cash crops in this area at the present.

Education & Mission.

This area has no administration school as yet and the area's education is carried out by the Catholic mission. The mission is based at LEITRE where they have a mission station school. The standard two (2) is the highest standard in this school. This school might eventually become a boarding school for the area and so far there are eight (8) boys from ONEI and PUARI villages boarded. The staff in the school are a father, a lay-mission-teacher and two catechists.

The mission also have village schools at NINGERA, RAWO, PUARI and ONEI but at the present the mission is short of teachers (catechists) and closed the RAWO school. These village schools are run by the catechists who have no educational qualifications and they teach mainly of religious instructions.

Health.

The people's health is generally good throughout the villages. There were no incidences seen or reported during the patrol.

The incidences of Leprosy in this area is high that there are quite a large number of people attending the leproserium hospital at Aitape. There were no new incidences seen at this time.

Area has an Aid Post situated at LEITRE and it is well attended.

Roads & Bridges.

Vehicular road to WARASTON, about an hour's walk from vanimo station, is now usable by tractors and four wheel drive vehicles. The two bridges on this road, one of them was reported in a bad condition during the last patrol, now has been repaired. They are now in good conditions.

Roads from WARASTON to ONEI are consisted of walking tracks which were well cleared only on several points the wind blew down trees fall across the tracks which needed to be cleared. the councillors were told about these.

There would be a great difficulty of having a vehicle road from WARASTON down to ONEI as there are rivers, lagoons and sago-swamps along these tracks. The Arukru and Basu are the biggest rivers in the area and do require big and expensive bridges if they ever needed to be constructed. The small rivers are coming down from the coastal mountains and turn into lagoons or sago-swamps when they reach the coastal plains. These lagoons and sago swamps stretch right down to the coastline, stopping at the matter of few yards from the coastline. ~~These~~ are the points where the water break through to make rivers. These rivers always change their courses which is very hard to build bridges in these places. However, during the dry periods these rivers are blocked by the sand by the heavy seas and the vehicles could run across them without much trouble but it is in wet periods these rivers break forced by the flood waters from the coastal mountains.

If it was a need for the area to have a road here, it might be an idea to inspect the foot of the coastal mountains where the lagoons and sago swamps start which might be a better place for a road site and which will avoid the difficulties of having a vehicle road along the coast.

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 A. K. K. K.,
 Assistant Patrol Officer.

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The Commissioner of Police,
KONEDOBU.

Sub-District Office, VANIMO.
16th January, 65.

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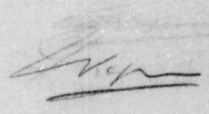
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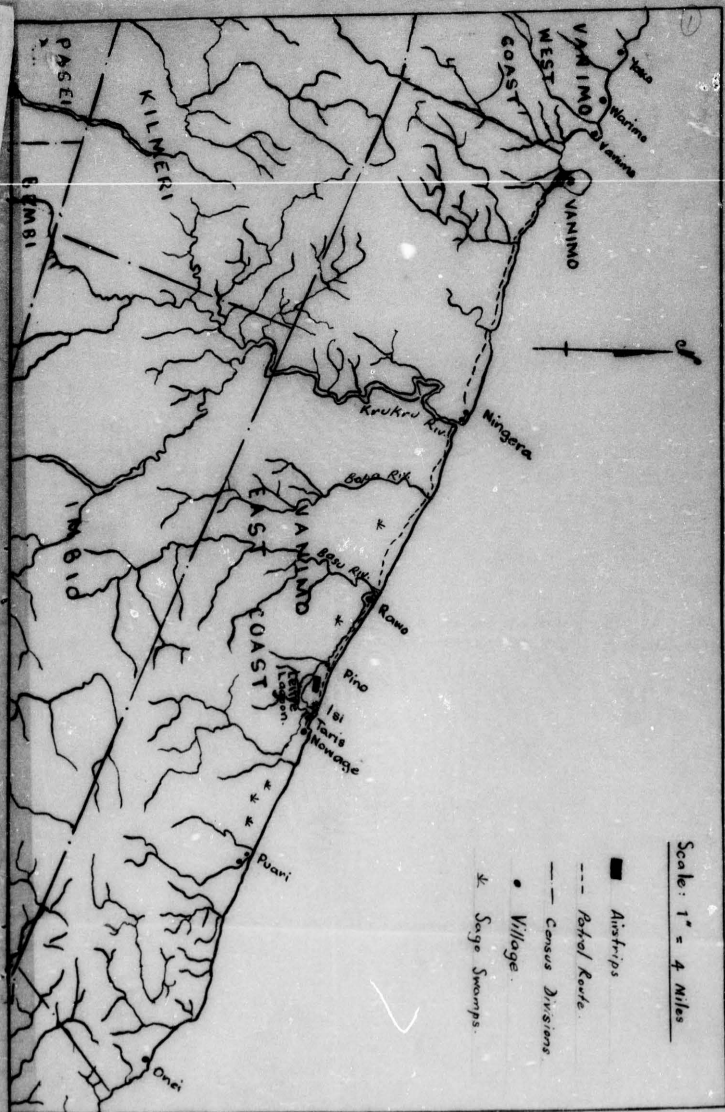
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Sepik Report No. Vanimo No. 6 - 64/65

Patrol Conducted by N.H. Walters, Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Inland border patrol from Wutung

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans M1

Natives 5 members of R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 5/5/1965 to 27/5/1965

Number of Days 23 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March /1964 plus other visits to parts of the area which have been dealt with under separate correspondence.

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

Map Reference Border series

Objects of Patrol As per instructions

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

S. 17/1965

[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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-8-94



Department of District Administration
Sopik District

10th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sopik District,
W. N. V. A. K.

VANIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 6/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Walters covered by your memo 67-3-6/13 of 19th July, 1965.

- 2. Your comments and those of Mr. Aisbett were noted.
- 3. A good patrol done well.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District
Administration,
Sepik District,
NEWMAK
19th July, 1965

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBORU

Vanimo Patrol Report No. 6

Attached please find a copy of a patrol report from Mr Walters of Wutung.

This patrol was carried out in relation to a border incident, and as usual with Mr Walters, the patrol was done excellently.

J. E. Wakeford
J. E. WAKEFORD
A/District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
YANIMO.
Sepik District.

1st July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
MEWAK.

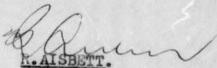
YANIMO PATROL NO.6 of 1964-65.

Mr. Walters report and camping claim are attached.

The patrol was carried out in difficult country under difficult conditions and Mr. Walters has done an excellent job.

As stated in my instructions the main object of the patrol was to ascertain if West Irian refugees were hiding in the uninhabited areas between Matung and Pagel. The report indicates that there is no evidence of this. Although the country is rough there are areas with valleys giving access to West Irian which could be utilised by refugees.

Because the area is uninhabited there is the possibility that refugees or others could cross the border undetected. Any deterioration in relations could mean that the area will require close surveillance.



R. ALBETT.
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

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Wutung Patrol Post,
Vanimo Sub-District,
SEPIK DISTRICT.

8th June, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
VANIMO.

Vanimo Patrol No. 6

Please find enclosed the original and three copies of the report covering the above patrol.

Area patrolled.	From Wutung along the border to Paw Paw, through the Pagel - Killipau area, to the Moseo river and then back to Wutung.
Period of the patrol.	5/5/65 to 27/5/65.
Duration of the patrol.	23 days.
Officer conducting patrol.	N.H. Walters, A.D.O.
Personnel accompanying.	Carrier line and 5 members of the R.P. & N.G.C.

N.H. Walters
N.H. Walters,
Assistant District Officer

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Patrol Diary

5/5/65.

Left Wutung at 7.45am this morning on inland border patrol. Proceeded over the mountain range which runs parallel to the coastline. After 7 1/2 hours along the track set up camp for the night. All walking today was through Wutung land. Although wet the track was reasonable.

6/5/65.

Packed up and set out at 8.00am. After 2 hours arrived at the Moso river. Set up camp for the day. Carriers and police went upstream to see if any people in this vicinity. No sign of anyone. Will clean around the astrofix which is nearby when we return through this area.

7/5/65.

Broke camp and set out at 8.15am. Track was in reasonable state - a P.I.R. patrol was over part of this area late last year. Heavy rain began falling at 12.15pm. At 12.45pm decided to make camp. Has rained all the afternoon and is still raining tonight.

8/5/65.

Set out at 8.15am. Reached Iau vicinity around mid - day. The track does not appear to be used much by the Iau people. Made contact with the villagers. Set up camp near the astrofix. Will remain here tomorrow, Sunday.

9/5/65.

Sunday. Remained at astrofix near Iau.

10/5/65.

Broke camp and set out at 6.50am. After 1 1/2 hours left the track which runs on to Kilipau and set out in a southerly direction over the Kohari hills. At 1.30pm set up camp for the night - heavy rain started falling at 1.00pm. Today's camp site is on the southern slopes of the Kohari hills.

11/5/65.

Started walking at 7.50am. Followed army patrol route. Passed from Iau land into Ilup land. After 6 1/2 hours walking came to the bush camp called Sinanu. Here tracks run in all directions. Spent time trying to locate the track which goes to Paw Paw. At 3.00pm decided to make camp for the night.

12/5/65.

Started today's walk at 7.45am. Arrived Paw Paw at 2.30pm. En route saw signs of a P.I.R. patrol. At Paw Paw met Mr. Howard, C.P.O. from Pagei Patrol Post. Have set up camp for a couple of days.

13/5/65.

At Paw Paw. Received instructions to proceed to Pagei. Will do so tomorrow.

14/5/65.

Set out for Pagei at 8.15am. Arrived Pagei at 11.45am. Met Vanimo A.D.C. and other visitors at Pagei station. At Pagei tonight.

15/5/65.

At Pagei waiting for a patrol wireless.

16/5/65.

Sunday - at Pagel.

17/5/65.

At Pagel.

18/5/65.

At Pagel.

19/5/65.

Left Pagel at 9.30am. Arrived Isi at 1.00pm. Proceeded to Ilup where we remained the night. The track today was flooded as a result of last nights heavy rain. The Pual river is in flood - will attempt to cross it tomorrow.

20/5/65.

Set out at 8.00am. Tried to find a place to cross the Pual river in the Ilup area. Unable to do so because the river is still in flood. While the carriers attempted to make a raft I went to the Kilipau area. Met the Kilipau councillor who had a small dug out canoe. Sent word to the carriers and police. Transported patrol gear across the river by the canoe. At 12.00pm set out in the Iau direction. At 4.00pm reached the Bwin river. Set up camp for the night.

21/5/65.

Because of heavy rain unable to start walking until 10.00am. After 4½ hours walking heavy rain started to fall again. Decided to make camp for the night. Todays walk was through Kilipau land.

22/5/65.

Broke camp and set out at 6.45am. Passed from Kilipau land into Iau land. At 11.00am arrived in the Iau vicinity. After an hours rest set off along an army patrol route. At 2.30pm heavy rain started to fall and the track became hard to follow. At 3.00pm made camp for the night.

23/5/65.

Sunday. Set out at 7.45am. Back tracked for 25 minutes. Then followed a river to its headwaters. Crossed over a range and for the rest of todays walk followed a river which runs in a northerly direction and joins up with the Moso river. Stopped at 4.00pm to make camp.

24/5/65.

Set out at 8.30am. Followed the Moso river downstream. This was through rough, broken country. At 3.00pm arrived in the vicinity of the astrofix. Made camp for the night.

25/5/65.

Rest day.

26/5/65.

Left the Moso river at 7.45am. At 9.00am reached the first camp site of this patrol. Spent 1½ hours here while the carriers cooked two pigs. Set out again and managed to lose the track. Took two hours to locate the track again. At 2.00pm made camp because heavy rain started to fall and the mountain mist became thick. Tomorrow we will reach Wutung.

27/5/65.

Left for Wutung at 8.15am. Arrived at 11.45am, this completed the patrol.

Introduction.

This report covers a recent patrol along a section of the West Irian border. The area patrolled was from Wutung on the coast, inland along the border to Paw Paw, through the Pagedi - Kilipau area, to the Moso river and then back to Wutung. Quite an extensive portion of the Pagedi - Wutung border area was covered during the course of this patrol.

Vegetation throughout the area is a mixture of lowland and mid - mountain forest. Swamps are common in the Pagedi vicinity. Many rivers which rise in the Oenake coastal range cut through the area.

Objects of the patrol were:-

1. check old village sites, gardens and hamlets,
2. check on tracks in the border area,
3. investigate how habitable the Moso river valley appears to be and also the country between the Ijapo and Kohari hills.

Village sites, gardens and hamlets.

In the Iau vicinity only one house of a group of three located last year now remains. This is just north of Iau on the track which runs to the Moso river. No attempt has been made to renew the other two houses. The Iau people appear to have used this camp very little during the last twelve months. There are no new gardens at this particular camp.

A large garden is now being established at and around the astrofix near Iau. This is on the Australian side of the border but is quite close to Iau village.

The camp consisting of three groups of houses on the track east of Iau is always in use, mainly for sago production. There are sago stands in this area. The patrol located Iau people at this camp - it is a little more than an hours walk east of the border. Both the Iau and Wutung people call this camp Suwampa.

On the southern slopes of the Kohari hills Iau people have a bush hut. A small area of land has been cleared and it appears that a food garden will be established near the hut. At present it is used for hunting purposes. Iau is 6 1/2 hours walk away.

At the Sangke river Iau land finishes. At this point it joins up with land belonging to the Ilup people. From all appearances it would seem that the Sinanu group of camps belonging to the Ilups have not been used or visited for a long time. No new gardens have been established and the old ones are all overgrown with weeds.

Along the track from Kilipau to the border at Iau there are still the old bush camps which were seen last year. However unlike last year no Kilipau people were located at these camps during this patrol. No new gardens have been established. It seems that these camps are mainly used for hunting purposes and gathering food from old established food trees.

The patrol followed the Moso river for some distance. No camps were located in this particular section. The only people likely to make bush camps in this area are the Musu people from the coast. However these days they do not venture far from the coast.

The Wutungs have no bush camps between the coast and the Moso river. They do go hunting in this vicinity but very rarely do they cross over the range on such excursions.

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Tracks.

All tracks followed during the patrol were old native hunting tracks and others cut by the P.I.R. during their patrols throughout the area. All these tracks link up at various points.

From appearances it would seem that the track which runs from Iau to the Moso river is very rarely used by the Iau people. However they do use the track through their land to the Kohari hills quite often.

The tracks which join up at the Sinanu camps were all overgrown, as was the area around the camps. This indicates that the Ilup people are not spending much time in this particular area.

The Kilipau people use the track which runs from Kilipau to Iau for hunting purposes. From their end the Iau people do the same. This was the best and most pronounced track walked on during the patrol.

Moso river valley.

For most parts the country along the Moso river is rough, broken and difficult. Towards the astrofix near the border the land does become more favourable. No doubt if people wanted to establish camps in this area they would be able to find suitable sites. For a short distance directly south of the astrofix the land is relatively flat. East of this there are many hills and small mountains.

Country between the Iiapo and Kohari hills.

The track from Iau to Kilipau runs through this area. In the immediate Iau vicinity the land is flat. For most parts this area is hilly and thickly covered with jungle. With the Iau camps at one end and the Kilipau camps at the other together with the sago stands here and there this would be a favourable area for any would be refugees to try and go into hiding. This could happen if people knowing that they will be turned back at Wutung decide to go to Iau and from there try and enter the Australian Territory.

Iau.

Contact was made with Iau villagers. An Indonesian medical patrol from Sukarnapura had visited Iau a few days before we arrived in the area. It appears that the people were given smallpox vaccinations. This was the first official Indonesian patrol to Iau since the takeover.

Other information learnt from Iau people has been dealt with by the A.D.C., Vanimo. Having Wutung carriers made it easy to contact these people because both have the same language.

Carriers.

A permanent carrier line was employed during the patrol. This was made up of mostly Wutungs. Three Yakos and two Musus completed the line. All carriers performed well throughout the patrol. One man packs were used. This enabled the carriers to move freely and carry bush knives to cut the track where necessary. This is important and it is considered advisable that future patrols through the area use one man packs. The tracks are such that they are not suitable for two man patrol boxes.

Within the area patrolled various groups of people own land - Iau, Ilup, Sekochiau, Kilipau, Musu and Wutung. These people know their own particular land tracts well. However I feel that at this stage the Wutungs, from past patrols through the area and this one, have a broader knowledge of the area as a whole than any other group in the Vanimo - Pagei area. This experience and knowledge may be useful in the future. The Wutung councillor, Lima, is a big asset on a patrol of this nature.

Police.

Five members of the R.P. & N.G.C. accompanied the patrol. All

performed their duties well.

Spelling of Names.

From the pronunciation of the Wutungs, Musus and Iaus it would seem that the Moso river should be spelt **Musu** and Iau should be spelt **Miau**.

Conclusion.

It is felt that the objects of the patrol were achieved.

N.H. Walters

N.H. Walters
Assistant District Officer

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The Commissioner of Police,
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R.P. & H.G.C. Headquarters,
KOHEDGBU

Wutung Patrol Post, Sepik District.
8th June, 65

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The Commissioner of Police,
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R.F. & N.G.C. Headquarters,
KOREDOBU.

Wutung Patrol Post, Sepik District,
5th June, 65.

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The Commissioner of Police,
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R. P. & M. C. G. Headquarters,
KOREDORU.

Wutung Patrol Post, SEPIK DISTRICT.

8th June, 65

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The Commissioner of Police,
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R. P. & F. G. C. Headquarters,
KORORUA.

Wutung Patrol Post, Sepik District.

8th June, 65

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The Commissioner of Police,
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D.P. & H.G.C. Headquarters,
KOWEDOBU.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Wutung Patrol Post,
Sepik District.
8th June, 65

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of North Sepik Report No. 7 of 1964/65, Vanimo

Patrol Conducted by A.A. Brodie, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Vanimo East and West Coast Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Two members R.N.E.G.C.

Duration—From 5/6/1965 to 10/6/1965 21/6/1965 to 28/6/1965.

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—East Coast District Services. 21/12/1964 East Coast September, 1963

Medical 5/1964

Map Reference Patrol Map attached.

Objects of Patrol Census Revision, Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13/7/1965

[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

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11th August, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
NEWAK.

VANIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 7/64-65

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Brodie covered by your memorandum 67-3-6/14 of 19th July, 1965.

2. The comments of the Assistant District Commissioner and your self have been noted.

3. Mr. Brodie shows keen interest in his work and certainly produces a well compiled report.

4. As Mr. Aisbett suggests the only answer for the communication and transport problems of these people is an inland road. It has to come some day.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

57-3-6/14

19th July, 1965

Assistant District Commissioner,
VANIMO

Vanimo Patrol Report No.7

Please thank Mr Brodie for his report.

Native Affairs

The Ningira people have never been happy and never will be. They have never been able to adapt themselves to their environment. When this timber lease goes through and that country is opened up, it may well be the beginning of a new era for the Ningiras. I hope so.

The giving of talks on the decimal currency introduction was excellent, and I am not surprised at the apprehension. We can, I think, expect a lot more once it becomes known.

I suggest that you give me a list of what aids you require and I will endeavour to get them for you from Headquarters.

Health and Hygiene

The village Aid Post Orderly, if it is the one who was there before, must be getting very old now. I will ask the District Medical Officer if a full time orderly can be supplied. I feel that the Leitre groups warrant one.

The service rendered by the Mission on Infant Welfare will be good. These Leitre people have been out of the picture for a long time.

Native Agriculture and Livestock

With the interest that these people are still maintaining in copra, I feel that we should do a lot more than we are in assisting them to get the crop out. I fully appreciate the difficulties along that coast. Please do everything to assist these people. If they have copra to come out, and the weather is good, do not hesitate to use the trawler, working in conjunction with their power canoe.

The coffee that is mentioned, is, I take it, being grown on the foothills of the coastal range behind those lagoons. Providing your Agricultural Officer is willing, I would say, encourage this crop. With the development of the timber project, it is possible that this area may see roads, if so, we can get this crop out. It will not be large, but will give the people something.

Get that Agricultural Officer down there to show them the pruning.

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Economic Activity

Do not worry about the lack of interest from the locals in the sawmill. I would prefer the Pagei people to be used. As said in the report, the coastals have other avenues of income.

Education

I feel that at present at any rate the Mission at Leitre is giving the best coverage in education. There is no hope at all of the Administration going in there, not with the staff position as it is.

Villages and Housing

I can only say how shocked I am at the state of Vanimo village. I realise that the same methods used in 1947 cannot be used these days. The generation that at one time had pride is now too old and the present do not seem interested. I would advise some slight pressure on this.

Roads and Bridges

It may well be that if the timber project goes through, the time will not be too long before there are roads and bridges.

A most interesting report.



J. E. Wakeford
J. E. WAKEFORD
A/District Commissioner

→ cc. The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO,
Sepik District.

5th July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT VANIMO NO.7 of 1964-65.

Two copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Brodie and camping allowance claim are enclosed.

The patrol was a routine census patrol of an area which has been visited on numerous occasions during the year by officers carrying out other than regular patrols.

The report indicates that there is little change in the area and that the people are going through a period of stagnation. The East Coast people as always show a keen desire for economic development which at present has small chances of success because of an almost insurmountable communication and transport problem. A vehicular road is the only answer and this is economically out of the question. The West Coast people with all the advantages show little interest in developing village economics and as stated in the report will do nothing while money is available so readily around Vanimo and Wutung stations.

Council influence and interest is now developing slowly. Now that an officer is available to concentrate on Council supervision it has been found that the local people are becoming more interested. A number of projects are under way and completion of these will give positive indication of what the Council can do and should further stimulate interest.

An Assistant Agricultural Officer has now been stationed at Vanimo. I have had discussions with the Senior Agricultural Officer and hope to have this Department active in these villages.

With the exception of the villages at the eastern extremity of the sub-district all the people in these divisions have excellent educational facilities from both the Mission and Administration.

Mr. Brodie has compiled a neat and comprehensive report of this patrol.

R. AISBETT,
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

Sub-District Office,
Vanimo.
July 1st., 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Vanimo.

Report of a Patrol to the Vanimo East and West Coast
Census Divisions.

Vanimo Patrol Report No.7 of 1964/1965.

Patrol Conducted by: A.A.Brodie, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Vanimo East and West Coast Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans: Nil.

Patrol Personnel: Two members R.F.N.G.C.

Duration: East Coast: 5/6/1965 to 18/6/1965.
West Coast: 21/6/1965 to 28/6/1965.

Number of Days: 22 Days.

Last Patrol to the Areas: East Coast: D.D.A. December, 1964.
West Coast: D.D.A. September, 1963.

Map Reference: Patrol Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol: Census Revision.
Routine Administration.

Introduction.

The primary aim of this patrol was Census Revision of the villages in the East and West Coast Census Divisions.

Routine Administrative duties were carried out by the patrol and the dissemination of news and information was executed by means of verbal communication.

The East Coast Census Division consists of approximately sixty miles of narrow coastal plains, stretching from Cape Concordia in the West to Cape Privitz in the East. Within this area there are eight villages, of which four constitute the Letre group. In all cases the villages are situated on the beach front. Vegetation is of a secondary nature, with considerable areas of swamp and a network of lagoons. There are two large rivers in the area and many small streams. In times of heavy rain these streams assume the proportions of rivers, flooding adjacent areas and interfering severely land movements. With the exception of the Pual River, which has its headwaters in the Pagei area, these streams rise in the coastal ranges.

The West Coast Census Division covers the coastal strip between the International Border of this Territory and West Irian to the West and Angriffs Harbour to the East. All of the five villages in this division are situated on the coastline, the vegetation of the area consisting mainly of lowland and mid-mountain type rain forests, with some areas of swamp. There are many small streams in the division, however these do not present the problems of their counterparts in the East Coast Division, when in flood.

Patrol Diary.

Saturday	5/6/1965	Departed Vanimo 1140 hrs., arrived Waterstone 1200 hrs. Engaged carriers and departed Waterstone for Ningera at 1215 hrs. Some sections of road in need of cutting and clearing. Arrived Ningera 1500 hrs. Councillor advised work required on road. Village inspected, housing good and general area fairly clean. Rendered aid to two small children and one adult whose recent Small Pox vaccinations had become infected.
Sunday	6/6/1965	Observed. Talks at night with Councillor and village committee.
Monday	7/6/1965	0800 hrs. lined village and census revised. Talks with villagers re council, health and hygiene. Emphasis on use and care of village toilets, which on inspection showed signs of disuse. Instructions for two new toilets to be constructed given. Afternoon, talks given re Decimal Currency, followed by a question and answer period. People shown facsimile of new notes as depicted in the C.C.C. booklet, 'A Guide to Decimal Currency'. Copy of C.C.C. booklet loaned to those who could read. Talks ceased 1930 hrs. 2030 hrs. dispute over marriage price heard and settled.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Tuesday 8/6/1965

Dispute between a group of Ningera and Sepik crocodile shooters heard and settled. Carriers, Patrol personnel and cargo ferried across Kru Kru by 1120 hrs. Noted that ferryman is constructing a larger canoe. Road to Rawo cut and in good condition. Arrived Rawo 1400 hrs. Inspected village, very neat and clean. Rest house and police house in good order. Councillor instructed to have covers placed over village toilets. Talks with Councillor and committee to 1730 hrs.

Wednesday 9/6/1965

Village lined 0830 hrs. and Census revised. Talks to people re Council and health. Pigs noted roaming village. Instructions given for construction of enclosures for same. Talks re Decimal Currency given in the afternoon. Format as for Ningera. Application for Trade Store license made and particulars noted. S.A.P. investigation made. 2000 hrs. marriage dispute brought to Patrol for adjudication. Approach for contact to be made with a villager absent at work in another district, re his return to village. Particulars noted. Patrol approached by a Policeman from Pino, who was on leave and uncertain about when to return for duty. Policeman advised to return to Vanimo by June 11th.

Thursday 10/6/1965

0730 hrs. went with councillor to inspect coffee garden. This is located due South of the village and is reached by travelling about fifty minutes by dugout canoe and on foot. Coffee appears well cared for. Returned to village. Further talks re coffee and copra. Complaint of moneys not repayed. One party in Vanimo, matter will be attended to on patrols return to Vanimo. Departed Rawo for Pino at 1300 hrs. Arrived Pino 1400 hrs. Road cut and in good order. Inspected village. Talks with Councillor and committee. Several requests for Patrol to contact villagers absent at work in other districts.

Friday 11/6/1965

0900 hrs. village lined and Census revised. Talks re Decimal Currency, Council, coffee, copra, health and hygiene. 1300 hrs. travelled to village coffee garden. This is situated about one hour travel south of the village. Garden well cared for, however still very small - approx. 420 trees. Returned to village 1540 hrs. Further discussions re coffee and copra.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Saturday	12/6/1965	Departed Pino for Isi 0830 hrs. Arrived Isi 0920 hrs. Inspected village. Housing old but in good condition. Instructions for six new toilets to be constructed. 1130 hrs. village lined and Census revised. Afternoon talks with Councillors and committees of Isi Nowage and Taris.
Sunday	13/6/1965	Observed.
Monday	14/6/1965	Lined Nowage and Taris. Census revision for both villages completed 1130 hrs. Afternoon proceeded to Isi coffee garden. Very small - 70 trees, however well cared for. Nowage coffee destroyed by tidal flooding. Returned to Isi. Talked to the people of the three villages re Decimal Currency, their council, health and hygiene. Inspected Taris and Nowage. Instruction given for the rebuilding of several new houses and the destruction of ten diseased dogs. Aid Post inspected, some minor repairs required. Councillors advised. List of medical supplies required taken. Will be despatched on Patrol's return to Vanimo.
		When lining the villages it was noted that many of the people discharged from the Aitape Hansenide colony were not reporting for their six monthly inspection. Nine such people advised that they must return to Vanimo with the Patrol, for inspection and in two cases treatment.
Tuesday	15/6/1965	Departed Isi for Puari at 0800 hrs. Road cut and in good condition. Arrived Puari 1110 hrs. Paid carriers, inspected village. One part situated on the beach front and the other about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile inland. Housing fair, area clean. Afternoon lined village and Census revised. Talks re Decimal Currency, Council and health. Seven exhansenside colonists noted not attending for inspection. One ordered to return to Aitape, others to accompany Patrol on its return to Vanimo. Approach at night by Councillor and several villagers re village siting problems. Talks on this matter ceased 2200 hrs. General meeting to be called tomorrow.
Wednesday	16/6/1965	Meeting convened 0830 hrs. Some people urging a return to old village site, some six hours walk to the south. Patrol pointed out the problems of communication etc. involved in such a move. Further discussion re present sites, their advantages and disadvantages. New site decided on, between present sites, however close to beach.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Wednesday	16/6/1965	Afternoon inspected area around village in an effort to find a more suitable site, but to no avail. Inspected village gardens. Few and ground generally very wet, tending to be swampy. Returned to village. Minor dispute heard and settled.
Thursday	17/6/1965	Departed Puari for Onei at 0800 hrs. Road in good condition. Arrived Onei 1210 hrs. Village inspected, clean and housing in good order. Lined village at 1400 hrs. and Census revised. Talks re Decimal Currency, Council and health. General talks at night with villagers.
Friday	18/6/1965	Departed Onei 0930 hrs, travelling by Leitre power canoe. Engine broke down fifteen minutes out of Onei. Worked on engine for two hours - spark trouble. Under way at 1145 hrs. Picked seven Puaris for hospital at Vanimo. Arrived Isi 1415 hrs. Picked up nine patients for Vanimo. Departed Isi for Vanimo at 1630 hrs. Arrived Vanimo at 2030 hrs. Patients to hospital. Reported to A.D.C.
Saturday	19/6/1965	To office. Talks with D.A.S.F. re servicing of the East Coast. Talks with Mr. L. Thomas re collection of last years copra and purchase of this years production. Arranged for M.V. Larvos to do this in three weeks time.
Sunday	20/6/1965	Observed.
Monday	21/6/1965	Morning to office and preparations for West Coast Patrol. Departed station for Vanimo village at 1230 hrs. Arrived Vanimo 1255 hrs. Off loaded patrol equipment, proceeded to Warimo for talks with Mr. Wegra Kenu. Arrived Warimo 1345 hrs. Departed Warimo 1515 hrs, arrived Vanimo 1555 hrs. 1610 hrs, West Coast Census book arrived on the Wutung canoe.
Tuesday	22/6/1965	0800 hrs. village lined and Census revised. Completed 1215 hrs. Afternoon talks given re Decimal Currency, Council and health. Inspected village, housing very poor, many houses in need of repair or replacement. Village area filthy, instructions given re housing and keeping grounds clean. Rest house dilapidated and Police house non-existent. New ones to be built. Departed for Warimo at 1600 hrs. Arrived Warimo 1650 hrs. Road cut and in good order. Discussions at night with villagers.

Patrol Diary Cont'd.

Wednesday 23/6/1965 0800 hrs. village lined and Census revised. Completed 1130 hrs. Afternoon talks re Decimal Currency. Discussions about Warimo Sports Club. Village clean and although housing is old it is in good condition. Minor dispute heard and settled.

Thursday 24/6/1965 Departed Warimo for Yako 0730 hrs. Arrived Yako 0930 hrs. Road cut, in good order. Inspected village while waiting for the people to line. Houses in very good condition, village area clean. Completed Census revision at 1030 hrs. Talks re Decimal Currency and Council. Heard and settled minor dispute. Departed Yako for Musu at 1515 hrs. Arrived Musu 1730 hrs.

Friday 25/6/1965 Inspected village. Housing good, are -a clean. Village lined 0900 hrs. and Census revised. Talks re Decimal Currency and Council. Patrol's equipment sent to Wutung per Musu power canoe. Writer and a member of R.P.N.G.C. departed Musu for Wutung, by road at 1300 hrs. Road generally clear and sections cut. The road made by Mr. Entrop to facilitate the movement of his machinery from Wutung to Musu is still in fair condition, but would need extensive work done on it before it could be used again. Arrived Wutung 1615 hrs.

Saturday 26/6/1965 Village lined and Census revised. Village neat and clean. Housing in very good condition.

Sunday 27/6/1965 Observed.

Monday 28/6/1965 Departed Wutung for Musu at 0715 hrs. Arrived Musu 0830 hrs. Talks with Mr. Entrop. Surprised to learn only four Musu people are employed at his mill. Apparently the people are not much interested. Waited as per instructions. Departed Musu 1600 hrs. Arrived Vanimo 1830 hrs.

End of Diary.

Native Affairs.

The people in both Census Divisions seem to be reasonably happy and contented. With the exception of the Ningeras, the people of the East Coast Division appear to be a particularly active and progressive group, with the Leitre group of villages taking the lead part. The Ningeras people display a rather apathetic attitude to development and much of what is going on around them. Nevertheless the greater percentage of people in this Division are aware that successful economic activity will lead to the attainment of a new and better standard of living, and seem willing to work hard to achieve this end.

However in both Divisions the people have only a vague understanding of their Council, its present work and aims and its future role in the machinery of government. The general attitude seems to be that once the local Councillor is elected all their responsibilities to the Council cease, and the Councillor takes these over. Constantly, in the course of discussions with Councillors and their committees this lack of interest and co-operation was lamented.

No doubt, and to some degree this attitude is the fault of Councillors who lack initiative and drive, but then this failing exists in any system. I feel, that at present the failure of the general population to comprehend the purpose and benefits of the Council is a poignant factor in the general development of the area and the people's progression towards more positive means of self government.

Probably when these people see tangible evidence of the value and work of the Council, such as the establishment of the Leitre Aid Post under Council sponsorship, much may be achieved in overcoming this attitude.

Through the Patrol it was stressed in village talks that the Council belonged to the people and that it could not develop unless the people themselves took an active interest in it and its activities.

At each village talks were given on Decimal Currency. The people were shown facsimiles of the new notes, as depicted in the Currency Conversion Commission's booklet 'A Guide to Decimal Currency' and a copy of the C.C.C. booklet 'Dola na Sen' was loaned to those who could read and collected on the patrol's departure. It was observed that some people were apprehensive as to the value of the new money, however these doubts seemed to be favourably dispelled during discussions.

Visual aids such as those suggested in the Director's Circular of 17/2/1965 would be most helpful in the dissemination of propaganda on this subject.

Several disputes of a minor nature were brought to the Patrol for adjudication and all were settled amicably. No serious disputes amongst the people were noticed and the situation appears to be generally good.

Health and Hygiene.

The health of the population in the East Coast Division is generally fair. The Patrol treated several children and adults whose recent Small Pox vaccinations had become infected. One male with a serious Tropical Ulcer was sent to Vanimo for treatment. There is an Aid Post at Leitre, however it staffed by a village Aid Post Orderly who is often not in attendance when required. Because of the distance from the Vanimo Hospital and frequent isolation by the elements, it would be advantageous to place a full time Orderly here. Perhaps this could be done on the completion of the new Aid Post, planned by the Vanimo Council.

Health and Hygiene Cont'd.

There is a high incidence of Leprosy in this area and quite a few people are patients at the Aitape Hansenide Colony. A large number of discharged patients failing to report every six months for inspection were detected and sixteen such persons accompanied the Patrol on its return to Vanimo. Five of this number have been detained under observation at the Vanimo Hospital.

It was noted, that with the advent of its new aircraft, the Catholic Mission intends to fly a trained nurse from Imonda once a month, so as to provide an Infant Welfare Service at Leitra.

On the West Coast the villages of Vanimo, Warimo and Yako are within reasonable walking distance of the Vanimo Station Hospital, which is thus able to provide them with medical services. The Aid Post at Wutung provides medical services for the people of Musu. A small outbreak of measles had occurred in Vanimo village during the Patrol's stay, however was adequately handled by the Station Hospital. No such outbreaks were noticed in any of the other villages in this division.

In both divisions there was a definite laxness in the use and care of village toilets. Talks were given on the health factor involved and instructions for the construction of new toilets given, where necessary.

Native Agriculture and Livestock.

Agriculture is mostly restricted to native gardens in both Census Divisions, although attempts have been made in both areas to grow cash crops. The most common types of foods cultivated in these gardens are Taro, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, tomatoe -s and fruits such as pineapples, bananas, paw paws, water melon, oranges and lemons.

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Copra has been worked on both Coasts for some time now, with the East Coast villages emerging as the more active producer. On the West Coast the Yako people are the only group where active communal interest is taken in Copra production. These people have recently sold six bags at Vanimo.

However the labours of the East Coast people are frequently thwarted by lack of transport for the finished product. This is due to an inhospitable coastline, which cannot boast one good canoe anchorage and consequently masters of large vessels are reluctant to call for cargo in anything but the best weather circumstances. Generally speaking, despite this problem the people are maintaining an interest in Copra and this is evidenced by the large numbers of coconut trees they are planting.

The East Coast Division has also shown a great interest in coffee. These people have worked hard to establish their coffee plots and although these are small and they realize that returns from same will be negligible until enlarged, their interest is still deep. In several cases it is necessary to travel for over an hour by dugout canoe and on foot to reach the gardens, however the people do this, parties going out every fortnight to tend and clear the gardens, while each village has a permanent watch in the area to protect the gardens from destruction by wild pigs.

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Agriculture and Livestock Cont'd.

As previously stated these gardens are well cared for, but the people need technical assistance. The plants, of which there are about 1000, appear to require pruning and spraying. Gardens which were established at Nowage and Puari have been recently destroyed by tidal flooding, however interest is high and despite their disappointment new areas are being cleared in preparation for another attempt.

In conclusion, both Census Divisions are reasonably well placed for supplies of good fresh foods, with the East Coast displaying a deep interest in coffee as a cash crop. Perhaps we can encourage that interest by rendering technical advice and assistance.

Economic Activity.

The East Coast Census Division appears to be more interested in economic activity, in particular cash cropping, than the West Coast. There are several reasons for this.

Because of the propinquity of the West Coast villages to either the Vanimo Station or the Wutung Patrol Post, the people find it convenient to offer their services on the labour market and in a few cases, to the Administrative field.

Four of the five villages in the division have power canoes, which are constantly used for freighting and other purposes by the Government and private enterprise. This, of course is a highly profitable business. A small, but lucrative trade, is to be found in the construction of model native canoes which are sold to visitors at Vanimo. This activity seems to be carried out in the main by the Warimo and Yako people.

A saw mill operated by Mr. G. Entrop has been established at Musu, however due to the indifference of the local population to the employment opportunities over fifty per cent of the labour at the mill is drawn from other areas, notably Pagel.

There is some copra production in this area, but it is only on a very small scale and is of no major importance to the Division as a source of income. It is felt that as long as there are other sources of employment, which provide more immediate remuneration, the people of this Division will not be interested in cash cropping.

From an overall point of view, these people have a large amount of business acumen and probably their future role will be, with the advent of better education, in the business and administrative fields of the economy.

The East Coast Division however is in a less fortunate position. The problem here is one of access and transport. As mentioned elsewhere in this report, there are no natural harbours and the Masters of large vessels refuse to service this coastline in anything but the best weather circumstances. Even the loading and transporting of copra by canoe, from the beach to a vessel standing off to sea is a difficult and hazardous task.

Under the circumstances the sale of copra produced has been uncertain and this has led to a slightly lethargic attitude to production. Last years production was purchased by Aitape Enterprises, however this firm is now in liquidation and the copra has not as yet been picked up. The people have reconditioned this copra several times and felt that under the circumstances further production would be unwise.

Economic Activity Cont'd.

They were advised that they had kept good faith long enough and that they were under no further obligation. Since the Patrol's return to Vanimo arrangements have been made for the R.V. Larvos to pick up this copra and purchase and recently produced copra. The people have been advised of this arrangement and in the event of its failure to come to fruition, the new Leitre power canoe could be used to transport the new copra to Vanimo for sale. Although this would be fairly costly, the present market price of copra should enable the people to defray costs and still make a reasonable profit. Despite these problems, interest is still high and many new coconut trees are being planted.

As yet coffee in this area is in its infancy and no beans have been produced. There is deep interest in this project however technical advice and assistance is required.

This Division earns a considerable amount of money from the sale of crocodile skins. Formerly the Ningeras were the only group taking an active interest, but now the Leitre group have stepped up their efforts in this regard, the people having received several hundred pounds in payments so far this year.

Education.

In both Census Divisions the Catholic Mission provides the only form of 'on the spot' education, with the exception of Wutung where a Government Primary 'T' school has been established. There are small numbers of children from both divisions attending either the Primary 'T' school or the Technical school at Vanimo, while approximately eight children from Musu attend the Wutung school.

On the East Coast the Mission has centralized all its schooling at Leitre, where its teaching staff consists of one native and three European teachers, all qualified. At present the highest standard taken is standard two.

There are about 150 pupils attending the Leitre school including about 40 boarders. On attainment of standard two, a small percentage of the pupils will go on to further schooling either at one of the Government schools or the Lote Mission school at Vanimo.

It would appear that the Leitre school is managing to satiate some of the educational needs of the East Coast Census Division, although it cannot be called decidedly effective.

The Leitre villagers are desirous of having a Government school established in their area and this is supported by all other villages in the area, except the Ningeras. It was explained that this was not possible at present.

Although the establishment of a Government school on the East Coast seems out of the question, perhaps in the future the facilities of the Vanimo Government schools could be enlarged to enable those children who attain standard two to continue their education. This, together with the Leitre children who go on to further schooling at the Lote school would ensure that a reasonable number of the children from the East Coast Census Division would receive an education, as is available in the Territory today.

The West Coast Census Division is serviced by two Mission schools and one Government school. The Mission schools are located at Vanimo and Barlo - which is between Warimo and Yako - and the Government school at Wutung. As in the East Coast there are a small number of children attending the Government schools on the station - Vanimo. Generally speaking the Mission is educating the greater number of children on the West Coast.

In both Divisions it is pleasing to note that the catechist type schools have been disbanded and the children are now attending schools with qualified teachers.

Villages and Housing.

Most of the villages visited in Both Census Divisions were clean and tidy. One or two instances requiring attention were brought to the notice of the Councillors concerned and rectifying action taken during the Patrol's stay.

Village housing was generally fair. Where necessary instructions were given for the replacement of KMH low standard and dilapidated houses. Along the East Coast there is a definite rebuilding programme under way in Rawo, Pine, Nowage and Puari.

The village of Puari is sited in a particularly bad position. One section of the village is located on the sea front and during the North-West season waves are sometimes driven against the sides of the houses, while the sea spray plays constant havoc with walls and roofing of the houses. A second group of Puari's have established a village about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile south of the beach front. However this area is subject to frequent flooding, tide water mark up to a foot in height being noted on many of the houses.

A reconnaissance of the country surrounding the village sites failed to disclose a better site, the area in the main consisting of secondary swamps.

Extensive talks were held with the villagers, concerning this problem and it was finally decided to relocate the village on a beach front site, slightly more inland from the present beach site. There was strong feeling that the people should return to their old village site, which is some six to eight hours walk inland. The Patrol proffered the advice that great difficulties regarding communications and social intercourse would arise and after short discussions this idea was abandoned.

The standard of housing in Vanimo village on the West Coast is particularly poor. A total of 30 houses in the village are in need of replacing. This state of affairs stems from the fact that many of the men are employed on the Vanimo station and only return to the village and their families on Saturday afternoons, often vacating it again on Sunday afternoon. During the week these people live in station compounds.

The housing in other villages on the West Coast is of a fairly high standard. In some instances advantage has been taken of the sawn timber available from Mr. Entrop's mill at Musu. The results are both an improvement and pleasing to the eye. Many of the houses in Warimo village are old, however in fair condition and a gradual rebuilding programme to replace them is in evidence.

Rest houses in both Divisions were in good order. However it was necessary to give instructions for the repair of the Mingeru rest house.

Roads and Bridges.

Roads in the East Coast Census Division consist of bridal tracks, except for a small section from Vanimo to Waterstones. Movement on this road is restricted to four wheeled drive vehicles and tractors. There are two wooden bridges on this section, the one closer to Waterstones being in a very poor state of repair.

The main problem in developing a road system in this area is that of bridging the Pual River and the other 13 streams along the coast. In times of heavy rain most of these streams are very swollen and assume the proportions of large rivers. In view of the prohibitive cost of bridging these waters and the small population, it would appear that there is no hope of having anything more than bridal tracks for years to come.

Roads and Bridges Cont'd.

On the West Coast a vehicular road extends from Vanimo Station to Iako. From Iako a good coastal walking track runs on to Musu and Wutung. In addition the road built by Mr. Entrop to facilitate the movement of his equipment from Wutung to Musu is still in fair condition; but clearing of overhead foliage and fallen trees would be necessary before any attempt could be made to use it again. Power canoes provide a quick mode of transport along this section of the coastline, when weather conditions are favourable.

Most tracks in both Divisions were cut and cleared.

Law and Order.

No offences requiring formal court action were brought to the notice of the Patrol.

Census.

A revision of the census was carried out in all villages of both census divisions. There has been an increase in population since the last census.

Conclusion.

The objects of the patrol were achieved and all patrol personnel received a good reception in each village.

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The Commissioner of Police,
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Sub-District Office, Vanimo.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPIK..... Report No. VANIMO 8 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by R. AISBETT Assistant District Commissioner.

Area Patrolled.....SEKOTCHIAU & BORDER AREA WEST OF PAGEI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....E.L.Q. CONNELL..... A.D.D.

20 R.P. & N.G.C.

Natives..... 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 17./...6./19.65. to 24./...6./1965

Number of Days..... 8

Did Medical Assistant accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... MAY /19 65

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

Map Reference..... BORDER SPECIAL SHEET 1

Objects of Patrol..... BORDER SURVEILLANCE.

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 £.....

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23rd September, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
NEW GUINEA.

YAHIMO PATROL REPORT NO. 6/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very short patrol report by Mr. Aisbett, whilst patrolling the border area.

2. The report is self-explanatory. No comments are required.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.



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DIARY OF PATROL.

- 17.6.65 Patrol departed Paged 1.45p.m. arrived PAW PAW 5p.m. Made camp - posted guards. SEKOTCHIAU people with exception of family of LULUAI and one other. Family have scattered.
- 18.6.65 Departed PAW PAW 9a.m. arrived SEKOTCHIAU 10.45. Village deserted. Luluai's house only one showing signs of recent habitation. Other houses have all articles removed. All tracks from SEKOTCHIAU checked. Strong guard posted.
- 19.6.65 Remained SEKOTCHIAU.
- 20.6.65 Departed SEKOTCHIAU at 9a.m. along northern border track to SAWAN - arrived SAWAN 10.30a.m. Hamlets all deserted. Continued north easterly to SINANU - arrived SINANU 1p.m. All hamlets visited and found deserted. No signs of recent habitation. Made camp - guards posted.
- 21.6.65 Departed SINANU 8.30a.m. returning towards PAWPAW. Located two (2) ILUP men who had been searching and found native YEREMAS who was required for the investigation. Despatched police to go with these men and bring YEREMAS to PAW PAW. Continued to PAW PAW. Noted number of tracks not previously shown on maps. Arrived PAW PAW 2p.m. Still no contact with main SEKOTCHIAU people. YEREMAS brought in by police.
- 22.6.65 Questioned YEREMAS and wife of Luluai of SEKOTCHIAU. Self and twelve (12) police returned to SEKOTCHIAU. Departed PAW PAW 10a.m. - returned 2p.m. Village deserted and strong evidence that no people had been in village since our visit 2 days before. Sighted tracks of four (4) people on return journey to PAWPAW but lost them in maze of tracks left by movements of the patrol. P.O. O'Connell and police to search area along POKALEL creek. This party found newly constructed huts with signs of occupation - area searched to no avail. YEREMAS escaped from this party and fled during the day.
- 23.6.65 Police party returned early to camp located by party day before. Main party remained at PAW PAW. Report received via Vanimo from Wutung indicated that presence of patrol no longer necessary in area. Self returned Paged thence Vanimo at 6.30p.m. P.O. O'Connell remained PAW PAW awaiting return of Police party.
- 24.6.65 Police party returned to PAW PAW with two (2) SEKOTCHIAU men. P.O. O'Connell then brought them to Paged.

END OF PATROL.



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The patrol had continuous daytime contact with Vanimo through an A.510 portable transceiver which performed excellently.

2. Tracks.

Despite the large number of tracks already mapped on the Border Special Sheets the patrol was frequently confronted with new and unknown tracks leading to and from garden hamlets, sago stands and villages. The nature of the country is such that it is possible for natives to move through it practically anywhere. At one stage the patrol was split in two by the simple process of a number of TLUP carriers verging off the patrol's track onto a different one which they knew lead to the same destination. Also all the numerous creek beds are walkable when not in flood.

3. Garden Hamlets.

With the exception of the hamlet marked on the map as New PAW PAW all the hamlets visited in the area appear to have been neglected and deserted for a long time. This indicates that the SEKOTCHIAU people have other lesser houses scattered throughout the area in which they are at present living a very unsettled nomadic existence.

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