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EAST SEPIK DISTRICT
PATROL REPORTS
1970-1971
MAPRIK & WOSERA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>Maprik</u>		
2-70-71	R.P.LACHAL	Bumbita/Muhiang and Wora Census Division.
3-70-71	L.J.ASIMBA	Kombio, Wam and Urat C _e nsus Division.
4 70 71	B.M.SKINNER	Wora Census Division.
5 70-71	R.P.LACHAL	Tamaui Census Division.
<u>WOSERA</u>		
1-70-71	D.H.AGG	South Wosera C _e nsus Division.
3-70-71	J.E.WHITE	South Wosera Census Division.

No/ NO RECORD



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... East Sepik Report No..... Maprik No 2 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by..... R.P. Lechal

Area Patrolled..... Bumbita-Muhiang and Wora Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil

Natives..... S. Kumou and T. Dimi

Duration—From..... 7 / 12 / 19 70 to 11 / 12 / 19 70

Number of Days..... 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... Nil

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

Medical / / 19

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... Drawing up and completion of applications to the
Land Titles Commission (Chain and Compass Survey of
disputed areas)

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 67-3-7

Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik, ESD.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

7th April, 1971.

Maprik Patrol No. 2 1970/71
Mr. R.P. Lachal, A.P.O.
Bumbita-Muhiang & Wora Census Divisions

Attached hereto please find :

- a) Original and one copy of the Report;
- b) Copy of Patrol Instructions on file 67-3-7 dated 4th December, issued by the A.D.C. to Mr. Lachal;
- c) Copy of memorandum 67-3-7 dated 29th March 1971;
- d) Copy of memorandum 67-3-7 addressed to myself dated 5th April 1971;
- e) Map of the area patrolled.

This report was mounted to enquire into and record land disputes for subsequent hearing by the Lands Titles Commission. The disputes, the subject of this report, have been recorded and forwarded to the District Commissioner, East Sepik District.

No further comment is required on this report. Give him every assistance and inform him fully of what you are doing and the reasons for the decisions that you make. As you are aware he has just finished a 12 month course and is posted here for 3 months practical training before he undertakes a further 2 years at Waigani.

J. Young Whitford
J. Young Whitford
Deputy District Commissioner

c.c. District Commissioner, Wewak.

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Sub-District Office,
M A P R I K

JAW/cl

4th December, 1970.

Mr. R. P. Lachal
Assistant Patrol Officer,
M A P R I K

MAPRIK PATROL NO 2 1970/71

As discussed, you will leave on Monday, 7th December to commence a short patrol to the Bumbita-Muhiang and Wora Census Divisions with the prime object being -

(1) Documentation and survey of two land disputes between Ilahita, Lehinga and Mamalimbi Villages

(b) Two disputes in the Ningalimbi Village area.

2. What is required is the drawing up and completion of applications to the Land Titles Commission and a Chain and Compass Survey of the disputed areas.

3. On Wednesday, 9th December, Mr. Paylor, Patrol Officer from Wewak will join you and when you introduce him to the areas concerned he will then take over your work. Following Mr. Paylor's take-over you will then proceed to cover the disputes in the Albiges and Mamblep areas by day trips as discussed and also when the Assistant Field Officer becomes available from Mr. Paylor.

4. Mr. Spencer Kumou, Assistant Field Officer, is to accompany you to carry out the surveys under your instruction.

5. Mr. T. Dimi, Assistant Patrol Officer, will also accompany you and I want you to pay particular attention to teaching him general patrolling work, attitudes to people, preparation of disputes for presentation to the Lands Titles Commission and any general introductions to our methods of patrolling. Please give him every assistance and inform him fully of what you are doing and the reasons for the decisions that you make. As you are aware he has just finished a 12 months course and is posted here for 3 months practical training before he undertakes a further 2 years at Vunididir.

6. Please liaise with the Officer-in-Charge, Maprik Police Station, for suitable patrol Police.

7. I am not giving the details of disputes and backgrounds as this is already well known to you.

J. A. Wiltshire
Assistant District Commissioner

67-3-7

JAW/cl

Sub-District Office,
M A P R I K

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Department of the Administrator

Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik, ESD.

29th March, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

Patrol Report Maprik No.2 1970/71

Please find re-submitted herewith four copies of the above patrol report for your comments and onward forwarding please.

I must say that your previous comments submitted with the report and subsequent comments by the Deputy District Commissioner have caused me much concern. The report was a genuine account of how I personally viewed the area. I can assure you that I am not suffering from sour grapes and maybe when you visit the area you may form the same opinion about the area being depressing to patrol.

Finally, may I offer an explanation as to the late submission of this report. As you will notice in the Patrol instructions, Par. 3. Mr. B. Paylor took over the Patrol after the first week and has since submitted a report. I was unaware at the time that two reports were required for what was virtually just one patrol.

R.P. Lachal
Assistant Patrol Officer

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No. 67-3-7

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik, ESD.

Deputy District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Maprik.

5th April, 1971.

Patrol Report - Maprik No. 2
1970/71

Please find attached four copies of the above Patrol Report, together with covering memorandum from Mr. R.P. Lachal, A.P.O.

I do not think it necessary to reiterate the circumstances surrounding the late application of this Report. It has now been resubmitted in a much improved form and is an adequate record of the work done on the Patrol.

Camping allowance claims were submitted previously. I would like to point out to you that as we no longer submit Patrol Reports to Wewak, we now have the problem of having our Patrol maps sun-printed. To avoid holding up Patrol Reports, I suggest we request Headquarters to make sun-prints for us.

I have no further comments.

C.G. Sanderson
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Assistant District Commissioner

This dispute concerns ground known as "Angusere" which comprises approximately ten acres now planted with rice. After a few hours of discussion common use of the ground was mutually agreeable. Rice can be harvested by both parties and the dispute is dormant for a Lands Titles Commission hearing.

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MAPRIK PATROL NO 2 1970/71

PATROL DIARY

- 7-12-70 Prepared patrol gear and departed by Toyota for Ilahita via Aupik-Lehinga road. Meet M.H.A. at Lehinga and organised patrol route of disputed areas - overnight Ilahita.
- 8-12-70 Walked to Land "Ungambel". Ilahita and Lehinga assembled. Ground chain & compassed by A.F.O. S. Kumou. Evidence recorded and land documents prepared. Organised repair of bridge at Lehinga. Returned Ilahita - overnight.
- 9-12-70 Engaged carriers and walked to Ningalimbi. Settled into Rest House. Walked to Mamalimbi and recorded evidence of disputed ground "Komonatoa". S. Kumou, after much arguing, commenced survey of area. Returned to Ningalimbi, prepared documents. Evening discussions regarding land disputes. Overnight.
- 10-12-70 A.F.O. S. Kumou and T.P.O. T. Dimi set off to Mamalimbi to complete traverse. Walked to disputed area between Ningalimbi and Lehinga. Tried to decide the marks of disputed ground but unsuccessful as Lehinga would not show up. Overnight Ningalimbi.
- 11-12-70 Prepared for survey of ground "Kwalishe". Day spent documenting disputes and preparing situation report. Documents are fully prepared and enclosed herewith.

LEHINGA V ILAHITA

This dispute concerns ground known as "Ungambel" which comprises approximately ten acres now planted with rice. After a few hours of discussion common use of the ground was mutually agreeable. Rice can be harvested by both parties and the dispute is dormant for a lands titles Commission hearing.

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MAPRIK PATROL NO. 2, OF 1970/71

These were the two prominent disputes that were documented by this patrol. Contrary to Patrol Instructions, D.O. Taylor did SITUATION REPORT a separate patrol from here to check the work done by this patrol and also document three other disputes pending on being by the

The patrol was mounted due to the increased pressure and anxiety over land disputes in the BUNBITA-MUHIANG and WORA Census Divisions. Three months prior to the patrol, over one hundred and fifty villagers have been sentenced to prison terms because of fights arising over disputed land ownership. The land in question has been arbitrated on three previous occasions, but never documented for a Lands Titles Commission hearing. It was with this intention that the attached Patrol Instructions were given.

People in the Patrol area had a good grasp of local Governments. This being mainly due to the M.H.A. Mr. Pita Lau who is in the area. Land ownership in this area is a major concern to the people of Lehinga. They display infinite patience in attempting to get their land disputes sorted out. For example, six people walked to LEHINGA-MAPRIK return (10 miles) every day for two weeks to explain that other villages were encroaching on their land. LEHINGA have been kicked from pillar to post and are now anxious to establish permanent boundaries. In trying to achieve this, they have sparked off hostilities with Ningalimbi and Ilahita. The most prominent and far reaching dispute is that concerning ground known as "Komanatoa" which is now inhabited by Lehinga No. 2 and has been for the past twelve months. Lehinga No. 2 are working energetically to try and establish a look of permanency to the area (Trade Stores, Roads, Haus Paddy etc.)

Lehinga No. 2 claim that "Komanatoa" was bought and paid for and the purchase price accepted by Ningalimbi No. 1. Ningalimbi No. 2 claim that Ningalimbi No. 1 had no right to sell the ground as it was not theirs. Documents are fully prepared and enclosed herewith. Neither of the two Councillors have tried to get together with the purpose of settling these

LEHINGA V ILAHITA

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The help received by P.O. Paylor and two A.F.O. was more than appreciated by this office. Between the two Patrols lasting 2 and ½ weeks we were able to complete what has been outstanding for approximately 6 months.

POLITICAL

The people in the Patrol area have a good grasp of Local Government. This being mainly due to the M.H.A. Mr. Pita Lus who is resident at Mamalimbi (one of the areas under dispute). It is under his influence that the majority of people are critical of the Administration, especially concerning the slow process involved in submitting an application to the Lands Titles Commission and has used this time delay to transfer his village from Lehinga No. 2 to Mamalimbi onto the ground under dispute. The people have now been settled for over twelve months and to a stranger, would appear to have been in possession for several years. Mr. Pita Lus owns a prosperous trade store in the new village and has implemented a crash road construction programme to give the impression of a well settled community.

The two Local Government Councillors involved with the Patrol

ANUMBUNGAI-NINGALIMBI

KWUMBULLI - LEHINGA

were disappointing with regard to the assistance of the Patrol. One has rather a doubtful past and the other is an elderly loyal to Mr. Pita Lus, M.H.A. Neither of the two Councillors have tried to get together with the purpose of settling these land disputes.

The access road into Lehinga and Ningalimbi is the worst maintained road in the Council area. Once again the M.H.A. has suggested that the people need not maintain the road as the Council and Public Works, through Rural Development, were spending \$24,000.00 on upgrading the existing road. Work has now commenced on the road and the village people are getting an all weather road. They attribute the whole thing to Mr. Lus

who can achieve anything he wishes by asking for it in the House of Assembly, and do not fully realize that the whole project is being made available through Rural Development funds.

I personally have conducted two political education discussions in both villages. These seem to have a good effect at the time. Also these people have a better political awareness than most as Mr. Lus, M.H.A. holds regular meetings in the area to distribute the "goings on" in the House of Assembly.

Depressing to Patrol.

ECONOMIC

Cash crops are springing up all over the area patrolled. The new upgraded road is having a tremendous effect on morale. What used to take an hour and a half, now can be done in ½ hour. There are a few cattle projects proposed for the area, but I only saw the various preparations and no actual stock on the land. There is little I can add to the present Economic situation in the area patrolled. Coffee and rice are the only source of income for these people. This may have some bearing on the fact that there is a 15% absenteeism of males away on plantations. There are no Non-Indigenous development in the area.

SOCIAL

There are no schools in the area. As a result most of the school age children are illiterate. One Aid-Post at Lehinga serves the entire area of Lehinga-Mingalimbi-Mamalimbi. The population, who live on the Wosera border seem to have caught the Wosera Lethargy towards normal hygiene. (By Wosera Lethargy towards normal hygiene I mean the lack of perception between uncleanliness and sickness. Approximately 80% of the Wosera population have contracted TINIA IMBRICATA (Grille) and make no effort to curb its spreading. I realize that this is not important but its an indication of Uncleanliness. Wosera generally is riddled with thoughts of Poison and Sorcery causing sickness and death, whereas a little more hygiene and soap and water would do a lot to cure the situation.

I was amazed that the known cases of leprosy were hesitant to come to Maprik for injections of a new medicine by Dr. Russell which virtually cures Leprosy. I fail to understand this attitude towards a disease which can be fatal. This is what I mean by Wosera Lethargy.)

(2)

As mentioned previously in this report approximately 150 people were tried for riotous behaviour in the Maprik district court and subsequently sent to the corrective institute at Boram. The fighting which occurred was just a culmination of arguments occurring of land ownership.

There are no missions active in the area or community activities in general. All in all the area is rather depressing to Patrol.

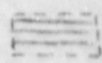
R. P. Lachal

R. P. Lachal

Assistant Patrol Officer

MAP TO ACCOMPANY MAPRIK
PATROL NO.2 OF 70/71

Drawn by S. Kumou
Date 1/4/71
Scale 4 miles to the inch,
Four Miles of WEMAK.

 Signified Land Disputes
Surveyed and Documented.





H. G.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... EAST SEPIK Report No. ... 3/70-71

Patrol Conducted by... L. J. ASIMBA - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

Area Patrolled... KOMBIO, WAM AND URAT CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL

Natives... CLERICAL ASSISTANT, COUNCIL CLERK AND
2 MEMBERS OF THE RPNGC

Duration—From... 5.../...11.../1970... to... 9.../...12.../1970...

Number of Days... 35

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? ... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 14/10.../1970...

Medical /... /19

Map Reference... WEWAK 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol... 4th GENERAL ELECTIONS OF THE DREIKIKIR L. G. COUNCIL

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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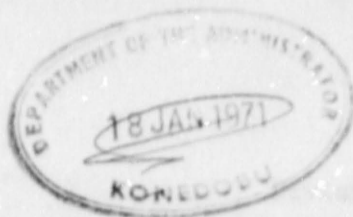
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E. G. Hild
District Commissioner

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

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

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Division of District
Administration,
District Office,
MASH. East Sepik District.

13th January, 1971.

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

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1970/71
KOMBIO WAN AND WRAT CENSUS DIVISIONS
FOURTH GENERAL ELECTIONS
OF THE DREIKIKIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Thank you for the abovementioned report submitted by
Mr. L.J. Asimba, Local Government Officer, together with your
covering memorandum 67-3-7 of 5th instant.

It would appear that the elections were carried out in
an efficient manner and Mr. Asimba has presented a very neat report.

On receipt of Mr. Dreise's report the maps will be
sun-printed and one forwarded to Headquarters to supplement
Mr. Asimba's report.

The claim for camping allowance is being processed.

E. G. Hicks
(E. G. HICKS)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

→ c.c. to The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

For your information and records please.

E. G. Hicks
(E. G. HICKS)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
M A P R I K

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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JAW/cl

5th January, 1971

Report of Dreikikir Patrol No. 3 of 1970/71

Maprik Sub-District

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District

East W E W A K District

Special Patrol - 4th General Elections of the Dreikikir
Local Government Council area for purpose of conducting
MAPRIK PATROL 3
1970/71

Conducted by L. J. Asimba, Local Government Officer through

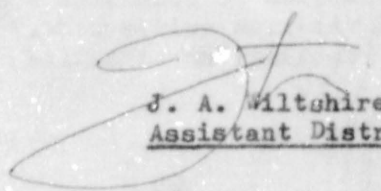
Enclosed are three copies of the report on the
above special patrol which was conducted by Mr. L. Asimba,
Local Government Officer to certain parts of Dreikikir
Local Government Council area for purpose of conducting

General Elections. Assistant of the Department of the
Administrator, Council Clerk, the Dreikikir

2. The elections were covered by two patrolling teams,
one led by Mr. Asimba and the other by Mr. Dreise, Officer-
in Charge, Dreikikir Patrol Post. Mr. Dreise's report is to hand
and will be forwarded shortly - it contains a map of the
area patrolled by both teams and if prints could be made on
this and placed in Mr. Asimba's report then his will be complete.

3. This is Mr. Asimba's first patrol report. He had
no difficulty in writing it up but required assistance at
the "proof reading" stage and with typing, but nevertheless
he has managed in the Situation Report and Appendix to express
himself on what he observed which is what is required.

4. Claim for Camping Allowance is included.


J. A. Wiltshire
Assistant District Commissioner

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Report of Dreikikir Patrol No. 3 of 1970/71

Maprik Sub-District

East Sepik District

Special Patrol - 4th General Elections of the Dreikikir Local Government Council

Conducted by L. J. Asimba, Local Government Officer through Kombio, Wam and part Urat Census divisions in Dreikikir Council area.

Accompanied by Clerical Assistant of the Department of the Administrator, Council Clerk, of the Dreikikir Council and two members of the RPNGC who worked all through the patrol.

Last patrol was Dreikikir No. 1 of 1970/71 Kombio Census Division

Population - Figures not available

Duration from 5/11/70 to 9/12/70 - 35 days.

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PATROL DIARY

5th November, 1970

By vehicle to Yaurang. People of Ward 27 were assembled for election. Election conducted, Mr. Boengan/Prokwam of Ben won. Returned to Dreikikir and spent overnight there.

6th November, 1970

By vehicle to Catholic Mission, Yasip. Then walked to Yasile. People of Ward 25 were assembled for election. Election conducted, Mr. Duayik/Aresken of Pabnyeip won. Returned to dreikikir and spent overnight there.

7th to 8th November, 1970

Weekend spent at Dreikikir

9th November, 1970

By vehicle to Tong. People of Ward 24 were assembled for election. Polling conducted, ex-Councillor Mr. Wapus/Telp of Tong was unopposed. Camped at rest house.

10th November, 1970

Walked to Wai'im. People of ward 29 were assembled for election. Polling conducted. Mr. Kespuk/Mankep of Ringin was unopposed. Camped at rest house.

11th November, 1970

Walked to Koupem, People of Ward 21 were assembled for election. Polling conducted, ex-Councillor Mr. Walapapik/Wandaup of Koupem was unopposed. Camped at Rest House.

12th November, 1970

People of Ward 20 were assembled at Koupem for election. Polling conducted. Ex-Councillor Mr. Lakun/Eiku of King was unopposed. Walked to Cherpemel and camped at rest house.

13th November, 1970

Conducted polling. Ex-Councillor Mr. Musukual/Aowus of Cherpemel was unopposed. Walked to Magumanip and camped at rest house.

14th November, 1970 to 15th November,

Spent week at Magumanip and camped at rest house.

16th November, 1970

People of Ward 23 were assembled for election. Election conducted. Mr. Wapno/Burungam of Sakangel won. Walked to Muyen and camped at rest house.

17th November, 1970

People of Ward 26 were assembled for election. Election conducted. Mr. Hoteim/Pakuluaik of Muyen won. Camped at rest house.

18th November, 1970

Walked to Yambes. People of Ward 28 assembled for election. Election conducted. Mr. Bilbal/Masankim of Yambes won. Camped at rest house.

19th November, 1970

Walked to Nanaha. People of ward 3 were assembled for election. Polling conducted. Ex-Councillor, Mr. Lomuk/Moandeme of Nanaha was unopposed. Returned to Dreikikir and spent over night.

20th November, 1970

Rode on motor bike to Maprik. General duties in Sub-District Office. Spent overnight at Maprik.

21st to 22nd November, 1970

Spent weekend at Maprik

23rd November, 1970

Rode on motorbike to Dreikikir and re-joined patrol team. By vehicle to Bana. People of Ward 10 were assembled for election. Election conducted Mr. Hiyala/Lauwangi of Bana won. Camped at rest house.

24th November, 1970

Walked to Hamini. People of Ward 11 were assembled for election. Election conducted, Mr. Mahite/Itihe of Hambini won. Returned to Bana and camped at rest house.

25th November, 1970

Walked to Waringambi. People of Ward 12 were assembled for election. Election conducted Mr. Landihi/Mahif of Waringami won. Camped at rest house.

26th November, 1970

Walked to Selnau. People of Ward 13 were assembled for election. Election conducted Mr. Sangumo/Sangahe of Selnau won. Camped at rest house.

27th November, 1970

Walked to Arisili. People of Ward 14 were assembled for election. Election conducted Mr. Ambihi/Wuhugombe of Arisili won. Left for Sahik at 12:30 p.m. Arrived at 3:45 p.m. Camped at rest house.

28th November, 1970

People of Ward 15 were assembled for election. Polling conducted. Ex-Councillor Mr. Tony/Sam of Sahik was unopposed. Walked to Dreikikir and spent over night there.

29th November, 1970

Day observed at Dreikikir

30th November, 1970

By vehicle to Perembil. People of Ward 6 were assembled for election. Polling conducted. Ex-Councillor Mr. Mekiaweli/Melmbe of Perembil was unopposed. Moved out to Emul and camped at rest house.

1st December 1970

People of Ward 8 were assembled for election. Election conducted. Mr. Aromwa-Tatehe of Felnandu won. By vehicle to Musendai and camped at rest house.

2nd December, 1970

People of Ward 45 were assembled for election. Election conducted. Mr. Haupe Sumbelbu of Apos won. Camped at rest house at Musendai.

3rd December, 1970

People of Ward 9 were assembled for election. Election conducted, Mr. Yomhoi/Yaramo of Musengi and Mr. Shetmel/Wakitiem of Musendai won. Camped at rest house.

4th December, 1970

By vehicle to Tuman. People of Ward 1 were assembled for election. Polling conducted. Ex-Councillor Mr. Katahi/Inae of Tuman was unopposed. Returned to Maprik on motor bike.

5th and 6th December, 1970

Spent week at Maprik

7th December, 1970

Rode on motor bike to Dreikikir. Walked to Tanhundor. People of Ward 30 were assembled for election. Election conducted Mr. Sambuiyai-Nakunge of Tauhundor No 2 and Mr. Sagungole/Wandala of Tauhundor No. 1 won. Camped at rest house

8th December, 1970

Walked to Musilo and camped at rest house.

9th December, 1970

People of Wai... assembled for election. Polling conducted. Ex-Councillor Mr. Wapihi/Melahe of Musilo was unopposed. Walked to Nanaha, got vehicle to Dreikikir and spent over night there.

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was to participate in the general elections of the Dreikikir Local Government Council. Team I patrolled Urin, Gawanga and part Urat Census Divisions while Team 2 patrolled Kombio, Wam and part Urat Census Divisions.

Team II consisted of: -

- Mr. L. J. Asimba, Assistant Returning Officer
- Mr. J. Paichua, Polling Clerk
- Mr. B. Talia, Polling Clerk
- 2 R.P. & M.G. Constables

The report of my team is at appendix (I)

ECONOMIC

(1) Coffee remains the major cash crop all throughout the three census divisions. Individual coffee gardens are maintained on a family basis which earn the highest cash income within the Council area. The only customer is Sepik Producers Co-operative Associations of which most growers are members. Some coffee growing areas such as Koupen, King, Sahik are not accessible to roads and the people pointed out the urgency of construction of internal roads.

(2) There is little rice growing as growers are dissatisfied with the current buying price which is offered by the Association. I explained to the growers that further improvements of rice milling at Bainyik would help them to better their product.

(3) The sitting member of the House, Mr. kokomo Ulia, for Dreikikir-Wosera Open Electorate, has a cattle project, also Perembil and Tuman villages have cattle projects with a total of 18 head of cattle. These three cattle projects would encourage other people in the area to do the same.

(4) The Dreikikir Council is the Licencing Authority which issues Trade Store Licences. Trade stores are operated without proper accounting and supervision. Consideration should be given to training and management courses in order to enable trade store owners to run their stores properly.

(5) Public motor vehicles are operated on a passenger basis. These vehicles are owned by village groups. I do not think they make much return or profit as there happens to be many PMV's on the Sepik Highway. It is very seldom that vehicles are hired for cartage of trade store goods from Wewak to Dreikikir.

SOCIAL

(6) Village hygiene and sanitation can be considered to be reasonable. The Administration controls 3 Aid Posts and one is temporarily closed down at Dato. An Infant Welfare Clinic is run by the Catholic Mission at Yasip. It serves the whole Dreikikir Council area.

(7) It is roughly estimated that 55% of school age children don't go to school. This might be caused by a lack of the ability.

to pay the school fees. A number of schools have a shortage of staff and some children are discouraged by their parents. I was informed on various occasions by Presidents of Parents and Citizens Associations, that parents didn't allow their children to attend schools. This was because they liked their children to assist them with village activities.

(8) General village life, standard of living and housing were quite good everywhere. Councillors encourage various social activities and this trend should be gradually expanded. Traditional housing is gradually changing in most villages.

POLITICAL

(9) After each polling, political education talks were conducted. This was mainly on Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly. Some questions were raised on Council Finance and Council Rules by tax payers. These questions were answered and it was explained how the Council drew up its estimates for administrative running costs and capital works during the 1970/71 financial year.

(10) The House of Assembly sitting member makes little effort in Kombic and Wam Census divisions and seldom visits these areas. People expressed the views that they had no opportunity to express their views through their elected member.

(11) The terms "self-government" and "independence" were always confused by the people. There should be a more vigorous programme of political education through all available publicity media. In particular, a greater effort is required to explain what is meant by the terms "self-government" and "independence".

APPENDIX I - ELECTORAL REPORT

(a) Pre-Election Campaign

The Polling Programme schedules were drawn up and distributed to individual councillors, Mission Stations and other interested groups to publicise the polling arrangements among residents of the Council area. Councillors were verbally informed during council meetings prior to elections.

A copy of the polling programme was sent to "Radio Wewak" to give readings twice before polling commenced. During elections messages were passed to respective wards that were to be visited during the next few days. People were ready for elections before the team arrived on each polling place.

(b) Manner of Elections

The programme for wards allowed a day at each ward for polling. In many wards polling didn't extend over more than 4 hours. In 10 Wards, candidates were unopposed and an hour was allowed for further decision and consideration.

Prior to elections, nominations were called and an hour was allowed before closing off the nominations on each polling day. The greatest number of nominations were four for three wards but the rest of the wards were not greater than two. There were two female candidates who nominated themselves for Ward 10 and 12 without campaigning for elections. These were greeted with little interest and they didn't show much hope of being elected.

The nomination forms were inserted in the ballot box, shook and picked out one at a time. The names were written on the ballot papers in chronological order as they came out of the ballot box. The ballot box was displayed to voters and tied up at each polling place prior to elections commencing.

Ballot papers and a box were used throughout the elections. Few voters marked papers themselves while all illiterates were given assistance in casting their votes. None of the voters nominated literate persons to mark their ballot papers for them.

Each polling booth was a place wherein the scrutiny of votes for that ward were carried out. This made it possible for candidates and voters to have instant results and also voters to see something of how the preferential system operates. It also enabled the use of scrutineers who were nominated by each candidate at every count. There were a few informal caused by ignorance or illegible writing.

(c) Female Interest

Female voters were well in attendance at each polling place and showed keen interest in casting votes. There were two female candidates who nominated themselves for Ward 10 and 12 including three male candidates for each of these wards. Some female voters received them impolitely and greeted them with laughter. It was apparently common feeling among women that they should be excluded from participating in outside organizations, however this trend seems to be gradually changing.

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In Ward 10, Elime/Saranga was the wife of an ex-policeman. She has been to Madang, Lae and other parts of the Highlands where she saw female councillors holding office.

In Ward 12, Silehile/Wolehetei was the wife of a Tultul and she had been her husband's inf...

(d) Incidents

There were no incidents to report and the elections were conducted smoothly.

(e) Absenteeism

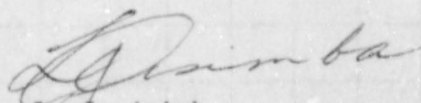
Considerable male eligible electors were unavoidably absent in other districts as employees and a few females accompanied their husbands. Old aged people who were unable to walk to the selected polling place from near by villages.

It is commonly associated with women that they are not allowed to participate in gatherings when they have their monthly menstrual periods. Therefore large numbers of women were absent during elections.

Avoidable absentees were very low compared with unavoidable absentees.

(f) Summary

During the general elections voters had a clear knowledge and understanding of how to vote and what candidates they wanted. There were 18 ex-sitting councillors re-elected and 8 new successful candidates who had never been elected to an office before. These elected Councillors are pidgin English speakers who have demonstrated some activities to win elections within their respective wards. Individual characters showed that they would be capable for performing their duties wisely among their people and with loyal service to the Council as a whole body.


L. S. Asimba
Local Government Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... EAST SEPIK Report No. 4 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by..... B.M. SKINNER

Area Patrolled..... WORA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... J. A. WILSHIRE, A.P.C.

Natives..... 2 POLICE; 1 COUNCIL INSPECTOR; 1 DIES PROJECTIONIST

Duration—From 6 / 1 / 1971 to 12 / 2 / 1971

Number of Days..... 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 6 / 2 / 1969

Medical / / 19

Map Reference..... WEWAK 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol..... CENSUS AND UPDATING OF AREA STUDY

..... (9 of 68/69 REFERS)

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Mrs Susan J. Lee

Forwarded, please.

751 21 1971

E. L. Hicks
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Division of District
Administration,
Sub-District Office,
WEVAK, East Sepik District.

25th February, 1971.

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

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 (MAPRIK) OF 1970/71
AREA PATROLLED - WORA CENSUS DIVISION.

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned report and your covering memo 67-3-7 of the 23rd February, 1971.

You have covered most points raised by Mr. Skinner in his report. However, I would like you to have Mr. Skinner elaborate on the following points :-

1. I concur with you that it is most essential for the officer conducting the patrol to state explicitly in his report the nature of the complaints that he arbitrates. 'Complaints arbitrated' means little unless fully explained to this District Headquarters.
2. Please keep this District Headquarters informed re the intentions of Councillor WONGIBAN of WORA Village as to his political aspirations and the type of Platform he is interested in.
3. I think Mr. Skinner is drawing conclusions in his comments on missions generally, without any basic facts, as there is no mention in the report that the native people have enquired re the different outlooks that the various missions have.
4. It is obvious that the people's thinking must be stimulated re interest in Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly. An 'attitude of complaisance' is not very constructive if no action is taken to enlighten the people politically.

Enquiries will be made from the Department of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries as to the situation of the Women's Club at Bainyik.

Finally, would you please instruct field staff officers to stimulate discussions at night with the leading members from each village visited so a little more information may reach this District Headquarters as regards the wishes, aims and thought trends of the people in the area patrolled; far too many patrol reports are reaching this District Headquarters from within the East Sepik District which are rather superficial in this regard.

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

E. G. Hicks
(E. G. HICKS)

A fairly well written report. For your information and records please.

E. G. Hicks
(E. G. HICKS)
District Commissioner.

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Division District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

In conclusion Mr. Skinner has very properly
carried out his patrol instructions. His report is neat
CGS/cls so many patrol reports are prepared 23rd February, 1971
by Mr. Skinner.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK

B. J. Sanderson

C. J. Sanderson
Assistant District Commissioner

MAPRIK PATROL NO 4 - 1970/71
WORA CENSUS DIVISION

Please find attached 3 copies of the above Patrol
Report together with a claim for Camping Allowance.

My comments are as follows -

Para 17 of the Area Study refers. 22% school age
children attending school is a very low figure. I have raised
the matter in separate correspondence.

In relation to the section on Missions, I would have
liked more detail regarding the partial return of the people
to traditional religious practices. Mr. Skinner may well
have delved more deeply into this subject. In relation to
the patrolling Officers' comments that he informed the people
that he was no there to discuss land problems, this is not
strictly correct. His instructions were to listen sympathet-
ically to the land problems and refer them to the Assistant
District Commissioner. I also refer to the Patrol Diary in
which frequent mention was made in arbitrating complaints.
It would have been interesting if Mr. Skinner had given us
some idea of the nature of the complaints.

In the section devoted to Clubs, I have written
separately to the Officer-in-Charge, D.A.S.A. Bainyik query
him as to why the village women are no longer encouraged to
attend the Bainyik Womens' Club meeting.

Generally the report discloses quite a satisfactory
state of affairs in the Wora Census Division. Apart from the
area mentioned, the Division is adequately covered Educationally
and Economically. The Census figures indicate a very healthy
picture. The natural increase of 3.55 is extremely good although
it is not clear at this stage as to whether it will lead to
serious population pressures in the future. No detailed survey
of land availability has yet been made in this area. The number
of men absent at work is not alarming, although it is large
enough to cause the usual social problems. Generally this area
is particularly well served by roads and continues to progress
at a satisfactory pace.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

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In conclusion Mr. Skinner has very adequately carried out his patrol instructions. His report is neat and unlike so many patrol reports has been submitted with remarkable promptitude. It is a satisfactory first effort by Mr. Skinner.

Mr. B. Skinner,
Sub-District Office
MAPRIK

C. G. Sanderson
C. G. Sanderson
Assistant District Commissioner

MAPRIK PATROL 4
1970/71

As discussed, you are to depart Maprik on Wednesday, 5th January for an Area Study type patrol of the Wer Census Division. The Patrol should take between two to three weeks.

2. In preparation for this, study up on all previous reports and note any follow-up matters which you will have to attend to. Also check at the cash office if there are any outstanding NMTA's and Pass books for people in the Division.

3. The patrol is to be conducted in accordance with Standing Instructions and your report is to be compiled in accordance with these. I would advise you to obtain all relevant statistics etc which you require, from the appropriate departments before you go out.

4. I will accompany you for the first days and then you will complete the patrol on your own. The patrol will have to be broken somewhere near the middle but you should be careful to return without delay after the disruption.

5. Inspector Rice is making available two Police Constables, one is an old hand and one is a newcomer who is going along to learn patrol work. Constable 1/3 Sipari the experienced one, will be of great assistance to you.

6. Draw a patrol advance to pay carriers. The rate is 10s per hour to and from the village the carriers were recruited from.

7. If any land disputes are thrown up at you, listen sympathetically and then refer the parties to me with a note from you. You should arbitrate on any disputes brought up but anything requiring legal action should be sent to Maprik with a note from you.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
M A P R I K

Telegrams—

Telephone

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

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Mr.

5th January, 1971

Mr. B. Skinner,
Sub-District Office
M A P R I K

MAPRIK PATROL 4
1970/71

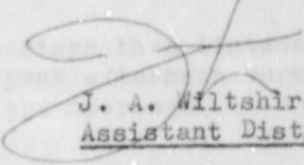
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8. As you will gather from the information required for the Area Study you will have to make extensive enquiries of the local people and gain an understanding of them. To this end, do as much anthropological study of and with the local people.

9. For the first part of the patrol you are to give talks to villagers on the questions to be asked by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development which will visit Maprik on the 21st January - seek out their level of understanding of the issues and give your explanations very simply which can be absorbed without a slacking off of interest. If weather is favourable it is best to give these talks in the evenings when everyone is relaxed. Under no circumstances are you to give opinions on political questions. Confine yourself to giving explanations and facts.

10. The Census Division lies close to Maprik and if you require anything do not hesitate to send in a runner.


J. A. Wiltshire
Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

Wednesday, 6th January, 1971

Departed Maprik 10:00 a.m. by vehicle for Aupik No 2. Conducted Census Aupik 1 & 2. Pictures held during evening by U.I.S.B. projectionist Peter Polo. There discussions re- questions by Select Committee on Constitutional Development. Slept Aupik No. 2

Thursday, 7th January, 1971

Departed Aupik No 2 and walked to Aperinga (1½ hours walking time) Conducted census Lehinga 1 & 2, in the evening, discussions re Select Committee. Slept Aperinga

Friday, 8th January, 1971

Conducted Census Aperinga then listened to many complaints. Spent afternoon working on census figures. Slept Aperinga

Saturday, 9th January, 1971

Departed Aperinga and returned to Maprik. Slept Maprik

Sunday, 10th January, 1971

Observed at Maprik. Slept Maprik.

Monday, 11th January, 1971

Departed Maprik 9:00 a.m. arrived Aupik No 2 thence walked to Ningilimbi No 1 (2 hours walking time). In afternoon conducted census Ningilimbi No 1. In evening pictures and discussion re Select Committee. Slept Ningilimbi No 1

Tuesday, 12th January, 1971

Conducted census Ningilimbi No 2, thence listened to many complaints. Departed Ningilimbi No 1 at 4:00 p.m. and walked to Seragikum No 2 (1 hours walking time) Slept Seragikum No 2.

Wednesday, 13th January, 1971

Conducted census Seragikum No. 1. In the afternoon listened to complaints. In evening pictures and talks re Select Committee. Slept Seragikum No 2.

Thursday, 14th January, 1971

Conducted census Seragikum No 2. thence listened to more complaints. Departed Seragikum 1:30 p.m. and walked to Neligum (3 hours walking time) Thence returned Maprik by vehicle.

(Patrol interrupted 14th January, 1971 and resumed 4th February, 1971)

Thursday, 4th February, 1971

Departed Maprik 2:30 p.m. for Neligum and thence walked to Nindiko (1½ hours walking time). Slept Nindiko

Friday 5th February, 1971

Conducted census Nindiko, Tmgik and Gatnigum. Thence listened to complaints. In evening, pictures Slept Nindiko.

Saturday, 6th February, 1971

Spent the morning listening to more complaints. Departed Nindiko 12:30 p.m. and walked to Gweligum No 1 (2 hours walking time). Slept Gweligum No 1

Sunday, 7th February, 1971

Observed at Gweligum No 1

Monday, 8th February, 1971

Conducting Census Gweligum 1 and 2 and Neligum. Thence complaints. In the evening pictures. Slept Gweligum No 1

Tuesday, 9th February, 1971

During morning listened to complaint. In the afternoon worked on Census figures. In evening informal talks with villagers. Slept Gweligum No 1

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SITUATION REPORT

A - INTRODUCTION

1 The objects of this patrol were, (a) to carry out a census of the Wora Census Division, (b) to update the last area study conducted from 6th February, 1969 to 5th March 1969, Maprik Patrol Report No. 9 of 1968/69 refers, and (c) for the first part of the patrol to give talks to villages on the questions to be asked by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, which visited Maprik on the 21st January, 1971.

2 The patrol was carried out between the 6th January and the 12th February, 1971. This period was broken from 14th January to 4th February to enable the writer to return to Maprik and attend to Council matters, in pursuance of his work as full-time Council Administrative Adviser to the Greater Maprik Local Government Council and to attend to some personal matters.

3 The patrol was accompanied by the Assistant District Commissioner Maprik, Mr. J. A. Wiltshire, for the 6th January to the 8th January. Also accompanying were the following natives -

Constable 1/c Sipori - 1333 - 6/1/71 to 14/1/71
Constable 1/c Asnai - 1483 - 4/2/71 to 12/2/71
Constable 1/c John Hopo - 1716 - 6/1/71 to 12/2/71
Joel Wasandi, Council Inspector - 6/1/71 to 14/1/71
(he failed to complete the patrol owing to illness)
Peter Doko, D.I.E.S. Projectionist - 6/1/71 to 12/2/71
Gumbaketi, APO from Lehinga Aid Post - 6/1/71 to 8/1/71
James Noe, Medical Orderly, Maprik Hospital 11/1/71 to
14/1/71

(The hospital was unable to supply an Orderly for the remainder of the patrol owing to the lack of staff)

B - POLITICAL

(a) Local Government and Local Government Councillors

4 The Wora Census Division is wholly within the jurisdiction of the Greater Maprik Local Government Council and is represented on the Council by seven Councillors. One of these Councillors, GLUKWANI of GATNIGUM, left the district one month ago without informing the Council, and unless he returns within the statutory period of three months, a new election will have to be held for his ward. In the meantime a previous Councillor for the same Ward acted as the village representative when this patrol was in the area.

5 Of the remaining six Councillors -

NUMBEKINA of Aupik, KUMBULYE of Aperinga,
ANUMBUNKE of Ningilimbi, GWOWEI of Seragakim,
BIRA of Gweligum, WONGIWAN of Wora -

the only outstanding one is WONGIWAN of Wora who operates a Trade Store, has a small cattle project and intends to stand at the next House of Assembly elections.

6 The Councillors were all cooperative towards the patrol and there were no incidents.

7 The main criticism by the villagers, of the Council, particularly from APERINGA, LEHINGA, NINGILIMBI and SERAGAKIM was, that they pay their tax, therefore why doesn't the Council build roads and schools in their area. Even when the cost of these projects; that there were many other places in the Council area wanting the same thing; that a road from AUPIK to LEHINGA was to be commenced shortly - even when these things were explained to them they didn't appear satisfied, claiming that other areas received more from the Council than they did. They blamed their own Councillors for not being forceful enough at the Council Meetings and for not being a friend of the President, Vice-President or some of the more well known members of the Council.

8 There seems to be a greater awareness of the workings of the Council and I feel sure that with time they will come to realize that the Council can only do so much with its money each year.

(b) House of Assembly

9 Mr. Pits Lus is still the local member and he visits the area frequently. He visited the patrol on three occasions in the area of Lehinga, which was his home originally. He is well known throughout the Census Division and seems quite popular. At the moment there is only one person in the area who intends to stand against Pita Lus in the next house of Assembly elections. He is Councillor WONGIWAN of Wora.

10 The peoples' understanding of the House of Assembly has improved somewhat since the last patrol in this area, 6/2/69, but there does not seem to be a real interest shown in these matters.

C - E C O N O M I C D E V E L O P M E N T

11 Coffee and rice and still the main source of cash income. Since the last patrol 6/2/69 there has been a 7% increase in the number of coffee trees planted. The total production for the financial year 1969/70 was 32 tons of Robusta coffee for which the villagers received, \$12,185. For the same period, 65 tons of paddy rice was produced, for which they received \$4,368.

12 There are two cattle projects in the area, one at Aupik with three cows and one at Wora with five cows. Pita Lus is to commence a project near Lehinga soon. These Projects are as yet not a source of income.

- 13 Many of the people take food to the markets at Bainyik and Maprik, especially on Friday. It is estimated that only a small amount is earned by this source.
- 14 There is no income earned from the sale of artifacts and there appears to be no real potential for this type of enterprise.
- 15 At the time of the last patrol, 6/2/69, there were no vehicles in the area, now there are four vehicles, two Toyota Landcruisers, and 2 Dynas, which are operated as PMV's, all of which are operating successfully.
- 16 There are twenty-nine trade stores in the area of which the majority are only just surviving. The three stores owned by KARU of Wora, Pita Lus in Lehinga and LIPEN of Aupik are the only ones operating efficiently.

D - S O C I A L

(a) Education

- 17 There are five schools which serve the children of the area .
- AUPIK (BRIGITI) Primary 'T' School
 - BAINYIK Primary 'T' School
 - HAYFIELD AOG Mission School
 - MAPRIK HIGH SCHOOL (situated at Bainyik)
 - BAINYIK VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
- none of these schools cater exclusively to the children of Wora Census Division. Only 22% of the Wora Census Division children attend school, the rest remain in the villages.
- 18 In the area to the south of the Census Division is Aperinga, Lehinga, Ningilimbi and Seragakim. There are no accessible schools and only 13 children from these villages attend school.

(b) Health

- 19 The area is adequately covered by Aid Posts, and visits by the Infant Welfare staff of the Maprik Hospital and the A.O.G. Mission. Therefore health is generally good. There is still a certain amount of grillic. A fair amount of Malaria and Tropical Ulcers were observed and many instances of the inevitable "common cold".

(c) Missions

- 20 There are three missions which operate in the area. They are the Roman Catholic, The Assemblies of God, and the South Seas Evangelical Mission. These missions are doing a lot of practical good in the way of education, health and the raising of the general standard of living. It is perhaps the conflict between the ideals of the various missions that is most confusing to the people, i.e. why does one mission condone smoking, drinking and chewing betel nut and another mission preach against this? It is this sort of conflict that appears to be turning some of the people back to their old ways - Haus Tamberans and the rites that go with them.

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(d) Clubs and Community Activities

21 The women of WORA, NUMAKUM AND SERANDU who previously attended the Womens' Club at Bainyik D.A.S.F. Station no longer attend, as this club is now only for the residents of the station.

22 It is only the children who attend schools who participate in any organised type of activity, or their parents who attend P & C Meetings.

E - MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Select Committee on Constitutional Development.

23 For the first part of the patrol I was instructed to give talks on the questions to be asked by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development who were to visit Maprik on the 21st January. These talks were conducted in the evening and very little actual interest was shown. It appeared that the people only listened and asked a few questions out of politeness, and not out of any interest to know or understand more about what this Committee was trying to achieve.

(b) Attitudes of the people

24 The attitude of the people towards the Administration, Central Government or any of the things pertaining to such, at no time during the patrol, cause any of the villagers to express any hostile opinions. Rather, on the whole, their attitude was one of complaisance.

25 Councils and Councillors did cause some comment but all things to do with Government were quickly forgotten when the subject of women, pigs and sac sac were mentioned. Land was not mentioned as I was careful to explain to them that I wasn't in the area to discuss their land problems. This was done by an Officer from Wewak a few days before I arrived.

AREA STUDY

(Up-dating of Area Study contained in
Maprik Report No 9 of 1968/69)

A - INTRODUCTION

- 4 The Bainyik to Aupik, via Neligum and Gweligum Road, and the road from Amanop on the Maprik-Dreikikir Road, is now an all-weather road, except for the river crossing on the AMOGU River near Bainyik, which is sometimes flooded in the wet season.
- 2 Public Works Department, with funds supplied by the Council and Rural Development Funds at the time of the patrol commenced the upgrading of the Ealif to Aupik via Lehinga Road. P.W.D. started at the Aupik end, as gravel supplies are more plentiful there.
- 3 Maprik Airstrip is no longer in use, all planes now land at Hayfield, on all weather strip.

B - POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

- 4 There are 134 absent male workers outside the district and 56 absent male workers inside the district. I was informed that most of the men outside the district would return when their time was up. Of those absent inside the district the majority were working at either Maprik or Bainyik.

C - SOCIAL GROUPINGS

- 5 The first paragraph contained in the previous Area Study remains the same. As far as the information contained in the rest of the paragraphs under this heading, I do not feel competent to comment.

D - LEADERSHIP

- 6 LIPEN of Aupik village still remains one of the most outstanding figures in the area. He still holds the position of Chairman of the MITPIM Rural Progress Society, which is now part of the SEPIK PRODUCER'S CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, and he is still very active in any matter that has to do with the economy of his area.
- 7 Councillor WONGIWAN of Wora Village is in my opinion an up and coming man in the area. He is a portfolio member of the Greater Maprik Local Government Council, a trade store owner, and has a small cattle project. He intends to stand at the next House of Assembly elections.

E - LAND TENURE AND USE

- 8 No change from previous Area Study report.

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F - LITERACY

9 The standard of literacy hasn't changed much since the previous Area study. There are more children attending school and the older people use these children as interpreters especially for ~~the films~~ that were shown during the patrol. The children are also used as letter writers, so that the family of absent workers can communicate.

10 There are now 73 radios in the area and much interest is taken of the programmes on Radio Wewak.

G - STANDARD OF LIVING

11 I would say that there appears to be a slight increase in the standard of living, brought about namely by absent workers returning and not being satisfied with the traditional type houses. There is only one building in the Census Division made out of permanent materials and that is situated at SERANDU.

12 There are 37 shotguns in the area used namely for shooting wild game, of which there is not a plentiful supply and as a status symbol.

H - MISSIONS

13 It would appear to me that the Mission influence could be waning a little, the people being dissatisfied because of the differences between the various denominations and not being able to understand why it is that these differences exist - why aren't all missions the same? I was unable to explain to them why this is so, except to say that the various Mission do have different teachings and it is up to the individual to decide which religion he wanted to believe in, if any at all.

I - COMMUNICATIONS

14 The Bainyik-Aupik-Amahop Road is now an all-weather road. The Balif-Lehinga-Aupik roads is being upgraded by PWD into an all-weather road and when this road is completed the census division will have the best road system in the Maprik Sub-District. The only difficulty would be during the wet season when the AMOGU and AMUK Rivers are flooded.

J - TECHNICAL SKILLS

15 Unchanged since last Area Study.

K - ECONOMY OF THE AREA

16 The Mitpin, Tamau and Supari have now combined together to form the Sepik Producers Co-operative Society which buys the majority of the Coffee and Rice in the area.

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17 The production figures for the WORA Census Division for the financial year 1969/70 are -

Coffee (Robusta) 32 tons (851 growers)
which at the buying price of \$390 per ton put \$12,185 into the area.

Rice (Paddy) 65 tons
which at the buying price of 3 cents per lb. put \$4,368 into the area.

18 LIPEN of Aupik and KARU of Wora villages are still the only two men in the area who could be called business men.

19 The ability to pay the Council Tax of \$7.00 presents no difficulty to the majority of the people (only the males pay tax)

20 D.A.S.F. Bainyik stated that coconuts are not an economic crop, they do not possess any figures relating to this particular crop.

L - POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

21 I agree with the comments in the previous Area Study and I can see no immediate way of expanding the economy unless perhaps by the introduction of private enterprise into the area.

M - ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

22 The attitude of "casual acceptance" and the complaint that the Council has done little to improve the area in any way still holds. With time I feel sure that they will come to realise that the Council can only do so much with its money each year. But I also feel that the villagers will not be happy until every village in the Maprik Council area has a Council project, and even then there will be dissatisfaction because some other area has more than they.

N - CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

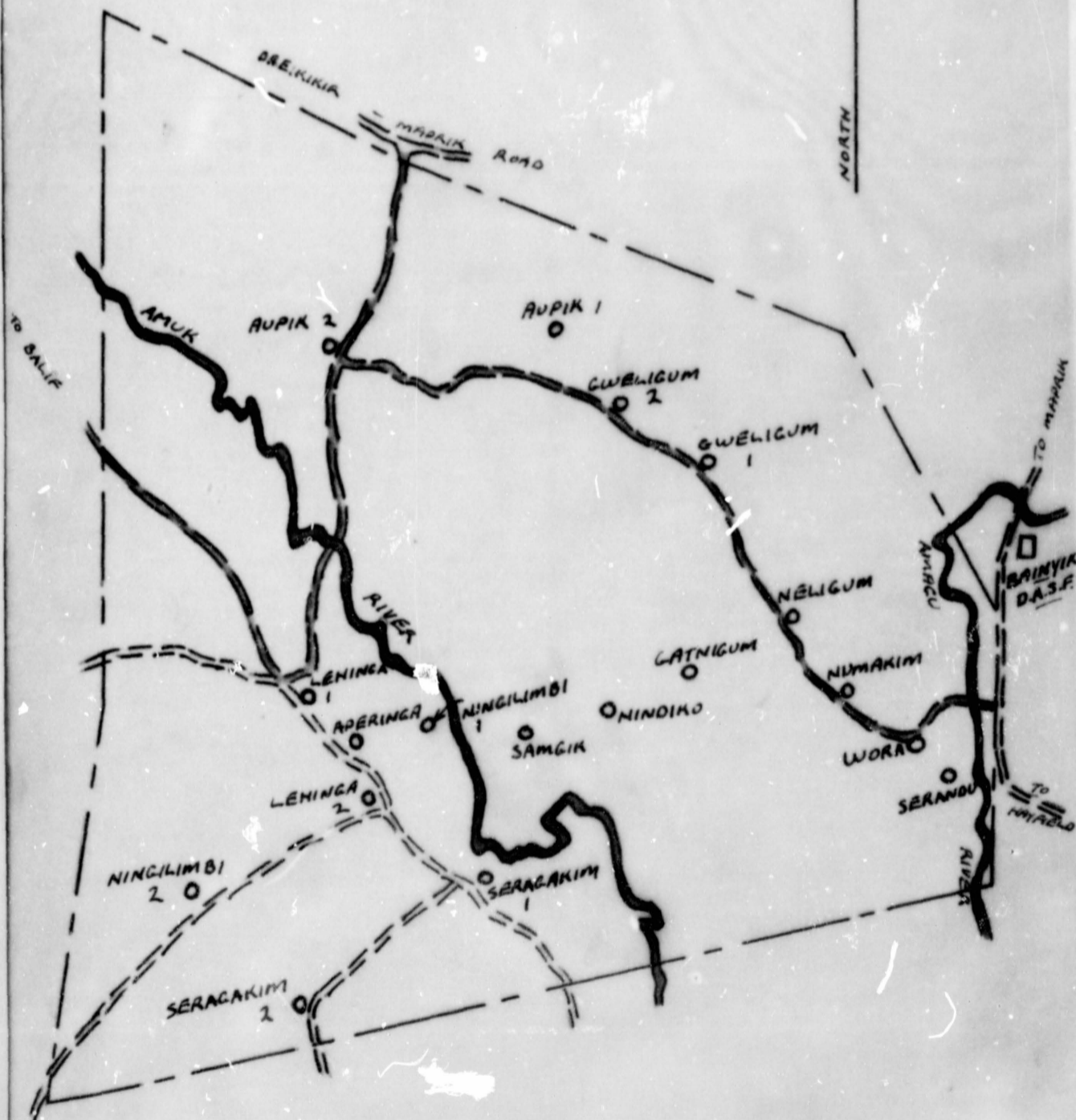
23 The comments of the previous Area Study still hold, but the knowledge of the people of Central Government and of their political development is increasing, mainly due to the efforts of Radio Wewak, absent workers returning to the area and children attending school.

O - ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, FACILITIES

24 There are no Hotels, Guest houses, service stations workshops in the area. Mr. M. Hovey operates a workshop-garage (the only one in the Maprik Sub-District) just outside the census division on the Bainyik-Hayfield road. It is from him that equipment, transport etc can be purchased. There are no stores in the area, other than native-owned and operated Trade Stores.

B. M. Skinner
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Assistant Patrol Officer

WORA CENSUS DIVISION



AMAHOP - AUPIK - BRINYIK RD.
 BALIF - LEHINGA - AUPIK RD.
 HAND ROADS
 CENSUS BOUNDARY

Scale 1 mile = 1 inch.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SERIK Report No. MARIK PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by R.P. LAGHAL ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled TAMAU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Joel Wasandi - Council Inspector

Natives Const. Jeffrey Lagim R.P.N.G.C. No. 3219

Const. Michael Jande R.P.N.G.C. No. 3242

Duration—From 1/3/1971 to 24/3/1971

Number of Days 20 (NIGHTS 15)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/9/1969

Medical N/A / / 19

Map Reference NEWAK 1:250,000

- (1) Complete Revision of Census
- (2) Up-Dating of last Area Study
- (3) Political Education
- (4) General Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Area Study Filed

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

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

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



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Maprik, M.S.D.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONE DOBU
Papua.

16th April, 1971.

Maprik Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71
Mr. R. Lachal, APO - Tamaui C.D.

Attached please find :

- a) Copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Lachal by the Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik, on file 67-3-7 of 26th February, 1971.
- b) Copy of memorandum 67-3-7 dated 6th April, 1971 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik, to myself.
- c) Map of the area patrolled.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik, has more than adequately covered the matters raised in the report in his memorandum 67-3-7 of 6th April 1971.

Mr. Lachal has submitted a good report and his remarks on the lack of interest of the Tamsui people to seek assistance from D.A.S.F. to expand their economy has been noted.

J. Young-Whitford
J. Young-Whitford
Deputy District Commissioner

C.C. District Commissioner, Wewak
Assistant District Commissioner, Maprik.

CGS:MK

67-3-7

In conclusion, with a little more attention to detail, and a more careful consideration of District Administration, Mr. Lachal's report is a good one. Sub-prints of the report should be requested.

Deputy District Commissioner,
Maprik Sub-District,
MAPRIK.

6th April, 1971.

Report - Maprik Patrol No. 5 1970/71
Togau Census Division

Please find attached four copies of the above report, submitted by Mr. R. Lachal, together with claim for Camping Allowance. My comments are as follows:

Mr. Lachal is to be commended for the prompt submission of a generally satisfactory report in most aspects. The main weakness in his reporting is a tendency not to attempt to analyse carefully enough the facts he presents, or to explain them.

For example, on page 1 of the Area Study he considers "alarming" the fact that 351 males were absent from the census division. An analysis of this figure shows that only 242 of these males are absent outside the District, and as this represents only one eighth of the total male population, it certainly cannot be described as an alarming situation.

Similarly, he has described the people of the Tenigo, Malba No. 1 and Malba No. 2 as "an awkward mob to control". It has now since ascertained from him that the Tenigo people are not happy with their ward boundaries, and are consequently unco-operative.

On 16.3.71, in his diary, he mentions that the people of Kwimbu requested the compilation of two census books, without giving any reason for their request. In actual fact they require two books as they are a large village of 650 people, and two books will reduce the time spent waiting to appear at the census.

On page 5 of the Situation Report mention is made of "cult activities". On questioning it seems that Mr. Lachal is actually referring to cultural activities. He reports no manifestation of cargo cults.

It is noted from the Report that Police were used for inspecting houses and latrines. Diary for 19.3.71 and 9.3.71 refers. Mr. Lachal has been instructed not to use Police in this capacity in the future. He has also been instructed not to use Anglicised Pidgin. Diary for 12.3.71 refers. Mr. Lachal should also pay a little more attention to his spelling.

All in all the report discloses a generally satisfactory situation in this Census Division. Communications and economic development show a slow but gradual improvement. Health, despite a prevalence of skin diseases, is good. Political and social development appear to be lagging a little, but these concepts are always the



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the hardest to impart, and to receive.

In conclusion, with a little more attention to detail,
and a more careful consideration and analysis of facts, February, 1971
Mr. Lachal's reporting could be improved.

sun-prints of the map should be requested.

Mr. R. P. Lachal,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

G. G. Sanderson
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Assistant District Commissioner

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Census Division, departing Maprik on 1st March, 1971.
The objects of the patrol will be:-

- (a) Census Revision
- (b) Up-dating of last Area Study
- (c) Political Education
- (d) General Administration

I expect the patrol to take approximately three
weeks. Please liaise with Police and P.H.D. for personnel
you require.

The Patrol will be conducted according to Departmental
Standing Instructions and relevant circulars. Any problems
outside your jurisdiction send to Maprik. Any aspect of the
patrol which is not clear to you, please discuss with me before
departure.

The value of your report will be lost if it is not
submitted within a week of your return. Please ensure that
this is done.

I hope you have a good patrol.

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26th February, 1971

Mr. R. P. Lachal,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MAPRIK

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS
TAMAUI CENSUS DIVISION
MAPRIK PATROL 5 1970/71

Please prepare to proceed on patrol to the Tamaui
Census Division, departing Maprik on 1st March, 1971.
The objects of the patrol will be : -

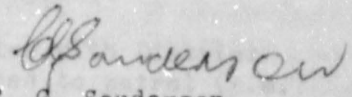
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C. G. Sanderson
Assistant District Commissioner

12.3.71 134
 Census PATROL DIARY assembled slowly.
 Council Inspector (Year's given two weeks to
 straighten all matters). Engaged carriers
 and moved to Swibow. Returned Maprik.

13.3.71 135
 Departed on patrol "Tamaui Census Division"
 Publicity to all Villages concerned. Repairs
 to house kiap at Warabung. Settled into Rest
 House and liased with Council Ins as to order
 of Patrol. Casual evening discussions.
 (O/N Warabung). Council Inspector made preliminary inspection of

2.3.71 146
 Villages Kusanabu and Kombenoo assembled and
 census revised. Laborious work of preparing
 new census forms. Arbitrated several minor

16.3.71 156
 complaints. Compiled census figures. Census
 (O/N Warabung). Inspection completed at 6 p.m. Disrupted by a

3.3.71 147
 Yangisagu village assembled and census revised.
 (New book raised). Discussions re self
 government and general political education.
 Raised topic of land dispute between Yangisagu
 and Kwombigum; heard preliminary discussion.
 A few minor complaints. Walked to
 (O/N Warabung - Police jointed patrol).

17.3.71 148
 Engaged Carriers (20 @ 20 cents) and walked
 (via kunai) to Bengaragum. Settled into rest
 house. Bengaragum village assembled and census
 revised. Pop. 405. Serve summonses to tax
 defaulters. Worrying situation with Wingei-
 Bengaragum Road. Casual evening discussions.
 (O/N Bengaragum). Council Inspector made inspection of Kwisbu and

18.3.71 149
 Walked to Sagasik (Carriers 20 @ 30 cents).
 Moved all cargo to Roma. Census revised Sagasik.
 Walked to main road (Naramgc) and returned
 Maprik - Weekend. Inspection of village (leaves much to

8.3.71 150
 Road inspection through Wingei, Bengaragum,
 Sagasik and Roma. Completed census Sagasik
 and inspected village for hygiene etc.
 (O/N Roma). Evening discussions

19.3.71 151
 Villages Yauwanjungei No.1 and No. 2 assembled at
 Roma and census revised. Council inspector
 (Joel Wasandi) and police made routine inspection
 of latrines houses etc. Engaged carriers (20 @
 20 cents) and walked to Suambukum. Rest house.
 (O/N Suambukum). Recalled to Maprik).

20.3.71 152
 Travelled to Maprik for interview with District
 Inspector (D. Stevens). Returned to patrol (p.m.)

21.3.71 153
 Village gathered for evening discussions on
 political education. (O/N Suambukum).

22.3.71 154
 Arrived patrol village No. 1. Village assembled
 and census revised. Council Inspector visited
 both villages on hygiene inspection. Returned to
 Suambukum O/N. Compiled census figures.

23.3.71 155
 Arbitrated minor disputes. Settled to rest house
 to compile census figures for complete district.
 Evening assembly for political education.
 (O/N Suambukum).

- 12.3.71 154 Suambukum No. 1 and No. 2 assembled slowly. Census revised and both villages inspected by Council Inspector (People given two weeks to straighten all something). Engaged carriers and moved to Kwimbu. Returned Maprik. *Early dawn.*
- 24.3.71 164 *Tambak census division completed.* Returned to *Maprik.*
- 15.3.71 155 *Patrol 1 p.m. at Kwimbu.* Road inspection through Marango, Kwimbu, Suambukum, Roma, relevant Sagasik and Bengaragum. Served warrants of arrest on tax defaulters at Sagasik and Bengaragum. Several run into the bush and were not sent to Maprik as yet. Settled into rest house at Kwimbu and Council Inspector made preliminary inspection of village. *Completed by office duties - Patrol Report.* (O/N Kwimbu).
- 16.3.71 156 Kwimbu assembled very slowly. Request to break up village into two books - Nos. 1 and 2. Census began 9.30, completed at 6 p.m. Disrupted by a death in the village. (Joel Wasandi, Council Inspector, returned to Maprik for court cases). Evening discussions re political education. Compiled census figures. O/N Kwimbu.
- 17.3.71 157 Engaged carriers and moved to Yenigo. Walked to Suambukum to investigate complain (concerning burial of one man) P.M. Naramgo village assembled and census revised. Settled into rest house. O/N Yenigo.
- 18.3.71 158 Yenigo village assembled and census revised. Council Inspector (J. Wasandi) rejoined patrol and completed hygiene inspection of Kwimbu and Naramgo. Census completed 2 p.m. Request from Malba No. 2 to revise census. Walked to Malba No.2 and revised census. Completed 6 p.m. (people wanted to walk to Ulupu for a sing-sing). Preliminary inspection of village (leaves much to be desired). Returned rest house Yenigo. Compiled census figures. Casual evening discussions. O/N Yenigo.
- 19.3.71 159 Walked to Malba No. 2. Village already assembled and census revised. Joel Wasandi and Police completed routine inspection of Yenigo and Malba-completed 1 p.m. A few minor complaints. Returned rest house Yenigo. O/N Yenigo.
- 20.3.71 160 To rest house Waigarkum. Waigarkum No. 2 assembled and census revised. Compiled figures. Saturday afternoon observed Waikargum.
- 21.3.71 161 Observed Waigarkum. Returned to Maprik with patient for hospital.
- 22.3.71 162 Resumed patrol Waigarkum No. 1. Village assembled and census revised. Routine inspection of entire village. Compiled census figures. O/N Waigarkum.
- 23.3.71 163 Waigarkum No. 3 assembled and census revised. Arbitrated minor disputes. Retired to rest house to compile census figures for complete division. Evening assemble for political education seminar. O/N Waigarkum.

152 15.3.71

24.3.71 164

Walked to Saigarkus No. 4 - Census Revised and Village inspected, found to be remarkably clean. Tamaui census division. Rest house and packed cargo. Liaised with A.O.G. Mission for various information relevant to the census division. Returned Maprik. Reported to A.D.C. Patrol stood down. Returned all gear to Gov. store.

25.3.71 165

Returned to office duties - Patrol Report.

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SITUATION REPORT

Although as previously mentioned the area has received little aid from the Council, the Council has accepted and respected initiatives and during the previous patrol to this census division, over 75 months ago, Council meetings have been held and the new blood has revitalized the area for the time being (a summary of my impressions of all area Councillors in 1972).

TAMAUI CENSUS DIVISION

POLITICAL

The Tamaui Census Division is one of the seven census divisions forming the area of the Greater Maprik Local Government Council. Situated approximately 15 miles south of Maprik, the majority of the 106 sq. miles stretches south from the Sepik Highway towards the Sepik River and consists mainly of flat undulating kundi plains. A continual complaint brought to the Patrols notice was the lack of Government and Council expenditure in the Census Division. On several occasions a few taxpayers would gather in the evenings and ask me why the money collected by the Council through tax was spent on Census Divisions all North of Maprik. This complaint is basically true and it provides logical reason why there have been many tax defaulters in this census division during this financial year. During the Patrol 28 warrants of arrest were issued to tax defaulters by the Council Inspector accompanying the Patrol. When the Court cases were heard, all offenders were prepared to pay their tax, they just wanted an opportunity to voice their concern that all tax collection was being spent elsewhere and they were receiving no benefit. Patiently with the help of relevant Councillors, I explained the allocation of finance by the Council. This explanation was mainly along the lines that funds were allocated according to a scale of preferences and where the majority of people could benefit most. This avenue of thought seemed to get across because the Tamaui Census Division falls way behind other divisions in the production of cash crops etc. However there were three cattle projects in the area and several more being prepared.

The people seemed to show enthusiasm for the fact that Rural Development Funds have been tentitively allocated for the WINGEI-ROMA-NARAMGO Road in 1973. The Council is at present erecting a permanent material Aid Post at ~~Tom~~ which is being welcomed by the seven surrounding villages who now walk to Sagasik or Naramgo for Medical attention.

Generally the Tamaui area has not received a great deal of aid since the formation of the original Maprik Council. I can only attribute this to higher priorities in census divisions who are cash cropping in larger volumes. An item of great concern to these people is Education for the many children who have no schooling facilities. This problem will be dealt with in more detail under the relevant heading.

Although as previously mentioned the area has received little aid from the Council, the Council is an accepted and respected institution and during the Patrol no alarming incidents of complete disagreement or anti-social activities have occurred. The tour of the previous patrol to this census division, over 15 months ago, Council Elections have been held and the new blood has revitalized the area for the time being (a summary of my impressions of all nine Councillors is enclosed). This is endorsed by the fact that when all villages were inspected for hygiene and cleanliness all were in satisfactory condition and the Council law on Village hygiene did not have to be imposed after the first warning. The Councillors in general appear to genuinely respect their areas and take back to the villagers all items discussed at monthly meetings.

The Catholic Mission at ^{DORNYANT} Roma which has been unstaffed and for the past 12 months has now been resurrected for the start of the school year. Even though the mission has been very neglected in comparison with others, they have been swamped with enrollments for the three school classes started this year, to the extent that many children have been turned away. In discussion with Fr. Blasik (the visiting priest) he tells me they would love to take more children but the scarcity of trained teachers does not allow it.

The House of Assembly and its members activities are now being given much publicity through radio and other media, and this publicity is thought to be having an effect on the thinking of the younger generation. It was disappointing to note the lack of privately owned radios through the 21 villages, however if a person was interested enough, there was at least one radio available in every village. The Council now has radios for sale at a rate of \$9.00 and \$12.00 and these were gradually filtering into the villages as they are in an acceptable price range and it was encouraged that people avail themselves of this opportunity. Important names are more frequently used in general conversation. The elected member for Naprik Mr. Pita Lus, M.H.A. is not seen a great deal in this area. This may be attributed to the fact that Mr. Steven Walamini, Councillor from Roma (member, District Education Board) has expressed his intention to stand for the next House of Assembly elections. He commands a fair amount of respect in the Census Division and is an active worker for the benefit of the area. I feel Mr. Walamini could be successful if he is the only candidate from this area. If someone else in the same division should also stand, I don't think Mr. Walamini could survive a split vote as Mr. Lus has strong support in the more heavily populated areas of the Naprik Electorate.

POLITICAL

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As instructed the Patrol concentrated on Political Education. This mainly took place in the form of casual evening discussions often lasting until midnight. These sort of discussions usually take an hour to warm up and people to say what they think about being handed down by their fellow villagers. Emphasis was placed on both local government and central government. The Patrol was met with continual requests to explain the meaning and probable repercussions of "Self Government". I feel this request derived from the recent tours of the

(1) Select Committee on Constitutional Development
 (2) United Nations Visiting Mission
 (3) Administrators Executive Council

These three Committees visited Maprik within a period of six weeks. The tour of these three Committees created a lot of interest in Maprik but the people seemed a little bewildered distinguishing the purposes of the visit of all three. I explained the differences between the Committees and also explained that the three Committees had a mutual purpose (i.e. trying to obtain an accurate account of what the average villager thinks about self-government). The Tamau people have a rather indifferent attitude toward Self-Government. On no occasion could I get a definite opinion either for or against. I think they just thought it was something to do with the government and wouldn't effect them.

Out of 21 villages, 8 were operating Passenger Motor Vehicles. This would have been unheard of 12 months ago. This is a situation where one village buys a vehicle so the neighbouring village must have one also.

ECONOMIC

In every village the question of rice and coffee prices paid to the grower were discussed. The previous patrol conducted by A.D.O. A. Cresswick mentioned the lack of patrols by Rural Development Officers and members of the Sepik Producers Co-operative Association. This situation has been rectified in the past 15 months and agriculturally the census division is progressing steadily. There are five cattle projects made possible by Development Bank loans and the prospect of several more. Unfortunately the rather oppressive and swampy Kunai does not lend itself much return economically but their are still large areas of arable land suitable for live stock and cash crops.

Most association members consider the prices paid per pound reasonable. Members receive 17 cents a pound for Coffee and 3 cents for Rice.

For those who wish to work, the financial rewards from Coffee and Rice can be extremely good but generally the people lack a continuity of progress and seem to work for short periods and live on their earnings until they are expended. Apart from the Association there are two private Coffee buyers working in the area. Kauk Kundiwendo who has started the Yenigo-Yangisagu Traders and a representative of Mr. T. Cole of Wewak. Both buy Coffee and Rice from Village people who are not members of the Association and buy at an average price of 13 cents per lb for Coffee. There seemed a little ill feeling between the two as Kauk thinks Europeans should not be allowed to engaged in private enterprise and should only be here to help indigenious. I explained to him that people could exercise free will to whom they sell their Coffee. The disadvantages of selling to private buyers were mentioned. However there were many growers not interested in becoming members of the S.P.C.A. at a \$10.00 entrance fee.

Another interesting point to note under this heading is the number of Village vehicles which are appearing in this area. Out of 21 villages, 8 were operating Passenger Motor Vehicles. This would have been unheard of 12 months ago. This trend has led to a status symbol situation where one village buys a vehicle so the neighbouring village must have one also.

SOCIAL

Education facilities are poor and only a total of 447 were attending school within the census division and in schools outside. The mission school at Roma is unable to cope with the many younger children in the vicinity of the Mission. Cllr. Steven from Roma is a strong advocate for a new government school in the area and being a member of the District Education Board may have some influence in this respect. Once again priorities are with census divisions with a larger population (Bumbita-Muhiang who received a new government school at Sunuhu this year).

ECONOMIC

During the Patrol, a large number of shifting population was noted throughout the census division. There were
 The Tamaui area is in the unfortunate position of being well down the list of priorities for roadworks, schools and other local government assistance. As previously mentioned the Council has based allocations on population and development to date, and consequently the area, perhaps unjustly, has not been considered and a general feeling of neglect is eminent. The people are patiently looking forward to a Rural Development road which they hope will be granted in 1973.

Health in general is average with a prominence of skin disease "Tinia Imbricata". Throughout the census division, water supplies, both drinking and general use are very poor. "Barrot" water is used for both cooking and drinking. The new Aid Post to be constructed at Roma should relieve the situation a little and emergency cases at least have road access to the Maprik Hospital.

There is still a strong feeling toward cult activities in the southern part of the division and I doubt whether Mission influence will ever change the situation. The work of both Missions in the census division is regarded highly but a Mission can only do so much.

During the patrol the Maprik Hospital returned a sick man to his village at Kwimbu with an accompanying explanation that the disease was incurable. The man died while I was in the village. Later on my return to Maprik I questioned the Doctor and he informed that he consulted two separate Doctors, neither of whom could diagnose the disease. This kind of situation does little to curb cult activities and their explanation to the event was simple - "A new poison is being worked in the village".

It was interesting to note that while the Catholic Mission at Roma was unstaffed, the village elders carried on with Church services while awaiting the promised return of the Mission. The Catholic Mission and the Assemblies of God Mission work irrespective of one another and no visible resentment is evident. The Missions are accepted generally as a service (education, medical etc.) .

TAMAUJ CENSUS DIVISION

During the Patrol, a large number of shifting population was noted throughout the census division. There were at the time of census 381 people either in Rabaul, Bougainville or migrated completely to the Oil Palm project at Cape Hoskins. There appears to be a lot of migrations between Wosera and Tamauj. The disturbing reason given for this was some people do not want their name recorded for tax evasion purposes. During the census an effort was made to record every name both absent and present.

The south of the division has dense bush with hills rising to 400 feet in the north. An apathetic attitude exists in the south along the kunai country (approx 50% of the census division) where continuous burning of grass has completely ruined what might have been good crop soil. The grass is continually burnt to enable the hunting of a few small animals. This section of the division is economically useless, however there is still plenty of arable land available for the present population and the slight resentment shown by the kunai people to those living on the main road who are able to produce and market crops quite readily is unjustified.

POPULATION

A complete revision of census was achieved during the patrol. A population register is attached. This proved to be a more laborious than difficult task as the original and duplicate copies of the census register for part of this census division have been misplaced and continuity in figures and accurate recording of deaths, births and migrations was impossible. However, it is satisfying to know that new books are now neatly and accurately completed.

The total population in the census division was 5758 persons, an increase of 416 over the previous census 5 months earlier. This figure represents a record for the division unusually high for the Hapik Sub-District. As a result 381 males (381) were absent from the census division and it is to be seen that most plantation labour in Rabaul and Bougainville are from the Hapik District. The neo-natal mortality was not recorded, however what became a point of interest was the number of deaths between the ages of 1 and 5 for no apparent reason except just general complacency when a child became ill or died.

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AREA STUDY

SOCIAL ORGANIZATION TAMAUI CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

The Tamauai Census Division lies 15 miles south of Maprik and covers an area of approximately 106 sq. miles. This area consists mainly of undulating kunai plains in the south of the division and dense bush with hills rising to 400 feet in the north. The kunai plains extend as far as the Sepik River. There are two major rivers winding through the census division, the PARCHEE and the KALAURU. When these two rivers are in flood they severly disrupt normal routine in this census division. Rainfall is an estimated 65-70 inches per annum.

Access to Tamauai is gained by the Sepik Highway from Maprik and all 21 villages are accessible by four wheel drive vehicles and the use of two secondary roads linking all villages to the main road.

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The total population in the census division is now 6158 persons, an increase of 416 over the previous census only 15 months earlier. This figure represents a natural increase of 4.8% , unusually high for the Maprik Sub-District. An alarming number of males (381) were absent from the census division and it is easy to see that most plantation labour in Rabaul and Bougainville came from the East Sepik District. The neo-mortality rate was not recorded, however what became a point of interest was the number of deaths between the ages of 1 and 5 for no apparent reason except just general complacence when a child became sick or listless.

SOCIAL GROUPINGS

The new Maprik High School is situated on land bought from the waigakus, but they have indicated they do not wish to sell. The Tamaui people are within the boundaries of the Maprik language group and speak the Maprik language known as Apeiam. This is with the exception of Bengaragum Village who speak the Wingei dialect which extends towards Yangoru.

LEADERSHIP

I think it would be fair to say that there is no prominent leader or outstanding figure in the census division. This is a rather general statement, but it seems that Councillors are gradually becoming village leaders and not merely front men for the real hereditary leaders in the villages. Attached is a brief summary of my impressions of the nine Councillors in the division. It may be appropriate to mention here one other person who, although does not feature prominently at present could do so in the near future. ARON SIKORLU has migrated from Kupmabit on the Sepik River and has been given a grant of land by Yangisagu Village. Aron has opened an artifacts store on the main road which is being reasonably successful. He has his own boat and outboard motor and buys his own artifacts for re-sale. He also instigated the opening of the new Warabung market which has proved very popular with surrounding villages. At present Aron is constructing a small building in which to smoke fish. He is really a pleasant and enterprising man.

KAUK KUNDIWENDO is also worthy of a mention under this heading. As previously mentioned Kauk has formed the Yangisagu-Yenigo Traders for the purpose of buying coffee and general business. He runs a trade store and business truck and has planted several acres of teak. At present he is erecting a cattle yard. Through these efforts he has earned the general respect of most in the area for his drive and enthusiasm and eagerness to better himself.

LAND TENURE AND USE

The system is patrilineal as is traditional throughout Maprik. If a landowner dies without producing any male heirs his land is handed on to his brothers children. There are no individual lease holders of land in the area.

The new Maprik High School is situated on land bought from the Waigakums, but they have indicated they do not wish to sell any further land in the area. Surprisingly no land disputes were brought forward during the patrol and K. Carey's demarcation work from 1957 appears to be still effective. Very few adults are literate or semi-literate in the vernacular of Fijian English. The total number would be an estimated 10% of the population. Mission LITERACY

catechists are assisting where necessary, none of which have received higher education than Standard six. From the entire area Schools in the census division are as follows:

- (1) Primary T School, Bainyik
- (2) Maprik High School, Bainyik (Temporary)
- (3) Vocational School, Bainyik
- (4) Assembly of God Primary T, Hayfield
- (5) Catholic Mission, Roma
- (6) Catholic Mission Prep, Kwombigum

The two Catholic Mission schools are unregistered. Students attending are -

(1) Bainyik Primary T

	Boys	Girls	Total
Prep.	33	7	40
Std. 1	32	10	42
3	29	17	46
4A	25	3	28
4B	28	10	38
(2) Maprik High School	147	47	194

Trade stores are found in every village but few stores are within easy reach of the villages in the south and the staple diet of kava-kava is not often supplemented with dried goods.

(3) Bainyik Vocational School
Recent Intake - 60

(4) Assemblies of God Primary T, Hayfield

	Boys	Girls	Total
St. 1	34	4	38
St. 2	32	7	39
St. 3	20	2	22
	86	13	99

(5) - Figures for both Catholic Mission
(6) - Schools are not listed as enrollments had not been completed at the time of patrol.

The re-opened unregistered school at Romang was being inundated with pupils during the patrol period. Support to requests for another school in the census division. The number of children at school in the area only exceeds 28% of the school age children. Very few adults are literate or semi-literate in the vernacular of Pidgin English. The total number would be an estimated 10% of the population. Mission trained catechists are assisting where necessary, none of which have received higher education than Standard six. From the entire area 7 males and 1 female were away at high school. Every village is equipped with at least one radio receiver. The only interest shown is in Radio Wewak and local programmes included items of news concerning the East Sepik District.

STANDARD OF LIVING

COMMUNICATIONS Housing and sanitation was found to be fair. The patrol was fortunate in having the Council Inspector, Joel Wasandi accompanying and it was necessary on several occasions to enforce the Council Road and Hygiene rules throughout. A full inspection was made of every village. On several occasions people were asked to dig new latrines and reconstruct old houses. On a follow up inspection the work was always completed and no prosecutions were necessary.

Trade store items are found in every village but few stores are within easy reach of the villages in the south and the staple diet of mami, sac-sac and kau-kau is not often supplemented with tinned goods.

MISSIONS

Most people will identify themselves with one Mission or another. No apparent disapproval of the Missions exist and people seem to look upon the Missions as a service for education and medical attention rather than for the religious aspect. Even though the people identify themselves with one particular Mission, this has no bearing whatsoever on whether or not they attend various services. Some village groups are 12 months. Generally communications to the Tanjil Census Division are good.

divided into Assemblies of God and Catholic Mission but no apparent friction exists. The previous priest situated at Roma branded the Mission as a bygone enterprise when he engaged himself in gold mining and coffee buying. The Mission gradually went defunct and was unstaffed for 12 months. The mission was in the throws of re-opening during the patrol.

The Assemblies of God Mission at Hayfield seem to run a very efficient school and sawmill. People do not have any particular reason for becoming either protestant or Catholic and the area appears equally divided between the two denominations. My personal opinion is that Mission influence generally seems to be declining. I have no facts to back up this statement but during the patrol I heard of three proposed new "Haus Tambarans"

The people of the Tamaui Census Division are although do not really comprehend the machinery of the present form of government. They understand the election system for Communications throughout the Census Division are good. An all weather road borders the area on the west and continues to Pagwi Patrol Post on the Sepik river providing access for shipping (mainly to and from Madang). The Sepik Highway runs along the northern border of the division and now carries most of the general cargo which was previously shipped through Pagwi.

The two internal roads are average and suitable for four wheel drive vehicles only. These internal feeder roads have been well maintained due to the Council law of four days a month to be spent on road maintenance. The maintenance of the road from Wingei into Bengaragum caused some concern during the patrol. The road is the dividing line between the Yangoru and Maprik Council areas and both sides say it is the responsibility of the other to maintain the road. As a result the grass was over 6' tall. Allocation of half each was decided during the patrol and appear to be satisfactory. Only time will tell. Hayfield airstrip was upgraded in 1968 and is now an all weather strip and since the closing of the Maprik airstrip in 1969, Hayfield now serves Maprik and surround areas. The Mission airstrip at Roma, although still maintained, has not been used for the past 12 months. Generally communications to the Tamaui Census Division are good.

NON INDIGENES

There are no non-Indigenes enterprises in the area except a coffee buying representative of Mr. T. Cole's who is in the process of constructing a native material house on Mr. Finchs' agricultural lease at Hayfield (previously mentioned under Economic heading in Situation Report).

TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Unchanged since last Area Study.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The people of the Tamauai Census Division are politically aware although do not really comprehend the machinery of the present form of government. They understand the election system for Councillors and members of the House and that is where it ends. After discussing "Self Government" at some length on numerous occasions I just felt I wasn't getting through. Complaints voiced during the patrol were of the lack of interest shown by the M.H.A. for the area, who they claim does not visit them regular to explain developments occurring around the district. These complaints are from the younger generation as the older generation show no interest in political development. It seems that Councillors do not understand the necessity of carefully explaining details of local government expenditure. I say this because tax collection was slow in the area as people had the idea that their taxes were only being spent in other census divisions. I must agree that Council Development is poor in this area, the greatest single complaint being the lack of schooling facilities. Although hesitant, the tax rate of \$7.00 is being met without difficulty.

ECONOMY AND POSSIBILITY OF EXPANSION

This area has sufficient potential to increase earnings in all fields. Rice, Coffee, artifacts, the breeding and re-sale of livestock and market gardening. The present production from the area is only about 1/3 of what could be expected from the recorded plantings. The representatives of

the Dept of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries go on record as saying that the Tamaui area is unresponsive to assistance offered. The area is apparently well suited for cattle projects but there are only four in the division.

Most villages along the main road and to the north sell fresh foods at the Maprik and the new Warabulg markets each week. A farmer along the northern section of the division should earn up to \$200 per annum from all these enterprises whilst in the south only about half this amount. The Tamaui Rural Progress society is now a member of the newly formed Sepik Producers Co-operative Association which buys the majority of the coffee and rice in the area.

The production figures for the Tamaui census division for the financial year 1969/70 are -

Coffee (Robusta) 33 tons

which at the buying price of 17 cents per lb puts \$15,993.00 into the area

Rice (Paddy) 30 tons

which at the buying price of 3 cents per lb puts \$2,016.00 into the area.

The Sepik Producers Co-operative Association appears to be operating very well and have just moved to their new premises at Hayfield to be officially opened within the next month. The entire complex was built at a cost of approximately \$132,000. The ill feeling which existed towards the society in the beginning appears to be settled. I feel the people just don't want to understand the connection between the weighing of a bag of coffee and the money received. The people on several occasions asked me why they don't receive a set price for one bag of coffee regardless of scale weight. On many occasions I have heard agricultural representatives explaining logically the weighing and buying of coffee but to apparently no avail.

Two new avenues of income have sprung up in the past two years, cattle, and teak planting. Many enquiries have been received at Bainyik for Development Bank loans to start cattle

projects. These applications always receive favourable attention for a person who is willing to work and I feel cattle projects will spring up all over the census division within the next twelve months.

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There are two teak and Kamare plantations totalling over 5,000 trees but people are critical of these projects because of the amount of time required to yield any return.

As regards to expansion of the present economy, much of the area to the north is steep and hilly but sufficient ground is still available for planting of cash crops. To the south in the kungsi grass country there exists an avenue for cattle breeding.

<u>Census Division</u>	<u>Date Revised</u>	<u>Total Population</u>
1. Albiges	September 1969	3734
2. Habbita - Wabunan	February 1970	3779
3. Wora	February 1971	4254
4. Namblop	July 1970	3169
5. Maprik	November 1969	4766
6. Tamaui	April 1971	3811

The Tamaui Census division even though not the most prosperous in the Maprik Sub-District still has ample potential to increase the present income of its inhabitants.

Greater Maprik Local Government Council Area 33675

This figure could be regarded as the most accurate figure of the council area.

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APPENDIX

TO MAPRIK PATROL REPORT NO. 5 1970/71

I find it satisfying to note that all seven census divisions comprising the Greater Maprik Local Government Council area have been completely revised during the past fifteen months.

The figures are as follows :

Census Division	Date Revised	Total Population
1. Albiges	September 1969	3734
2. Bumbita - Muniang	February 1970	8779
3. Wora	February 1971	4284
4. Mamblep	July 1970	3067
5. Maprik	November 1969	4746
6. Yamil	April 1970	2811
7. Tamat	March 1971	6158

Greater Maprik Local Government Council Area 33679

This figure could be regarded as the most recent and accurate figure of the council area.

WAIGANUM No 1 WAIGANUM No 2 WAIGANUM No 3

to be constructed in near future.

PATROL

DIARY

ORDER OF PATROL AND CONDITION OF REST HOUSES

<u>Village</u>	<u>Rest House</u>	<u>Condition</u>
YANGISAGU	YANGISAGU	POOR
KOMBENOBO	"	(To Be Rebuilt)
KUSANABU	"	
BENGARAGUM	BENGARAGUM	FAIR
SAGASIK	SAGASIK	SMALL, GOOD
YAWANJUNGEI NO 1	ROMA	FAIR
YAWANJUNGEI NO 2	"	
DUMBIT 1	DUMBIT	Unable to Use Completely delapidated
DUMBIT 2	"	
SUAMBUKUM 1	SUAMBUKUM	GOOD
SUAMBUKUM 2	"	
KWIMBU 1	KWIMBU	SMALL, GOOD
KWIMBU 2	"	
YENIGO	YENIGO	GOOD
NARAMGO	"	
MALBA 1	"	
MALBA 2	"	
WAIGAKUM No 1	WAIGAKUM NO 3	FAIR
WAIGAKUM No 2	"	
WAIGAKUM No 3	"	
KWARENGU	KWARENGU	To be constructed in near future,

PANAWI CENSUS DIVISION

Councillor	Villages	Ward No.	COMMENTS
1. Jambuwangi Kwanur	Yangtaseu	11	Co-operative and reliable, seems to have good control and pro-administration.
2. Maulogi Gurulambi	Kusanabu Kombenobo	12	Not impressive and not really influential throughout this ward.
3. Sangi Telesu	Suambukum No.1 Suambukum No.2 Dumbit No.1 Dumbit No.2	17	A conscientious worker and visits his entire ward regularly. He appears to be influential but his authority appears to be undermined by a few village elders.
4. Steven Wainai	Yawanjungel No.1 Yawanjungel No.2	18	Full control and very impressive - respected by his ward
5. Kambelabi Tamis	Bengaragata Saglatik		A new councillor who is finding his feet. He is rather defected by the lack of response to his leadership.
6. Yasotramu Bilagu	Kwimbu No.1 Kwimbu No.2 Naramgo	19	A very impressive Councillor and a good worker. Very influential and his ward was the cleanest and best kept in the census division
7. Anis Kusin	Yenipo Malba No.1 Malba No.2	7	This Councillor has a rather awkward mob to control and does a reasonable job. Not very impressive but did manage to clean up his three villages as instructed by the patrol.
8. Dobl Anumbange	Walgakum No. 3 Walgakum No. 4	8	A young energetic worker and respected. No problems in this ward.
9. Yaligalon Ulasmbi	Walgakum No.1 Walgakum No.2		An elderly man who does a fair job. Does not get around his ward as much as he should.

Village

YANGTASEU
KOMBEROSO
KUSANABU
BENGARAGATA
SAGLATIK
YAWANJUNGEL No.1
YAWANJUNGEL No.2
DUMBIT No.1
DUMBIT No.2
SUAMBUKUM No.1
SUAMBUKUM No.2
KWIMBU No.1
KWIMBU No.2
YENIPO
MALBA No.1
MALBA No.2
WALGAKUM No.1
WALGAKUM No.2
KUSANABU