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1963 - 1964

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REPORT NO.

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OFFICER CONDUCTING
PATROL

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MAPS/

PHOTOS

PERIOD OF PATROL

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R.W. MCLELLAN P.O

L / MURRAY & M/FLY C/D.

25/8/63 - 14/9/63

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MIDDLE FLY C/D.

15/11/63 - 22/11/63

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FJ.L. HAYES P.O

LAKE MURRAY CENSUS DIVISION

26/5/64 - 8/6/64

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN

Report NO Lake Murray 1-63/64 .

Patrol Conducted by R.W.McLellan, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Lake Murray and Middle Fly Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Teacher P.Robinson, 1 Constable, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 25/ 8/ 1963 to 14/ 9/ 1963

Excluding 31/8 to 2/9

Number of Days 18

Duplicate at Sehuie

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 5 / 1963

Medical / / 19

Map Reference P. R. 1-62/63

Objects of Patrol Electoral education and general administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES

AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded. please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-3-3

15th November, 1963.

The District Officer,

Western District,

D A R U.

LAKE MURRAY PATROL NO. 1-63/64:

Receipt of the report of the above patrol for electoral education and general administration purpose is acknowledged.

The information contained therein is useful in the building up of a Territory wide pattern of receptiveness, comprehension and interest in the House of Assembly.

I am impressed by your assessment of the report and the guidance given to the patrolling officer in your covering remarks.

Matters relating to crocodiles are being dealt with in separate correspondence.

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

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ATC:CJW

67-6-1

District Office,

DABU. W.D.

18th October, 1963.

Officer-In-Charge,

LAKE MURRAY.

PATROL REPORT NO.1/1963-64.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your report of the patrol undertaken mainly for educational purposes in respect of next year's elections.

I am most interested in your assessment of the ability of the local people to understand election procedures without any former knowledge as is gained in Council areas, and the suitability of the pictorial sheets forwarded. It appears that your approach was well taken and some little idea gained.

Each patrol now, will, as a matter of routine administrative procedure, reiterate the process of elections to all members of the community so they have a reasonable understanding prior to the elections. Though agreeing that a similar patrol be done following the naming of actual candidates, as a means of bringing procedures closer to home, this could lead to a real or false impression that officers may press for a favoured candidate and this must be strictly avoided.

The matter of attempting to control crocodile shooters, has already been forwarded to Headquarters as has Mr. Speakman's report. I concur that the present situation is due for review but until legal changes are made or the position clarified, our hands are tied. You will be kept informed of any developments in this field.

Please pass on to Robinson my appreciation of his assistance in the electoral educational role.

Camping allowance claims have been checked and signed and passed to Sub-Treasury for payment.

copy on

51-1-20

c.c. Director,

Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

A. T. CAREY.

a/DISTRICT OFFICER

For your information please. The remarks in Para.2
page 3 should be of interest to the Department of Extension
Services - it confirms that the pictorial matter is quite good
but needs to be used in the correct manner to get that best
results. I feel McLellan has adopted the correct approach.

Re crocodile hunters, at al, I refer you to my various
separate memoranda.

A. T. CAREY. a/D.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

LAKE MURRAY PATROL REPORT No.1-63/64.

Officer conducting patrol: R.W.McLellan, Patrol Officer.

Personnel accompanying : P.Robinson, Teacher.

Kaipi, Interpreter.

6509 Const. Damaua.

Area patrolled : Lake Murray and Middle Fly

Census Divisions.

Duration of patrol : August 25th to August 30th.

September 3rd to September 14th.

18 days.

Objectives of patrol : Electoral Education and general
administration.

Map reference : P.R. 1-62/63.

Last patrol : May, 1903.

INTRODUCTION

The main objective of the patrol was electoral education. In addition, the Lake Murray Buyers Society 1962/3 dividend was paid out, complaints and enquiries were dealt with and discussions held at each village.

Topics not dealt with in this report are covered by P.R.4-62/3.

Border matters are covered by Confidential WIBM of 19th September, 1963, to The District Officer, Daru.

DIARY

August 25 Patrol to Miwa per M.V. 'Mava'. Lunch at Pangoa enroute..

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26 Village inspection of Miwa and Venavena. Paid out L.M.B.S. dividend to Asoatutuma, Miwa and Venavena villages. Electoral educational talks to the people of those three villages. General discussions held and complaints heard.

27 Electoral education etc for Dimu and Moilavuan at Moilavuan.

28 Electoral education etc at Usokof.

29 Electoral education etc at Boimbcilavu.

30 a.m. Electoral education etc at Buseki. p.m. Catalina.

31st to September 2nd on station.

September 3rd Patrol joined by Teacher P.Robinson.

Electoral education etc at Aewa and Nago.

4 Travelled to Mipan. Late p.m. village and school inspection.

5 a.m. Electoral education etc at Mipan. p.m. Travelled to Kuem.

6 a.m. Electoral education etc at Kuem. p.m. Travelled to Mipan.

7 a.m. Travelled to Bovakaka. p.m. X Census and general discussions with Bovakaka people.

8 a.m. Travelled to Boset. p.m. observed.

9 Electoral education etc at Boset. p.m. school and aidpost inspection.

10 a.m. Travelled to Aiambak. p.m. Electoral education for Tinunga and Aiambak people at Aiambak.

11 Travelled to Kaviananga.

12 Electoral education for Komovai and Kaviananga at Kaviananga. p.m. school and aidpost inspection.

13 Travelled to Boikumava villagers' camping place at junction of Casake creek and Strickland River. Electoral education etc. Travelled to Miwa, arriving 10p.m.

14 To Pangoa. Electoral educational talk given to mission workers. p.m. Returned to Lake Murray.

2.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

There was no sign of any recurrence of the cargo cult reported in P.R.4-62/63. Most of the villagers have been busy hunting crocodiles.

The most significant trend in thought is a rising opposition to the large numbers of crocodile shooters who are appearing in the area. These shooters are rapidly cleaning out the crocodiles in the area and so destroying present and future sources of income of the Lake Murray people.

Mr D.M.Speakman, Patrol Officer, has recently covered the matter in a special report to the District Officer, Daru.

Urgent consideration should be given to legally halting the rapid extermination of this valuable natural resource. It would probably be a good idea to have a closed season to all but Indigenous local hunters next year. Whatever their declared intentions, it is fairly obvious that most outside hunters are only interested in extracting a quick fortune from the area and to hell with the local people.

Perhaps crocodile hunting could be licensed and licences be 3JB restricted to the holders of peddlers licences, providing that licencees kept up an adequate service (including the all-important provision of salt) to the local people. In that way, hunters would at least provide something in return for the valuable privilege of hunting in the area.

It is a shallow argument to say that the large numbers of European hunters are contributing to the economy - they are rapidly exhausting a valuable source of income which would otherwise have lasted indefinitely.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Because of high crocodile skin prices, the Lake Murray Buyers Society is still prospering. There was a net profit of £1,200 for the 6 months from April to September.

The following is the balance sheet as at 17th September:

Share capital	3569
Statutory Reserve	604
Undistributed surplus	1206

5379

Cash	2956
Stock	869
Investments	1500
Fixed assets	54
	5379

The undistributed surplus will be held until the March 31st balance for an annual distribution.

The £1,200 surplus from last April has only just been distributed - £900 as a bonus share issue and £300 as a dividend. The source of the dividend was fully explained when the money was given out at each village. The dependence of profit on members support was also explained.

While crocodile skin prices are so high, the people are naturally not interested in other forms of economic development. However, when the water rises and the season finishes, the people should be encouraged to plant coconuts.

The trial coffee plot at the Patrol Post is doing fairly well so far. If by next year the trial plot is still flourishing, shade and coffee seeds could be issued to selected villagers to be planted under the supervision of the Agricultural Field Worker.

3.

ELECTORAL EDUCATION

The electoral educational work was done jointly by the O.I.C. and TeacheR Parmenas Robinson from the Lake Murray Primary T School. The assistance of an experienced teacher was most welcome.

Mr Robinson's behaviour and attitude towards the job were exemplary throughout the patrol.

It was found that the 23 pictures and set of explanations supplied by the Department of Information and Extension Services were too complicated and confusing for village people with no previous knowledge of councils or elections. It was found best to introduce the topic by giving a simple and informal explanation of the elections. The talk was then repeated and expanded by the teacher in more precise, Motu which was interpreted into the local language. Only then were the pictures shown. General discussions and answers to questions followed. If the people were confronted with the pictures xxx at first, they would pay rapt attention to the pictures but not understand much of what was being said.

Given the previous complete ignorance of the people about elected assemblies and democratic processes, the patrol probably did as well as could be expected. The people should now have a basic idea of what the March elections are all about and the part which they are expected to play.

No attempt was made to sponsor a local candidate as there is no one of sufficient calibre to warrant it.

There are indications that the Lake Murray people may wish to sponsor their own candidate but they are still thinking it over.

CONCLUSION

The objectives of the patrol were achieved, more or less.

We could hardly expect the initial electoral educational campaign to have been an unqualified success. Many of the people will still be quite lazy about the elections and some, undoubtedly, will still have not a clue. However, in each village, there should be a core of people who grasped the main points of the talks. The people were urged to discuss the elections and to seek clarification of any matter about which they are uncertain.

It would be wise to have a follow up patrol after the names of the candidates have been announced. It is much easier to explain things in real terms than in abstract terms. Also, although the people seemed to grasp each point as it was explained, there are a lot of details to remember and a refresher course would be valuable.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ATC:CJW

In Reply

Please Quote

NO. 67-6-1

District Office,

DARU. W.D.

30th December, 1963.

The Director,

Department of Native affairs,

KONEDOBU.

LAKE MURRAY PATROL REPORT NO.2 1963-64

Attached please find a report submitted by
Mr. I.A. Holmes, District Officer, (Acting District
Commissioner) of a patrol through sections of the middle
Ply census division border areas.

2. Mr. Holmes accompanied P.I.R. patrol No. 68 on
what amounted to a flag showing, expedition along that section
of the border. His comments on page 2 in respect
BOVAKAKA and MANDA are interesting.

3. The report is forwarded for your information.

A. T. Casey.

a/DISTRICT OFFICER

Minute to: The District Officer,
Western District,
DARU.

Acknowledged with thanks.

(J. K. McCarthy)

Director of Native Affairs.

7th January, 1964.

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IAH:CJW
DARU.

WESTTERN DISTTRICT.
4th December, 1963.
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S BORDER PATROL
MIDDLE FLY CENSUS DIVISION.

Subtended for your information is a brief summary of
my recent patrol with P.I.R. Patrol 68.

2. DIARY

Fri. 15 Nov. - 0545 per air to PANGO, speed boat
to LAKE MURRAY and launch head Wet of AEWE, thence walk
1120-1930 and since 1930-2125 to NIPAN village. Over-
night NIPAN.

Sat. 16 Nov. - 0900-1100 per ounce to rendezvous with
"Rievaia" at (?) junction, visiting BOVAKAKA elements
and now MANDA village site en route. To border East of
now BOVAKAKA with P.I.R. Oversight now BOVAKAKA.
Sun. 17 Nov. - 0800-1315 walk to BOSET. Overnight BOSET.
Mon. 18. Nov. - 0530-1600 to border with P.I.R. thence walk
and (?) BOSET anchorage. Overnight "Elevala".

Tue. 19 Nov. - To AIAMBAK thence walk TINUNGA and return
0715-1200. Overnight "Elevala" after dropping P.I.R. at
KAVIANANGA anchorage.

WED. 20 Nov. - 0600-2130 to LAKE MURRAY per "Elevala" and
"Mova". Overnight Patrol Report.

Thursday. 21 Nov. - At Patrol Post. Inspection station and
Catalina water-drome and discussions.

Fri. 22 Nov. - To PANGO 0700-1115, thence DARU via WASUA
per A.M.A.F. cossna 1315-1535
3. AREA.

The village of BOSET (population 308), NIPAN (192), TINUNGA (133), AIAMBAK (81) and now BOVAKAKA (96) were visited. These compose the whole of the BUZI Group (810) with strong Wales and Dutch contacts, but now living wholly in Pagan except for these persons absent since 1952. All people are bi-lingual in Molay and the BUZI vernacular, with some knowledge of Nota amongst adult males and intensified Mission efforts to increase the knowledge of Police Notu and English. Their chief income source is crocodile hunting, with skins now sold to Mr. G. Craig or Lake Murray Buyers' society instead of BOEPOEL.

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4. LOYALTIES

Previously connected with the Chatholic Mission at BORFEL in West Irian (now wholly abandoned), the BUSI are now parishioners of the newly established Montfert Catholic Mission centre at BOSET. Current staff there is 1 priest, Rev. Fr. Benedict wwith an Assistant and at least 3 Teaching Nuns expected early in 1964. There are wwell-atttendea village schools at BOSET, TINUNGA and NIPAN under impressive village evangelists, further education is currently undertaken at KIUNGA. The BUZE are good catholics, and know little else outside the church.

5. Their entire loyalties are undoubtedly towawrds the Australian Administration. The mission is making every (?) , unabtrusively, to intensify this orientation and knowledge of Notu is now a prestige factor. To entensify this transition, I would suggest that the Department of Extension Services, when established at Daru, consider engaging a competent BUSI native to broadcast in both BUSI and Police Notu. It will be nece- cary to introduce or auboidice the purchase of several village radio (?) to (?) on this.

6. Now BOVAKAKA

My (?) confidential memorandum 1-1-2 of 24th September 1963, (?) Indonesian patrol visit to this village. My detailed contries reveal that not only did the Indonesian para-allitary personnel remain neutral, but they tried hard to disuade the Papuan patrol offices (?) talking further or threatening the villagers arguing with him "Look at the flags, this is an Australian village and it is not our business". The Patrol Officer in question is locally well-known as a MOIU native, from a village immediately West of the (?). He is (?) is (?) a fluent RINGERUM operator but (?), apparently, any Mota. His station in MUTING, on the BIAN River approximately 45 miles West of BONPEL and navigable (?), by (?). An Indonesian officer and approximately 15 troops are also stationed there

7. MANDA.

Now BOVAKAKA has been unanimously abandoned owing to its proximity to Indonesian patrol routes, and the inhabitants (?) tto resettle at MANDA approximately one hour down the AGU River from MIPAN and to refer to themselves as MANDA. I commend the decision, and during the patrol approved this excellent high level village site, which had been partly cleared. Settlement is on land owned jointly by BOVAKAKA and MIPAN, who

approve of (?). They propose re-grouping under one YAKORUS, a natural leader who will merit consideration as Village Constable. 4 families have elected to migrate to MIPAN and 10 persons, including the previous Village Constable (Kampalo Kampong) ASIRI, to BOSET. The BOVAKAKA state they are perfectly confident of their safety at MANDA. The remainder of the BUSI express no fears whatsoever of the Indonesians and claim that there has been no border crossing either way since the migration of the BOVAKAKA in March-April 1963.

8. FLAG SHOWING.

At all centres the flag was shown was shown by the Pacific Yalando Regiment. The people were impressed and glad to see the P.I.R. They seemed particularly tickled by my presence with the patrol. On two occasions I accompanied the patrol along good route to the border where temporary (?) were put denoting same. West of BOSET the villagers spontaneously (?) believed the border to be some 12 miles further on native (?) marks were placed and trees blazed at the approximate correct location and all persons advised.

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9. CONCLUSION.

This was a worthwhile visit, and carrying of one's own whole pack, swag(?) and rations a return to reality of former years.

I. A. HOLMES

a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. District Officer, Beru.

For your information please, you might care to give this Patrol Report a Lake Murray number and include it (as a District Officer's patrol) in 1963-64 figures. Two copies are attached. "My earlier memorandum" mentioned is Para.6 relates to your confidential OB.14 of 24th September 1963. I will take up the language/receiver question in Para. 5 with the Director of Information when the DARU broadcasting station nears completion.

I. A. HOLMES

a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
REPORT

District of WESTERN DISTRICT Report No LAKE MURRAY 3/63-64

Patrol Conducted by F.J.L. HAYNES. PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled LAKE MURRAY CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

INTERPRETER

Natives A.F.N.

2 Members R.P.A.H.G.C.

Duration--From 26/5/1964 to 8/6/1964

Number of Days FOURTEEN (14)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services /2/1964 (Election)

Medical /?/1963

Map Reference P.R.1-62/63

Objects of Patrol 1964 CENSUS, CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/8/1964

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 £

PATROL

67-3-19

Department of Native Affairs,

Konedobu, Papua.

27th August, 1964.

The District Officer.

Western District,

D A R U.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3-63/64 - LAKE MURRAY:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The content of the report is adequately covered in your remarks. The report itself contains the most constructive elements in a Patrol

Report that I have seen in more than a year. The officer is prepared to do something rather than just give instructions.

3. The matter of protecting crocodiles has been the subject of discussion with the Fisheries Section of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries. The introduction of heavy licence [license]

fees for professional shooters [shooters] has been considered - the protection of crocodiles [crocodiles] according to size has been considered and an export tariff was discussed.

Each of these approaches has been found deficient in some aspect or other and frankly I am at a loss to think of further approaches. Have you or your officers any ideas?

(J.K. McCarthy)

DIRECTOR.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone IAH'CR

Our Reference 67-6-1

If calling ask for

Mr

District Office,

Western District,

DARU.

August 7th, 1964.

The Director,

Department of Native Affairs,

KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT LMU 3/63-64 - LAKE MURRAY CENSUS DIVISION

Attached is a copy of the above patrol.

2. It is a good Report from an unusually zealous and keen young officer who has not let LAKE MURRAY apathy beat him at the outset. MAKIPOPO is in process of transfer to LAKE MURRAY Census Division (Diary 1st June).

3. Mr. HALLER's effects have been moved to the Patrol Post; he has been away from the area for some time - permanently I hope. We are watching Mr. SPYCHIGER as well as we can; short of an elaborately set up plant, which distances render extremely difficult and quite expensive, an easy "nab" is most unlikely. Co-operation is negligible from the native people whose aversion to sly grog is nil. All will later complain vehemently, without being specific, that "their fellows were underpaid for their skins, in liquor" (Diary 3rd June and bottom Page 5).

4. Mr. HAYNES speaks of lack of loyalty. To me it is chronic apathy rather than any disloyalty, and no problem security-wise etc. For what it may be worth, their apathy is probably considerably less than that displayed by peoples to the west (Page 3).

5. LAKE MURRAY staffing has been one officer for two years, 2 temporary caretakerships over 6 months last christmas, and Mr. HAYNES since the elections - for a full term on present plans.

6. With the officer's references to crocodile hunting I agree entirely. The point that the economic development of LAKE MURRAY requires merely simple protective measures instead of heavy Administration expenditure is well made. In this connection I refer to the Crown Law attachments of your memo 51-1-5 of 29th October, 1963. Frankly, this appears to offer no realistic or viable solution to an increasing problem. However,

as your memo above-mentioned would appear to remain unanswered
(?), I shall raise the matter on appropriate action files
immediately. I certainly trust some workable solution can be
found. Raising of the problem by Mr. Robert TABUA, M.H.A. may
be expected in the near future. The Co-operative Registry of the
Department of Trade and Industry also appears to be interesting
itself in it.

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7. A more dynamic approach to Native Administration and development, and very gratifying response of the native people to it, are clearly noticeable since Mr. HAYNES was posted to LAKE MURRAY.

(I. A. Holmes)

DISTRICT OFFICER

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LAKE MURRAY PATROL REPORT

NO.3/63-64.

INTRODUCTION:

The main objective of the patrol was the 1964 Census

In addition, the aims of the Lake Murray Buyers' Society were discussed with the people, complaints were heard and enquiries answered, general discussions were held in each village.

All villages included in the Lake Murray Census Division are situated on the shores of the lake, this makes "all year round patrolling [patrolling]" possible as there are no tracks to become inundated etc.

The effects of the House of Assembly Election and the presence of Indonesians in West New Guinea were noted and my comments are contained in the body of this report.

DIARY:

26th May, Tuesday,

0800 departed for NAGO village per Tempest Speedboat. Arrived village 0930. Inspected village and nearby coconuts. Set up radio for village people (Admin. radio provided by Ext. Services), people listening with interest. 1300 Census - approximately 25 new people migrated in from Kiunga Census Division, many children absent school (Lake Murray). Advised people dig drains around houses as erosion [erosion] causing house stumps to weaken.

27th May, Wednesday.

0730 Work on drains and demonstration of "bracing" houses. Heavy rain. 0930 departed for Aewa village per Miwa arriving 1215 hrs. Set up radio for villages-village inspected - generally in poor state. Saw plane circle station (means cargo at Boboa strip) to Boboa per Tempest - no cargo - 3hrs patrolling [patrolling] plus 10 gallons fuel wasted. 1730 returned AEWA - people arriving for Census tomorrow - people listening to radio. Heavy Rain.

28th May, Thursday.

0900 Census. Good response. General discussion. People cleaning houses. 1300 to Station - check gear prepare leave for BOIMEOILAVU tomorrow.

29th May, Friday.

0830 at BOIMEOILAVU - village cleanest I have seen it. Marked out drains - general discussion with people. Advised planting bamboo prevent erosion [erosion] around village. As in all villages to date V.C.'s paid to end of last financial year and issued with new uniforms. 1300 Census - many children at school. 1700 returned Station pre-

pare leave tomorrow for BUSEKI village.

30th May, Saturday.

0900 arrived BUSEKI after half hour trip from station in speed-boat. Inspected village housing and water supply as well as nearby gardens. Coconuts dying. People moving village to excellent new site which was inspected. Advised people plant trees on new site. 1300 Census and general discussion. People listening to radio. Prepare to leave for PARE village BOI RIVER tomorrow.

31st May, Sunday.

Prepared visit BOI RIVER village but urgent medical case in village sent to U.F.M. Pangoa therefore had to remain in village. Saw croc shooter heading up BOI River to village.

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LAKE MURRAY PATROL REPORT

NO.3/63-64.

DIARY CONT.,:

1st June, Monday.

0630 to BOI River, could not hold Census as numerous [numerous] persons absent from village with croc shooter who recruited them as labourers yesterday - people new patrol wave coming. General discussion with those present. Although this is a village in PARE Census it will shortly become, or at least should become part of the Lake Murray Census Division. Village inspected and general discussion. Sorcery fire in this village. 1400 per Speedboat to USOKOF arrived 1740 hrs after calling in at Station.

2nd June, Tuesday.

0830 Census, general discussion with people. Village overcrowded and increasing number migrations out to other villages. People listened intently to radio. V.C. paid and new uniform issued. 1400 sick nunn to U.F.M. hospital Pangoa thence to DIMU village arriving DIMU 1600 hrs. Inspected gardens and marked out site for new coconuts. People working tidying village

3rd June, Wednesday.

0800 General discussion with villagers and Census. Departed DIMU for TACUMI 1100 hrs. arrived TAGUM 1200hrs. On arrival approached by village people requesting removal of Mr. K. Haller's gear from their village. As returning to station that afternoon to prepare for Catalina tomorrow removed gear which included rum, beer and .303 ammunition. On return notified D.C. by mial. That afternoon met Mr. K. Dennis of the U.F.M. Mission who had just returned from leave. 1800 arrived at Station.

xxxx 4th June, Thursday.

At station, prepared for Catalina. 1145hrs informed that plane not coming. Worked rest of day attempting find trouble with radio.

5th June Friday.

0600hrs per Miwa to BOBOA airstrip with fuel thence to TAGUM village. Inspected village-crowded but in fair order. 1300 hrs Census and croc shooters over non-payment of moneys for skins etc. and stealing their skins. (These complaints were heard in almost every village during the patrol). People encouraged and their children to school at nearby mission. Overnight TACUM.

6th June, Saturday.

0800 at MIWA village. Croc shooter with unlicensed store in village. Village in good condition but people lack "loyalty" which is so essential to success [success] of any project (here I refer to L.M.B.S.). Census

and general discussion. Also censused VENA VENA people who have migrated as a group to this village which is now the largest in the Lake Murray Census Division. 1500hrs to ASOATUTUMA. Inspected village and heard numerous complaints concerning [concerning] croc industry. Radio set up and people listening to Port Moresby and Radio Australia.

7th June, Sunday.

ASOATUTUMA people requested Census this day as running short of food. Census and general discussion. Received news of patient at KAVIANANGA village on Fly River. Per Miwa to village where found another unlicensed trade store. Spoke for short time with people as late at night. Prepared patient for return to station tomorrow.

8th June, Monday

[?]0400 hrs depart KAVIANANGA for Station calling in at MIWA and PAN-GOA enroute. Arrived station with patient 0100hrs on Tuesday, 9th June.

.....END OF PATROL.....

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

After reading the "native affairs" section of P/R1 (Patrol Officer R.W. McLellan) particular attention was paid to the general attitude of these people to the Administration the U.F.M. Mission and private entrepreneurs.

It would seem that they place these three groups of people on the one plane and respect or at least show [true] loyalty xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx to neither the Mission nor the Entrepreneur nor the Administration. I feel it is essential that the people in the Lake Murray area should show loyalty to the Administration, at least, even if it is only to show our "neighbours" in West New Guinea that the presence of the Administration is appreciated. The most common sign of this "lack of loyalty" is the "broken promise", promises are made and broken with such regularity that one becomes a little disheartened. There are numerous projects which could be undertaken in this area, however a basic need is co-operation from the people and as the people make idle promises so often one does not feel that a project should be begun unless there is a good chance of its being completed. Projects which come to mind include expansion of Buyers' Society services, fresh water wells in villages, maintenance of channels through swamps and construction of same and a programme of improved village housing.

With regards the Administration this lack of loyalty may stem from the high "turnover" of staff at Lake Murray Patrol Post since October 1963. It is certain that with the number of Patrol Officers moving in and out of the area orders of promises have been given which have never been followed up. Many of the private entrepreneurs in the area over the last twelve xxxxx months have not been the kind of people who would inspire honesty and confidence in the Administration as xxxx people often feel that the actions of many of these persons are condoned by the Government.

While I agree that the people of Lake Murray have never been recognised as sincere I cannot see why this [signation] XXXX should be allowed to xxxxxxxx. To improve the general "native affairs" situation I feel something [something] should be done to ensure stability in the staffing of Lake Murray Patrol Post, also more attention should be paid to the "types" of persons who are allowed to move about in

in this region of the Western District.
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I feel xxxx I should state here that I am in full agreement with the remarks made by Mr. R.W. McLellan in his Patrol Report No. 1-63/64 as regards the rapid extermination of these peoples most valuable natural resource, the crocodile. I sincerely hope that some action is being taken along the lines mentioned in the aforementioned report.

House of Assembly:- In each village, during a period of general discussion, questions were often asked about the House of Assembly. Many of the Lake Murray people realise that they now have a representative in the Government who can help them solve their problems. I don't think it will be long before they complain to their member about one of their main problems ie. extermination of crocodiles.

It was pleasing to note that these people realise that an election has been held and that as a result of that election they now have a person who they know, helping to determine their future.

West Irian Border:- Throughout the patrol no mention was made of anything relating to the border. People were asked to report anything they regarded as unusual. In forming future policy regarding the border I think that some of the matter mentioned above should receive some consideration.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS:-

In the Lake Murray Census area village officials often reflect the attitudes of their villages.

There is little doubt that village officials carry out most of their duties reasonably well but I feel certain that very few have their hearts in the job.

Every village constable in the Lake Murray Census [Census] division has been issued with a new uniform and paid to the end of last financial year. The officials were pleased to receive new uniforms as their old outfits were issued in 1952.

The majority of Village Constables are clan leaders and generally hold a degree of responsibility in the village. As a result of their traditional authority many Village Constables have at least two wives and as a result of this they are often criticised by the younger "educated" men in the village. It is rather difficult to discourage the establishment of polygamous relationships in villages where the Government representative is often a leading offender.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:-

Economic development in the Lake Murray Census division has not resulted from the sale of cash crops, forestry or fishing nor has it resulted from the "export" of labour. Economic development has come about almost entirely as a result of the sale of crocodile skins.

The crocodile seems to be these peoples only worthwhile natural resource as there is very little land suitable for agriculture. Once this fact is realised it is simple to see that one day these people will face a special problem - what will happen when the crocodile is exterminated as it will be if efforts are not made as soon as possible to prevent extermination.

In areas where cash crops form the basis of economic development Agriculture Officers are at work educating people in the proper care of their land etc.; where forests are exploited reforestation is undertaken however when a crocodile is shot another step is taken toward exterminating a natural resource.

Signs of prosperity are fairly common in this area. Two villages have recently bought outboard motors. Before the end of June every [every] village will have a radio, the sale of clothing,

has never been greater. I am hoping that the present situation will continue but there are signs already that the source of this development is weakening. According to a local missionary, who has been in this area for over ten years, the crocodile is disappearing fast, especially since the arrival of numerous European shooters. I can quite believe this statement as I know for a fact that one party of shooters shot nearly two thousand crocodiles in the Lake Murray area last year; at this rate it is farcical to think that the present rate of economical [DEVELOPMENT] could continue as it should.

To think that European crocodile shooters are aiding the economic development of Papua and New Guinea as a whole is incorrect as the greater proportion of shooters live on native rations and off the land thereby saving as much money as possible. I am certain that a survey of persons who had exploited crocodiles in this area would show that very few had remained in the Territory for any length of time and that they had invested little of their profits in the country. The general characters of many shooters often leaves much to be desired.

To encourage continued economic development in the Lake Murray Census area the Administration will not have to

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expend considerable sums of money establishing Agriculture Stations or agricultural staff etc.; it has simply to undertake measures which will protect a natural resource from being wiped out.

The Lake Murray Buyers' Society is acting

as an agent xx xxxxxxxx to economic development in the area patrolled. Fair trading on behalf of the Society has resulted in the member having more money to spend and getting value for the money.

As a result of this patrol action is being taken by the Society to open a new branch store in MIWA village which is fairly centrally [centrally] at one end of Lake Murray. If the people show just a little "Loyalty" to their Society the new store should be successful.

AGRICULTURE:

An agricultural xxxxx Field Worker accompanied the patrol around Lake Murray. In each village he inspected areas of coconuts but he reported that generally the land was not suited to the growing of good palms as the soil is very clayey and the extended dry season, which is experienced every few years, cause many palms to die.

Coffee plots planted by previous A.F.W.'s were in a poor state mainly because the Lake Murray people show very little interest in this crop.

In the village of NAGO and DINU the A.F.W. accompanying the patrol marked out sites for the planting of coconuts but I expect the future production from these plots will be sufficient for food requirements only.

Generally there is insufficient land available in the Lake Murray region to make the production of copra or Robusta Coffee and economic proposition. Poor transport facilities, with little prospects for improvement, would hamper any programme aimed at encouraging the production of the aforementioned crops.

LAW AND JUSTICE:

Throughout the patrol I found that the necessity to resort to court action over any dispute never arose. Most disputes resulted from polygamous [polygamous] relationships, which are very common in the Lake Murray Census division. Often these disputes were between the husbands' wives or the husband and one of his wives. Usually the disputes began when the husband xxxx [takes] a second or third wife and often quarreling

continues until one of the wives is "divorced" by the husband.

During the patrol I found it necessary to remove the possessions of a European crocodile shooter, one Mr. K. HALLER, who had left bottles of rum and .303 ammunition in the hands of the TAGUM people. The people of TAGUM asked for the goods to be removed as they did not want any of the young people to become involved with the Administration for taking the goods.

Another crocodile shooter will be urrned[?] [turned/warned] against trading without a license on his return from a shooting trip up the Strickland River. In two villages he had set up stores from which goods were sold. Mr. SPYCHIGER, the crocodile shooter involved, has a Pedlars License to operate from a boat only. During the patrol it was reported by a number of people that this same person was selling liquor. I am at present making enquiries into this complaint, Mr. SPYCHIGER does not hold a Liquor License.

Generally the people or the Lake Mur [Murray]

Census division show respect for the law.

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As the Lake Murray people were given ample notice of the pending census response in most villages was excellent.

Maintaining an accurate record of the number of persons resident in BOIMEOILAVU, AEWA, USOKOF is difficult as villagers are constantly moving from village to village and even though this practice has been discouraged by previous Officers there efforts have had little effect. It seems that this form of migration is the accepted thing.

Final census figures (Appendix [Appendix] A) show an overall population increase of seventy six on 1963 figures. The increase of seventy six is double the 1963 increase of thirty eight. Altogether 1424 people reside in the present area of the Lake Murray Census Division.

The village of NAGO showed the greatest rise in population as a result of the migration into the village of twenty nine people from the Kiunga area. This village has no trouble accommodating migrants as they are very hard working and land for new housing is available in the village.

Throughout the patrol only xxxxxxxx [seventeen] deaths were accorded. This figure is not as high as it could have been xxx because for five months this year Lake Murray Patrol Post was without medical supplies. Credit is due to the Sister at the Pangon U.F.M. mission for her efforts in aiding patients who had to be turned away from the Lake Murray Aid Post.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

It was not possible for a Medical Orderly to accompany [the patrol] as the station orderly, who would normally accompany a patrol, had only recently arrived on the station and he was kept very busy attending to numerous patients who appeared after hearing that the Administration post at Lake Murray had received medical supplies.

Generally the health situation appeared [appeared] to be reasonable with the number of deaths falling. The reason for the decrease in deaths possibly stems from the economic development in the area. With sales of mosquito nets, blankets and tin meat etc. running very high the resultant increase in living standards must be a factor in the decreasing numbers of deaths.

An inspection of water supplies was made during

the patrol. Generally water is obtained by taking a canoe a few hundred yards out onto the lake where containers were filled and the water brought to shore. To me the water looked rather unclean, however only one death was noted as resulting from dysentery during the patrol-(in NAGO village).

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Lake Murray people are continuing to make their traditional style canoe which has proved an excellent craft from which crocodiles can be killed also it is easily adapted for use with an outboard motor.

Communication between villages is by canoe and with the increasing number of canoes there seems to be an increasing amount of travel between villages.

The "Tempest" speedboat powered by a forty horsepower outboard motor was used to move between villages. A 22' launch was used in conjunction with the speedboat and I feel that the people were impressed with the speed with which the Administration can move about the lake. Within Lake Murray I feel that the Administration is to be congratulated on its transport facilities.

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EDUCATION:

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There are no village schools in the Lake Murray Census division. Educational facilities are provided by the U.F.M. mission at Pangoa and by the Administration at Lake Murray Patrol Post. With the completion of proposed extensions at the Primary T School facilities should be adequate for present needs however with an increasing population and an over increasing demand for education some thought must be given to a future expansion of facilities.

Attendance at school was said to be quite good as are the peoples efforts at maintaing [maintaining] food supplies for their children. Generally the education situation is good in this area.

CONCLUSION:

The object of the patrol, 1964 Census, was satisfactorily achieved.

The Administration should take action to protect the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx crocodile and therefore encourage future stable economic development.

Action should be taken to encourage fair trading in the Lake Murray area, possibly by being more particular and checking on the characters of applicants for trading licenses etc. (By fair trading I mean fair to the local inhabitant).

An effort should be made to station D.N.A. officers permanently at the Patrol Post instead of moving officers at irregular and sometimes frequent intervals.

A follow up patrol through the area within six months is recommended.

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(Officer in Charge).