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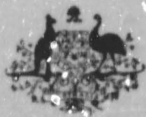
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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

MOROBE - GARAINA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MOROBE** Report No. **1-69/70 (Morobe)**

Sub-District **LAE.**

Patrol Conducted by **W.H. WARREN** Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled **MOROBE NORTH COAST. MOROBE COUNCIL AREA.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **No.**

Natives **CONST. SOKAKA RPANGG.**

Duration—From **15/5/1969** to **20/5/1969; 23/5/69 to 30/5/69; 3/6/69 to 5/6/69**

Number of Days **17 Days.**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No.**

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

Medical **/ / 19**

Map Reference **New Guinea 1:250,000**

Total Population **2,974**

Objects of Patrol **Political education, inspection of villages & publishing Council Rules, land investigation.**

Director of ~~District~~ Administration.

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14/10/1969

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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GFB:HC

67-6-18

Division of District Administration,

22nd October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL MOROBE NO. 1/69-70

Your reference is 67-2-7 of 9th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W.H. Warren, Patrol Officer, to Morobe North Coast Census Division.

A brief but informative report of a useful patrol.

The comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae, were not forwarded with the report.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

C.C.
Mr. W.H. Warren,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE. Morobe District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.

JN:HC

67-6-18
Division of District Administration,
KORORUA. Papua.

15th January, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE

MOROBE PATROL REPORT NO. 1-69/70

Reference your 67-2-7 of 9th October, 1969.

2. As we received three copies of the report
I am returning one for your records.

T.W.E.
(T.W. ELLIS) //
Secretary

Department of the Administrator

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Marebe District,
L A E.

9th October, 1969.

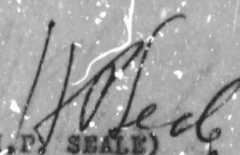
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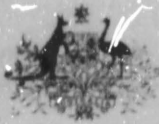
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Also enclosed are a map of the area patrolled and brief comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae.

Mr. Warren has provided a useful account of the situation in the area patrolled.


(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Atts;



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67.2.7



Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
L A E.

9th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUI.

MOROBE PATROL REPORT NO.1/69-70

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(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Atts:





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (4)

Dept. of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE, Morobe District.

12th September, 1969.

Telex...
Telephone...
Our Reference... 6/2-1
If calling ask for...
Mr. WKW

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

MOROBE PATROL No. 1-69/70.
MOROBE NORTH COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

Report Number...	MOROBE 1-69/70
Sub-District....	LAE
District	MOROBE
Council Area....	MOROBE COUNCIL
Patrol Conducted by...	W.H. WARREN Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled...	MOROBE NORTH COAST CENSUS DIVISION.
Person Accompanying...	CONST. SOKANA REBANGG.
Duration.....	15/8/69 to 20/8/69; 23/8/69 to 30/8/69; 3/9/69 to 5/9/69.
Number of Days....	17 Days.
Map Reference.....	New Guinea 1:250,000.
Total Population in Area...	2,974.
Objects of the Patrol....	POLITICAL EDUCATION, INSPECTION OF VILLAGES, LAND INVESTIGATION.

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PATROL DIARY

15th August, 1969.

9.0am left Merebe Station for Buse village. Heavy seas commenced at approximately 10.0am. Changed programme and went to Maiama. Carried out political education & inspection of village. No complaints. Camped at Maiama.

16th August, 1969.

8.30am left Maiama because people slow to carry cargoes. 11.0am arrived Zinaba. People not in the village so waited. Heavy rain. 2.0pm commenced work on political education, inspection of the village, looked at area for proposed pigery for the village. No complaints. People again stated their wish of not to join with the Susna people in any proposed timber purchase. Spoke to people about the road from Saraina to Maiama and they state that in some places it will be impossible for cattle to walk. People have difficulty in walking on the track. Camped at Zinaba.

17th August, 1969.

8.0am left Zinaba. 10.0am arrived Maiama and proceeded straight to Wabizeira village. When arrived people were mourning for the death of an old woman so had to wait. While waiting inspected the village and found that there were insufficient latrines. Spoke to the village committeeman about this and told to build more. 4.0pm carried out political education. Questions were asked by the people about the Pangu Party. Camped at Wabizeira.

18th August, 1969.

7.30am left Wabizeira. 9.0am arrived Kebie & carried out Political education & inspection of the village. 12.0 noon left Kebie arrived Anea at 12.05pm. Political education & inspection of the village. No complaints. 3.30pm left Anea & arrived Wabizeira at 4.30pm. Camped at Wabizeira.

19th August, 1969.

8.45AM LEFT Wabizeira and arrived Geri at 7.30am. Inspected area for proposed Council water supply project. Political education & inspection of the village. Completed work at Geri and returned to the station.

20th August, 1969.

Went to Besadi. Political education & inspection of the village. Only one complaint about the Sepik people living on the Islands outside the station. Returned to the station in the afternoon.

23rd August, 1969.

Left the station per MVN Merebe. 11.30am arrived Buse. Political education & inspection of the village. No complaints and camped at Buse.

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24th August, 1969.

Sunday at Buse collecting of owners and general discussions with the people about proposed Forestry land purchase. Complaints about money owed by others by certain villages people. Camped at Buse.

25th August, 1969.

At Buse, heavy rain, waited till 10.30am rain stopped and commenced walking around the boundary. Went half way and heavy rain so returned to Buse village. Camped at Buse.

26th August, 1969.

7.30 left Buse 10.15am arrived Kui. Political education & inspection of the village. Survey of Kui adpost land. Discussing Buse land purchase in Kui. Camped at Kui.

27th August, 1969.

5.45am left Kui village per sail canoe 8.50am arrived Sipema village. Political education & village inspection. One land complaint which was put to the Demarkation Committee to settle. Camped Sipema.

28th August, 1969.

7.30am left Sipema & arrived Palewa at 9.35am. Political education, inspection, inspection of the village. Sea rough so camped.

29th August, 1969.

7.45am left Palewa 11.45am arrived Malama Bay and walked to Malama. Sea got rougher so waited but sea did not calm down so camped.

30th August, 1969.

5.30am left Malama arrived Gort and changed canoes and moved to Besadi then to the station.

3rd September, 1969.

Went to Me village & carried out political education, inspection of the village. No complaints. Returned to the station.

4th September, 1969.

8.30am left Merebe arrived Ana at 11.45am. Political education & inspection of the village. No complaints & camped at Ana.

5th September, 1969.

7.30am left Ana, at 8.45am arrived Pesei. Political education & inspection of the village. No complaints. Returned to the station.

END OF DIARY

SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled was the Meroke North Coast Census Division which is in the Meroke Local Government Council area. This Division commences from Mo village and extends as far as Buse village to the north. A total of fifteen villages are in this Division with a total population of 2,974 people. Six of this villages are inland upstream on the Rivers of Mo, Meroke and Maiama. These villages are: Ana, Fexei, Anea, Kebie, Kipa and Zinaba. The rest of the villages are on the Meroke coast.

Because of the very rough seas the programme was changed and the patrol commenced at Maiama village then worked back towards the station. The patrol managed to go to Buse and patrol that area when the seas were calm.

There has been no progress done on economic development since the last patrol visited the area. People still spend a lot of their time working in their gardens and fishing for food. Villages were noted to be clean, many new houses are under construction. Latrines for some villages were left unattended to and in a disgraceful state. In these villages the people were told of the 'Health and Hygiene' Rule. On the next patrol the officer will check on this and those who neglect to follow this Council Rule will be prosecuted by the Council or Medical Officer.

The area remains peaceful and all complaints raised were settled in the villages.

Objects of the patrol were to carry out political education, routine administration, land investigation at Buse and Fxi, and inspecting villages to see if the Council Rules are being followed by the people.

In the body of the Report, situations as to the Political, Economic and Social are reported on. It seems difficult to find new happenings to write in this report because the situation remains the same as from the last patrol.

(a) POLITICAL.

The political situation in the area remains the same as the last report on the area. People's thought remain on their fishing, gardening and any minor complaints that crop up. They do not think beyond the village. They have not put any serious thought into the work of the council or put forward ideas as to how a thing could be solved. Thinking is left to the Council or more often on the officer in charge to solve. Attitudes towards the Council is still not good. This attitude will not change because the Council cannot give things to every village every year. Finance is a big problem with the Meroke Council. It has not got enough.

The object of the patrol was to speak to the people

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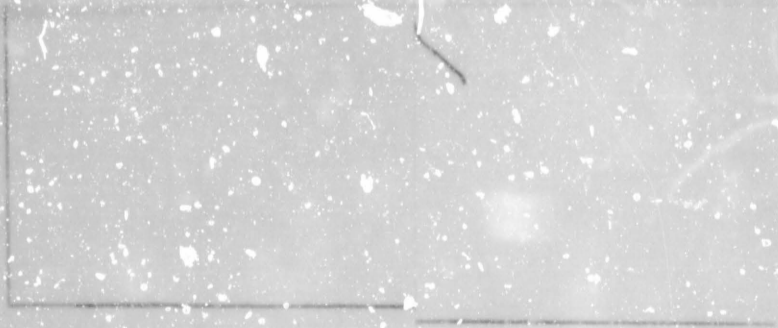
about Government, Council, Political Parties and Unity. A lot of time was spent on these matters. Whether the people did absorb what was said is difficult to say, but the people stated that they understood. All materials were taken from pamphlets held at the office. With government, the officer went over what was said during the Area Study patrol. This was explaining the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary. Long Talks were made about the House of Assembly and its functions, how it is run, and what it is made up of. Explanations about the Council was mainly about why do we have Councils and what the aims of a Council. This was done to show the people that a Council does not exist in an area to make it look good, but that it is there to give the people more ideas as to the ways of solving their own problems, to help them get things that they themselves cannot get. That a Council is there to give the people more political thinking. That a Council is their own government which they themselves control and look after. The talk on political parties commenced by speaking about interest groups which in many cases form into parties after managing to get good membership and support. People have the idea that a political party is dangerous and not wanted. The officer explained that in certain countries political parties are so good because that particular has become so powerful and its leaders have become so strong that they do what they want to the country. In other countries parties are run and control the country properly. This is so because they have opposition parties to criticize if anything is not carried out properly. Questions were asked about the Fanga Party. The officer explained that the policy of this party is not known. That it is difficult to say whether the party will in the future be a good one or not, but that at the present moment it is not strong because it has not been long established and that it has not got strong support. Very little is known about the House of Assembly, but after continual talks about government, parties, and the Assembly they will slowly understand. Whether they will get interested or not is another matter.

The Lutheran Mission influence in the area is still strong. All villages in the area come under the Zaka Mission Station except for Sipona, Kua and Bue. They come under the Malele Mission station. At present at local villages the people are working hard building houses to accommodate mission delegates for a conference to be held in November. If the people could give the same enthusiasm to the work of their council then it will be very good. There are no complaints about work given by the mission.

(b) ECONOMICAL

The economy in the area is not good. Many people work only in their gardens and have no interest in making money with the coconuts that they have, or fishing to sell in Lae. With fishing it is a bit difficult because of the problem of refrigeration and transport to Lae. As mentioned in other reports, Mr. Vivian provided a market for fish with a readily available refrigerator and transport. The people took advantage of this for a short while but then started to demand more money for the fish. As a result, the fishing was stopped and now the people are wondering as to how they will make money. It was certainly a good effort on Mr. Vivian's part in helping the people.

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With copra production at present the effort is almost nil. The Kui people have the Jawani or German Island full of coconuts but this are not been harvested and used for making copra. They are left to rot on the ground. Certain groups seem to have lost interest in producing cash crops. Others as mentioned many times, want to see the result of their work as seen as they do things. They do not look to the future in many cases. It was explained to them that money cannot be got in any way except hard work. They do work hard in their gardens but with other things they do not.

This almost nil effort on the economic side has had effect on their political thinking towards the betterment of their Council and in the lifting up of their living standards.

Several months ago District Administration plus Forestry went through the area commencing from Paiowa village to Mo village and talking to the village people on a proposed timber purchase in the area. Land boundaries were disputed mainly between the Suena tribe and the others, and therefore this spoilt the chances for timber until such time when the land disputes are settled. The Suena people seem to be claiming all the land they can. This group did acquire rights by conquest, but it is highly unlikely that their forefathers, who made the conquest, penetrated inland because of the possibility of sudden attacks by inland people such as the YAKORA, GARAINAZINARA and WARIA people. They did for sure get some of the coastal area but not all of it. This group now seem to claim land as far inland as the source of the Morebe and Maiama Rivers. This was impossible in these days where it is estimated that the number of Suena people would have been very small. This is based on the fact that they came by canoes from the Northern District. Since then their population has grown to what it is at present.

Apart from the small amounts copra and fish been marketed, money is also been made from local day to day employment.

Trade stores are found in the area but were all out of stock when the patrol visited the area. These stores sell mainly rice, biscuits, tinned meat and fish, tobacco and cigarettes. Stocks are not purchased in large quantities.

As yet the Jawani has not been purchased. People wanting to purchase it approached the officer asking that they do not pay Council tax, and instead, collect money for purchasing the Jawani. It was explained that this was an impossible request and it cannot be done. Council tax must be paid.

The South Pacific Timbers have a logging mill at Kui. This Company is experiencing difficulties in areas where there is swamp and mountains. Timber is plentiful in the area.

The small launch of the Paiowa people is still working. The Launch for the Sipca people is still on the slipway. It has been there for approximately seven months. The Kui and Buse people have not bought their launch yet.

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(c) SOCIAL.

Health. No people were found to be suffering from any bad diseases except a few have grille. Others who do look sick get this from too much sleep. The aid post orderly at Palewa has died and there is no replacements. The Kui aid post is been used all the time and it is continually running out of essential things like sticking plaster, bandages, lints and such things. The orderly at Maiama aidpost has moved and built a native material building between Maiama and Zinaba. The orderly stated that he was given by permission by P.H.D. in Lac. Shortage of aidpost orderlies has caused a flow of patients to the Merohe hospital.

Education. Schools in the area are run by the Lutheran Mission. Mission Primary 'T' Schools are situated at Maiama and Kui.

General. The life of the people is good and easy. Problems of land boundaries still exist. There has been no complaints which have resulted in court action. All complaints during the patrol were minor ones and were settled in that village.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS.

The land investigation for purchase of land near Buse village was carried out during the patrol. This land is known by the people as 'WAIU' and has an area of approximately 1,082 acres. It is in the area of ATEGARAWA Bay. It is all mountainous country except for a small portion near the mouth of the Buse River which is needed for the construction of buildings. At present the land is not being used by the owners and they can sell it because they do have adequate land available. This land will be used as a training area for students from the Bulele Forestry School. It will certainly serve its purpose. People who claim rights to the land are from the villages of Buse, Lababia and Kui. The total number is 95 people.

(e) CONCLUSION.

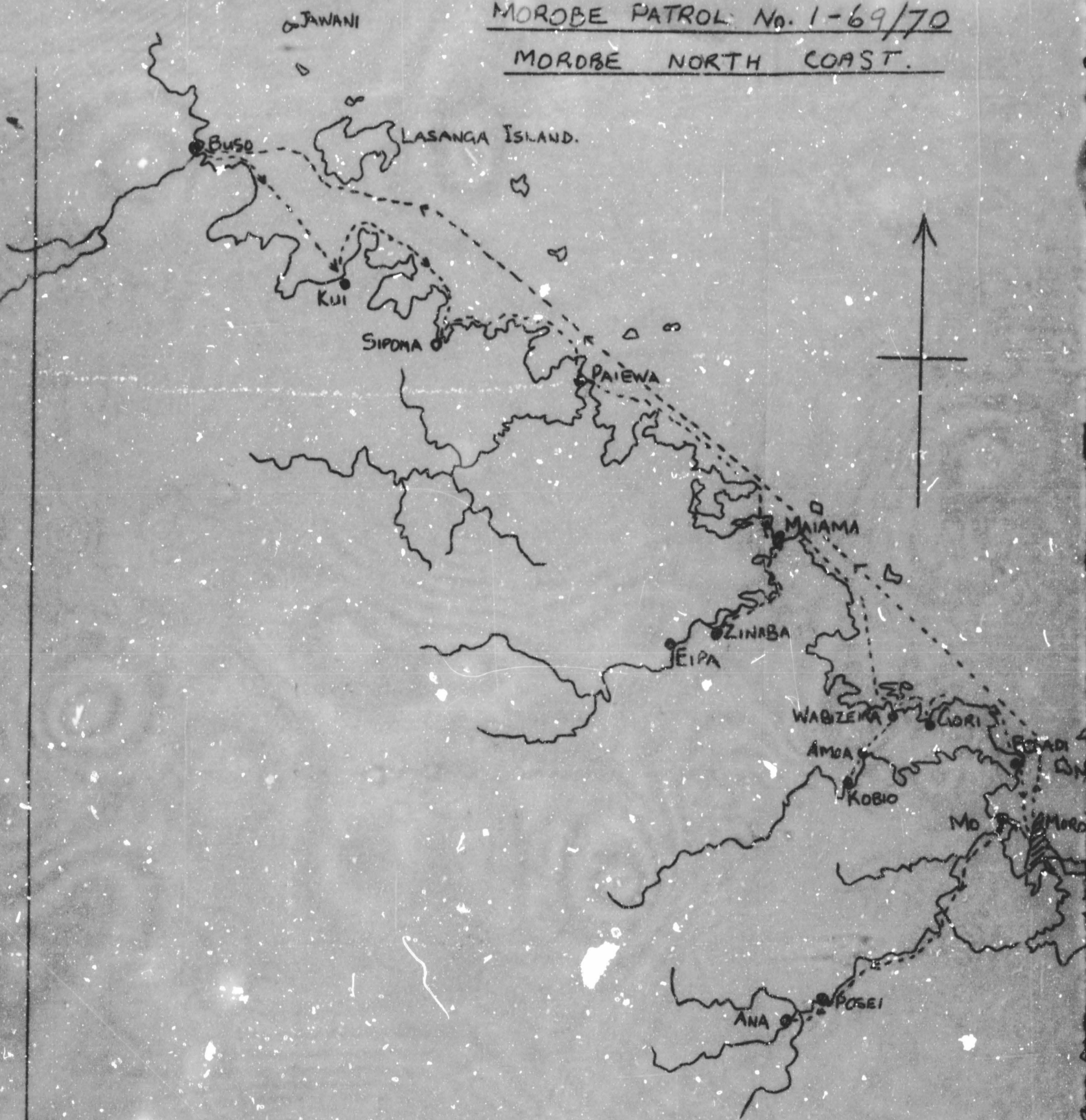
Objects of the patrol were:- a) Land Investigation at Buse village, b) Political Education and c) Inspecting villages to see if the Council Rules are being followed.

All the above were carried out and nothing happened that was likely to interfere with the patrol. Only heavy seas interfered but there were no accidents.


(W.H. WARREN)
Patrol Officer

MOROBE PATROL No. 1-69/70

MOROBE NORTH COAST.

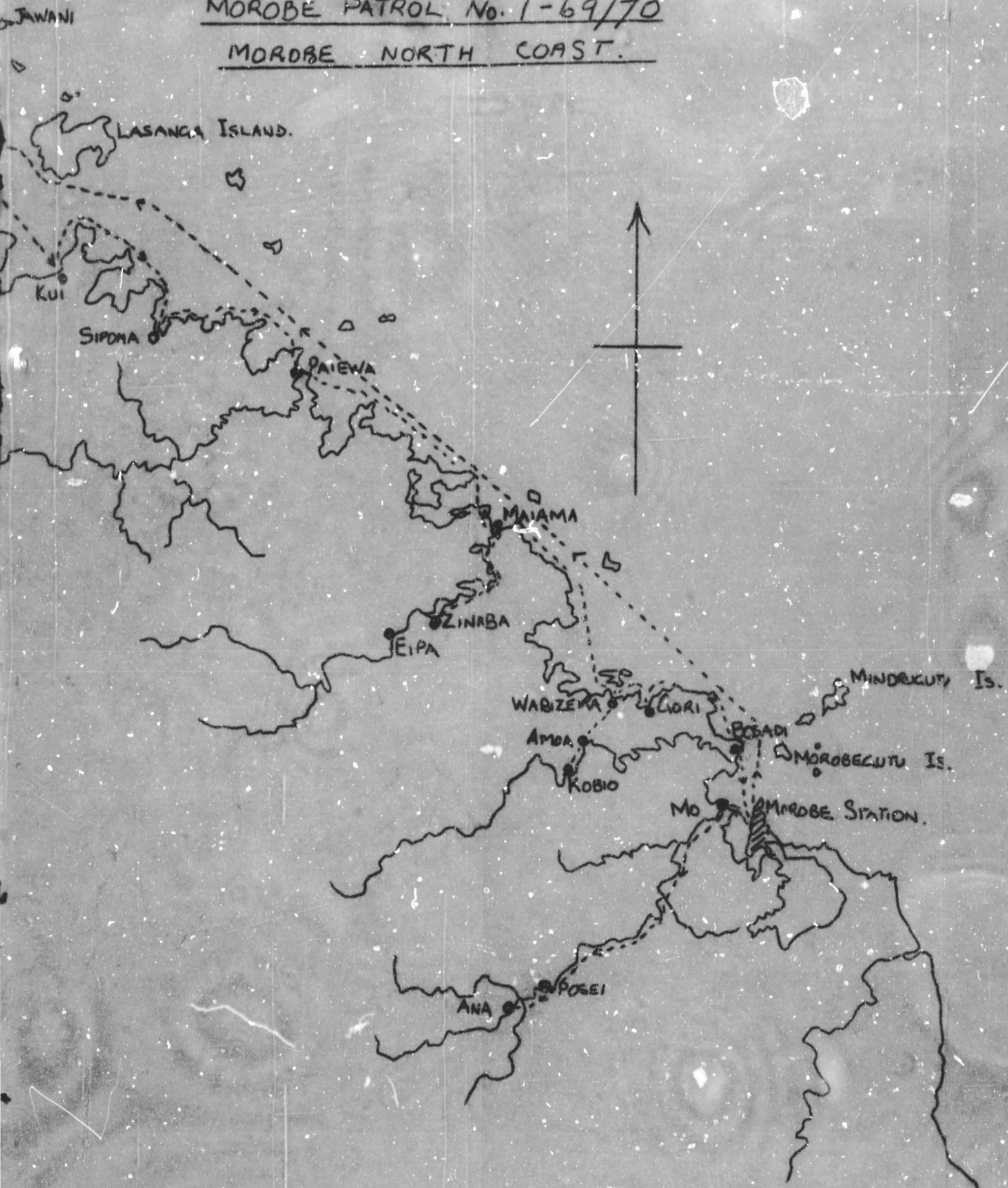


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MOROBE** Report No. **2 - 69/70**

Patrol Conducted by **W. H. WARREN** Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled **LOWER WARIA & MOROBE SOUTH COAST**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **Const. KAURE**

Duration—From **22 / 9 / 19 69** to **27 / 9 / 19 69**

Number of Days **Six Days**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **5 / 19 69**

Medical **13 / 5 / 19 69**

Map Reference **NEW GUINEA 1: 250, 000.**

Objects of Patrol **PUBLICITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING**

AUTHORITIES No. 138 & 139; GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

..... 15th January, ~~1970~~ 1970

The Assistant Secretary,
International Relations & Internal Affairs,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The Head of Special Branch,
R.P. & N.G.C.,
KONEDOBU.

EXTRACT FROM PATROL REPORT/AREA STUDY.

The following information has been extracted
from Patrol Report/~~Area Study~~ No. 2-69/70.....
covering Morobe South Coast and Lower Waria.....
..... MOROBE Sub-District, MOROBE District
Patrolling Officer W.H. Warren, Patrol Officer.....

The period of patrol : 22 to 27/1/60,.....

Extract/Summary. Precis

Re Prospecting Authority Applications - Placer Development.

General opposition expressed by village people in this area to the granting of applications and ~~has~~ also the legislation ensuring Administration claims over minerals. Objections expressed were in similar terms as those of the Kieta peoples viz

- i) Prospecting and mining operations should be deferred until Independence
- ii) Operations should be deferred until their children are educated and can understand such development and carry it out
- iii) Disagree with Administration rights to minerals
- iv) Do not want their land to be destroyed by mining activities as they would be short of land
- v) That the people would not benefit from mining activities
- v) that they do not want similar troubles as occurred in the Kieta area.

These objections were expressed finally at the Wardens Court. M.H.A. Voutas has ~~intensely~~ tentatively entered into negotiations with Placer Development to ensure native participation and welfare benefits are ~~intensely~~ catered for should mining operations commence. (ref file 35-21-6)

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary, *JK*
Department of the Administrator.

67-6-24

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

12th November, 1969.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

PATROL NO. 2/1969-70 - MOROBE:

Your reference is 67-2-7 of 20th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W.H. Warren, Patrol Officer on LOWER WANJA and MOROBE SOUTH COAST Census Division.

This report contains a well detailed list of the objections raised by the people to prospecting in their area. However, Mr. Warren should have given a clearer indication of the percentage of the people who were in opposition.

The patrol map is a neat presentation.

A sound report of a useful patrol.

c.c. Mr. W.H. Warren,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.
Morobe District.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations, with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.

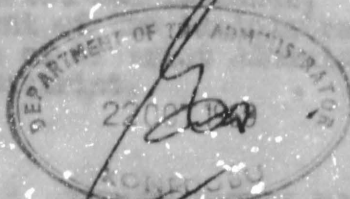


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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
L A E.

20th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDJEU.

MOROBE PATROL NO.2/1969 - 70

The original and duplicate of a Patrol Report compiled by Mr. W.E. Warren following a patrol to the Lower Waria and Morobe South Coast Census Division is attached, together with a copy of comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae, and map of the route followed including the boundaries of the prospecting authorities.

Mr. Warren's reports on the situation in the Divisions visited are quite detailed and indicate that he has established a useful rapport with the people. It is clear that more explanation will need to be given about the operation of mining exploration companies in the villages where the people are reluctant to have prospecting carried out. The report should have contained the names of these villages.

The comments on health have been passed on to the Regional Health Officer at Lae.

H.P. Seale

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

67-1-4, 67-2-10/274.

Sub-District Office,
P.O. Box 878,
L.A.E.

9th October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Morebe District,
L.A.E.

MOROBE PATROL NO. 2/1969-70.

The attached report arises from a patrol to specifically publicise Prospecting Authorities 138 and 139, in the Morebe South Coast and Lower Waria Census Division.

The reaction from the people is not very heartening, and even though further propaganda should help overcome some, at least, of the objections willing acceptance of such basic concepts as state ownership of minerals seems a far-fetched hope. In this particular area, I do not think there would be any land shortage if mining did eventuate, unless it was on an unforseen enormous scale. Considering the long history of prospecting in the Waria area, such a development is probably remote.

I have already instructed the Officer-in-Charge to ensure that spokesmen for the villagers are available at the Warden's hearing at Morebe on October 21st which I will also be attending.

Camping Allowance claim is attached.


(G.C. HARDY),
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (6)

Telegram
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Our Reference..... 67-2-2
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Mr.....

Dept. of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE, Morebe District.
1st October, 1969.

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

MOROBE PATROL NUMBER 2 - 69/70
LOWER WARIA MOROBE SOUTH COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

Report No.	MOROBE No. 2-69/70
Sub-District. District.	LAE. MOROBE.
Council Area.	MOROBE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.
Patrol conducted by.	W.H. WARREN Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled.	MOROBE SOUTH COAST AND LOWER WARIA.
Duration of the Patrol.	22/9/69 to 27.9.69
Number of Days.	SIX DAYS.
Last DDA Patrol to the area.	MAY, 1969.
Map reference.	NEW GUINEA 1:250,000
Village Population register.	NOT ATTACHED.
OBJECTS of the Patrol.	a) PUBLICITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROSPECTING AUTHORITIES NUMBER 138 AND 139. b) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

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PATROL DIARY

22nd September, 1969.

9.30am left Merohe Station. 10.0am arrived Sapa and explained to the people Prospecting Authorities number 138 and 139. Kobe village people met the patrol at Sapa. Both villages had no objections to any proposed prospecting. 1.30pm left Sapa village and arrived Dena village at 2.30pm. Spoke to people about P/A 138 and 139 and they object to this stating that they want self-government first then they will agree. 4.15pm left Dena and arrived Zare at 5.30pm. Camped.

23rd September, 1969.

At Zare village talking to the village people about P/A 138 and 139. Aise village joined together with Zare village in discussions and both villages object to the applications. 10.30am left Zare village and arrived Siu 12.45pm. Talked to the people about P/A 138 and 139 and here to the people object to it. They do not want anyone interfering with their land. Left Siu 2.50pm and arrived Popoi village at 5.0pm. Camped.

24th September, 1969.

7.0am left Popoi and arrived Pema at 9.45am. Talked to people about P/A 138 and 139. People have no objections to the application. Minor complaints were heard and settled on the spot. 2.0pm left Pema by canoe, arrived Popoi at 3.30pm. Minor complaints heard at Popoi village. Camped.

25th September, 1969.

7.0am left Popoi village and arrived Wuwu village at 2.30pm. A very long road but easy walking. Rested and in the evening talked to the people about P/A 138 and 139. People object to it. Camped at Wuwu.

26th September, 1969.

6.30am left Wuwu, 8.30am arrived Eia. Gugami people listened to the patrol at Eia. Both villages have no objections. Returned to Wuwu and moved on to Bau. Camped.

27th September, 1969.

Talked to Bau and AUNO people at Bau about P/A 138 and 139. People object to it stating that they would wait until they are able to do it themselves. 10.30am left Bau and arrived Wainsodana at 11.30am. Talked to people about P/A 138 and 139 but this village people also object to it. They do not want anyone to interfere with their land and state that they do not want to lose their cash crops. 1.30pm left Wainsodana and 6.0pm arrived at the Merohe Station.

END OF PATROL DIARY

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SITUATION REPORT

INTRODUCTION.

The Morobe South Coast and Lower Waria Census Division is under the Morobe Local Government Council. A total of sixteen villages are in this Division. The area is drained by three large rivers, namely the Wuwu, Eia and Waria Rivers. Total population in the area is 3,620. Walking is not difficult and the only real long walk that was made was from Popoi to Wuwu village. This took approximately seven hours. On the coast there are roads but most people prefer travelling by paddle canoe. The only vehicular road is between the Morobe Station and Sapa village. The people are at present slowly working on it after many months being spent trying to persuade the people to do the job.

This was a special patrol the object of it been to publicize applications for Prospecting Authorities number 138 and 139 made by two Companies - Placer Prospecting (Aust.) and Mineral Exploration Pty. Ltd. Placer applied for approximately 90 square miles on the lower reaches of the Waria River. Mineral Exploration applied for approximately 32 square miles along the coast from Eware to the Northern District and Morobe District border.

All villages were advised of the applications and their reactions are given in the body of the Report. The patrol took six days and covered the whole Census Division.

(a) POLITICAL.

As mentioned in the introduction, this area patrolled comes under the Morobe Local Government Council. The Council has already completed its tax patrols and people have paid their tax willingly. During the tax patrol only one man from Siu village was rather reluctant to pay his tax stating that the Council has not done anything good to help him. He did pay his tax in the end.

Political thought amongst the people is not great. They put very little thought into the work of the Council and the Administration. At times they cannot see why certain things have to be done. They also have very little knowledge about the House of Assembly and still ask why their members never visit them in their area, to listen to their problems. Generally these people have no problems that could be put to the House of Assembly by their members. The only problem that they think they have is to build the road from Morobe to Sapa. This is no problem and could easily be done with their own hard work and interest. Work has started on this road again mainly due to the fact that they are slowly beginning to realize that during rough weather it is difficult for ships to call in at Sapa village and load their produce.

Attitude towards the Mission and the Government is good except that some villages have stated that they do not want Companies to carry out prospecting because if they find a mineral that is plentiful in the area then the Government will take their land away from them as has been done in Bougainville. They also disagree with the Government and the system of 'State Ownership' of minerals which are found in individual or Communally owned land. They state that this belongs to the owners of that particular land. They also state that whatever is in the ground in their area is theirs and their own children will work on this when they have the knowledge to do the work

work themselves.

Mr. Gani Gani of Dona village is a committeeman for Mr. A. Ventas the member for the Merohe Regional Electorate of the House of Assembly. Mr. Gani's job is to patrol the area to give some political education to the people and get more supporters for the Pangu Party. How he going to go around doing this is not known.

(b) ECONOMIC.

While patrolling along the south coast it was noticed that more new coconuts are being planted and the elder nuts being cared for. All copra driers supplied by the Council to Kebe, Bau, Aune, Wainseduna, Sapa and Wawa villages have been neglected are now cleaned and the nuts harvested for copra.

The Dxia Society is the main purchaser of all crops grown in the area. Some village people on the coast sell their produce to NAMASU and Burns Philp in Lae. The Society is having difficulties in transporting produce to Lae due to bad weather and rough seas. If the people keep up this change of thought on the Merohe to Sapa road then the transport problem will be solved. People are beginning to realize that their own produce is getting wasted and spoilt by it just sitting in the storehouse at the mouth of the Waria River. They have started work on the road, but whether they will carry on this work or give it up half way is not known.

Along the Waria River coffee, cocoa and copra are grown.

During the patrol people stated that the Companies must not enter their areas because people will not benefit from what the Companies are going to prospect for, but that the Companies only will make a profit from their land. One man from Zare village stated that the Companies will not help them to build their villages and other things that the people want. The people's arguments are mainly based on what they think will happen in the future. They have brought their ideas of the future and used this as facts to support their dislike of any prospecting to be done now. Many villages brought up the trouble which occurred in Bougainville stating that they do not want the Government to purchase their land on compulsory basis. The villages who had no objection to prospecting being done in their areas stated that they will benefit from any future mining being done in their areas, from work that they will do for the Companies and from help from the Companies. They state that they realize that the minerals might not be found in large quantities in which case the Companies will not want to carry out mining, but they are prepared to let the prospecting to be done.

(c) SOCIAL.

Generally all villages are friendly towards each other. People seem to be healthy except for the few who have grille and these who seem to be suffering from bronchitis and T.B. Aid posts in the area were short of supplies due to the fact that the Merohe hospital, who supplies them, was also short of supplies. This problem will be shortly overcome by the present posting of a Medical Assistant to Merohe Patrol Post.

Mission Primary 'T' Schools are found at Ainsl village, Zaka mission station and Kwaro village. The Merohe Primary 'T' school is the only government school in the area.

There are no sporting or womens clubs in the area, only occasionally village women visit the station to play basketball against the station women.

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(d) MISCELLANEOUS.

The purpose of the patrol was to publicize applications for two Prospecting Authorities. This was done by ~~XXXXX XXXXX~~ stating which areas the Companies want to search in. Also when compensation can be paid for any damage that is done while the work is being carried out, and also what the companies intend searching for, and the idea of state ownership of the minerals. People were also told of the date when the hearing will be done by the Mining Warden at Merebe Patrol Post.

All objections made by the people were mainly based on the same facts. These are:-


- i. That the land demarkation committees have not settled all land boundaries between villages.
- ii. That the people will not benefit from any minerals found if the company wants to mine it.
- iii. That Bougainville had much trouble with the CRA and Government and they do not want it to happen to them.
- iv. That they want to wait till they get self-government
- v. That they do not agree with state ownership. They state that what is in their land is their's and no one else's.
- vi. That they have no knowledge of how to do such a job and that they want to wait till their children can do the job.
- vii. That they do not want their ground to be ruined if minerals are found in large quantities and machinery is brought in as in the Bulele gold dredging.
- viii. That they will later be short of land if they do give away land to the Government for mining.

These are what the people told the patrol as to why they do not want prospecting to be done. All their facts pointed to the future as to what might happen.

The question of waiting till they get self-government was not explained fully by those who said it. They were not prepared to say anything as to how self-government will place them in any better position to agree to prospecting. It is possible that they are thinking that self-government might wipe out the idea of state ownership of minerals. This is highly unlikely because a self governing Papua & New Guinea will strive to get all the money it can to equal the work being done by the present government.

CONCLUSION.

The majority of the villages disagree with the two prospecting applications and therefore it is not known what the reactions of the people will be if the Administration decides that prospecting will be done by the companies.


(W.H. WARREN)
Patrol Officer

LOWER WARIA + MOROBE SOUTH COAST
CENSUS DIVISION.



Villages	●
Mission	⊙
Rivers	~~~~~
Boundaries for prospecting applications	—
Patrol route	- - -

Scale: 1:250,000
 W.M. WILSON
 1/10/69





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MORORE Report No. MORORE No. 3-69/70

Patrol Conducted by W.H. WARREN Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled NORTH COAST ; LOWER WARIA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives 1 Constable

Duration—From 2/12/1969 to 12/12/1969 ; 15/12/69 ; 16/12/69 ; 20/12/69

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? APD

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

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

Map Reference New Guinea 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol Publicity of Respecting Authority No. 151
Political Education ; General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

BA 119 70

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAFUA.

4th February, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. MOROBE 3/62-70

Your reference 67-2-7 of 13th January, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W. H. Warren, to part MOROBE Local Government Council Area.

This is a sound report of good field work by Mr. Warren.

(S.J. PEARSALL)

a/Secretary,

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. W. H. Warren,
Sub-District Office,
LAE. Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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Division of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.
13th January, 1970.

~~The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
L.A.E.~~

MOROBE PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1969-70

Thank you for the above Patrol Report. Mr. Warren certainly carried out a successful exercise and I understand that there was considerable opposition to this Prospecting Authority Application.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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

Attached for your information are two copies of the above Patrol Report together with comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

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Division
HEADQUARTERS
Sub-District Office,
P.O. Box 878,
LAE.

67.1.4.

7th January, 1970.


The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
Division of District Administration,
LAE.

Merobe Patrol No. 3/1969-70
Merobe North Coast & Lower Saris

Attached please find a report of a patrol,
Merobe No. 3/1969-70, conducted by Patrol Officer
Warren, to publicise a Respecting Authority Application.
This matter has been dealt with in detail in a separate
report submitted direct to yourself.

The Suwa people continue to be fairly difficult,
both in dealings with outsiders, and amongst themselves.
This appears to be the nature of the beast, and will not
change.

Mr. Warren has carried out his duties conscientiously
and the report reflects the good work he has done at
Merobe during his posting.



Assistant District Commissioner

c.s.

Officer in Charge,
Merobe Patrol Post.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE, Morebe District.

26th December, 1969.

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

MOROBE PATROL No. 3 - 69/70
LOWER WARIA AND MOROBE NORTH COAST.

Report No.	MOROBE No. 3-69/70
Sub-District. District.	LAE MOROBE
Council Area.	MOROBE L.G. COUNCIL
Patrol conducted by.	W.H. WARREN Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled.	LOWER WARIA & MOROBE NORTH COAST
Duration of patrol	2/12/69 to 12/12/69; 15/12/69; 16/12/69; 20/12/69 to 21/12/69.
Number of Days.	15 Days.
Last patrol in Area.	
Map reference.	NEW GUINEA 1 : 250,000
Village Population reg.	NOT ATTACHED.
Objects of the Patrol.	(a) Publicity of Prospecting Authority No. 151; (b) Political Education. (c) General Administration.

PATROL DIARY

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2nd December, 1969.

8.30 am left Morebe arrived Paiewa 11.50 am. People not in village to wait till the evening then talked to people about P/A 151. People had no opposition in prospecting been done. Political education. Camped.

3rd December, 1969.

7.30 am left Paiewa per M.V. Nenetu arrived Buse at 10.30 am. Counting coconuts for land purchase. In the night talked to people about P/A 151 together with Political education. Camped.

4th December, 1969.

At Buse showing boundaries of land to Agents. Signing of Declaration of Custom. 3.30 pm left Buse 6.30 pm arrived Kui and Camped.

5th December, 1969.

At Kui talking to people about P/A 151 and Political education. Visited South Pacific Timber area. Camped at Kui.

6th December, 1969.

People from Paiewa, Sipema, Buse arrived Kui today for a Mission ceremony so patrol could not move on. Inspected village housing. Camped at Kui.

7th December, 1969.

Sunday, also spent at Kui.

8th December, 1969.

5.30 am left Kui per canoe. 8.30 am arrived Sipema. Talked to people about P/A 151 and political education. People agree with prospecting. Left Sipema per M.V. Mabosi arrived Maiama 4.30 pm. In the evening talked to people about P/A 151 and people object to it. Camped at Maiama.

9th December, 1969.

6.30 am left Maiama arrived Zinaba 9.30 am. Carried out work on P/A 151. People do not want prospecting to be done. Talked to people about absentees from village. Political education. 12.45 pm left Zinaba arrived Maiama 3.45 pm. Did Aid post land survey Camped at Maiama.

10th December, 1969.

6.30 am left Maiama, 9.30 am arrived Wabizeira. Left gear at Wabizeira and move on to Kobio. Talked to the people there about P/A 151. People do not agree with prospecting. Returned to Anea and talked to people about P/A 151. People here also disagree. Moved on to Wabizeira. Talked to people about P/A 151 and people here also disagree. 4.50 pm left Wabizeira, 5.30 pm arrived Gori. Camped at Gori.

11th December, 1969.

At Gori talked to people about P/A 151. After a long discussion and asking questions people agreed to prospecting been done. Political education. 12.30 pm left Gori, 2.30 pm arrived Bosadi Changed carriers and moved onto the station.

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12th December, 1969.

At Bosadi talking to people about P/A 151. People have no objections to it. Political education. Returned to the station.

15th December, 1969.

8.30 am left Morebe arrived Posei 10.30 am. People from Ana village congregated at Posei. Talked to people about P/A 151 and people do not want prospecting to be done in their area. Returned to the station.

16th December, 1969.

Went to Mo village and talked to people about P/A 151. Majority of people disagree with prospecting. Political education. Returned to the station.

20th December, 1969.

8.0 am left Morebe per outboard arrived Sapa at 8.30 am. Talked to people about P/A 151. People agree with prospecting to be done. Moved on to Dena per outboard. People at Dena do not want any prospecting to be done in their area. Moved on to Ainse. Zare and Ainse people congregated at Ainse. Both village do not want prospecting to be done in their areas. Political talks carried out at Sapa, Dena and Ainse.

21st December, 1969.

6.30 am left Ainse arrived Siu at 8.35 am. Papei, Gomena and Pema people congregated at Siu ready for Christmas celebrations. Spoke to the whole lot at once about P/A 151. Siu, Papei and Gomena do not want prospecting to be done in their area. The Pema people stated that they have not made any decision and will discuss it by themselves then bring it to the hearing at Morebe on the 6/1/70. From Siu returned per canoe to Zare then walked to Dena and returned to the station.

END OF DIARY.

SITUATION REPORT

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INTRODUCTION.

The reason for this patrol was mainly to publicise an application for a Prospecting Authority No. 131 for Mineral Explorations. This application covers a large area of which a greater part is mountainous country. It covers the Garaina as well as the Morebe area. The patrol also carried out political education and general administration. There was adequate time available for this.

Patrolling commenced in the North Coast Census Division, and after completing that area moved on to the Lower Waria. All villages except Eipa were visited in the North Coast. In the Waria the villages of Sapa, Dena, Zare, Ainse and Siu were visited. People from Fema, Popoi and Gemena congregated at Siu preparing for their Christmas celebrations. This made it easier for the patrol. The villages on the South Coast were not visited because they do not have any land in the area that the application covers.

People seem to be very busy preparing themselves for Christmas but this did not cause them to take no notice of the patrol.

Travelling around the North Coast was done mainly by canoe with very little walking. This area is not safe to patrol during June and July when the seas become very rough and dangerous for canoes. Patrolling in the Waria is done by walking up the river and then returning downstream by canoe. The only large road is between Morebe station and the village of Sapa. Repairs were been carried out but the people retired from the work in September to prepare themselves for Christmas. A very long time for one to prepare for Christmas.

As mentioned this was a patrol to publicise prospecting in the area. The size of land the application covered was 772 square miles. People have been advised of the hearing that will be held at Morebe on the afternoon of the 6th January, 1970. They were told that they must be present. That each village must have a spokesman. What the people stated as reasons for wanting or not wanting prospecting been done are listed under the heading Miscellaneous.

The patrol took 15 days, and there were no incidents that would have spoilt the progress of the patrol.

A medical team accompanied the patrol in the North Coast giving iodised oil to the people.

(a) POLITICAL.

The Morebe Local Government Council controls the area. People did not bring up any problems about the Council or its work in supplying them with their needs. One man from Gemena was rather puzzled with the idea or fact that the government is much more powerful and has more authority than a Local Government Council. He stated that when Morebe first got its Council in 1963 people were told that the Council has a lot of power and authority and that it was their own government. He stated that if this is so then why does the government interfere with such things as minerals in a Council area. He stated that the Council should control it, not the government. In answer to his question it was explained that he must have misunderstood what was said at the opening of the Council. The Council is a government of your own, you decide yourself what you should do with the money collected from taxes. You decide yourself as to how much tax you must pay to the council. You make your own rules to ensure that health and hygiene is carried out and to improve your standard of living. A council is there to make you think and solve your own immediate problems

That you have not got the money to do. It was explained that it is true that a council has authority and power but that this only works in the council area and not outside it. A council taxes people only in that council area or from that council area. That each council has different ideas of how to look after its people. That the council has to follow laws made by the government. That the government makes laws to form councils and that the government has to approve the forming of a council. The people of a council have to follow the laws of the government. Laws of stealing, fighting, killing and so forth. Each council where ever it may be in the Territory must follow the same laws as the people of the Morobe Council follow. The council is only a small body inside the Central Government and therefore it is not and will never be as powerful as the Central Government.

During other patrols explanations were made on the difference between a council and the Administration.

Many people argued that the law of 'state ownership' was not right because this was not the thinking of their ancestors. Their ancestors stated that the land they have was theirs including what was on it and in it. People used this as an argument as to why they did not want prospecting done in their areas.

With political education emphasis was placed on unity and what unity will mean to the Territory. Unity amongst the different tribes and people from outside the Territory. That this is the only way that our country can become strong, not in fighting wars but economically and politically.

People from Zare, Aise and Dona villages seem to think that everything will be done as they wish when the Territory becomes self-governing, and that the idea of 'state ownership' of minerals will be demolished. People have stated that the minerals will remain in the ground until their children can ~~xxx~~ do the job then they will do it. That if their children don't know how to do the job then the minerals will stay where they are. It was explained to them that no one knows what will happen when the Territory gets self-government, and that any promises of writing off 'state ownership' of minerals must not be taken as definite or seriously. It was explained to them that a self-governing New Guinea will probably make more laws to ensure that minerals are found and mined to strengthen the country financially. Whether this will be done or not is not known also.

(b) ECONOMICAL.

Very few villages agreed with or had no objections to prospecting been carried out. These villages stated that if prospecting is carried out and minerals are found then they the people will benefit from it. Some stated what must be done if the minerals are found in their area. These were in two villages, Sipoma and Paiwa. The Paiwa people stated that if minerals are found in their area then the company concerned must pay an amount of \$400 per month out of the money that it makes. The Sipoma people stated that they and the company must work together if minerals were found and that they must get 50% of the earnings. These two villages have these ideas because the government purchased timber in their area and they were paid a lump sum of money. They state now that this amount of money was not enough because the company, South Pacific Timbers, got more money out of the timber than what they, ~~received~~ the village people received. The Sipoma people also disagreed with state ownership of minerals. They believe that land and minerals belong to them.

The villages of Sus, Kui, Sipoma, Paiwa and Maiama make their money mainly from fishing. Sipoma and Kui have coconuts on the islands but they do not make copra. The rest of the villages

MOROBE PATROL NO. 4- 1969/70

PATROL DIARY

- 30/1/70 Departed Morobe 0800 per M.V. Morobe, town by dinghy. Arrived Buso 1200. Re-completed Declaration of Custom for land purchase. Advised people about proposed oil search. Held taxpayers meeting. Overnight.
- 31/1/70 Ex Buso 0800, arrived Kui 0930. Held taxpayers meeting, publicized oil search. Nobody present at S.P.T. camp, so moved on to Sipoma. Held meeting, advised re oil search. To Paiawa- arrived late afternoon. Held meeting etc. as above. Overnight.
- 1/2/70 To Maiama in the morning. Sunday observed at Maiama. Overnight.
- 2/2/70 Held meeting, advised of oil search, began collection of names for timber purchase. Zinaba and Eipa gathered here. Heavy rain, rough sea delayed departure. Overnight.
- 3/2/70 To Gori and Wabazeira. Kobio and Amos gathered at the latter. Held meeting, advised re search, collected names as above. Returned to station late afternoon.
- 4/2/70 To Bosadi- 10 minutes by dinghy. Held meeting, publicized oil search, collected names. Afternoon to Mo. People not organized.
- 5/2/70 Meeting etc. held at Mo in the morning. Afternoon meeting, etc, held at Ana/ Posei. Returned to station.

END OF PATROL

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on the North Coast make their money from copra and fishing. The villages on the Waria make money from copra, coeca and coffee. The production of copra, coffee and coeca in the Morobe area is very small compared with other areas of the Morobe District. Women in the Waria area make a good amount of money from garden produce which they sell at the Morobe Station every Saturday morning.

(c) SOCIAL

A problem has been raised by the Suena group as to why should all the Suena people get paid for the airstrip lease when only three villages did all the work on it. They said that even though they part of the Suena tribe each village should have its own land boundary, and that they only should receive the money if land or timber was purchased in their village area. All the Suena people should not receive it and have their names recorded in the purchase document. These arguments are appearing now because Forestry has requested to purchase timber in the area. Each village wants as much money as it can get for itself. The people have stated that the name 'Suena' should be forgotten in every day language and should be referred to only when finding out what tribe a village comes from. In trouble to they say that one village causes the trouble in the Suena tribe ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and the whole lot get blamed for it. The people were told by the patrol that if they want to change this idea then they must do it themselves, but with land purchase it was explained that the government wants to know, or must know, all the people who have a right to a piece of land even if they are from another village. With the Land Investigation Report for the Morobe airstrip it was found that all the Suena people have a right to the land because all their forefathers fought for the land and then settled on it. This will be the same with any other area which the Suena people at present occupy.

Primary 'T' Schools in the area have closed down for the school vacation. The Primary 'T' School on the Morobe Station has had a very successful year with only three students failing to pass their standard six final examinations and will not be attending High Schools next year. This was out of a total of 25 students. A big credit goes to Mr. Perham for the good results. Mr. Perham, the head teacher, will be transferring to Loe and a new teacher will be taking his place. He has been at Morobe for 3 years. The people are rather sad about his move.

Complaints were raised as to why the Mission Primary 'T' Schools in the area are of a lower standard than the one belonging to the Administration. It is not known whether this is the case or not. If it is, then the reasons are not known.

Mission influence in the area is very strong. People are much more willing to work for the mission than their Council.

Attitude towards the Administration is not good except that people do not agree with 'state ownership' of minerals as explained under the heading 'POLITICAL'.

As Christmas was only a few days away the people are busy preparing themselves for the occasion. Villagers have already congregated at Siu with people coming from as far off as Iema in the Northern District. During the next day or so others will congregate at Zare.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS

Minor complaints were made to the patrol and these were settled in the village. No serious complaints were made.

The main purpose of the patrol was to publicise the application for prospecting in the area. All objections made by the

SITUATION REPORT

1) POLITICAL

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Together with this lack of interest in the Council is a high rate of tax default. Obviously the only way to strengthen its position is for the Council to ensure that all outstanding taxes are collected. It is unfortunate that tax default cases cannot be brought to court at the present time.

The people of the North Coast have no conception whatever of the idea of "self-help". On the one hand they are making demands on the Council, and on the other they claim that the tax rate is too high, and that they have not the means to pay a higher tax. The latter claim is difficult to believe, as PAIWA and SIPOMA have had sufficient money to buy their own boats, and there has been considerable money put into the area by South Pacific Timbers with more to come. It was explained to the people that the only way the Council can carry out its aims of developing the area is with the full support and backing of the taxpayers. This support could be either monetary or physical (for such projects as roadbuilding), and preferably both.

2) ECONOMIC

The economic picture of the North Coast is not very bright. The people feel no incentive to increase their cash earnings, and copra making and fishing is only carried on when a little money is needed to pay tax, or for some other specific purpose. The people here eat well, with fish and sago in abundance, and plenty of good land for growing subsistence crops. The idea of working consistently to ensure a constant income is alien to their way of thinking. They live a fairly easy life, and see no need to change.

Up until some 18 months ago a European fishing enterprise was operated in the waters off the North Coast by Mr. R. Vivian. The people earned good money by selling fresh fish directly to the freezer equipped boats. There are many stories circulating as to why Mr. Vivian ceased his activities in the area. However in the past few months a single boat owned by Mr. Vivian has bought fish intermittently from the North Coast people.

people were basically the same. These are as follows:-

- i. That they don't agree with 'state ownership' of minerals. They say that minerals in their land belongs to them the land owners.
- ii. That the people will get nothing out of the minerals if ~~they~~ it was found. That they will not be helped in anyway by the company concerned.
- iii. That they will later be short of land.
- iv. That they will receive very little payment.
- v. That their children will do the work when they have the knowledge.
- vi. That if they allow others to work on their land at this time then the minerals will be finished and their children will have nothing to work on in the future.
- vii. That they want to wait and see how companies treat other people then they can make their decision.
- viii. That they want to wait till they get self-government then they can make a better decision.

Two ordillies from the Morobe hospital accompanied the patrol. Their work was to give injections of Iodised Oil to the people. They had no problems with their work except that they ran out of supplies and had to shorten their patrol. The numbers of people who received injections in each village is as follows:-

Paiewa Village	106
Base "	46
Kui "	158
Sipoma "	85
Maiama "	207
Zinaba "	53
Eipa "	50
Wabizeira "	78
Amoa "	11
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TOTAL	794

The two ordillies will be completing their work as soon as more supplies are available.

CONCLUSION

The patrol went around the area without any problems. People's reactions to the application for prospecting authority No. 151 was not very promising. In past patrols and also at the station it was found that people are continually stating that they have no money, and have no or very little way for making money. They have stated also that they have no Europeans or Companies in the area that could help them improve. During this patrol the majority of the people refuse to allow prospecting to be done in their area. It would be difficult to guess what they really want. If mineral were found then they will certainly benefit from it like the people in Bougainville, not only in money but with roads, bridges, wharves and on the job training in skilled jobs. People in the Waria are still wondering as to what was the final decision on Prospecting Authorities No. 138 and 139.

[Signature]
(WARREN)
Patrol Officer

The Suena group have recently had a loan approved by the Development Bank to enable them to buy a boat as the basis of a fishing business. Management could prove to be the Achilles heel of this venture. If properly run such a business could mean a great deal to the people of the area. However if not properly organised and supervised, this venture could well go the way of the SIPOMA enterprise, whose boat spends 90% of its time being repaired.

I have no doubt that if the people of this area wished, they could earn a considerable income from copra. There is certainly no shortage of coconut trees. In addition most villages have copra driers, and those that do not would have no difficulty in sun-drying copra, particularly at this time of the year. A second way of improving the economy- and probably a more attractive one to the local people, would be the establishment of a real fishing industry under the guidance of an officer of D.A.S.F. experienced in this field. I feel that should such guidance be forthcoming, particularly in regard to transportation and marketing, the North Coast people would display a greater interest in the advantages of improving their economic situation.

3) SOCIAL

All the villages visited were clean and in good order. Sanitation is adequate. Health in the area is generally good. Apparently the villages of the North Coast have not been visited by a Malaria Control Unit. At KUI I was specifically asked to see if a visit could be arranged. An adequate number of aid posts are present in the area. They were all, however, somewhat short of supplies. A disturbing fact is that the MAIAMA aid post has not been used for over 12 months, as the orderly left, and has not been replaced. This matter has been taken up with the Public Health Department.

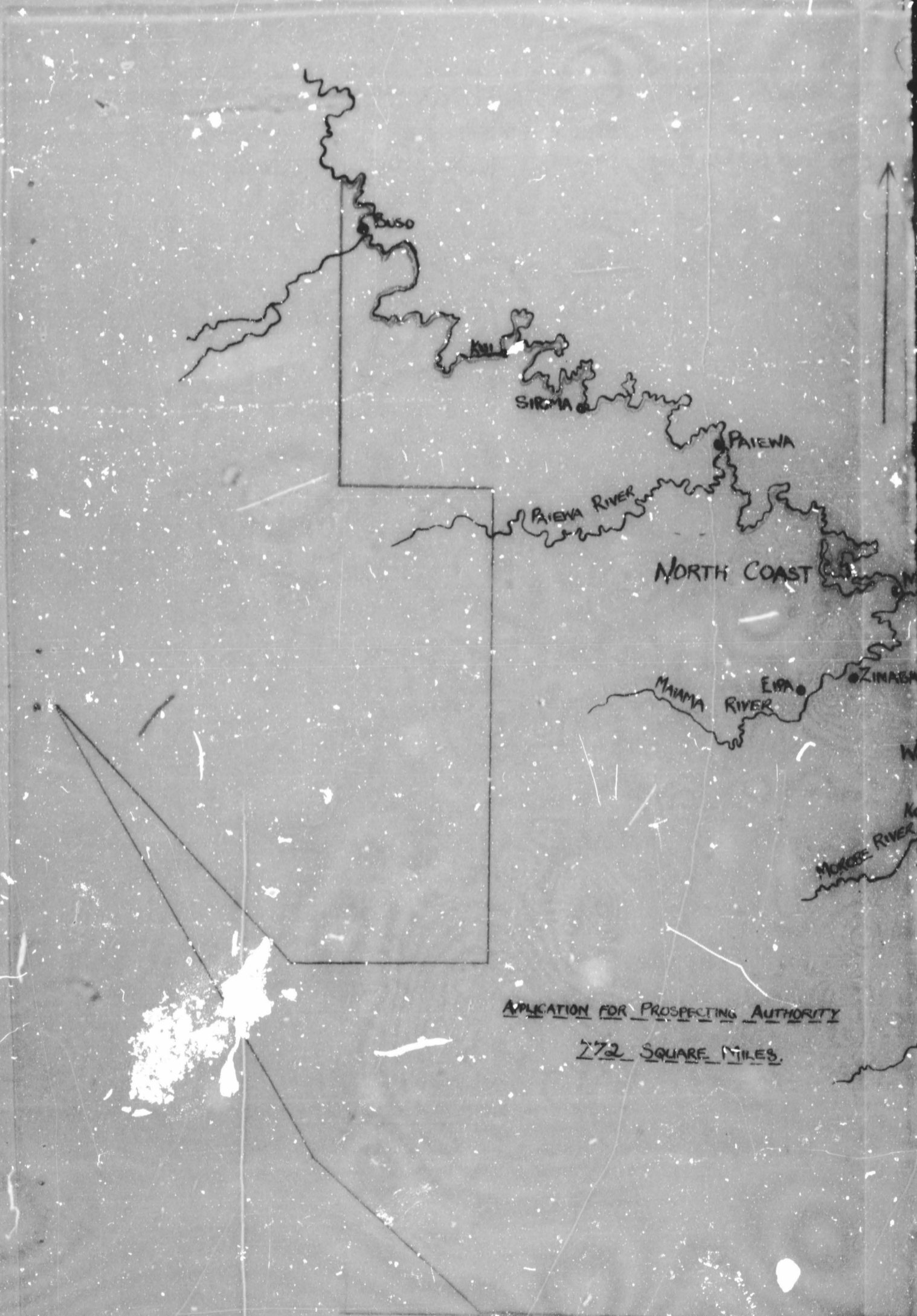
There is one government Primary 'T' School serving the area. This is situated at Morobe. The Lutheran Mission has schools at KUI and MAIAMA. These educational facilities seem adequate at the present time.

The Lutheran Mission is the only one active in the area. Whilst it still has a lot of influence over the people, there is evidence that this evidence may be declining. There were almost as many complaints about the mission tax as about the Council tax. It appears that the people feel they are not getting their money's worth. The number of petty disputes and complaints brought to the patrol also make one wonder at the depth of mission influence over these people.

The Suena group is the dominant social unit in the census division. This linguistic group includes all the villages in the C/D excluding the inland villages of LINABA, EIPA, and ANA/POSEI, south of MAIAMA. The Suena conquered a considerable area during the last century. Originally from Papua, they moved in and drove the original inhabitants into the hills. The conquered people are still resentful of the intrusion, but remain somewhat wary of the Suena. There are constant land disputes between the two groups. The sooner the Demarcation Committee settle the boundaries the better, however the Suena dominate the Committee which will complicate matters.

There is no evidence of cultist activity in the area. Perhaps this is because the people are too lethargic to engage in such activities.

There are no women's clubs, youth groups or other similar organizations in the C/D.



APPLICATION FOR PROSPECTING AUTHORITY

772 SQUARE MILES.

TAXPAYERS MEETINGS

Taxpayers meetings were held during the patrol at BOSADI, BUSO, GORI, KJI, MAIAMA, MO, PAIEWA, POSEI, SIPOMA, and WABAZEIRA. The people of EIPA and ZIN/BA gathered at MAIAMA, and KOBIO and ANA gathered at WABAZEIRA. These meetings were conducted by the Council Clerk in the absence of the President. I kept in the background, answering only questions specifically put to me. Unfortunately it was not always possible to stay completely in the background, as the meetings often needed some stimulation.

In the main the meetings were disappointing. Only a few men had any contribution to make, and only one or two women in each village ventured to give their views. This can only be attributed, as noted previously, to a lack of interest in the Council. The chief item discussed was the Council tax rate. The majority of men who gave their views want this to remain unchanged in the next financial year. However almost every woman who spoke was in favour of lowering the female rate from 60c to 30c or 40c. Several of the men, too, were in favour of lowering their own rate from \$5.50. A few men at GCRI wanted it lowered to \$2.00!

As stated elsewhere in this report, there is no doubt that the people can afford the current rates, and if they felt so inclined they could raise it considerably without difficulty. They did not appreciate having this pointed out to them.

The other major topic discussed was the achievements of the Council to date. Several villages expressed disappointment that they had not yet received any benefit from paying taxes. It was explained that the Council could not possibly help all villages simultaneously, and that their turn would come. Apart from these matters, only two others of importance arose. The women of SIPOMA asked what could be done to have unemployed men in the towns returned to their villages. This was the only significant female contribution made. At BOSADI the people asked that the Council approach the Huon Council with a view to renting a block of land on which to build a rest house for Morobe people going to Lae to sell goods at the market.

PROPOSED OIL SEARCH

At the end of each meeting the people were advised of the proposed off-shore oil search by the Shell Co. It was explained that there would be no interference with land or crops, and it was unlikely that fishing would be affected. There were no objections from any village or individual. Several questions were asked as to the method to be used in the search. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that anyone who felt he could find oil in such an unlikely place as the sea bed was welcome to try.

FORESTRY

Collection of names for the timber purchase in the Maiama River/Morobe River area was begun. The people are still engaged in determining who is to represent them in this matter but this task should be completed within a fortnight.

MOROBE PATROL No. 3-69/70

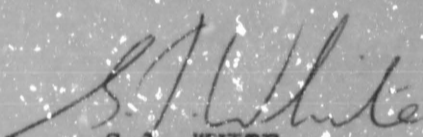


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W.H. WARREN.

CONCLUSION

Looking back through past patrol reports on the Morobe North Coast Census Division, it appears that the situation has changed little. An easy life with no economic pressures has not forced the people to improve their economy. Neither has it produced a need for thinking towards social advancement, hence the lack of interest in their Council. It is to be hoped that continued political education will eventually stir these people to take an interest in social development, and that seeing the advantages produced in other areas by economic growth, they will realise that they will be left far behind unless they settle down to some hard work to improve their economy.



S.J. WHITE
Assistant Patrol Officer

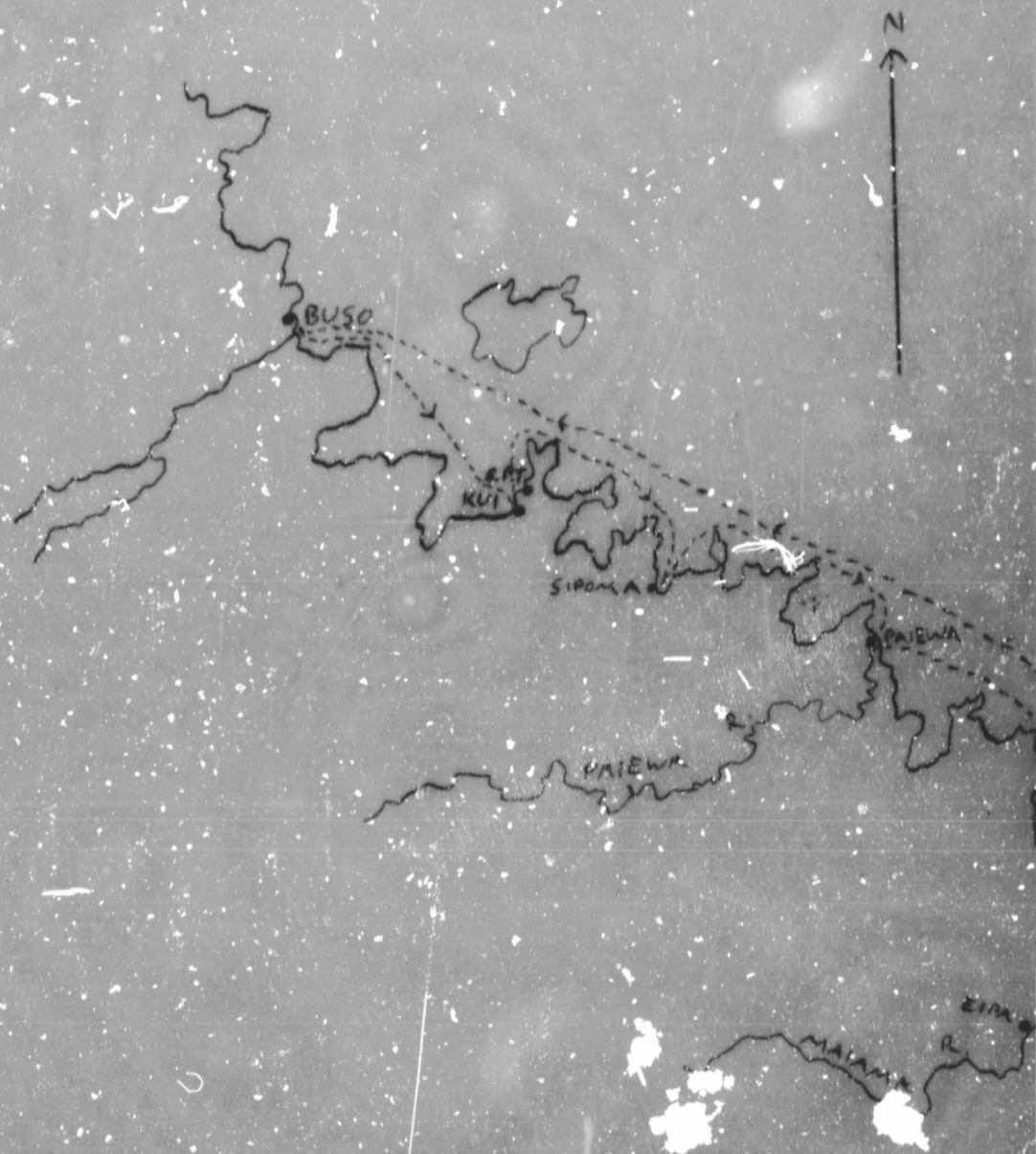


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

MOROBE PATROL NO. 4 - 1969/70

Report No.	Morobe 4- 1969/70
Sub-District	Lae
District	Morobe
Council Area	Morobe L.G. Council
Conducted by	S.J. White
Designation	Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled	Morobe North Coast C.D.
Personnel Accomp.	Council Clerk, 1 Member RPNGC
Duration	30/1/70 to 5/2/70 (7 Days)
Last patrol area	December, 1969 (10 Days)
Objects	Recompiling Dec. of Custom, Buso land purchase; Compiling list of owners for timber purchase; Publicizing oil search; check progress land investigations; Hold taxpayers meetings.
Population area	2759
Map	Attached Series 1:250,000
Village pop. reg.	Not Attached.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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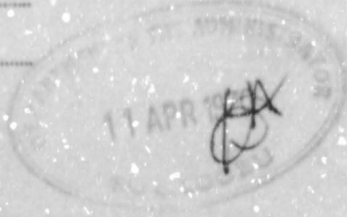
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No. 67-2-7

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



7th April, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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MOROBE PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1969/70

My minute on memorandum 67-2-7 of 20th March, 1970 refers.

The attachment referred to in this minute does not appear to have included comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae and they are now forwarded herewith.

I am further advised by the Assistant District Commissioner, Lae that Mr. White was instructed to publicise fully the true nature of the research project.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

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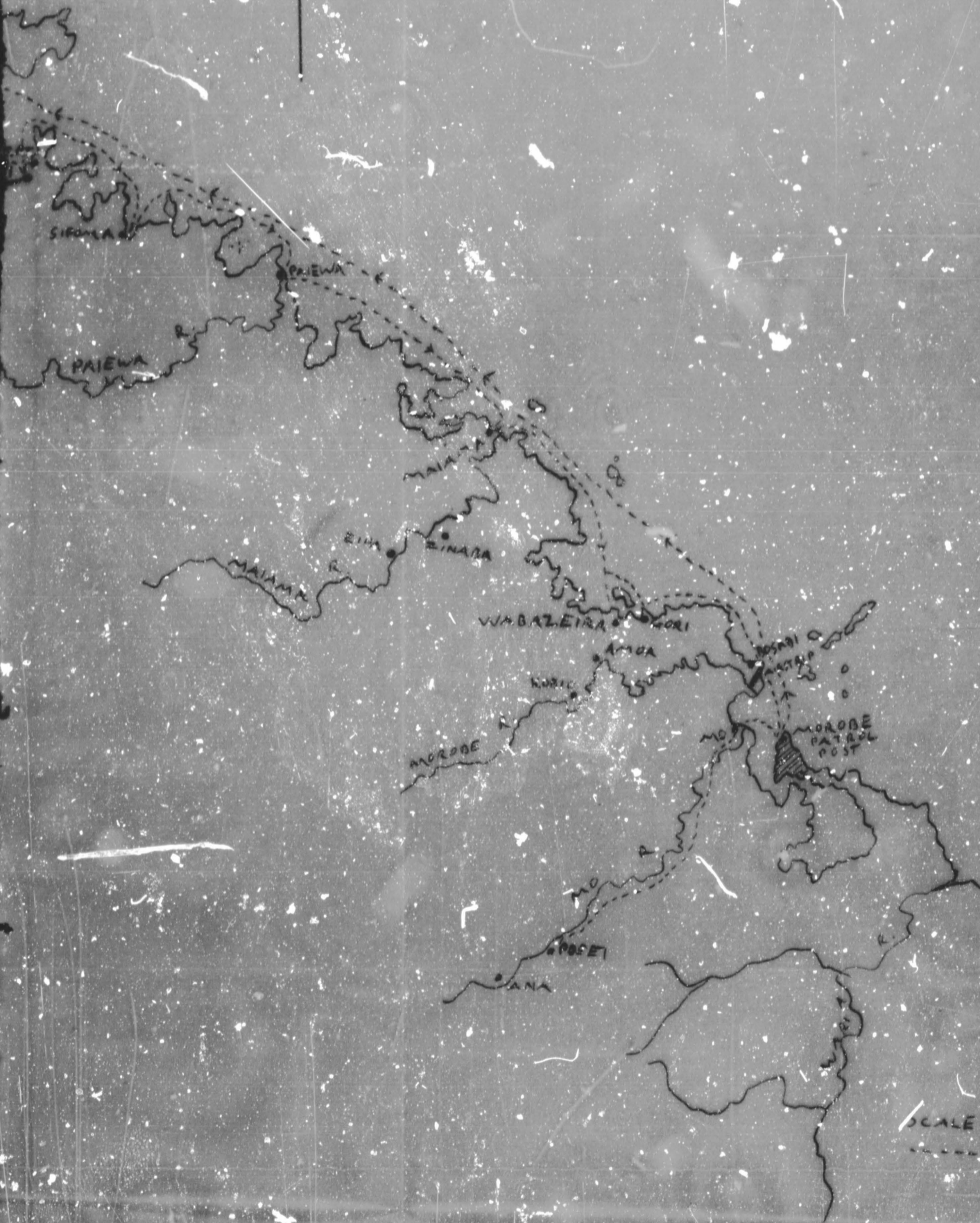
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MOROBE PATROL

NO 4 1969/70



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----- PATROL ROUTE

67.1.4.

Sub-District Office,
P.O.Box 878,
L.A.E.

17th February, 1960.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

Your Morobe Patrol Report No. 4/1969-70
Morobe North Coast


Attached please find a report of Morobe Patrol No. 4/1969-70 conducted to the Morobe North Coast by Mr. S.J. White, Assistant Patrol Officer.

The purposes of the patrol as set out in the accompanying instructions were carried out. Unfortunately, Mr. White has mis-understood the nature of the proposed Shell Co. research project. There is no indication at this stage that the research is aimed towards oil exploration. Two copies of my original letter in this matter are attached for your information. It is fortunate that the people were not greatly concerned over the matter, and no damage appears to have been done.

The request for a visit by the Malaria Control Unit stems most likely from a feeling that they are missing out on something free, rather than a real concern about malaria. In any case, the evidence pointing to undesirable side effects of D.D.T. spraying might indicate that in the long term they are better off without it.

The situation in all aspects in the area remains as before. Mr. White has presented a well written report and I am pleased with the work he did on this patrol.

Camping allowance claim is attached.


Assistant Dist. Commissioner

END OF PATROL



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 5 - 69/70

Patrol Conducted by W.H. WARREN Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled LOWER WARIA & MOROBE SOUTH COAST.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Const. SOKINA

Duration—From 9 / 4 / 1970 to 12 / 4 / 1970

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9 / 1969

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference NEW GUINEA 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol TAX PAYERS MEETINGS; PROSPECTING AUTHORITIES 138 & 139

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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67-6-76

Division of District Administration,
KOROROEBU, PAPUA.

2nd April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
 Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. MOROBE 4/69-70

Your reference 67-2-7 of 20th March, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Situation Report by Mr. S. J. White, Assistant Patrol Officer of MOROBE NORTH COAST Census Division.

This is a soundly written, informative report of a useful patrol. Mr. White's comments on the attitudes of the people are well presented.

The Assistant District Commissioner's comments were not forwarded. Please let me have a copy.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
 Mr. S. J. White,
 Patrol Post,
MOROBE, Morobe District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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Division of District Administration,

MONROVIA PARAMA

17th June, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Monrovia
Morobe District.

MOROBIA PATROL NO. 5 69/70

Your reference 67-2-7 of 28th May, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W.A. Warren, Patrol Officer of the Lower Paria and Morobe South Coast Census Divisions.

An informative and well presented report, documenting local problems and attitudes adequately.

Your comments and those of the a/Assistant District Commissioner, cover the points of interest raised by the report.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,

Department of the Administrator.

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67-2-7

Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

20th March, 1970.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LAE.

MOROBE PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1969/1970

I acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. S.J. White, Assistant Patrol Officer. Some additional information has been received regarding this research project and has already been passed on to you. Please ensure that it is promulgated in the areas concerned.

(G.G. HARDY)

a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The original and one copy of the above mentioned patrol report is forwarded herewith together with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner and a copy of his 35-8-1 of the 22nd January, 1970. The delay in sending this patrol report is regretted and is due to mis-placing by the records section at this office.

G.G. Hardy
(G.G. HARDY)
a/District Commissioner

END OF PATROL

67-2-7



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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

28th May, 1970.

The Assistant District
Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
LAE.

MOROBE PATROL NO. 5/1969-1970

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report vide your
67-1-4 of the 20th May, 1970.

2. Your comments adequately cover the Patrol and its report.
Mr. Warren has obviously displayed genuine interest in the task,
evidenced by the report.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

MINUTE TO:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report together with a copy of the
Assistant District Commissioners comments are enclosed.

H. P. Seale
(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

(Copy)

35-8-1

Division of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
P.O. Box 878,
LAE.

22nd January, 1970.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.

Research Project - Shell Co. Ltd.

Shell Co, propose carrying out a research project in offshore waters between Salamaua and Morobe. This will involve traverses inland from various points on the coast with a view to collecting rock samples. There is no question of prospecting but purely a collection of scientific samples.

Please endeavour to explain this to villages in the Morobe North Coast Division. It should be strongly pointed out that this is not a mining project which will affect land on any way.

(Sgd) (G.G. HARDY)
Assistant District Commissioner.

END OF PATROL

67-1-4

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Division
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Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
P.O. Box 878,
L.A.E.

20th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
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MOROBE PATROL NO. 5/1969-70

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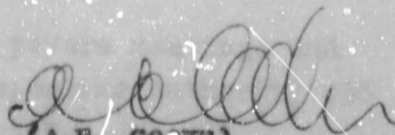
Report on Taxpayers Meetings and report on attitudes towards applications for P.A. 138 and 139 have already been forwarded to you.

The people continue to display unco-operative attitudes towards the Council and it is little wonder that the Council is foundering in its attempts to develop the area.

General apathetic and non-co-operative attitudes seem to govern the majority decision to oppose prospecting operations. The people make no attempt to understand the true implications of a minerals find and it is not surprising that whilst they themselves do not fully exploit their land holdings, they strongly object to any one else doing so.

The situation generally is quite depressing and there does not seem to be much hope for the future unless these people suffer a dramatic change of heart.

Mr. Warren has submitted a comprehensive report for such/short patrol. Claims for camping allowance and beet allowance are attached.


(A.E. COOKE)

a/Assistant District Commissioner.

MINUTES
The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.

Three copies of your report were forwarded. Please forward further copy for my records.

(A.E. COOKE)
a/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,

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Our Reference 67-2-2.

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Mr. W. H. Warren

Patrol Post,

MOROBE.

17th April, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
L A E.

MOROBE PATROL NO. 5 - 69/70.

LOWER WARIA MOROBE SOUTH COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

Report No.	MOROBE No. 5 - 69/70
Sub-District	LAE
District.	MOROBE
Council Area.	MOROBE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
Patrol Conducted by	W.H. WARREN P.O.
Area Patrolled.	Lower WARIA & SOUTH COAST.
Duration of Patrol.	9/4/70 to 12/4/70
Number of Days.	4 days.
Last DDA Patrol.	September, 1969.
Map Reference.	New Guinea 1:250,000.
Village Population Register.	Not Attached
Objects of the Patrol.	Tax payers meetings and Prospecting Authority 138 and 139.

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Division
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Sub-District Office
P.O.Box 878,
LAE.

67.1.3.

22nd January, 1970.


Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.

Patrol Instructions - Morobe North
Coast Patrol Number 4/69 - 70

As recently discussed you should prepare to patrol the Morobe North Coast for the following purposes:-

1. Recompile the Declaration of Custom for the Buso Land purchase.
2. Compile lists of names of owners of timber rights in the Maiama River/Morobe River area.
3. Advise all villages of the proposed research by Shell Co. Ltd.
4. Check the progress of Land Investigations into Morobe Council applications for Aid Post Sites at Kui and Maiama.

Please advise me of the date of departure and the amount of patrol advance required.


(G.C. Hardy)
Assistant Dist. Commissioner.

END OF PATROL

MOROBE PATROL NO. 4- 1969/70

PATROL DIARY

- 30/1/70 Departed Morobe 0800 per M.V. Morobe, towing dinghy. Arrived Buso 1200. Recompiled Declaration of Custom for land purchase. Advised people about proposed oil search. Held taxpayers meeting. Overnight.
- 31/1/70 Ex Buso 0800, arrived Kui 0930. Held taxpayers meeting, publicized oil search. Nobody present at S.P.F. camp, so moved on to Sipoma. Held meeting, advised re oil search. To Paiawa- arrived late afternoon. Held meeting etc. as above. Overnight.
- 1/2/70 To Maiama in the morning. Sunday observed at Maiama. Overnight.
- 2/2/70 Held meeting, advised of oil search, began collection of names for timber purchase. Zinaba and Eipa gathered here. Heavy rain, rough sea delayed departure. Overnight.
- 3/2/70 To Gori and Wabazeira. Kobio and Amoa gathered at the latter. Held meeting, advised re search, collected names as above. Returned to station late afternoon.
- 4/2/70 To Bosadi- 10 minutes by dinghy. Held meeting, publicized oil search, collected names. Afternoon to Mo. People not organized.
- 5/2/70 Meeting etc. held at Mo in the morning. Afternoon meeting, etc. held at Ana/Posel. Returned to station.

END OF PATROL

SITUATION REPORT

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The lack of interest in the Council as a vehicle for economic and social progress is disheartening. The people see the Council chiefly as a provider of services, and some of the demands made at the taxpayers meetings held during the patrol were quite unreasonable, particularly in view of the Council's financial position. The most unreasonable demand came from SIPOMA village. The people here want the Council to hire a bulldozer and have it brought to the village to clear a new site for the village. An explanation that this would cost probably $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Council's annual revenue did not impress the people.

Together with this lack of interest in the Council is a high rate of tax default. Obviously the only way to strengthen its position is for the Council to ensure that all outstanding taxes are collected. It is unfortunate that tax default cases cannot be brought to court at the present time.

The people of the North Coast have no conception whatever of the idea of "self-help". On the one hand they are making demands on the Council, and on the other they claim that the tax rate is too high, and that they have not the means to pay a higher tax. The latter claim is difficult to believe, as PAIAWA and SIPOMA have had sufficient money to buy their own boats, and there has been considerable money put into the area by South Pacific Timbers with more to come. It was explained to the people that the only way the Council can carry out its aims of developing the area is with the full support and backing of the taxpayers. This support could be either monetary or physical (for such projects as roadbuilding), and preferably both.

2) ECONOMIC

The economic picture of the North Coast is not very bright. The people feel no incentive to increase their cash earnings, and copra making and fishing is only carried on when a little money is needed to pay tax, or for some other specific purpose. The people here eat well, with fish and sago in abundance, and plenty of good land for growing subsistence crops. The idea of working consistently to ensure a constant income is alien to their way of thinking. They live a fairly easy life, and see no need to change.

Up until some 18 months ago a European fishing enterprise was operated in the waters off the North Coast by Mr. R. Vivian. The people earned good money by selling fresh fish directly to the freezer equipped boats. There are many stories circulating as to why Mr. Vivian ceased his activities in the area. However in the past few months a single boat owned by Mr. Vivian has bought fish intermittently from the North Coast people.

The Suena group have recently had a loan approved by the Development Bank to enable them to buy a boat as the basis of a fishing business. Management could prove to be the Achilles heel of this venture. If properly run such a business could mean a great deal to the people of the area. However if not properly organised and supervised, this venture could well go the way of the SIPOMA enterprise, whose boat spends 90% of its time being repaired.

I have no doubt that if the people of this area wished, they could earn a considerable income from copra. There is certainly no shortage of coconut trees. In addition most villages have copra driers, and those that do not would have no difficulty in sun-drying copra, particularly at this time of the year. A second way of improving the economy- and probably a more attractive one to the local people, would be the establishment of a real fishing industry under the guidance of an officer of D.A.S.F. experienced in this field. I feel that should such guidance be forthcoming, particularly in regard to transportation and marketing, the North Coast people would display a greater interest in the advantages of improving their economic situation.

3) SOCIAL

All the villages visited were clean and in good order. Sanitation is adequate. Health in the area is generally good. Apparently the villages of the North Coast have not been visited by a Malaria Control Unit. At KUI I was specifically asked to see if a visit could be arranged. An adequate number of aid posts are present in the area. They were all, however, somewhat short of supplies. A disturbing fact is that the MAIAMA aid post has not been used for over 12 months, as the orderly left, and has not been replaced. This matter has been taken up with the Public Health Department.

There is one government Primary 'T' School serving the area This is situated at Morobe. The Lutheran Mission has schools at KUI and MAIAMA. These educational facilities seem adequate at the present time.

The Lutheran Mission is the only one active in the area. Whilst it still has a lot of influence over the people, there is evidence that this evidence may be declining. There were almost as many complaints about the mission tax as about the Council tax. It appears that the people feel they are not getting their money's worth. The number of petty disputes and complaints brought to the patrol also make one wonder at the depth of mission influence over these people.

The Suena group is the dominant social unit in the census division. This linguistic group includes all the villages in the C/D excluding the inland villages of ZINABA, EIPA, and ANA/POSEI, south of MAIAMA. The Suena conquered a considerable area during the last century. Originally from Papua, they moved in and drove the original inhabitants into the hills. The conquered people are still resentful of the intrusion, but remain somewhat wary of the Suena. There are constant land disputes between the two groups. The sooner the Demarcation Committee settle the boundaries the better, however the Suena dominate the Committee which will complicate matters.

There is no evidence of cultist activity in the area. Perhaps this is because the people are too lethargic to engage in such activities.

There are no women's clubs, youth groups or other similar organizations in the C/D.

TAXPAYERS MEETINGS

Taxpayers meetings were held during the patrol at BOSADI, BUSO, GORI, KUI, MAIAMA, MO, PAIEWA, POSEI, SIPOMA, and WABAZEIRA. The people of ELPA and ZINABA gathered at MAIAMA, and KOBIO and ANA gathered at WABAZEIRA. These meetings were conducted by the Council clerk in the absence of the President. I kept in the background, answering only questions specifically put to me. Unfortunately it was not always possible to stay completely in the background, as the meetings often needed some stimulation.

In the main the meetings were disappointing. Only a few men had any contribution to make, and only one or two women in each village ventured to give their views. This can only be attributed, as noted previously, to a lack of interest in the Council. The chief item discussed was the Council tax rate. The majority of men who gave their views want this to remain unchanged in the next financial year. However almost every woman who spoke was in favour of lowering the female rate from 60c to 30c or 40c. Several of the men, too, were in favour of lowering their own rate from \$5.50. A few men at GORI wanted it lowered to \$2.00!

As stated elsewhere in this report, there is no doubt that the people can afford the current rates, and if they felt so inclined they could raise it considerably without difficulty. They did not appreciate having this pointed out to them.

The other major topic discussed was the achievements of the Council to date. Several villages expressed disappointment that they had not yet received any benefit from paying taxes. It was explained that the Council could not possibly help all villages simultaneously, and that their turn would come. Apart from these matters, only two others of importance arose. The women of SIPOMA asked what could be done to have unemployed men in the towns returned to their villages. This was the only significant female contribution made. At BOSADI the people asked that the Council approach the Huon Council with a view to renting a block of land on which to build a rest house for Morobe people going to Lae to sell goods at the market.

PROPOSED OIL SEARCH

At the end of each meeting the people were advised of the proposed off-shore oil search by the Shell Co. It was explained that there would be no interference with land or crops, and it was unlikely that fishing would be affected. There were no objections from any village or individual. Several questions were asked as to the method to be used in the search. The general consensus of opinion seemed to be that anyone who felt he could find oil in such an unlikely place as the sea bed was welcome to try.


FORESTRY

Collection of names for the timber purchase in the Maiama River/Morobe River area was begun. The people are still engaged in determining who is to represent them in this matter, but this task should be completed within a fortnight.

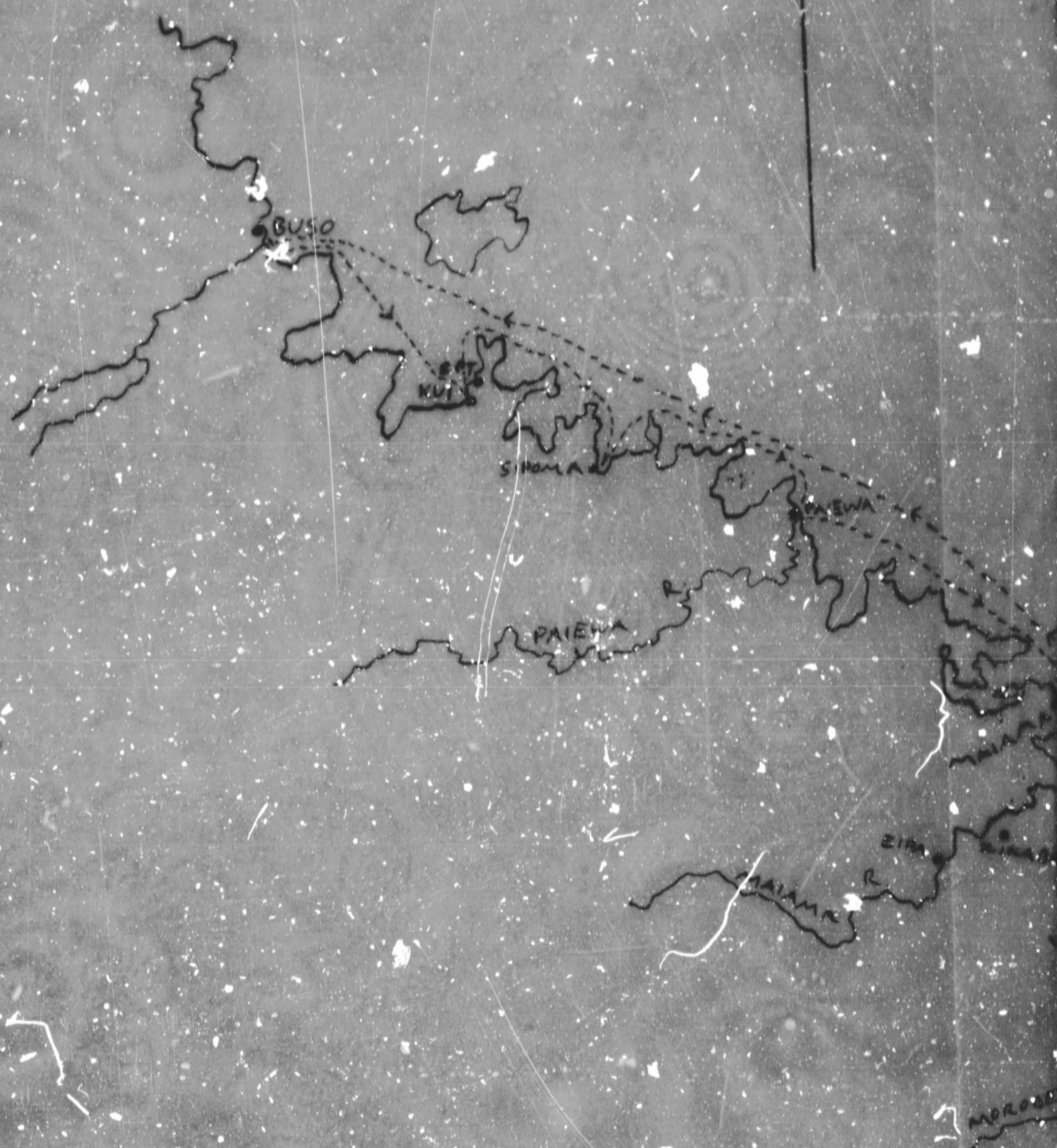
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CONCLUSION

Looking back through past patrol reports on the Morobe North Coast Census Division, it appears that the situation has changed little. An easy life with no economic pressures has not forced the people to improve their economy. Neither has it produced a need for thinking towards social advancement, hence the lack of interest in their Council. It is to be hoped that continued political education will eventually stir these people to take an interest in social development, and that seeing the advantages produced in other areas by economic growth, they will realize that they will be left far behind unless they settle down to some hard work to improve their economy.


S.J. WHITE
Assistant Patrol Officer

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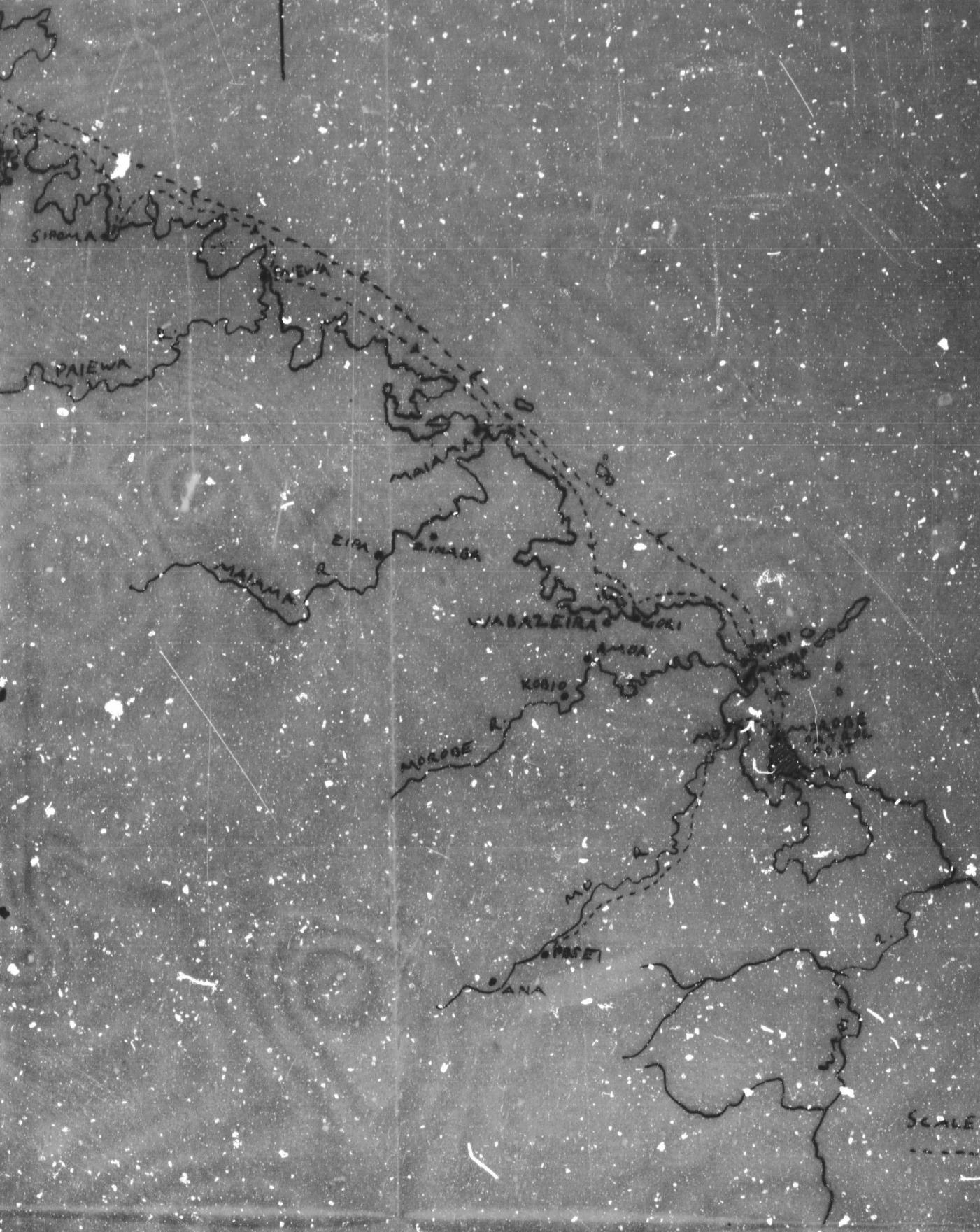
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MOROBE PATROL

NE 4 1969/70



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NOBONI Report No. 5 - 35/70

Patrol Conducted by W. B. WARRER Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled LOWER WAPKA & NOBONI SOUTH COAST

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Const. SOKIPA

Duration—From 9 / 4 / 1970 to 12 / 4 / 1970

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9 / 2 / 1969

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference NEW GUINEA 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol TAXPAYERS MEETINGS; PROSPECTING AUTHORITIES 137 & 139

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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Division of District Administration,

FOROBE PAPUA
17th June, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Forobe
Forobe District.

FOROBE PATROL NO. 5. 69/70

Your reference 67-2-7 of 28th May, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W.H. Warren, Patrol Officer of the Lower Waria and Forobe South Coast Census Divisions.

An informative and well presented report, documenting local problems and attitudes adequately.

Your comments and those of the a/Assistant District Commissioner, cover the points of interest raised by the report.

T. G. Ellis

(T. G. ELLIS)

Secretary,

Department of the Administrator.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

28th May, 1970.

The Assistant District
Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
LAE.

MOROBE PATROL NO. 5/1969-1970

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report vide your
67-1-4 of the 20th May, 1970.

2. Your comments adequately cover the patrol and its report.
Mr. Warren has obviously displayed genuine interest in the task,
evidenced by the report.

(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

MINUTE TO:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOMEDOPU.

Two copies of the above report together with a copy of the
Assistant District Commissioners comments are enclosed.

H. P. Seale
(H. P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
P.O. Box 878,
L.A.E.

20th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Morobe District,
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MOROBE PATROL NO. 5/1969-70.

I forward herewith original and two copies of report on above patrol by Mr. W.H. Warren, P.O.

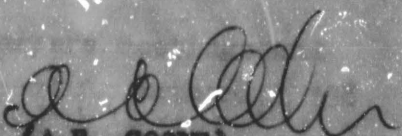
Report on Taxpayers Meetings and report on attitudes towards applications for P.A. 138 and 139 have already been forwarded to you.

The people continue to display unco-operative attitudes towards the Council and it is little wonder that the Council is floundering in its attempts to develop the area.

General apathetic and non-co-operative attitudes seem to govern the majority decision to oppose prospecting operations. The people make no attempt to understand the true implications of a minerals find and it is not surprising that whilst they themselves do not fully exploit their land holdings, they strongly object to any one else doing so.

The situation generally is quite depressing and there does not seem to be much hope for the future unless these people suffer a dramatic change of heart.

Mr. Warren has submitted a comprehensive report for such/short patrol. Claims for camping allowance and boat allowance are attached.


(A.E. COOKE)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.

Three copies of your report were forwarded. Please forward further copy for my records.

(A.E. COOKE)
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 8

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Our Reference 67-2-2.
If calling ask for
M. Whw/Gbpc.

Division of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
MOROBE.
17th April, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
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MOROBE PATROL NO. 3 - 69/70.
LOWER WARIA MOROBE SOUTH COAST CENSUS DIVISION.

Report No.	MOROBE No. 5 - 69/70
Sub-District	LAE
District.	MOROBE
Council Area.	MOROBE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
Patrol Conducted by	W.H. WARREN P.O.
Area Patrolled.	Lower WARIA & SOUTH COAST.
Duration of Patrol.	9/4/70 to 13/4/70
Number of Days.	4 days.
Last EDA Patrol.	September 1969.
Map Reference.	New Guinea 1:250,000.
Village Population Register.	Not Attached
Objects of the Patrol.	Tax payers meetings and Prospecting Authority 138 and 139.

PATROL DIARY.

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9th April, 1970.

Left Morobe 8.30 am arrived Sapa 11.30 am. Moved straight on to Bau arrived 2.0 pm. Carried out work on asking people again whether they will allow prospecting carried out. People disagree. Council Clerk left the day before and had already conducted meetings at Sapa and Bau for the Taxpayers. Camped at Bau.

10th April, 1970.

Left Bau at 7.30 am. arrived Siu at 11.0 am. Went by canoe from Bau into the Lake Inlet and from there walked over to Siu. People from Popoi and Pema congregated at Siu for tax payers meetings. Did the taxpayers meetings first then explained to the people about Prospecting Authorities 138 and 139. Popoi and Siu people refused to have any prospecting done in their area. 4.30 left Siu arrived Popoi 6.30 pm. In the night talked to people about the aidpost land but people have not settled in deciding who the land belonged to so left it to them.

11th April, 1970.

Did Popoi Aid post land Survey with chain and compass. After completion travelled by canoe down the Wama to Kobo village. Camped at Kobo.

12th April, 1970.

Heard complaint on land dispute at Kobo village. Demarkation told to try and settle the complaint. returned to Morobe Station.

END OF DIARY.

SITUATION REPORT.INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted as a special patrol for the completion of Tax Payers Meetings and to discuss the application for Prospecting Authorities number 138 and 139. This applications were discussed with the people previously in Morobe Patrol Number 2, of 69/70. The Mining Warden's hearing was held on the 21st October, 1969, but many people objected to the applications. As a result, the Director of Lands requested another effort be made to explain the applications to the people and see if those villages who objected had changed their minds. There was no change of mind.

The patrol had discussions in the villages of Bau, Siu, Eware, Zare, Dona and Sapa. The people of Eia, Gugumi Wuwu and Wainsoduna congregated at Bau. Pema, Popoi and Siu congregated at Siu. For Tax payers meetings people from Zare, Ainse, Dona and Kobo congregated at Sapa. For discussing the applications this was done in each of these villages separately.

Application number 138 covers approximately 90 square miles of the Waria valley and the surrounding mountains. Applications 139 covers approximately 32 square miles of the coastal area between Morobe Station and the Morobe and Northern District Border.

All patrolling was done by walking or in canoes. It was noted that the people seemed very uninterested in the patrol's work. At Bau village the people stated that this is the fourth time they have been asked and for the fourth time they will say no they refuse having anyone entering their area. This was rather annoying to the patrol.

(a) POLITICAL.

The area comes under the Morobe Local Government Council. The Lower Waria and South Coast contain the largest part of the Council's populations. Many people are absent from this area but still there is adequate manpower to carry out work in the villages. The only thing that is needed is for educated men and women to return to their villages and show this people that they can make themselves improve if they are willing enough to work. They hold discussions amongst themselves and do it quite

efficiently. But if its a decision on work many people decline to do it unless they know that they will get prosecuted because it is breaking a Council Rule.

There is no change of attitude towards the Council. During the tax payer's meetings most men and women who spoke stated that the tax for women should be stopped and the tax for man should be lowered or remain the same as the 69/70 tax of \$5-50 cents. The women state that they will not pay tax but will help their husbands to pay. The feeling is that a Council is needed to show that they are not backward but they are not prepared to help their Council. They have to be almost forced before they can help. Most of the people refer\$ back to when the Council first started in 1963 saying they did not have much work to do.

The amount of work that they do for the Council is the same as before. It is only the thought that they have to do the work which makes them think that the Council is asking too much off them.

The people's reasons for not wanting to pay tax or lowering the tax rate are:-

- (a) They pay tax to the Mission and Council.
- (b) That they have not got good businesses.
- (c) That they have to pay higher school fees.
- (d) That the Society is not paying them properly for their produce.

Attitudes towards the Mission and the Administration is good but they incline to expect the Government and Mission to do everything for them.

(b) ECONOMIC.

Complaints were raised under the heading "POLITICAL" about the DZIA Society. People claim that most of the time they give their produce to the Society but they are told to wait for the payment. This payment they say comes three or four months later and when it comes there is still not enough money to pay all the people.

Coconut planting is still being carried out on the Coast between Kobo and Wawa villages. What coconuts they have, which are bearing, they use for copra. Most of this group, people are now benefiting from coconuts which they were told to plant 10 to 15 years ago. They could be producing more if care was taken of the trees while they

were young. Along the Waria River in from the Coast people are neglecting their cash crops.

People have stated to the patrol that they have no money, they have no good business to improve themselves and that they want someone to help them. By stopping prospecting been carried out they are perhaps also stopping a good way of making money if the prospecting was successful and minerals were found as in Bougainville. They are also stopping a good way of getting plenty of help. Only five villages realize this, but all five villages are situated in the corners of the areas where the companies have applied to prospect. These villages are EIA, Gugumi, Pema, Kobo and Sapa. Those villages who objected own the main areas where prospecting is wanted to be done. The patrol could not think of any fair way of making the people allow prospecting carried out. The only other way is for the Parliament to pass a bill making people having no power to stop prospecting on unimproved land. Perhaps a self governing Papua and New Guinea might do this.

(c) SOCIAL.

Health in the area is good. Villages were noted to be as clean as can be expected of them. Houses were noted to be in good order or under repair.

Only one Mission Primary 'T' School is found at Zare village. The others have been closed down.

There are no sporting clubs or women's Clubs in the area.

Villagers are friendly with each other. The only Incidents arise between people of the same village. As at Kobo village to families had an argument over a piece of land. The Demarkation committee man were told to settle the land dispute.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS.

(1) This patrol was conducted to ask the objecting groups to the application for Prospecting No. 138 and 139 whether they are willing to allow this prospecting carried out. All villages which objected on the first patrol (Morobe No. 2 - 69/70) did not change their minds. They all refused having any prospecting done in their area. Their arguments were mainly that they want to live the land for their children to prospect on. If they find minerals then their children will work on it and no one else. Others argued that, They will be short of land in

the future. That what coconuts they have planted so far might be destroyed if minerals were found.

(ii) Council Tax payers Meetings were held at Sapa, Bau and Siu. Very few people suggested that the tax rates should be raised. The majority wanted the tax to remain the same or to be reduced. At Siu village especially the people gathered suggested that the women should not pay any tax and the tax for males be reduced to \$5-00. It was explained to them that this is impossible. That in some cases women make more money than a male person by selling her taro and sweet potatoes at the Morobe Market. This suggestion of theirs will make the Council do no work in the villages and only use that money to pay for its Clerk, labourers and things needed in the office.

Reasons the people gave for wanting to lower the tax rate are listed under the heading 'POLITICAL'. These four reasons they gave cannot strongly support their claims. All these taxes and fees they list do not come to a very large sum of money. They can easily make this money if they try instead of talking about it too much. It is true that the High School fees are \$30-00 but not many parents have to pay this. Not all the people have children going to High School. There is, at an average, about one to two out of each village. If these parents can find \$33-00 for school fees in a short time then they certainly have plenty time to find \$5-00 to \$6-00 for Council Tax. It is not difficult. They have neglected the coffee, coconut and coffee plots and that is why they have very little money. Complaints about the Society they added on to their problems with taxation also. But this cannot support them because they get their money even though they have to wait a little while.

(iii) The land dispute at Kobo was between two families namely, TAWARA and BUAMA. The Buama's claim that the Tawara group gave them land approximately 700 yards inland from the beach. The Tawaras agree with this but the Buamas also claim that they were given the 700 yards stretch of land to the beach also but the Tawaras said they didnot. The demarkation committee man was told to try and settle the matter and report on it. This is a matter that can be settle by themselves.

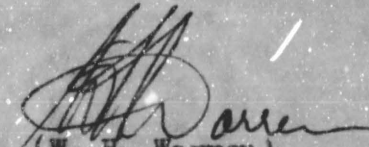
CONCLUSION.

The patrol was carried out quickly, but plenty of time was spent explaining about prospecting to the people to try and make them see that it will benefit them if

minerals were found and mining carried out.

That prospecting did not mean that their land will be taken off them or their cash crops destroyed. Even with this they still would not agree to allow prospecting done. It is rather disheartening but that is what the people want.

The tax payer's meetings also were rather as disheartening with the people wanting to lower their tax. The amount of \$5-50 for men and 0-60 cents for women is not to much for the people. They can easily afford it. If the tax rate was \$6-00 for men and \$1-00 for women they can still easily afford to pay this.


(W. H. Warren)
Patrol Officer.

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MOROBE PATROL No 5-69/70
 LOWER WARIA & MOROBE SOUTH COAST
CENSUS DIVISION.

Villages .	•
Mission.	+
Rivers .	~~~~~
Boundaries for prospecting.	—
Patrol route.	- - - - -

Scale 1:250,000
 W.H. WARREN 30/4/70

