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STATION: BOGIA, 1963 - 1964

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PATROL REPORTS MADANG DISTRICT

1963/64

MADANG, BOGIA, AIOME & SIMBAI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>MADANG</u>		
1-63/64	I. J. Smitmanis	Vua Census Division
14-63/64	A. E. Cooke	Parts Naho-Rawa and Dumpu- Kaigulan Census Divisions
<u>BOGIA</u>		
5-63/64	J. R. Edwards	Part Tangu, Josephataal, Siluwa and Uramin Census Divisions
10-63/64	G. E. McGrath	Tangu, Josephataal, Mugumat- Yakiba census Divisions
<u>AIOME</u>		
1-63/64	A. E. Cooke	Aiome-Angsaus-Anor and Angsau- Kumaran Census Divisions
3-63/64	A. E. Cooke	Rao-Breri Census Division
<u>SIMBAI</u>		
1-63/64	M. L. Mackellar	Biripien Valley

67-7-7 Moresby



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... MADANG Report No..... BOGIA No. 5 of 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by..... J.R. EDWARDS, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled..... Part Tangu, Josephstaal, Siluwa and Uramin census divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

Natives..... 3 member of R.P.&N.G.C.
3 D.A.S.F. Filed workers

Duration—From... 24/1/1964 ... to 6/2/1964

Number of Days..... 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/8/1963

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... Political Education in regard to the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/6 1964

[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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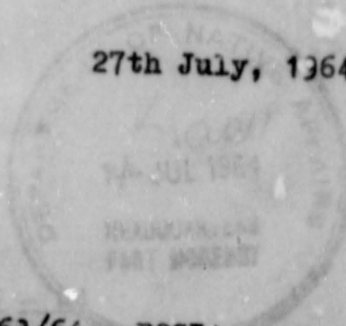
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At

27th July, 1964.

District Officer,
District Office,
MADANG.



PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1963/64 - BOGIA.

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

Why has the report been delayed so long?

It appears that the political education in this area was particularly successful and could largely be attributed to not only the work of our officers but the fact that candidates visited the area.

(J.K. McCARTHY)
DIRECTOR

(J.A. ...)
DIRECTOR



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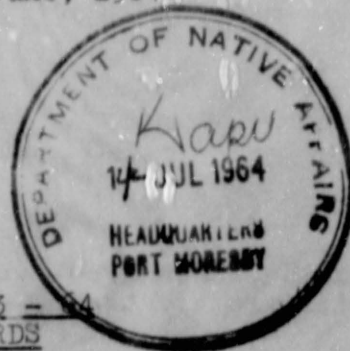
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Mr.

Department of Native Affairs,
MADANG

26th June, 1964

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU

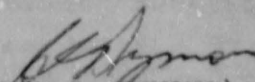


BOGIA PATROL No. 5/63 - 64
C.P.O. - J.R. EDWARDS

Please find attached copy of patrol report by Mr. J.R. Edwards, Cadet Patrol Officer.

This is an interesting and well prepared report with unfortunately a few spelling and/or typing mistakes. Mr. Edwards has shown himself to be observant and the report is very readable.

These Census Divisions were well covered by political education patrols and visits by school teachers. The later concentrated particularly on the mechanics of voting. It is of particular interest that all candidates for the RAMU Open Electorate and two of the three candidates for the Madang - Sepik Electorate campaigned in this area.


(C.A.J. SYMONS)
a/District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Patrol Conducted by: J.R. EDWARDS, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Part Tangu, Josephstaal, Siluwa and Uramin Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by:	Europeans	NIL
	Natives	3 R.P.&n.G.C.
		3 D.A!S.F. field workers

Duration: From 24/1/64 to 6/2/64

No. of days: 14

Last Patrol to Area: 10th. August, 1963

Objects of Patrol: Political Education in regard to the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections.

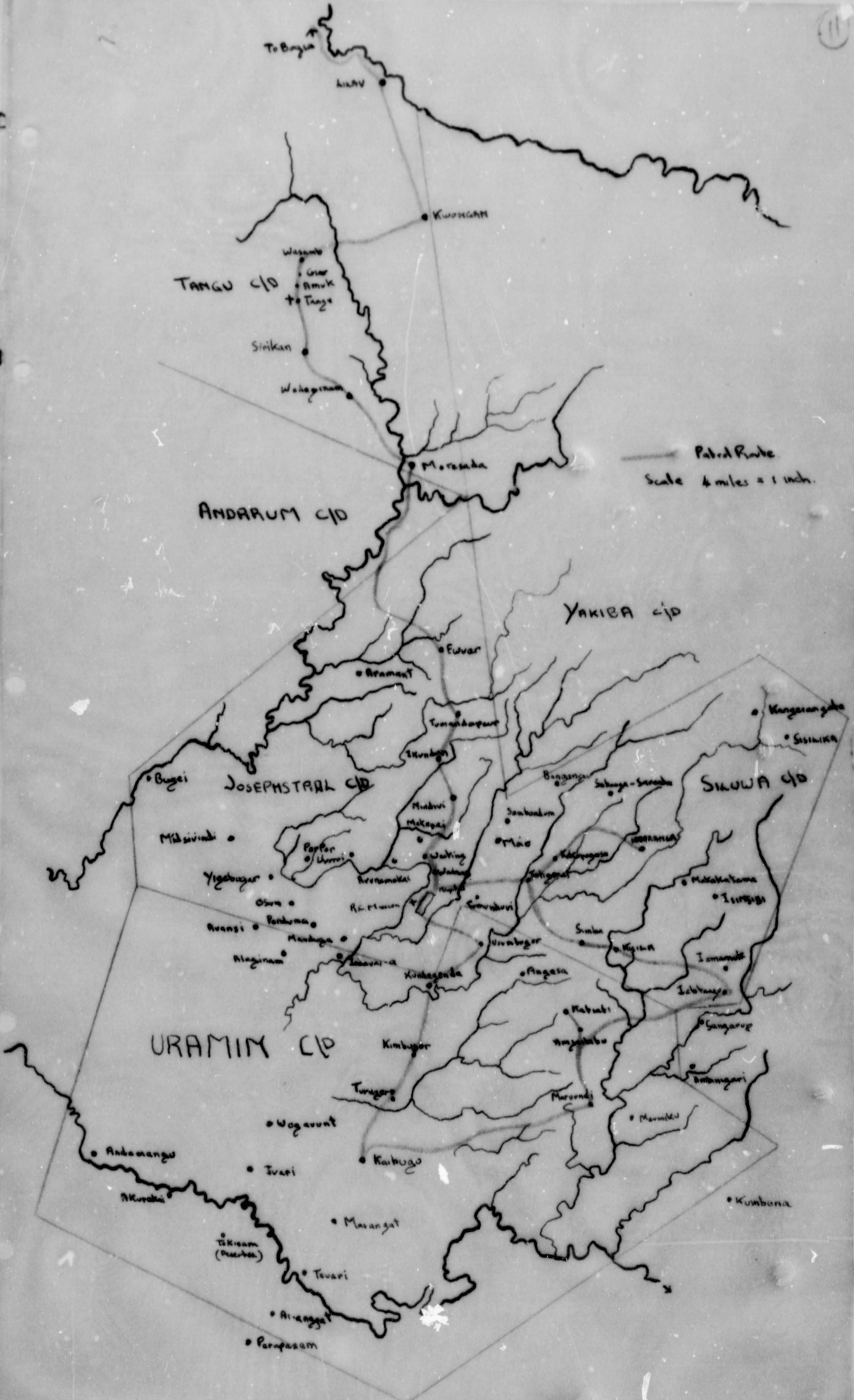
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Bogia Patrol No.5 of 1963/64

PATROL DIARY

Friday, 24th January, 1964

Departed Bogia station by tractor 0900 arrived LILAU 0940. Departed LILAU on foot 1000 and arrived KWONGWAN 1110. Political education talk given. Left Kwongwan 1200 for WASAMB arrived small hamlet of GIA 1500. Departed for WASAMB 1600 arriving 1630. Election talk given. Camped.

Saturday, 25th January

Departed WASAMB 0830 arriving AMUK 0900, departed for SIRIKAN and arrived 1000. Aid Post inspected. Election talk given. Departed SIRIKAN 1030 and arrived WADAGINAM No. 1. at 1130. Election talk given. Camped.

Sunday, 26th January

Departed No.1 WADAGINAM 0845 arrived MORESAPA 1045. Election Talk given. Departed Moresapa 1145 for EWVAR arrived 1700. Political education talk given. Camped.

Monday, 27th January

Departed EWVAR 0800 and arrived TUMANDAPAU 0900. Departed 0905 for IKUNDUM arriving 1000. Election talk given. Left IKUNDUM for MINDIVI 1030 arrived 1140. Departed Mindivi for deserted village of WAITANG arriving 1220 and continued on to WAITANG arriving 1330. Departed Waitang immediately and arrived Josephstaal station 1400. Political education talk given to about thirty village officials from surrounding villages. Slept night Josephstaal.

Tuesday, 28th January

Political education talks give to surrounding village people. Infant Welfare Sister arrived by Cessna from Madang. to conduct infant welfare clinic at Josephstaal.

Wednesday, 29th January

Talks given to people from surrounding area on the forthcoming House Of Assembly elections. Discussion with Infant Welfare Sister on general child health in the area. Patrol gear readied.

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Bogia Patrol No. 5 of 1963/64

Thursday, 30th January

Departed Josephstaal 1030 for TINTIGINEI arrived 1210. Political education talk given on forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Departed 1400 for KOKOPOGASA arriving 1445. Election talk given. Camped.

Friday, 31st January

Departed KOKOPOGASA 0800 and arrived IABARANGA 1000. During rest of day political education talks given to people from the following villages, IABARANGA, SAMBRANGA-SAVENDA, ININSIBI, MAKARATAMA and KANCERANGATEI.

Saturday, 1st February

Departed IABARANGA 0800 and arrived KOKOPOGASA 0930. Left KOKOPOGASA 1015 and arrived TINTIGINEI 1100. Departed Tintiginei 1130 arriving SIMBA 1245. Political education talk given. Left Simba 1430 and arrived KISILA 1600. Camped.

Sunday, 2nd February

Political education talk given to the people of KISILA. Cargo to Katiati, myself at 0930 to IABTANGU arriving 1130. Political education talk given to people from IABTANGU, IAMANUK and SANGARUP villages. Departed Iabtangu via. bush track for KATIATI 1300. Arrived AMJAIBIBU 1515 and thence to Katiati arriving 1610. Political education talk given to the people from NEUIDZABAI and KATIATI villages. Camped.

Monday, 3rd February

Cargo to KAIBUGU via. Kimbugor, Turagare and thence to Kaibugu. Myself, departed Katiati 0830 arriving AMJAIBIBU 0900. Political education talk given. Left 0945 and arrived MARVUNDI 1100. Political education talk given to people from MAUMIKU and MARVUNDI villages. Aid post inspected. Departed marvundi 1230 via. bush track for Kaibugu arrived 1700. Camped.

Tuesday, 4th February

Patrol stationary. Political education talks given to people from surrounding villages km of AI-ANGAT, UEVARI, MARANGAT, and TURAGARE. slept night KAIBUGU.

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Bogia Patrol No. 5 of 1963/64

Wednesday, 5th February

Left KAIBUGU 0800 arriving TURAGARE 0930. Inspected Aid Post en route. Political education talk given to people from IVARI, WOGUVUNT and TURAGARE. Left 1030 for KIMBUGOR arrived 1200. Political education talk given to people from INDAVAI-A, KIMBUGOR and some from ALANGANAM, and AVANSI. Departed KIMBUGOR on horseback for Josephstaal, en route political education talks given to people of KUNDEGENDE AND USUMBUGOR villages. Slept night Josephstaal.

Thursday, 6th February

Radio conversation with A.D.O. Bogia, permission obtained to go to Madang re. Maintenance Josephstaal Airstrip.
1215 departed cessna for Madang.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was principally carried out to explain to the people of this area the principles and aims of the forthcoming House of Assembly elections.

My visit to this area was well received by the people.

Political History prior to elections:

Native school teachers have been for the last month circulating in the Josephstaal-Tangu area giving lectures on the why's and how's of voting.

Mr. I. Smitmanis, P.O.I.C. of Aiome Patrol Post walked into Josephstaal from Aiome and gave talks to all villages along the main Josephstaal - Aiome road.

This patrol gave talks to representatives of all villages in the Josephstaal, Siluwa and Uraim census divisions, including some villages in the Tangu census division.

All of the candidates standing for the RAMU OPEN electorate have, at some time in the last three weeks, passed through the area and it is now that the people of this area are taking a keen interest in the elections.

Two of the three candidates standing for the MABANG-SEPIK Special electorate have flown into Josephstaal and have given election talks. One candidate, John Middleton had some of his plantation workers sent back to their home villages in this area, to circulate amongst their own people and tell of the virtues of 'Masta Jon'. This I think is going to have a marked effect on the way people vote in this area.

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GEOGRAPHICAL:

Seeing that Josephstaal and the Uramin census divisions are situated in an inland hollow, without any sea breezes, it is much hotter here than or the coast. It is, indeed, a welcome change to climb into the ~~Pinakere~~ ^{Pinakere} Ranges in the Siluwa census division where one experiences strong cool winds and also driving rain.

The Josephstaal census division is essentially thick rain forest with only a few patches of kunai here and there whereas; the Uramin census division has extensive areas of grassland suitable perhaps, for a small pastoral industry.

The Josephstaal census division has only one store at Josephstaal. In fact from time to time the Annamby Sawmilling Society has established two society stores one at AL-ANGA and one further down the Bogara river at a place called ~~AL-ANGA~~. Native interest in these two stores is quite low. The Society is purchasing crocodile skins at excessive prices from the natives and there is also some talk about the society planting Villages: and tobacco in the area.

This patrol however, did not extend so far as the Bogara river. Most of the houses seen in these census divisions were off the ground and most had an extra kitchen as an annex.

The terrain of the area is fairly flat and most villages have in the last four or five years moved within easy access of water.

I found two villages however, that wanted to move to higher ground. These villages, EWVAR and WAITANG HAVE MOVED down to new sites, close to water only recently and now have found that in the wet season when the river floods, the village becomes a sea of mud. I inspected the proposed new sites for both villages and can see no reason why a move should ~~take place~~ not take place as both new sites are still close to water.

Roads and Bridges:

All tracks are more or less level and make for good walking in the dry season. In the Siluwa however, where one can look out over the Uramin and Josephstaal census divisions, walking is not at all pleasant.

Being the time of big rains most tracks were in places ankle deep in mud which made walking most unpleasant. Watercourses which must be only small creeks during the dry turn into impassible torrents and this patrol often had to walk upriver to find less dangerous crossings.

There is one tractor road in the area which was built by the Catholic Mission for the purpose of hauling timber. This road extends about four miles to the ANGRU river, in the direction of Aiome. At present there is another one being cut in the direction of PONDUMA village.

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Roads and Bridges: cont:

A new foot track has been cut from Mandugar to Ponduma village bypassing the rather steep asents of the old track. However it was cut for the express purpose of carrying cargo and it is at least three quarters of an hour longer in traversing than the old one. At present both tracks are well kept and the people prefer the older one because it is shorter.

Commerce and Industry:

The Catholic Mission runs only one trade store at Josephstaal. Apart from this, the Annanberg Sawmilling Society has established two society stores one at AI-ANGAT And one further down the Sogeram River at a place called AKURIKAI. Native interest in these two stores is quite intense. The Society is purchasing crocodile skins at profitable prices from the natives and there is also some talk about the society planting peanuts and tobacco in the area.

This patrol however, did not extend as far as the Sogeram River and it is hoped that when polling takes place at Tevari (28/2/64 to 2/3/64) there will be an opportunity to have a look at these new developments in the Uramin census division.

The Catholic Mission at Josephstaal also has a large petrol driven saw with which it cuts logs bought from the local people. The Mission has built in the last few years a large church and living quarters out of these native timbers. Perhaps, there is a possibility that the Administration could buy timber from the Mission for its planned extension of the Josephstaal Hospital.

Health:

Native health in the area is good and this must be attributed to the abundance of Aid Posts in the area. These Aid Posts are situated at Mitsivindi, Turagere and Marvundi. (see map) Skin diseases are for some reason more prevalent in this area than others.

A good attendance at the last Infant Welfare Clinic at Josephstaal was most heartening, but was this due to the presence of the patrol at Josephstaal? Child deaths still make up 37% of the total deaths in the Uramin census division each year.

Josephstaal Hospital is still without a full time Medical Assistant. At present there is a medical orderly in charge and he receives his instructions and supplies from a European Medical Assistant stationed in Madang. This E.M.A. also looks after various other outstation Aid Posts eg. Aiome and Mawan. He makes short trips to these posts but to my mind he could spend more time at Josephstaal and really appreciate the many problems of running an outstation the size of this one.

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Health cont:

The Medical Orderly in charge of the hospital also runs the wireless link with Madang and he must be recommended for his excellent work in the past. This practice is seen to come as the District Mission have agreed to cut the strip every ten days after their tractor is overhauled in the Agriculture and Economic Development: ... supplying a grass cutting equipment for the ...

At present there are three D.A.S.F. field workers at Josephstaal. The Agricultural Officer at Bogia is trying to stimulate interest in cash cropping in this area, but as yet I have not detected any great enthusiasm amongst the local people. Some villages have cleared new gardens for the planting of cocoa but they have not as yet approached D.A.S.F. for the seeds to start nurseries.

The Catholic Mission at Josephstaal has started planting cocoa on the laterals of the airstrip and perhaps native interest will be stirred by this venture. A total of 2000 cocoa trees are planned in this scheme.

A rice growing project sponsored by D.A.S.F. a few years ago has failed mainly due to great numbers of starlings that plundered the ripening crop. The rice mill has now been taken to Bogia and is now being assembled on the Agriculture Station here. The Catholic Mission is the only one in the area at present growing rice and it employs natives to ~~the~~ frighten the birds away from the ripening crop.

Several villages namely KIMBUGOR and KATIATI have approached the Catholic Mission about helping them to start up a small cattle industry in the area. This patrol sighted extensive areas of grasslands at KIMBUGOR, MARVUNDI, KATIATI and TURAGARE villages, which should be suitable for grazing. The Catholic Mission is prepared to give the surplus of its herd to the local people but first, the Father in Charge would like to know if D.A.S.F. could train the interested native graziers at one of its properties, for example Baiyer River.

Conclusion - Even if the people grow cash crops there is the overwhelming problem of finding a market for their produce.

Education:

The Catholic Mission provide the only educational facilities in these three census divisions. As well as many village schools the Mission runs two main schools, one at Josephstaal and one at Katiati. The Katiati school being constructed of locally milled timber and corrugated aluminium. Both schools are in centres of population. It is a pity that the people of this area look on education as lightly as what they do. In 1962 the Mission had a fully qualified European teacher at Josephstaal but because of such poor attendance at the two schools he was recalled to the coast.

A few talks on the advantages of education were given to these people in conjunction with political education lectures.

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Airfields:

Josephstaal has a class "C" strip which at present is cut by hand. This practice is soon to cease as the Catholic Mission have agreed to cut the strip every ten days after their tractor is overhauled in the near future. Public Works Department at Madang is supplying a grass cutting attachment for this purpose.

At present the approaches to the airstrip do not conform to D.C.A. regulations and I am at present supervising the cutting of these approaches.

There are plans to widen the present airstrip, to make it suitable for class "B" aircraft. However funds are not available at the present time.

CONCLUSIONS :

During the present patrol / noticed that the people of these three census divisions still hold fast to the beliefs of "Sanguma" and believe anything or anyone that promises them abundant new riches or material wealth.

The economic future of these people, is still very bleak. Even if these people ever get round to planting cash crops they still have the seemingly insoluble problem of marketing their produce. In the past their main income has been derived from the sale of their labour and I think this will be the case for a long time to come.

As soon as a capable officer is put in charge of Josephstaal Hospital something might be done to solve the problem of the high child death rate in this area still believed by the local people to be the cause of the workings of Sanguma.

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END OF PATROL REPORT

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Bogia Patrol No.5 of 1963/64

APPENDIX No.1

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUA AND
NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Reg.No.7747 Const. Hamato of the Bogia Detachment.

This constable carried out his duties particularly well and is above the other two members of the R.P.N.G.C. that accompanied this patrol.

Reg.No.8768 Const.GENI of the Bogia Detachment.

Reg.No.9053 Const.ARI - stationed at Josephstaal.

These two constables carried out their duties well but both are inclined to be too forceful.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. BOGIA No. 10/63-64

Patrol Conducted by Gregory Edward McGrath Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled TANGU, JOSEPHSTAAL, MUGUMAT/YAKIBA Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1. A.D.O. D.P. SHEEKEY
2. M.O. H.W. VICKERS
Natives 6 members R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 24./4./1964 to 7./5./1964

Number of Days 14

Did Medical ^{Officer} ~~Assistant~~ Accompany? Yes

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

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

Map Reference Sketch map enclosed

Objects of Patrol Locate and exhume a body and apprehend a suspected murderer.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29/6/1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS
MADANG.

27th July, 1964.


District Officer,
District Office,
MADANG.

PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1963/64 - BOGIA

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased that Mr. McGrath will be accompanying the Assistant District Officer for "On the Job" training in the near future.

A good training exercise.


(J.K. MCCARTHY)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of Native Affairs,
MADANG.

26th June, 1964.

The Director,
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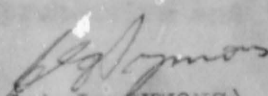
BOGIA PATROL No. 10/63 - 64
GPC - McGRATH

Please find attached copy of patrol report by Mr. McGrath, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with comments by the Assistant District Officer, BOGIA.

As commented this is Mr. McGrath's first report and it is very brief. However the main purpose of the patrol was to give this officer experience mounting his own patrol. He was joined by Assistant District Officer, D.P. Sheekey and Medical Officer, Vickers who flew to Josephstaal to carry out the exhumation, and investigation as to cause of death.

Mr. McGrath will be accompanying the Assistant District Officer on a census patrol in the ULINGAN area in the near future and the Cadet Patrol Officer will be instructed to submit a full and comprehensive report of that patrol besides himself carrying out the revision of census.

It is expected that he will then carry out coastal census patrolling unaccompanied.


(C.A.J. SYMONS)
a/District Officer

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Sub-District Office,
Bogia.
24/6/64.

District Officer,
MADANG

BOGIA PATROL No.10/63-64.

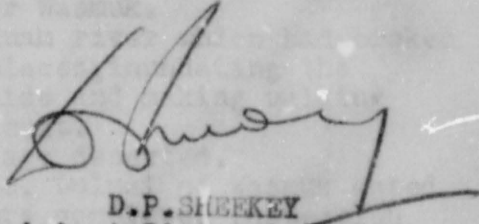
Attached please find the above Patrol report submitted by C.P.O. McGrath. This Officer has already patrolled with other experienced Officers and it was decided to send him to and from Josephstaal alone for additional experience in moving his own patrol.

A murder had been reported, in late March, to have taken place at WASMUK on the Guam River. The purpose of this patrol was to have the Medical Officer, Bogia, exhume and examine the body with a view to ascertaining the cause of death. However the body was too decomposed to enable any accurate cause of death to be ascertained.

At the time of the visit, the Guam was in high flood, overflowing it's banks into a huge inland sea. Apart from a few very old people, all the residents of WASMUK had fled on the approach of the patrol.

Because of the impossible conditions prevailing and because of the very primitive nature of the lower Guam people, it was decided to return to Bogia and to place an extended patrol in the area during the dry season, when this alleged murder will be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. McGrath's first report is very brief but I think he has the ability to submit more comprehensive and interesting reports in future.


D.P. SHEEKEY
Assistant District Officer

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BOGIA PATROL No. 10/63-64.

PATROL DIARY

Friday, 24th April, 1964.

- 0830. Departed Bogia by truck.
- 0900. Arrived Lilau. Hired carriers.
- 0930. Departed Lilau for Kongwan.
- 1100. Arrived Kongwan.
- 1230. Departed Kongwan for Moresapa.
- 1830. Arrived Moresapa. Slept here.

Saturday, 25th April, 1964.

- 0830. Departed Moresapa for Ewvar.
- 1300. Arrived Ewvar. Delay experienced here as some of the carriers late in arriving from nearby villages.
- 1530. Departed Ewvar for Josephstaal. The delay at Ewvar prevented the patrol from reaching Josephstaal by nightfall. Decided to sleep at Mindivi.
- 1730. Arrived Mindivi.

Sunday, 26th April, 1964.

- 0815. Departed Mindivi for Josephstaal.
- 1015. Arrived Josephstaal.

Monday, 27th April, 1964.

At Josephstaal awaiting A.O. Sheekey and M.O. Vickers who arrived by plane at 1700.

Tuesday, 28th April, 1964.

- 0800. Departed Josephstaal for Isarakin.
- 1500. Arrived Midsivindi. Rain. Decided to sleep here.

Wednesday 29th April, 1964.

- 0800. Departed Midsivindi for Isarakin.
- 1430. Arrived Isarakin. Slept here.

Thursday, 30th April, 1964.

- 0900. Departed Isarakin for Wasmuk. Track followed the Guam river which had broken it's banks in many places, inundating the surrounding countryside and making walking unpleasant and difficult.
- 1400. Arrived Wasmuk. Village deserted.
- 1430. Arrived at grave site. Lulual of Wasmuk acted as guide. M.O. Vickers completed inspection of remains of body.
- 1500. Departed Wasmuk for return to Isarakin.
- 1730. Arrived Isarakin. Slept night.

Friday, 1st May, 1964.

- 0830. Departed Isarakin for Josephstaal.
- 1400. Arrived Midsivindi. Decided to sleep here.

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BOGIA PATROL No.10/63-64.

PATROL DIARY (Continued)

Saturday, 2nd May, 1964.

- 0800. Departed Midsivindi.
- 0830. Arrived Yigebuguar. A.P.O. Sheekey heard one complaint.
- 0900. Departed Yigebuguar.
- 1100. Arrived Pondoma.
- 1130. Departed Pondoma.
- 1400. Arrived Josephstaal. M.O.Vickers to Bogia by air.

Sunday, 3rd May, 1964.

Rested at Josephstaal.

Monday, 4th May, 1964.

- At Josephstaal. A.D.O. Sheekey addressed a meeting of Luluais and Tul Tuls.
- 1630. A.P.O. Sheekey to Bogia by air.

Tuesday, 5th May, 1964.

- 0830. Departed Josephstaal for Bogia.
- 1015. Arrived Mindivi.
- 1055. Departed Mindivi.
- 1210. Arrived Tumandapua.
- 1230. Departed Tumandapua.
- 1315. Arrived Ewvar.
- 1340. Departed Ewvar.
- 1610. Arrived Irui (a hamlet of the village Dogadog). Slept here.

Wednesday, 6th May, 1964.

- 0815. Departed Irui.
- 1015. Arrived Paiwa (a hamlet of Dumadum).
- 1030. Departed Paiwa.
- 1200. Arrived Dumadum.
- 1300. Departed Dumadum.
- 1400. Arrived Turatapa.
- 1530. Departed Turatapa.
- 1640. Arrived Gum. Slept here.

Thursday, 7th May, 1964.

- 0830. Departed Gum.
- 1100. Arrived Bimat. Awaiting transport to Bogia.
- 1300. Proceeded Bogia by truck.
- 1330. Arrived Bogia.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION

The main objective of the patrol was to locate and exhumate a body for post-mortem examination by the Medical Officer, Bogia, and to apprehend a man suspected of murder. The patrol was fairly rushed and few matters of routine Administration were dealt with.

The area patrolled consisted of parts of the TANGU, JOSEPHSTAAL, ANDAMUM, and MUGUMAT/YAKIBA Census Divisions. The writer walked to Josephstaal from Bogia and was later joined by A.D.O. D.P. Sheekey and M.O. H.W. Vickers, both of whom arrived by air from Bogia. The patrol proceeded to WASMUK village on the Guam river, where exhumation and post-mortem examination of the body were carried out. The patrol then returned to Josephstaal. Dr. Vickers returned immediately to Bogia by air. Mr. Sheekey remained at Josephstaal to hear complaints and to give a general talk to a meeting of all the local Luluais and Tul Tuls. Mr. Sheekey then returned to Bogia by air.

The writer returned to Bogia via the MUGUMAT/YAKIBA Census Division.

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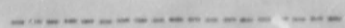
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AGRICULTURE

The people of the Josephstaal, Andarum, Mugumat/Yakiba area are, for the most part, subsistence farmers and they have few established cash crops.

The Department of Agriculture at Bogia has three Agricultural field workers at Josephstaal ^{to assist} in the planting of crops and to act as advisers.

Coffee has been planted in the immediate Josephstaal area but results from this crop are not expected until 1966.

The non-availability of an economic outlet for any extensive cash crop is the main drawback at Josephstaal. The only available outlet at the present time is by aircraft, and then only by light aircraft. As yet there are no roads in the area.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

A small industry exists on the Guam river where the river people shoot crocodiles and sell the skins to the Ramu Native Society. Crocodiles are said to abound in the waters of the swamps along the river, but the patrol did not sight any. If crocodiles do abound here then the selling of skins may become a good source of income for the area.

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REST HOUSES

Here again as is the case with village houses, the standard of the rest houses deteriorates as one proceeds inland. Efforts were made to have many rest houses improved, and in one village, IKUNDUN, a completely new rest house is under construction.

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CARRIERS

No difficulty was experienced in hiring carriers.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

No motor roads have been constructed in this area. However, it is feasible that a road be built from the coast to Josephstaal.

Tracks are fairly well kept except those in the swamp country whose courses tend to become a little erratic for obvious reasons.

EDUCATION

Josephstaal is not unique in that it has an education problem, but here the school that does exist is not fully patronised. The people seem reluctant to ensure that their children attend classes regularly.

There is no Administration school in the area but a primary school is maintained by the Catholic Mission, Josephstaal. At one stage the Mission kept a European teacher at Josephstaal, but when attendances slackened this teacher was withdrawn as it was felt that he would be better employed elsewhere.

The Village Officials from the Josephstaal area approached A.D.O. Sheekey about the possibility of an Administration school being established, but it was explained that this was pointless as the Mission school was not yet full.

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