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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. 1 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by G.G.HOWARD. Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Part Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Con E Kwakai (9646) Con Kapi (9960)

Duration—From 30 / 6 / 1965 to 5 / 7 / 1965

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 5 / 1964

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Border Special Sheet 1

Objects of Patrol See attached letter

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

28 / 1 / 1965

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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67-8-1

17th August, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66:

Thank you for Mr. Howard's patrol report covered by your memo 67-3-19/107 of 29th July, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Aisbett have been noted. I would like to read Mr. Howard's remarks about the AINBAI Councillor. We can look for co-operation and assistance from Local Government Councillors, but we must always remember that they have no executive authority and that they are representatives of the people and not the Administration.

3. The Pagei people are definitely progressing well. We cannot expect development to take place much faster.

4. Mr. Howard has submitted a very short report but seems to have accomplished the tasks set.

T.G.A.
(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

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67-3-19/107

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

29th July, 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 65/66

Please thank Mr. Howard for his patrol report.

The road may have to be built if we are going to maintain the strip; but I agree that it cannot be done by just the people.

You may care to discuss this with the District Engineer when he comes up again. With the useage we have now of the caribou, it may be possible to get a small bulldozer in to assist with the job.

Have a talk with Mr. Howard and ask him not to leave a matter up in the air as he has done with the Councillor. Being on the Border, any suggestion regarding attitude to the Administration without explanation could put some people on tenterhooks.

(J. E. WAKEFORD)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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

2 notes made.

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
Sepik District.

21st July, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT PAGEI NO.1 of 1965/66.

The report of the above patrol conducted by Mr. Howard, C.P.O. is enclosed.

The patrol was routine and because of the proximity of the villages to the station few if any native problems or disputes remain unattended.

Whilst there is a great need for a road from the station to the nearest gravel supply, a population which totals in all 498 cannot be expected to do the work.

Prior to the establishment of Pagei station the Pagei people were seldom visited and even though they may still be regarded as backward they have experienced two years of rapid change and I consider they have "suffered" this well.

Yes. They are coming along well. We cannot expect development to take place much faster.

Economically they are better off than ever before because of the labour demands of Pagei station.

I have asked the O.I.C. to submit a report on the AINBAI Councillor in explanation of the comment in the paragraph on Village Officials.

R.AISBETT.
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

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67-1-4

Pagei Patrol Post,
Vanimo Sub-District,
North Sepik District.

28th. June, 1965.

Mr. C.P.O.Howard,
Patrol Post,
Pagei.

Patrol Instruction.

Please be prepared to commence a patrol of the local Pagei census division on the 30th. June, 1965, to carry out the followi aims:-

1. Carry out a census revision of the villages.

2. During your visit to Ainbai village proceed to old Ainbai and guage the usage of this garden area.

3. Check the small lake to the west of old Ainbai and advise on the possibility of introducing fish to the lake as a breeding ground.

4. Again check the area between the station and the Puwani river and report on your estimate of the possibility of a road to the gravel supply at the river.

Might I suggest you carry out your census revision of the near villages by visits from the station on Wednesday and Thursday and proceed to Ainbai on the 2nd. July, 1965.

The patrol should not take more than five or six days, so endeavour to be back on the station by the 6th. July.

Two members of the detachment should be sufficient. These can be of your own choice.

Good luck.

(Robert L.O'Connell)
Assistant District ~~Commissioner~~ Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
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If calling ask for
Mr.

67-1-2

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

15th July 1965.

The Officer in Charge,
Pagei Patrol Post,
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL No 1 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by:	G.G.Howard, Cadet Patrol Officer,
Area Patrolled:	Pagei Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying :	Con 5yr Kwakai 9646 Con 5yr Kapi 9960
Duration of Patrol:	30/6/65 to 5/7/65
Number of Days :	Six
Last Patrol to Area :	May 1964
Map Reference :	Border (Special) Sheet 1
Objects of Patrol :	See Attached Letter.

G.G.Howard.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Introduction

The area patrolled is in the immediate vicinity of Pagei Station. The villages IDOLI, APWAMBO, SOMBUI, NAMBES, and AMOI were visited from the station all being only a few minutes walk away. The people of AINBAI and ELIS have combined at a new village to the South-EAST of PAGEI. The latter is known as AINBAI although the people still maintain their original grouping and are censused separately.

The vegetation is tropical rain forest with patches of Sago swamp. The land around PAGEI is flat but OLD AINBAI, which was visited, is situated in the foothills of the BEWANI mountains.

Diary

Wedensday 30th June 1965

Morning Lined and censused IDOLI and APWAMBO

Afternoon Lined and censused AMOI

Thursday 1st July 1965

Morning Lined and censused NAMBES and SOMBUI

Afternoon Prepared stores for Patrol to AINBAI

Friday 2nd July 1965

1330 Departed PAGEI
1545 Arrived AINBAI

Walking time 2hrs 15mins.
Examined road to first major road with a view to building a Tractor road. Track wet and muddy.Met P.I.R. patrol.

Slept night at AINBAI

Saturday 3rd July

0930 Departed AINBAI
1215 Arrived OLD AINBAI

Inspected Village . Walking time 2hrs 30 mins track over mountain wet and slippery.

Slept night at OLD AINBAI

Sunday 4th July

0830 Departed OLD AINBAI
1100 Arrived 'Large Dry Lake'
1230 Deprted 'Large Dry Lake'
1500 Arrived OLD AINBAI

Followed track used by P.I.R. patrols to IMONDA. A Coconut garden(AINBAI) with one smalll house was passed on the creek about half an hour from OLD AINBAI.

Slept night at OLD AINBAI

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Monday 5th July

0745 Departed OLD AINBAI
1000 Arrived AINBAI
1205 Arrived PAGEI Station.

Walking time 4hrs 20mins.

Returned to Station Patrol stood down.

End of Diary.

Native Affairs.

This Patrol was a routine census patrol and only spent three nights off the station. Advance notice was given and no difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers or from absentees during census.

All villages are comparatively new and as a result most houses are in need of further work. This may also be due to their close proximity to the Station and the availability of employment as labourers. In this respect AINBAI is conspicuously slow in completing their village. The councillor was told to retain his people and finish the ~~people~~ village.

OLD AINBAI was visited and although abandoned many years ago is still used extensively as a hunting camp. There is a plentiful supply of coconuts and young trees have been planted.

Village Officials

On attitudes & interpretation pick

Send us a copy of the report on this man, called for by D.C.

The PAGEI area is represented by a total of four Local Government Councillors. Three of these men perform their duties in a competent and responsible fashion, the fourth, from AINBAI, is suspect both as regards his attitude to the Administration and his ability to control his people. However from obvious reasons this Councillor is watched closely.

We can look for cooperation & assistance from Councillors, but much recall that they have no executive authority and that they are representatives of the people, not of the Administration!

Roads and Tracks

The road from PAGEI Station to the PUWANI river was examined with a view to building a tractor road. The most likely route would have to cross two major creeks , five small streams and one fifty yard patch of Sago swamp. The total distance is approximately four miles. Construction problems apart, this road suffers the grave disadvantage in that it would travel away from the main population situated to the North-East of the Station.

Agriculture

The lake to the South of AINBAI was visitedto determine whether it would be suitable for stocking with fish. The water from the lake feeds the river PUWANI and from it all the rivers in the Valley. The lake itself is only half covered by water hence the name 'Large Dry Lake' shown on the map. The lake was formed by a land slide which caused a dam across the river, the latter expanding into the srrounding jungle. There appeared little sign of life and the gaunt tree trunks rising out of the water gave the area the impression that it belonged to another world. However Crocodile tracks were found which would seem to point to the existence of fish in the lake.

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Census and statistics.

A complete census revision was carried out in the PAGEI census division.

A census was last taken in May 1964.

The birth rate for this area during the thirteen month period was 4.61 per 100 head of population, the death rate was 1.41 per 100 head of population, there was therefore a natural increase of 3.20 per 100, and a overall population increase of 2.98 per 100 for the whole Census Division.

Conclusion

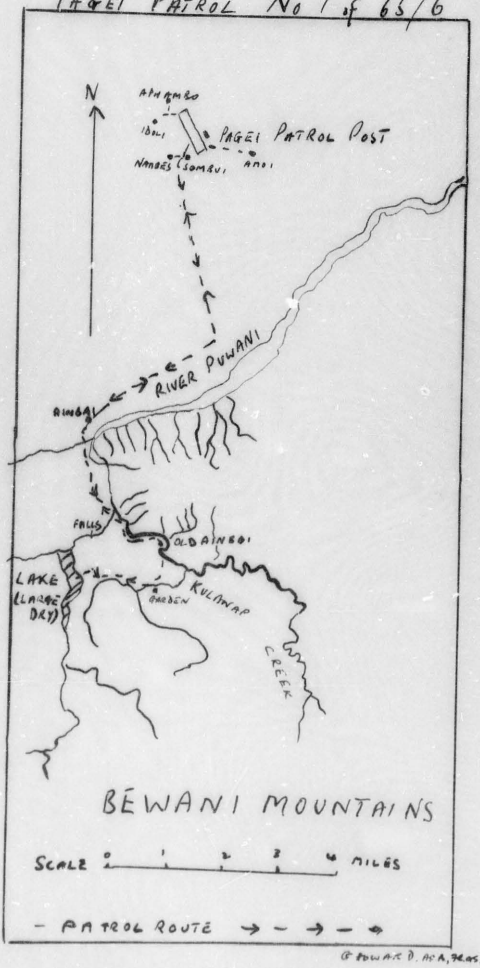
The census was well attended and the rate of absenteeism was low.

If a suitable strain of fish could be obtained it would be well worthwhile putting a few in the AINBAI lake although it would necessarily be a long term project.

The PAGEI area has undoubtedly greatly benefited from the Station being so close but AINBAI still lags behind both as to attitude and development.

G.G.Howard.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

PAGEI PATROL No 1 of 65/6



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. Patrol No.2 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by G.G.HOWARD Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives Const.1/c SAIM, Const.5yr. KAPI, A.P.O. KOIBU, Health Educator LAUTKA, Forestry Field Worker BERI, Agricultural Worker, CLEMENT.

Duration—From 19/7/1965 to 2/8/1965

Number of Days FIFTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services January/1965

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

Map Reference Border (Special) Sheet 1

Objects of Patrol See attached letter

Director ~~of Native Affairs~~, DDA
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/9/1965

E.S. Ikuks C.D.C.
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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14th October, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Howard, covered by your memo 67-1-4/463 of 9th September, 1965.

2. The comments of both Mr. Aisbett and yourself have been noted.

3. Mr. Howard apparently carried out the patrol in a capable manner and has compiled a detailed report. He appears to be very interested in native affairs field work and submits a report of high standard.

4. I am passing on the information about tracks to the Army in Moresby. Also they will be told about how the track leading from SOSI to NINAGA follows approximately the courses of the PUIVE Creek and JASSI River.

5. If the anthropological items sighted by Mr. Howard are good specimens, they can be sent to the Museum at Moresby.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

9th September, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
YANGMO.

PAGE I PATROL No. 2 of 1965/66.

Thank you for the report of the above numbered Patrol conducted by Mr. G.C. Howard, Cadet Patrol Officer into the Kilimari Census Division.

Your comments are noted and I concur with them. Mr. Howard has conducted a good patrol and his report is comprehensive and good.

(E.G. HICKS),
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

MINUTE/

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information.

EG Hicks
(E.G. HICKS),
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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67-1-4

Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
Sepik District.

3rd September, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO.2 1965/66.

Three (3) copies of the above report and camping allowance claim submitted by Mr. Howard, C.P.O. are enclosed.

Native Affairs.

A study of reports from this area over the past two years indicates a continuous gradual improvement in general conditions in the KILMERI area. Continuous administration from Pagei Patrol Post has given this comparatively small population, a much more accelerated rate of progress compared to what other, similar small groups, elsewhere in the Territory could anticipate.

Whilst the people and the Councillors are far from understanding the true significance of Local Government, the establishment of the Council and the presence of a focal point at Pagei, should develop a community feeling.

Reference the complaints mentioned by Mr. Howard - action taken by him is considered satisfactory and the matter of the policeman has been dealt with.

Agriculture.

Supervision of agricultural activity will, of necessity, be the responsibility of this department, as I do not consider the Department of Agriculture have sufficient staff, to handle the job. The Local Officer at Vanimo will not be able to give much assistance in the KILMERI area, and I feel that field staff directing local fieldworkers will produce a better result.

The paragraph re airfreighting of coconut seed has been noted and greater attention will be paid to this.

Health.

General health and welfare have been a big problem in the past in this area. However, this report indicates an improvement and this should get better as the Catholic Mission in conjunction with the Public Health Department, have now commenced infant welfare work in this area. Two qualified sisters based at Vanimo, will pay regular visits to Pagei and Ossima.

Mr. Howard has compiled a good comprehensive report, and is to be congratulated on a patrol well carried out.

R. AISBETT
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. Howard,
PAGEI.

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Pagei Patrol Post,
Vanimo Sub-District,
North Sepik District.

10th.July,1965.

Mr.C.P.O.Howard,
Patrol Post,
Pagei.

Patrol Instructions.

Please be prepared to depart on patrol to the Kilmeri census division on the 19th.July,1965. The objects of the patrol are as follows:-

1. Carry out a census revision of the Kilmeri area.

2. Examine the Isi lake and give a report on its feasability as a breeding ground of fish.

3. Return via the the SOSI-BWIL-WATABUNG-PAGEI road and examine area to guage recent usage.

4. Give a talk in each village on the decimal currency changeover.

5. A.P.O. Francis of the Vanimo hospital will accompany to give smallpox and cholera injections.

6. Health Educator,John Lamuka, will accompany and give talks in the villages on health hygiene and sanitation.

7. Forestry fieldworker, Joseph Beri, will accompany and plant small sample plots of Teak and Kamarere in each village to judge their potential.

8. An agricultural worker will accompany to continue the work of planting out prepared nurseries and set out new ones where asked.

Two members of the Pagei detachment should be sufficient for the patrol which should take no longer than three weeks. Draw sufficient rations for all members of the patrol for a three week period.

Do not rush the patrol and ensure adequate rest days are given to the carriers.

On the return journey do not take all personel along the waterbung road but send them back to their respective station as soon as their work is completed.

Good luck.

(Robert L.O'Connell)
Officer-in-charge.

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Pagei Patrol Post,
Vanimo Sub-District.
Sepik District.

10th August, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL NO.2 - 65/66

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled lies to the North East of the station. Most of the villages are sited on ridges some however are beside the river PUAL. Since the establishment of Pagei Patrol Post in 1963 this area has been constantly patrolled. Every effort has been made to advance these people and I think they are well aware of the situation even if they are a little mystified by the reasons for it. The bulk of the population is totally uneducated and thus miracles cannot be expected.

The Pagei Local Government Council has been operating for eighteen months and thus the work now falls on the councillors. Perhaps their methods of persuasion may prove more valuable than a direct order which demands obedience.

The ground is covered by dense rain forest with patches of sago swamp. It is from these sago swamps that the bulk of the local food is obtained.

At SOSI, the last village to be visited in the Census Division, the two Field Workers, the Aid Post Orderly and the Health Educator returned direct to PAGEI. The patrol then followed the river South West, through unpopulated bush, back to the station to check on gardens and some rarely used tracks.

DIARY

Monday 19th July, 1965.

1000 Departed Pagei Patrol Post

1345 Arrived No.2 ISI (Walking time 3hrs. 30min.)

Village lined and censused. Medical Inspection, three children suffering from chronic malnutrition sent to PAGEI. Very small coconut nursery and no vegetable seeds planted. Talks given on Decimal Currency and hygiene. Teak and Kamarere planted. One case of attempted suicide reported. Slept night at No.2 ISI.

Tuesday 20th July.

0800 Departed No.2 ISI
0900 Arrived ILUP
1100 Departed ILUP
1130 Arrived No.1 ISI
1300 Departed No.1 ISI
1615 Arrived OLD NO.2 ISI (OLUL)

(Walking time No.2 ISI to OLD NO.2 ISI 2hrs.)

Lined and censused village at ILUP. Talks on Decimal Currency and hygiene given. Medical Inspection, Health Educator reported a complete lack of latrines. Teak and Kamarere planted. Lined and censused village at No.1 ISI. Talks on Decimal Currency and hygiene given. Medical inspection and Teak and Kamarere planted. Road from No.2 ISI to OLD NO.2 ISI very wet and muddy rarely used except for hunting purposes.
Slept night at OLD NO.2 ISI.

Wednesday 21st July.

0900 Departed OLD NO.2 ISI
1015 Arrived AWOL (new site)
1200 Departed AWOL
1300 Arrived OSSIMA (Walking time 2hrs. 15min.)

Road dry follows river bank, being old road to PAGEI villages on the PUWANI river. Councillor for AWOL had sent his village to OSSIMA despite contary instructions at a previous council meeting. Teak and Kamarere planted, prospective site for rice crop partly cleared. Slept night at OSSIMA.

Thursday 22nd July.

1400 Departed OSSIMA
1500 Arrived LAKE
1600 Departed LAKE
1700 Returned OSSIMA

Lined and censused the villages of AWOL, AIRU, OSSIMA and OMULA at OSSIMA in the morning. Medical inspection and talk on Decimal Currency given independently to each village. Also children given a short talk on getting to school on time and not playing truant.

Visited lake to the North West of OSSIMA. Track leaves via AIRU. The lake is formed by swamp water and there are no rivers apparent. There is however a large quantity of plant life around the edges. Teak and KAMARERE planted at OSSIMA. Slept night at OSSIMA.

Friday 23rd July.

1015 Departed OSSIMA
1215 Arrived KRISA

In the morning talk given by Health Educator LAMUKA to the school children at OSSIMA. Mission complained at the absence of Doctor Boy from Aid Post. Attempted suicide of LIS/OSI, former President of the Pagei Local Government Council, reported. Slept night at KRISA.

Saturday 24th July.

1000 Departed KRISA
1130 Arrived AULI
1300 Departed AULI
1320 Arrived ELAU
1450 Departed ELAU
1530 Arrived AIYAWOU

Lined and censused village at KRISA. Talk on Decimal Currency given and Medical Inspection. Teak and Kamarere planted also seeds issued by Agricultural patrol. Village tidy, housing good.

Lined and censused village at AULI. Medical inspection, talk given on Decimal Currency. People had prepared site for coconut nursery and had planted seeds issued by Agricultural patrol

Lined and censused village at ELAU. Medical inspection and talk given on Decimal Currency. A poor coconut nursery. Road uncut around village and people sullen and uncommunative.

Lined and censused village at AIYAWOU in the evening. Medical inspection and talk on Decimal Currency given. Rest house in poor condition otherwise village clean and tidy. Slept night at AIYAWOU.

Sunday 25th July.

Observed at AIYAWOU.

Monday 26th July.

Visited OSOL . Village clean and tidy, Catholic Mission staying at Rest House.

Walked to KILIWIS and KILIPAU, only twenty minutes walk.

Lined and censused both villages at new rest house mid way between villages. Medical inspection and talk on Decimal currency given.

Teak and Kamarere planted at AIYAWOU, OSOL, ELAU, AULI and KILIPAU/KILIWIS.

Agricultural worker revisited ILUP, No.1 and No.2 ISI and supervised planting of vegetable seeds issued by Agricultural patrol. Dry coconuts had not been collected and no work could be done on the nurserys. One complaint from OSOL, a man claimed his wife was pregnant by a Policeman at PAGEI. Further investigations to be held at PAGEI in presence of all parties. Slept night at AIYAWOU.

Tuesday 27th July.

0930 Departed AIYAWOU
1215 Arrived SOSI (Walking time 2hrs. 30min.)

Lined and censused village of OSOL in the morning. Medical inspection and talk on Decimal Currency given.

Visited potato gardens. Three plots in existence, two locally purchased potatoes and one provided by the Department of Agriculture. Despite previous remarks on another patrol no fences had been built. Agricultural worker to supervise fence building on Wednesday.

Lined and censused village at SOSI. Medical inspection, talk on Decimal Currency given, village clean and tidy.

Wednesday 28th July.

0830 Departed SOSI
1345 Arrived KILIPAU CAMP (Walking time 4hrs. 45min.)

Track leaves SOSI in a South Westerly direction and follows the river marked as PUIVE CREEK. The track, which was adequate for patrol use, crosses from bank to bank for about 90 minutes arriving at a large garden camp (KILIWIS) with five houses. After a further 80 minutes the patrol rested at another KILIWIS camp before the track goes East over a small hill and back to the river. The track then follows the river for a short while until it finally crosses the river, turns West, and crosses the JASSI/BWIL river at a garden camp (KILIPAU). Camp was made at the KILIPAU Camp.

Thursday 29th July.

1000 Departed Camp Site
1130 Arrived junction of JABIRI and JASSI rivers.
(Walking time 1hr. 30min.)

The road follows the river banks and passes through extensive garden areas (KILIPAU). However little sign that they are often visited. Made camp on the Southern bank.

Friday 30th July.

0930 Departed Camp Site
1030 Arrived ILUP Camp (Walking time 1 hour).

The track followed had been used on a previous patrol and was found without difficulty. In the afternoon walked up the JABIRI river but found no sign of activity except one very old garden house at the river junction.

Saturday 31st July.

0930 Departed Camp Site
1145 Arrived NINAGA (WARABUNG) (Walking time 2hrs. 30min).

Followed track cut on a previous patrol. Passed one small garden house showing signs of occupance the night before. The same signs were apparent at NINAGA but no people were found. Slept night at NINAGA.

Sunday 1st August.

Observed at NINAGA.

Monday 2nd August.

0715 Departed NINAGA
1215 Arrived Pagei Patrol Post.
(Walking time 4 hrs. 30 mins.)

Track travels roughly South passing one garden camp (ILUP) after one hour. It then follows a ridge until descending to a small creek by another small garden camp (ILUP). After another hour the ILUP/PAGEI boundary is reached. The track is then fairly level but makes a wide detour to the West via three garden sites belonging to APWAMBO before finally emerging at the North East end of the PAGEI Airstrip. Patrol stood down.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

All the villages in the Census Division were visited. Carriers were obtained without difficulty, each village carrying in turn.

The councillors had been told of the patrol and the census well in advance with a result that most people were in their villages.

The villagers received the patrol well and provided food, of their own accord, for the carriers.

Only three complaints were brought before the patrol.

The Councillor of ISI produced a man who had apparently attempted suicide, in a very half hearted fashion, after a case of unrequited love. Apart from telling the man not to be so stupid there appeared little I could do.

The second problem concerned the former President of the Pagei Local Government Council LIS/OSI. This subject was mentioned in Pagei Patrol Report 7 of 64/5. Apparently his acquisition of a new young wife has upset the mission and the people of OSSIMA. He too attempted suicide, without success, this performance was apparently watched by the whole village.

Again I felt there was little I could do by direct interference but I feel the situation should be watched.

The third complaint concerns an alledged case of adultery by a Police constable stationed at PAGEI. This appeared rather involved and this has been taken up by the O.I.C. of PAGEI with the A.D.C. at Vanimo.

A large proportion of the two small villages ELAU and AULI were reported on the coast. However the Councillor said he had received word that they were all packing up to return to their villages.

VILLAGES & HOUSING.

All villages visited were tidy, obviously cleaned up for the patrol. However in some cases the houses were not of a very high standard. I endeavoured to explain to the Councillors it was their job to keep a constant eye on the state of the houses and to have them repaired quickly. At present some Councillors seem to wait for a patrol officer's remarks and then agree with him.

KRISA was conspicuous by its good appearance.

AWOL and KILIPAU have both moved to new sites not far from the originals resulting in new villages being constructed.

SOSI has remained on its original site and the idea of moving the village onto the ridge above seems to have been abandoned.

No.1 and No.2 ISI are not very impressive at present but this may be partly due to bad Councillors. The previous spending much of his term in jail and the present man seems to have little control of the people.

ELAU is improving but the people seem distant and sullen. I noticed a definite improvement from a previous visit.

The other villages ILUP, OSSIMA, AIRU, OMULA, OSOL, AULI and AIYAWOU appeared in good order.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Local Government Councillors are a very mixed lot. They vary from the energetic and forceful to the seemingly useless. However this in only to be expected when people elect their own task masters.

I think on the whole they are all trying to do a good job but some are more successful and more suited to the job than others.

There were no cases brought before the patrol of Councillors abusing their positions.

Some of the Councillors were elected for the first time at the elections held in April of this year. To these men I tried to explain their responsibilities.

AGRICULTURE.

(1) Fish. The lake to the North West of OSSIMA was visited. The lake is within the land belonging to the people of AWOL. However the lake itself is the subject of a 'Tambu' and the people are reluctant to visit the place let alone make use of it. The lake is surrounded by floating pandanis and is quite hard to approach. The water is brackish and there appears to be no river draining the lake. It would appear a suitable place to put lake fish, the area of water being quite extensive, but if the people wont go near the place it is unlikely to be of much value.

There is a plentiful supply of fish in the rivers JASSI and PUIVE.

(2) Potatoes. There are now three trial plots of potatoes on the ridge to the North West of SOSI.

Two of these plots are potatoes that have been acquired locally by a man from SOSI. The third plot is potatoes provided by D.A.S.F. which came from the Highlands.

Despite previous exhortations the people had not built fences. They did not tell the Agricultural Officer who planted the potatoes from the Highlands that all previous crops had been ruined by wild pigs. The Agricultural worker therefore supervised the building of fences.

The potatoes appear to be coming up well although it is too early to harvest any.

(3) Vegetable Seeds. Packets of vegetable seeds had been handed out by the previous Agricultural Patrol with instructions for gardens to be made and seeds planted. Only in two villages had this been done. Accordingly the Agricultural worker supervised the planting of these seeds in most villages.

(4) Coconuts. One of the objects of the patrol was to enlarge the coconut nurseries. In every village nurseries do exist but rarely contain many young trees.

The main problem is supply of dry coconuts for planting. Many villages are not close to their coconuts and thus those who go in search of dry coconuts usually end up eating them before they reach the village.

In many cases the villages have an adequate supply but are either too lazy or unwilling to plant them in nurseries.

Most villages have gardens and coconuts some hours away from the actual village. It was from these places the dry coconuts should be collected. I myself passed extensive lines of coconuts while following the PUIVE CREEK and JASSI River from SOSI to PAGEI.

In particular I noticed many trees laden with nuts, and many lying on the ground rotting, belonging to KILIPAU and KILIWIS. These two villages had previously complained to the Agricultural Officer that they had no nuts to plant. The officer therefore agreed to send some by plane to PAGEI. In the light of the true situation this seems to me to be a waste of money.

(5) Other Crops. Trees have been felled by the people of AWOL in preparation to the planting of rice.

The people of SOSI produced a bag of peanuts and offered them for sale. However I suggested they be planted for a further crop. The peanuts have been grown as food to improve the local diet.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY.

As such Commerce and Industry are virtually non-existent in the area.

Two natives hold trade store licences.

One, at AIYAWOU, acquires his goods from VANIMO and the other, LIS of OSSIMA used to acquire his goods from the Catholic Mission. However following the strained relations between the two his store has virtually closed down.

The Mission run a well stocked store at OSSIMA. This is regularly supplied by Mission aircraft.

It is hoped, should the potatoes be a success at SOSI, to encourage a small industry. However the results of the present trials must be obtained first.

There are crocodiles in the rivers throughout the area. Although not in any great number they could provide some income. At present some natives from the Sepik River are shooting for the skins which they sell to a trader. I asked these natives to try and teach those who were interested, the elements of crocodile shooting and skinning. This they agreed to do but whether the locals will participate or remain onlookers remains to be seen.

REST HOUSES.

There are Rest Houses in most of the large villages. To those villages who were inclined to neglect their Rest Houses and Police Barracks it was explained the advantage to them of a patrol spending a night in the village as opposed to being visited from another village.

HEALTH.

Health Educator LAMUKA has just recently been posted to PAGEI and this was his first visit to the Kilimeri Census Division. He has thus begun to tackle a monumental task. The peoples' attitude to health is far from modern and they have a lot to learn. LAMUKA gave talks and displayed wall charts wherever possible. I think it will be necessary for LAMUKA to visit each village in turn for a period of about a week. He has now seen the extent of the work to be done and can plan accordingly.

The general health of the people is reasonable and only in one village, No.2 ISI, did the position appear unsatisfactory. Three children suffering from malnutrition were sent to Pagei and one had died a few days previously. These people seemed slow to appreciate the need to take the sick to an Aid Post.

There is one Aid Post in the Census Division and that is at OSSIMA. This Aid Post should be staffed by a Doctor Boy but the Catholic Mission complained that A.P.O. KERI has been absent 40% of the time. The figure is naturally an estimation but during the last six months I have been to OSSIMA three times and he has been absent twice.

There was one case of suspected Leprosy sent to VANIMO for examination and one woman, with leprosy in an advanced state, was returned to the hospital at Vanimo after she had left with her husband for the bush.

Two stillborn births were reported at KILIPAU.

At every village the people were medically examined with particular reference to smallpox vaccination. Two A.P.O. orderlies had been through the area previously and it would now seem certain that all the population has been vaccinated within the last six months. In all only three people were vaccinated. Both LAMUKA and A.P.O., KOIBU worked hard and did a good job.

EDUCATION.

There are two schools in the Census Division and both are run by the Catholic Mission, based at Vanimo.

The school at OSOL is new, having commenced in April of this year. The school is under the charge of a native school teacher and consists of one preparatory class. There are approximately thirty five children attending the school from the villages of KILIPAU, KILIWIS, AIYAWOU, OSOL, ELAU, AULI and SOSI.

The school at OSSIMA has been established some years. The resident Father is at present in Australia but there are two European teachers and one native teacher. There is a preparatory class and Standards one and two.

The school has accommodation for boarders which is being enlarged to cater for girls as well as boys. The school draws pupils from the entire Pagei administrative area and has approximately one hundred and fifty pupils.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

There are no vehicular roads, save a few immediately around the station and therefore no bridges to speak of.

The main inter-village walking tracks are in fairly good order. Much depends on the energies of the villagers over whose land the road passes. However some ground is so waterlogged as to make drainage a major project.

The patrol followed an old track from SOSI which had been in use by administration patrols after the last War. The track was in surprisingly good condition and little cutting of the bush was necessary. A track was reported as existing that left the patrol's route after one hours walking from SOSI and crossed the mountains finally emerging at OLD MUSU on the coast. The entrance to this road was clearly visible. The track from SOSI to NINAGA is not shown on the Border (Special) Sheet 1 map but follows the course of the PUIVE CREEK and JASSI River as shown on the accompanying sketch map.

Left Army hand of Hell

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

Two interesting items were found by the people of SOSI while preparing a site for planting potatoes. At first sight they appear to be a pestle and mortar, however the natives assured me that the pestle like object was used for mashing sago. The other article they appeared to know nothing about. These are curious in that they were obviously made out of small stones and a kind of cement. The larger mortar like object was made in two halves and then fastened together.

The composition of these two articles is quite unlike earthenware pots, fragments of which have been found. Thinking this type of cement might have a practical use today I asked them if they knew from where the components were collected. However they just shrugged their shoulders and said only their forefathers knew the secret.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

A complete census revision was carried out in the Kilimeri Census Division.

A census was last taken in May, 1964.

The birth rate for this division during the fourteen months period was 4.98 per hundred head of population. The death rate was 2.09 per hundred therefore therefore there was a natural increase of 2.89 per hundred. The overall population increase was 3.95 for the whole Census Division.

In compliance with a letter from A.D.C. Vanimo, reference 14-1-1 of 10/12/64, a separate group has been created for the people of KRISA living on the coast at WATERSTONE. At present those at WATERSTONE are living outside the Pagei area and do not present themselves for census at KRISA.

FORESTRY.

Field worker BERI accompanied the patrol to plant sample plots of Teak and Kamarere in all villages.

Approximately eight Kamarere and twelve Teak were planted in the following villages; ILUP, No.1 and No.2 ISI, AWOL, OSSIMA, KRISA, OSOL, AULI, ELAU, AIYAWOU, KILIPAU/KILIWIS and SOSI.

In many places the ground had been prepared beforehand.

BERI worked hard and, I think, did a very good job.

DECIMAL CURRENCY CHANGEOVER.

A talk was given to all villages on the impending currency changeover.

I deliberately gave only a short talk designed to give them an outline of what could be expected.

No wall charts or pictures were available and I could hardly claim many people fully understood Dollars and Cents. However I think it is sufficient for them to know that the new money will begin circulating in February of next year. There are obviously many who barely understand the present system mainly because they have little use for it. The more intelligent elements appreciated the idea and they are probably the ones the changeover will affect most.

I also advised those who were hoarding money to put it in the Savings Bank at Pagei. There has just recently been the case of a man losing all his money in a fire, however these people are still very suspicious of banks.

I think use of visual aids such as wall charts and pictures would make the task much easier and the results more worthwhile.

CONCLUSION.

The census was well attended and the people co-operated fully.

All the aims of the patrol were accomplished with the exception of Cholera injections. No Cholera serum was sent by Vanimo Hospital so this was impossible.

G.G. HOWARD
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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The Commissioner of Police
Konedobu
Papua

Pagei Patrol Post

10th August 65

9169 SAIM

19/7/65	15 Days	Pagei	Kilimeri Cen/Div	Very Good	Excellent	G.G.Howard.

XX Note This Policeman is very much above average and worthy of

XX immediate promotion. His knowledge of this area and the people

XX in it is of great assistance to a Patrol.

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Pagei Patrol Post

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10th August 65

The Commissioner of Police
Konedobu

9960 Kapi

19/7/65	15 Days	Pagei	Kilimeri Cen/Div	Good	Hard Worker G.J.Howard

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SEPIK.....Report No.....PAGEI No 3 65/6.....

Patrol Conducted by.....G.G.HOWARD. CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NO.....

Natives.....CON 1/c SAIM 9169 HEALTH EDUCATOR LAMUKA
CON KOKOI +)0208

Duration—From...9../..9.../19 65...to..21../...9../1965...

Number of Days.....THIRTEEN.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...2../1965....

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

Map Reference.....BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET 1.....

Objects of Patrol.....SEE ATTACHED LETTER (APPX 6).....

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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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67-8-17

Konedobu, Papua.
11th November, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Pagei Patrol Report NO3/1965-66

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Howard, covered by your memorandum 67-3-19/925 of 26th October, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Aisbett were noted.

3. Mr. Howard accomplished quite ably all but three tasks set him for this patrol (reasons were given for the tasks not done as per Instructions) and has written a very interesting and informative report. The patrol was well conducted.

4. Even though the SUMUMUNI people have settled on land belonging to the village of IMBRINIS and there appears to be no problem at present, yet I would like a thorough investigation to be done with respect to this matter. When people settle on land belonging to others invariably difficulties and disputes arise over the stealing of fruit and garden produce etc. As long as the Sumumunis are gardening on their own land large troubles will not arise.

5. The figures submitted in Appendix 3 showing coconut plantings is very encouraging indeed. The people should be urged to plant more at the correct distance apart from each other so that they can get maximum copra production.

6. I sincerely hope the sample plots of Teak and Kamarere prove successful for then they can spend some time and energy on afforestation.

7. The future of this area may well depend on the projected timber lease.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

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67-3-19/9025

Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

26th October, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office.
VANIMO.

PAGEI PATROL No. 3 of 1965/66.

Thank you for the above numbered patrol submitted by Mr. Howard, Cadet Patrol Officer into the Imbio Census Division.

Mr. Howard has submitted a good and interesting report of an evidently well conducted patrol.

Your comments are noted and adequately cover the report.

E.G. Hicks
E.G. HICKS,
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

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Sub-District Office,
VANIMO.
Sepik District.

20th October, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO.3 1965/66.

Three copies of the above report, Field Officer's Journal and claims are enclosed.

Mr. Howard's report is well set out and neatly presented.

FORESTS.

An officer is at present engaged compiling genealogies for Land Tenure purposes throughout the whole of the proposed timber lease area.

HEALTH.

The people of the Imbio in common with the Pagei and Kilmeri people, are still susceptible to outbreaks of chest and gastro diseases. These outbreaks have killed many children. Medical opinion is that ignorance is the prime factor in the mortality rate. Therefore there is still much more work for the Health Education Officer and his posting to the Pagei area should be on a permanent basis.

AGRICULTURE.

Coconuts in this area were originally intended as a supplementary food crop. If the coconut census is anywhere near correct there is certainly a surplus which could be turned into copra if canoe transport on the Pual River can be arranged successfully.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I have requested the O.I.C. Pagei, to forward a full report on the involvement of the S.D.A. Mission. Especially as the airstrip construction mentioned appears to be interfering with gardens and the village.

A good informative report.

R. AISBETT.
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

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

67-1-2

6th October 1965.

The District Commissioner,
WEWAK.

PAGEI PATROL No 3 1965/66

Patrol conducted by :	G.G.Howard. C.P.O.
Area patrolled :	Imbio Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying :	Con 1/c SAIM 9169 Con 5/y KOKOI 10208 Health Educator LAMUKA Agricultural and Forestry Workers.
Duration of Patrol:	9/9/65 to 21/9/65
Number of days:	Thirteen
Map reference:	Border (Special) Sheet 1.
Objects of Patrol:	See attached letter (Appx 6)

G.G.Howard.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION

The area patrolled lies to the East of the Station. The villages within the IMBIO Census Division differ in many ways and comprise four language groups. The total population is small and the villages tend to be independant and isolated.

The objects of the Patrol are set out in Appendix 6 At the time these instructions were given it was not known the writer would have to commence the Patrol from IMONDA Patrol Post following the WALSA Local Government Elections. The instructions have not been altered but the necessary explanations will be given. The Patrol map shows the writer's actual route but the report is concerned only with the IMBIO Census Division.

The Census Division is represented on the PAGEI Local Government Council by four councillors from the six villages. This Council has been in existence for eighteen months however it is noticeable that those councillors absent from meetings tend to be from this census division.

The area is basically flat and covered by tropical rain forest and patches of Sago swamp. It is from these Sago swamps that the bulk of the food supply is obtained although there is now evidence that root crops and other vegetables are forming an increasing proportion of the peoples' diet.

DIARY

Thursday 9th September 1965

1445 Departed IMONDA Patrol Post.

1730 Arrived SIMOG

(Walking time 2hrs 30mins)

BAPI river in flood and forced to take track towards DAUNDA and then follow the river bank. Slept night at SIMOG.

Friday 10th September.

0845 Departed SIMOG.

1145 Arrived WATAPE

(Walking time 2hrs 45mins)

Felt ill and rested the remainder of the day. Slept night at WATAPE.

Saturday 11th September.

0800 Departed WATAPE

1410 Arrived KILIPAS.

(Walking time 5hrs 10mins)

Track followed river bed and passed old village after one hour. Climbed up and over two ridges when the track follows another river bed for half an hour, a final hill and down into KILIPAS. Track quite good and cut recently.

Slept night at KILIPAS.

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Saturday 12th September.

0800 Departed KILIFAS

1500 Arrived SUMUMUNI

(Walking time 6hrs)

Carriers were sent from SUMUMUNI by previous arrangement. Track follows river to the top of the range and then follows another down to the village. Such track as exists, about half an hours walk, is quite adequate. Slept night at SUMUMUNI.

Monday 13th September.

Remained at SUMUMUNI.

Tuesday 14th September.

Remained at SUMUMUNI.

Village lined and censused, medically examined and talk given on Decimal Currency. Teak and Kamarere planted in sample plot. Inspected village and airstrip under constructinn.

Wedensday 15th September.

0800 Departed SUMUMUNI

1100 Arrived YO

(Walking time 2hrs 50mins)

Track poor for the first half but improved after crossing the MUGI river. YO moved to new site and buildings only partially completed. Village lined and censused, medically examined and talk given on Decimal Currency. Teak and Kamarere planted. Slept night at YO.

Thursday 16th September.

0700 Departed YO

1330 Arrived SAMARARU

(Walking time 5hs 40 mins)

Track follows BILIA creek for half an hour and then follows the western bank of the SEMERI creek until just before the village where it crosses to the eastern bank. Slept night at SAMARARU.

Friday 17th September.

Remained at SAMARARU.

Village lined and censused, medically examined and talk on decimal currency given. Teak and Kamarere planted Two complaints made by villagers. River in flood slept night at SAMARARU.

Saturday 18th September.

0800 Departed SAMARARU

0900 Arrived IMBIO No 3

(Walking time 1hour)

Village lined and censused, medically examined and talk on Decimal Currency given. Teak and Kamarere planted Village and mission school inspected. Slept night at IMBIO No 3

Sunday 19th September.

0800 Departed IMBIO No 3

0905 Arrived IMBIO No 1

(Walking time 1hr 5mins)

Remainder of Sunday observed. Slept night at IMBIO No 1.

Monday 20th September.

1000 Departed IMBIO No 1

1230 Arrived IMBRINIS

(Walking time 2hrs 15mins)

IMBIO No 1 lined and censused, medically examined and talk on Decimal Currency given. Teak and Kamarere planted. Village and Mission school inspected. AT IMBRINIS received ~~instue~~ instructions to return to PAGEI. Village lined and censused medically examined and talk on Decimal Currency given. Teak and Kamarere planted. Village inspected . Slept night at IMBRINIS.

Tuesday 21st September.

0730 Departed IMBRINIS

1600 Arrived PAGEI

(Personal walkingtime 7hrs 30 mins) Carriers approx 2 hrs longer.

Follwed old walking track, although not in use by Administration Patrols condition was quite adequate for patrol use. Thetrack follows a devious route but is regularily used by villagers visiting the Station. Patrol stood down.

End of Diary.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

In considering the attitude and development of these people there seems two separate elements. The physical aspect concerned with the provision of better food supplies and health facilities. The political aspect concerned with the peoples' wish and their ability to increase their participation in the governing of their own locality and indirectly of the whole country.

In the former category steps have been taken and the results are beginning to show both in the variety of the peoples diet and the benefits that have been derived from a free health service. Evidence of an advance in the latter category is harder to perceive. The people have ample opportunity to listen to the radio, the majority of men and women being able to understand Pidgin. While they are able to hear new ideas and opinions they are still faced with their own problems. Problems to which there appears no immediate solution. The hope for an industry , with one notable exception , is faint. The sale of Timber rights would admittedly alter the Native Affairs considerably but then that is for the future. If the people are to remain in their villages then some form of occupation must be found. Without some occupation, I think, there will be a continual movement of population to larger towns which seems to have raised problems in the past.

At a time when priorities would seem to be food and health there is considerable pressure for these people to adopt a Western civilisation together with its complicated ideas of democracy. These people are , I think, aware of this pressure even if they are still uncertain as to how they should act. Their response to local Government is certainly encouraging nowhere does there appear complete apathy that is evident in other areas. However I think their knowledge of matters outside their own area is still very limited.

Two complaints were laid before the Patrol and they are the subject of two letters, copies of which are attached (Appendix 7.).

At SUMUMUNI an airstrip is under construction by the people directed by the S.D.A. Mission. The people are not receiving any money for the work the Mission having stated it is ultimately for the benefit of the village. No lease has been acquired by the Mission and the people of SUMUMUNI have settled on land belonging to the village of IMBRINIS. At present there appears no problem but it seems possible a dispute could arise.

dangerous? investigate land

The people appeared happy to welcome the Patrol and offered such assistance as was required.

VILLAGES.

Two villages have moved sites since the previous Patrol. Both SUMUMUNI and YO have chosen sites very close to the former Villages . At SUMUMUNI the housing was nearing completion although latrines and refuse pits remained to be dug. At YO the village was still at the state of garden housing but a few houses had been completed.

All houses are of the same type having Morata roofs and Sago stems for walls and all are constructed a few feet off the ground.

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The general standard of housing is reasonable but the people are apt to wait until their houses collapse before contemplating repairs.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

There are four Local Government Councillors representing a total of six villages. In the cases of SAMARARU and YO they are represented by the Councillors from IMBIO No3 and SUMUMUNI respectively. These two small villages have appointed Committee members but YO particularily feels it should have its own Councillor. The village is nearly three hours walk from SUMUMUNI and I doubt if it is very often visited by the Councillor.

The Councillors vary but do not ascend to great heights of intelligence. All in all they seem to control the villages effectively and no complaints were made against them by their people.

AGRICULTURE

Such agriculture as exists in this area is solely subsistence farming.

The statistics that are attached, appendices 3 and 4 are submitted as a guide only. It would be misleading to accept these figures without further verification. They were obtained by an agricultural worker at the same time as a routine census revision.

1. Coconuts.

These figures show a surprising quantity at IMBIO No 1 and IMBRINIS.

However it must be remembered that although an attempt has been made to separate mature and immature trees this will not mean all mature trees are capable of bearing. The haphazard fashion of planting in many instances invariably results in a reduced crop due to overcrowding. The agricultural worker supervised the construction of nurseries, when asked, and also the planting out of young trees. In all villages nurseries exist but they rarely contain more than a few hundred trees.

The obvious point raised by the coconut figures is the possibility of copra. Both IMBIO No 1 and IMBRINIS would appear to have sufficient trees to allow copra to be produced on a limited scale. The problems remain as to whether the people have the desire to make copra and whether there is a method of transporting the product to a market.

From reading comments in the village books coconuts have been encouraged at IMBIO some years ago. At that time the idea was to ship the copra down to the coast by canoe. This is quite possible and outboard powered canoes do travel from the coast inland to OSSIMA. IMBRINIS presents a little difficulty but at the worst it could be carried to OSSIMA, two hours of flat road. There is a canoe at IMBRINIS but the river is hardly deep enough to guarantee constant transport.

Before anything can be contemplated, I think an officer of D.A.S.F. check the coconut census. The interest of the people must be guaged correctly and the market investigated. To suggest anything concrete to the villages before these points are cleared up might be to encourage false hopes.

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2. Vegetables.

Again the accuracy of these figures (Appendix 4) cannot be vouched for although, I think, they are a reasonable guide. It is very probable that more than one man has claimed the same crops in a communal garden. However if this is the case then at least the figures show the availabilty of different types of vegetables amongst the people.

At YO a former D.A.S.P. labourer has returned to his village and has prepared extensive gardens. One of these crops is peanut. Both he and others who are growing peanuts have been informed that they cannot hope to make a bufiness from them and that they must be consumed locally.

Some people asked for seed potatoes but they were told to await the results of the trial plantings at SOSI.

In the past the Administration has issued vegetable seeds on a wide scale. It is my opinion that the time has come for the people themselves to purchase the seeds. I have approached the Mission at Pagei and asked them if they would stock some packets in their trade store. This they have agreed to do.

Forests

The land boundaries mentioned in No 7 of the objects were ascertained and have been recorded on the Station files. The boundaries of the projected Timber lesse were recorded by a Dept of Forests survey in August 1963 and details can be found in the relevant village books. The complete boundaries are given but , I think, they were obtained by interview within the villages.

Sample plots of Teak and Kamarere were planted in all six villages.

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REST HOUSES.

Three new Rest Houses have been built since the previous Patrol and they are at IMBIO No 1, YO and SUMUMUNI. The Rest Houses in the remaining villages were adequate and all villages have built Police Barracks.

HEALTH.

All villages were medically examined by Health Educator JOHN LAMUKA. Serious cases were sent to VANIMO and the others to the nearest Aid Post.

There is one Aid Post in the Census Division and that is at IMBRINIS. The original building acts as a clinic and two wards have been built by the people of SUMUMUNI and IMBIO.

The only noticeable trend was the peoples' reluctance to take children to the Aid Post when seriously ill and in such cases that the children were taken to an Aid Post it was usually brought back to the village if it looked like dying.

The peoples attitude is far from enlightened and they seem to recognise a penicillin injection as the only form of good medicine.

LAMUKA has submitted his monthly report to P.H.D. LAE which deals more fully with the peoples attitudes and beliefs andalso details of sickness noticed by him.

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EDUCATION.

There is no recognised school in the census division the nearest being the Catholic Mission school at OSSIMA. A total of 25 children from the Census Division attend this school as borders.

The schools that exist are ostensibly only Bible classes. However in certain cases the matter does not seem to rest at religious instruction.

At IMBRINIS, IMBIO No1 and 2 the Catholic Mission have catechists. After interviewing the three teachers concerne it appeared that the elements of Standard 1 were being taught at IMBRINIS and IMBIO 1 by the teachers without qulifications.

There is a similar type of school at SUMUMUNI staffed by an S.D.A. Pastor.

ROADS and BRIDGES.

There are no vehicular roads but adequate walking tracks. At the time of the Patrol they were mostly dry and in good repair.

The Patrol walked from YO to SAMARARU instead of backing which has been practised on previous occaisions. This track is very good and follows the Western bank of the SEREI creek for all but one mile of the journey.

AIRFIELDS.

The only Airfield is the one under construction at SUMUMUNI.

The present dimensions are 450ft levelled but not compacted. A further 300ft exists through the old village site which will need little preparation. Further extensions will have to be made through garden areas on a bearing of 60 degs from north. The projected width appears to be 100ft. This Airstrip has been under construction on and off for years and has also been sited on a different bearing.

It is impossible to estimate when if ever this strip will be completed. At its present rate it seems unlikely that it will reach D.C.A. standards in the near future.

DECIMAL CURRENCY.

The present system of money is barely understood by the majority of the people in this area. However some of the more intelligent, have fully grasped pounds, shillings, and pence therefore I see little reason why they will not fully understand Dollars and Cents.

All villages were given a talk on the new currency emphasising the equivilents of £1, 10/- and the one shilling piece. If they understand these three equivalents then they will be fairly well prepared for the change over.

As yet no indications are apperent of the peoples thinking on the subject - for or against.

The only assistance available were quantities of the Pidgin booklet - Dollars and cents. As ninety per cent of the population cannot read or write their use is rather limited. No charts or pictures were available and, I feel, they could be used effectively in the future. There is still time especially if the money will take some months to penetrate.

I cannot honestly claim great success but the seed has been sown and it may grow of its own accord. The general interest was not great and no questions were asked.

CONCLUSION.

The following objects were not achieved for the reasons stated.

No 2 The writer did not pass through this camp.
Nos 8 & 10 The Patrol was recalled to the Station before reaching AWOL or OSSIMA.

The census was well attended and the new Village Population Registers were used (Appendix 1).

The future of the area may well depend on the Timber lease. Should the latter become a fact then a considerable amount of money will be released into the area. This will alter the situation and the work in this area will have to be redirected. However the situation must be considered at the present time. At present miracles cannot be expected and all that can be hoped for is an increasingly better standard of living and health.

Gerald.G.Howard.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION

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APPENDIX 3

PAGEI PATROL No3 65/66

IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION

COCONUT TREES

VILLAGE	CENSUS POP	MATURE COCONUTS	IMMATURE COCONUTS	TOTAL	COCONUTS PER HEAD
IMBIO No 1	129	7228	905	8133	63.1
IMBIO No 3	125	679	528	1207	9.6
IMBRINIS	138	3026	1704	4730	34.3
SAMAHARU	41	407	73	480	10.2
SUMUMUNI	133	284	108	392	3.0
YO	64	186	177	363	5.7
TOTAL	630	11810	3495	15305	

NOTE. These figures were obtained by a D.A.S.F. field worker during a routine census check.

APPENDIX 4.

PAGEI PATROL No 3 65/66

IMBIO CENSUS DIVISION

INCIDENCE OF VEGETABLE CROPS IN VILLAGE GARDENS

VILLAGE	CENSUS POPULATION	TARO	KAU KAU	TOMATO	BEAN	CHINESE CABBAGE	PEANUT	YAM	TAPIOCA	ONION	MELON	PUMKIN	MAIZE CORN
IMBIO No1	129	21	32	-	3	4	-	2	6	1	-	-	-
IMBIO No3	125	16	14	-	2	8	1	1	16	1	-	-	-
IMBRINIS	138	27	12	7	17	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
SAMARARU	41	5	6	5	-	6	1	4	1	1	-	4	4
SUMUMUNI	133	27	12	2	-	3	-	1	4	1	-	1	-
YO	64	15	16	17	2	2	6	3	3	5	1	14	-
TOTALS	630	111	92	31	~~30~~ 24	30	8	11	30	8	1	26	4

NOTE. The above figures were obtained by a D.A.S.F. field worker during a routine census check.

APPENDIX 5a.

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The Commissioner of Police
Koedobu.

PAGEI PATROL POST
6th October 65

9169 Con 1/c SAIM

9/9/65 13 Days PAGEI IMBIO CD EXCELLENT WORTHY OF PROMOTION G.G.HOWARD.

APPENDIX 5b.

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PAGEI PATROL POST

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6th October 65

The Commissioner of Police.
Konedobu

10208 Con 5/y KOKOI

9/9/65 13 Days PAGEI IMBIO CD FAIR ONLY DISINTERESTED AND IDLE G.C.HOWARD.

APPENDIX 6.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67-1-4
If calling ask for
Mr.

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

9th September 1965.

Mr.C.P.O.Howard,
Patrol Post,
Pagei.

Patrol Instructions.

Please be prepared to depart on patrol to the Imbio Census Division on the 11th September 1965. The objects of the patrol are as follows:-

1. Carry out a census revision of the Imbio Division.
2. Visit the LAPOON CAMP between AINBAI and SUMUMUNI and guage its usage.
3. Forestry labourer Panki will accompany you and plant small sample plots of Teak and Kamarere in each village to judge their potential.
4. Health Educator, John Lamuka, will accompany you and give talks in the villages on health hygiene and sanitation.
5. An agricultural worker will accompany you to continue the work of planting out prepared nurseries and set out new ones where asked.
6. Give a talk in each village on the decimal currency changeover.
7. Try to establish land boundaries along the tracks for timber rights purchase.
8. Check condition of area to be cleared for rice at AWOL. The seed rice is to be planted in November.
9. Determine length and breadth of the Airstrip at SUMUMUNI and the condition.
10. Call PAGEI on the radio from the mission station at OSSIMA.

Take Const 1/c SIAM as patrol N.C.O. and one other Const.

Draw sufficient rations for 20 carriers to SUMUMUNI and rations for 12 days for other members of the patrol.

Good luck.

Robert.L.O'Connell
Officer-in-charge.

APPENDIX 7a

67-1-4

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

16th October 1965.

The Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
SISSANO.

Native Complaint.

During the course of a recent patrol a complaint was made against MENI/NEMO believed to be living with his wife SUMA/AMARKIS at SERRA.

WORASO/MOPA of SAMARARU village complained that MENI also of SAMARARU stole £5 from her house on the night of 12/13th September 1965.

It would be appreciated if you would inform MENI that he is required at PAGEI in order that the matter may be investigated.

Gerald.G.Howard.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX 7b.

67-1-4

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

15th October 1965.

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

Native Complaint.

During the course of a recent patrol the people of SAMARARU complained that a man PAULUS of RAWO, together with some men from WINGERRA, had shot a crocodile inside land belonging to SAMARARU on the BASU river.

The incident was witnessed by NEMO of SAMARARU and it took place in Septemberv of this year.

It would be appreciated if you would investigate the matter from Vanimo.

Gerald.G.Howard.
Cadet Patrol Officer.