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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

W A U, A S E K I

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. Wau No. 4 of 1967/68

Patrol Conducted by J.E. WHITE C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BIARU CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....
Const. HOREMBOPA Reg.No. 7582
Natives.....
Const. AUR Reg.No. 1099+

Duration—From 13./11./19.67 to 28./11./19.67

Number of Days..... 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19..... February, 1967

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

Map Reference..... Morobe District, July 1963

Objects of Patrol..... 1. Political Education for coming H of A elections
2. Census Revision 3. Investigate shooting of birds of paradise
4. Preparation of helicopter launching pads 5. Routine Administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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[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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March 8th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL REPORT NO.4 OF 1967/68

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. J.E. White's patrol report of his visit to the BIARU Census Division. Comments on the report by the A.D.C. Wau and yourself are noted with thanks.

All matters raised in the report have been covered by either yourself or the A.D.C. Wau. I hope Mr White will benefit from the advice given.

The report was well presented and of interest and Mr White should endeavour to maintain this standard of reporting. Village Officials should be encouraged in their duties and the short course would no doubt benefit them greatly.

A satisfactory report of a patrol carried out with enthusiasm.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



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Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

23rd January, 1968.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

WAU PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68

Attached please find a report of Wau Patrol No. 4 of 1967/68 to the Biaru Census Division, conducted by Mr. J.E. White, Cadet Patrol Officer. Covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wau accompany the report.

2. A short course of instruction at Wau for village officials may be of benefit in helping these men realise their responsibilities and at the same time, enhance their authority in the eyes of the village people.
3. Officers of Mr. White's juniority should be circumspect in reprimanding village officials who in many cases have probably served the Administration for many years.
4. Mr. White was correct in not becoming too involved at this stage in the marriage customs of these people however much he may have been shocked by them. Time and education will eventually overcome any undesirable aspects of the native marriage system. This area suffers from isolation and lack of communication and its economic prospects are not good.
5. The Assistant District Commissioner at Wau has been asked to ensure that follow-up action is taken to have the T.B. suspect treated.
6. Mr. White has obviously applied himself in his field work with his usual enthusiasm, and his report is well presented and interesting.

H.P. Seale

(H.P. SEALE)

District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
W A U.
Morobe District.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
L A E.

PATROL NO.4: REPORT OF A PATROL
OF THE BIARU C.D.

Attached is a report by Mr.J. White, Patrol Officer,
of a patrol of the Biaru C.D.

The main purpose was political education, to conclude
the political education programme prior to the completion
date, 27th November 1967.

It is noted that considerable numbers of the Biaru
people have settled at Kokoro on the Papuan side of the
border. It has previously been determined that these
people be administered from Kukipi as they are more readily
contacted by patrols up the Chisholm River.

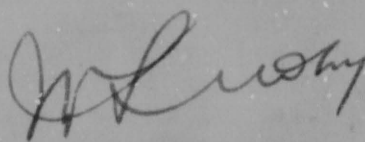
The standard of housing is good; all houses are
built with timbered floors raised above the ground.

Mr. White paid particular attention to the political
education programme and this section of the report is
very interesting.

It is to be hoped that the succeeding patrols will
induce better standards in the marriage system and dis-
courage the child minding practice where problems are
raised over future rights to custody of the children.

The remoteness of the Biaru, with long distances
between it and the Biangai, creates great difficulties
towards development of the Biaru. The high absentee rate
of 44% would hinder local development especially where
road-work is required.

Mr. White submitted his patrol report promptly.
The delay in forwarding it was due to my attention to
town problems since my own patrol of the Elea. Mr. White's
claim for camp allowance is attached.



I.B. TUOHY
Assistant District Commissioner.

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DISTRICT

MOROBE

SUB-DISTRICT

WAU

REPORT No.

WAU No. 4 of 1967/68

PATROL CONDUCTED BY

J.E. WHITE C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED

BIARU CENSUS DIVISION

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY

Const. HOREMBOPA Reg.No. 7582

Const. AUR Reg.No. 10994

DURATION OF PATROL

13/11/67 to 28/11/67. 16 days

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA

February, 1967

OBJECTS OF PATROL

1. Political Education for coming H of A elections.
2. Census Revision.
3. Investigate shooting of birds of paradise.
4. Preparation of helicopter launching pads.
5. Routine Administration.

MAP REFERENCE

Morobe District, July 1963.

INTRODUCTION

The Biaru census division lies directly south of Wau and takes approximately three days' walking to arrive at the first of the census villages. The villages lie in close proximity to the Papua/New Guinea border. In fact the nearest of the villages is only seven hours walk from the border.

This census division is the most isolated of the Wau sub-district and the people do not see Administration patrols on many occasions. This I believe has some effect on the people's attitude towards the Administration, which will be expounded fully in the body of the report.

The original patrol instructions for this patrol were altered verbally just before its departure. The ADC at Wau patrolled the Eloa census division and so it was left to this patrol to concentrate only on the Biaru census division.

The objects of the patrol were achieved. Political education talks were held and the relevant literature distributed to help prepare these people for the coming House of Assembly elections. The census was revised, inquiries made into suspected shootings of birds of paradise, helicopter launching pads prepared in two of the villages, and routine administration carried out in the form of general discussions and construction of a new resthouse.

PATROL DIARY

13/11/67	Departed by truck for Kaisenik, arriving 1.00 PM. Departed Kaisenik 1.15 PM Arrived No.1 Waterbung 3.15 PM Rounding up carriers for walk into Biaru.
14/11/67	Departed No.1 Waterbung 7.45 AM Arrived No.2 Waterbung 2.15 PM Cleared bush and erected tent flys.
15/11/67	Departed No.2 Waterbung 6.40 AM Arrived Wudsini 2.30 PM Spent rest of afternoon repairing resthouse and campsite. Talks with luluai in evening.
16/11/67 17/11/67	Resting at Wudsini. Cleared stretch of ground for helicopter landing. Census revised for Wudsini and Daudoz villages and talks given on House of Assembly elections, coffee marketing, medical aid. Enquiries made into shooting of birds of paradise.
18/11/67	Departed Wudsini 8.45 AM Arrived Ilavu 9.15 AM Census revised. Political Education talks. Discussions on medical aid and coffee marketing. Departed Ilavu 10.45 AM Arrived Tauris 11.30 AM Census revised, political education talks, discussions on shooting of birds of paradise and medical aid.

PATROL DIARY (Cont).

18/11/67 (Cont) Talks held at night on coffee marketing problems.

19/11/67 Sunday. Observed.

20/11/67 Departed Tauris 7.55 AM
Arrived Kemb'aka Hamlet 8.15 AM
Housing and sanitation inspected and discovered TB suspect.
Departed Kemb'aka hamlet 10.00 AM
Arrived Tori 1.00 PM
Repaired campsite. Village lined and censused and talks and demonstrations given on political education.
Attended sing-sing at night.
Resthouse pulled down.
Levelling ground on top of kunai mountain for helicopter landing.
Clearing ground and marking new resthouses - work started.
Erected tent fly for sleeping overnight.

21/11/67 Police remained at Tori to supervise work on resthouse and helicopter landing.
Departed Tori 8.20 AM
Arrived Gorua 10.10 AM
Census revised. Talks, explanations and demonstrations on House of Assembly elections. Many discussions held at night on marriage custom due to pregnant woman being dismissed from village. Talks on adoption system.

22/11/67 Departed Gorua 9.00 AM
Arrived Tori 12.00 PM
Working in afternoon on new resthouse and marking and clearing site for police resthouse.

23/11/67 Departed Tori 8.45 AM
Arrived Tauris 11.30 AM
Rested for half hour.
Departed Tauris 12.00 PM
Arrived Wudsini 1.00 PM
Resting at Wudsini rounding up carriers for the walk back to Wau.

24/11/67 Departed Wudsini 6.30 AM
Arrived on mountain above No.2 Waterbung 1.30 PM.
Prepared camp in pouring rain, erecting tent flys.

25/11/67 Became ill during night but managed to Depart Mountain 8.00 AM
Arrive No.2 Waterbung 10.30 AM
Rested for half an hour.
Departed No.2 Waterbung 11.00 AM
Arrived No.1 Waterbung 4.30 PM.
Arrived again in heavy rain.

26/11/67 Departed No.1 Waterbung 8.30 AM
Arrived Kaisenik 10.30 AM
Paid carriers off and set landrover and returned to Wau.

27/11/67

28/11/67

END OF PATROL DIARY.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.RECEPTION OF PATROL

The reception given this patrol varied in its enthusiasm among the various villages. Some villages failed to make preparations and resthouses had to be repaired by the patrol on its arrival.

The people complained of a food shortage and yet plenty was brought forward once money was offered.

The odd sing-sing was held at night but the dressing up and decorations seem to have disappeared with growing sophistication.

VILLAGES

The material used in housing construction varies considerably in this area. Some use pandanus for both roof and walls, others use bark for the walls and sometimes for the roof also while others prefer to build the walls with timber cut roughly by tomahawk.

A notable point was the complete absence of kunai roofs in this area. All houses had a raised floor two feet from the ground and in some instances I observed the use of doors and door hinges and steps leading up to the door.

Some of the housing needs replacing but the general overall standard could be called reasonable and comparable with other areas. Inspections of both housing and sanitation were carried out by this patrol. Kemb'aka hamlet had exceptionally good housing with some new constructions. Gorua village, the most distant of the census division, also had a good housing standard.

At Tauris village the people have trouble digging latrines. The village has areas of stone to contend with and have had to dig their latrines all close together in one section of the village. This is not very desirable health wise and was pointed out to these people.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

The luluai from Wudsini, Mapi/I'ip, let this patrol down badly. The patrol visited his village on two occasions and he failed to make any preparations both times. He was severely reprimanded by me. I hope he co-operates on the next patrol's visit or I recommend his replacement.

Some luluais are absent working in towns. This makes village supervision difficult. All village officials tend to wander like other members of their village and its hard to find somebody who you know will be present in his village over the full year.

The most helpful village official in this census division was the tul tul from Gorua. The preparations of his village were the best found and this village also has the best resthouse.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

One of the main objects of this patrol was to lecture and distribute leaflets and booklets provided by the Administration on the coming House of Assembly elections.

My lectures were usually on the following lines:-

1. Procedure taken for voting on polling day.
2. Filling in the ballot paper.
3. Discussions and demonstrations of the preferential voting system.
4. Description of House of Assembly - number of members, situated in Pt. Moresby, etc.
5. The duties of each elected member and his responsibilities to his electorate.

I made an effort particularly to give these people an understanding of the preferential voting system. I held demonstrations on this by getting three people to stand apart and act as candidates. Having, for example, seven people line behind one candidate (acting as number of votes), six behind one, and only two behind the other. I then explained that as the candidate with only two votes is the first to be eliminated, his two votes are distributed to the remaining two candidates on the basis of their second preference on the ballot paper. I purposely put these two people behind the candidate with six votes to show how he could defeat the candidate with seven votes, even though the other was ahead on the primary count.

The people were told that the House of Assembly would now have eighty four elected members. That these people represent the whole of Papua and New Guinea and that on polling day elections are carried out throughout the Territory and not just in the Kaindi electorate.

I pointed out that their member had two first and foremost responsibilities.

He had to bring to them a commentary on discussions held and laws passed in the House of Assembly.

He had to listen to their problems and if they had any particular project in mind they could get him to speak out about it in the House of Assembly.

Two helicopter launching pads were prepared - at Wudsini and Tori villages. These can be used for the elections if needed. The one at Tori is situated on a kunai hill above the village while the one at Wudsini was prepared on an old school area, near the edge of the Biaru river. The one at Tori measures 30 yds by 20 yds while the one at Wudsini measures 70 yds by 35 yds.

Enquiries were made into alleged shooting of birds of paradise. Each village in turn reported they knew of no such shootings to their knowledge. I emphasised the seriousness of the offence and they appeared to understand, especially as they informed me that people had been imprisoned or fined over this offence previously.

These Biaru people have a shocking marriage system. They take a woman and live with her for a while (no bride price is paid) and if they decide they like her they get married later on in a church. However if the man decides he doesn't want her he just sends her away, sometimes when the woman is pregnant. Although this system has obviously prevailed throughout the years I told them I disliked it intensely because of its lack of responsibility especially where a child results.

I was a little wary about involving myself in a local native custom without inquiring first in this report to the District Commissioner. I believe the problem is serious because of

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION (Cont).

the number of children who live without their original parents. I'm not sure how this can be overcome because of the isolation of these people and the lack of DDA patrols that pass into the area.

"Child swapping" on the lines of the old native adoption system is very prevalent in this area. Children are given away to other village members or to people in other villages during their first couple of years after birth. Trouble comes when a few years later the original parents say that the guardian is not looking after the child well enough and they attempt to get him or her back.

Some 101 men, women and children are absent from this census division looking for gold in the Kokoro area. Kokoro is situated about ten miles on the Papuan side of the border and three days' walk from the closest Biaru village. These 101 absentees represent one ninth of the total population.

There is a particularly high absentee rate from this census division when you consider that 526 people were found present in their villages out of a total population of 941. This represents an absentee rate of 44% of the total population. Apart from Kokoro, some are the usual absentees working in the main towns, while others are working for local missionaries in the Garaina area.

AGRICULTURE

Many good quality vegetables were observed by this patrol.

Corn was in abundance and this seems to have been introduced significantly into their diet. There appeared a shortage of sweet potato although many sweet potato gardens were observed on the side of the hills leading down to the village.

Some coffee is being grown in this area. Mainly situated close to the river. Some is shaded and appears reasonably cared for. However many people have given coffee away for the expected quicker remuneration of finding gold in Kokoro.

The one main factor limiting the agricultural development of this area is the marketing problem. The area lies three days' walk from Wau and at least two to three days' from Garaina. They cannot market vegetables because they are too perishable and would last only the first couple of days walk towards Wau. They also say that after carrying their coffee all the way they have trouble selling it in Wau.

Two ways of improving transportation were discussed with these people.

I suggested they could improve their foot track for a start, by levelling it on the mountainside to a gradual ascent to make coffee carrying a little easier. They could possibly build a storehouse somewhere on the road and store it all there first so that this would leave only half the walking to complete. By storing it all first they could carry it all together and so help one another on the road.

The other suggestion was the possibility of purchasing donkeys. I am now making inquiries from Agriculture to find out the purchase price and whether these people have to show by qualification whether they understand breeding and the diet for the donkeys and control of diseases and infections.

RESTHOUSES

I constructed a new resthouse at Tori village. I didn't put a raised floor in it but worked a bamboo matting with bamboo walls and a pandanus roof.

The people were disconsolate, to say the least, about building a new resthouse. If I hadn't remained to supervise it, it would never have been built. They even tried to use the old rotten posts from the old resthouse for the new one. They were quite upset when I made them go into the bush and get new timber.

The resthouse at Tauris was in reasonable condition and the one at Gorua very good. The roof of the resthouse at Wudsini was repaired on arrival and the whole camp here had to be renovated.

CARRIERS

Carriers in the Biaru were reasonably easy to obtain.

For the three days' walk into the Biaru rice and tinned meat was supplied to the carriers. Coming back out of the Biaru sweet potato and vegetables were purchased and carried with the patrol.

I suggest future patrols always count the number of carriers before they depart on long walks here, otherwise twice the original number try and line up for pay at the other end.

HEALTH

At the moment the Biaru census division has no Aid Post orderly. One is usually situated at [redacted] village but was called back to strengthen the staff at Wau [redacted] some time ago. I enquired to the Medical Assistant on [redacted] to Wau who informed me that the Aid Post orderly could be [redacted] to the Biaru in five or six weeks' time. I hope this is so because there were many complaints such as tropical ulcers, scabies, and colds brought to this patrol's attention.

I found a TB suspect at Kemb'aka hamlet during a housing inspection there. His name is Kopiarup/Asi aged approx. 45. The people were told that he was to be carried by them with the patrol when it passed back through the area again on its return to Wau. However the people refused saying that it was the Administration's responsibility to send a helicopter.

EDUCATION

There are two mission schools in the census division - at Wudsini and Tauris villages. The teachers were absent and it appears that these two schools have started school holidays.

From what I could gather these two schools hold few pupils and children who go to school from this area usually go to Wau, Kaisenik or Garaina.

It was impossible to estimate the number of children attending schools from the Biaru because the local people hadn't knowledge of whether children absent in town areas were attending school or not.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

There are no vehicular roads in the area. The foot track through from Kaisenik to the Biaru is in reasonable condition when one considers the distance in between (some three days' walking) and the small population in the Biaru census division. There are no villages or even small hamlets on this three day walk and so theonus falls on the Biaru people to maintenance the foot track.

Discussions were held with the people to try to interest them towards improving the track for coffee carrying. This is important here because these people use this track for coffee carrying and if they spent some time levelling the track or mountain slopes to a gradual inclination it would make things easier for them.

CENSUS

The census for this census division was revised for the first time since January, 1966.

42 births were recorded and 19 deaths. Some of the births recorded were absentees in towns.

There is a 44% absenteeism from the area. The most significant figures were absentees inside the district :-

116 adult males
98 adult females
78 male children
73 female children

The birth rate for 1966 was 1.3 per 100 and for 1967 3.2 per 100.

The death rate for 1966 was 1.4 per 100 and for 1967 0.6 per 100.

There was a natural decrease in 1966 of 0.1 and a natural increase in 1967 of 2.6.

526 people were present in their villages at the time of the census out of a total population of 941.

John E. White
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John E. White
Cadet Patrol Officer

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REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAFUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY.

WAU PATROL No. 4 of 1967/68.

Name.	Conduct.	Remarks.
Const. HOREMBOFA Reg.No. 7582	Good.	Reliable.
Const. AUR Reg.No. 10994	Good.	Good patrolling constable.

John E. White

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John E. White
Cadet Patrol Officer

WAV PATROL NO. 4 OF 1967/68

DRAWN BY: JOHN E. WHITE C.P.O.

BIARU CENSUS DIVISION

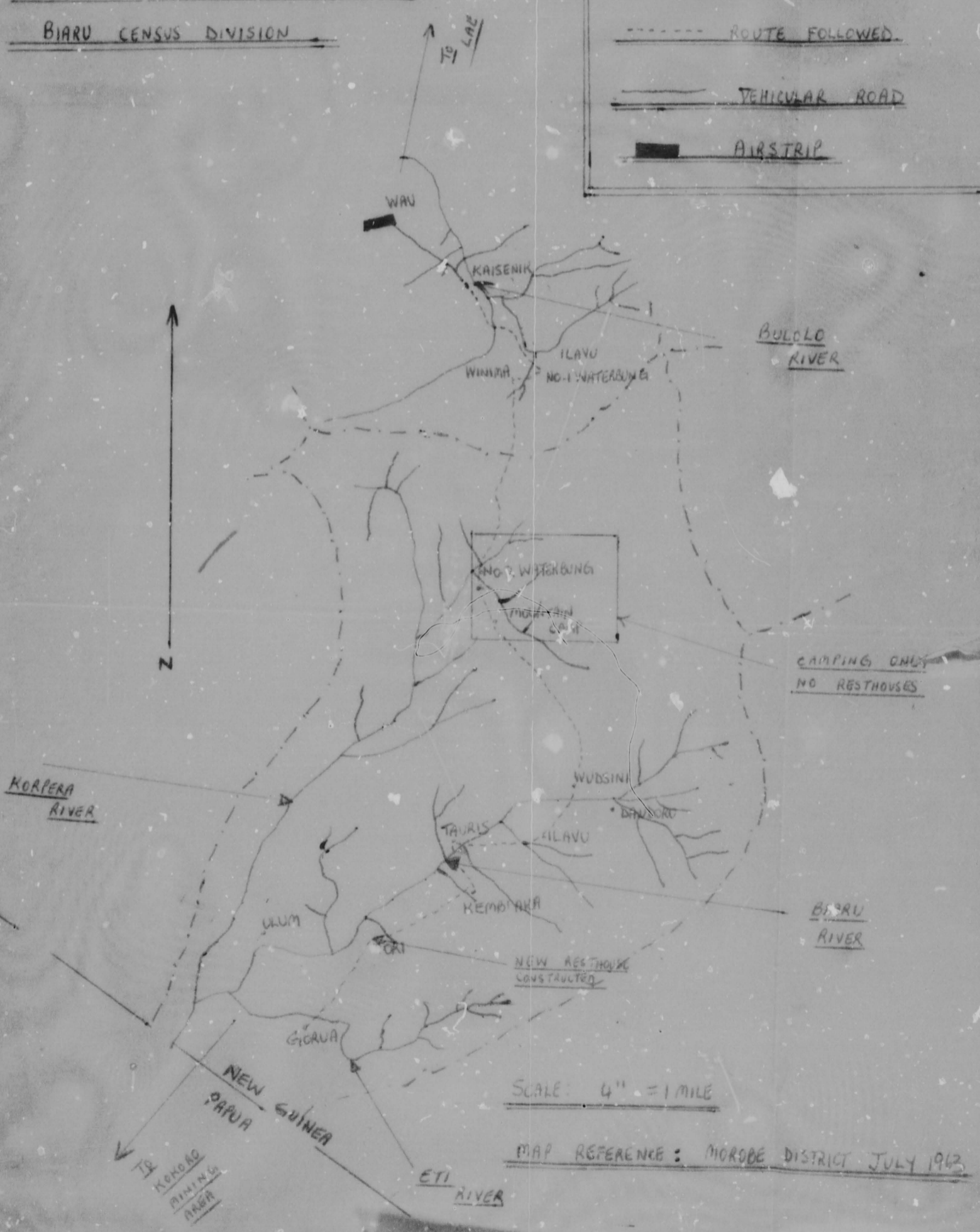
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--- CENSUS DIVISION

----- ROUTE FOLLOWED

===== VEHICULAR ROAD

■ AIRSTRIP



BULOLO RIVER

CAMPING ONLY
NO RESTHOUSES

BIARU RIVER

KORPERA RIVER

SCALE: 4" = 1 MILE

MAP REFERENCE: MOROBE DISTRICT JULY 1963

ETU RIVER

NEW GUINEA
PAPUA

TO
KOKORO
MINING
AREA

TO
LAE

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. Wau No. 5 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by J.E. WHITE C.P.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER WATUT CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives Const. JEGERU-KEKE Reg. No. 6934

Duration—From 18 / 12 / 19 67 to 22 / 12 / 19 67

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19 August, 1967

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol 1. Investigation of rumoured cargo cults

2. Talks on mechanics of voting for coming H of A elections

3. General administration

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25 / 1 / 1968

District Commissioner

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-6-35

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

6th March, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

WAU PATROL NO. 5 of 1967/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- * ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- * Patrol Report No. 5 of 1967/68

covering patrol by Mr. J. B. White to the Upper Watut
Census Division.

Covering notes adequately cover the contents of this
report which was brief and not to the required pro forma.

(T. W. Ellis)

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Department of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
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23rd January, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WAU PATROL NO. 5 OF 1967/68

Attached please find copy of a report of Wau Patrol No. 5 of 1967/68, conducted by Mr. J.E. White, Cadet Patrol Officer to the Upper Watut Census Division. Covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner accompany the report.

2. This patrol was a fairly brief one but Mr. White should have submitted a more comprehensive report and has been instructed that reports should follow the proforma as laid down in standing instructions.

3. The covering notes by the Assistant District Commissioner adequately cover the contents of this report.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
WAU.
5th January, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner
Sub-District Office,
WAU.

WAU PATROL No.5 of 1967/68.

INTRODUCTION

As per your instructions issued to me on 18/12/67 the Upper Watut Census Division was patrolled by me for five days from 18/12/67 to 22/12/67.

The patrol's objectives were achieved.

Investigations were made into rumoured cult activities in the area, talks were held on mechanics of voting for the coming House of Assembly elections and general administration matters were attended to as they arose.

RUMOURED CULT ACTIVITIES

During my five days in the Upper Watut area I was able to visit most villages.

I held general discussions with these people on village affairs and social life to see if I could obtain discreetly any information that may substantiate cult activities.

The people appeared to be still maintaining their gardens, attending church and visiting the local aid posts for medical attention. In other words, there appeared nothing out of the ordinary to normal village life.

The people were asked about money collected and given to Anani of YAUWIPU village. Anani had been rumoured as being a key figure in cult activities.

The idea of the collection was that of the various village leaders themselves. Apparently the idea was to collect money to be used as taxation for the future Local Government Council.

I informed the people of the proper procedure for collecting taxation at the time Councillors are elected and that all this money prematurely collected and given to Anani is to be returned. They are to visit Anani and re-collect their money.

TALKS ON MECHANICS OF VOTING FOR COMING HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Although a patrol has already visited the area for election propoganda purposes the opportunity was taken for further discussions on the mechanics of voting.

The main discussions were on the form of voting procedure on polling day and explanations of the preferential voting system.

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TALKS ON MECHANICS OF VOTING FOR COMING HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

The people seem to have trouble grasping preferential voting. I took trouble to not only explain but demonstrate this system with the intention of trying to keep informal votes down to a minimum for the coming election.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

No significant disputes were brought to the patrol's attention. There was a dispute between Saranda and Kaumanga/Wandini villages over pigs destroying gardens. The people were informed of the law for dealing with the problem. The people owning the pigs were told to fence them in as the quickest means of solving the problem.

The aid posts observed were all inspected by this patrol. These were situated at Andarora and Yokua.

The APO, Kais, of Yokua enquired to me as to why he has not as yet been promoted to APO Grade 2. I intend to take this matter up directly with Dept. Of Public Health.

Both aid posts inspected appeared in good order.

CONCLUSION

This area could be particularly hard to patrol in a few years. The attitude towards the Administration is far from pleasing and no receptions were received by this patrol.

The young men who are still present on occasions in the area are becoming increasingly arrogant and in some cases refuse point blankedly to carry cargo.

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John E. White
Cadet Patrol Officer

Refer F.O.J. No's 22 to 26.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. Wau No. 6 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by J.E. WHITE C.P.O.

Area Patrolled PART BIANGAI AND ELOA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Const. WAM Reg. No. 9235

Natives..... Const. KATUAUP Reg. No. 9442

Duration—From 29/12/1967 to 3/1/1968

Number of Days..... 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19..... November, 1967

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol To locate Mr. Bob Eccleston, Treasury Clerk Wau.

Overdue from a Christmas bushwalk.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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February 26th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Iae,
Morobe District.

WAU PATROL REPORT NO.6 OF 1967/68

Mr. J.E. White's patrol report of his patrol to the Blangai and Eloa Census Division is acknowledged with thanks.

It must have been a relief to Mr. Bocklestone to have been found so quickly. Mr. White has adequately covered his activities and no further comment is necessary.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Director



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22nd January, 1968.

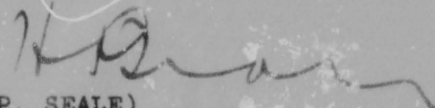
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
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WAW PATROL NO. 6 OF 1967/68

Attached please find Waw Report No. 6 of 1967/68 conducted by Mr. J. E. White, Cadet Patrol Officer. Covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner accompany the report.

The purpose of this patrol was to locate Mr. R. Ecclestone of Waw who had become lost during a bushwalking trip.

Mr. White is to be commended on the manner in which he carried out this patrol.


(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Sub- District Office,
WAU.

9th January, 1967.

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Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
WAU.

WAU PATROL No. 6 of 1967/68.

On Friday, 29th December, 1967 I mounted a patrol (as per your instructions) for purposes of locating Mr. Eccleston, Treasury Clerk Wau. Mr. Eccleston was overdue from a Christmas bush walk.

On leaving Wau I knew Mr. Eccleston was in the Eloa census division but his exact position was unknown.

I proceeded to Kaisenik by truck and then spent some time trying to gather some carriers together for the first walk to WINIMA village.

I made camp at WINIMA and during the night received a message from Mr. Eccleston stating his position and that he was in poor condition due to leg injuries and no food.

Mr. Eccleston stated his position which was about two days' walk from WINIMA near a position commonly referred to as DRAIWARA. (It should be noted that after WINIMA the area is completely uninhabited. There being no village for up to four days until you reach ANANDEA in the ELOA census division).

The next morning, Saturday the 30th, I realised I would never obtain enough carriers so I took the necessities out of my cargo boxes and put them into net bags for the few available women to carry. The cargo boxes were left in the luluai's house at WINIMA.

I departed WINIMA at 6.30 AM and walked as far as an open grass valley known as KUDJERU. Arriving 1.00 PM. I made camp and sent two of my small carrier line on ahead with food and a message for Mr. Eccleston. The message stating that I would be with him the next day.

On Sunday morning, the 31st of December, I broke camp at 6.30 AM and met Mr. Eccleston on the track near DRAIWARA at 11.00 AM. The two carriers I had sent in the night before were helping him with his cargo and he was found limping very slowly along the track.

We spent the night on top of a mountain overlooking DRAIWARA. Camp was prepared under heavy rain - it continued to rain throughout the night. Mr. Eccleston's legs were dressed with the medicines I had available.

On Monday morning, the 1st of January, 1968, we walked very slowly and eventually got as far as KUDJERU on the return journey, about 2.40 PM. Camp was made for the night.

On Tuesday, the 2nd January, we broke camp at 7.00 AM and again progressed very slowly but managed to make WINIMA village at 5 PM in the evening after ten hours.

On Wednesday the 3rd January, we arrived back at

WAU PATROL No.6 (Continued).

KAISENIK at 2.00 PM. The landrover met us at KAISENIK and we returned to Wau.

CONCLUSION.


I hope Mr. Eccleston has learned a lesson from this experience and that he stays away from the bush in future.

He is definitely not a bushwalker and when this patrol found him he was incapable of going much further. He had no food and no carriers and could hardly walk.

A word of thanks should go to the patrolling police who co-operated well considering it was the New Year holidays and tent flys had to be erected and campsites cleared each day.

Also a word of thanks to the women of WINIMA village who consented to helping me with my cargo under difficult conditions.

The carriers were paid at the rate of one dollar per day.


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John E. White
Cadet Patrol Officer

Refer F.O.J. No's 26 to 28.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. WAU No. 8 of 1967/68.

Patrol Conducted by J. E. WHITE P.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER WATUT and KAREEBA-INDIWI CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Abel Winawana Clerical Asst. Wau.
Natives 2 members of R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 16 / 2 / 19 68 to 13 / 3 / 19 68

Number of Days 27

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services January, 1968.

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Wau Strat. Series.

- Objects of Patrol 1. To conduct polling for the House of Assembly elections.
2. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-6-47

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

21st May, 19 68

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
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PATROL NO. WAU 8-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by J.E. WHITE P.O.
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to Census Divisions.

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(T.W. ELLIS)
Director *JS*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

11th April, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

WAU PATROL NO. 8 OF 1967/68 -
UPPER WATUT & KAREEBA-INDIWI CENSUS DIVISIONS
MR. J.E. WHITE, PATROL OFFICER

Attached you will find copy of report on the abovementioned patrol, together with sketch map and copy of comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wau.

- 2. The A.D.C.'s comments adequately cover the content of this report.
- 3. The patrol was of a special nature for the purpose of conducting the House of Assembly elections in these census divisions. You will note that Mr. R. Swift, Deputy Secretary, Department of External Territories, accompanied the patrol and according to the A.D.C. Wau, was impressed at the standard of the work done. Little further comment is required. I am glad to see that Mr. White is maintaining his obvious interest in field matters.

H.P. Seale

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

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Sub - District Office,
W.A.U.
Morobe District.

2nd April 1968.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
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PATROL REPORT NO 8/67-68.

UPPER WATUT AND KAREEBA - INDIWI JENSUS DIVISION.

Herewith please find the patrol report by Patrol Officer Mr J. White.

The patrol was primarily for the conduct of the House of Assembly elections. However Mr White made the most of the time by giving attention to general administrative matters on the patrol.

The conduct of the election appears to have been well done with adequate preliminary talks as to the mechanics of voting. In particular the KAREEBA - INDIWI people have had relatively limited contact, the story of the elections, purposes and procedures will require several repetitive talks.

Consideration will be given to the suggested amendment of the Election Schedule. A patrol of twenty seven days is too close to the limit of duration.

The KAREEBA - INDIWI division may be regrouped with the KAPAU-KAPU, to form a patrol of twenty one days. I will make recommendation on these lines in the Election Report.

Apart from the election keen interest was shown in the problems of Agriculture, Health and Housing. Mr White's patrol will have a beneficial effect on the areas covered especially in the less contacted KAREEBA - INDIWI.

Mr R. Swift, the Deputy Secretary of the Dept. of External Territories accompanied the patrol for the first week. Mr Swift was impressed with the conduct of the elections and of the problems involved in the field work.

Mr White's camp allowance claim is attached.



I.B. TUOHY.
Assistant District Commissioner.

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DISTRICT	MOROBE
SUB-DISTRICT	WAU
REPORT No.	WAU No. 8 of 1967/68.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	J.E. WHITE P.O.
AREA PATROLLED	UPPER WATUT and KAREEBA-INDIWI CENSUS DIVISIONS
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY	Abel WINAWANA Clerical Asst. Wau. 2 members R.P.N.G.C.
DURATION OF PATROL	16/2/68 to 13/3/68. 27 days.
LAST PATROL TO THE AREA	January, 1968.
OBJECTS OF PATROL	1. To conduct polling for the House of Assembly elections. 2. Routine Administration.
MAP REFERENCE	Wau Strat. Series.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was mounted for purposes of polling for the House of Assembly elections.

The patrol lasted for 27 days and covered the Upper Watut and Kareeba-Indiwi census divisions.

The two census divisions lie broadly between Wau and Aseki patrol post. The Upper Watut lying to the north-west of Wau and the Kareeba-Indiwi to the south-east of Aseki patrol post. The two census divisions are separated by the Ekuti Dividing Range which is crossed at some 10,000 feet.

The objects of the patrol - conduct polling for the House of Assembly elections and carry out routine Administration matters as they arose from time to time, were achieved without any major incidents.

The polling was conducted for thirty eight villages in fourteen gazetted polling places - four polling places were provided in the Upper Watut and ten polling places in the Kareeba-Indiwi.

PATROL DIARY

- 16/2/68 Departed Wau by truck with cargo to commence patrol in Upper Watut.
Departed Wau 10.45 AM
Arrived New Tribes Mission in Upper Watut 12.00 PM. Walked to Andarora village to arrange for carriers.
Departed Andarora 1.00 PM
Arrived Pararora 2.00 PM.
- 17/2/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Pararora for villages of Pararora, Andarora, Agaganda, Hawate and Gumi.
- 18/2/68 Departed Pararora 9.00 AM
Arrived Menyi 11.00 AM.
Camped.
- 19/2/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Menyi for Menyi, Imakanata, Kieta, Ikyaua.
Arrival of Mr. Swift, Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Territories, to accompany patrol.
- 20/2/68 Departed Menyi 8.00 AM
Arrived Sapanda 1.00 PM
- 21/2/68 Housing inspection carried out at night.
House of Assembly elections conducted at Sapanda for Sapanda.
Departed Sapanda 12.00 PM
Arrived Yokua 3.00 PM.
- 22/2/68 Talks on elections and court held at night.
House of Assembly elections conducted at Yokua for Yokua, Waiganda, Naute, Totamie, Kaumanga, Wandini, Yauwipu.
- 23/2/68 Departed Yokua 9.20 AM en route Kareeba-Indiwi census division. Mr. Swift departs for roadhead at Naute to meet landrover to return to Wau.
Departed Yokua 9.20 AM
Camped at 1.45 PM in a sweet potato garden in the mountains. Campsite prepared.
- 24/2/68 Broke camp and departed 6.45 AM
Arrived Gumana village in Kareeba-Indiwi census division 1.00 PM. Crossed the Ekuti Dividing Range at 10,000 feet. Track rough in places.

PATROL DIARY (Cont)

25/2/68 Resting at Gumana.
 26/2/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Gumana for Gumana and Hiakwato.
 27/2/68 Departed Gumana 8.00 AM
 Arrived Yeiwini 9.00 AM
 House of Assembly elections conducted at Yeiwini for Yeiwini, Pauamanga, and Anandora.
 28/2/68 Departed Yeiwini 9.00 AM
 Arrived Mouini 11.00 AM
 Discussions with people.
 Camped.
 29/2/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Mouini for Mouini.
 Departed Mouini 10.30 AM
 Arrived Yelaua 12.15 PM.
 INSpected village - discussions.
 Camped.
 1/3/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Yelaua for Yelaua.
 Departed Yelaua 11.00 AM
 Arrived Yagoine 2.00 PM.
 2/3/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Yagoine for Yagoine and Wambogini.
 3/3/68 Resting.
 4/3/68 Departed Yagoine 8.00 AM
 Arrived Hamuni 9.45 AM
 Renovations to resthouse - new one to be constructed.
 House of Assembly elections conducted at Hamuni for Hamuni.
 5/3/68 Resthouse pulled down at Hamuni and new one marked out.
 Departed Hamuni 10.00 AM
 Arrived Anandor 11.45 AM
 House of Assembly elections commenced here but interrupted because of heavy fog. To be continued tomorrow.
 6/3/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Anandor for Anandor, Korenga, Kamanahai, Hauvieweto.
 Departed Anandor 12.00 PM
 Arrived Kekewana 6.00 PM
 Camp in poor state so erected tent fly.
 7/3/68 Resthouse pulled down.
 House of Assembly elections conducted at Kekewana for Kekewana, Tauinni, Aweaka, and Kwampiang.
 8/3/68 Police resthouse pulled down.
 Departed Kekewana 9.00 AM
 Arrived Mekini 10.00 AM
 Discussions with people. Camped.
 9/3/68 House of Assembly elections conducted at Mekini for Mekini.
 Departed Mekini 11.00 AM
 Arrived Tangondia 1.00 PM
 Camped.
 Resting.
 House of Assembly elections conducted at Tangondia for Tangondia and Tangiawa.

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PATROL DIARY (Cont)

12/3/68

Departed Tangondia 8.00 AM
Arrived Mungo 1.30 PM

13/3/68

Camped overnight en route Aseki patrol post.
Departed Mungo 8.00 AM
Arrived Aseki patrol post 12.30 PM.
Patrol completed.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTSRECEPTION OF PATROL

These two census divisions showed a marked comparison in reception towards the patrol.

The Upper Watut people gave their usual poor performance in preparations. These people just couldn't care less.

The Kareeba-Indiwi people on the other hand gave the patrol warm receptions. Preparations were made at all rest houses and plenty of food was made available.

HOUSING

There were some interesting points of note regards housing construction in the Kareeba-Indiwi.

Bamboo leaf is being used for roof construction and the roofs made from these leaves are conical in design and very steep. The reason for the roofs being so tall and steep is to provide for a good run-off during periods of heavy rain. The bamboo leaf needs replacing more frequently than kunai and other materials. Also, the overlapping of the roof continues down and covers the lower section of the house. This appears to give the house a little added warmth and protection.

Also in the Kareeba the houses in the centre section of the village are built around a cleared, open section of ground. This is used as a gathering ground for census revision, etc., and is also used for ball games. Quite a good idea because when working you are always centred in the position where you can observe village activity.

At Sapanda village in the Upper Watut at least four houses were condemned by me after a detailed housing inspection. The people were told that they were unsafe both regards hygiene and that they were nearing a state of collapse. The people were ordered to construct new houses.

Some shocking housing was observed in parts of the Kareeba. Anandor village in particular. Some of the houses were propped up with sticks to stop them falling down. The people here told me that they spend a lot of time living in their garden-houses and houses in the village are not used very frequently.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

In the Upper Watut elections have just recently been held for the formation of the Upper Watut Local Government Council. It is much too early as yet to be able to judge the abilities of the various councillors.

The luluais in the Kareeba-Indiwi area are reasonably co-operative and helpful. I suppose one must consider that luluais here only carry influence over certain groups in their village line as in many cases people are still spread about in various hamlets.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

During the conduct of the patrol one observed a rather marked comparison in interest shown by these two census divisions.

The Upper Watut census division is by far the more sophisticated but interest shown here left a lot to be desired. The patrol received poor receptions and there were many absentees from polling. Although this is typical of the Upper Watut area it was thought that because one of the candidates, ANANI, in the Kaindi Open Electorate, comes from the immediate area, this would have made them more enthusiastic than is normally so.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION (Cont).

week in the Upper Watut section. Mr Swift observed the polling at three of the four polling places here. He left the patrol at Yokua village and returned to Wau.

AGRICULTURE

The usual vegetables found in other areas were observed here.

Sweet potato was found in some cases to be poor in quality. This could be related to the topography and fertility of soil as observed in the Kareeba-Indiwi. Many stony outcrops seen here limit the expansion of gardens because the surface of these outcrops extends into the valley areas.

This limit to the shifting around of gardens simply means the exhaustion of fertility in some garden areas.

Coffee in the Kareeba-Indiwi seemed reasonably shaded and cared for in some villages.

The people carry the coffee across the Ekuti Dividing Range to be marketed at the Saiwatut Rural Progress Society. This is a tremendous task because the track crosses the range at some 10,000 feet. Interesting to note that on the track on the way to the society the people have constructed a storehouse where they seem to store the coffee for a while and then help one another in the completion of the carrying.

An Agricultural Officer hasn't visited the area for some time. This is a pity in some ways as the Kareebas seem keen at the moment anyway towards the expansion of coffee projects.

RESTHOUSES

Two resthouses were pulled down under my direction during the patrol. These were at Hamuni and Kekewana villages in the Kareeba-Indiwi.

At Hamuni I marked out a new resthouse at a site further up the hill. The site of the new resthouse was agreed upon by all.

At Kekewana I slept under a tent fly as the resthouse was in shocking condition and was consequently pulled down the next day.

COMPLAINTS

A complaint of assault was heard at Yokua village in the Upper Watut.

Statements were taken and forwarded with the Local Government Councillor and all people involved to Assistant District Commissioner, Wau.

The result was 2 weeks' I.H.L. at Bulolo.

HEALTH AND AID POSTS

Four Aid Post Orderlies were contacted during the patrol. At Andarora and Yokua in the Upper Watut and Yeiwini and Mekini in the Kareeba-Indiwi.

All seemed reasonably conscientious. The Aid Posts at Andarora and Yokua were inspected thoroughly by me on a patrol in December and a quick inspection this time confirmed my opinion that they are being maintained up to standard.

Discussions were held with the Aid Post Orderly at Pauamanga on the patrol's arrival at Yeiwini village. He seemed very interested in his people's well being although it is hard to judge the extent of sympathies as he is usually contacted by Aseki patrols and not from Wau.

At Sapanda village in the Upper Watut area quite a large number of tropical ulcers were observed on young children. The children were lined and those suffering with ulcers were sent to the Aid Post Orderly at Yokua village.

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MISSIONS

In the Kareeba-Indiwi there are only two Lutheran missionaries. At Mekini and Tangondia, the two nearest to Aseki station.

During discussions with one of these missionaries I enquired as to why the Lutheran mission hadn't spread further into this area. He stated that the people in the more distant villages of the Kareeba-Indiwi have a dislike for missions.

I believe this argument has no foundation for two main reasons :-

1) The New Tribes Mission, based in the Watut area, has given training to a cross-section of local people throughout the Kareeba-Indiwi.

2) The training of local people from the actual villages concerned for mission work appears more successful than bringing in "imported" missionaries, especially in unsophisticated areas.

VOTING STATISTICS

See Appendix 'A' attached to report.



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John E. White
Patrol Officer

