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WAPEN AMANDA

PATROL REPORT

1966/67.

(Orig)  
Director D.D.A



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 2/66-67

Patrol Conducted by J. BAGITA - PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled LOWER LAI AND TCHAK CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. HAPPS - COUNCIL CLERK  
4 R.P.N.G.C. MEMBERS  
Natives 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 4/9/1966 to 10/10/1966

Number of Days 37

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26/6/1966

Medical                     /19                    

Map Reference FOURMIL OF W.P.B.G. SERIES

Objects of Patrol (a) L.G.C. Elections (b) L.G.C. Tax Collections - 1966  
(c) Business Revision (d) Road Work (e) Land Purchases

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 .....



67-14-16

9th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Western Highlands District,  
RA. MASHI.

PATROL REPORT - WAPUSAMANDA NO. 2/66-67

Receipt of the above report and your WHD/85 of the 16th January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

A very well compiled report which indicates a great deal was accomplished by Mr. Bagita's patrol of the Lower Lai and Tshak areas. It would have been desirable to have had a copy of the map attached to the Headquarters copy of the report.

It is presumed that the Council Tax Registers were also amended at the time of the census, reference page 2, para. 4 of the report.

(J. E. McCarthy)  
RA. MASHI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-14-16

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Telegrams  
Our Reference WD585  
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Department of District Administration,  
MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.

16th January, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONE DOBU.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 2/66-67  
Lower La' & Tschak Census Division  
Mr. J. Bagita, P.O.

Abovementioned report with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, attached, refers.

The report covers a patrol covering two thirds of the Wapenamanda Administrative area. An enormous amount of work was completed during the patrol on Mr. Bagita's usual competent manner. The Assistant District Commissioner, in his memorandum, covered fully all matters.

For your information and necessary advice, please.

*T. F. Ellis*  
(T. F. ELLIS)  
District Commissioner

c.c. The A.D.C.,  
Wabag.



67-1-1

Western Highlands District,  
VAKAB.

4th January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
MOUNT HAGEN.

Wapenamanda Patrol No. 2 of 1966/67  
LOWER LAI and TUBAL Census Divisions by J. Bagita, P.O.

Attached please find the abovementioned patrol report in duplicate together with spare copies of Appendices on Health, Agriculture, and Education for distribution to District Departmental heads. Claim for Camping Allowance is also attached.

The patrol was of a routine nature and has been well reported upon by Mr. Bagita. However, Mr. Bagita must ensure that he submits future Patrol Reports within three weeks of the completion of his patrol. Delays of two months, as in this case, make the report of little value.

The Election report covering part of this patrol has already been submitted and Election results should be gazetted in the near future.

Mr. Bagita has been asked to submit a separate letter to me for forwarding to the District Commissioner Hagen regarding the outcome of his talks with Mr. Osborne regarding the half completed airstrip at NERIMAY on Native owned land.

Since completing this report Mr. Bagita has again visited the Lower Lai area to prepare the people for the commencement of work on the construction of the vehicular road from Wapenamanda to Pawaari early in January 1967. Mr. Bagita will be supervising the construction of this road from MAMUDANDA to approximately three miles beyond YALIS, and Mr. E. Matheson S.P.O. will be supervising the section from below YALIS to PAWARI. Funds have been allocated for this project and the local people are keen to get work under way, as they do not at present have a road system to enable them to sell their cash crops of coffee and European vegetables.

I agree with Mr. Bagita's comments regarding the overcrowded state of Mission P Schools in the area he patrolled. Far better results would be achieved by limiting the size of each class. I consider one of the main reasons for overcrowded classes is that the Missions concerned would rather take children into already overcrowded classes rather than loose them to a opposition mission. Maybe, the Wapenamanda Local Government Council can make funds available for the establishment of a Council school in the TUBAL Valley or the LOWER LAI Valley, if the Education Department can guarantee the teachers. The Local Government Council Adviser WAPENAMANDA has been asked to advise me regarding this matter.

Please have three xerprint copies of the attached patrol map made, one for attachment to your copy of the report and two for return to the office for our files.

Mr. Bagita has submitted his usual neat and comprehensive report as an ordinary patrol, well conducted. His efforts are only marred by the late submittal of his report.

*D.J. Hook*  
(D.J. HOOK)

C.C. Officer-in-Charge,  
Wapenamanda

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY (WESTERN DISTRICTS)





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram

Our Ref. 67-1-1

If calling ask for

Mr

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post,

Wapenamanda,

Western Highlands District.

1st September, 1966.

Mr. J. Bagita,  
Patrol Officer,  
WAPENAMANDA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - LOWER LAI C.D.

1. You will prepare yourself to carry out a patrol of the Lower Lai Census Division. The main objects of the patrol will be to carry out the second elections and the tax collection for the Wapenamanda Local Government Council. The elections have been approved to commence on 5/9/66.
2. Select four members of the R.P. & N.G.C. Wapenamanda Detachment to accompany the patrol. Keep them under firm control and see that their conduct is exemplary at all times. Patrol Interpreter RASSAK and Council Clerk Peter Kampe will also accompany the patrol.
3. For general conduct of the patrol and procedure to be followed in writing your patrol report, please refer to Departmental Standing Instructions Volume I.
4. If possible without holding up the elections, carry out a routine D.D.A. census simultaneously with the tax collection. This census is necessary for administrative purposes to bring the Common Roll up to date and also to re-assess population figures for electoral boundaries.
5. While in the Lower Lai area, see what can be done to get the people moving on the construction of the road between Kawari and Mambisanda. It has been reported that the people are anxious to have a road and want to work on it as a community project. Report on the route previously pegged out by Mr. G. Hogg, A.D.O., and comment on any changes necessary. You will be involved on this road project on a subsequent patrol.
6. The following land purchases should be finalised on this patrol:- PINYAPAI, KYEIMADA and PAIRETA. You have been given the purchase documents which should be duly completed and where necessary, the boundaries will have to be walked again. Take out an advance sufficient to cover these purchases and also your patrol expenses. Every effort should be made to conserve patrol funds.
7. Be prepared to hear Local Courts and settle minor disputes whilst on patrol. Do not be led into the old trap of being asked to give a new decision on a matter that has already been decided.
8. If in doubt on any point, or if you need assistance, send a messenger to me without delay. You have been given instruction on election procedure and there should be no difficulties encountered.

  
(R.W. HALLAHAN)  
Assistant District Officer.





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference: 67-1-1.  
# calling card for \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department of District Administration,  
WAPENAMANDA,  
Western Highlands District.

23rd November, 1966.

The Assist. District Commissioner,  
Wabag Sub-District,  
WABAG.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL NO. 2/66-67

Preamble:- Report on an Election - Tax - Census Patrol to the LOWER LAI and TUKAK Census Divisions, Wapenamanda Administrative Area.

<u>Personnel Accompanying:-</u>	J. BAGIRA	PATROL OFFICER
	P. KAMPS	COUNCIL CLERK
	Const. 1/C	SEKURA No. 5344
	Constable	MARANDA No. 7349
	Constable	DEGUPA No. 8707
	Constable	LEVOS No. 9251
	Patrol Interpreter	BASAK/SIKI

Duration of Patrol:- 4/9/66 to 10/10/66

Number of Days:- 37

- Objects of Patrol:-
- (a) Second L.G. Council Elections;
  - (b) L.G. Council Tax Collection - 1966;
  - (c) Census Revision;
  - (d) Road Work;
  - (e) Land Purchases.

Map Reference:- Journal of Wabag series.

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(J. BAGIRA.)  
Patrol Officer.



PATROL DIARY

Sunday 4th September, 1966.

Departed for ELYAGANDA Rest House 1505 hours in company with Council Clerk, Peter Kamps - arriving 1625 hours - walking time 1 hour 20 mins. Met by Councillors and committee men. Briefly outlined the purposes of the patrol and asked Cr. Wabai to bring in his clan for census, election, and tax collection the next day. Slept ELYAGANDA Rest House.

Monday 5th September, 1966.

Lined and censused MUMIPIPI-KUDA, KIAGAI-KWIARI, and KIAGAI-KIPIRE & KANBIAMAI while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Then conducted Ward 34 election till 1730 hours - old councillor returned to office. One LC case re stealing heard. Balancing figures. Slept ELYAGANDA Rest House.

Tuesday 6th September, 1966.

Lined and censused YANGAGUN-MASUIGIN NO. 1 & NO. 2 and YANGAGUN-TSANDAI while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Then Ward 35 elections till 1645 hours - old councillor returned. Balancing figures. Slept ELYAGANDA Rest House.

Wednesday 7th September, 1966.

Departed ELYAGANDA Rest House 0845 hours for AWAS Rest House. Inspected houses en route. Changed carriers at top of range - thence to AWAS Rest House - arriving at 1305 hours - walking time 3 1/2 hours. Then lined and censused KANA census unit while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Balancing figures. Slept AWAS Rest House.

Thursday 8th September, 1966.

Lined and censused TAIAGIN and ADIH census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax. Then Ward 33 elections till 1415 hours - old councillor returned. Thence to PAWARI Rest House - arriving at 1700 hours. Discussion with village people re proposed road from YALIS to PAWARI and general administration. Slept PAWARI Rest House.

Friday 9th September, 1966.

Lined and censused YAMHARIGIE NO. 1 & NO. 2 and YARIGIN NO. 2 census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax - then assisted with tax collection till 1530 hours. Then Ward 32 elections till 1700 hrs. Further discussions with the people. Balancing figures. Slept PAWARI Rest House.

Saturday 10th September, 1966.

Walked over proposed route from PAWARI to KEMAMANDA and back. Then departed 1300 hours for NEKIRAP Rest House - arriving at 1535 hours - walking time 2 hours 35 mins. Then lined and censused ANGARUIN and KAHAGAIN-YUWE census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. One minor complaint re dissolution of marriage - asked wife to return to husband as there was no valid ground for seeking a separation. Balancing figures. Slept Nekirap Rest House.



Sunday 11th September, 1966.

Observed. Slept NEMIDAP Rest House.

Monday 12th September, 1966.

Lined and censused KAIKARE, KORO-KUMASINYA, KORO-KURKE, KORO-TAKIBWA, KORO-MAASA census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax - then assisted with tax collection till 1500 hours. Then Wards 30 and 31 elections till 1700 hours - both councillors re-elected. One LC case re threatening behavior heard. Then departed at 1730 hours for LIMIS Rest House - arriving 2000 hours. Word sent out for the AROHA clan to come in the next day. Balancing figures. Slept LIMIS Rest House.

Tuesday 13th September, 1966.

Lined and censused AROHA-MANNINGIO, AROHA-MURIPUSA, AROHA-TSIBAGIN, AROHA-MARIBIN, AROHA-KAIMIMANO, AROHA-MAKO census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax - then assisted with tax collection till 1745 hours. Thence Ward 28 elections till 1915 hrs. Old councillor re-elected. Balancing figures. Slept LIMIS Rest House.

Wednesday 14th September, 1966.

One LC case re gambling heard. Then lined and censused TSINKI-TSINGARIN, TSINKI-WAIA (KAUPI), TSINKI-WAIA (PAMBOA), TSINKI-LIUMAI & YAMB, TSIPAN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. One minor complaint re bride price repayment - this was referred back to the councillors to settle. Thence Ward 29 election till 1700 hours - old councillor re-elected. Discussions with the people re school work and general administration. Balancing figures. Slept LIMIS Rest House.

Thursday 15th September, 1966.

Waited for carriers to arrive. Then departed at 1000 hours for PINYAPAI Rest House - arriving at 1130 hours. Walked over boundaries of land known as PAIBETA - then made payment to the owners of same. Rain disrupted work for rest of day. Balancing figures. Discussions with the people. Slept PINYAPAI Rest House.

Friday 16th September, 1966.

Lined and censused KITAN-PAI No.1 & No.2, KIRAN-KAIONGON/RAMB/MAMA, TSINKI-YAMB & WARERE, TSINKI-KORNEN & KARE, and TSINKI-TSAPUS & WILHARA census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax - then assisted with tax collection till 1845 hours - thence Wards 26 and 27 elections till 2000 hours - old councillors re-elected. Balancing figures. Slept PINYAPAI Rest House.

Saturday 17th September, 1966.

Walked over boundaries of land 'PINYAPAI' - then paid out the sum of \$67.50 to the owners of same. Then departed at 1215 hours for AIPANDA Rest House - arriving at 1345 hours - walking time 1 1/2 hours. People stayed & singing to welcome patrol. From 1550 to 1800 hours lined and censused PLAIN, MINIANAGUN, and WAIPARIN-PERARI census units while Mr. Kamps collected from same. Discussions with the people. Balancing figures. Slept AIPANDA Rest House.

Sunday 18th September, 1966.

Observed. Slept AIPANDA Rest House.



Monday 19th September, 1966.

Lined and censused WAIPIRIN census unit while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. One LC case re stealing heard. Discussions with the people. Then departed at 1435 hours for YALIS Rest House - arriving at 1600 hours. Patrol welcomed by big 'sing-sing'. From 1630 to 1800 hours conducted Ward 24 elections - old councillor re-elected. Discussions with the people. Slept YALIS Rest House.

Tuesday 20th September, 1966.

Lined and censused YANDAMAN-YOKOP & KONDIENDAMANTS, YANDAMAN-YALIS, YANDAMAN-KALUA, YANDAMAN-WARE, YANDAMAN-WAREBINK, KUMBE-ALIUBIN, KUMBE-JIWIBUN, TOKOPIRAN, and LYAKAM census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax - then assisted with tax collection till 1815 hours. Balancing figures. Slept YALIS Rest House.

Wednesday 21st September, 1966.

Departed YALIS Rest House at 0830 hours for Mambisanda. Lined and censused TSINI census unit while Mr. Kamps collected tax en route - arriving Mambisanda at 1300 hours - walking time 1 hour 40 mins. Thence to Wapenamanda per tractor. Balancing figures.

Thursday 22nd September, 1966.

To PAUS Rest House per m/cycle. Then lined and censused KAIN-KUNJIBAGUIN NO.1 & NO.2 and KAIN-MABOGAGUIN & YOKUMANDA census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Thence Ward 22 elections. Back to Wapenamanda at 1800 hours. Balancing figures.

Friday 23rd September, 1966.

A.M. balancing books. P.M. prepared cargo and then departed for SAPONDIS Rest House at 1530 hours per m/cycle - rest of patrol per tractor - arriving at 1845 hours in heavy rain. Slept SAPONDIS Rest House.

Saturday 24th September, 1966.

Lined and censused YEMERAGIN, PINDAGIN, TABLAGIN, YANUN, and IBALANGIN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax. Thence Ward 17 elections till 1730 hours. Discussions with the people. Balancing figures. Slept SAPONDIS Rest House.

Sunday 25th September, 1966.

Observed. Slept SAPONDIS Rest House.

Monday 26th September, 1966.

Lined and censused KUMP-PENARI, PAWAGAK-MILLAGIN, and PAWAGAK-PAIROGUEIN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax. Rain at 1815 hours disrupted work for rest of the afternoon. Balancing figures. Slept SAPONDIS Rest House.

Tuesday 27th September, 1966.

Ward 16 elections - old councillor re-elected. Then to ARUMANDA Rest House - half an hour's walk. Lined and censused YANTARAN-WINO (WANTAN) and WAMBULIN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Balancing figures. Slept ARUMANDA Rest House.



Wednesday 28th September, 1966.

Lined and censused YAMBARAN-POIO, YAMBARAN-YANA, and PAJAGAK-KANDIPLANT census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax - then assisted with tax collection till 1545 hours. One LC case re stealing heard. Arbitrated in one minor dispute re child custody. Balancing figures. Slept ARUMANDA Rest House.

Thursday 29th September, 1966.

One minor complaint re pigs - was referred back to the councillors to settle. Then to TUPISAMANDA Rest House per m/cycle - rest of patrol per foot - walking time 50 mins. Hence Ward 1 elections till 1700 hours - Cr. Wapurawa re-elected but Mori was replaced by a new man Rogallo. Discussions with the people. Slept TUPISAMANDA Rest House.

Friday 30th September, 1966.

Lined and censused TSIGIN-PARINAU, TSIGIN-IUP (KIDANBO), TSIGIN-WAIMBO, and IDAGON-LANDARAGIN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from TSIGIN-PARINAU and part of IDAGON-LANDARAGIN census units - rest of the taxpayers advised to re-assemble at a later date when more tax receipt books became available. Balancing figures. Slept TUPISAMANDA Rest House.

Saturday 1st October, 1966.

Lined and censused TSIGIN-IUP (PAGIALA) census unit. Then departed for PUMAKOS Rest House per m/cycle - rest of patrol per foot - walking time 45 mins. Then Ward 14 elections till 1600 hours. Discussions with the people. New Tax books arrived from Wapenamanda. Balancing figures. Slept PUMAKOS Rest House.

Sunday 2nd October, 1966.

Observed. Slept PUMAKOS Rest House.

Monday 3rd October, 1966.

Mr. Kamps back to TUPISAMANDA to finish off tax collection there. Lined and censused YAMBARAN-WINO (YABAN), YAMBARAN-WINO (RAIA), YAMBARAN-WINO (AIYISIN), YAMBARAN-YANDANAU, and YAMBARAN-WAMA census units. Then Ward 15 elections till 1530 hours. Mr. Kamps returned and collected tax from WOIWINAGIN-IUP (YAGIRINAU), ULINDAN, and GIBIN census units while self censused the former two. Balancing figures. Slept PUMAKOS Rest House.

Tuesday 4th October, 1966.

Lined and censused TSIGIN-MAGAGIN and GIBIN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from TSIGIN-MAGAGIN, YAMBARAN-WINO (RAIA), YAMBARAN-WINO (YABAN), YAMBARAN-WINO (AIYISIN), YAMBARAN-WAMA, YAMBARAN-YANDANAU census units - then assisted with tax collection till 1700 hours. Discussions with the people. Slept PUMAKOS Rest House.

Wednesday 5th October, 1966.

To LONDOR Rest House per m/cycle - rest of patrol per foot - walking time 30 mins. Then Ward 21 elections - was called in to meet new Administrator at Wabag so left Mr. Kamps to finish off elections. Returned at 1730 hours. Discussions with the people. Slept LONDOR Rest House.



Thursday 6th October, 1966.

Lined and censused WAIMIN-INDABARAGIN and WAIMIN-KOMBAPAGIN & IANKA census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Then 2 LC cases re assault and contempt heard. Discussions with the people. Balancing figures. Slept LONDOR Rest House.

Friday 7th October, 1966.

To KWIA Rest House per m/cycle - rest of patrol per foot-walking time 1 hour. Ward 20 elections till 1445 hours - old councillor re-elected. Then lined and censused WAIMIN-KURAGIN & MIOGINDAGIN and ARUIN census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Discussions with the people. Balancing figures. Slept KWIA Rest House.

Saturday 8th October, 1966.

Lined and censused WAIMIN-TEIWARAGIN, WAIMIN-IMAPIGIN (KUNGUWANDA), and WAIMINAGUN-KEP (KOMLOK) census units while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Balancing figures. Slept KWIA Rest House.

Sunday 9th October, 1966.

Observed. Slept KWIA Rest House.

Monday 10th October, 1966.

Lined and censused WAIMIN-IMAPIGIN (KWIA) census unit while Mr. Kamps collected tax from same. Then to Wapenazanda per m/cycle - rest of patrol per council truck.

End of Diary.



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INTRODUCTION:

The areas patrolled are the LOWER LAI and the TCHAK Census Divisions which lie to the NW and SSE respectively of Wapenamanda Patrol Post. The former is approximately six hours' walk away and covers some pretty rugged country drained by numerous streams of which the main one is the Lai River. The latter runs parallel to the Lai Valley and is bounded in the south by the heavily timbered slopes (LAGALPOS) and in the north by the Lai-Tchak divide; and is served by a vehicular road.

2. The patrol was scheduled for LOWER LAI (ref: Patrol Instructions) but as there was no other officer available to do the TCHAK, this patrol was extended to cover the TCHAK area as well.

3. The last D.B.A. patrol to the TCHAK was conducted by Mr. D.P. Maroney, ADO, in September, 1965 (Wap. Patrol Report No. 1/65-66 refers); and to the LOWER LAI, by the writer in June of this year (Wap. Patrol Report No. 1/66-67 refers). The Department of Agriculture officers visit the TCHAK area twice a week to buy pyrethrum while regular patrols are carried out in the LOWER LAI Census Division.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

4. The people were lined and censused at their usual assembling centres and as they were quite familiar with the procedure of census taking, no difficulty was encountered while amending the Village Population Registers. The Second Wapenamanda Local Government Council Elections, together with the 1966 Tax Collection, was also conducted at these centres and as with Census Revision everything went smoothly.

5. The patrol was reasonably well received in all the centres visited but in contrast to the writer's last visit, very little fresh food was brought in.

6. In most of the assembly centres, discussions re general administration and road work were held with the people. The keenness of the PAWARI people over building the VALIS-PAWARI road as reported previously by the writer is still there and it is hoped that work will be commenced soon. These people have expressed a wish for the other clans to come over and give them a hand; and it is recommended that the groups around NEKIRAP, LEWIS, PINYAPAIS, and AIPANDA be called in to work on this road.

7. The NEKIRAP people asked the patrol whether to recommence work on the new airstrip (ref: para.6 of Wap. Patrol Report No. 1/66-67) but were told not to do so until a few points have been clarified with Mr. Osborne of Baiyer River.

8. During the patrol six Local Court cases re threatening behavior, assault, stealing (3), and contempt of court were heard and all the defendants were given jail sentences. Four minor complaints re dissolution of marriage, child custody, bride price repayment, and pigs were also brought to the notice of the patrol of which the first two were arbitrated to the satisfaction of the parties concerned while the other two were referred back to the councillors to settle.

SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE:

9. The staple food of these areas is sweet potato which is supplemented to a small degree by bananas, yams, taros, corn, sugar cane, and green leaves known as kumul. Pigs, fowls, and wild pigeons are the only sources of meat for these people - although canned meat and fish are becoming more and more a part of the diet for those who can afford the high costs.



SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE (cont'd):

10. The gardens seen along the road were very well kept and the people appeared to have plenty to eat so the food situation is quite satisfactory.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS:

11. The population of the LOWER LAI and the TOHAK Census Divisions now stand at 11,346 and 10,729 respectively. The former is an increase of 353 over the figure recorded two years ago while the latter is an increase of 290 over the figure recorded last year.

12. A separate memo on Census Statistics (Appendix 'D') is attached.

13. The census of the two areas was fully revised and as far as the census taking went, it was carried out without any unwarranted incident.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

14. This was the Second Wapenamanda Local Government Council Elections and with the exception of one, all Councillors retained their seats. The majority of the voters had already made up their minds on how their votes were going to be cast, so very little difficulty was experienced in the actual recording of votes. The voting at most assembly points was over 80% with the remainder either away at work or else did not bother to turn up. No elections for Wards 18, 19, and 25 were held as there was only one candidate in each of them.

15. The over-whole attitude of the people towards the elections and the Council generally was one of interest but many would like to see something more concrete being done, apart from the monthly meetings.

COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION - 1966:

16. There are eighty-seven census units in the two areas and the 1966 Council Tax was collected from everyone of them. The tax rate is \$0.75 for the LOWER LAI and \$1.50 for the TOHAK with women exempt.

17. During the patrol 6,661 tax tickets were issued and the total collections amounted to \$7,550.70. The number of exemptions given was 366.

18. There was very little outstanding tax as most of the absentee taxes were paid for by the relatives and friends of the absentees.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

19. As with all highland areas, these people do not live in villages but in scattered hamlets. The few huts inspected by the patrol were mostly of the traditional round type with a very low roof and ground floor. All of these appeared to be in pretty good shape so no orders were given for new buildings.

20. A few more sophisticated ones have now built themselves European type houses with raised floors. However, owing to the high altitude and the occupants' inability to provide sufficient blankets, central fire places have been installed in many cases and these have prevented the houses from retaining clean for any length of time.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS:

21. The Wapenamanda Local Government Council has thirty-six Councillors of which two-thirds are in the two areas patrolled. All of these, with the exception of one, as mentioned earlier were returned to office mostly because the majority of them belonged to the biggest sub-clan groups. The Councillors, on the whole, are very well liked, and appear to have great influence on their people.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

22. There are no usable roads in the LOWER LAI Census Division at the moment, although there did exist one from WAMBIBANDA to YALIS some years ago. A bit of clearing and drainage work has already been done but major repairs especially on bridges are still required before the road can become trafficable again.

23. The section from YALIS to MIVARI was surveyed some years ago but very little else was done. The writer did not walk over the entire route but it appears that many of the survey marks have now disappeared. The people were advised that another patrol was coming up before Christmas to get them started with the work.

24. The TOHAK area is well served by a vehicular road which branches off from the Hagen-Wabag main road a couple of miles north-west of Wapenamanda Patrol Post. The road itself is in fairly good shape, except for a few slippery sections which were pointed out to the Councillors concerned and advised same to put more river sand on the surfaces. The bridges in need of repair were also pointed out to the people concerned.

25. A fairly steep section from KIBERASHI Creek to LEWARI Creek known as KUNGUMANDA Hill, usually gets into bad shape whenever it rains so the Councillors have expressed a wish to do away with it and commence work on another route which will go around this hill. The proposed route will commence at KIBERASHI Creek, follow the KOWJIMBI River up to LEWARI Creek where it will rejoin the existing road. It will be slightly longer but will be on fairly level ground all the way. The writer was told by the Council President that this matter will be put before the next Council meeting and a date will be set for the proposed work to get under way - all the TOHAK Councillors will be required for this work.

AIRFIELDS:

26. There are two airfields in the LOWER LAI with a third still under construction. The existing ones which can only take Cessna aircraft are owned and maintained by the missions. One is at Lunisa Baptist Mission Station while the other is located at Pawari Lutheran Mission Station.

27. The TOHAK area has one Cessna airstrip which is located at the Pumakos Roman Catholic Mission Station. It is not used these days but it is being kept open for emergency landings.

MISSIONS:

28. The following mission establishments were visited during the patrol:-

(a) The Australian Baptist Mission - Lunisa (LOWER LAI). This is a fairly big establishment with a missionary and his wife, a linguist and his wife, a teacher and his wife, and two infant welfare sisters.

(b) The Lutheran Mission - Pawari (LOWER LAI). This is fairly small with only a missionary/teacher and his family.



MISSIONS (cont'd):

(c) The Lutheran Mission - Raiakam (TOHAK). This is also quite large and has a staff of two teachers, a missionary and his wife, and an infant welfare sister.

(d) The Roman Catholic Mission - Puaakoa (TOHAK). This is only a couple of miles from above and it is also similar in size. It has a priest and four nuns who maintain the hospital and the Primary 'T' School.

29. The relations of the various missions with the local people appear to be quite sound as the people are beginning to realise that the missions are there to help them and therefore they must remain on good terms with them.

CONCLUSION:

30. The patrol was of a routine nature and was completed without any unwarranted incidents; and that all objects of patrol were carried out.

31. The LOWER LAI people who appear to have more coffee trees per man than their neighbours, have so far remained somewhat backward and neglected. The principal reason for this, is lack of access to markets for their coffee which to date has been carried over bush tracks either to Rawari or Lumisa to be sold. A road into this area would greatly hasten the advancement of the people.

32. The KRAK people are advancing but in their opinion not at a very fast rate.

33. The usual appendices of education, health, and agriculture are attached.

*J. Bagira*  
(J. BAGIRA.)  
Patrol Officer.



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WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/66-67  
LOWER LAI AND POKAK CENSUS DIVISIONS

APPENDIX 'A'

EDUCATION: (1) Lower Lai

The only recognised Primary 'I' School in the area is located at the Lumisa Baptist Mission station, which teaches in the preparatory stages only. The mission also conducts numerous vernacular schools throughout the area.

The Lutheran Mission at Pawari has recently established a Primary 'I' School but it is yet to be recognised. Like the Baptists, it too has vernacular schools throughout its area.

There is a number of students from the Lumisa area attending government schools either in Hagen or Port Moresby but none at the Wapenamanda Primary 'I' School as there are no boardings available. The Wapenamanda Local Government Council has allocated a large sum of money towards the construction of a dormitory at the 'I' School this financial year, so there should at least, be room for a few bright kids to be brought up here.


(11) Pokak

The Lutheran Mission at Raiakam has a Primary 'I' School which teaches up to Standard V. A 'class' school for very young children is also conducted there.

The Pomakos Roman Catholic Mission also conducts a Primary 'I' School at Standard V level.

The Wapenamanda Primary 'I' School has a number of the Pokak children enrolled, who lodge with friends during the week and go home on the weekends.

The missions on the whole are doing a pretty good job towards educating the people of these two areas. However, the only setback (in the opinion of the writer) is that the schools are far too crowded and therefore individuals do not get the attention that is normally available to a student in a less crowded class. It would be best for all concerned if the missions were to cut down on their numbers and concentrate on giving these a better education rather than trying to mass-educate the people. The situation at the moment is that people are being turned out only partly educated and therefore cannot get good jobs, but then, they won't lower themselves to do labouring jobs so they return to their villages and become loafers - which is back to where we had started and therefore a waste of time.

  
(J. BAGHA.)  
Patrol Officer.



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WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/66-67  
LOWER LAI AND TOHAK CENSUS DIVISIONS

APPENDIX 'B'

HEALTH:

The general health situation in the two areas appears to be quite sound and at each assembly centre it was noted that the people were reasonably clean and tidy.

There were 428 deaths recorded of which 27.2% were children. The principal causes were diarrhoea, pneumonia and malaria, and old age. There were also a number of suicide and accidental cases recorded.

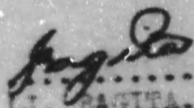
(1) Lower Lai

The immediate Luma area is very well covered by the small hospital at Luma Baptist Mission station. This is maintained by two sisters and a number of medical orderlies. The sisters also carry out regular clinics throughout the area. Any patients requiring specialist treatment are sent over to the Kaiyer River hospital. Most of the other centres have Aid Posts which are also doing a fairly good job. However, because of the numbers, the area they have to cover, and shortage of medicine their effectiveness is somewhat lessened.

(11) Tohak

The Lutheran Mission at Raiakan has a small hospital staffed by a sister and a number of medical orderlies. This hospital does a wide coverage of the Tohak area; and any seriously ill patients are taken to the Mambisanda hospital which has a qualified medical officer. The sister also holds regular clinics throughout the area.

The Puzakos Roman Catholic Mission also maintains a small hospital while a number of aid posts serve the more remote centres.

  
.....  
(J. BAGIRA.)  
Patrol Officer.



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WAPENABANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/66-67  
LOWER LAI AND TONAK CENSUS DIVISIONS

APPENDIX 'C'

AGRICULTURE: (1) Lower Lai

This Census Division owns some 100,000 odd coffee trees, of which approximately three-quarters are in the Luris area alone. However, owing to lack of access to markets, the people are at times reluctant to give up any more gardening space for cash cropping.

The only pyrethrum is at Elyaganda and Awas where a number of acres have been planted. The rest of the area is apparently too low for this crop.

(11) Tonak

This area has something over 90,000 coffee trees but the emphasis is now on pyrethrum of which many acres have been planted. However, many people complained that they were not being paid enough for their efforts and therefore they were considering replacing pyrethrum with a more profitable crop such as coffee.

  
(J. S. MITA.)  
Patrol Officer.



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WAPENANANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/66-67  
LOWER LAI AND TCHAK CENSUS DIVISIONS

APPENDIX 'D'

Report on Members of PPMIGO Accompanying:

Reg. No. 6844 Constable 1st Class SUMARA:

A good reliable worker.

Reg. No. 7349 Constable MAKANDA:

A useful policeman with plenty of local knowledge.

Reg. No. 6707 Constable DEBUFA:

A conscientious policeman who carried out his duties very well.

Reg. No. 9251 Constable LEVOS:

A reliable policeman.

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VAPEENIANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/66-67  
LOWER LAI AND TCHAK CENSUS DIVISIONS

APPENDIX 'E'

Census Statistics - 1966/67

(1) LOWER LAI:

Total Population	-	11,346	
Birth Rate	-	5.16	per hundred
Death Rate	-	1.93	per hundred
Natural Increase	-	3.23	per hundred

(11) TCHAK:

Total Population	-	10,729	
Birth Rate	-	4.43	per hundred
Death Rate	-	1.31	per hundred
Natural Increase	-	3.12	per hundred

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **WESTERN HIGHLANDS** Report No. **WAPERRANDA 6-66/67.**

Patrol Conducted by **S. NATHAN. CAMP PATROL OFFICER.**

Area Patrolled **LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **10 Members HMG Constabulary.**  
**2 Interpreters.**

Natives.....  
Duration—From **9 1 67 30 6 67** /19 to /19

Number of Days **164**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **10 10 66.** /19

Medical ..... /19

Map Reference **JOURNAL of WARRIS series.**

Objects of Patrol **(1) Road construction. (2) Road survey (3) General Administration.**

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19 .....  
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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67-14-33

October 25th, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Western Highlands District,  
HOUST HAGEN.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1966/67

Your WND-6A2 of 21st September, 1967 refers.

2. The above Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

3. It is pleasing to note the economic activity in the area patrolled and the healthy native situation.

4. Mr. Mathison has conducted a very good patrol and appears to have got things moving. His report is well set out and made interesting reading.

(T. V. ELLIS)  
Director





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-14-33

Telegrams

Our Reference: WHD642

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.

21st September, 1967.



The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KOMEDOBU.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 6/1966-67  
LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION  
Mr. E. Mathison, G.P.O.

Abovenmentioned report with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, attached, refers.

A great deal of work has been completed by Mr. Mathison in the Lower Lai area during the time he has spent there, both on road construction and general administration. He is to be congratulated on the job done.

This road project has been planned for some years and it was only the availability of additional staff for a period that enabled a commencement to be made. With a third of our Field Staff on leave before and after the elections there is, without further staff being posted to the District, no possibility of continuing the project for the present, other than by the slow extension of the roadhead on from Yalis.

The road as completed should improve the economy of approximately half of the areas population.

For your information, please.

*R.S. Bell*  
(R.S. BELL)

a/District Commissioner

c.c. The A.D.C.,  
Wabag.

The O.I.C.,  
Wapenamanda.



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Western Highlands District,  
WABAG.

5th September, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Western Highlands District,  
MOUNT HAGEN.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1966/67 LOWER LAI  
CHIEF DIVISION BY MR. N. MATHISON CAPT PATROL OFFICER.


Attached please find the abovementioned Patrol Report in triplicate together with claim for Camping Allowance and one copy of a covering letter by the Officer-in-Charge at Wapenamanda.

It is a great pity that the excellent work carried out by Mr. Mathison on the road construction and on general native affairs cannot be continued. The Lower Lai people themselves have benefitted greatly by Mr. Mathison's presence in the area, which has been reflected in an improved state of native affairs in this area, increased production of cash crops and a half completed road system through the valley from Wapenamanda.

The continuation of the road work started by Mr. Mathison to its completion by joining the road had from Kumpian at LEMBIEN would be a real challenge to any young officer, who could benefit greatly from the experience, as would the Lower Lai area itself. It is a great pity that the staff situation results in no such officer being available. I agree with the Officer-in-Charge's comments, that without a replacement for Mr. Mathison, all that can now be done is to open the road from Wapenamanda to Ialis, which will supply an urgently needed outlet for the people of this area. However, this road to IALIS will only give access to a market to 4,500 people, while the remaining 7,000 people in the lower portion of the area will still be without access to a market by vehicle, as their portion of the road is still only half completed.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Mathison was unable to carry out a feasibility survey as to the best route along which to construct a joining road from the Wapenamanda to Lembien road to the Raiyer River headhead. However, as the Wapenamanda to Lembien road is still not completed there is no urgency for this survey.

Mr. Mathison is to be congratulated on the successful completion of an extremely long and difficult patrol. His report is concise, neat and adequate and calls for no further comment by me.

  
(D.J. HOOK)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,  
WAPENAMANDA.

c.c. Mr. N. Mathison,  
WAPENAMANDA.



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PATROL POST,  
WAPENAMANDA,  
WESTERN NETHERLANDS DISTRICT.  
18th. August, 1967.

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
PATROL POST,  
WAPENAMANDA.

PATROL REPORT NUMBER 6-1966/67.

Attached please find five (5) copies of the above-mentioned patrol report.

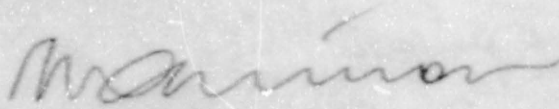
The delay in forwarding this report is regretted, but due to circumstances of which you are aware, it was most difficult for me to complete same any sooner.

As commented on in the report, the patrol was well received, and the people are most anxious that a Patrol Officer continue to assist them with the road construction still to be carried out.

I would also like to again point out the shortage of picks and crowbars with the obvious consequent problems. If funds are available, I would request that as many as possible, especially of the latter, be purchased and sent to the LOWER LAI area for use by the people.

Claim for camping allowance also attached.

For your information and forwarding please.

  
N. MATISON.  
CADET PATROL OFFICER.



PREAMBLE:

Station: WAPENAMANDA.  
Sub-District: WARAG.  
District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS.

Patrol Number 6-1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by: N. MATHISON. CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area patrolled: LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Personnel Accompanying:  
the patrol.

Const. 1/C	SEMARA	No. 6844
Constable	KAPI	No. 5107
Constable	MAKANDA	No. 7349
Constable	LUMBIA	No. 8348
Constable	AMARE	No. 8297
Constable	DEGUPA	No. 8707
Constable	LIVOS	No. 9291
Constable	HKUMA	No. 9499
Constable	BAGAPE	No. 10546
Constable	TUANGA	No. 11625
Interpreter		KI
Patrol Interpreter		RASAK

Duration of Patrol: 9/1/67 to 30/6/67 ..... 164 days.

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. 4/9/66 to 10/10/66 ..... 37 days.  
D.A.S.F. 1/3/65 to 29/3/65 ..... 25 days.

Objects of the Patrol:

- (1) Construction of a vehicular road from WAPENAMANDA, to link with the existing road from KOPFIAM to LUMBIA.
- (2) Conduct a survey into the feasibility of constructing a road from the LOWER LAI to BAIYER RIVER.
- (3) General administration.

Map reference:

Journal of WARAG series.



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INTRODUCTION:

The area patrolled, namely the LOWER LAI Census Division, lies to the north-east of the WAPENANANDA Patrol Post, and encompasses the population of the LAI river valley, and the surrounding hills. The nearest rest house is approximately fifteen minutes away by vehicle, while the furthest is approximately eight hours walking time from the station. The vegetation and topography varies from kumai flats at an altitude of 3,400 feet ASL, to dense tropical rain forest at 6,500 feet ASL. The climate varies markedly from reasonably oppressive humidity in the lowest area to very noticeable coolness in the highest.

The population (total of 11,346 at last census) is still fairly underdeveloped socially and politically, although the introduction of Local Government Council in 1964 was undoubtedly a big step towards political understanding. The area is far more economically advanced than many of the surrounding areas, and the altitude variations allows a considerable diversification of crops. (See AGRICULTURE following).

The main object of the patrol was the building of a road from WAPENANANDA, to join with the existing road from KOMPIAM at the boundary of the two Patrol Posts, namely the NENEM river. The road is a necessity if the people of the area are to continue advancing economically, and thus, consequently, socially and politically, since the isolation of the region is the main hinderance to progress at present.

Patrol Instructions (copy attached) issued by the Assistant District Commissioner at WARAG on the 7th. January, 1967, stated that the reporting officer was to be transferred to KOMPIAM Patrol Post at the end of February, 1967. However, another officer was posted to KOMPIAM when the reporting officer was held at WAPENANANDA to fill the vacancy created there by the transfer of PO. BAGITA to the Administration College. Thus, instructions to continue working on the road after February were verbal only, and there are no written instructions for the period from March to June.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday 9th. January, 1967:

Preparation at WABAG for patrol. Departed by vehicle at 1100hrs. for KAPPANAMANDA, arriving 1230 hrs. Police assembled, and in company with P.O. BAGITA and members of his patrol departed for MAMMISANDA by vehicle at 1400 hrs. Carriers recruited, and commenced walking at 1530 hrs. for IALIS, arriving 1700 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 10th. January, 1967:

Discussions with natives re roadwork until 1000 hrs. They departed for TUPIOKORES in company with P.O. BAGITA and own patrol personnel, arriving 1630 hrs. No rest houses, so set up under canvas. Discussions with local natives until 1800 hrs. re roadwork and building of rest houses. Slept TUPIOKORES.

Wednesday 11th. January, 1967:

Building of new rest houses commenced. P.O. BAGITA returned to IALIS at 0900 hrs. Galf on general inspection of area, and investigating proposed route for road. Slept TUPIOKORES.

Thursday 12th. January, 1967:

Building of rest houses continued. General area inspection, and discussions with local natives re roadwork etc. Slept TUPIOKORES.

Friday 13th. January, 1967:

Departed for PAUARI at 1800 hrs., arriving 0900 hrs. Discussions with natives re roadwork. Collected supply of spades flown to PAUARI by Lutheran Mission for use on the road, and returned at 1630 hrs. to TUPIOKORES arriving 1800 hrs. Slept TUPIOKORES.

Saturday 14th. January, 1967:

Rest houses completed. Tents vacated and patrol gear moved into new houses. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Sunday 15th. January, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Monday 16th. January, 1967:

Roadwork commenced. Supervision in TUPIOKORES area of road building, and marking of road route. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Tuesday 17th. January, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TUPIOKORES area. Further marking of road route. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Wednesday 18th. January, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TUPIOKORES area. ADO.



WAPENAMANDA arrived at 1330 hrs from IALIS for road inspection. Both departed for AUAS at 1430 hrs. following proposed road route, arriving 1630 hrs. with heavy rain and cloud reducing visibility to a few hundred yards. Attempted to return but IALIE creek in flood, so forced to retrace our steps to AUAS, follow another route, and cross the creek higher up. Arrived TUPIKORES at 1900 hrs. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Thursday 19th. January, 1967:

Departed for IALIS at 0915 hrs. with ADO. after discussion with natives re roadwork. Arrived IALIS 1245 hrs., but P.O. BASITA not present. Waited until 1900 hrs., then departed for TUPIKORES alone, meeting P.O. BASITA en route. Latter had planned to meet us on the road, but chose the wrong trail. Arrived TUPIKORES at 1900 hrs. in state of nausea and vomiting. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Friday 20th. January, 1967:

Nausea and vomiting persisted. Day spent resting. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Saturday 21st. January, 1967:

Detailed work for coming week. Inspection of collapsed sections, and marking of new areas to be cut. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Sunday 22nd. January, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Monday 23rd. January, 1967:

Departed for PAHARI at 0800 hrs., arriving 0845 hrs. Discussion with Lutheran Missionary and natives re non attendance of latter at roadwork. Returned to TUPIKORES at 1400 hrs., and supervised roadwork for remainder of afternoon. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Tuesday 24th. January, 1967:

Supervision of roadbuilding in TUPIKORES area. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Wednesday 25th. January, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TUPIKORES area. Marking of road route. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Thursday 26th. January, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TUPIKORES area. Large sections had collapsed during night, and much of the day spent clearing these areas. Request made to WAPENAMANDA for picks and crowbars, as complete lack of these made progress slow. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.



Friday 27th. January, 1967:

Road survey. Marked alternate route for one section near TUPICKORRES, to be used in preference to route previously marked. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Saturday 28th. January, 1967:

Road inspection. Detailed work for coming week. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Sunday 29th. January, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Monday 30th. January, 1967:

Supervision of road building in TUPICKORRES area. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Tuesday 31st. January, 1967:

Roadbuilding supervision in TUPICKORRES area. Many large sections that had collapsed during the night. Heavy and consistent rain each day make work very difficult, and cause numerous land slides resulting in extra work. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Wednesday 1st. February, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TUPICKORRES area. Re-cut several sections that had collapsed during the night. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Thursday 2nd. February, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in MANDIN creek area. Commenced cutting the section on the approach to the bridge site. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Friday 3rd. February, 1967:

Road inspection. Arrival of ADO. WAPENAMANDA at 1400 hrs. for road inspection and general discussions. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Saturday 4th. February, 1967:

Departed for PAUARI at 0800 hrs. with ADO., returning at 1030 hrs. Detailed work for coming week. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Sunday 5th. February, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.



Monday 6th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in MANDIN creek area, and MAGAP creek area. Completion of bridge approaches over MANDIN creek, and placing of preliminary logs. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Tuesday 7th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Cleared a site suitable for use as a helicopter landing pad, in anticipation of availability of a helicopter for road survey during coming week, as instructed by ADO. WAPENABANDA. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Wednesday 8th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in MANDIN creek area. Logs for bridge placed in position. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Thursday 9th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Roadwork supervision in MAGAP creek area. Sections that had slipped overnight re-cut. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Friday 10th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Inspection of roadwork in TUPICKORES area, and marking of areas to be re-cut. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Saturday 11th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Detailed work for the coming week. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Sunday 12th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Monday 13th. FEBRUARY. 1967.

Supervision of roadwork in MAGAP and MANDIN creek areas. Cutting of section on approach to the bridge site over the MAGAP creek. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Tuesday 14th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in MAGAP creek area. One large section had collapsed overnight, and this area cleared. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Wednesday 15th. FEBRUARY. 1967:

Roadwork supervision in MANDIN and MAGAP creek areas. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.



Thursday 16th. February. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in KUPINTS creek area. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Friday 17th. February. 1967:

Inspection and marking of road in KUPINTS and MAGAP creek areas. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Saturday 18th. February. 1967:

Detailing of work for coming week. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Sunday 19th. February. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Monday 20th. February. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in KUPINTS and MAGAP creek areas. Clearing of sections that had collapsed during the past three nights. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Tuesday 21st. February. 1967:

Recheck supervision in KUPINTS creek area. Cutting of approached to the bridge site over the creek, and placing of the preliminary logs. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Wednesday 22nd. February. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in KUPINTS creek area, and in LAIRI creek area. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Thursday 23rd. February. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in LAIRI and KUPINTS creek areas. Cutting of collapsed sections near the latter. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Friday 24th. February. 1967:

Departed for PAUARI at 0830 hrs. to meet ADO. WAPENAMANDA. Both returned to TUPIKORES at 1045 hrs. for road inspection and general discussions. ADO returned to PAUARI at 1245 hrs. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Saturday 25th. February. 1967:

Detailing of work for coming week. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.



Sunday 26th. February, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Monday 27th. February, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in LAIRI and KUPIKIS creek areas. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Tuesday 28th. February, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LAIRI creek area. Picks and crowbars still not available, and work progressing slowly. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Wednesday 1st. March, 1967:

Roadwork supervision in the KUPIKIS creek area, and LAIRI creek areas. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Thursday 2nd. March, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LAIRI creek area. Clearing of landslides in the KUPIKIS creek area, and beyond. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Friday 3rd. March, 1967:

Departed for KOMPIAM at 0800hrs., arriving at 1000 hrs. Day spent at KOMPIAM. Slept KOMPIAM.

Saturday 4th. March, 1967:

Departed for WABAG at 0800 hrs., and thence to WAPSI-AMANDA, returning to KOMPIAM at 1600 hrs. Slept KOMPIAM.

Sunday 5th. March, 1967:

Rested. Slept KOMPIAM.

Monday 6th. March, 1967:

Departed for TUPIKORES at 0800 hrs., arriving 1200 hrs. Roadwork supervision in the LAIRI creek area in the afternoon. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Tuesday 7th. March, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in LIEUANT and LAIRI creek areas. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.

Wednesday 8th. March, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LIEUANT and LAIRI creek areas. Slept TUPIKORES rest house.



Thursday 9th. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LAIRI creek area. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Friday 10th. March. 1967:

Detailing of work for coming week. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Saturday 11th. March. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Sunday 12th. March. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Monday 13th. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LAIRI and LIEUANT creek areas. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Tuesday 14th. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LIEUANT and TOILE creek areas. Cutting of the approaches to the bridge site over the TOILE creek. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Wednesday 15th. March. 1967:

Continued cutting of the approaches to the bridge site over the TOILE creek, and supervised roadwork in the LAIRI creek area. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Thursday 16th. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LIEUANT creek area. Slept TUPICKORRES rest house.

Friday 17th. March. 1967:

Departed for NEKERAP at 0800 hrs., arriving 1200 hrs. Discussions with the local natives until 1500 hrs. Slept NEKERAP rest house.

Saturday 18th. March. 1967:

Assembled and lined electors in the KORO and KAIPARE clans, and conducted a plebiscite into the matter of them joining the proposed SAIVER RIVER Local Government Council. Compilation of figures. Slept NEKERAP rest house.



Sunday 19th. March, 1967:

Departed for LUMIS at 0800 hrs., arriving 1035 hrs.  
Slept LUMIS rest house.

Monday 20th. March, 1967:

Electors in TEINKI-TEUPAN and AROHA clans assembled and lined, and plebiscite conducted. Compilation of figures.  
Slept LUMIS rest house.

Tuesday 21st. March, 1967:

Departed for PINIAPAIS at 0800 hrs, arriving 0930 hrs.  
Electors in TEINKI and KIRAN clans assembled and lined, and the plebiscite conducted. Land investigation (IUK) commenced at 1300 hrs. and completed at 1700 hrs.. Compilation of figures. Slept PINIAPAIS rest house.

Wednesday 22nd. March, 1967:

Departed for TUPIKORIS at 0800 hrs., arriving 1300 hrs..  
Supervision of roadwork in afternoon. Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.

Thursday 23rd. March, 1967:

Preparation of report on plebiscite conducted re the BAIYER RIVER Council. Completed and forwarded to ADO. VAPINAMANDA.  
Roadwork supervision in afternoon in the TOILE creek area. Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.

Friday 24th. March, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.

Saturday 25th. March, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.

Sunday 26th. March, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.

Monday 27th. March, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the TOILE and IAKA creek areas. Clearing of remaining fallen areas from road surface. Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.

Tuesday 28th. March, 1967:

Roadwork supervision in the TOILE and IAKA creek areas.  
Slept TUPIKORIS rest house.



Wednesday 29th. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LIEUANT creek area, and in the ANGLANAS area. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Thursday 30th. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the ANGLANAS and IAKALI areas. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Friday 31st. March. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the IAKALI and ANGLANAS areas, and in the LIEUANT creek area in the afternoon. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Saturday 1st. April. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Sunday 2nd. April. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Monday 3rd. April. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the LIEUANT, IAKALE and ANGLANAS areas. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Tuesday 4th. April. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the IAKALE area. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Wednesday 5th. April. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the ANGLANAS, LIEUANT, and IAKALE areas. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Thursday 6th. April. 1967:

Roadwork supervision in the ANGLANAS and IAKALE areas. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Friday 7th. April. 1967:

General road inspection, and marking of the work to be done in the ANGLANAS and IAKALE areas in the coming week. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Saturday 8th. April. 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.



Sunday 9th. April, 1967:

Rested. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Monday 10th. April, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the ANGLANAS and IAKALE areas, and also in the IAKA creek area. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Tuesday 11th. April, 1967:

Departed for PAUARI at 0800 hrs. to await the arrival of ADO. ASHUSSEN from WAPENAMANDA. Informed that he was not due until 1900 hrs., so returned to TUPICKORES. Supervision of roadwork until 1400 hrs., then returned to PAUARI. ADO. ASHUSSEN arrived 1515 hrs., then both departed for TUPICKORES, arriving 1645 hrs. Slept TUPICKORES rest house.

Wednesday 12th. April, 1967:

Departed for IALIS at 0730 hrs., together with ADO. ASHUSSEN and all patrol equipment and personnel, arriving 1330 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 13th. April, 1967:

ADO. ASHUSSEN departed for WAPENAMANDA at 0745 hrs. Self on road inspection in IALIS area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 14th. April, 1967:

Dispatched two Constables at 0700 hrs. to investigate an alleged murder at IALA. Self on general inspection of IALIS area. Constables returned at 1630 hrs., with suspect and witnesses. Body of deceased carried into camp at 1700 hrs. Arrangements made for suspect, witnesses, and body of deceased to be conveyed to WAPENAMANDA under Police escort tomorrow. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 15th. April, 1967:

Dispatched suspect, witnesses, and body of deceased to WAPENAMANDA under Police escort at 0730 hrs. Day rested IALIS. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 16th. April, 1967:

Departed for WAPENAMANDA at 0730 hrs., arriving 1000 hrs. Thence to WABAG, returning to WAPENAMANDA at 1730 hrs. Slept WAPENAMANDA.

Monday 17th. April, 1967:

Departed for ME.HAGEN at 0700 hrs.. Business conducted and returned to WAPENAMANDA at 1500 hrs., arriving 1700 hrs. Slept WAPENAMANDA.



Tuesday 18th. April. 1967:

Preparation of land purchase documents for recently surveyed ground at IUAK. Slept WAPENAMANDA.

Wednesday 19th. April. 1967:

Departed for MAMBISANDA at 0900 hrs., by vehicle, and recruitment of carriers until 1130 hrs.. Thence departed for IALIS, arriving 1300 hrs. Road inspection in afternoon. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 20th. April. 1967:

Roadwork supervision in KUNGAP creek area. Bridge built over creek. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 21st. April. 1967:

Detailed work for coming week. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 22nd. April. 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 23rd. April. 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 24th. April. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Built bridges over LIARA and KEMP creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 25th. April. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Bridges built over IMPITIN and IALIE creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 26th. April. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Bridge built over UANEP creek. Departed for WAPENAMANDA at 1500 hrs., arriving 1630 hrs. Slept WAPENAMANDA.

Thursday 27th. April. 1967:

Departed for IALIS at 0900 hrs, arriving 1130 hrs. Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Bridge built over LANGAP river. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 28th. April, 1967:

Departed for AUASMANDA at 0800 hrs. to supervise exchange of pigs between lines belonging to Cr. PIRU and Cr. MABIRA, over the death of MAPISO/UEA. Arrived 1350 hrs., supervised exchange and remained. Slept AUASMANDA.

Saturday 29th. April, 1967:

Departed for IALIS at 1400 hrs. after talks with the local natives, arriving 1630 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 30th. April, 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 1st. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Bridges built over ISUK, UALAU, and ELA creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 2nd. May, 1967:

Departed for AIPANDA at 0300 hrs., arriving 0930 hrs. Returned to IALIS at 1530 hrs. with lines from AIPANDA and PINIAPAI who had previously been working on the road at AIPANDA. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 3rd. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS and TSIN areas. Bridges built over PUSARE and KURJIT creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 4th. May, 1967:

Departed for WAPENAMANDA at 0800 hrs., arriving 1100 hrs. Discussions with ADC. and ADC. Wabag re road, and proposed visit on Tuesday by both. Returned to IALIS at 1545 hrs., arriving 1730 hrs.. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 5th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the IALIS and TSIN areas. Bridges built over the UALIA, OLIO, and TONA creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 6th. May, 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 7th. May, 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.



Monday 8th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Bridge built over GIB creek. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 9th. May, 1967:

Departed for MAMBISANDA at 0700 hrs. to meet ADC. WARAG and ADO. WAPENAMANDA. Arrived 0845 hrs., and ADO. arrived alone at 0900 hrs. Both departed for IALIS, inspecting road en route. ADO. returned to WAPENAMANDA at 1400 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 10th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS and TOMBAS areas. Bridges built over LIARA and PANA creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 11th. May, 1967.

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS and IALIS areas. Bridges built over MAP and KIUGU creeks. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 12th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 13th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork till 1200 hrs. Departed for WAPENAMANDA at 1330 hrs., arriving 1530 hrs. Slept WAPENAMANDA.

Sunday 14th. May, 1967:

Rested. Slept WAPENAMANDA.

Monday 15th. May, 1967 :

Departed for IALIS at 1130 hrs., arriving 1430 hrs. Commenced re-building of Police rest house that collapsed yesterday. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 16th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area, and re-building of Police rest house. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 17th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area. Bridge built over NAGAU creek. Re-building of rest house continued. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 18th. May, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area. Completion of rest house. Slept IALIS rest house.



Friday 19th. May. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 20th. May. 1967:

Detailing of work for coming week. Rested in afternoon. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 21st. May. 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 22nd. May. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN area. Clearing of bridge site over TSANGAN creek, and preparation of approaches for laying of logs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 23rd. May. 1967:

Roadwork supervision in TSIN area. Completion of clearing of bridge site over TSANGAN creek. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 24th. May. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area. Bridge built over ILAI creek. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 25th. May. 1967:

Departed for MAMBISANDA at 0730 hrs. to meet ADC. WARAS and ADC. WAPENANANDA, arriving 0830 hrs. ADC. arrived alone at 1400 hrs., thence departed for IALIS, inspecting road en route. Arrived IALIS at 1715 hrs. Discussions with natives until 1830 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 26th. May. 1967:

Departed for LUMIS at 0730 with ADC., arriving 1515 hrs. Inspection of roadwork on LUMIS-BAIYER RIVER road, and discussions with natives re same. Slept LUMIS rest house.

Saturday 27th. May. 1967:

Departed for TUPIOKORES at 0800 hrs., via WAKERAP, arriving at TUPIOKORES at 1530 hrs. Slept TUPIOKORES rest house.

Sunday 28th. May. 1967:

Departed for AUAS at 0800 hrs., inspecting road en route. Discussed re-routing of some sections, and marking of others. ADC. then departed for KOKPIAN roadhead, while self returned to TUPIOKORES. Discussions with natives re roadwork. Then departed for IALIS at 1130 hrs., arriving 1500 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.



Monday 29th. May. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN area. Clearing of section near ISASGAN creek for possible re-routing of road. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 30th. May. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS area. Further clearing of section for re-routing. Commenced cutting of shelf at roadhead beyond IALIS. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 31st. May. 1967:

Departed for MAMBISANDA at 0800 hrs. for meeting with ADC. SARAG and LO. WAPENAMANDA. Arrived 0930 hrs. at MAMBISANDA. Arrived 1030 hrs. Discussions until 1130 hrs., then returned to IALIS supervising roadwork en route. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 1st. June. 1967:

Supervision of clearing and cutting in TSIN area, and continued cutting of shelf in ELIOKOS area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 2nd. June. 1967:

Supervision of clearing and cutting in TSIN area, and cutting of shelf in ELIOKOS area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 3rd. June. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 4th. June. 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 5th. June. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the TSIN and ELIOKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 6th. June. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in the TSIN, TOMBAS, and ELIOKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 7th. June. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN, TOMBAS, and ELIOKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.



Thursday 6th. June, 1967:

Departed for MAMBISANBA area for road inspection at 0800 hrs.. Detailed work for coming week, and followed MININ river in an effort to locate a suitable re-route. Unsuccessful, so returned to IALIS, arriving 1630 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 7th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS, TOMBAS, and ELIOKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 10th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area. Rested in afternoon. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 11th. June, 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 12th. June 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS and ELIOKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 13th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in MAMBISANBA area-clearing of new section to be cut. Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area in afternoon. Distribution of pamphlets, and talk re forthcoming House of Assembly Elections in evening. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 14th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS, ELIOKOS, PSIN, and MAMBISANBA areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 15th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS, ELIOKOS, PSIN and MAMBISANBA areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 16th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TOMBAS area in morning. Talk given re forthcoming House of Assembly elections in afternoon. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 17th. June, 1967:

Talks re forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Slept IALIS rest house.



Sunday 18th. June, 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 19th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS, TOMBAS, and KLIKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 20th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN area. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 21st. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN, TOMBAS, and KLIKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 22nd. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS, TOMBAS, KLIKOS, and TSIN areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Friday 23rd. June, 1967:

Departed for WAPENANANDA at 0800 hrs., arriving 1200 hrs. Returned to IALIS at 1400 hrs., arriving 1400 hrs. Slept IALIS rest house.

Saturday 24th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS, TOMBAS, and KLIKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Sunday 25th. June, 1967:

Rested. Slept IALIS rest house.

Monday 26th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN, IALIS, and KLIKOS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Tuesday 27th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSIN, IALIS, and TOMBAS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Wednesday 28th. June, 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in IALIS and TOMBAS areas. Slept IALIS rest house.

Thursday 29th. June. 1967:

Supervision of roadwork in TSH and KOMBAS areas. Slept LALIS rest house.

Friday 30th. June. 1967:

Departed for WAFIMAMANDA at 0800 hrs., arriving 1030 hrs. Discussion with MO., and returned to LALIS at 1430 hrs., arriving 1700 hrs. Slept LALIS rest house.

END OF DIARY.



OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

Agriculture:

**SUBSISTENCE:** The staple food of the area is the sweet potato, and this is supplemented to a small degree by bananas, taro, yams, corn and sugar cane. Pigs and fowl, the latter to an ever increasing degree, are the main source of meat, but tinned meat and fish are also very popular. With the continuing prosperity evident in the area, these latter two items, as well as rice, are steadily becoming a regular, if as yet somewhat sparse, supplement for the staple diet for the more affluent.

The sweet potato gardens are of the normal type for the area namely mounds of earth on invariably steep slopes. But it was interesting to note the number who are beginning to use more gently sloping areas; to plant the crops directly into the normal surface of the ground; and to drain the gardens with small trenches. Food in the area is plentiful, and all gardens are in good condition, due mainly to the fact that the men were only working four days a week, and the women (except for a period of about six weeks) one day per week. The climate of the area is ideal for the growing of all subsistence, as well as cash, crops.

**CASH CROPPING:** The two main cash crops are coffee and pyrethrum, in that order. The area is the heaviest coffee producing area in the Sub-District, and although the LAI river valley itself is too low for pyrethrum, the acreage is being continually increased in the surrounding hills, mainly at ELIAGANDA, where there are upwards of 25 acres at present. The coffee gardens are in very good condition, and are well maintained by the people since they are their major source of income. The reporting officer was not in the pyrethrum area, but a recent patrol by the Department of Agriculture found the gardens to also be in good condition and the people enthusiastic to continue planting.

The altitude range in the area allows the planting of a large selection of European vegetables including potatoes, cabbages, lettuce, peas, beans, carrots, parsnips, tomatoes, onions and also cucumbers. Fruits available include pineapples, paw paws, bananas, passionfruit and lemons. These fruit and vegetables are becoming more and more important as cash crops, due to the fact that WASO LTD. at WAPENAMANDA maintains an inexhaustible demand for them, sending the non-tropical vegetables to the coast for sale, and selling the tropical fruits locally, since the latter are not available elsewhere in the Sub-District.

At present, the method of getting the goods to WAPENAMANDA from the IALIS areas, and to BAIYER RIVER from the LUMIS areas, is by manual carrying, so consequently a road to both areas is badly needed. WASO are most anxious to commence buying by vehicle in the IALIS areas, and this will undoubtedly increase the enthusiasm of the people to plant more crops, as the distance from the station makes carrying difficult and tends to dampen the enthusiasm of even the keenest natives.

To sum up, the economic future from cash cropping is particularly bright in the LOWER LAI areas, provided a readily available market, per medium of roads, is given to the people.

Roads and Bridges:

For convenience of reporting, roads in the LOWER LAI Census Division are hereunder divided into seven sections, and comments on progress are made on each section:

1. WAPENAMANDA to IALIS roadhead: A total of 9 miles of road all completed, including gravelling, with some forty bridges, of which only ten have sawn decking on them. Two sections are still being reconstructed on a new gradient, and another was surveyed, and is about to be reconstructed, but apart from these small stretches, the road is trafficable although it is recommended that it not be opened to traffic until the sections are completed, gravelled, and allowed time to consolidate.
2. IALIS roadhead to AIPANDA roadhead: This section comprises a total distance of approximately 4 miles, one mile of which consists of a shelf about 5 feet wide, and another mile of which is full width road, ungravelled, and with no bridges. The latter section will also have to be rerouted, for a short distance, at one bridge site, and several sections have collapsed (due to lack of maintenance) and will have to be reopened. There are approximately two miles in which no road is yet constructed.
3. AIPANDA roadhead to KHEKHEK roadhead: This a section approximately 3 miles long, in which no road has as yet been constructed.
4. KHEKHEK roadhead to ABAS roadhead: A total distance of approximately 8 miles of which 6 miles of road has been cut. However, there are no bridges on this section, and much of the road requires widening and gravelling. The portion of road into and out of the IAKA creek valley has to be resurveyed, as the gradient is far too excessive at present.
5. ABAS roadhead to HEMEM river: This section is approximately 2 miles in length, and the road is as yet unmade. A five foot wide shelf is presently being cut along the proposed route.
6. LUMIS to LANDAMA roadhead: This section is comprised of three miles of road, on a good grade and of a good standard. It is not gravelled and there are no bridges.
7. LANDAMA roadhead to BAIYER RIVER roadhead: This section consists of approximately 5 miles of as yet unmade road. The LUMIS people are currently cutting a road along the proposed route, but are not at present being supervised.

Sections 1 to 5 comprise the one road from WAPENAMANDA to the HEMEM river, where the road will join with the present road from KOMPIAM. Sections 6 and 7 form part of the LUMIS to BAIYER RIVER road which is not at present connected to the WAPENAMANDA to KOMPIAM road, although they will probably be joined in the not too distant future. The reporting officer was instructed to locate a route for the proposed road to join these two, but a meeting could not be arranged with PO. HAWTHORN at BAIYER RIVER, and as at the time of writing this report, a meeting had still not been arranged.



Roads and bridges: (Cont'd)

There was a great shortage of picks and crowbars for use by the people working on the roads, and as a result, progress was often painfully slow when areas of stone were met with. The ADC. at WAPENAMANDA requisitioned for both these items on several occasions, but they were not available. Progress will thus continue to be slow until more picks and crowbars are provided.

Native Affairs:

The patrol was well received in all areas, and indeed the people were most anxious that it should remain in order to assist them with the building of the road. They state they are unable to work it alone. They appreciate the great need for a road, in order that they may more easily market their cash and subsistence crops—the people of the IALIS area to WAPENAMANDA, and the people of the LUBIS area to BAIYER RIVER.

The previous patrol to the area led by PO. BAGITA reported a shortage of fresh foods, but during the entire time that this patrol remained in the area, fresh foods were in abundance. Towards the end of May, thirty prisoners also assisted with the roadwork, and there appeared to be no difficulty whatsoever experienced by the local people in coping with the additional quantity of food required.

During the patrol, numerous minor complaints, concerning pigs, bride price payments etc. were brought to the notice of the patrol. Most of them were referred to the Councillors and were arbitrated to the satisfaction of both parties concerned, while the others were arbitrated satisfactorily in the presence of the writer. It was noted that although the complaints were numerous, they normally would not have come to the notice of a Patrol Officer had not the patrol been in the area. They would simply have been settled by the parties themselves. However, the people seem to feel that if the matters are arbitrated by a Patrol Officer, they receive a more certain note of finality, and thus inevitably, many outstanding matters (and others that are made hurriedly outstanding) at the time of the patrol are referred to it for settlement.

To conclude, the native situation in the LOWER LAI Census Division is very good; no adverse trends were noted; the people had few serious complaints; and all are working in harmony, and most enthusiastically, on the roads into the area.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF RPANGG ACCOMPANYING:

Reg. No. 6844. Constable 1st. Class SUMARA:

A quiet, but steadily efficient policeman with a reasonable amount of initiative.

Reg. No. 5107. Constable KAFI:

An old member of the Constabulary, but nevertheless an effective one, provided there is not too much walking to be done. The comedian of the patrol.

Reg. No. 7349. Constable MAKABDA:

Another long-time member, but in spite of his years of service has learnt very little. An incessant talker who is quite useless unless under constant supervision.

Reg. No. 8240. Constable LUMBIA:

A definite asset on such a patrol. His knowledge of the local language and people ensures his acceptance by the people. Has initiative, but nevertheless needs supervision to maintain that initiative.

Reg. No. 8298. Constable HARK:

A very quiet policeman, totally lacking any "get-up-and-go", but provided instructions are explicit, can usually manage to accomplish the task at hand.

Reg. No. 8707. Constable JAWAUPA:

Very similar to Constable LUMBIA. Has a good knowledge of the local language, is readily accepted by the people, and has initiative, but sometimes, unfortunately, considers he is infallible in all matters, with obvious consequences.

Reg. No. 9251. Constable LEVOS:

A loud-mouthed know-it-all, who unfortunately knows very little. Another incessant talker (usually about himself) who annoys his fellow members as well as the local people. Definitely not recommended for similar patrols. Useless, even under constant supervision.



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APPENDIX 'A'. Continued.

Reg. No. 9199. Constable EKUMA:

A reasonably effective member under supervision. Quiet and unassuming, generally lacking initiative, but on occasions surprisingly thoughtful. A very honest policeman.

Reg. No. 10646. Constable BAGAFA:

Tends to be all-knowing on many occasions, and also annoys his fellow members. However, he has a few ideas (not all necessarily good) and is not afraid to try them out. Needs supervision, but could be far more efficient if he was willing to take advice from his elder, and more experienced, fellow members.

Reg. No. 11625. Constable TUANGA:

Young and very inexperienced. Could possibly turn into an efficient and intelligent policeman if given regular and constant supervision under an Officer, or NCO. Tends to be hot-headed, but again, supervision should correct this.

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