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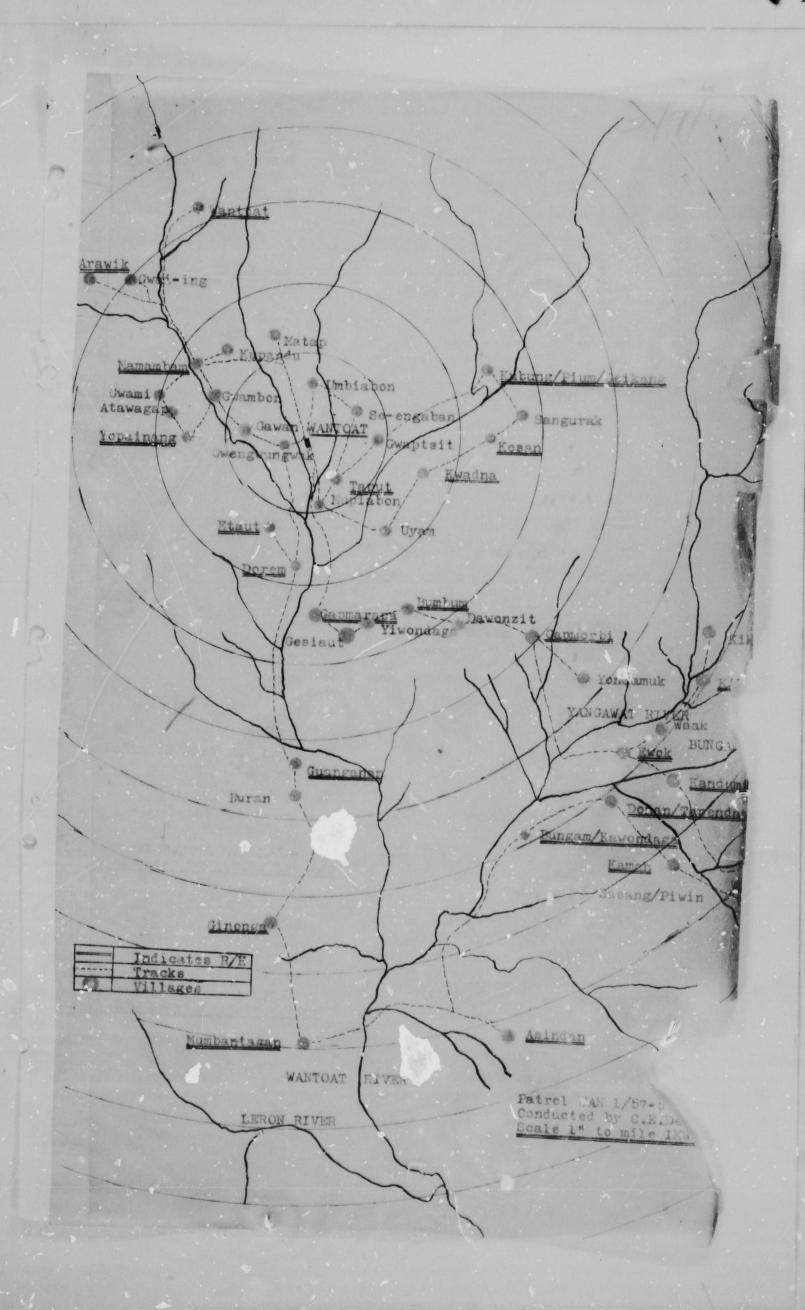
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Objects of Patrol General revision, Coffee inspection and extension,
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Executive Officer (Social Development)

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Your attention is invited to the comments on anthropology contained in Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58 - Wantoat.

(T.G. Aitchison) Chief of Division (Government and Research)

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The District Officer,
Morobe District,

8th October, 1957

Patrol Report No.1 of 1957/58 - Wentpat

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged.

2. I feel that you should not delay in investigating the complaints aimed at native missionaries. It is essential that a senior officer investigate this situation at the earliest possible moment.

3. Action is being taken to have the accompanying map

Headquarters adequately cover the contents of the Patrol Report.

Mr. Death has continued in his good work in this area and is to be commended for the sustained interest taken in the development of the people.

A full and useful Patrol Report

(J.K. McCarthy)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of Native Affairs, District Office,

LAE.

In Reply Please Quote No. 30-1-9-559

26th September, 1957.

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The Director, Department of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No. WANTOAT 1/57-58.
Mr. C.E. DeAth - Patrol Officer

This is the report of a patrol to the Wantoat Census Sub-Division carried out by Mr. Death.

In this sub-division frequent patrolling by the Department of Native Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries and Public Health Department have produced good results, and the people appear to be taking more interest in the affairs of the Administration in their approach to hygiene, better housing and economic cropping.

Mr. DeAth is very keen in his forwarding of coffee planting and the establishment of nurseries, but Agriculture Department were able to forward only 20-lbs. of coffee seed although he asked for 50-lb, but the District Agricultural Officer has informed me that the balance will be available shortly.

The introduction of Tilapia fish is considered to be an important advance in this area, and I look forward to the establishment of a large number of pools for breeding which will add considerably to the diet of very many of the inhabitants.

A road to Kaiapit from Wantoat is being attempted, and both the officer at Kaiapit and the officer at Wantoat are confident that it is possible to construct such a road, but a number of major bridges will be required and it will then be a matter of funds being available before it is possible to use the road for the transport of produce. I have viewed parts of this road already constructed and these parts are well graded and of good width.

It is my intention to visit Wantoat and remain there for as long as I can to investigate some of the complaints aimed at the native missionaries as soon as possible, but the present shortage of staff makes this practically impossible.

The death rate as shown by the Census is high, and as soon as trained Aid Post Orderlies are available more Aid Posts will be opened.

It is intended that selected natives from the Wantoat area be sent to the Medical Training School for training, and these should add to the overall health care of the population. A copy of the Medical and Health section of this report will be forwarded to the Regional Medical Officer for his information.

The notes on Anthropology are very interesting and valuable, and I have asked that in the future copies of such reports be duplicated so that they can be sent to the Headquarters Officer concerned.

Under his section for Native Affairs Mr. DeAth has mentioned a number of disturbing experiences, these are not of a militant nature but will be the subject of an enquiry when I again visit Wantoat.

The comments on Village Officials and the appendix "D" relative to coffee are very interesting. Coffee will prove to be the economic crop in this area, and already more than 12,000 trees have been planted some of which are already bearing,

A well conducted patrol.

By separate memorandum I have requested a re-production of the map accompanying the report.

(A.R. Haviland.)
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

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11th September, 1957.

Mr. C. E. De Ath, Patrol Officer, Wantoat.

PATROL REPORT NO. WAN. 1/57-58.

- 1. The District Agricultural Officer has forwarded 20 pounds of coffee seed and I will endeavour to have more sent out when it becomes available.
- 2. A copy of your section on agriculture will be forwarded to D.A.O. with a request for bears.
- 3. Markets have to be found for potatoes and before this can be done there must be some guarantee of consistent supply, and this is where Garaina has failed. However, a market will be sought.
- 4. A copy of your section on Education will be forwarded to the District Education Officer.
- 5. The death rate in the Wantoat Division calls for notice and a copy of the census figures together with your observations on Medical and Health will be sent to the District Medical Officer.
- 6. Ensure that recruiters are aware of the provisions relating to recruitment of men above 3,500 feet altitude (Gazette No. 36 of 1954).
- 7. Please make a separate recommendation for the granting of the Loyal Service Medal to Tultul MAMBON giving his record as fully as possible.
- 8. Forward separately a recommendation for the appointment of new village ficials.
- 9. There is no reason why people should have so amalgamete into large villages if they profer hamlets or homesteads. The thing is that they must assemble at a central point for census or medical checks.
- 10. All new sites for villages should be inspected by a Field Officer before any move is made.
- 11. I viewed a section of your new Wantoat-Koiapit road and it is well constructed and graded. Have all the shovels been received from Koiapit?
- 12. I will draw the attention of the D.M.O to your request for more W.M.O's and W.M.A's.
- 13. Your anthropological notes are invaluable and I am sure will evoke much interest also at Headquarters.
- 14. Please type an extra copy of your anthropological notes in future so that a copy can be sent to the Government Anthropologist.
- 15. I will try to stay longer with you on my next visit. I should like to discuss more fully some of the matters mentioned in your section on native affairs.

16. Appendices 'A', 'R', 'C' and 'D' are acknowledged.

17. A wry interesting port. I will ask for copies of the map to be made.

(A.R. Haviland). ADIST (CT OF (CER. PATROL REPORT

WAN. No. 1/57-58.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY

C.E. De Ath P/O.

AREA PATROLLED

Wantoat Consus Sub-Divi lon.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY - 1. Lance Corporal.

2. Constables.

2. Native Agricultural Assistants.

1. N.M.Os.

2 Servants.

2. Interpreters.

DURATION

19 days (interrupted periods between 9/7/57 and 16/8/57)

OBJECTS OF PATROL

Census revision

Coffee Inspection and extension

Medical Inspection

Routine Administration.

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INTRODUCTION.

This report covers the activities of a Patrol to an area known as the Wantcat Census Sub-Division. The Patrol was of a routine nature and some villages were visited on one-day trips from the station.

The Wantoat Sub-Division is very dissected being broken up by the gorges and ravines of the WANTOAT, BUNGAM, and YANGAWAT river systems. Most villages are situated on spurs between 4000 and 6000 feet in height.

In all the population totals about 5,000 souls divided into about seven pockets situated near the headwaters of various rivers. The three main dialects found in the sub-division are called, IMA, INA, and YA. The most widely known is INA which is spoken by all the villages in the WANTOAT basin.

Of late D.N.A. D.A.S.F. and P.H.D. patrolling has been fairly frequent. This has had good results in some villages but in others the people are still very backward.

The Patrol was not as extended as the writer hoped it would be. However as many of the villages are within reasonable distance of the station follow-up visits will be made to them when time permits.

Generally the Patrol was well received and cooperation was good although hardly spontaneous.

Dr. Mc Michael, who was callecting specimans for the Sydney museum, accompanied the patrol for a short time.

It was necessary to interrupt the Patrol on three occasions to look after visitors to the station.

The notes on Anthropology are rather full but it is thought that it may be useful later to have a record of certain facets of the people's customs which are now undergoing fairly rapid transition.

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FORESTRY.

Two Agricultural Assistants, MISASONG at 1 KORONG accompanied the patrol. They both did good work in pruning coffee and giving advice to the local populace on shade etc. Many of the plots visited were doing very well whilst others were poor. A good deal seems to depend on the soil on which the plots are situated. Generally those on very high, sloping, virgin, soils seem to do best. Those on the floor of the Wantoat basin are generally extremely poor and it has been necessary to abandon many of them. Two small plots at the station are being planted and it is hoped to find out whether failures in the past were due to lack of shade or to some inherent soil deficiency. Mr. Ardley, the Entomologist from Lae, recently visited the station and suggested that lack of sufficient shade was the prime cause of failure. Prior to the description of the patrol a radio was forwarded for fifty pounds of seed coffee to be forwarded for the replacement of dead coffee and the extension of existing plots. However it was not received and it will be necessary later to send out an Agrigultural Assistant to distribute the seed. The appended coffee figures show a healthy situation in this sub-division. Of particular note are the results obtained by MAMBON at GINONGA where the trees have reached maturity and are starting to bear well At the people's own suggestion a number of pigs which were destroying coffee plots were shot. This was near the beginning of the patrol and since then there has been a marked improvement in the control of pigs.

Recently the Agriculture Department . Lae requested that the Officer-in-Charge Wantoat purchase crotalaria seed for distribution in other areas. The local people cooperated well and since the lat March, 1957, 830 pounds valued at £41.10.0 has been forwarded to Lae. Coffee purchased during the some period weighed 282; pounds and was valued at £23.4.6d.

The usual native livestock was seen. A few diseased pigs and dogs were destroyed but on the whole most animals were healthy. A Berkshire boar is kept at Wantoat station and during the last year he has been but busy improving the local strain. After the last Patrol to the AWARA a request was made for another boar to be forwarded. This was done by the agriculture Department and a pig station has now been set up at GUNING-GWAN in the AWARA sub-division. It is requested please that some more boars be forwarded to establish other pig stations in the WANTOAT sub-division.

The people have the usual native staples and there is little shortage or food in any of the villages. Many of the villages have planted potatoes and are disappointed because there is no market for them. Now that Wantcat has a Clerk (Gr.111), who seems reliable, would it be possible to start a scheme similar to that functioning at Garaina where potatoes are purchased and used toback-load government charters?

Tilapia fish were recently received at Wantoat station. However it will be six months before they begin to breed and be ready for distribution to the various villages. In the meantine two more pools have been constructed on the station and the District Agricultural Officer has kindly offered to stock them in the near future.

A tentative suggestion was made to the people that it may be possible, later, tomarket vegetable surpluses when the new road to Kaiapit/Lae has been completed.

Since the lat of March orchids have been forwarded regularly to Lae from this Census sub-division. It is reported that forty-three new varieties have been found amongst them.

It is hoped shortly to establish a pine plantation at Wantoat station and eventually distribute seedlings to various villages. Those seedlings distributed by Mr. Seale, District Officer are all doing well. Recently the Forestry Department in Lae forwarded many varieties of fruit and rain forest trees. These have all been planted on the station and later it will be possible to distribute seedlings on Patrol.

I and MISSIONS.

The Lutheran Mission is the only mission operating in the area. Half of the people in the sub-division visited are administered from the "Kotte" Mission centred on TAPEN and the other half from the "Yabim" Mission centred on KAIAPIT. During the Patrol, Mr. Holznechk from the Kazapit Mission visited Wantoat station for a few days. Generally the "Yabim" evengelists and teachers seem to be doing good work. However there is a good deal of friction between certain evangelists of the "Kotte" Mission and their followers. The main trouble spots are at KAMAN, PIWIN, SASANG, WALIKAYA and EWOK. In these villages the laymen accuse one of the evangelists, ZIMINU/LEIWA of having illicit relations with one of the local women resulting in her pregnancy.

in her pregnancy, and also complain that missionpigs are destroying gardens etc. The Mission on the other hand accuse the local people of planting sharpened bamboo mantraps, killing their pigs and of being "big-heads". All of these claims were found to have substance and when the European Pastor from TAPEN visits the area during September recommendations will be made to him to have certain SIO natives returned to their own district.

The District Education Officer has inspected a few of the schools in this Census sub-division and for his information a list of mission schols, and the attendance at each, is appended.

Unfortunately some of the dirtiest and most ramshackle villages are centred around native mission schools etc which have been established for many years. The people were requested to pull down temporary "sunday houses", if they could not maintain them properly.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

Village.	Boys.	Girls.
Gwengwungwak	13	13
Matap	18	14
Mupiabon	13	22
Kubung	22	18
Kwadna	17	18
Dorem	50	9
Buran	20	13
Gusiparan	10	10
Kaman	24	13
Donan	12	6
Walukoya.	21	21
Bumbum	29	29
Gapmarapa	27	12
	246	198

CENSUS.

It was intended to issue new census books on this patrol. However, in view of a recent memorandum from the Director about the imminent issue of a new type census book, this was not done.

The figures compiled after the Patrol show a gross increase of 79 in the population. However the this represents a natural increase of only 28, since the last census, as the balance is made up of migration; in which are included a number of people who have been evading census for a number of years.

1.	a	death rate per thousand	of	47.09	(24,5)
		birth rate per thousand		50.44	(38.8)
3.	a	masculinity rate of		1.049	(1.062)
4.	8.	juvenility rate of		.478	(.708)

5. Number of males at work 438 or 27.3%, Females NIL, Females accompanying worker 21. (Figures for comparison in parenthesis are those of the Erap Census s/d).

There has been a slight reduction of those absent at work since the last census as at. Manh/May, 1956 when workers absent numbered 454 or 29% of the 16/45 age group.

Although there are many villages in which more than 33% of the 16/45 age group are absent it is not recommended that a general closure of the area be made. In view of the high death rate however it is recommended that a move be made to establish Aid Posts in the area.

VILLAGES.

(a) VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Ine appended comments on the village officials indicate that in general these men are not doing what is required of them. However they are not paid and very often have to take a lot of criticism from visiting officers.

The two outstanding officials in this census sub-division (and indeed the whole of the Wantoat S.D) are T/T MANBON and T/T MUNGAT (MOMOKA). Both have just completed a tour of the Eastern Highlands and both have given extensive talks on the native development which they saw there. The former accompanied the Patrol and was invaluable in disceminating ideas on coffee planting, village improvements etc. T/T MAMBON is a fairly elderly man ard was appointed by the pre-war Administration. He has accompanied practically every Patrol in the area and his village book indicates that he has given invaluable assistance to visiting officers. He is well known to Mr. Seale, District Commissioner, and during the last war gave him as much assistance as possible. As he was the first Village Official to be appointed in the Wantoat crea, and in view of his excellent services it may be possible for him to be considered for a loyal Service Medal. However this is contingent on the advice of the District Officer and further information will be supplied by confidential memorandum if required.

The appaintment of Luluai KWONGIT of KANDUMIN is recommended. He will replace Luluai PATET who died recently. The appointments are also recommended of T/T KAIJWA for a vacant position at KIKIEWA, and Luluai BUNGAIYI who replaces his father SCMAKURAN who died in June.

STATE OF VILLAGES.

(b) Most of the villages are situated on spurs and consequently they are cramped and the ground is usually stony and bare in them. As mentioned previously mission villages are typified by many temporary badly built houses. Every attempt was made to improve villages by; suggesting repairs to old houses; suggesting the planting of grass to stop erosion of village sites; the erection of good latrines and construction of deep garbage pits; the banishment of pigs from inside houses and from village environs; and the destruction of diseased animals. Where villages were in a very poor state a policeman was left to supervise improvements. As the writer has visited some villages in the area four or five times over the last few months results are becoming apparent. Most villages have readily available ravines in which pigs can be kept. By feeding them there the village people are finding that they can garden close to the village and that they do not have to fence in their gardens.

Three villages requested permission to change to newsites.

Permission was granted providing sanitation etc is adequate before the people move. Constant pressure is being exerted by the mission to have villages amalgamate. In view of Mr. Mc Arthur's recommendations, made during a previous Patrol in the area, these moves were discouraged.

ROADS ERIDGES and CARRIERS.

Most of the tracks between villages are well maintained and graded. However there seems to be an unfortunate tendency for well - graded roads to suddenly drop down the sides of steep ravines (and there are many) and ladders and steps have to be reverted to. Two sections of road, between MUPANDAGEN and ASINDAN, and between MAMAMBAN and ATAWAGAP need attention as they have not been used regularly previously. A new bridge across the Wantoat? Asindan has been constructed.

The Wantoat/Kaiapit road is going ahead well although the workers are handisapped by a lack of shovels. Efforts by the District Officer to obtain gelegnite for its construction are appreciated.

It is requested please that copies of the map forwarded be made and returned to Wantoat.

MEDICAL and HEALTH.

One N.M.O., SULI, accompanied the Patrol. As on previous occasions his services were excellent.

Two recent patrols by F.H.D. Officers have been done in this Census sub-division. The first was done by Mr. Cox E.M.A. in early 1956. The next, a goitre control project, was done by Dr. Mc Cullough in November, 1956. Despite these patrols there is, as the appended figures show, a good deal of sickness in the area. In two places at least there appears to have been some sort of epidemic. At ASINDAN there have been 21 deaths since the last census. Checking old boks in several villages south of the river BUNGAM reveals that the population has approximately halved since 1937.

Bearing in mind the above points it is recommended that some candidates from the Wantoat. S.D. be chosen to train as N.M.O's and / or N.M.A's. There should be some very good students available from the station school at the end of this year and later. The writer has selected areas in which Aid Posts could be established and the people have indicated their eagerness to have Aid Post clinics.

On this Patrol (as on the Patrol to the Awara) parents were warned that if they let their children die or become deformed through neglecting to get readily available medical aid they would be prosecuited under the NAR's. the large number of child deaths (121) indicates apathy.

Treatments given

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Sent to Wantout Aid Post

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ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE POLICE

GUSIPARAN Village was chosen as a village in which research could most profitably be done. It is situated approximately half way between Wantoat and Kaiapit Stations near the junction of the WANTOAT and LERON rivers. It has a population of 21 male children, 22 female children, 43 male adults, and 58 adult females, making a total population of 144. In size the population is about average for the Wantoat Sub-division villages.

Dwelling houses are of a fairly simple design consisting usually of only one room. The dimensions of the average dwelling house are 9' x 14'. This does not include the overlap of eaves which adds 2' to 3' to the everall length and breadth of the house. The walls, about 5' in height, are constructed of coarsly woven strips of bamboo the holes in which are covered with bamboo sheaths. The small 4' x 2' door is usually in the narrower side of the building and consists, when closed, of a parrice of logs and one large strip of thick bark on the inside. The roof, the ridge of which is usually about nine feet from the ground, is constructed of bamboo and saplings laced together with dried vines. When the bamboo and saplings have been tied together coarse grass (kunai) and a type of semi-cultivated bamboo leaf are used to thatch the roof. The floor is earthen and is covered with resticated sugar cane. When it is night a bark cloth cape is laid on top of the sugar cane and this is used to sleep on. The fire place is in the middle of the house on the carthen floor. It is square and the four sides are constructed with stones.

The order of construction for the various parts of the house is; post holes; roofing beams, studs, and framework; bamboo woven walls; and then thatching and filling the holes in the walls. A man usually constructs his own house and takes two months to do so. He carries all the saplings necessary for its construction and as none of these, except perhaps the ridge pole, is heavy he does not need help. If he does his brother may help him. His wire may occasionally carry very light bamboo poles and the sheaths necessary for filling in the holes in the walls. Often saplings are salvaged and used from old houses. When the framework of the roof is ready for the thatching all the women in the village are called upon to collect 'kunai' grass and bamboo leaves and carry them to the village. The men of the village then combine and thatch the roof. The whole operation of thatching thus takes only one day. A small celebration or 'sing sing' was formerly held to celebrate its completion. When finished the house is expected to last two years or longer with new thatching. Adolescent girls and boys help their parents with the above activities.

The owner of each house usually has a garden house almost half the size and of the same style as his dwelling house. If it is a community garden in which his brothers and near aged relatives share they may all help to construct it and there in the use of it.

The sacred yam stone house is of the same pattern as an ordinary dwelling house. It is, however, constructed by the older men of the village who own the stones and boys and women are not allowed near it except to carry thatching for the roof. It has no ornamentation either inside or out and is used merely for keeping yam stones in.

Various groups of elder unmarried youths combine to make house for themselves. There are usually three to six boys to each 'boy' house and the houses themselves are built on the same pattern as a normal dwelling house. Fathers of the younger boys may help to build these houses although there are usually enough young unmarried men to do the work.

Most of types of houses mentioned are built primarily for warmth (height 3,900') and are, consequently, very dark and smoky even when the small doors are open. Changes in style and building technique which have now taken place are referred to in a later section.

There is one church in the village of GUSIPARAN. It is 37' long by 16' wide. The floor is of bare earth and the the seats (planks) are nailed to posts driven into it. The walls are of solid 6" diameter stude on which plaited bamboo is nailed with adzed battens. The roof at its highest point is 12' from the ground and is made of thatching similar to that used in the construction of a roof on a normal dwelling house. The beams of course are much heavier. Inside, at one end, is a hewn timber platform on which there is an altar and a type of hewn pulpit. The door is of adze hewn timber. The church lacks the usual drawings found in other churches nearby. It was built by all the men and youths. The women carried the thatching material tut took no part in its actual construction. Money for the nails for the building was raised by direct sontribution from the village people.

A Mission school also exists in the village. It was built on a similar pattern to the church although it is somewhat smaller (25' x 14'). Under the Native Missionary the same labour which built the church also built the school. As with the church the plaited bamboo walls do not reach right to the roof there being a 4' gap to allow the light to enter. Some nails were used in its construction.

The Mission evangelist/teacher has a fairly large house (19' x 23') divided into two rooms and a verandah. It is laised about 3' off the ground on strong hardwood piles. The floor is of coarse plaited bamboo which rests on many small saplings close together. The walls are of finely plaited bamboo which is fastened to the studs with battens and nails. The roof is of similar structure to that of the church and school although its shape bears more of a resemblence to Kaiapit houses than to those in the Wantoat. The same labour that built the church and school built the Mission house and his detached kitchen (which is the same design as a local house).

In the whole village there are now 22 dwelling houses, 2 single men's houses, one church, one school, and one Mission residence.

The changes over the last few years have been significant. First the yam stone houses - these no longer exist nor do the magic yam stones as such. The dwelling houses are now becoming more complicated to build. In nine houses visited a raised bamboo floor with a stone and earth fireplace in the middle has been constructed. In the other thirtsen houses a platform for sleeping on has been built of bamboo and saplings. This platform covers approximately half of the floor space the other half being bare earth on which an ordinary fireplace has been built.

In all houses visited a small alcove has been about 4" in front of the door. In it are now stored, firewood, vegetables, and various hunting equipment. In two or three houses a bamboo partition has been built to divide the house in half. Apparently, too, there has been a change in the method of plaiting bamboo. Previously the walls were constructed of very coarse bamboo strips with with transverse pieces every 9" to 10". Now a different type of bamboo is used and the transverse pieces are as close together as the longtitudinal strips. Doors seem to have altered little and are still small and heavily barricaded. In two houses, one belonging to the Tultul and one to a group of unmarried males, an attempt has been made to imitate the Mission dwelling. Nails have been used and both dwellings have been raised entirely off the ground. It would seem that with the introduction of new tools men still prefer to build their own houses but they can do so more rapidly. They seem therefore to be able to elaborate on design and structure without spending any more time than previously on house building. It was ascertained that nearly every male adult owns at least one tomahawk and one large bush-knife. A number also own large axes and there are in the village, three hammers, two saws, and the Missionary owns one plane, one mattock, and one hammer. The Administration has given the village one pick and two shovels, osthsibly, for road work. Whilst the people of GUSIPARAN, as yet, are not very competent in the use of these tools they are definitely showing an interest in using them on their houses. Some of the people questioned mentioned that if they built the structures of their houses well with nails and hardwoods they would last seven or eight years and only the thatching would need changing in the meantime.

As a point of interest a number of women still masticate a type of ginger plant and then expectorate it on to the walls of their houses. It is reputed to kill the insects which normally eat bamboo after it has been erected a few months.

No celebration is now held on the completion of a house and no longer are bodies buried in the earthen floors.

Hunting weapons are possessed by most of the older men of the village. The bows are usually 5' to 5'3" in length. The bow string is made of bamboo and the bow of black palm after it has been seasoned over the fire for two or three days. In former times the bow was shaped by men with sharpened stones and slivers of sharp camboo. Now, however, axes and knives are used in their making. Arrows are made of wild sugar cane (pitrit) with sharpened bamboo or black palm tips. The tips are fastened to the haft with a type of vine and a gluey substance extracted from a type of tree. The arrows have an overall length of from 3'6" to 4' and compared to other highland areas are very austere in pattern i.e. no series of intricate barbs.

The men also make spears although these are not as common as bows and arrows. The old type are made of black palm, 6' long, and have several barbs. The more recent ones have only one barb and some of the spears have the lower section and barb made of steel. The same tools as above are used in their manufacture.

Axes were previously obtained from outside of the area by bartering. All of those in the village are now steel.

A list of European type tools has been given previously. Although these are owned by individuals

they are freely borrowed by the community.

As of former times plain digging sticks are still used. Some of these are made of black palm but generally they are merely saplings crudely shaped. In stony ground a pick is now used also. All of the above articles are made by men. Boys and adolescents make small bows and arrows and spears for themselves.

There is no suitable clay for pott and these are obtained from the Markham villages where the men make them.

Wooden plates and bowls are made of hardwood and vary in size from 8" to 3'6" in length. Previously these were shaped with stones axes and polished with bamboo slivers. They were made by men and the larger ones were used for extracting oil from the pandanus fruit. They are not now made having been replaced with enamel plates and bowls from Hong Kong.

Net bags are still being made, used, and traded for pots from the Markham villages. The women select the bark off a certain type of tree and dry it in the sun for two days. They then twist strips of it between their fingers and then combine two threads together. In the final process the fine cord is woven into a bag or man's hair net with the aid of a shaped 6" stick which gives a uniform mesh. Previously black dye only was used and was rubbed on with the fingers. This dye was obtained from a tree. Now, however, European coloured dyes are used to colour bags which vary in size from about 6" to 30" when full. Mothers teach their daughters the process of net bag making and there does not seem to be any secrecy as to who may learn among the females.

In former times an extensive trading system existed with other areas. The GUSIPARAN people in common with other Wantoat people traded in cowry shells, axes, string bags, pots, pigs, strings of threaded stone beads, and lime. From the Markham villages, via intermediate villages, saucepans and black stone axes were obtained in exchange for net bags (1 large net bag for 1 saucepan). From the Rai Coast via intermediate villages large white cowry shells, white stone axes, and light magic yam stones, were obtained fro strings of stone beads (18" beads for 1 axe, or 1 yam stone, or 1 cowry shell). Also traded to both the above areas were bamboo containers of lime (1 18" container of lime for 1 saucepan or 1 axe).

All that remains of the above trading system is the exchange of lime and net bags for saucepans from the Markham. Trading expeditions of about five or six men and women are still arranged periodically. There seems to have been never any set time of the year for these trading ventures which lasted two or three weeks.

Internally trade was mainly centred around pigs and women, (1 pig for 36" beads, and 4 large cowry shells, and two axes) (1 woman (12de) for 5 large cowry shells, and 2 axes, and one pig at the birth of the first child)

Now of course stone axes are not traded and beads and shells are only traded internally on rare occasions by older men. Money is used to purchase, pigs, lime, pots, and net bags although there is still some bartering of the two latter items.

Generally the men from GUSIPARAN leave the village when they are about twenty years of age and work for two or three years at Rabaul, Lae, Wau, Bulolo, or occasionally at Port Moresby. During that time they accumulate enough money (at £1.5.0 to £2 per month) to purchase, a bush-knife, a tomahawk, a wesden suitcase, a spoon, several 'lap laps' and singlets and shirts, a blanket, and sometimes a kerosene lamp, mirror, hammer, or similar item. There are no stores near GUSIPARAN or in the Wantoat. The nearest are at Kaiapit and these are run by Europeans and natives. Women occasionally make alittle money by selling food to visiting Europeans or by selling pigs to other villages. They always give this money to their men folk and ask them to purchase certain things for them. Their favourite requests are for matches, dye, blouses, mirrors, and children's clothing. There are no GUSIPARAN women in employment or even absent from the village. This applies generally to the Wantoat area.

Usually children are not interested in trading. However at the Wantoat Station many school boys, including one from GUSIPARAN, exchange orchids, paw paws, snails, bush seedlings, crotalaria seeds, and fungus, for tobacco, newspaper, salt and money.

In conclusion it would seem as though heavier work, such house building, garden clearing, etc, is reserved exclusively for adult males whilst net bag making, weeding, and cooking, is confined to females. However there does not appear to be any rigid demarcation between the tasks an adolescent and an adult of the same sex may do. As in the past the family still seems a fairly independent unit.

In the production of artefacts the division of labour is clearly marked more, it seems, because of traditional influences than because of differences in physical strength. From inquiry, for example, it was found that the clder men usually made the wooden dishes and bowls not because they were more skilful but because older men had, apparently, always made them. Women have always made string bags and although daughters help their mothers in task small sons never do.

It would seem as though rales are dominant in the society although not as dominant as in former times. The male is still responsible for the spending of all money and the woman is still the property of her husband and his clan. Recent patrols have discovered however that women are now gaining divorces and are returning to their own villages and families.

Younged males are gaining increasing authority and independence through having money and/or trade goods and having a knowledge of the places and things outside of their own village of GUSIPARAN. Older men previously held unchallenged authority through their knowledge of sorcery, the yam cult, and various traditional customs.

It is hoped on the next Patrol to make a study of the yam cult and other customs that these people had in previous times.

SATIVE AFFAIRS.

On the whole the people were fairly helpful and receptive to new ideas. However there is a fairly deep core of superstition, distrust, and apathy still to be overcome. Particularly in vil ages two menths ago that two policemen, who were sent to arrest an escaped prisener, were attacked and one of the policemen had his face badly plants. There is still much sorcery, despite mission activity, and of recent months there have been some rather unpleasant cases

The tension between the mission and its followers in the villages mentioned previously is disturbing. If Mission well be understood. However the "Kettet" mission has been operating relations between the mission and the laity. Ferhaps when some of quiet may 'gn again. Mr. 4c Arthur also commented at length on area.

Another disturbing feature in most villages visited is the "casting off" of sond wives. In may cases old men who have been mar led to to women for many years and who have had children by both are have to rid they lives of one wife before being baptised

The pro sof man marring into and residing in his wifis village were incestigated. Although the society is generally patril real it is the ight that the system of inheritance atc. is not tage in a number of creas where the population is static or declining and the population is a rrine to expand adherence to normal inheritance customs should be encouraged.

An attempt was made to presen o the people an ategrated scheme for their own selfare. It was suggested that when the road is finished it may be possible start a Rural Progress Society with coffee for them to form a Cooperative Bosiety and run two or three trade stores which would cate to their needs. Poss bly when these activities which would be able to administer their own schools and Aid Posts. However they were full that these benefits could not be obtained without much hard work and they would have to look towards the students now at school to manage range. These activities. Exception was stressed as the keystone to the sames of any these development.

APPENDIX A.

TNLAND WATERWAYS

C.1 213/1 - 3 - 70 (6/8/55)

The river systems crossed are such that note of them are suitable for any type of craft. They are all swift torrents subject to rapid flooding. Map Ref IKAP 1" series.

APPENDIX B.

ALIENATED LAND C. 1. 221/34 - 1 - 3 (14/11/55)

Wantoat Station 110 Acres (a) Administration owned Corner have inverted cement pegs Improvements - 1 1900' aerodrome Occupied by Government Station (D.N.A.) Title completed 28-6-57 Mr. Crowley's TAL (unoccupied) is situated within above boundaries 5 Acres.

(b) L. M. Lease 34 Acres Administration owned Corners have inverted cement pegs Improvements - none unoccupied Title completed 28-6-57.

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VIIIIAGE	NAME		COMPRINT
PWI GNA GWEN GWUN GWAE GAWAN	GUMBU DAUWIA DAGAI NOGANANA DANGUT	TT LL LL TT TT	Troublesome-needs watching Tries but not conversant with pidgi Keeps village in very good order Affable but not intelligent Intelligent, has accorden
MAMAMBAM	BUGAT	LL.	four wives
MATAP	KOMDEPA GWEI MUNGAT (MA	TT.	Little assistance as and
GWAMBON ARAWIK	MEIMGANA WO-OK	LL.	Little visible control
GWAI-ING KUPANDU	POSANG MANGWENA MANDA	LL.	Voluble but little help Establishing new hamlet Quiet but good control
ATAWAGAP	KUPANDOTA YANGI ANGUK	II.	Has served gaol sentence-little
YOPAINANG .	KWANAM KEIMUNG	LL.	Old but seems to be doing
WANTOAT	YANGAU-A BUPATNANA	LL.	Previously in gaol-half blind- improving
UMBIABON	KAIPGAMUN BON	II.	Quite good Intelligent but has slacked in past Enthusiastic
SEENGABAW TAPUT	TAKI KAGNA	LL.	Inthusiastic Absent at time of visit Helpful
MOPIABON GWAPTSIT KUBUNG	PETNANA NAN KWATEMBAL TERA	LL. TT. LL.	Cld but apparently loyal Killed Japanese near Wantoat Station Seems to be working well
PUI UNG GEIKANG	KAPAK KORTANGAT	LL.	Slacking village poor Little idea of responsibilities Fair
SANGURAK	PAPAIYAP TAWAN	LL.	Helpful young What he lacks in intelligence makes up for in werbasits
KESAN	MTP		Partly responsible for loss
KWADNA UYAN	YANGAK GAWEI APUN	LL.	Administration demonstration 1954 Under mission influence In his dotage
DOREM	KATAMBA KWOI-AMUK BI-OI-O	LL.	Helpful A good man
ETAWUT GUAN GANAN	KUYOM KALAMBA MIYOT	LL.	Good interpreter Ingratiating Unobtrusire
BURAN GINONGA	IWATO YAWAM MAMBON	LL.	Understands what is required Mission protege Good control
GUSIPARAT	SIPIRANT GAPANGA		Strongest personality in district Vell meaning but lacks intelligence
MUMBANTAGAN	YANGEN TAPASINA	LL. L	Vociferous Last stages of semile decay Conscientious
ASINDAN BUNGAN	GWOKAN KWATANDAKA	LL. I	neffective mooth-anti-mission
KAWONDAGA	BUNAT GWAIYA	LL. A	Mactive
DONAN	KATUM SITAPO PUNSING	II. U	lausible nobtrusive
TAPENDACGEN	MANZAK NGANDAGA	II. A	good interpreter-most helpful assive een to help

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7	VILLAGE	NAME		COMMENT
	KAMAN	DANGAWENE	LL.	- Command Alle Lucille
	SANANG	AGAN GILINGI	TT.	A poor record
	WALUKOYA	TANGGIMA SABAP	TT.	No interest in work
	KANDUMIN	WETONG ZAMBANAN KWONGIT	TT. TT. LL.	Hard worker Absent
	E.MOK	DANGAGEN KWENANA NAURA	TT. LL. TT.	Young helpful Quite Food-recently hantigat
	MIKIEWA	KEGEN	LL.	Seems good
	WANK	KAI OWA ZIMZA	TT.	Newly appointed To be recommended for dentities
	GAPMORBI	WOEMOBIT MUNZAM	TT.	Has returned from work improving Has rendered good service over many years
	YONDAMIK	DAMAIMANANA BUNGAIYI	TT.	Handicapped by paralysis of arm New appointed-replaces father
	DAWONZIT	WANEI SABUGAT	LL.	Not very astute Don Juan-has just completed gacl sentence for concepling his
,	MUMBUM	VWEGOM DAGAI	LL.	Merely a mission protege Has just completed sentence
	GESIAUT YIWONDAGA GABMARAPA	IMUYE DUMBUT BANSAP MUMEI	LL. TT. LL.	for assisting an escaped prisoner Unobtrusive Good but lacks self assurance Doing job well Mouthpiece for Missionary
		YAWUN	TT.	Seems competent.

COFFEE

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1956.

AUGUST - 1957.

VILLAGE	NUMBER OF	COFFEE	PREVIOUS	COUNT D	ATE
	GROWING .	DEAD			/
GWEIN GWUN GWAK	1159	208	1333	CVENT	MIN TIN
GAWAN	1311	1.52	1000	DEP	TEMBER .
UMBIABON	867	193	1159		
SEENGABAN	1105	37	1164	,	
GWAMBON	978	143	1051		
MAMAMBAN	534	201	732		
ARAWIK	217	201	102		
WANTOAT	265				
KUPANDU	979	14	280		
MATAP	1496	142	871		
YOPAINANG	1193	157	011		
MUPIAPUN	1473	244			
TABUT	1160	229	1270		
GWAPTSIT	312	56	1210		
SANGURAK	1300	256	278		
KUBUNG	735	200	210		
KVADNA	235		235		
UYAM	1.200	512	200		
DOREM	948	22	964		
GUANGUNAN	564	13	827		
GINONGA.	2849	-	2287		
GUSIPARAN	1014	184	547		
MUMBANTAGAN	654	TO T	0.1		
ASINDAN	766				
BUNGAM	494				
DONAN	400	12			
KAMAN	565	+6	1		
SASANG	286	57			

MWOK KIKIEWA YONDAMUK GAPMORBI BUMBUM GAPMARAPA

KAMAN SASANG WALUKOYA KANDUMIN

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3039 12,998

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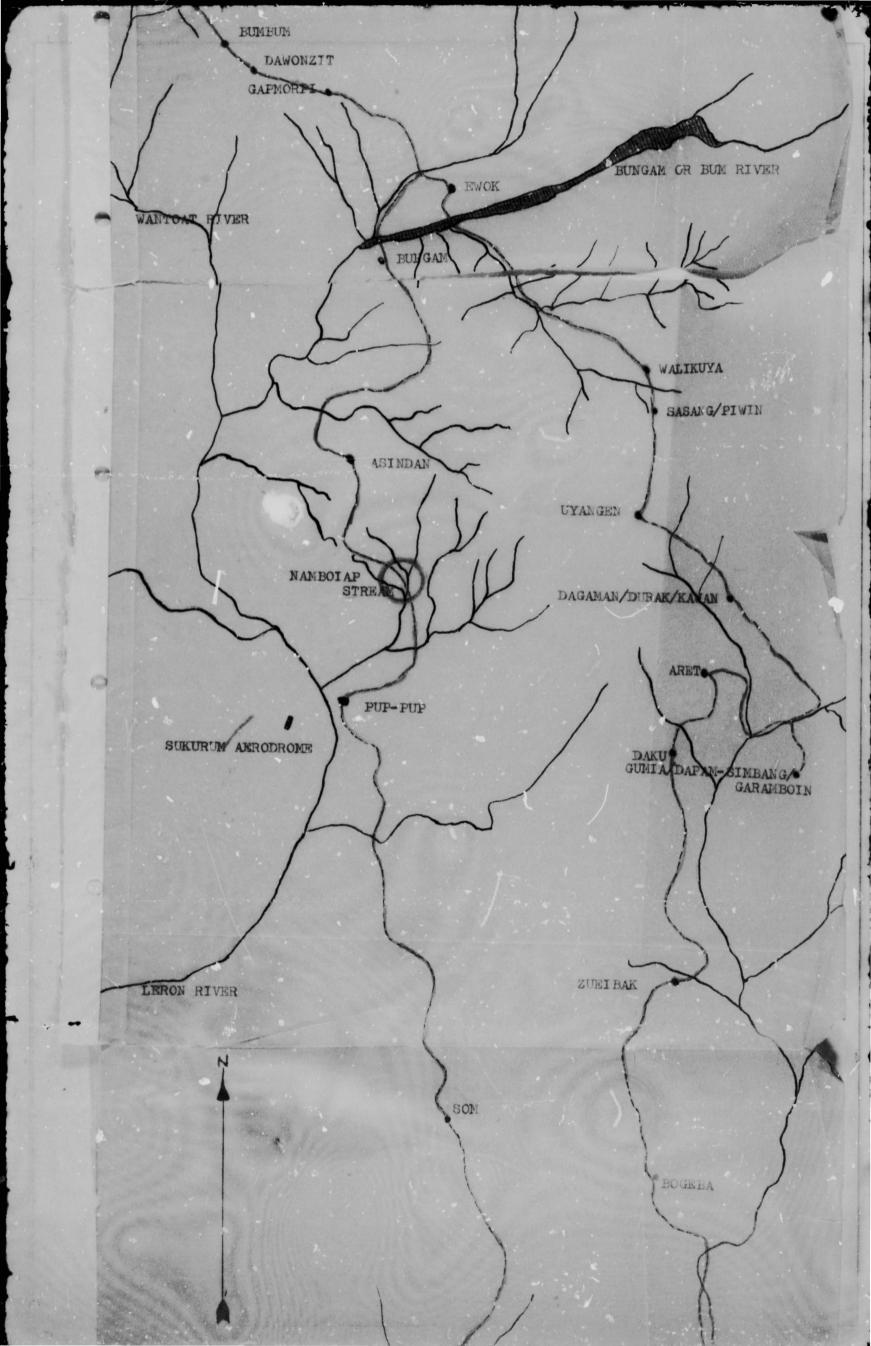
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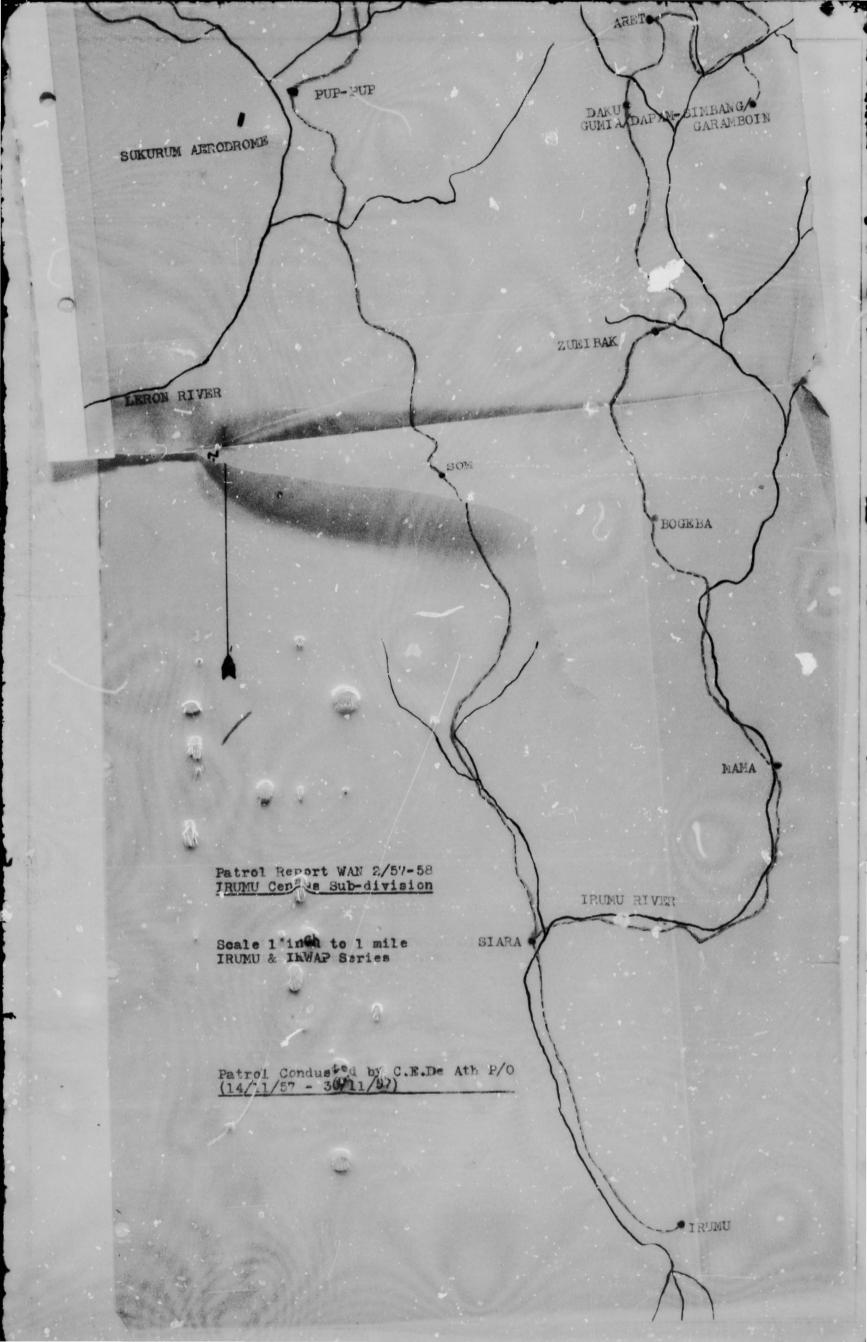
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Pepartment of Lands, Surveys and Mines

Port Moresby,

24th January, 1958.

GDK/PP



The Acting Director, Department of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Your NA.30-9-109 of 10th instant

refers.

2. Six copies of the Wantoat patrol report No. 2 1957/58 are herewith.

(D.E. Macinnia)
DIRECTOR OF LANDS,
SURVEY: AND MINES.

10th January, 1958.

The District Officer, Morobe District, LAE.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 - 1957/58 - WANTOAT.

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

It is regrettable that you will be unable to staff Wantoat from local resources but the staff position is such that I am anable to assist at present—the same position pertains in all Districts.

It is noted that the people appear to be keenly interested in economic development, and it is obvious they are making an earnest effort to produce coffee. I am extremely pleased to note that the native Agricultural Assistant did good work in demonstrating pruning, shading, spacing etc. The contents of Appendix "A" are of interest.

It is interesting to note that passion fruit will grow well in the Upper Irimu.

Mr. De Ath has performed his usual thorough patrol and presented results in a most satisfactory manner.

I shall be looking forward to Mr. De Ath's notes on the ceremonies involving the release of 20 dams in the Wantoat area.

MC(4 K. Moderthy)
April ng Director.

10th Jammry, 1958.

The Director, Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines, PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 - 1957/58 - WANTOAT.

I will be taken if I might have six (6) copies
of the attached map, please.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

ARH.DD

Native Affairs, Department 23rd Decemb,r, 1957.

The Director, Department of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. WANTOAT 2-57/58. MR. C. E. De ATH - PATROL OFFICER.

- 1) Forwarded herewith is a Patrol Report of a patrol by Mr. De Ath to the Irimu Census Division.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of Native Affairs,

23rd December, 1957.

The Director, Department of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

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(A.R. Haviland.)
A/DISTRICT OFFICER.

Encl.

ARH.DD

Department of Native Affairs,

LAE.

23rd December, 1957.

Mr. C. E. De Ath, Patrol Officer, WANTOAT.

PATROL REPORT NO. WANTOAT 2-57/58.

- 1) Receipt is acknowledged of your Patrol Report.
- 2) Copies of your sections on Agriculture and Education will be forwarded to the Departments concerned.
- 3) I will again ask the Regional Medical Officer to establish an Aid Post in the Irimu Division.
- 4) Thank you for your village altitude figures. There are required by "Intelligence" and native labour recruiters.
- 5) I will ask the Director for six copies of your patrol map.

(A.R. Haviland.) A/DISTRICT OFFICER. .



TERRITORY OF PAPIJA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply Please Quote No. 30/1

WAN. No 2/57-58 PATROL REPORT

PATROL CONDUCTED BY C.E.Da Ath P/O

IRUMU Census Sub-division AREA PATROLLED

3 Constables
1 Native Agricultural Asst.
1 Native Medical Orderly PaTROL ACCOMPANIED BY

1 Servant 1 Interpreter (Tultul)

DURATION 17 days (14/11/57-30/11/57)

OBJECTS OF PATROL Census revision Coffee inspection & extension
Medical treatment
Investigation covered in
confidential memorandum

Routine Administration

DIARY

14/11/57	To ASINDAN via MUPIABON, BUMBUM, GAPMORPI, & BUNGAM	7=	hrs.
15/11/57	To NAMBOIAP Stream	11/2	11
16/11/57	Work at NAMBOIAP Stream		
17/11/57	Sunday observed		
18/11/57	To SOM via PUP-PUP	64	11
19/11/57	To SIARA (800') Census & Inspection	44	"
20/11/57	To IRUMU (600') " " " Return to SIARA	14	н
21/11/57	To MAMA (1,000) " " "	24	11
22/11/57	To BOGEBA (3,100')" ""	17	"
23/11/57	To ZUEIBAK (3,500')" " "	24	11
24/11/57	Sunday observed		
25/11/57	To DAKU (3,600') " " " To ARET (4,000') " " "	13	# #
26/11/57	To GUMIA (4,100') " " " Cargo direct to DAGAMAN	2	11
	To DAGAMAN(4100) Census & Inspection	17	11
27/11/57	At combined villages of DAGAMAN/KAWAN/DURAK		
28/11/57	To UYANGEN (4,300') Cnesus & Inspection	13	"
2 9/11/57	To BUMBUM via SASANG/PIWIN, WALLKUYA, KANDUMIN, EWOK, GAPMOPPI, and DAWONZIT	7	11
30/11/57	To WANTOAT STATION via MUPIABON	24	

INTRODUCTION

This rep crt covers the activities of a patrol to the IRUMU Census Sub-division

The patrol was not hurried and a separate memorandum to the District Commissioner covers certain of its activities at NAMBOLAP stream.

Although the village population of the sub-division is only 1,700 a number of other villages outside of the Wantoat Sub-district had to be visited en route befors the area was reached. In all the patrol encountered eight linguistic groups in the area and en route. They were, EMDAIEN, MUGUTINUM, NGOKUNA, WABIAK, IAGAMIN, IMANGANTAMANEI, KUNAKAI, and IMATA. It cannot be too strongly recommended again that provision be made in the station establishment for two or more interpreters as many of the bush' officials do not have a working knowledge of Pidgin.

Cooperation was, in the main, much better than on previous patrols in the Wantoat Sub-district.

The whole area visited is very broken and villages are scattered from the Markham Valley to the headwaters of the IRUMU river. Their altitudes vary between 800 and 4,300 feet although various tracks between them go much higher.

The area has been fairly well patrolled by DNA, PKD, and DASF during the last eighteen months. Unfortunately the departments which patrol the area from Lae do not send copies or extracts from their reports to the DIC Wantoat and it is somewhat difficult to know what follow-up work needs doing. Would it be possible in the future for copies of these reports to be made available for this purpose?

With the completion of this patrol the whole of the Wantoat Sub-district has now been patrolled within the last seven months. Complete statistics are now available for, coffee plantings, village officials, Mission school attendances, and for vital statistics on population trends.

AGRICULTURE

The usual native staples exist although altitude places certain limitations on coconuts etc. in the upper IRUMU area.

Generally the people seem to be much more aware of the importance of economic crops than elsewhere in the Sub-district. A keen interest was shown in coffee production and the people requested that later a coffee huller be purchased on their behalf. One is held at Wantoat and when the necessary £18 has been raised it (or another) will be sold to them. Unfortunately some of the coffee plots in the lower IRUMU do not seem to be doing as well as expected. This is partly due to altitude, lack of shade,

and to poor soils.

A Native Agricultural Assistant, KORONG, accompanied the patrol and did good work by pruning coffee trees and by giving advice about shade and spacing. In some villages new coffee areas were cleared whilst the patrol was there. Coffee p lantings are included in Appendix 'A'.

It would seem as though the people will have to take their produce through to the Markham valley although some of them in the upper IRUMU area may be able to make use of the WANTOAT/KAIAPIT road when it is completed. This will apply particularly to potatoes.

Later, too, it is hoped to introduce TILAPIA fish from the WANNOAT Station into the area. The people have some good pigs (Berkshire cross) but do not have access to many other sources of animal protein.

Various new types of fruit trees will also be introduced into the area as they become well established on the WANTOAT station. Passion fruit in particular would grow well in the upper IRUMU.

Game is plentiful in the marginal forest areas.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

Educational facilities are poor in the sub-division. The only schools in the various villages are run by the YABIM Lutheran Mission and the KOTTE Lutheran Mission. The attendance at each school is given below for the benefit of the District Education Officer.

It was noticed in the KOTTE schools that the pupils were particularly weak in their knowledge of Pidgin and arithmetic. Although this particular Mission has been operating in some of the villages visited for the past 27 years not one local native evangelist or teacher was seen by the patrol. An attempt will be made next year to have five children from the sub-division included as pupils in the station school at WANTOAT.

were as follows; The attendances at the various schools

Village	Boys	Girls	Denomination
SIARA DAKU GUMIA DAGAMAN	11 26 30 28	2 11 19 21	L.M. YABIM L.M. KOTTE

CENSUS

Although there has been only a gross decrease of one in the population figures since last census (1,701 to 1,700), by excluding migrations (+12), there has actually been a natural decrease of thirteen since the last census. This is disappointing. One of the chief reasons for there not being a marked population increase is the failure of the people to notify the Administration promptly of epidemics which occur periodically in the larger Mission amalgamated villages in the upper IRUMU area. Although recommendations have constantly been made by several officers in the past for an AID POST ORDERLY to be placed in the area nothing, as yet, has been done about it.

The absentee figures are encouraging (61 males) as compared to 1956 (118 males). However the figures given are slightly misleading as there are 97 men, women, and children absent at ERAP and elsewhere in the MARKHAM harvesting peanuts for a few weeks. These were not included in the census figures as their absence will be very transitory.

Vital statistics are as follows. The figures in parenthesis are for the neighbouring ERAP area;

1. The	death rate	per	thousand	13	45.00	(24.50)
2."	birth "	"	n	"	40.00	(38.80)
3."	masculinity	rat	e is		•933	(1.062)
4."	juvenility	11	11		•689	(-708)

5." number of males at work is 61 or 14.2%, Females NIL, females accompanying workers, 2,

These figures do not need a great deal of interpretation. The high death rate emphasises the need for more medical work in the area.

VILLAGES

(a) State of villages

In the lower IRUMU a new type of plank house is being constructed and this change of style was encouraged. In the higher headwater areas, however, where houses are built primarily for warmth, the people are still, in the main, building poor structures which need repairing within eighteen months or two years. These houses in the colder areas were found to be dirty inside, cramped, and blackened by fires. Pigs and dogs in many cases were found to be living in them with their owners.

the patrol included; Village improvements encouraged by

(a) planting grass and trees in village areas to stop erosion

- (b) the demolition of houses abandoned and beyond repair
- (c) the exclusion of pigs from village areas
- (d) the improvement of water supplies and sanitation
- (e) the improvement of housing styles and village layout

At DAKU, a very poor village, four men were each fined 5/- for neglecting to do housing repairs, within fifteen months of being instructed so to do by Mr Mc Arthur P/O.

Rest houses existed in every village visited except ASINDAN. One is being constructed at the new village site and should be completed shortly.

As requested by the Assistant District Officer, Jae, village heights for the IRUMU villages have been included in the diary.

(b) Village Officials

As the comments in Appendix '3' show none of the Village official were outstanding. However, as stated in previous reports, they are unpaid, uneducated, and unpraised, and little can be expected from them at present.

Unofficial Councillors were found to be numerous but as they, in all cases, had been selected by church congretions their interests were inclined to be restricted.

ROADS, BRIDGES, & CARRIERS

In general roads and bridges were reasonably maintained. Considering the terrain the roads were reasonably graded. However the patrol followed several new routes which were said to be 'shortcuts'. These 'shortcuts' saved time but made for arduous walking and carrying. The new routes covered by the patrol were between GAPMORPI and BUNGAM, between, ASINDAN and PUP-PUP, between SOM and SIARA, and between ARET and GUMIA. Walking times for these tracks are included in the diary. The BUNGAM (or BUM) river was, as in the past, round to be swift and dangerous during its frequent floods.

may be able to serve some of the upper IRUMU area it on the jeep track which goes to IRUMU village. The population there is sparse however.

made and returned to Wantoat please? Copies of the last patrol (WAN No 1/57-58) have not yet been received.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

NMO SULI accompanied the patrol and, as on previous occasions, he gave excellent attention to his duties.

The people are mostly apathetic and disinterested in health matters and sanitation. In DAKU 21 people have died from one or more epidemics since the last patrol by DNA. The sickness was not reported until it had run its course and a subsequent PHD patrol could do little.

Aid Posts are definitely needed in this area, and, indeed, throughout the whole of the Wantoat Sub-district. Although ten names have been submitted for training as NMO's nothing further has been heard about their acceptance and the writer fears that the matter may have fallen into abeyance as have many previous recommendations?

NMA LAFT, who is stationed at IRUMU village, seems to have abilitybut is becoming too involved in some of NIMBUK'S activities. A number of treatments had to be given in his village and as his drug supply was low he was requested to go to MALAHANG to replenish it.

Before leaving the Sub-district the writer wishes to place on record a mild protest about the number of Aid Post Orderlies allocated to the whole of the Wantoat Sub-district. There are nearly 10,000 people at present depending on the services of four widely separated Native Medical Orderlies. In other districts there has been many times this number selected for training and allocation. Even although local natives are not sufficiently sophisticated to train for the positions yet, perhaps it would be possible, as a temporary measure, to have natives from other areas establish Aid Posts in key areas?

In the IRUMU a good deal of work was done by the patrol on latrines and gargage pits. However compulsion is a poor substitute for education and until the reason for cleanliness is thoroughly understood futher apathy can be expected from these people.

Treatment given by the patrol

were as follows;

Treated by the patrol 243
Sent to WANTOAT 4
Sent to MALAHANG 4
Sent to IRUMU Aid Post 5
Sent to FINUNGWA Aid Post 3 (Erap Census Sub-Division)

ANTHROPOLOGY

Nothing of interest was noted on the patrol. However, time permitting, the writer hopes later to include under separate cover a description

of one of the ceremonies involving the spectacular release of 20 dams in the WANTOAT area which occured recently.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The native situation in the area could be said to be tair to good.

Although the writer has been at WANTOAT for some time now he has not seen one Village Official from the IRUMU at the station. This is partly due to;

(a) the distance from the station of the area,

(b) the accessibility of the MARKHAM road, (c) the continued patrolling from Lae by DASF and PHD, and, (d) the lack of recognition, by the people, of the Wantoat patrol post as being their Administrative centre.

Whilst the writer does not object in principle to the people dealing direct with various departments in Lae, when it is more convenient for them to do so, on this patrol, as on the previous one to the area, some slightly embarrassing situations arose because of this.

The first misunderstanding arose over the careless use of fire. On the previous patrol to the area Mr Mc Arthur, P/O informed the people they were not to light indiscriminate fires in the lower IRUMU area. This was done only after IRUMU village had been burnt to the ground and the census books and Village officials. hats from three villages together with approximately £300 in notes had been destroyed in the blaze. During this patrol it was found that the people from two villages had completely ignored Mr Mc Arthur's injunctions. Consequently some village natives were convicted for the careless use of fire. However the people concerned pointed out, and rightly so, that it seemed rather unjust that they should be runished when the District Office in Lae had allegedly given NIMPUK from the ERAP 'carte blanche' to burn off as much of the lower IRUMU, the lower ERAP, and the northern portion of the MARKHAM valley as he wished even although he had previously been refused permission to do this by the writer. They also showed the writer, on the western side of the IRUMU river, some thousands of acres of native land burnt off by Mr Robinson(?) from SASIANG when he was establishing a new coconut grove. It is assumed that he first obtained a permit to do this from the District Office in Lae?

Whilst this indiscriminate burning off continues the people have to travel long distances to their gardens and they continuelly run the risk of tosing their property through the thoughtlessness of another person.

The second point arose over the recent imprisonment of a Constable and Native Agricultural Assistant from WANTOAT by the District Office at Lae. The Constable in question at the time of the trouble asked the IRUMU officials if they could have their trial at WANTOAT as they had been sent from there to do coffee work in the area.

However it was not until some weeks later that the writer learned unofficially and indirectly that they had been tried, convicted, and imprisoned in LAE.

After canvassing opinions of various officials in the area the writer believes that the IRUMU people are under the impression that they can obtain decisions more satisfactory to themselves from Lae than they can from the Patrol Post at Wantoat. This may be partly due to the fact that there are so many changes of officers in Lae and that they do not have an opportunity to get acquainted with the situation as it exists in the IRUMU.

Although it is regretted that this matter has had to be brought up it is earnestly recommended that the IRUMU people be encouraged to come to Wantoat with their problems so that the officer there can, in the interest of good administration, keep his finger on the pulse of the area as it were.

It is not usual for the writer to be unecessarily critical of mission activities however on this patrol as an several previous ones in the FANTOAT Sub-district complaints concerning the mission were too persistent to be ignored. The complaints were aimed mainly at KOMBA natives who come over from the WASU area to visit their evangelical relatives. They spend extended periods in local villages merely, to use a common expression, 'bludging' on anyone who will give them food. Whilst Pastor KLEM from TAPEN was visiting the area recently this matter was discussed with him. He agreed that these natives were doing the Lutheran Mission a great deal of harm and that those concerned were from an area in WASU which had been closed to recruiting and that they were thus not able to eltain employment elsewhere. At the time of his visit a count was made of unattached KOMBA natives near the Wantoat Station. Thirty three were found and requested to return to their own villages — the request fell om deaf ears. Since that time there has been further petty trouble involving them and on this patrol it was nacessary to convene the Court for Native Affairs to deal with one of them. In the circustances would it be possible to have the WANTOAT Sub-district gazetted as an area as defined by Regulation 79B of the Native Administration Ordinance 1921 as amended to date?

Despite the above comments it would be correct to say that the people in the IRUMU sub-division seem to be a fairly stable group. An integrated plan for their political, social, and economic welfare was therefore explained to them by the writer. Although the mountain people found it difficult to grasp the purpose of local government institutions most were able to see the wisdom of improving their present very low economic status. The lower IRUMU natives, in particular, were eager to participate in a rural progress scheme. Education and hard work, however, were again stressed as being the only real foundation on which any plan to improve their welfare could be based.

APPENDIX 'A'

Coffee plantings IRUMU Cersus Sub-division *

November/1957

Village	No. Growing	Replacements needed
IRUMU	271	239
SIARA	1013	149
MAMA	202	102
BOGRBA	595	16
ZUST BAK	189	9
DAKU	311	10
ARET	192	4
GUMI A	609	30
DAGAMAN	509	8
UYANGEN	300	0
	4191	56

* This does not include Mission and private planting. Seeds were distributed to replace dead seedlings as enumerated in column 2.

APPENDIX 'B'

Village Officials

Village	Name		Remarks
IRUMU	BYFELS KABISE DOMO	L1 T/t Mtt	Seems efficient but overawed by NMO Young and a minor power in village Good considering lack of training
SIARA	SAI NIMA SANGERAP	Ll T/t Mtt	Intelligent and hard working Quietly efficient Only fair
MAMA	ANSIK MAHANGEN POWIN	L1 T/t Mtt	Absent at ERAP Very helpful to the patrol A good interpreter only
BOGEBA	BARE SASEP	Ll t/t	Old but seems a trier Slow but has good grasp of duties

Village	Name		Remarks
BOGEBA	KAGIM	Mtt	Seems reasonable
ZUIWBAK	GURUMUKEI MORUWAT USSI	L1 T/t Mtt	Tries to be helpful but lacks Hdgr If supervised could be a leader Lacks drugs and experience
DAKU	YAN GAMSEI GWAKEN SERING	L1 T/t L1 Mtt	Vory mediocre Wishes to set up own village-good Very bushy A trier but lattle knowledge
DOPAM/SIMBONGA	WANZAN	Ll	Unobtrusive
GARAMBOIN	NARUM NANG-GIM	L1 T/t	Superfluous Seems to have improved
GUMI A	KAREI	Ll	Seems helpful
DAGAMAN	OGOAN KAKOP	Ll T/t	Gives little attention to work Fair
DURAK	MONDANGI	Ll	His portion of village poor
UYANGEN	PAGAN	Ll	Previously fined for laziness but has now improved.

APPENDIX 'C'

Allenated Land CI 221/34-1-3 (14/11/55)

As far as is known there is none in this Census Sub-division.

APPENDIX 'D'

Inland Waterw 5 213/1-3-7) (6/8/55)

It a should that the Hydrographic section of the P.W.D has alread, measured the flow etc of the IRUMU at its mouth. A Patrol Officer's Stream Report has not therefore been submitted with this report.

A Stream Report will have to be compiled for the BUNGAM RIVER (or BUM RIVER) as the new KAIAPTY WANTOAT road will eventually have to cross it. On this Patrol however there was insufficient time spent near theriver to obtain the comprehensive information required.