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DISTRICT: MADANG

STATION: KARKAR, 1969 - 1970

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MADANG DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

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<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3-69-70 <i>map</i>	D.P. Galvin, P.O.	Rao, Breri Census Division
4-69-70 <i>schmitt</i>	M. Kotauga, A.D.O.	Aiome, Angaua, Anor
5-69-70	D.R. Galvin, P.O.	Part 1 Ramu River (Rao/Breri) Part 11 Asai Census Division
6-69-70	D.R. Galvin, P.O.	Rao/Breri Census Division
7-69-70	M.A. Stoddart	Aiome/Angaua/Anor
8-69-70	D.R. Galvin, P.O.	Aiome/Angaua/Anor Censrs Div.
10-69-70	D.R. Galvin, P.O.	Ramu River (Part Rao/Breri Census Division)
11-69-70	M. Kotauga, A.D.O.	Rao/Breri
12-69-70	M. Kotauga, A.D.O.	Rao Breri & Yawar L.G. Councils
13-69-70	A. McNaught, P.O.	Aiome, Angaua & Anor

KARKAR

2-69-70	R. Willard, A.D.O.	Karkar, Waskia & Takia C.D.
3-69-70	M. Kotauga, A.D.O.	Takia Census Division & Karkar L.G.C. Area.
4-69-70	J.N.L. Palmer, A.P.O.	Bagabag Census Division

HQ.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT.

Report Number..... 2... 69-70 KARKAR .....

Subdistrict..... MADANG .....

District..... MADANG .....

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL: PROSPECTING APPLICATION .....

Patrol Conducted by ... R. WILLARD, A.D.C. ....

Area Patrolled ) .....

Council and/or ) KARKAR .....

Census Division(s) ) WASKIA, TAKIA C/D .....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

J.N. PALMER A.P. O. ....

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Duration of Patrol - from 18/11/69 ..... To 15/1/70 .....

No. of Days ... 14 .....

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: JULY 1969, JANUARY 1970. ....

Date.....Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) To explain to .....

people an application for a Prospecting Authority. ....

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Total Population of Area Patrolled ..... 16 <sup>764</sup> ~~572~~ .....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner

67-6-68

Dept. of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KORORUA, PAFUA.

28th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
MADANG.

PATROL NO. KAKAR 2/69-70

Your reference 67-2-3 of 22nd May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R. Willard Assistant District Officer of YAKIA and WASKIA Census Divisions.

Your covering comments are noted. Mr. Willard should have submitted a Situation Report and patrol map in accordance with Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968. Please bring these matters to his attention.

Strong objections to the Application were expressed by the majority of the island people and in the face of this opposition the Petitioner's Explorations later withdrew the application.

(T.W. MILLIS)  
Secretary,

At present Department of the Administrator c.c. Mr. R. Willard, the Company intend to re-submit a District Office, Authority Application which will reach in Madang. Madang District. It is made to the people again to explain in greater detail the advantages accruing from a mineral find on their land.

The Patrol Report is being forwarded before Patrol Report on this letter report was a disgraceful and poor effort by Mr. Willard, and was in fact very poor, lacking census figures and an area study. Mr. Willard is still on leave, but will be required to complete the report immediately on his return.

*Cliff Bennett*  
District Commissioner

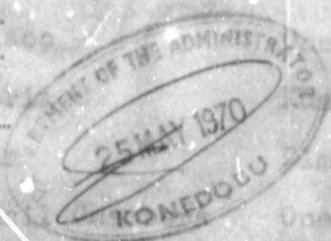


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Dept. of the Administrator,  
Division of District  
Administration,  
MADANG.



25/11/69  
27/11/69  
3/12/69  
9/12/69  
10/12/69  
16/12/69  
18/12/69  
18/12/69  
22/12/69  
22/12/69  
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23/12/69  
3/1/70  
15/1/70

Secretary,  
Dept. of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBUI, Papua.

22nd May, 1970.

KARKAR PATROL REPORT NO. 2 / 1969/70

The above Patrol Report is forwarded herewith.

The patrol was conducted by Mr R. Willard, A.D.O., and was for the special purpose of explaining to the residents of Karkar the fact of an Application for a Prospecting Authority submitted by Carpentaria Explorations Ltd, and the implications of the grant of the application.

Strong objections to the Application were expressed by the majority of the island people and in the face of this opposition Carpentaria Explorations later withdrew the application.

At present there is an Administration geologist on Karkar assessing the mineral sand potential. If the potential is good the Company intends to re-submit a further Prospecting Authority Application which will be heard only after an approach in depth is made to the people again, to explain in greater detail the advantages accruing from a mineral find on their land.

The Patrol Report is being forwarded before Patrol Report No. 1 as this latter report was a disgraceful and purile effort by Mr Willard, and was in fact only part completed, lacking census figures and an area study. Mr Willard is still on leave, but will be required to complete the report immediately on his return.

*D. Clifton-Bassett*  
(D. Clifton-Bassett)  
District Commissioner.

Enc.

## DIARY

A.D.O. Willard.

	Location	Village Groups Present	No. of People
18/11/69	Kevasop	One from each Takia Clan	230
18/11/69	Kumoria	Kumoria	300
25/11/69	Dimer	Dimer	60
27/11/69	Council Chambers	One rep. of each of 27 wards on Kar Kar Isl.	35
3/12/69	Council Chambers	One rep. of each of 29 wards in Council area.	40
9/12/69	Marangis	Marangis, Mom, Keng and Mater.	250
10/12/69	Boroman	Boroman, Did, Gamog.	120
10/12/69	Dumad	Dumad, Did, Biu, Dangsal, Daup, Kurum.	150
16/12/69	Kavailo	Representatives of all land owning groups, Kar Kar.	300
17/12/69	Council Chambers	12 Councillors	12
18/12/69	Urugen	Rep. from each Waskia land owning group.	250
19/12/69	Tugatuga	Representatives of all land owning groups, Kar Kar.	420
22/12/69	Dor School	Kaul 1, 2, 3 & 4, Mapor	100
22/12/69	Taleng School	Sangana, Tugatuga, Dimer, Koropak, Urugen, Bangame, Gial, Sikentika, Narer.	130
22/12/69	Miak School	Kinim, Kaviak, Keng, Marangis, Mom.	36
22/12/69	Kuburne School	Kurumtaur, Kurumlang, Buson, Kul Kul, Kuduk.	150
23/12/69	Namai School	Kurum, Marup, Mangar, Bafor, Kilden, Hoban.	100
23/12/69	Dangsal School	Dangsal, Did, Boroman, Gamog, Daup, Patilo, Biu, Dumad.	120
23/12/69	Abisan School	Wadau/Miluk	20
2/1/70	Mapor	Mapor, Kaul 1, 2, 3, 4 Nor	60
15/1/70	Liloi	Wakon, Liloi, Kevasop.	250

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Application for Prospecting Authority  
No. 160 Carpenteria Exploration Co. Pty. Ltd.  
Madang Assistant District Commissioner's  
35-13-2 and 67-2-8 of 3rd December, 1969 refer.

All village groups on Kar Kar Have now been contacted and informed of the above mentioned applicator.

Discussions concerning the implication of the Mining Ordinance and prospecting authorities were commenced on 18th November, 1969. At this time the application of K.J.D. Aird (PAI55) was relevant. The matter was discussed with a meeting of Takia Land Demarcation Committee members at Kevasop and also with a large number of people at Komoria village on 18/11/69. The matter was first discussed with the Kar Kar Local Government Council at a special meeting on 27th November, 1969. This meeting had been called to meet visiting member of the Administrators Executive Council. The Council moved a motion to the effect that District Administration staff make every effort to inform all Kar Kar people Land's application. Various Councillors spoke in favour of mining as a means of economic development.

Notes based on the Director of Lands, Surveys and Mines Circular 67/142 of 3rd November, 1969 were compiled in pidgin English and distributed widely. A pidgin circular was also published and distributed informing the people of application No. 160. In the meantime every contact with the Kar Kar people was taken as an opportunity to discuss the implications of the mining Ordinance. (e.g. Committee meetings, supervision of road maintenance labourers, an address to Kar Kar High School students, village meetings etc.).

On 16th December, 1969 a combined meeting of Waskia and Takia Land Demarcation Committee members was held at Kavailo. After the demarcation work had been finalized the meeting was informed of the implication of the Mining Ordinance and in particular applications by Carpenteria Exploration Company for a prospecting authority. The meeting was attended by approximately three hundred people and as well as the demarcation members, Councillors, village electors and ordinary village people were present. It was at this meeting that it became apparent there would be strong objections to application No. 160. The people felt that the granting of a Prospecting Authority would ultimately lead to large scale mining operations if minerals were discovered. They spoke of the island's large population, small area and the likelihood of severe land shortages for many villages in the future. The meeting decided that those present should return to the villages and discuss the matter and also to call a further meeting at Tugatuga on 19/12/69.

The meeting at Tugatuga was attended by all land demarcation committee members (representing the land owning groups) Councillors, representatives, Church representatives and a member of the European planting group. I addressed the meeting and discussed the Mining Ordinance. A resolution was passed that an objection to the application for a prospecting authority by Carpenteria Exploration be lodged with the Mining Warden. The resolution was adopted unanimously - 420 people were in favour.

Since then Mr. Palmer and myself have discussed mining in general and application No. 160 in particular at 19 meetings (a list of the meetings held is attached). On only one occasion since 16th December have I heard people speak in favour of prospecting on Kar Kar. One morning I attended a meeting at Lilo, of Wakon, Lilo and Kevasop village people. These people are anxious that a prospector look over the area of their land holdings. These are all hill villages and none have land within the area covered by application No. 160.

At the Kar Kar Local Government Councils' meeting on 7th January a motion "that an objection be lodged to the application for a prospecting authority by Carpenteria Exploration on the grounds that land owners in the quarter mile coastal strip around the island would lose all their cash crop" was passed unanimously. Of the twenty eight Councillors present all voted in favour of the resolution.

I feel that the Kar Kar people are genuinely concerned that the area of land containing most of their cash crops could or will be damaged and that many people in this coastal strip have no other land holdings. The people appreciate the <sup>REASONS</sup> ~~means~~ the administration is fostering the mining industry and several leaders have said that it now all lies in the hands of the Mining Warden.

The hearing was heard on 3rd February, 1970 at Kar Kar. Many people attended and several gave evidence.

Since the hearing there has been some criticism by the Kar Kars generally of the Lilo, Wakon people for wanting to encourage mining.

*Ronald Willard*

R. WILLARD.  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Amount Returned to Score



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... **KARKAR No. 3-69-70** .....

Subdistrict..... **MADANG** .....

District..... **MADANG** .....

Type of Patrol..... **CENSUS** .....

Patrol Conducted by..... **MASI KOTAUGA** .....

Area Patrolled..... **TAKIA C/D KARKAR L.G.C AREA** .....

(Council and/or .....

Census Division/s.) .....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol .....

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Duration of Patrol—from **13/1/70** To **12/2/70** .....

No. of Days..... **19** .....

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... **1967** .....

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....

**Census Revision**

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
District Commissioner.

57-7-67

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOEU. PAPUA.

29th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
MADANG.

PATROL NO. KARKAR 3/69-70

Your reference 57-2-8 of 22nd May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of  
Situation Report by Mr. M. Kotauga, Assistant  
District Officer of TAKIA Census Division.

Whilst this soundly presented report in-  
dicates clearly that the general situation is  
stable, I would have liked to have seen a deeper  
assessment of existing attitudes.

Mr. Kotauga should have submitted a patrol  
map.

Please ensure that Mr. Willard submits the  
report for Patrol No. 1 upon his return from  
leave. His ill-considered action in taking the  
census statistics away is not appreciated.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,Department of the Administrator.

c.c.  
Mr. M. Kotauga,  
Patrol Post,  
KARKAR. Madang District.



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Department of District Administration  
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Division of District  
Administration,  
MADANG.

22nd May, 1970.

Secretary,  
Dept. of the Administrator,  
KOMELOPU, Papua.

KARKAR PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 1969/70

The above patrol Report is attached.

The patrol was conducted by Mr Mase Kotauga, and had as its purpose the revision of census and the compilation of a Situation Report over the Takia Census Division of Karkar Island.

Census figures are not included with this report as they were apparently taken by Mr Willard A.D.O./O.I.C. on leave, with the express intention of consolidating them and including them in his Situation Report/Area Study of the whole of Karkar Island (Patrol No. 1 1969/70).

Mr Willard has managed to throw the whole patrol reporting system from the Karkar Patrol Post into a complete state of chaos and confusion by his ill-considered action of

- (1) not completing his report on his Patrol No. 1 before he left Karkar.
- (2) By taking with his census figures compiled by Mr Mase Kotauga and
- (3) Failing to conduct regular patrols although ordered to do so by his A.D.C.

These matters will be raised by me with Mr Willard on his return from leave.

Mr Kotauga's report is barely adequate, but does confirm that the Karkar situation is stable, and that the prosperous Karkar people are prepared to sit and watch the world roll by, concerning themselves with their own comfort and enrichment with little thought to political trends or desire to initiate change.

*D. Clifton-Bassett*

(D. Clifton-Bassett)  
District Commissioner.

Enc.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
MADANG.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

KarKar Patrol Report No. - 69/70/.

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Patrol Diary.

13/1/70: At 0800 hour proceeded to KUDUK. Commenced to revise census for KUDUK. At 1030 the Executive/Finance Committee, the Assistant District Officer in charge, Mr R. Willard, and the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr R.L. Smith arrived. Annual Tax Payers meeting was held for KUDUK and MOBAN villages. When the Tax Payers meeting was completed, self continued to revise census. At 14.30 p.m returned to MIAK.

14/1/70: At 0930 hours proceeded to MANGAR 1, where census for MANGAR 1 village was revised. Tax Payers meeting was held. Proceeded to MARUP at 14.30 hours where tax payers meeting for MARUP was held. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1710 hours.

15/1/70: Departed MIAK at 0830 hours for LILOI village. After waiting for approximately one hour, Tax payers meeting for LILOI, KEVASOP and WAKON was held. Census for LILOI was then revised. At 1450 hours proceeded to CAUBIN where attended the Tax payers meeting for KURUM and CAUBIN. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1630 hours.

16/1/70: At 0830 hours departed MIAK for DID village. There began to revise census for DID village. At 1000 hours Executive/Finance Committee members, the Officer-in-charge, and Mr J. Middleton (M.H.A) arrived and the Tax payers meeting was held. At 1230 hours self continued to revise census for DID village. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1630 hours.

19/1/70: Proceeded to meet the MV KORO at KURUM wharf. The DC returned to Madang.

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With the Officer-in-charge, and the Assistant District Commissioner proceeded to BIU village where tax payers meeting for BIU and DUMAD villages was held. Self revised census for DUMAD at DUMAD village. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 15.30 hours.

20/1/70: At 0830 hours departed MIAK, accompanied by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr R.L. Smith for WADAU village via KULILI Estate. Tax payers meeting was held at WADAU for WADAU MULUK and YAGUDUN villages. Self revised census for WADAU. At 1530 hours proceeded to NOR village where attended the Tax payers meeting thence continued to MAPOR also attended the tax payers meeting there. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 17.50 hours.

21/1/70: Attended the Executive/Finance meeting at BAKUL.

22/1/70: Proceeded to KAUL village, where tax payers meeting was held. Returned to MIAK at 1215 hours. At 1330 hours, proceeded to various villages in the TAKIA Census Division to distribute census patrol program.

23/1/70: At 0830 hours proceeded to MOBAN village where census for that village was revised. Proceeded to KILDEN village and revised census for KILDEN. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1540 hours.

27/1/70: Proceeded to BAFOR village and at 0950 hours census for BAFOR village was revised. At 1510 hours, proceeded to MANGAR 2 where census for that village was revised. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1740 hours.

28/1/70: At 0815 hours proceeded to MARUP village, where census for that village was revised. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1740 hours.

29/1/70: Proceeded to KEVASOP and at 0950 hours census for KEVASOP village was revised. At 1430 hours continued to WAKON village and revised census. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1730 hours.

30/1/70: Departed MIAK at 0840 hours for KURUM village, arriving there at 1010 hours. Census for KURUM was revised. At 1430 hours, proceeded to BIU and census for that village was revised and then returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1630 hours.

2/2/70: At 0815 hours proceeded to GAMOG village and revised census. At 1130 hours returned to BOROMAN village and census for that village was revised. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1730 hours.

5/2/70: Departed MIAK at 0830 hours for KOMORIA village. Census for KOMORIA was revised. At 1630 hours, proceeded to PAIN village and revised census there. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1750 hours.

9/2/70: At 0815 hours proceeded to WARAT village and census for that village was revised at 1010 hours. Proceeded to KATOM and census for that village was revised. Proceeded to KUBAM but the villagers were not to be seen, and at YAGUDUN it was the same/. Returned to MIAK, arriving there there at 1530 hours.

10/2/70: Proceeded to KUBAM village where census for that village was revised. At 1130 hours, proceeded to YAGUDUN village and revised census for that village. Proceeded to MULUK village and revised census. Returned to MIAK, arriving here at 1530 hours.

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11/2/70: Departed MIAK at 0815 hours for DAUP village. At 0930 hours census for DAUP was revised. Proceeded to DANGSAI village and revised census and continued to PATILO village. At 1350 hours census for PATILO was revised. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1700 hours.

12/2/70: Proceeded to ULUN where census for that village was revised. At 1330 hours proceeded to KAVAILO and census for that village was revised. Returned to MIAK, arriving there at 1720 hours.

END OF PATROL.

Political developments in the area have been... considering various developments regarding the same area. The Local Government Council, the Administration and the local members of the House of Representatives have all contributed to the... of affairs as outlined above. Local Government - Local Government Council has always been a part in showing the people's progress in political development. The large revenue enabled the Council to provide services for its people. This places the local government in a... position... in a large... people... greatly helped the local government system... approved by the people... Government Council was... recently... the... of the... and the...

SITUATION REPORT - TAKIA CENSUS DIVISION.

Introduction.

The purpose of the patrol was to revise census for all villages in the above Census Division. In the first part of the patrol, the patrol followed the KARKAR Local Government Council Tax payers meeting scheduled for each village or Ward in the area.

The patrol program was then made up and followed in the second part of the patrol. For the first time, the census revised from the new TAX & CENSUS-ROLL OF ELECTORS Sheets. The previous census revision in the area was conducted in July-August, 1967.

Political Situation.

Political development in the area fared well in considering various developments occurring at the same time. The Local Government Council, the Administration and the local member of the House of Assembly, have all contributed to the state of affairs as outlined above.

Local Government - Local Government Council play a very important part in shaping the people's progress in political development. The large revenue enabled the Council to provide numerous services for its people. This places the local government system in a favourable position as regards the support of the populace. The large number of literate people in the villages have greatly helped the local government system to be understood and appreciated by the people as a whole. The KARKAR Local Government Council have taken over certain responsibilities formerly undertaken by Public Works Department. Those were the maintenance of the airstrip and the Karkar road.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

In contrast with the council that I was the adviser previously, KARKAR Local Government Councillors seemed to show some understanding of their responsibilities to their constituents as well as to their Council as a whole. The Executive/Finance Committee and the other committees, though they need advice, seemed to show some understanding of their duties.

House of Assembly.

A very large portion of the population of TAKIA Census Division are illiterate either in Pidgin or the TAKIA language. People are aware of the general functions of the House of Assembly both through the Radio and newspapers and through their local member. Some people could be heard discussing certain matters brought up in the meetings of the House.

Economic Situation.

Practically all the villages in the C/D are linked by road. Most of the villages are on the main circuit. As such, transport is not a problem in the area, as there are trucks and tractors owned and operated by various plantations in the area as well as the people themselves. The cash crops in the area are copra and cacao.

The Department of Agriculture plays a very important part in the extension of cash cropping in the area. The Department provides advice and a limited marketing through the proposed KARKAR company. Copra and Cacao are mainly marketed through various plantations in the area.

Economic Development in the area seemed to be in a progressive position. The people in the area have fairly favourable attitude towards economic development as a whole.

Resident District Officer

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Social Situation.

The area is well served with Schools. Both the missions and the Administration schools served the area. There are four Administration Primary Schools, four Lutheran Mission Primary Schools, one Catholic Mission School, one Administration Vocational School and one Lutheran Mission Agriculture and Bible School. The Schools are staffed both by local and overseas teachers.

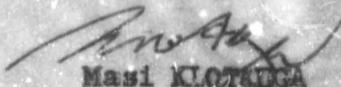
The police at MIAK patrolled the area almost every day. The prevailing crime in the area is traffic offences and the minor civil complaints. The Local court magistrate hears cases every month at TAUR.

Other services provided by the missions as Administration agents include Commonwealth banking facilities at Gaghin and Biabi and NSW agency at Dogwan Plat. The radio at KURUM serves the area for any emergencies. The people use the above services to a great extent.

The Lutheran Mission in the area provides schools, hospital and marketing facilities for local cash crops. The Catholic Mission also provides a school and marketing facilities.

Apart from Soccer clubs practically in all the villages, there are no other youth activities in the area.

Political Development, Social Development and Economic Development are balanced. This may be one of the reasons why KARKARs are so content with the conditions in the area. The people seemed to ignore any change and were or less conservative.

  
Masi KLOTZKA  
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number 4/69-70 KARKAR

Subdistrict MADANG

District MADANG

Type of Patrol SPECIAL - Record Minutes of Demarcation

Patrol Conducted by J.N.L. PALMER A.P.O.

Area Patrolled

(Council and/or KARKAR COUNCIL AREA

Census Division/ies BAGABAG CENSUS DIVISION.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

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Duration of Patrol - from 6/3/70 To 7/3/70

No. of Days 2 DAYS

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : 6/7/1/70

Date 6/1/70 - 7/1/70 Duration 2 DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) TO RECORD DEMARCATION MINUTES AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED JAPANESE FISHING VENTURE IN NEARBY WATERS.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 553 (1967 figures)

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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Dept. of the Administration  
Division of District  
Administration, 67-7-79

Kororarua.

22nd May, 1970.

Secretary,  
Dept. of the Administration,  
KORORARUA, Papua.

10th June, 1970.

**District Commissioner,  
Madang District,  
MADANG.**

... patrol report is attached herewith.  
... patrol was conducted by Mr. J. Palmer, A. Baker and  
... for the special purpose of carrying out operations  
of Demarcation **PATROL NO. KARKAR 4/6-79** ... the people of  
... investigate  
Your reference 67-2-5 of 22nd May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Special  
Report by Mr. J.N.L. Palmer, Assistant Patrol Officer,  
of BIGABAG Census Division.

This short patrol appears to have been quite  
useful.

(Mr. Clifton-Bassett)  
District Commissioner

**(T.W. ELLIS)**  
**Secretary.**

c.c. Mr. J.N.L. Palmer,  
Patrol Post,  
KARKAR,  
Madang District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Dept. of the Administrator,  
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MALANG.

22nd May, 1970.

Secretary,  
Dept. of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU, Papua.

KARKAR PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1969/70

The above Patrol Report is attached herewith.  
The patrol was conducted by Mr J. Palmer, A.P.O., and  
was for the special purpose of overseeing the operations  
of Demarcation Committees, and informing the people of  
a proposed visit by a Japanese team to investigate  
fishing potential in Karkar waters.

No further comments are necessary.

*D. Clifton Bassett*

(D. Clifton-Bassett)  
District Commissioner.

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INTRODUCTION.

(a) As a result of a visit of the Land Demarcation Chairman, Galat Wang to Bagabag Island last November to hold meetings there it was necessary to mount a short patrol to the Bagabag Census Division to record the minutes of these meetings.

(b) It appears that Land Demarcation has progressed to the stage where land is being apportioned to individuals; each person often has a number of small blocks scattered in different areas. As well it seems that quite a lot of land exchange has taken place.

DEMARCATON MINUTES

(a) Approximately fifty people attended the meeting at Matiu 2 village. It appeared that the people were content with the results of the Demarcation work as no disputes were brought to notice. Unfortunately time did not permit the completion of all the pending minutes to be recorded.

(b) At Matiu 1 village about 40 people met. Only a small number of minutes were collected here as time again did not permit the patrol to stay longer than the night. There were no disputes brought to the notice of the patrol, regarding land in this area.

(c) At Badil village about 50 people met. Only an hour and a half was allowed to record some minutes <sup>and</sup> give a talk. The people here seemed happy with the Demarcation work and <sup>no</sup> evidence of land disputes were brought out.

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CONCLUSION

Generally the people conveyed the impression that they were happy with the work of the Demarcation Committees and the Chairman. They expressed the desire to have more frequent visits from the Chairman as their land had not entirely been adjudicated on.

The question arose at one meeting; what would happen to a man's coconuts if he had planted them on another's land and the rightful owner wished to make use of his land?

Usually an agreement is reached whereby the land owner agrees to compensate the coconut grower with a sum of money. However the land owner is not obligated to make payment as the principle involved in this case is where the rightful owner of the land takes precedence over someone "squatting" on his land irrespective of what type of occupation and use that "squatter" has made of it.

This point was explained to them.

All minutes recorded have been sent to The Commissioner, Lands Titles Commission, Madang.

INFORMATION GIVEN AT MEETINGS.

REF. District Commissioner's file 32-1-2 and  
Sub-District Office file M32-1-2 dated 18th. February 1970.

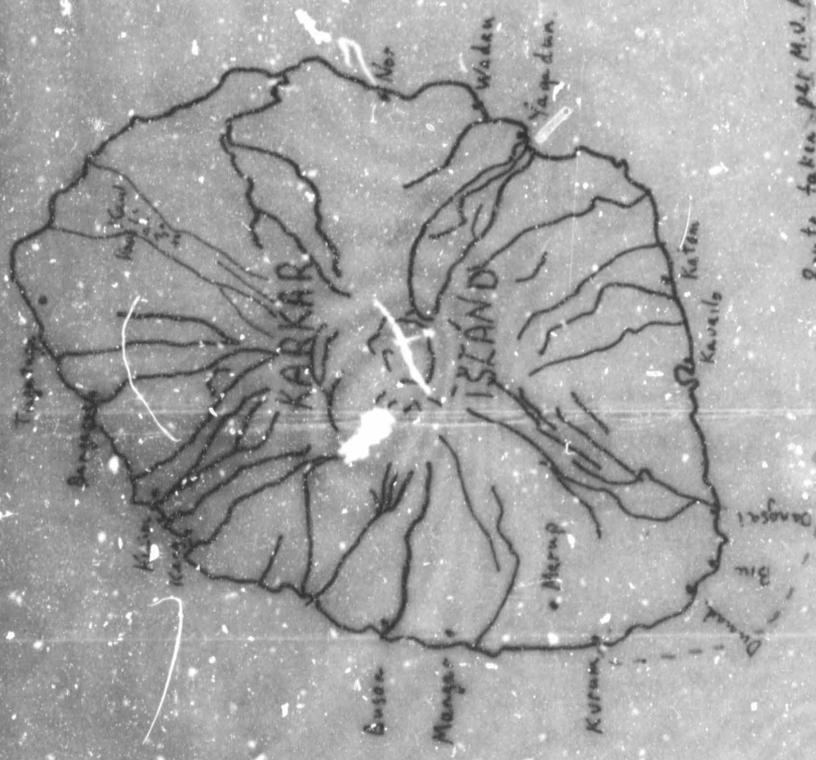
As per instructions from The Assistant District Commissioner, Madang information was divulged to people in each village with regard to the proposed Japanese fishing venture.

The nature of the operations to be undertaken by Gollin Kyokuyo Fishing Co. Ltd. were explained and the rights to fish only in waters that did not infringe the traditional rights of the people were also explained.

Enquiries made did not reveal that there had been sightings of foreign vessels near Bagabag Island in early February.

*J. Palmer*  
ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

North Line.



Route taken per M.O. Koro



SAGABAG ISLAND.

Route taken by patrol  
Scale 1:25000 : 5 miles

MAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT No. 4 1969/70  
KARKAR ISLAND - SAGABAG. CENSUS DIVISION.