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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

S A I H O PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHEAN Report No. S A I H O N^o 2 of 1951-52

Patrol Conducted by WISEMAN : C. D. O.

Area Patrolled DIVINIKOARI ; TOGAMAU ; KONDARI ; ONGOLO

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives.....

Duration—From 5/11/1957 to 10/11/1957

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../ 8 /1950

Medical / 7 /1957

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ; CENSUS ; DISCUSSION
AND ADVICE ON ECONOMIC PROJECTS.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

MEMORANDUM FOR—

12th March, 1952.

District Commissioner,
Northern Division,
POPONDETTA.

SAIHO PATROL REPORT No. 2

This Report should have been submitted before the end of November 1951.

2. The question of Co-operatives should receive your special attention.

3. With regard to census figures please see that your Officers observe instructions regarding the recording of migrations.

*File
away please
also ask Mr. G. Jones
Wise man to prepare papers
on after future*

J. H. Jones
(J. H. Jones)
Director, D.D.S. & N.A.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Headquarters,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

7th March, 1952

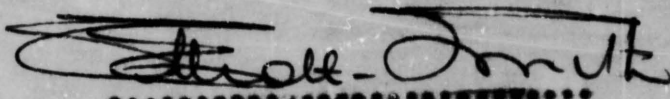
The Director,
District Services
& Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 2/51-52 BAIHQ.

It is regretted that this report has not gone forward earlier - due to my prolonged absence from the District.

I have personally made a visit to the area subsequent to Mr. Wiseman's patrol and have nothing to add to Mr. Kard's covering comments.

The question closing the area to recruiting is under consideration and a recommendation will be submitted - at the moment it is not urgent owing to the lack of outside employment offering.



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a/District Commissioner, N.D.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
SAIHO.

17th November, 1951.

The District Commissioner,
Northern Division,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT, C.P.O. I. WISEMAN -
POPONDETTA - NO. 2 OF 1951/52.

I attach a Report of a routine patrol submitted by Mr. I. WISEMAN. The brevity of the report does not do justice to the amount of work done, especially in the way of adjusting complaints and arguments.

ROADS: The road from the airstrip is expected to reach OINTATANDI on the KUMUSI by the end of the month, thus opening up a large area hitherto inaccessible. It will also mean that ICMA will be only one day from a readhead. All work on the road past the strip is voluntary.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Fear of sorcery, lack of backing, ignorance of their powers and responsibilities and a "laissez-faire" attitude seems to have been the root of Village Police-men's difficulties. Over the last month, several C.N.M. cases have given the opportunity of backing up those officials in the right and fining those in the wrong; it is hoped that these salutary lessons together with lectures given on this patrol and at other visits, will solve this problem.

ECONOMIC VENTURES:

The "co-operative" movement had a large following in this area. It seems to have been started without any practical thought being given to the questions of what crops should be grown or which markets were available. I believe that I have talked to at least 90% of the people in the area and not one has any idea of what a co-operative really is - as long as they plant a small area and make the appropriate gestures such as building a communal eating house and calling themselves a "co-operative", they seem to think that the mystic somethings conjured up by the word "co-operative" will do the rest.

This initial enthusiasm had been blunted by the inevitable result of such idealism - the small harvests only arrived but no markets were within easy reach nor machinery available for hulling their rice. The construction of the road has altered this and we now have most of the rice at SAIHO where it is being processed as the agricultural tractor is available (we are still waiting for the belt for the engine and huller purchased by the Lamington Relief). The knowledge that there is a huller permanently stationed within a short distance has again aroused considerable interest in rice growing. All they need now is seed - as much as possible.

The Agricultural Officer, Mr. BOAG, will be visiting KANARI before the end of the month to cut back the old coffee and generally advise the people on coffee growing.

LABOUR: I agree with Mr. Wiseman in this regard and have written you accordingly per separate memorandum.

F.P. Kaad

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(F.P. Kaad) a/A.D.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Saiho,
Northern Division,
Papua.

14th. November 1951.

The a/Assistant District Officer,
SAIHO.

PATROL REPORT. Saiho No. 2-50/51

Officer conducting patrol:

WISEMAN I.W. Cadet P.O.

Area patrolled:

Divinikoiari; Togahau;
Kanari; Ongoho.

Last patrol:

D.D.S. & N.A.
A. Earl C.P.O Higaturu.
August 1950.
P.H.D.
A. Speer E.M.A. Popondetta
March 1951.
R. Smith E.M.A.
May 1951
L. Tomlinson E.M.A. Saiho.
July 1951.

Duration:

5/11/51 to 10/11/51

Objects of patrols

General Administrative.
Census.

Discussion and advice on
economical projects

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DIARY

Monday November 5th. 1951

Left Saiho, through airstrip to Hujavu, villagers supplied lunch. On through combined Sirembi and Gombasusu to combined Divinikoiari and Jajemo. Inspected Javineri 20 mins. away. Stayed night at Divinikoiari rest house.

Tuesday 6th.

Census of Sirembi, Gombasusu, Divinikoiari, Jajemo, Javineri. Discussion; complaints.

Wednesday 7th.

Along proposed jeep road, through combined Perombaturu Tamonasusu and Puriterari to Togahau. Census of these and also, Poha, Popoga, Poturo, Egasusu, Ijikasusu, Homopemati No. 1 & 2, Tunana, Arija, Ijikata and Hujavu. Discussion; complaints.

Thursday 8th.

Through Poha, Poturo, combined Popoga and Egasusu, Honjeta to Kanari rest house. Census of Kanari, Honjeta, Ivore, Iu'o, Baru 1&2, Hegau, Manininda, Jajau 1&2, and Ajase.

Friday 9th.

Through Manininda, Jajau 1&2, Ajase to Ongeho. Inspected Otokajari, Weki and Ivisusu, returned to Kanari p.m.

Saturday 10th.

Back through Honjeta and Popoga to Ijikasusu, Homopemati 1 & 2, Tunana and Arija to Saiho.

End of Diary.

PATROL REPORT

Topography

This area is an alluvial plain which appears to have been suddenly uplifted. It is cut by numerous small creeks with severe steep banks. They only have a trickle of water in them except after rain when they quickly flood and subside

Roads

All villages are connected by good foot roads. Except for the short trip between Popoga and Arija, I travelled all on horse back.

A new jeep road has been constructed from Saiho to within 100 yds of Divinikoiari. The first 3 miles of this, to the Saiho airstrip, is a first class light vehicular road and will take light traffic of any type of vehicle. From the airstrip to Divinikoiari (6 miles) the road is open to jeep traffic although work is still in progress clearing along the sides. Eight men from Hurata in the Ioma sub-district are helping the Divinikoiarians to build a crossing over a steep creek below the village. When this is finished they are going to continue on towards Hurata.

The Perombaturu and Togahau villagers are working on a jeep road connecting their villages with Divinikoiari. They are going to cut a new section from Divinikoiari to ~~Raxahan~~ Perombaturu as the present foot road is cut by too many steep creeks. The tracks to all other villages would entail an almost impossible task to make jeep roads with manual labour.

Villages.

All villages are in very good condition considering that they were all deserted for varying periods after the Mt. Lamington eruption. 5 houses in unsanitary condition were to be rebuilt (N.R.O. 101)

Every village has insufficient latrines and all were given a talk on the advisability of plenty of deep latrines.

Javineri is the best village in this area and really good. All villages were told of this good effort and an attempt was made to inspire a competitive spirit amongst them in house building.

Gardens & Agriculture. Food

This area has good gardens and they build really good pig proof fences. Up until the last few days there has been a dry spell and some food has been burnt off or delayed. With the heavy rains of the last few days they should be alright now. The soil in the Ongoho area is poor and coconuts do not produce well. There are extensive areas of Kuni.

Wild pigs and wallabies are plentiful but the villages are very poor in domesticated pigs.

Education

The only school in the area is run by the Anglican Mission and on the census days 108 children were in attendance. The staff is one experienced native teacher and 3 village assistants.

Village Officials.

Although they are all keen to do a good job the intricate ~~social~~ social structure and obligations to relatives restricts their efficiency. They are keen to evade the issue and rather than make an arrest themselves will make a complaint at the station and ask for a constable to be sent to make the arrest. They either do this or let the matter lie in obedience until a patrol visits the village. [Indication are that officers have not been staying in villages long enough to hear these complaints,] because when I asked if there was any trouble I was inundated with complaints, some of them 2 years old.

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Economic Ventures.

Before the eruption the Anglican Mission started a move towards co-operatives and some rice was produced. This rice has been harvested and standing too long to be of any use as seed, (germination test by Mr. Boag, Agric. Dept.) so it is being hulled at Saiho.

I discussed the growing of commercial crops with them and they are all very keen, but they have no idea of accounting for produce and sales and there is nobody in the area with even an elementary knowledge of arithmetic so I kept clear of co-operatives and just discussed marketable produce and markets.

(cont.)

There are some coffee trees at Kanari which were planted after the war. They are planted along the road and are surrounded by bush so that they have grown very tall and are not bearing very heavily although they have plenty of beans. The undergrowth is being cleared to give the younger ones a better chance.

Census

There was only one man who did not appear for the census. Compilation of figures was made difficult by notes and remarks entered in the books by intermediary officers not compiling figures. This is covered by a separate letter to the District Commissioner.

There is a general increase of population in the whole area, 18 villages increased by 131 and decrease in 9 of 35, 1 static. Migrations cover 23 of the decreases so that the area is very favourable.

Labour Potential

I feel this area should be closed to recruiters as the man power in the villages is at danger point. This is covered by a letter to the District Commissioner.

Percentage of men between 16 & 45 absent from the village at work is set out below.

Divinikoiari group: (Jajemo, Javineri, Divinikoiari;)	43%
Perombaturu "	30%
Divinikoiari (2) " (Sirembi, Gombasusu;)	36%
Togahau " (Togahau, Boha, Poturo, Popoga;)	26%
Iwore " (Iwore, Hegau, Hu'o, Baru 1&2;)	31%
Kanari " (Kanari, Honjeta, Manininda,) (Ajase, Jatau 1&2)	45%
Arija " (Arija, Tunana, Ijikata, Hujavu;)	36%
Homopemati " (Homopemati 1&2, Egasusu, Ijikasusu;)	26%

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year.....1951.....

Govt. Print. 35/4.51.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS			ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR PCTENTIAL				FEMALES Pregnant Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL						
				0-1 Mth		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.				Mission		Males			Females		Child		Adults	
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Divinikoiari	"	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	5	-	-	-	2	4	17	4	7	1	7	3.212	10	9	7	46		
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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year..... 1951

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