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CHIMBU PROVINCE

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PJ. WOHLER

MITNANDE

CENSUS DIVISION



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 2 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by PETER J. WOLLERS

Area Patrolled MITNANDE CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2

Duration—From 10/8/1965 to 14/8/1965 16/8/65 to 19/8/65

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol FAMILIARISATION PATROL

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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Our Address
If necessary

Sub District Office,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
KUNDIAWA.

24th September, 1965.

Deputy District Commissioner,
KUNDIAWA.

GEMBOGL PATROL 2/1965-66

The attached report on the above patrol and comments by Mr. Biscoe refer.

My absence from the 5th to the 15th of September caused a backlog of correspondence waiting for attention and submission of this report has been delayed because of this.

The patrol seems to have been well conducted, and clearly such work will reduce the problems of currency conversion among unsophisticated people. As I understand the position it is not desired - or possible - that all money be changed next February, and the important thing is to reassure the people concerning the continuing value and use of existing money during the transition period.

R.N. DESAILLY
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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If calling ask for

Mr.....

GEMBOGL Patrol Post,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District.

6th September, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Chimbu Division,
Eastern Highlands District,
KUNDIAWA.

GEMBOGL PATROL 2/1965-66

Attached please find Patrol Report Number 2/65-66, covering a patrol by Mr. P.J. Wohlers, C.P.O., in the Mitnande Census Division.

2. This was a routine patrol, mainly a follow-up to my census patrol in July, and, as anticipated, the people had no worries of any major dimension. In any case, most of this Census Division is so close to Gembogl that most disputes and problems are quickly brought to the station.

3. Most people seem to be obtaining a good conception of what is involved in currency conversion and continued propaganda such as Mr. Wohler's should do much to making the transition easier.

4. Following this patrol, Mr. Keith Hughes of the Commonwealth Savings Bank visited the area and urged the people to bank their money, with the result that this Agency now has a further 200 signatures on its books.

5. Mr. Wohlers' claim for camping allowance was forwarded earlier.

(W.H. Biscoe)
Assistant District Officer.

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STATE FOR PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Mon. 10th August 1965

Left Gembogl at 10.00 AM proceeded by Pongorua to
10.45. 11.30 gave talk on Decentralisation and
board members near Gembogl. Proceeded by
5.15 PM and arrived at station at 5.30 PM.

File:
Patrol Post,
Gembogl,
EASTERN HIGHLANDS.
31st. August 1965.

Tuesday 11th August 1965

The Deputy District Commissioner,
KUNDIANA.

Left Gembogl at 9.00 AM and proceeded to
Spent morning with
gave talks on currency conversion and visited
and Gembogl. Slept Gembogl.

GEMBOGL PATROL REPORT NO.2 1965/66

Departed Gembogl at 10.00 AM and visited
Spent morning with
gave talks on currency conversion. Slept Gembogl.

Officer Conducting Patrol.

P.J. Wehlers Cadet Patrol 209242.

Duration of the Patrol.

August 10th to August 14th
August 16th to August 19th

Object of the Patrol.

Familiarise the Writer with the area
and give talks on Decentral Currency.

Personal Accompanying.

Reg.No. 9444 Const. GAIANANG.
Interpreter GERRIGL

Area Patrolled.

Mitnande Census Division.

Friday 13th August 1965

Returned to Gembogl.....

Saturday 14th August 1965

Director and DC visited station during morning. Departed
Gembogl at 1.45 PM and proceeded to Ingupore. Arrived
Ingupore at 6.00 AM arriving 6.30 PM. Slept Gembogl.

Sunday 15th August 1965

Gave talk on currency conversion during morning. No disputes
heard. Left Gembogl at 10.30 and proceeded to Ingupore. Arrived
Ingupore at 11.30. Gave talk on currency conversion and
Coffee Industry. No disputes. Slept Ingupore.

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DIARY FOR PATROL NO. 2 OF 1965/66

Tuesday August 10th.

Left Gembogl at 10.00 and proceeded to Pomponeri. Arrived 10.45. 11.30 gave talk on decimal currency conversion and heard numerous minor disputes. Proceeded back to Gembogl at 3.15 PM and arrived at station at 3.50 PM.

Wednesday August 11th.

Left Gembogl at 9.00 AM and proceeded to walk to GONDAMAKANE. Arrived Gondamakane 9.30 AM. Spent morning settling in. Afternoon gave talks on currency conversion and listened to numerous small disputes. Slept Gondamakane.

Thursday August 12th.

Departed Gondamakane at 9.00 AM and walked to ENGERUGL. The usual talk on currency conversion. Minor disputes heard during afternoon. Slept Enggerugl.

Friday August 13th.

Walked from Enggerugl to KALANGGU during morning. Good attendance and reception. Gave talk on currency conversion and Kundiawa Co-Op. Minor arbitration during afternoon.

Saturday August 14th.

Walked to the Kundiawa road and waited for Gembogl Vehicle. Proceeded to Kundiawa.

Sunday August 15th.

Returned to Gembogl.

Monday August 16th.

Director and DDC visited station during morning. Departed Gembogl at 1.45 PM and proceeded to Angganere. Walked from Angganere to GERE arriving GERE 6.30 PM. Slept GERE.

Tuesday August 17th.

Gave talk on currency conversion during morning. No disputes heard. Left Gere at 10.30 and proceeded to Angganere. Arrived Angganere 12.30. Gave talk on currency conversion and Kundiawa Coffee Society. No disputes. Slept Angganere.

Wednesday August 18th.

Left Angganere and proceeded to BONGUGL. On arrival found no body was present so proceeded to KURUMUGL. Talks with officials on small matters during the afternoon. No major worries.

Thursday August 19th.

Left Kurumugl at 8.30 AM and proceeded to walk to WOMATNE. Arrived Womatne at 9.00 AM. Good attendance and started talks on currency conversion at 11.00 AM. Interest only partial. Very few minor disputes heard. 12.30 PM had discussions with Father from Denggaga Roman Catholic Mission. He is perturbed that the lease adjacent to Mission ground at Womatne has not come through. 4.30 PM A2502 arrived and I returned to Gembegl.

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INTRODUCTION.

The patrol just completed was in the MITNANDE Census Division of the Gembogl Administrative area. The main purpose of the patrol was to make the writer familiar with the area, but talks were given on decimal currency conversion and also on the advantages of depositing money into the bank. Small disputes were arbitrated between at all rest houses, and any major disputes were sent to Gembogl.

DECIMAL CURRENCY CONVERSION.

As this was not the first time that the people in this area had been given a talk on currency conversion, the initial confusion had worn off and the people were more interested in learning the value of the decimal currency than previously. At most rest houses a keen interest was shown in the change-over, and all people accepted the fact that a change-over is imminent. It was obvious that this topic had been discussed between themselves previous to this patrol by the number of intelligent questions that were asked, even although the people are still confused about the value of the decimal currency. They were reassured however when it was pointed out that there will be an initial period when the two systems will function together. It was pointed out by the writer that the Kundawa Coffee Factory will be paying for coffee in decimal currency and eventually all Trade Stores would sell their stock in decimal currency. This was pointed out because the attitude of the older people was one of indifference. They wish to hold their old money and just let the younger generation deal in the new money, but the folly of this was pointed out by the writer because it is expected that the old money will be eventually withdrawn from circulation, and even if it isn't, the Trade Stores in this area will eventually refuse to accept them. All the representatives of the people who spoke stated that they will initially change some of their money, and then change the rest at a later date when they understand the new system.

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Area Covered

ABSENT FROM DUTY AT WORK

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ATTITUDE TO BANKING.


Because of a campaign to increase the amount of money going into the bank to make the change over to decimal currency easier, it was one of the main functions of the patrol to promote more interest in banking. It was stressed that there is becoming an increasing number of cases reported of money stolen from boxes in houses and it was pointed out that the bank offers far greater security for their money. Because every patrol is stressing the functions of the bank, there is an increasing number of new accounts being opened at Gembogl, and the amount of money being deposited is rising all the time.

REST HOUSES.

All rest houses were in a good state of repair with the exception of the house-police at KURAMUGL which needs replacing. This work is now under way and should be completed for the next patrol.

The attitude towards this patrol ~~was~~ friendly at all rest houses and all the aims of the patrol were completed.

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PETER J. WONLERS CPO