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MOROBE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

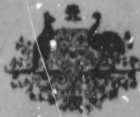
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<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrolled</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
2	R. Niland	Middle Watut Census Div.
3	R.K. Niland	Buang Census Div.

MENYAMYA

1	I.K. McIntosh	South-Western Menyamya Census Div.
3	J. Bradbury	Wapi & Langimar Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 2 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by RICHARD NILAND C.P.O.

Area Patrolled MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 MEMBER R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 8./11./1965 to 18./11./1965

Number of Days ELEVEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/6/1965

Medical 28/10/1965

Map Reference 2202 HUON GULF SPECIAL

Objects of Patrol Village inspection, explain council rules, taxpayers meetings, hear views on council work, liason with council tax patrol.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

8/2/1966

[Signature]
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-6-20.

24th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

MINING PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1966 - 1966.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-2-4 of 4th February, 1966, and Mr. Niland's patrol report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Tushy have been noted. I would advise Mr. Niland to study carefully your comments, especially paragraphs 3 and 5.

3. Mr. Niland seems to have accomplished the tasks set him quite adequately but has submitted a rather brief and sketchy report. He could be advised to study carefully Chapter IV, "The Patrol Report" found in the Standing Instructions.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67-6-20

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-4

If calling ask for

Mr. Walters/lo'd

Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

4th February, 1966.



Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOROHEOBU.

PATROL REPORT - MUMENG NO.2 65/66

Forwarded for your information Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R. Niland, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering the Middle Watut Census Division, together with patrol instructions and comments from Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.

The purpose of the patrol was mainly to accompany a council tax collection team and to assist in the explanation of Council Rules etc. to the village people. The value of this report has been lost because of the fact that Mr. Niland, although completing the patrol on the 18th November, 1965, has taken two months to submit his report. I can find no reason to excuse Mr. Niland for delay of two months in submitting the report covering a patrol of such short duration, and in future he should ensure that all reports are submitted with a minimum of delay and in fact submit the report within two weeks of completion of his patrol.

More care is required in the preparation of reports, in particular spelling. Also he should comply with the instructions as laid down in the Field Officers Hand Book. A study of these instructions will indicate to Mr. Niland the type of activities that he should observe and report whilst on patrol. Although the patrol was mainly concerned with council activities it is the duty of a patrolling officer to observe and report on all facets of activity affecting the people from the area in which he is patrolling. As a junior officer it is his duty to make his report clear and concise to record his observations. It is only from continued repetition of reporting observations that he will be able to prepare his future reports without undue difficulty. Also before submitting his report he should discuss with his senior officer on the Station what is required in his report and be guided by the advice given to him by his senior officer. I feel sure that on this patrol there are many other matters that Mr. Niland could have reported on.

The information contained in the report is extremely limited and there is no necessity for further comment nor have any extracts been forwarded to any other department.

I expect a much better report to be submitted from Mr. Niland in the future and in particular that the report be submitted immediately after completion of the patrol

A. E. Timperley
(A. E. TIMPERLEY)
District Commissioner

57-2-1

INT:ME

Sub-District Office,
MUMBAI.

24th January, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Nerobe District,
L.A.E.

HUMENG PATROL No. 2 65/66

CONDUCTED BY H.X. NILAND G.P.O.

Attached in the Patrol Report by Mr. Niland who patrolled the MIA-Watut to FIN, returning via the Humeng C.D. villages through IANXA to TIMINI. Copies of the Patrol Instructions are also attached.

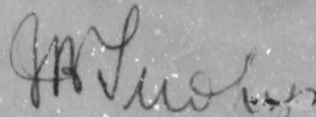
The purposes of the patrol were of a special nature, Mr. Niland being required to be in contact with a Council tax patrol and to assist the clerk as required, this being necessary as the tax collection team had very little previous experience in the balancing and recording of cash.

The particulars of the instructions have been carried out satisfactorily. Village hygiene was found in need of improvement and the council health team succeeded in getting some on-the-spot improvements. Publication and explanation of council rules were required as the explanation of council functions required to be regularly given to the village people. The requests for Council works for inclusion in the Council Works programme, as listed in the Addendum have been submitted to the President for consideration in the new year's estimates.

This patrol was Mr. Niland's second patrol and his first in this sub-district. There is room for improvement in the typing especially to eliminate the amount of over-typing of errors.

Mr. Niland is late in submitting this report and more prompt submission is required in future.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.



(I.B. TUOHY)

Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

8th November, 1965.

C.P.O. R. NILAND.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Your are required to conduct a patrol of the Mumeng and
Mia-Watut C.D.s Commencing 8th November.

The purposes of the Patrol are:

1. Village inspection to see the health and hygiene rules of the Council are being complied with.
2. Contact groups of village people and explain the content and meaning of all Council Rules.
3. Discuss Council matters and explain the content of the estimates, progress of the works programme.
4. Such groups of people as tax-payers may express opinions and states village needs and how the council may influence village.
5. You will be patrolling at the same time that the Council tax patrol is operating. Maintain liason with the Council patrol and assist the clerk as required in the balance of his cash records.


(I.R. TUOHY)
Assistant District Commissioner.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference 67 1-5

If calling ask for

Mr. Niland

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office

MUMENG.

29th November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL No. 2 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted By:

R.K. NILAND C.P.O.

Area Patrolled:

Middle Watut Census Division

Personnel Accompanying Patrol:

1 member R.P. & N.G.J.

Duration of Patrol:

eleven days - from 8/11/65 to 18/11/65

Last Patrol to the Area:

D.D.A. - 16/6/65 15 days

P.H.D. - 28/10/65 8 days

Objects of the Patrol:

1. Inspection of villages
2. Explanation of council rules
3. Conduct taxpayers' meetings in each village.
4. Hear opinions of people on village needs and how the council can effect village life.
5. Assistance and liason with council tax patrol.

Map Reference:

2202 Huon Gulf Special - Fourmil

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INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was conducted at the same time as, and a close liaison was maintained with the council patrol which was collecting council taxes, holding tax exemption tribunals and inspecting village health and sanitation and adherence to the council health rules. While a liaison was maintained with the council patrol, all work concerning the council was done by the members of that patrol and the only assistance given was to advise them on their work and check what had been done, also checking money received and balance with tax receipts.

The general aims and purpose of the patrol was to ascertain the amount of influence the council has on the people, to see that the people know, understand and obey the council rules. Also to hold taxpayers meetings and hear their views and opinions on the work of the council and how it can help them in their village. Some aspects of decimal currency were explained and any queries answered.

DIARY.

Monday 8th November: Preparations were made for the patrol and departed for Sambio village per station landrover 1300 arrived roadhouse opposite Sambio 1320 then walked to village arrived 1430, council took village taxes. 1930 held taxpayers meeting and discussed council work and rules. Night spent Sambio.

Tuesday 9th November: Departed Sambio 830 carriers changed on village boundary, arrived Tiak village 1030. Council taxed villagers and village was inspected, heard several native complaints then held taxpayers meeting and discussed council functions and rules and heard peoples' opinions on them. Left Tiak 1630 and arrived Galawo village 1700. Night spent Galawo.

Wednesday 10th November: Supervised tax collection and inspected village 1100 held taxpayers meeting ascertained peoples opinions explained decimal currency. Departed Galawo 1500 and arrived Kapin 1 village 1700 carriers were changed on village land boundary. Night spent Kapin No. 1.

Thursday 11th November: Council collected tax from Kapin Nos 1 and 2 villages - both villages inspected then 1300 held meeting of taxpayers discussed council matters and explained decimal currency then departed Kapin 1 1500, carriers were changed on village land boundaries and arrived Dambi village 1700. Night spent Dambi.

Friday 12th November: Council collected tax from Dambi and Dangal villages - both were inspected then at 1330 strong wind and rain held up tax collection for an hour and a half, two houses were blown over by strong gusts of wind. 1600 held taxpayers meeting discussed council work with people and gave talk on decimal currency. Night spent Dambi.

Saturday 13th November: Departed Dambi 0730 carriers changed on village land boundary arrived Piu 1200 lunch. Council collected tax from people of Piu, Guapo and Biamina villages and inspected Piu village. Night spent Piu.

Sunday 14th November: Morning rested. Afternoon 1430 held taxpayers meeting - discussed council rules and functions and how it could help the people and heard their opinions on what it could do for them. Explained decimal currency. Night spent Piu.

Monday 15th November: Departed Piu 0745 walked to village land boundary, changed and paid carriers then walked on to Yanta village arrived 1200 Council patrol collected taxes and inspected village hygiene then at 1730 taxpayers meeting was held work and functions of council discussed and people allowed to express their opinions, decimal currency explained Night spent Yanta.

DIARY CONTD.

Tuesday 16th November: Packed gear and departed Yanta 0900 carriers were changed on village land boundary and arrived at Enggabu village 1300 people from village paid council tax and village was inspected 1800 held taxpayers meeting, discussed council work functions and rules and listened to the peoples' opinions then explained decimal currency. Night spent Enggabu

Wednesday 17th November: Departed Enggabu 0830 carriers changed on village border - people from Towangala carried to Bupu village arrived 1330 people from Bupu, Towangala & Omala villages paid taxes to council patrol then held separate taxpayers meetings for each village as that village finished paying tax - Towangala meeting held 1800 Omala meeting held 1900 and Bupu meeting 1945. Letter arrived from the A.D.C with orders to terminate the patrol by 18/11/65 and return to the station. Night spent Bupu

Thursday 18th November: Departed Bupu 0900 and walked to main road, near Guraker village arrived 0945 and was met by the station land rover patrol gear was loaded and carriers paid then drove to Timine village, however villagers were not told beforehand that patrol would be arriving so departed 1130 and returned to Mumeng, arriving 1230.

END OF DIARY

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was received extremely well in all the villages visited. The people in all cases were friendly and no trouble was experienced at any time during the patrol. Without exception all taxes were paid with complete willingness, the people appeared to be quite used to paying taxes and accept it as being a normal part of their life. They also hold no resentment or aversion to paying tax to their councillors.

GEOGRAPHY/TOPOGRAPHY.

The Middle Watut Census Division is divided into two distinct geographical areas. The lower section contains seven villages and is situated on or near the Watut River starting at Sambio Village close to where the Snake River joins the Watut. The other villages in this section are varying distances apart and follow the river down to the lowest village in this section of the census division, Piu. Most of these villages are on approximately the same level and the track follows the river down so that walking between villages is relatively easy. From Piu the river flows west and the upper section of the census division is away to the north. This section starts from the village of Biamena just above Piu and continues in a rough line northward to Bupu village including six villages. This area is very mountainous and travel between villages is particularly hard. It was obvious from the condition of the paths that there is very little communication between the villages in this area - The majority of the people only travel on the lateral paths joining the villages with the main Lae - Mumeng road. The vegetation in the area is mostly open kunai or thick bush with some equatorial rainforest in the wetter valleys. Very little wildlife although there was a large number of birds in the upper section

VILLAGES AND HYGENE.

An inspection of each village was made with the council health team. The councillors who acted as inspectors on the team were part of the council patrol and the object of their work was to ascertain whether the people are complying with the council health rules.

For the most part these rules were not carried out properly although there was some adhesion in certain circumstances. The main cause of this appeared to be due the ignorance for the most part, of the people to the health rules which the council have made - the reason for this could either be that the councillors did not explain the content of the rules to them fully or that the councillors themselves do not have a clear idea themselves of what the council health rules are.

In general pigs have been removed from the villages and put in stys built some distance from the villages in compliance with the council rule. Pigs were seen in only two villages in the whole area. The peoples' attitude towards the fencing in of fowls as a council rule however was vastly different very little effort had been made to make runs for them and for the most part were allowed to run loose in the village.

Water supplies varied according to the village site. The villages close to the river for the most part had excellent water supplies although not enough care was taken to ensure that the headwaters were kept clear of pigs and vermin.

The cleanliness of the houses and outhouses varied considerably and I feel there could be more pressure applied on the council's part to bring them to a higher and more uniform standard.

During tax collection in Dambi village a very strong wind blew up in the afternoon and several really strong gusts blew down two of the houses in the village. On inspection of the two houses I found that the foundation posts for the most part had rotted away a few inches below ground level. I then told all the villagers and people in villages later visited to dig down and check all the foundations of their houses to see if there were any rotten ones, and if so to replace them. I also told them to recheck the foundations regularly, at least once a year.

Because of the fire hazard which would be there with dry grass roofs falling onto fires inside the houses I would suggest that the periodical checking of house foundations be made a council rule.

TAX PAYERS MEETINGS.

In each village that was visited a taxpayers meeting was held for all those people paying tax there. The councillors in conjunction with myself spoke to the people explaining the program the council has laid out and the work that is being done the rules that the council has made and any queries were answered. An opportunity was also given for the people to express their views and opinions on the council to try and ascertain their feelings towards it, however.

In general, although every attempt was made to gain their opinions, very few were willing to express them. The people for the most part do not understand the functions of the council apart from the functions of the councillors as leaders in their villages. Although most of them understand that they can get financial help from the council for development of their community in building bridges water supplies, aid posts etc. and in most of the villages a request was made for aid in certain projects by the people but some declined to make any suggestions whatsoever.

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ADDENDUM. During the course of taxpayers meetings held in each village several requests were made by the people for various improvements to be made in their area and each time a request was made it was discussed as fully as possible and the reasons for these requests for improvements ^{well} was ascertained.

The requests for improvements are set out below with, as far as possible the reasons for these requests also given. Several villages asked for joint improvements, that is some particular type of improvement which would effect two or more villages jointly.

Sambio Village: financial aid on the part of the council to help a planter, Mr Ireland, who has a property near the village to construct a Flying fox across the Snake River which flows between Sambio and the main road over which people from the Middle Watut could travel when the river was in flood.

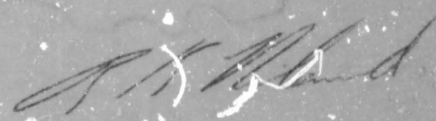
Sambio & Taiak villages: a government school to be set up on a piece of land midway between the two villages.

Galawo, Kapin 1&2, Dambi, & Dangal villages: a government school to be set up somewhere in their area.

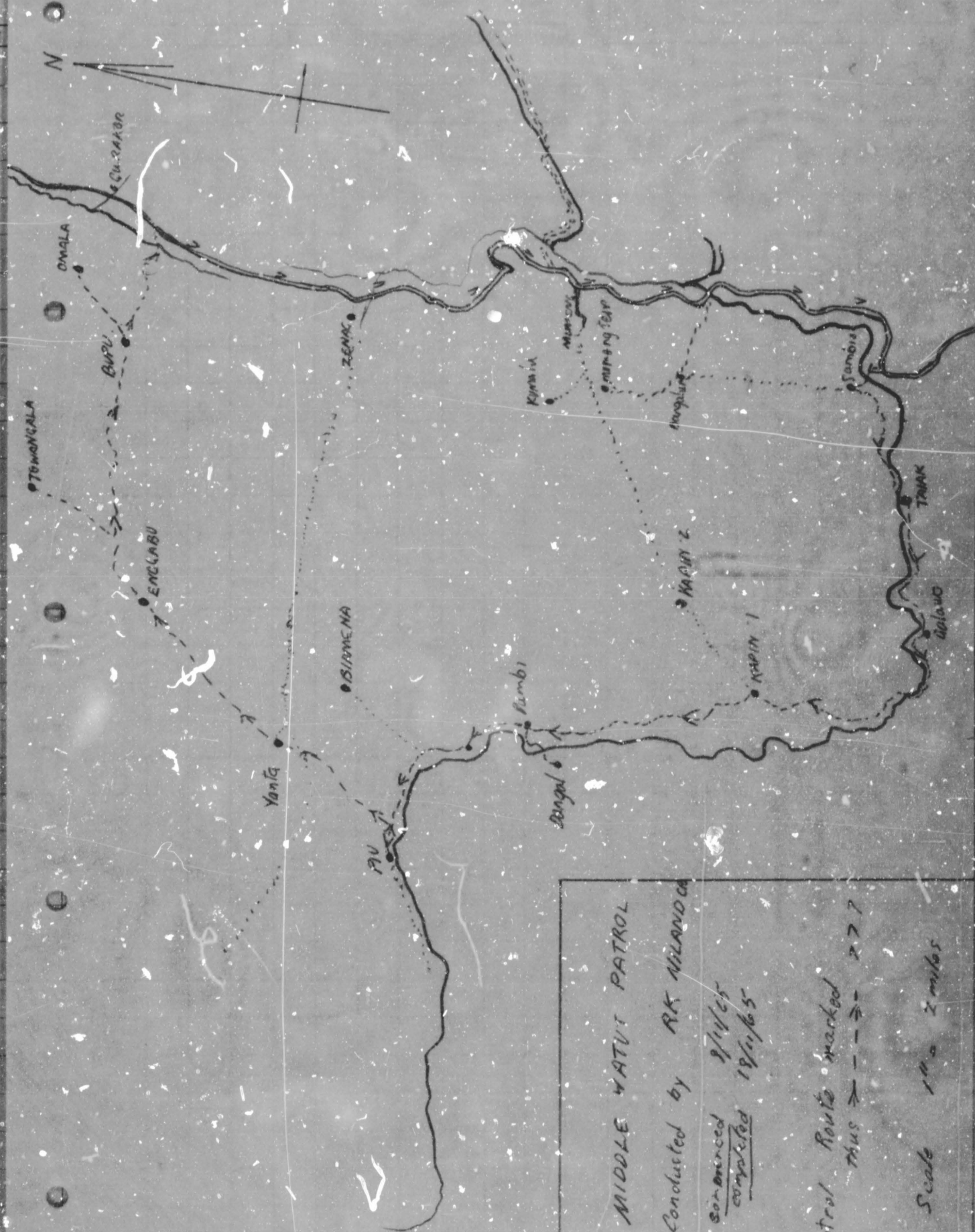
Sambio, Taiak, Galawo, Kapin 1&2, Dambi and Dangal villages: A road through the Middle Watut area to link up with the main road near Sambio.

Yanta Village: a water pipeline to provide a permanent water supply in their village.

Enggabu Village: a water pipeline to provide a permanent water supply in their village. They also discussed the building of a road into their area but considered it to be too difficult and costly at the present moment.



(R.K. NILAND)
Cadet Patrol Officer



MIDDLE WATUT PATROL
 Conducted by RK MILANDOC
 Sounded 9/14/65
 completed 18/1/65
 patrol route marked thus — — — — — 277
 Scale 1" = 2 miles

Amount
Returned
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 3 - 55/66

Patrol Conducted by R.K. NILAND G.P.O.

Area Patrolled BEANG CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 member R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 9.../3.../1966 to 26.../3.../1966

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26.../10.../1965

Medical 24.../11.../1965

Map Reference 2202 HUON GULF SPECIAL FOURMIL

Objects of Patrol See Inside

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/4/1966

A. S. ...
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-2-4

Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
L A E.
26th April, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOMEDOBU

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 1965/66

The attached report, submitted by Mr. R.K. Niland, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering the Buang Census Division, is forwarded for your information, please.

Comments and patrol instructions from Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng are attached.

The patrol was mainly concerned with amending the Common Roll and electoral education of the people in preparation for the Bi-Election to be held for the Kaindi Open Electorate - this task appears to have been completed to a satisfactory level.

Information concerning the forthcoming Council Elections, given to the people, should stimulate interest in these elections. The comments from the tax payers meetings has been referred to the Senior Local Government Officer for information. The requests indicate that the people view improvement of living standards more seriously than other Councils.

This report is an improvement on Mr. Niland's previous effort, but evidently he does not consider that Patrol Instructions serve any useful purpose. Paragraph (6) of his instructions specifically required compliance with "Standing Instructions". Future reports will not be accepted unless they comply completely with the requirements of Standing Instructions.

No information of any value to other Departments is contained in the report.

A.T. Timperley
(A.T. TIMPERLEY)
District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.
c.c. Mr. R. Niland, Mumeng.

67-6-30

3rd June, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

Muzeng Patrol Report No. 3/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-2-4 of 26th April, 1966 together with Mr. Niland's patrol report.

- 2. Mr. Niland must be made to comply with "Standing Instructions".
- 3. Mr. Niland seems to have done the tasks set him, but I think the report could have been improved with a little more conscious effort on his part.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67. 6. 30

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-4

Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
L A E.
26th April, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU

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(Signature)
(A.T. NIMPERLEY)
District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Mumeng.
c.c. Mr. R. Niland, Mumeng.

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Sub-District Office,
MUMBENG.

8th March, 1966.

C.P.O. Niland,
C/- Sub-District Office,
MUMBENG.

BUANG & MUMBENG C.D.'s Patrol Instructions.

You are required to conduct a patrol of the above areas commencing Wednesday, 9th March, 1966.

The purposes of the patrol are:

- (1) House of Assembly Electoral Education using visual aids black-board drawings, explanations and discussions on lines similarly as I have explained to you. Advise people of the Election patrol programme and dates. You are reminded that the merits of candidates cannot be discussed by you as an officer of the Administration. Your job is to explain the contents of the Electoral Ordinance as regards how the poll will be conducted. It is up to the people themselves to find out about the candidates and for the candidates to canvas the people.
- (2) Revision of the Electoral Roll which programme involves deleting deaths and inserting slips containing names of those attaining 21 years since 1964. Otherwise enrol any person eligible but not already enrolled.
- (3) As the Mumbeng L.G. Council elections will commence on 3rd May 1966, it will be necessary to inform the people about the Council elections.
- (4) As part of the Electoral Education programme distinguish carefully between the roll of House of Assembly and Councils and make sure there is no confusion.
- (5) As it is now the time for Council Tax Papers meetings, conduct six meetings and note the people's views and requirements. Assist the committees to explain, estimate works programmes and Council rules list works asked for, in villages.
- (6) Further to the above special instructions a detailed report is required according to Part 11 of Departmental Standing Instructions Vol I.

A police constable will be patrolling with you. Your patrol should take approximately three weeks.

I. B. Smyth

(I. B. SMYTH)

Assistant District Commissioner.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference 57-1-4

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,

MUMENG,

Morobe District.

28th March, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,

MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. #3 65/66.

Patrol Conducted by:

R.K. NILAND C.P.O.

Area Patrolled:

Buang Census Division

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol:

1 member R.P. & N.G.C.

1 native medical orderly

Duration of the Patrol:

Commenced; 9/3/66

Completed: 26/3/66

Last Patrol to the Area:

D.D.A. 26/10/65

D.A.S.F. 28/2/66

P.H.D. 24/11/65

Objects of the Patrol

1. revision of H. of A. electoral roll
2. H. of A. bi-election education.
3. Advising people of dates of close of nominations, polling etc. of both H. OF A. and Council Elections
4. Survey of ground and land investigation for Mountain top repeater station.

Map Reference:

2202 Huon Gulf Special 4m 50 1"



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67-1-4

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Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,

MUMENG,

Merobe District.

28th March, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,

MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL REPORT NO. #3 65/66.

Patrol Conducted by: R.K.NILAND C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: Buang Census Division

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol: 1 member R.P. & N.G.C.

1 native medical orderly

Duration of the Patrol: Commenced; 9/3/66

Completed: 26/3/66

Last Patrol to the Area: D.D.A. 26/10/65

D.A.S.F. 28/2/66

P.H.D. 24/11/65

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INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was concerned mainly with the revision of the House of Assembly Electoral Roll and explaining the work of the House of Assembly and the Elections. Also a number of taxpayers meetings were held at the work, functions and rules of the Mumeng Council were explained and the people were allowed to express their opinions regarding these.

From later instructions I went to the top of the highest mountain in the area, Mt. Shungol and surveyed a piece of ground to be bought by the Administration for the purpose of setting up a radio trunk repeater station.

DIARY

Wednesday 9th March: Preparations made for patrol then departed 930 per station land rover. Travelled up the Buang valley to BABWUMP School at the end of the road. Had a long wait there because people had not heard that the patrol was coming. Sent the Police Constable to bring carriers. Sufficient arrived so departed at 1430 and walked to KWASANG village, arriving 1700 night spent there.

Thursday 10th March: The Kwasang people were lined and the H of A electoral roll revised, had lunch then walked to Manga, arrived 1500 then walked to Lagis, 1540 then on to Sagaiyo arriving 1740 and spent the night there.

Friday 11th March: Departed Sagaiyo 945, walked to Mapos 1, then to Bulantim 1130, lunch, departed 1215 walked to Mambump Village arriving 1400. Met Mr. Shawmyer who was trying to obtain some tree kangaroos. Spoke to Councillors and and committeemen from the headwaters villages re. work program spent night there.

Saturday 12th March: Lined Mambump Village then walked up to Aiyayok village and revised the House of Assembly roll for both Aiyayok and Gambia vilages. Returned to Mambump that afternoon.

Sunday 13th March: Observed had several discussions with some of the people.

Monday 14th March: Walked to Vagau village then lined the people of Vagau and Bugai'au villages and revised the House of Assembly roll then returned to Mambump.

Tuesday 15th March: People of Muniau, Bugwev and Rari arrived at Mambump Village and the H of A electoral roll was checked and revised for each village.

Wednesday 16th March: Walked to Vagau, inspected the airstrip then held a taxpayers meeting for all the headwaters villages - Mambump, Rari, Bugwev, Gambia, Aiyayok, Muniau, Bugai'au and Vagau. Discussed council works, program, estimates, rules then gave talk on House of Assembly, functions and elections etc. Returned to Mambump.

Thursday 17th March: Departed Mambump 815 and walked to Bulantim arr. 1000. Lined Bulantim Villagers and revised roll, later people from Dawong and Lomalom villages arrived and they too were lined and the electoral roll was revised. Lunch. Taxpayers meeting was then held and the people were allowed to voice their opinions on the work of the council. Departed Bulantim 1600 and walked to Mapos No 1. Overnight there

Friday 18th March: Lined villages of Mapos No 1, No 2, Chimbulok, Sinagei and checked and revised the electoral roll for each village
Night spent at Mapos No 1

Saturday 19th March: Lined villages of Sagaiyo and Siyugei, revised electoral roll, then held taxpayers meeting for Mapos 1&2, Chimbulok, Sinagei, Sagaiyo & Siyugei. Departed Mapos 1 1500 and walked to Manga arriving 1800. Night spent Manga

Sunday 20th March: Observed had lunch with S.I.L. Missionaries and talked to a few of the people.

Monday 21st March: Lined Lagis, Papekani & Tokanen Villages and revised electoral roll. Lunch. Held taxpayers meeting for Papekani, Lagis, Tokanen, Manga, Bogumatu & Kwasang Villages then explained House of Assembly work, functions and elections Night spent Manga.

Tuesday 22nd March: Revised electoral rolls of Manga and Bogumatu Villages. Lunch, Departed Manga 1400 walked to Chimbulok, arrived 1700. Overnight Chimbulok

Wednesday 23rd March: Departed Chimbulok 830 walked to Sinagei, had talks with the people re ownership of the mountaintop then walked to Rari - arriving 1430 discussed ownership of mountain top with Rari and Bugwev people Overnight at Rari.

Thursday 24th March: Departed Rari 0800, walked to Bugwev then climbed Mt. Shungol arriving at the top at 1300. Lunch. Set up camp then rain prevented any other work being done that afternoon Night spent on Mt. Shungol

Friday 25th March: Did a survey of mountain top and marked out an area for purchase by the Administration finished 1100 and departed 1130 climbed down to Bugwev then walked to Mambump Overnight at Mambump

Saturday 26th March: Departed Mambump 0900 walked to Bulantim spent some time waiting for carriers then walked on to Sinagei and then on to Babwump - arrived 1430 Land Rover arrived 1530 and returned to Mumeng

END OF DIARY

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EDUCATION RE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FUNCTIONS AND ELECTIONS:

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Explaining the functions of the house of assembly and the elections were carried out, as per instructions with the use of blackboards, visual aids, graphs and discussions and through this medium the people, I feel, gained a fairly good understanding of the house of assembly.

During discussions the house of assembly was likened to the local government council, only on a much larger scale embracing the whole of Papua & New Guinea. This was backed up with visual aids showing the similarities between the work of the council and the work of the house of assembly, i.e. collecting taxes and revenue, appropriating funds and making laws.

The conduct of these elections was explained rather simply because by now most of the people have a fair idea of how they are run however emphasis was placed on the proper selection of candidates and filling in the ballot paper correctly.

TAXPAYERS' MEETINGS:

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TAXPAYERS' MEETINGS CONTD.

The Council rules were then discussed and the people asked to give their opinions on them. However for the most part there was no comment on them apart from the fact that the people thought that they were very good and were the right thing to have.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS EDUCATION:

As the council elections are to be held in a month's time a certain amount of election education was also done. The dates for the elections in the various electorates were told to the people as well as the necessity for those wishing to stand for elections to put in nominations as soon as possible. The people have already taken part in two elections so most of them have a fair idea of how the elections are conducted. The fact that there would be two different elections in the near future was emphasised the people were made to understand and distinguish between the two.

MOUNTAIN TOP REPEATER STATION:

As per later instructions received while on patrol, the patrol proceeded to the top of the highest mountain in the area, Mt. Shungol, which is 8,970' high and marked out a portion of land for purchase by the Administration. The piece of land marked is one chain by two chains in a north - south direction. The land had been previously cleared a few years ago, although it was still covered to a large extent with dead and rotting vegetation. The whole of the mountaintop area is covered in dense tropical rainforest, all the tree trunks are covered in moss and the ground is spongy with rotting organic matter and covered with tree roots and dead trees. This makes walking extremely difficult and the tangle of matted tree roots and dead trees makes a platform above the ground which was very difficult to walk on, I found several times that by taking a misstep my foot would go through, sometimes up to the thigh. On the top, while all the trees had been cut down the undergrowth and trees that had been felled were not cleared. This made marking the ground particularly hard. I tried burning off the dead timber however most of it was sodden and only the brush would burn.

OWNERSHIP RIGHTS INVESTIGATION:

During the first part of the patrol after having received instructions regarding the buying the mountaintop I asked each village who actually owned the mountaintop. From doing this I gathered that three villages were concerned i.e. Sinagai, Rari and Bugwev and while walking back to the base of the mountain I stopped and spoke to the people in each of the villages. In each case they singled out their actual owners concerned. These I asked to come with me to the top of the mountain and when there I was able to get them to point out just exactly where the boundaries of their land on the top of the mountain. There was no ownership dispute and each recognised the others land claimed. The piece of land marked out for purchase by the Administration was owned by four men from Rari village

A SUMMARY OF THE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE AT TAXPAYERS' MEETINGS

These comments will be set out according to the villages that made them. One particular point that came out very strongly was the fact that the people are very much looking forward to the building of a road in their area, and this tended to give them a negative view to any further progress until the road is completed.

KWASANG: Comments: "I think the council rules are very good and help to straighten out any trouble"

Requests: Coffee Machine, Radio

BOGUMATU: No comments or requests

MANCA: Comments: "I don't think the council should spend money on small things like radios, they should save it and buy something bigger"

Requests: a water pipe line for Manga, the water down below is not very good and has to be carried a long way; an iron roof for the aid post and a tank with it for clean water; a radio.

LAGIS: No comments or requests

PAPEKANI: Requests: a tank, there is an iron roof in the village; Coffee Machine; Radio.

TOKANEN: Requests: A coffee machine.

SAGAIYO: Comments: "I would like to say that first the road must be built before we have anything else."

Requests: one of our people has bought iron for his roof and when he has built it we would like a tank.

SIYUGEL: Requests: we would like a pipe for water - there are several places it can be brought from.

SINAGEI: Requests: A coffee machine

CHIMBJLOK: Requests: We have a small house with an iron roof and we would like a small tank for it.

MAPOS No 1: Requests: Could the council help our school by putting some towards the work of building it - the teacher has a government certificate

MAPOS No 2: Requests: An iron roof for the Aid Post.

BULANTIM: Requests: We have iron roofs for tanks however at the new village we are building it would be better to have a water pipe line; An iron roof for the baby clinic in the headwaters.

LOMALOM: We would like two tanks - we have an iron roof

DAWONG: Comments: I don't think we should get anything until the road is built. Requests: A coffee machine; financial help for the school in the headwaters; a pipe for water.

RARI: Requests: A tank - There is an iron roof in the village; A coffee Machine

BUGWEV: Requests: An iron roof for the Aid Post at Bugwev

GAMBIA: Requests: A pipe for water supply for Gambia and Ayalyok

AYALYOK: Requests: An iron roof for the baby clinic also for the two schools in the headwaters

MAMBU: No comments or requests

BUGAI: No comments or requests

Appendix "A" continued.

MUNI AU: Comments: "I think we've had to work too hard in the past to ~~bring~~ bring everything to the buangs and I think we should wait until the road is built"

VAGAU: Comments: "I think that all the schools should have tanks first because most of the villages are situated near water and it is easy for people to get water but schools are not, although the schoolchildren have to wash every day before school."

Requests: An iron roof for the school at Vagau and a tank in the village; we have a coffee machine but the water race to it is not working properly, I would like a cement floor for it and a pipe water race.

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Appendix "B"

Revision of H. of A. electoral roll - numbers of changes & overall change.

Village	Deaths		Migrtns. out		Additions		inc. or dec.
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
KWASANG	7	2			6	5	inc. 2
BOGUMATU	2	3	1		2	4	-
MANGA	10	4		1	13	19	inc. 12
LAGIS	2	1		2	10	3	inc. 8
TOKANEN	2	3			2		dec. 3
PAHEKANI	3	1		1	13	4	inc. 12
SAGAIYO	4	5				6	dec. 3
SIYUGEI	1	3		2	2	4	-
MAPOS No 1	2	5	2	6	9	10	inc. 4
MAPOS No 2	3	4	2	4	18	7	inc. 12
CHIMBULOK	2	4		2	2	2	dec. 4
SI NAGEI	10	3		1	1	3	dec. 10
LOMALOM	3	4	2	4	5	6	dec. 2
BULANTIM	3	4	2	2	9	11	inc. 9
DAWONG	3	4				1	dec. 6
RARI	1	2			2	9	inc. 8
BUGNEV				1	5	6	inc. 10
GI...A	1	2				2	dec. 1
AYAIYOK	2	1		1		2	dec. 2
MAMBUMP	3	1				2	dec. 2
MUNIAU	5	3				2	dec. 6
VAGAU	2	1		1	6	5	inc. 7
BUGAI...E		2			3	7	inc. 8
TOTALS	71	62	9	28	108	120	inc. 58

MUMENG PATROL No. 3 65/6

Patrol to: Buang CD

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LEGEND

- Major Roads ==
- Minor Roads ===
- Rivers ~~~~~
- Patrol Route - - - - -
- Village
- Mountains
- Walking Tracks

