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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1961/62

KAIAPIT AND WANTOAT

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
Kaiapit 2-61/62	D.P.Maroney	Onga Census Division
" 3-61/62	J.Pamplin	Leron Census Division
Wantoat 1-61/62	D.C.Lindsay	Irumu Census Division
" 2-61/62	D.C.Lindsay	Awara Census Division
" 3-61/62	D.C.Lindsay	Wantoat Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... MOROBE Report No. KAIAPIT No. 2 of 61/62

Patrol Conducted by... D. Paul Maroney, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled... Onga Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... Nil

Natives... 2 members R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From... 3/10/1961 to... 18/10/1961

Number of Days... 16 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? ... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... March 1961 DNA routine Census Sept 1960

Medical ... May/1961

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol... Revision of Census..... Collection of 1961 Personal Tax
Routine Administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/12/61

[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 £.....

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67-6-12

22nd February, 1962.

The District Officer,
Morobe District,
L.A.E.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 2 OF 1961/62:

Thank you for the above report forwarded with
your 67-2-6 of 18th December, 1961.

2. Quite an interesting report of a routine task
done well. The talks given on Local Government are
quite valuable and should be continued on each patrol.
3. I am glad to see Mr. Maroney has been so active
in the field during his time at Kaiapit.

J.K.M.
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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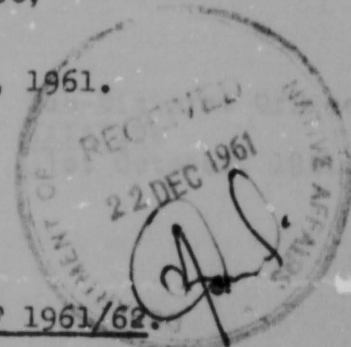
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No. 67-2-6

Department of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E.

18th December, 1961.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.



KIAPAIT PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1961/62.

Report submitted by Mr. D. P. Maroney, Patrol Officer is forwarded. Assistant District Officer, Kaiapit has forwarded no covering memorandum and has been asked to so in future.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

I believe the greatest bar to progress in the Onga Division is the ~~Umi~~ River which prohibits easy access. After the Umi River bridge is completed (expected within the next two years), it should be possible to build a vehicular road into this area. This would facilitate removal of crops to market and should prove a great spur to economic development. I feel that the people of the Onga will wish to join in the Markham Council once they have observed the successful operation of that body for a year or two.

TAXATION.

The subject of a tax recommendation for this area and of a policeman on leave who has evaded taxation for three years has been taken up in separate correspondence.

A supply of plastic covers has been obtained and forwarded to Assistant District Officer, Kaiapit.

EDUCATION.

The schools conducted by the Lutheran Mission New Guinea have been discussed so frequently in comments from this District Headquarters that little can be achieved by further adverse comments now.

HEALTH.

A copy of the Appendix B has been forwarded to the Regional Medical Officer.

Mr. Maroney has carried out a good patrol and his report gives a clear picture of conditions in the area. It is always gratifying to me when an Officer is able to patrol the same area more than once over a period of a term.

(D. V. ASHTON)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No.

Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.
31st October, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIAPIT,
Morobe District.

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1961-62.
ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Conducted by; D. Paul MARONEY, Patrol Officer, Grade 1.
Area Patrolled: ONGA Census Division.
Personnel accompanying: Two members R.P. & N.G.C.
vis. Reg. No. 5499B. Senior Const. MANDO
" " 9238 Const. 4th year MAI.
Duration: from 3rd to 18th October, 1961. 16 days.
Last Patrol to Area: D.N.A. Routine, March, 1961. Census Sept 1960
P.H.D. May, 1961.
D.A.S.F. August, 1961.
Objects of Patrol: 1. Revision of Census.
2. Collection of 1961 Personal Tax.
3. Routine Administration.

INTRODUCTION.

This report covers the activities of a routine patrol to the ONGA Census Division.

One of the main aims of the patrol, namely the collection of the 1961 Personal tax, was accomplished without incident. No reluctance to pay the tax was encountered. In short, the patrol was well received in all villages.

As can be seen from the following diary entries, the patrol was conducted at a leisurely pace - the patrol was in the area for sixteen days. All villages were visited, and people were censused in their own villages. Few matters, other than those of a routine nature, were brought to the notice of the patrol.

DIARY.

Tuesday, 3rd October.

6.15 a.m. Land Rover with patrol gear, and personnel left KAIAPIT - met up with carriers from ONGA village at edge of UMI (Markham) River, below DABU village. Writer remained at KAIAPIT till afternoon completing office work. 2.15 p.m. left KAIAPIT arriving at edge of UMI River at 2.50 p.m. 2.55 left north bank of UMI and arrived at ONGA (825'asl) village (by direct route through XANUF airstrip) at 4.10 p.m. - one hour 15 mins walk (15 mins crossing UMI, and 60 mins. from southern bank to village). Talk with villagers in late afternoon.

Wednesday, 4th October.

Talk given to the people of ONGA re taxation - its necessity, responsibilities and so on. Census conducted, and taxation collected - yielded £28.5.0 (47.7% absentees). Commonwealth Savings Bank Pass Books inspected, and receipts issued for those with interest due. Extremely hot in afternoon. Delayed housing inspection until late afternoon when conditions were milder - instructions given. People staged a Sing-sing at the Rest House at night.

Thursday, 5th October.

5.55 a.m. left ONGA resthouse for SINGAS via AWAN village - 30 mins via direct track. Talk given SINGAS. Census conducted and tax collected (£20.5.0 - 39.4% absentees). Housing inspected - completed 10 mins return walk to AWAN. Process repeated. (£13.10.0 Tax - 44.4% absentees). Completed by 2 p.m. Court for Native Affairs offences against Reg. 106 (a) of N.A.R.'s. Visited Lutheran Mission school at AWAN. Territorial rain in afternoon. Returned to ONGA resthouse arriving at 5.10 p.m. Visited Lutheran Mission school at ONGA.

Friday, 6th October.

Heavy rain overnight caused WANTON River to run a "banker". People from No. 2 NARUBOIN unable to cross the river to main village, where census conducted. River subsided mid-afternoon, and people able to cross. Heavy rain and strong winds then made census out of the question for the day. Work on census figures during day. Const. MAI accompanied two prisoners to KALAPIT leaving mid-morning. "AIYANG" (barana) sing-sing at Resthouse in evening.

SATURDAY 7th October.

Instructions and books issued to officials of three villages. 10 a.m. to NARUBOIN village 10 mins walk. Census conducted and tax collected (£16.5.0 - 57.7%). Const. MAI arrived from KAIAPIT at mid-day. Housing inspected - completed by 2.30 p.m. Decided to delay cur departure for SIATS until following day because of threatening rain-storm, which could make the WANTON River, already high, unfordable. Returned to ONGA Resthouse.

Sunday, 8th October.

Little rain overnight, and WANTON River maintaining previous days level. In view of past inclement weather, people took advantage of this break to bring the patrol to SIATS although on the Sabbath. 7.30 a.m. left ONGA resthouse - 10 mins. to NARUBOIN where 5 mins spent giving instructions. Continued upstream - delayed in fording river and reorganising carriers. Commenced climbing from the river at 8.15 a.m. Arrived at SIATS Resthouse (2,200' ASL) at 9.40 a.m. - 2 hours, 10 mins. Carriers in 1/2 hour later - delayed by greasy track. Remained of Sabbath observed at SIATS.

DIARY (continued).Monday, October 9th.

8.15 a.m. Talk given. People of SIATS censused, and tax collected (£8.0.0 - 40.9% absentees). Inspection of housing. 1.30 p.m. left SIATS for BAMPÀ (2,000' ASL) 1 hours walk. Passed through ANTIR hamlet of DANTA en route. Census conducted and taxation collected. (£7.5.0 - 64.3% absentee). Court for Native Affairs convened for census defaulter.

Tuesday, October 10th.

8.20 a.m. left BAMPÀ Resthouse for ANTIR assembly point at DANTA hamlet (2,150'). 20 mins over slippery track following last night's heavy rain. Census conducted and taxation collected (£28.10 - 30.9% absentee). One enquiry recorded. 1.30 p.m. returned to BAMPÀ. Visit to Lutheran Mission School in afternoon.

Wednesday October 11th.

Some youths sent ahead to prepare improvised bridge over WAMIN River in flood following rain overnight. 7.25 a.m. departed BAMPÀ and arrived at GNAROWEIN (650') at 11.50 - 4 hours 25 mins walk over a water logged and slippery track. This walk would normally take 2½ hours only. Housing inspection and taxation talk in afternoon. No census conducted as weather threatening.

Thursday, October 12th.

7.30 Census of GNAROWEIN conducted and tax collected (£26.5 - 41.2% absentee). Const. ULTIBI arrived from KAIAPIT at 9.30 with correspondence re UTSIAP land purchase. Work on this until 1.30 p.m. Visit to Lutheran Mission school. Left GNAROWEIN at 3.15 p.m. and arrived at YANUF (550') at 4.05 p.m. - 50 mins walk. Gear and personnel ferried over flooded WAMIN River in canoes. Housing inspection. Tax talk given to people in evening.

Friday, October 13th.

7.30 Census of YANUF and tax collected (£12 - 38.8% absentees). Housing instructions supervised. 11.25 departed YANUF arriving GURUF after a 50 minute walk. Housing at "APUS" inspected. Census of GURUF conducted in afternoon. Visited BUANGAI site in later afternoon and inspected housing. Returned to Resthouse. Court for Native Affairs convened for two census defaulters - Reg. 113 N.A.R.'s.

Saturday, October 14th.

7.20 Talk on taxation and collection conducted (£27.15.0 - 51% absentees). One complaint recorded (my 37-4-3 of 30.10 61 refers). Departed GURUF 11.30 a.m. Visited Guruf kindergarten and main Lutheran Mission School which is sited at BUANGAI hamlet. Continued on to INSINGANTS which is a one hour walk from GURUF. Census and tax collection conducted (£12 - 45% absentees). Visit to L.M. School. 20 min walk to YATSING Resthouse (650') arriving at 4.45 p.m.

Sunday, October 15th.

At YATSING Resthouse. Work on correspondence. Talk on taxation given to combined people of YATSING and INSINGANTS who had come for the church service. Housing inspection of YATSING in late afternoon.

DIARY (continued).Monday, October 16th.

7.15 a.m. Census of YATSING conducted and tax collected (£18.15.0 - 38% absentees). Completed by 9.30 a.m. Mr. A.A. Macgregor, Medical Assistant, arrived at 10.10 a.m. en route to the WAPFA headwaters census division. Returned to INSINGANTS, and inspected housing. To INTOAP via YATSING - an hour's walk. Met at outskirts of village by a welcoming deputation, food offering and sing-sing, by the people of INTOAP and PUGUAP. Talk on tax given to people of the combined villages in afternoon. Sing-sing in evening. Const. MAI sent across river to investigate fire near DABU.

Tuesday, October 17th.

8 a.m. left INTOAP resthouse for FUGUAP village - 15 mins walk to ATSAN hamlet where people lined. Census conducted and tax collected (518.10.0 - 25.9% absentees). Housing inspection of ATSAN and PUGUAP hamlets - completed by 12 p.m. Returned to INTOAP resthouse. Census of INTOAP and tax collected (£21.15.0 - 25.8%) in afternoon. Visited Lutheran Mission school and conducted a housing inspection of INTOAP.

Wednesday, October 18th.

Work on census figures, tax and preliminary work on patrol report. Work impeded by a couple of belated complaints (my 37.4.5 of 30.10.61 refers). Left INTOAP at 2.10 p.m. - forded the Markham river arriving MUTSING 2.50 p.m. Landrover waiting - patrol gear and personnel to KAIAPIT arriving at 3.30 p.m.

End of Diary... Patrol Completed.

1. NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The situation in the area could be termed satisfactory, but I feel that these people are not developing with sufficient despatch in the circumstances.

The ONGA was, I believe, first satisfactorily contacted in 1919 - just at the end of World War 1. This area, together with their neighbours of the ATZERA, YAROS and AMARI Census Divisions (collectively referred to as "Markhams"), has been a source of labour for the Morobe Goldfields and territory plantations for the last 40 years. The Upper Markham area in general, and the ONGA division in particular (43 members RP&NGC - 20.5% of absentees), has provided a large numbers of policemen, both before and after World War 2. The Markham people had a good war record with DIDI of SAMARAN receiving the George Cross, and a large number serving in the Police and New Guinea Battalion.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (contd.)

Mission evangelists from this area have brought the Gospel to the people of the new areas bordering the Markham region. Numerous Government drivers come from here, and a few months ago, a number of ONGA men were specially recruited to act as "boss boys" on the highlands road.

With this background, one would expect these people to be advancing reasonably well in all fields. However, I detect a few signs that do not augur well for the future, if this present trend continues.

Firstly, in the political field, there is the fact that these people declined to come into the Markham Council, when it was originally established last year - the ONGA is the only ATZERA speaking area outside the Council.

Secondly, in the education field, there are only 6 children currently attending Government schools, and the Mission village schools of the area do not teach higher than Standard 1. I doubt if there would be more than a handful of ONGA people that have reached Standard 4, which is ^{now} the educational requirement for the Police Force. This, of course, means that the number of Markham Police recruits will drop sharply, and the number of serving members will decline as present policemen retire.

Thirdly, in the economic field, there is in general, a rather apathetic response to cash cropping, though there are signs that individuals are applying themselves. There is the natural barrier of the Markham river between the ONGA people and the main road with its access to the buying centre at KAIAPIT and outside markets. This natural barrier also restricts other forms of development.

And lastly, there is the emotional problem of apparent sterility amongst an unusually high number of couples. The ONGA birth rate (34.5 per thousand per annum this year) is the lowest amongst the Markham people (refer p 10 KPT. Rpt. No. 9 of 60/61) and this is a long standing trend. The emotional problem of childless couples is one that would, I feel, affect these native people acutely in their whole way of life. This could be the germ from which most of their troubles stem.

1. NATIVE AFFAIRS (ccntd.)

I am not suggesting that these problems are insurmountable, or the people incorrigibly - but it would be unrealistic to suppose that the situation in the ONGA is perfect.

The patrol was well received in all villages, and there was even a welcome sing-sing at INTOAP, the last village visited. These peoples' attitude to the Administration is good, but their outlook in other fields, as mentioned above, is less good.

A talk on taxation was given in all villages prior to the collection. The talk followed the model set out in CI No. 282 27.11.58. The people were also told more about Local Government and the current works programme in the Markham Council. The talk on Local Government was not given in a pleading note - rather they were faced squarely with the facts. They were told that the poor communications in their area together with the small population, fragmented settlements and comparatively poor economic development, meant that in most respects their area would be a liability to the Markham Council at present. They were also told that the Local Government was, more or less, an evolutionary growth that these people with their background should almost be ready for. They were reminded that they had not been asked whether they want Village Officials when the Luluais and Tul Tul system was first installed, and though desirable, it is not necessary for them to be in complete concurrence before the Council system is extended to their area.

In informal discussions I sensed that the people genuinely do not feel that they are as yet ready for Local Government. There does not appear to be any real animosity towards the Local Government system, rather I feel, they are conservative, and are apprehensive of departing from the traditional village official system. Most of the officials, and many of the men are ex-policemen and this authoritarian tradition has become part of their way of life.

At the conclusion of each talk the people were encouraged to ask questions, but there was little response, other than the implied - 'we have listened to your talk, we believe it, and we understand a little, but not enough to ask questions'. I feel that the next patrol should give a talk following the model in Local Government Bulletin No. 6 of January, 1960.

1. NATIVE AFFAIRS (contd.)

No serious crime was reported or discovered. Court action was taken against 3 census defaulters, and 2 men were given 1 week I.H.L. for careless use of fire. Few complaints were brought to the patrol's notice, and those which have been the subject of separate correspondence, copies of which have been attached to the back of this report.

Special Arms Permits were examined - all were found to be current (see Appendix E for list of S.A.P.'s). Shotguns were inspected and one was found to be defective, and its firing pin was extracted to render it safe. The gun was branded RIGARMI with a Lauf Stahl barrel - this brand has been found to be defective before.

Commonwealth Savings Bank Pass Books ^{were examined,} as required by para 3(c) of NA 28/2/9 of 24.7.61. Forty two books were collected for the insertion of interest, and in some cases closure. CSB form 17 receipts were issued.

The grave of Mr. Brownridge, who died in 1933, while gold prospecting in this area, is being tended by the people of ONGA village.

2. MEDICAL AND HEALTH. (see Appendix "B").

3. NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Mr. W.B. Gliddon, Agricultural Officer, visited this area in August this year. Mr. J. Oates, Agricultural Officer visited the ONGA with me in September last year. Their remarks and observations in the agricultural sphere are pertinent.

Some recent activity in the cash cropping field was seen, though it did not appear to be widespread or universally accepted throughout the area. Occasional groves of new shade trees (for robusta coffee), bags of peanuts in the villages, and a small amount of copra in the hot air dryer at PUGUAP, were noticed in passing, indicating that some interest is being taken in economic development, although such interest is often at the best, sporadic. I have found that the taxation collection often precipitates a 'spurt' of economic activity - obligation to pay tax being one of the few incentives for a cash economy amongst these people.

4. VILLAGES.

There are 14 villages in the ONGA Census Division. It was noticed that the villages are smaller and more fragmented than those of their neighbours in the Council area. The small population, fragmentation, and relatively poor communications in the ONGA will pose a problem when

4. VILLAGES.

Local Government is eventually extended to this area.

Housing in the area was found to be quite good. However, a number of instructions were given under Regulation 112B of the Native Administration ¹⁹²⁴. Many fire permits were issued under Reg. 106 (a), to enable the people to obtain new kunai to rethatch houses and extend economic cropping.

A number of rather delapidated squat houses were noticed on the fringes of all the villages. Upon enquiry I was at first told that they were "firewood house", but further enquiries revealed that they were in fact confinement huts (not to be confused with menstruation houses found in the garden areas). It is taboo for men to enter these houses during the time of confinement.

Reshouses can be found at ONGA, SIATS, BAMP, GNAROWEIN, YANUF, GUMUF, YATSING and INTOAP.

5. VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Officials in this area are in general quite good. The Luluai YATSUP of ONGA is an outstanding gentleman, and he accompanied the patrol through most of the area. He appears to have a lot of influence in the area. Luluai MAU of GNAROWEIN is excellent, and there are many other quite good officials in the ONGA. However, there seems to be a preponderance of officials - 31 for a population of 1975 i.e. 2.2 per 141 persons (which is the average size of villages in this area). When the officials and unofficial councillors lineup to greet the patrol it sometimes appears that the official 'line' contains the majority of able bodied males in the village.

No Village Officials were provisionally appointed on this patrol, nor are there any recommendations to be made. It is believed that Luluai GAUM of NARUBOIN wishes to retire because of old age, but he did not bring this matter up during the patrol's visit to the village.

As there have been no changes in Village Officials, the list of officials compiled by Mr. C.P.O. Pamplin is still relevant.

6. TRACKS AND BRIDGES.

The patrol followed a slightly different route from last year. This time ONGA village was reached by a direct track from the Markham river below DABU village west of the MANIANG river. Before it was customary to visit INTOAP village first, crossing the river

6. TRACKS AND BRIDGES. (contd).

at MUTSING, east of the MANIANG. To get to ONGA village it is then necessary to go via SINGAS and AWAN, making the journey from MUTSING to ONGA over two hours, compared to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours direct from the edge of the Markham below Dabu. I found it an advantage to travel this way as it avoids villages en route, and the embarrassing situation of having all the people sitting down awaiting census, though you have sent word ahead for the people not to assemble till further advice - this happened to me on the 14th September, 1960.

Unseasonal heavy rain was encountered by this patrol. All streams of consequence (e.g. Markham, Wanton, Wamin and Amamai rivers) have to be forded, but these flooded rivers did not delay the patrol to any great extent.

7. CENSUS, STATISTICS, TAXATION and LABOUR.

A complete revision of the census was accomplished. The attached figures reveal an increase of 34 since the last census conducted by the writer in September, 1960. There has been a natural increase of 22 over the 12 month period (11.2 per thousand per annum - births 34.5 p. 1000 p.a., and deaths 23.3 p. 1000 p.a.), and an increase of 12 due to migrations exceeding those out. Of the 14 villages, 3 showed a natural increase, 2 a decrease, and 4 remained static - these particulars have been noted on the attached Village Population Register sheets. For a comparison of these figures with those of the Markham Council see p. 10 of KAIAPIT patrol report No. 9 of 1960/61.

A sum of £259.10.0 was collected in Personal Tax (taken up on KAIAPIT O/R 65902 of 20.10.61). Amounts collected in individual villages can be found in the diary, and further particulars can be found from Appendix "C". After the tax talk, a number of men who had previously been given exemptions, volunteered this year's tax. As can be seen from the figures in Appendix C, a high percentage (37.3%) of the taxpayers paid back taxation, that is they paid their arrears in tax at this collection (all having returned from labour since the last collection). Although this collection was conducted in the last quarter of the tax year, only one man that had returned from work had already paid his 1961 Personal Tax. A large number of absentees work on the peanut farms at ERAP in the Lower Markham, which has a large 'floating' population, a factor which must frustrate tax collection in that area. However, it would seem that a large number of absentees have been successful in evading Personal

7. CENSUS, STATISTICS, TAXATION and LABOUR. (contd.)

tax for two or more years. One leave Policeman station^g at a large town, for example, had not paid any tax since it was first introduced in 1958.

On the subject of tax, it is my considered opinion that the present tax rate in the ONGA of 15/-, is not sufficient, and that it should be raised to £1 in future years. I do not consider that an increase of 5/- would create any hardship amongst these people. As it appears evident that this area must eventually be included in the Markham Council, an increase of tax in the ONGA would bring it on a par with the lowest tax rate in the Council area - the UPPER YAROS. The YAROS and ONGA could be said to be on the same economic level. An increase to the ONGA taxrate would I feel, bring this division in to line with the adjacent Council area, and therefore make the later transition easier.

Labour figures can be obtained from Appendix A. The percentage of male absentees - labour potential, is high, being 42%. (The percentage of absentees in individual villages may be found in the diary). This is a reduction from last year. Though high, this percentage is about the same as the absentee rate in the Council area (cf. p 11 of. cit.). Incidentally these percentages are calculated by obtaining the male adult absentee figure in Appendix A (13 and over - C1 No. 67 of 48/49), and comparing it with the 17-45 Male labour potential found in the Village Population Register. Hence, the figure is not very accurate, and the real percentage would be slightly lower (due to the youths from 13-16 being included in the Absentee figure). However this appears to be the only absentee percentage that can be extracted from the two sets of figures as at present required.

I would, once again, like to bring to your attention^{to} the delapidated condition of some of the new style Village Books. Some form of pastic cover would, I feel, prolong their life and protect their contents.

8. EDUCATION.

The Lutheran Mission maintains 7 primary schools in the area providing education for 198 children - see Appendix D. There are also two kindergarten schools being run by two girl teachers at ONGA and GURUF villages.

8. EDUCATION (contd).

The standard of education is poor, but once again I am impressed with the conscientiousness of the teachers, although they are handicapped by their own lack of knowledge. They are willing, but not quite able.

The lessons are conducted in Yabim, with some Pidgin English, and Atzera also being used. It was interesting to note that all teachers were teaching some English: granted that the rudimentary English words are slurred, mispronounced and the \bar{a} grammar largely ignored, but the fact remains that these teachers are teaching basic English, and this recent trend is encouraging.

There are by way of contrast, only 6 children from the ONGA attending Government Schools.

9. MISSION.

The Lutheran Mission maintains an exclusive franchise in the area. The ONGA is ministered to by Rev. K. Holzknicht at KAIAPIF. He visited the area for a congregational meeting at GURUF when the patrol was in the area. Rev. Michold will relieve Rev. Holzknicht, who is due to go on leave to Germany in early December.

The Summer Institute of Linguists completed their 6 weeks training just before the patrol visited ONGA. They have changed the site of their "jungle camp" from YANUF airstrip (near the edge of the Markham River) to the old site of AWAN on the west bank of the WANTON River.

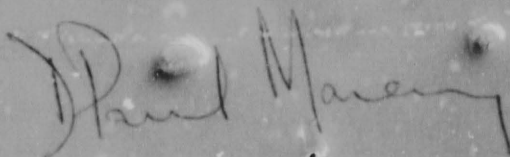
10. CONCLUSION.

The objects of the patrol - the collection of tax, census and routine administration, were accomplished without incident. The patrol was in the area for 16 days, and as much time as possible was spent with the people. However, little of note was brought to the patrol's attention.

The people are progressing, but slowly: there is still little desire for advancement from these people. Their attitude towards the Markham Council is changing, but the majority, I feel, are still against it.

10. CONCLUSION (contd.)

This is my second patrol to the ONGA, and my eighth patrol since I arrived in KAIAPIT in July, 1960. It will be the last patrol I will be doing before I go on leave in mid-November.



D. Paul Maroney.
Patrol Officer.

To Accompany KAIAPIT Patrol Report No. 2 of 1961/62 to
ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

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"C" TAXATION STATISTICS.
"D" MISSION SCHOOLS.
"E" SPECIAL ARMS PERMITS.

LETTERS.

37-4-5 of 31.10.61 Repayment of Loan Tul Tul KUSEI of INTOAP.

37-4-3 of 31.10.61. Matrimonial complaint WANSA of GURUF village.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.

D. Paul Maroney

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Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

To Accompany KAIAPIT Patrol Report No. 2 of 61-62 to
ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

Village	IN VILLAGE				ABSENTEES				
	Child		Adults		Child		Adults		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
SINGAS	15	22	35	40	-	-	15	1	128
AWAN	22	22	35	43	5	2	20	3	157
ONGA	44	36	69	65	9	2	32	9	266
MAPIBOIN	28	21	36	44	2	3	26	7	167
SIATS	18	20	27	21	-	-	9	3	98
ANTIR	26	36	57	50	4	4	13	3	193
BAMPA	3	6	19	22	-	2	9	3	64
GNAROLEIN	24	20	44	58	3	5	21	4	179
YANUF	6	2	19	28	1	1	7	1	63
GURUF	21	12	49	66	4	-	25	14	191
INTSINGANTS	45	11	25	23	5	3	9	5	96
YATSING	21	7	30	36	2	1	9	2	108
PUGUAP	20	21	34	40	2	2	7	3	129
INTOAP	15	17	37	36	4	5	8	4	136
	288	293	516	575	41	30	210	62	1975

APPENDIX "B".

to Accompany KAIAPIT Patrol Report No. 2 of 51/62 to
ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

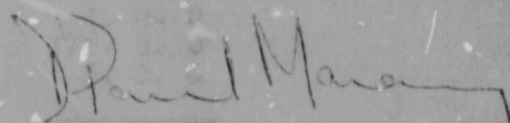
MEDICAL and HEALTH.

The area has been visited recently by Mr. A.A. Macgregor, E.M.A. The health of the people is reasonable, and the three Aid Posts are more than ample for the small population in the ONGA division. The siting of the Aid Posts, however, could be improved, and Mr. Macgregor is aware of this need. It is believed that in the near future, the Aid Post at GNAROWEIN will be resited at GURUP, and the present one at ONGA shifted to AWAN/SINGAS on the other side of the WANTON river - these proposed sites will be more central, and accessible. There is, I believe, no change contemplated for the ANTIRI Aid Post which serves the three mountain villages of ANTIRI, BANTA and SIATS.

The Aid Posts at ONGA, ANTIRI and GNAROWEIN are at present staffed by A.P.O.'s ARIS, PAPUP (GIRIAN) and NAIANG respectively. The Aid Post Orderlies accompanied the patrol in their respective areas, and conducted medical inspections of the people at the census. All appeared to be fulfilling their duties satisfactorily.

The disease which to my untutored eye, appears to have the greatest hold in the ONGA, is tuberculosis. The A.P.O.'s attribute 13 of the deaths (over a 12 months period) to this disease - this represents 39% of the adult deaths in the year (all but one of the TB victims were over 13). Even taking into consideration the incorrect diagnosis by the A.P.O.'s, it would be safe to say that this insidious disease is rife in the area.

It was intended to do a full Survey of Traditional Beliefs and Attitudes in Health and Allied Matters, however time did not permit a full investigation, nor were the people particularly responsive to casual questions.



D. Paul Maroney.
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "C".

To Accompany KAIAPIT Patrol Report No. 2 of 1961/62 to
ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

TAXATION STATISTICS.

Village	Taxation Paid						TOTAL
	60/-	45/-	30/-	20/-	15/-	10/-	
SINGAS	-	1	2	-	20	1	20.15. 0
AWAN	-	-	1	-	16	-	13.10. 0
ONGA	-	-	7	1	19	5	28. 5. 0
NARUBOIN	1	1	-	-	14	1	16. 5. 0
SIATS	-	-	-	-	10	1	8. 0. 0
ANTIR	-	3	2	-	25	-	28.10. 0
BAMPA	-	-	2	-	5	1	7. 5. 0
GNAROWEIN	-	-	4	-	27	-	26. 5. 0
YANUF	-	-	3	-	12	-	12. 0. 0
GURUF	-	2	4	-	23	-	27.15. 0
INSINGANTS	-	1	2	-	9	-	12. 0. 0
YATSING	-	1	3	-	16	-	18.15. 0
PUGJAP	-	1	1	-	19	1	18.10. 0
INTOAP	1	1	-	-	22	-	21.15. 0
	2	11	31	1	235	10	£259.10. 0

Extract

60/- (4 years)	2	6. 0. 0
45/- (3 years)	11	24.15. 0
30/- (2 years)	31	46.10. 0
20/- (2 years)	1	1. 0. 0
15/- (1 year)	235	176. 5. 0
10/- (1 year)	10	5. 0. 0
		<u>£259.10. 0</u>

Tax receipts Nos. 369718 - 370000 and 181201 - 181207.

D Paul Maroney
D. Paul Maroney.
Patrol Officer.

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ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

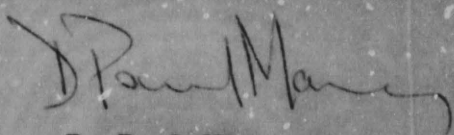
MISSION SCHOOLS.

Primary

Village	Teacher	Class	Pupils		Total
			M	F	
AWAN	TARI of BUKAU/LAE	1st year	9	18	27
ONGA	SIBISA of ONGA/KPT.	1st year	22	8	30
BAMPA	BENJAMIN of ITSING- ANTS/KAIAPIT	1st year	13	13	26
GNAROWEIN	KERAMU of MONAKASET/ WAIN/LAE	1st year	15	7	22
GURUF	BINGAM of BAMBOK/ NABA/LAE	1st year	9	3	12
		Standard 1	8	9	17
INSINGANTS	YAKUA of BUTALA/ YABIM/FINSCH.	1st year	15	13	28
INTOAP	NANDU of BUTIBUM/ LAE	1st year	16	10	26
			107	81	188

Kindergarten.

ONGA	NAWASI of ONGA		15	18	33
GURUF	GABIAMU of GURUF		3	4	7
			18	22	40


D. Paul Maroney
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "E".


To Accompany KAIAPIT Patrol Report No. 2 of 61/62 to
ONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

SPECIAL ARMS PERMITS.

<u>Village</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>SAP No.</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Gun No.</u>	<u>Defections.</u>
NARUBOIN	KAIUS		Absent at ERAP		
YANUF	PARISBANGIN	10479	BOEHLER	5102	-
GURUF	NARABIA	10707	REPETTA	388701	-
YATSING	WAMPI	10399	RIGARMI	20269	* Faulty
INTOAP	UNGUF	10345	ASTRA	8431	---

All Special Arms Permits inspected were found to be current.

* Firing pin retained at Sub-District Office.


D. Paul Maroney.
Patrol Officer.

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Sub District Office,
KAIAPIT.

30th of October, 1961

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIAPIT.

REPAYMENT OF LOAN - TUL TUL KUSEI of INTOAP.

Whilst on my recent Patrol to the ONGA Census Division the above named native (LK 310/181) of INTOAP village claimed that IESI-RAGIBA of BUAI village, BOGADJIM Census Division/MADANG Central Sub-District, has not repaid, or fulfilled the terms, of a loan made in 1957.

It appears that IESI was formerly a policeman serving as a Constable at KAIAPIT, WANTOAT and LAE between the years of 1954-1958 - it is believed that he has since returned to his village in the MADANG District.

It seems that in 1957 he spent his leave in the KAIAPIT area. Tulful KUSEI-BORI originally came from BAUAK village in the BOGADJIM Census Division and settled in the Markham area pre-war. IESI and KUSEI being 'one-talks' spent a lot of time together when IESI was on leave. IESI decided to marry an INTOAP girl, IRUA-WOMPUA (b. 1938). KUSEI agreed to provide most of the bride-price on condition that IESI settled in INTOAP at the completion of his service. IESI was agreeable to this at the time and his name was duly entered in the Village Register (LK310/264) and it has not been deleted since. IRUA accompanied her husband.

It has become apparent to KUSEI that IESI has no intention of returning to the Markham and he would therefore like the loan repayed. KUSEI claims that IESI provided £5 of the bride-price himself but the bulk of the payment was left for KUSEI to find. KUSEI states he gave £10 in cash and a pig worth.

Would the A.D.C. Madang be contacted and requested to ask IESI whether he acknowledges the debt of £18. and what steps does he intend to take to repay this money.

D. Paul Maroney
(D. Paul. Maroney)
PATROL OFFICER.

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Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

30th of October, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIAPIT.

NATIVE COMPLAINT - MATRIMONIAL.
Female WANSA-BINTIRIE of GURUF.

Whilst I was on Patrol to the ONGA Census Division the Village Officials of GURUF village made a complaint regarding the abovementioned woman and her husband NEI-TSUMAN (LK 309/167) who is believed to be a policeman serving at KOKOPO in the New Britain District.

It is alleged that Constable NEI has not returned to his village for 9 years, nor in that time has he sent any maintenance for his wife of son IAKA (now aged 13 years. WANSA has recently given birth to a son USSAI (11/10/61 - LK 309/170). WANSA has had liaisons with a number of GURUF men and she cannot say who the father of USSAI is.

WANSA wishes to acquaint her husband of these facts. She would like to know what NEI proposes to do in regards of (a) herself, (b) IAKA and (c) USSAI. Could the A.D.O. KOKOPO be contacted and NEI advised of this.

For your information,

D. Paul Maroney
(D. Paul. Maroney)
PATROL OFFICER.

List of Commonwealth Savings Bank Books collected on ONGA Patrol
 KAIAPIT Patrol Report No. 2 of 1961-62.

Branch	Pass Book No.	Last Operated	Balance
LAE	* 07340	1958	3. 8. 0
"	* 07305 SOLA of ONGA	1958	1. 3. 9
"	* 07319	1954	2. 11. 1
"	7951	1959	12. 7.
"	07309	1949	18. 0.
"	011903	1956	2. 3. 10.
"	07318	?	No entries in book
"	06883	1951	1. 7. 11.
"	011838	1958	2. 5. 5.
"	07324	1954	1. 10.
"	07326	1957	10. 4. 1.
"	011911	1959	2. 4.
"	07301	1959	3. 12. 11
"	07302	1957	6. 5
"	07328	1956	8. 16. 11.
"	011914	1954	2. 11. 0.
"	07327	1955	14. 1.
"	011910	1955	4. 1.
"	6770	1959	41. 19. 0.
"	8531	1958	14. 0. 0.
"	4648	1948	6. 18. 11.
"	011966	1961	21. 0. 0.
"	07332	1958	9. 1. 0.
"	6682	1956	7. 13. 7.
"	* 8529	1959	5. 9. 7
"	* 041 SU-UN of YATSING	1952	18. 0. 6
"	3604	1960	24. 3. 10
"	3222	1960	2. 2
"	9207	1959	7. 0. 1
"	6550	1955	31. 1. 10
"	03152	1958	4. 8. 10
"	07298	1958	1. 13. 2
"	07181	1955	1. 1. 3
"	011969	1958	14. 3. 3

PORT MORESBY.

20323	1953	2. 11.
9678	1954	1. 14. 2
17512	1953	8. 0. 0
79823	1960	40. 8. 11
17 464	1952	1. 13. 8
20456	1959	8. 15. 2

MULOLO.

10504	1959	2. 10. 6
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BABAUL.

	EMOI of SIATS	
* 023780 (023780)	1953	1. 0. 4

* Denotes Native Accounts known to be held in the Depositors' Unclaimed Fund.

U.S.B Form 17 Receipts issued for all Passbooks



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. KAIAPIT No. 3 of 1961/62

Patrol Conducted by J. Pamplin, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled LERON CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 KPANGC
1 MIA.

Duration—From 15./5/1962 to 31./5/1962

Number of Days SIXTEEN (16)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/1961

Medical/19.....

Map Reference FOURMIL OF MARKHAM

Objects of Patrol 1. REVISION OF CENSUS. 2. COLLECTION OF TAX
3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

19/7/1962


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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JMcL.LBK

67-6-39

5th September, 1962.

The District Officer,
Morebe District,
IAB.

XAIAPIT PATROL REPORT No. 3/1961-62

The patrol map certainly indicates that Narunik should be included in the Irum Census Division. When the Officer in Charge Wantat advises of his opinion would you please submit your recommendations and separate memorandum.

It is generally the rule that all groups off the mainline of communication tend to be rather conservative as compared to those in more contact with modern trends and European technology.

The Assistant District Officer is to be commended on his explicit Patrol Instructions.


I should think you would need more evidence for a taxation re-assessment at a higher rate than the simple fact that the present rate was collected without undue strife.

Permit renewals should not be issued for shotguns which are beyond repair, even if they are still capable of discharging shot through the business end, probably more by good luck than good management. Shotguns in most of the local's possession deteriorate so rapidly as to be a danger to life and limb.

Mr. Pamplin does not report as to whether death by hanging is a traditional method of suicide in the Lerou. Four deaths by this method of registering dissatisfaction within a period of 13 months seems a little unusual.

I notice that a group by the name of Mirap who murdered a Patrol Officer before the war, and approximately North East of Sukurum is not mentioned in the report. Its position was then in the vicinity of Pupuk but no doubt the name has been changed after migration.

I notice four villages were lined at Pupuk. The report does not state the reason for this. It is always preferable to line each village on its home ground.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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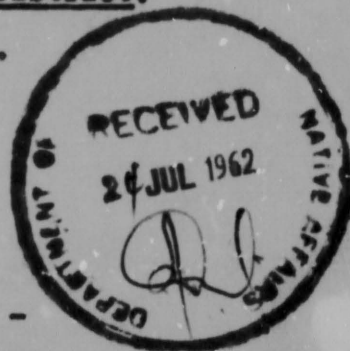
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-6

Department of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E...Morobe District.

18th July, 1962.



The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 3 -
1961/62.

The above report together with instructions issued by Mr. J.L. Hastings, Assistant District Officer, and covering memorandum submitted by Mr. M.D. Keary, a/Assistant District Officer, are forwarded for your information.

Agree

From the information provided in the report, it would certainly appear that the Village of NARUNKUN could much more easily be patrolled as part of the IRUMU Census Division from Wantoat. Its close proximity to the villages of GIANG and FAIANG in the IRUMU Census Division would indicate that it should perhaps be included in this Division. The Officer in Charge, Wantoat has been asked to let me have his opinion on this matter.

I have recommended that the tax rate for the Leron Census Division be raised to £1 per annum (see my 28-2-5 of 9th July, 1962). I believe that by raising the tax rate in these backward areas we will encourage economic development and assist to break down some of the opposition to the establishment of Local Government Councils. Some of this opposition is, I feel, brought about by the fact that the people view the introduction of Native Local Government Councils as meaning that tax rate will automatically be raised.

Mr. Pamplin is being asked to ensure that in future Patrol Reports he submits his report on members of the Native Constabulary accompanying the patrol as an appendix to the report.

The Leron Census Division has always been a backward one. The people are lethargic and disinterested and I am not surprised, although I am disappointed, to note that Mr. Pamplin has seen little progress since his last visit to the area in 1960.

Mr. Pamplin has conducted a good patrol and his report, which is an improvement on his earlier efforts, indicates that he is gaining an understanding of what is required of a patrolling officer in the field.

The report has been shown to the District Commissioner.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,
KAIAPIT
Mr. J. Pamplin, KAIAPIT.

(D. S. ASHTON)
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-2

Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

15th May 1962

Mr. J. Pamplin,
Patrol Officer,
KAIAPIT.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 3 OF 1961/62.

Please be prepared to commence a patrol of the Leron Census Division on 16th May 1962.

Purpose of the patrol and instructions are:-

- k. 1. Revision of census
2. Collection of Tax for the year 1961 and 1962
3. General Administration.
4. As you are still awaiting magisterial it will be necessary for you to refer any Court complaints to Kaiapit. You may endeavour to settle any civil claims should any arise with assistance from Village officials.
5. Check all small Arms Permits and the shotguns. Make a list weapons, their owners and village for a quick reference this office.
6. Advise that all C.S.B. passbooks not operated on for 7 years no longer receive interest and it is advisable that owners check their books and take action if necessary.
7. Through formal and informal talks, the latter being the better, inform the people of (a) Administration Policy and general development, (b) advantages of village hygiene and personal cleanliness (c) need for seeking medical attention for all sickness at the onset even though it might appear to be only minor infection, and (d) explain all various Native Administration Regulations.
8. Endeavour to locate or find possible whereabouts of natives to whom War Gratuities are outstanding. Take a copy of D.O's memo 52-2-2 of 16th February, '62.
9. Check on the relevant matters on Patrol file and take action where necessary.
10. Investigate the T.A.L. application for the Leron Bridge site. (35-2-2)
11. Visit all "schools" and speak on the advantages of education

12. Make note of Village Officials and their effectiveness
13. Inspect Aid Posts and comment on use made.
14. Check Native Monies Trust Account File and extract any receipts, making payment if possible.
15. Check all relevant Departmental Instructions and memoranda on patrolling ~~patrol~~ prior to departure.
16. Arrange for two Constabulary members to accompany you.
17. Take an Advance of £30-0-0.

I prefer you to spend as long as possible at each village rather than rush through your duties. Should some villages have no Rest House encourage them to build one. If you can not ~~finish~~, finish at places with no Rest House in one day without rushing, make arrangements to return the next day. Show an interest in developmental activities and offer advice if need be, this can make a routine patrol interesting for the people as well as yourself.

Don't hesitate discuss any matter before you leave or send a ~~letter~~ letter while on patrol. May the break in the weather hold and the Leyon River be fordable.



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(J.L. Hastings)
Assistant District Officer.

67-1-3

Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT
Morobe District

June 21 1962

The District Officer
Morobe District
LAE

PATROL REPORT No. 3 - 61/62

An attempt to commence this patrol late last year was frustrated by illness. In order to get tax collections up to date it was decided to attempt collection for 1961 and 1962 at the same time.

As Mr Pamplin points out, there was no objection and no apparent difficulty - everyone eligible to pay tax produced the full amount for the two years and there was not one complaint of this being a hardship. This is a fair indication that the LERON census division is now due for a re-assessment at a higher rate and a recommendation to this effect is being made.

The various duties listed in Mr Pamplin's instructions were carried out and administrative action required (CSB books for interest, etc.; unpaid War Gratuities; S.A.P. check; T.A.L. investigation; etc.) has been completed.

Native Affairs: In the second paragraph on page 3 Mr Pamplin means the disputes were settled by conference rather than arbitration.

The matter of Special Arms Permits is one to which these people display a very casual attitude and legal action is now being threatened against future offenders where circumstances indicate a blatant disregard of the S.A.P. renewal date.

The talks on self-determination mentioned in paragraph 6 were mainly to do with the rapid rate of political development (and the necessity for this not to outstrip other forms of development) and were occasioned by the people's interest in a news item about a New Guinean officer leading a patrol in the Highlands. Mr Pamplin warned the people of the danger they stood in of being left behind by more vigorous peoples in the Territory. He has been told to expand on this kind of thing in future reports, as a bald statement relating to this kind of subject is likely to result in a request for more information (especially when it is in such curious juxtaposition with the subject of personal hygiene).

In paragraph 7 on page 3 there is a statement: cash cropping is essential to their economy. The trouble is that cash cropping is not essential to the present subsistence economy of these people and the advantage of expansion in this field of activity is an idea that has to be sold. There is no doubt economic activity must increase greatly if there is to be any general development, but at present there is no real pressure apart from the necessity to find 10/- per annum for tax. One wonders whether the enthusiasm (para 8) was for discussion as such or the ideas under discussion (vide para.4 on p.4 under "agriculture").

The matter of NARUNKUN village is being taken up separately.

Agriculture: The term "vast areas" in relation to waste and vacant land is an overstatement. Apart from the fact that the hilly nature of the country and the deep river beds reduce the arable area it must be borne in mind that shifting agriculture demands much larger areas than are actually under cultivation at any one time. However, there is much of the available land not being used to its best advantage.

It should be borne in mind when discussing agricultural matters in the LERON area that extension officers of D.A.S.F. provide as much advice and assistance as the people ask for; the poor quality of tree crops is purely the result of growers not taking advice which is frequently given.

Health: A good health service is provided and it does seem greater use of this is being made by the people.

It seems any effort at this stage must be confined to attempts to talk the people into extending their economic activities so that eventually there will be sufficient resources to support a local government council.

M. D. Keary

(M. D. Keary)

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1961/62 : A REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE
LERON CENSUS DIVISION.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL.

J. Pamplin, Patrol Officer

AREA PATROLLED.

Leron Census Division.

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

1. REVISION OF CENSUS
2. COLLECTION OF TAX FOR THE YEARS
1961 AND 1962.
3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DURATION.

From 15th May 1962 to 31st May 1962.

- 16 Days.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING.

1. Const. Utibi No. 7437
2. Const. Koboi No. 8946.
3. Uma, Hospital Orderly Gr.1.
4. Personal Servant.

J. Pamplin
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J. Pamplin
PATROL OFFICER.

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1961/62.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was carried out in the area known as the Leron Census Division. In this area the villages extend up to 5,000 feet above sea level. The terrain is rugged and the villages are situated in or around the Leron River Valley. Villages are small in size and the area is not very heavily populated. The people are primitive and they have not advanced greatly in the economic field.

DIARY.

- 16.5.62 Departed Kaiapit Station at 1.00 p.m.; arrived Bogabuang at 2.00 p.m.; Departed Bogabuang at 3.25 p.m.; arrived at Wongat via Zumangoran at 6.20 p.m.
- 17.5.62 Wongat tax collection and revision of census. Village inspection. Talks.
- 18.5.62 Departed Wongat at 6.15 a.m.; Changed carriers from 8.05 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Arrived Sukurum at 11.20 a.m. Village lined, censused and tax collected.
- 19.5.62 Sukurum Village inspected. Talks. Departed at 11.30 arriving Gabakiap at 1.15 p.m. Village lined, censused and tax collected.
- 20.5.62 Observed. Talks to villagers.
- 21.5.62 Departed Gabakiap at 3.00 a.m. Arrived Warom at 9.00 a.m. Village lined, tax collected. P.M. proceeded to Gupassa - 1 hours walk.
- 22.5.62 Village lined, censused and tax collected. Village ~~ixx~~ inspection. Talks. Delayed by rain.
- 23.5.62 Departed Gupassa at 8.50 a.m.; arrived at Dumlinan at 9.20 a.m. Village lined, censused and tax collected. Inspection; talks. Departed for Sukurum p.m. - 1 hours walk.
- 24.5.62 Departed Sukurum at 8.20 a.m.; Arrived Pupuk at 9.15 a.m.; villages Papuoi, Sikinsuan and Sabeng lined, censused and tax collected. Village inspected. Talks.
- 25.5.62 Departed Pupuk at 10.30 a.m.; Arrived Som at 12.30 p.m. Village lined, censused and tax collected.
- 26.5.62 Visit to old village of Som. 50 mins walk. Returned after village inspection. Talks. P.M. departed for Sirasira - 1 hours walk. Village lined censused and tax collected.

- 27.5.62 Observed.
- 28.5.62 Village inspection and talks. Departed Sirasira at 12.15 p.m. Arrived Mariawang at ~~at~~ 2.15 p.m. Village lined censused and tax collected.
- 29.5.62 Village inspection of three hamlets of Mariawang village talks. Discussion with Village Officials of Narunkun Yi Village.
- 30.5.62 Departed Mariawang at 11.00 a.m. Arrived Bridge at 12.20 Departed via Landrover to Faiang Village - Travelling time 2 hours. To Narunkun Village 1½ hours Walk. Village lined and tax collected.
- 31.5.62 Village inspection. Talks, Departed Narunkun at 10.00 a.m. Arrived Faiang at 11.30. To Kaiapit by Landrover arrived 4.00 p.m.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs in the area are quite reasonable. However in regards to the advancement of the native people in this area there is room for improvement in the fields of economic development and hygiene.

Many minor disputes were brought forward for settlement. In all cases the parties, when informed of the relevant laws or reasoning involved were able to settle their disputes by means of arbitration between the parties concerned and with aid from the Village ~~XXXX~~ Officials.

One case concerning a charge of adultery under section 84 (2) of the X Native Administration Regulations was referred to Kaiapit. This case came from the village of Narunkun.

All Small Arms Permits and shot-guns were checked. Several of the permits were found to be overdue. The holders of these were requested to proceed to Kaiapit at their earliest possible opportunity. All shot-guns were examined and they were all found to be in good condition. A list is held at this office of the owners and the current S.A.P.'s.

Commonwealth Savings Bank Pass Books were examined in the area. Three books were found that had not been operated on in the last seven years. These books were collected and the relevant form C.S.B. 17 issued. On returning to Kaiapit these Pass Books were forwarded to The Commonwealth Savings Bank at Lae.

Informal and formal talks were given to the people in all villages. These talks were designed to give the people a better understanding of Administration Policy stressing the concept of Self-determination. They were also told the advantages of village hygiene and the need for personal cleanliness. Uma - Hospital Orderly Gr.1 who accompanied the patrol gave talks in his native language on hygiene and personal sanitation, etc.

Talks were given in all centres stressing the need for further economic development in the area. The advantages of further cash cropping and the reasons why cash cropping is essential to their economy.

The people appeared to be enthusiastic towards their future development. However since I last patrolled the area in 1960 with Mr. K. Walters, Assistant District Officer the area has not noticeably improved. During village inspections it was noticed that very little had been done to maintain housing and sanitation and in several villages there were many old derelict houses and latrines. The Village Officials agreed that these were unhealthy and the necessary steps were taken by the Luluais concerned to see that their villages were kept in a clean and sanitary condition in accordance with the

Native Administration Regulation No. 112 (a) - (1).

In 1960 the Village of Narunkur was visited for the first time since it had moved into the Irumu Census Division. However this village is more readily accessible for patrolling by the O. I. C. at Wantoat. For its approximate locality see sketch. The village could more easily be patrolled via Siang thence 45 minutes (Approx.) walk to Narunkun. A rest House is available. Thence to Faiang Village - 1½ hours walk, Faiang Village usually completes the Patrol of the Irumu Census Division.

The route taken by this patrol was to depart Nariawang and walk for 1½ hours to the trafficable road, thence by Landrover to Faiang Village- 2 hours; thence by foot for 1½ hours walk. Then the return journey of 1½ hours walk and 2 hours drive has to be made to return to the Jeron River.

A recommendation for the recognition of this village in the Irumu Census Division has been made to the District Officer, Iae by separate memorandum.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The area is progressing slowly in the field of Agriculture. Recently an Agricultural Officer patrolled the area and he expressed the opinion that the natives were not enthusiastic towards development on cash cropping lines. The lack of good quality coffee trees in the area substantiates this.

The main reason why their cash crops are not flourishing is that the plants lack adequate shade, incorrect spacing and weeds. The General principles of maintaining this crop were explained to the people- further development was also stressed.

People from Wengat Village reported a recent food shortage during the wet season which is at present just finishing. There appeared to be adequate food supplies at the time the patrol visited the village. The main reason for the food shortage appeared to be that the people failed to plant sufficient food crops in time for the Wet Season.

Livestock in the area is limited to pigs and chickens. The area is not heavily populated and vast areas exist of waste or vacant land. On this land roam considerable numbers of wild pigs and this is the main form of game in the area.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

General health in the area is improving. This is born out by ~~xxxxx~~ observations and the figures at the last census in 1960 showed 67 deaths in the previous 15 months.

period- thus averaging 54 deaths in a 12 month period, as against 66 deaths in the 18 months period between this census and the last which averages 44 deaths in a 12 month period. This means that the death rate decreased by 20% in the period from the last census up to this census.

The causes of death were Natural Causes 20 %, Malaria 15 %, T.B. 14 %, Unknown 14 %, Children under 1 year old Unknown 12 %, Pneumonia 12 %, Hanging 5%, Dysentery 5 % and Females in Child Birth 3 %. These figures are given merely as a guide owing to the fact that 26% of all the cases are listed as Unknown.

There is a decline in the birth rate of 5 % since the last census. In the 15 month period 1960/61 there were 71 births recorded and in the 18 month period since the last census there were 81 births recorded. Natural increase in the 1961/62 period was 15 with an overall increase of 21 making the final total population 1,384 persons.

Hospital Orderly, Uma Gr.1 accompanied the patrol with a supply of essential medicines. He proved of great assistance to the patrol and worked hard in the tending of sick patients. Patients in some villages are still refusing to walk to Aid-posts which have been set up at Sukurum, Som and Nariawang. The people were encouraged to visit the Aid-Posts at the slightest onset of sickness. They were informed why their health was valuable to them and that it was in their interests that medicine and medical care was free of charge to them.

The Aid-Posts at Sukurum and Som are fairly satisfactory and so are their Aid-Post orderlies. At these villages the people were approached and asked to further assist their A.P.O.s. The people and Village Officials agreed that repairs were needed and would be carried out on the Aid-Posts.

At Nariawang the Aid-Post and the Aid-Post Orderly Finuam were a credit to the village. Finuam appears to be doing a good job attending to the sick.

EDUCATION.

The Lutheran Mission has set up schools at Dumlinan, Sukurum and Pupuk Villages. The standard of education taught in these schools is fairly low. Simple arithmetic and simple English are taught in these schools together with Health, Hygiene, Yehln and anecdotes from the scriptures. The school at Sukurum run by Gegensa has 41 pupils which appears to be a large number compared with the other two schools. When the school was visited the children's books ~~XXXXXXXX~~ were offered for perusal. The students were very different in their standards of education. Some had no idea how to write whereas others were fairly accomplished.
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Although the teacher insisted that the students were benefiting from their schooling they did not appear to be learning things correctly. For instance lower case and upper case printing is being mixed up with writing and although Yabia is the main language in the school not one pupil has learnt to write his dictation correctly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

General walking tracks in the area were in good condition. The bridge between Sukurum and Pupak Village across the Leron River is of a more permanent nature than when the last patrol visited the area. The trafficable road between Bogabuang and Zumangoran was temporarily washed away. Repairs are being made on this section.

Whilst proceeding to Narunkum Village the Patrol was informed that the road between Wawin (Palm Oils Plantation) and Faiang Village in the Iruma Census Division was closed. Negotiations were made with the manager Mr. J. Kelly. He gave permission for the Landrover to proceed through his property. At the section which has been closed the Iruma River is threatening to change course and flow through Wawin Plantation causing considerable damage.

Mr. Kelly informed the Patrol that the road had been officially closed from Lae by the District Commissioner, however the patrol was not told of this state of affairs prior to its visit to Wawin. Further Government assistance had been sought by Mr. Kelly to keep the road open, however this was refused due to the apparent high cost involved. The section of the road referred to is on Native owned land.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

A list of Village Officials and their effectiveness is set out in Appendix "A".

The general appearance and cleanliness of the villages in the area was not good. In all villages there were the usual signs of hurried cleaning up just prior to the Patrol's visit. Several villages notably Dumlinan, Som and Sirasira had several old houses in the village which had been abandoned and just left to rot. In all villages large numbers of pigs added to the untidiness of the villages by foraging in rubbish pits and digging up the ground.

However there appears to be a slight improvement in housing standards and living conditions in Gupassa, Pupak and Nariawang. This improvement is not readily noticeable and will have to be improved greatly.

CENSUS.

Census figures of births and deaths are covered under 'Health'. At the previous census the population increased from 1,357 to 1,363; the total stands at 1,384 persons an increase of 21 in the last 18 month period. The balance since the last census is :- Births 81 and Migrations In 11 (Less 66 deaths and 5 Migrations Out) giving an overall increase of 21.

Tax collected for the two years 1961 and 1962 was given freely and without grumbling. The total for the two years tax was £276.10. 0 .

ANTHROPOLOGY.

No new additional anthropological information was collected.

WAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION.

NIL.

MISSIONS.

The Mission in this area is supervised by the Lutheran Mission at Kaiapit which at present is staffed by two European Ministers. In all villages in the Leron Census Division there are Mission Representatives, Pastors and their families have taken up residence in several of the villages and school teachers at Dumlinan, Pupuk and Sukurum.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Two members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary accompanied the patrol. These were No. 7437 Const. Ultibi, whose conduct was good throughout and he is a good steady worker; and No. 8946 Const. Kobo whose conduct was good throughout and who is a willing worker. Both Constables behaved in a satisfactory manner throughout the Patrol.

CONCLUSION.

The area has progressed a little since I last visited the area in 1960. Health is improving at a satisfactory rate however there is room for improvement. Cash cropping and agricultural activities have improved slightly, some village have improved at a much greater rate than others. The people in the area do not appear to be very enthusiastic towards improving their living standards and until they begin to take an interest

in their own development, the area will not be able to progress rapidly.

J. P. [Signature]
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Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

VILLAGE OFFICIALS)- WERON DIVISION 1962.

VILLAGE	LULUAI	TULTUL	MED. TULTUL	COMMENTS.
WONGAT	Lolu-Ifi			Aged, Poor. Fair.
SJKURUM	Sabeng-Simbogualian	Ianuf-Linut Sugat-Sapin Waiyis-Samuran		Reasonable Fair Good
GABAKIAP	Ngawan-Girian	Gorbek-Laraiya		Good Fair.
Warom	Waspen-Satangat			Fair
GUPASSA	Mur'-Wafagan	Yatop-Fambek	Taeok-Nahong	Fair. Fair. Fair.
DUMLINAN	Wafang-Meri	Kumakium-Dami		Good Reasonable
PAPUOI	Savot-Savot	Barip-Waiugo		Fair. Fair.
SASENG	Kurong-Danat	Onga-Taro		Good Useless
Sikinsuan SOM	Sutna-Kwabit Singom-Yarung	Waiyor-Si'ia		Useless. Fair Reasonable
SIRASIRA	Jagiwo-Farik		Wapur-Saria	Good. Fair
NARIAWANG	Suwin-Varan Kirum-Tomin	XXXXXXXXXX Nauwi-Finuan Mangu-Rongins	Saum-Siveng	Reasonable Reasonable " " "
NARUKUN	Dubu-Mansa	Ninsim-Wajim	Tei-Ansup	" Reasonable Reasonable
			Mami-Abip Yafor-Aruziang	Fair Fair.

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