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PATROL REPORT No. 8-65/66.

— By —

R.E. HATHERLY.

WAU.

MOROBE DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. Wan 8 of 1965-66

Patrol Conducted by R. E. LATHERLY, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Biangai Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -

Natives -

Duration—From 27/6/1966 to 4/7/1966

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 30/6/1966

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration - Census Revision - Tax Collection - Talks on Kaundi Bi-Election

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

20/10/66

[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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Sinclair/rmr

Morobe District,
LAE.

19th October, 1966.

Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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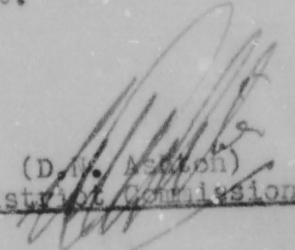
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4. There is nothing to comment upon in the present report.

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(D.W. Astle)
a/District Commissioner.

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28th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
L.A.B.

WAI PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 1965-1966.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Hatherly's patrol report of his visit to the Biagai Consue Division. The lateness of submission detracts from its value.

No comments appear necessary.

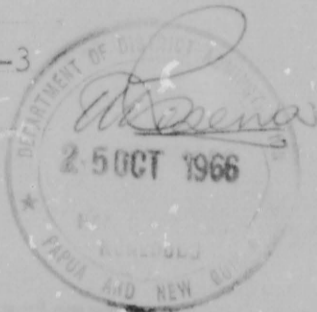
(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr. Sinclair/rmr



Department of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

19th October, 1966.

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(D. N. Ashton)
a/District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
WAU.
Morobe District.

7th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
LAE.

PATROL REPORT WAU 6 of 1965-66

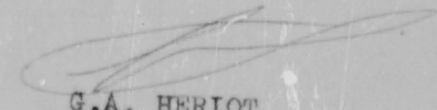
Please find enclosed Patrol Report submitted by Mr. R.E. Hatherly on a general administrative patrol into the Biangai Census Division. The lateness of this Report is regretted, however what with the Kaindi Bi-Election and the loss of our Senior Clerk, Mr. Hatherly has been fully occupied for some time.

This report is straight forward and I have little comment to make on it. As far as Local Government is concerned, I imagine that when the Wau/Pulolo Urban Council is formed, the Biangai people will be given the opportunity of joining the Council. Otherwise, due to their very low population, they will be a difficult group to cater for in this respect.

In comparing access to markets in other Territory centres I would say that the Biangai people are extremely fortunate. These people have been subjected to various degrees of persuasion and encouragement for many years now, and the degree of self-help is still very much wanting. The attitude that Comworks may repair their road (the old road to Salamaua) is typical. Very little work would be required to bring this road into good order, but, although the benefits can be seen, the effort cannot be aroused.

Other aspects are satisfactory.

For your information and attention please.


G.A. HERIOT
A/Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
WAU.
Morobe District.

9th September, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
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WAW PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 1965-66
BIANGAI CENSUS DIVISION

1. PREAMBLE:-

Station	Wau
Sub-District	Wau
District	Morobe
Patrol Number	Wau No. 8 of 1965-66
Patrol conducted by	R.E. Hatherly Patrol Officer
Area patrolled	Biangai Census Division
Duration	27.6.66 to 4.7.66
Last Patrol into the area	30.6.66 D.D.A.
Objects of Patrol:-	Routine Administration Census Revision Tax Collection Talks on Kandi Bi-Election

DIARY

- 27.6.66 By landrover to Kaisinik where Tax Census for 1965 and 1966 was revised. Lectures given on the Kaindi Bi-Election and the House of Assembly. Both villages inspected. Returned to Wau.
- 28.6.66 Half an hours walk from Kaisinik to Biawen. Tax Census revised and a lecture given on the Kaindi Bi-Election and the House of Assembly.
- 29.6.66 Duties at office.
- 30.6.66 Two hours walk from Kaisinik to Warabung. Winima and Ilauru lined for Tax Census revision. Lengthy discussion held at night on the Bi-Election, the House of Assembly and economic development. Overnight at Warabung Rest House.
- 1.7.66 Walked up to Wura Wura and revised Tax Census for the village. Usual lecture given. Returned to Wau.
- 4.7.66 By landrover to Wandumi. Tax Census revised and lectures given on the House of Assembly and the Kaindi Bi-Election.

End of Patrol.

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Introduction:-

The Biangai Census Division lies in a barren Kunai watershed. The furthest village being approximately five hours walk from Wau. The area has a population of 933. There is access by vehicle to 350 people while the balance are within two hours walk of the road. The area has some economic development but nowhere near its possible potential.

The area has a good network of schools and as a result there are a fairly large percentage of students now attending high schools in Lae and Finschhafen.

Reception of Patrol:-

The reception of the patrol was fair however the young men who live in the village permanently disappeared quickly after they had paid their tax. Discussions were stimulated by the older students who translated to the older people. The presence of the students and their participation in the discussions were most beneficial in getting across the lectures.

Villages:-

Housing in all the villages except Winima was up to standard. The younger group at Winima had no houses and drifted between Winima and Awembu. The houses were all built in a rectangular shape on high, dry and clean sites within reasonable distance of good water.

Village Officials:-

The authority of the village officials does not appear to be very great. This would be due to a breaking down of the social control especially between the older and younger generation more than the attitude towards officials and their individual characters.

The Luluai of Biawen and Wura Wura wished to retire from their position claiming that they were too old for the work. Both were persuaded to continue for another few years. Replacements for the positions were the sons of the luluai.

Political:-

The population of the area and its isolation from other linguistic groups have not allowed it to be considered for a Local Government Council. As the area is close to Wau its contact with private enterprise and Government is fairly intense. The community is business minded but lacks the drive to become a financially well off community.

Each village has its mission and agricultural marketing committee. The work of the agricultural marketing committees is hindered by the lack of full support and effort. These people have many ideas but fail to carry them through. There is also a good deal of animosity between European buyers and the indigenous producers because of the lack of knowledge of the producers on quality and quantity in marketing. Their knowledge of marketing and its economics is small.

A follow-up lecture was given on the election. The mechanics of the election were well known but the meaning of the House of Assembly had not even passed the "a building in Port Moresby" stage. The lecture given to these people defined the House of Assembly, the public service and the relation between

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them. A simple lecture was also given on aggregation and degradation. It was apparent that their knowledge on this subject was almost nil.

The marriage of young women to other linguistic groups is frowned upon. At Wura Wura there is a tendency for the village to marry within the village. As the women appear not to be getting more rights young women are finding work in Wau to become more independent. The women however are still endeavouring to get equal rights with the men. This drive has probably eventuated because of the contact with the overseas customs.

Agriculture:-

The area is dependent on the coffee and cash crops for their income. Four of the seven villages have ready access by road to the market and buyers. The area produces approximately 2½ tons of coffee per annum and receives approximately \$10,000 for fresh vegetables sold at the market and to European buyers.

Transport of fresh vegetables from the three villages without easy access is a problem. The fresh vegetables are bought at Kaisinik at 7 a.m. This means that the vegetables are picked the day before and carried to within one hours walk of Kaisinik. In the morning the rest of the journey is completed. The vegetables have deteriorated, especially the tomatoes which have become bruised. The people concerned have asked whether the old jeep could be repaired to help overcome this problem.

The quality of the vegetables varies considerably but the people fail to appreciate the difference of price. Fluctuations in the price of coffee was also not understood.

Livestock:-

The young men of Winima have been raising 21 steers. The steers are quite healthy.

Carriers:-

No problem was found in obtaining carriers due to the short distances. However the past attitude of the Winima men towards carrying is still causing trouble. The Luluai from Winima has no control whatsoever over this matter.

Roads and Bridges:-

The inquiry into the Qwemba Creek bridge will be submitted as an appendix to this report.

The men of this area have realised that the women of the younger generation are not capable of carrying the weight that their mothers carried nor are they willing to attempt to. This has brought forward the idea of repairing the jeep road to the cemetery which is about 4 miles from Kaisinik. The need for the road is also linked with the cash cropping. However there is not combined effort to attempt to repair the road and as a result nothing has been done. Repair of the road is expected to be carried out by the Commonwealth Department of Works. The cost of the repair of the road by the Commonwealth Department of Works would not balance the amount of produce that comes out of the area.

All tracks were cleared for the patrol.

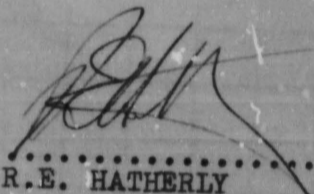
Personal Tax:-

Tax was paid without resentment except for the younger age groups who became eligible in 1965 to pay tax. The Census Division did not appear to be overburdened by the tax payment. This area has an income of over \$12,000 per year and the total tax paid from the previous January 1965 to July 1966 was \$457.

Census:-

The roll up at Census was good. There were no convictions for absenteeism. Most of the students were home on vacation.

The Census sheets are attached.


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R.E. HATHERLY
Patrol Officer.