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WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

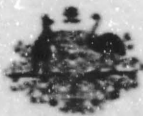
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WAPKEAMANDA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1 - 1965/1966	J. Bagita	Lower Lai Census Div.
2 - 1965/1966	D.K. Robertson	Middle Lai Census Div.
3 - 1965/1966	D.K. Robertson	Lower Lai Census Div.

KOMPILAN

2 - 1965/1966	R. Glover	Wapi Census Div.
3 - 1965/1966	R. Glover	Upper & Lower San Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. WAP: 1/66-67

Patrol Conducted by J. BAGITA P/O

Area Patrolled LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by ~~Interviewers~~ 4 INTERVIEWERS
 4 R.P.N.G.C. MEMBERS
 Natives 4 INTERPRETERS

Duration—From 26 / 6 / 19 66 to 6 / 7 / 19 66

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 12 / 19 65

Medical / / 19

Map Reference FOUZMIL OF WABAG SERIES

Objects of Patrol (a) COMPILATION TERRITORY CENSUS - LOWER LAI AREA
 (WORKLOAD AF); (b) INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON NEW AIRSTRIP;
 (c) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
 PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-14-2

17th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
RA. HOGAN.

BAZEMANUA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1966-67

Receipt of Mr. Hagita's patrol report covered by your memo 67-1-2 of 9th September, 1966 and Mr. Hook's memo 67-1-1 of 6th September, 1966 is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Hagita apparently carried out quite adequately the task of taking the 1966 Territory census.
3. I concur with your remarks in respect of the local people constructing an airstrip at NOKERAP. Rev. Osborne should be contacted to get clarification on quite a few points.
4. Mr. Hagita is to be commended on this well written report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
HOGAN.

67.14.2

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Territory of PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram
Reference WHP. 552
If calling out for
No



Department of District Administration,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

9th September, 1966

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
ROMBONDI.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/66-67
LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION
MR. J. BAGITA, P.C.

The abovementioned report, with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, refers.

The work involved in the construction of an airstrip at Nekerey in comparison to the return is debatable. The amount of produce for sale and possibilities of M.A.P. calling regularly are not known. Before further work is expended on the airstrip Rev. Mr. Osborne will be approached for clarification of these points.

The people in the vicinity of Lunis have made approaches to leave the Wapenamanda Council and join the proposed Baiyer River Council. They are isolated from Wapenamanda and outlets for produce by the Lai River, to bridge which would be a major undertaking. The Lunis and the Baiyer people are presently building a joining road which was laid out by a Surveyor many years ago. They are doing this work as a self-help project, for which they are to be commended.

A very well written report by Mr. Bagita of a well-conducted patrol.

[Signature]
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: Assistant District Commissioner,
WABAG. (3)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File: 67-1-1

Sub District Office,
WABAG,
Western Highlands District.

6th September, 1966

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MT. HAGEN.

Wapenamanda Patrol Report No.1 of 1966/67
Lower Lal Census Division by J. BAGITA, Patrol Officer.

Please find attached the abovementioned Patrol Report in duplicate, together with claim for Camping Allowance. The Camping Allowance rates appear to be incorrect. Would you please advise what the rates are for a Local Patrol Officer, and alter this claim accordingly. There are no appendices on Health, Agriculture and Education as this was not a general administration patrol but specifically for the Territory Census. Mr. Bagita has been told to ensure that he submits Appendices on these subjects when writing Patrol Reports on general patrols, together with two extra copies for distribution to District Departmental heads.

It is interesting to at least have a report on the NEKERAP airstrip. This strip was first sighted by me on a flight back from Mt. Hagen, and it was surprising to find out that nobody in the District was aware of its construction. If this airstrip can be brought up to standard, it will be of value to the people of that area who would otherwise be isolated, either from the proposed Wapenamanda to Pauwari thence Kompian, road or from the proposed LUMIS to Baiyer River road. What is the position regarding the construction by local people, of airstrips on their own land? The fact that neither the previous O.I.C. Wapenamanda or the present one was aware of the existence of this strip, is not a good reflection on the administration of this area. Situations such as this will however be overcome by more regular patrols, and the construction of the planned vehicular road from Wapenamanda to Pauwari.

Regarding the proposed vehicular road to Pauwari, work should commence in the first instance on the section from Wapenamanda to Yalis, at the same time the people from the lower portion of the area could commence work on the section from YALIS to PAUARI. It is not recommended that any attempt be made at present to construct a road from Lumis to Yalis, due to the rough terrain and the Lal Gorge. It would be far more feasible to construct a road from LUMIS to the Baiyer River roadhead at the LANDAMA Gorge.

This is Mr. Bagita's first patrol since his arrival at Wapenamanda. He is to be commended on a very neat and comprehensive report of a patrol well done.

Please have two surprint copies of the patrol map made and forwarded to this office for our files.

D.J. Hook
(D.J. Hook)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. O.I.C. Wapenamanda. c.c. Mr. J. Bagita, Wapenamanda.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-1.

Patrol Post,
WAPENAMANDA,
Western Highlands District.

23rd July, 1966.

The Assist. District Commissioner,
Wabag Sub-District,
WABAG.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL NO. 1/66-67

Presable:- Report on a Territory Census Patrol to the LOWER LAI
Census Division, Wapenamanda Administrative Area.

<u>Personnel Accompanying:-</u>	P/O J. BAGITA	CENSUS COLLECTOR
	R.R. HOMOKA	CENSUS INTERVIEWER
	T. BUSIN	" "
	J. SILIO	" "
	Constable KAPI	No. 5107
	Constable MAKANDA	No. 7349
	Constable LEVOS	No. 9251
	Constable EKUMA	No. 9459
	Interpreter (casual)	TAIANGAU/TAKAYK
	" "	AMBUL/MBOK
	" "	KORALYO/MAIAGAL
	" "	NAHIU/LAI

Duration of Patrol:- 26.6.66 to 6.7.66

Number of Days:- 11

Objects of Patrol:- (a) Compilation Territory Census - Lower Lai
area (Workload AP);
(b) Investigate and report on new airstrip;
(c) Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Fourmil of Wabag series.

J. Bagita
(J. BAGITA.)
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY

Sunday 26th June, 1966.

Prepared cargo from 0800 to 1100 hours. Then departed per tractor for Mambisanda in company with Interviewers, Ray Homoka, Thomas Busin, and John Sillio, four police and four interpreters. Organised carriers from IAGUMAN/Yalis, then departed 1130 hours for AIPANDA Rest House. Self and Const. Ekuma had to turn back at 1230 hours to pick up some papers which had been left behind at the office. Rest of patrol proceeded to AIPANDA Rest House - arriving at 1645 hours, after having changed carriers at YALIS Rest House - walking time 3½ hours. Self and Const. Ekuma followed - arriving at 1845 hours - found everything in order. Brief talk with waiting Councillors and Committee men re purpose of patrol and the number of carriers required for the next day. Slept AIPANDA Rest House.

Monday 27th June, 1966.

Paid off carriers from previous day, then departed AIPANDA Rest House 0915 hours for LUMIS Rest House. Half an hour was spent crossing the Lai River as it was raining and the log bridge was wet and slippery. Changed carriers at PINYPAIS Rest House, thence to LUMIS Rest House - arriving at 1500 hours - walking time 4 hours. Met by Councillors and Committee men - told them the purpose of patrol, asked the officials of ARONA-MANINGIO to bring all their line in to be interviewed the next day. Rest House and surrounding grounds in order. Bought fresh foods. Preparations for first day of interviewing. Slept LUMIS Rest House.

Tuesday 28th June, 1966.

Lined and interviewed ARONA-MANINGIO from 0930 to 1730 hours, after a brief outline of the census and its purposes. Visited the Lumisa Baptist Mission Station and handed out Householder's Schedules and Personal Slips to the missionaries. Word sent out for ARONA-MURIPISA to assemble the next day. One minor complaint re indecent behavior - this was dismissed due to lack of evidence. Preparations for next day's work. Interviewers tired but otherwise ok. Slept LUMIS Rest House.

Wednesday 29th June, 1966.

Brief outline of the census and its purposes, then lined and interviewed ARONA-MURIPISA from 1000 to 1600 hours. Interviewers have improved their interviewing speed and also have made fewer errors than the previous day. Despatched one Householder's Schedule per runner to Pawari Lutheran Mission Station. One complaint re pig stealing - this was referred to Wapenamanda to be dealt with by a Local Court. Word sent out for ARONA-MANO and ARONA-KAUNIMANO (KWAN) to come in the next day. Preparations for next day's work. Discussion with village elders. Slept LUMIS Rest House.

Thursday 30th June, 1966.

Brief outline of the census and its purposes, then lined and interviewed ARONA-KAUNIMANO (KWAN) from 1000 to 1430 hours. Then from 1500 to 1700 hours lined and interviewed ARONA-MANO. Word sent out for TSINKI-WAIA/KAPI to come in the next day. One divorce case which was referred back to the Councillors to settle. Bought fresh foods. Preparations for next day's work. Slept LUMIS Rest House.

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PATROL DIARY (cont'd)

Friday 1st July, 1966.

Brief outline of the census and its purposes, then lined and interviewed TSINKI-WAIA/KAPI from 1000 to 1500 hours. Word sent out for TSINKI-TSINGARIN to come in the next day. Collected Householder's Schedules and Personal Slips from the missionaries and made arrangements with the Missionary-in-Charge to interview his station personnel the next day. Discussions with village elders. Prepared for the final day's work at Lumis. Slept LUMIS Rest House.

Saturday 2nd July, 1966.

Brief outline of the census and its purposes, then from 0930 to 1330 hours, the three Interviewers interviewed TSINKI-TSINGARIN while self interviewed the local people from the Lumisa Baptist Mission Station. Another stealing case which was also referred to Wapenamanda for Local Court action. Slept LUMIS Rest House.

Sunday 3rd July, 1966.

Departed LUMIS Rest House 0900 hours for NEKERAP Rest House - arriving 1200 hours - walking time 3 hours. Bought fresh foods, then discussions with Councillors and Committee men re the new airstrip approximately 45 minutes from the Rest House. Slept NEKERAP Rest House.

Monday 4th July, 1966.

At 0830 hours self and Const. Ekuma departed for PAWARI, some $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles away to check on the new airstrip. Interviewers and rest of patrol departed for PAWARI Rest House - arriving 4 hours later. Self and Const. Ekuma followed, taking a different route which was some 2 hours longer than the one taken by the rest of patrol. Paid off carriers and bought fresh foods, then visited the Pawari Lutheran Mission Station and made arrangements with the OIC to interview his station personnel the next day. Discussion with village elders. Preparations for the final day of interviewing. Slept PAWARI Rest House.

Tuesday 5th July, 1966.

Brief explanation of the census and its purposes, then interviewed the local residents of Pawari Lutheran Mission from 0830 to 1045 hours. Collected Householder's Schedule from Mr. Hilgendorf. Rest of day spent in checking census forms and preparing for return to Wapenamanda. Slept PAWARI Rest House.

Wednesday 6th July, 1966.

0820 hours departed PAWARI Rest House for Wapenamanda. Changed carriers at KARU, thence to Mambisanda - arriving at 1615 hours - walking time 6 hours. Paid off carriers, then back to Wapenamanda per tractor.

End of Diary.

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INTRODUCTION:

The area patrolled is the LOWER LAI Census Division and it lies to the NNW of Wapenamanda Patrol Post. It is approximately six hours' walk away which makes the people appear somewhat remote and isolated compared to their neighbours in the other two Census Divisions. The country itself is pretty rugged with limestone ranges and numerous streams flowing into the Lai River.

2. The patrol was programmed mainly for the Territory Census and consequently very little time was spent on other tasks, such as routine administration.

3. The last D.D.A. patrol in the area was conducted by Mr. D.K. Robertson, CPO, in December of last year (Patrol Report No. 3/65-66 refers). The Department of Agriculture maintains constant contact with these people through its programme of extension and replanting of cash crops (coffee and pyrethrum).

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

4. Of the fifty-four census units in the Census Division, only six were required for inclusion in the 1966 Territory Census and these were all lined and interviewed at the LUMIS Rest House. The people were a little confused and unsure of themselves at the commencement of interviewing; but as the day progressed, they became more confident in themselves and the answers were given in a more assured manner.

5. The patrol was well received in all the areas visited, and at each rest house discussions re general administration and road work were held with the Councillors and other influential persons. From these it was found that the people are quite keen on building a vehicular road into their area and that many of them would like an early start on it. However, it was pointed out to them that as they were all engaged in extending the Wapenamanda Airstrip, the road would have to wait until at a later stage. The writer was also told that due to lack of access to markets their coffee and European vegetables were being left to rot in the gardens (particularly around NEKERAP). It appears that the only people who have a ready market for their coffee at the moment are the ones in the immediate LUMIS area where the Baptist Mission has established itself as the principal buyer.

6. The NEKERAP people who are three or four hours' walk away from LUMIS, can only bring in small quantities, owing to the distance and the rugged nature of the terrain over which they have to carry their coffee. To overcome this difficulty they have built themselves a Cessna strip, some three and half miles north west of the NEKERAP Rest House, in the hope that the M.A.F. plane would be allowed to land to take their coffee and vegetables. The airstrip which is on a ridge, is approximately fifteen hundred feet long. There is still some levelling to be done and the surface is yet to be solidified. However, the people concerned were told to discontinue with the project until further notice, as no proper authority has been obtained in the first instance and consequently they might be just wasting their time and effort in building an unauthorised airstrip. Although this may suggest cargo cult activities, it is nevertheless, not the case in this instance as the people had only commenced work after somebody had given them the ok. The authority was from a Mr. Osborne of the Baiyer River Baptist Mission, who in about October, 1963 came out after a request for an airstrip had been put to him by the people, surveyed the site and then told them to go ahead and build themselves an airstrip. The people assured the writer that they genuinely believed at the time that the missionary had the proper authority and therefore they did not bother to report the matter to the government officer at Wapenamanda.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS (cont'd):

7. It is the writer's opinion that this airstrip, if approved, would greatly benefit the people concerned, provided that somebody was prepared to fly out regularly to take their coffee.
8. Four complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol of which two re stealing were referred to Wapenamanda to be heard by a Local Court while the other two were dealt with as follows:
 (a) a case for dissolution of marriage was referred back to the Councillors and committee men to settle;
 (b) a case for indecent behaviour was dismissed due to lack of evidence.

TERRITORY CENSUS - 1966:

9. As mentioned under Native Affairs (para. 4), the first day of interviewing was probably the most difficult both for the interviewers and the people themselves, mainly because the people were confused and unsure of themselves. However, they soon regained their confidence and the interviewing proceeded without encountering any further difficulty.
10. The ages recorded in about 95% of the cases were approximations as there were no records of birth dates available. The remaining 5% were mostly young children who had clinical cards and other records showing the actual dates of birth.
11. The people required were all present and they all co-operated fully with the Census officials. The only few absentees were the ones away at work either in or out of the District. Full co-operation was also obtained from the missionaries at the two mission establishments included in the Workload.

CENSUS OFFICIALS:

12. There were three interviewers accompanying the patrol and they all performed their duties faithfully. Two of them came from the Papuan Medical College while the third is a teacher at the Wabag Primary 'T' School.
13. The above were all non-ENGA speakers and therefore a number of interpreters were employed and these also accompanied the patrol throughout.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

14. The only vehicular road in the area is from MAMBISANDA to YALIS but owing to neglect and landslides it has been narrowed down, in most places, to a walking track. The bridges on it have also fallen down and consequently a good deal of reconstruction work is needed to have this road trafficable again.
15. The section from YALIS to PAWARI, although steep in places, can easily be cleared and a road put through as the people are quite keen and therefore there should be plenty of available and willing labour.
16. The section from YALIS to LUMIS is, however, more difficult because of the rugged terrain and therefore any attempt at building a road should only be made after a proper survey of the route had been carried out.
17. The only bridges of any significance which the patrol crossed, were the two over the Lai River. These are of bush materials and are usually washed away whenever the river floods. The lack of suitable timber in the surrounding area has prevented the erection of permanent bridges.

AIRFIELDS:

18. There are two airstrips in the area which are owned and maintained by the missions. One is at the LUMISA Baptist Mission while the other is located at the PAWARI Lutheran Mission Station. Both can only take Cessna aircraft.

19. A third airstrip, mentioned earlier (para. 6), has recently been constructed by the people of NEMERAP but whether it will be opened to air traffic is not known at this stage.

MISSIONS:

20. The following mission establishments were visited during the course of the patrol as they were included in this Workload:-

(a) The Australian Baptist Mission - Lumisa. This is a fairly big station which is staffed by a missionary and his wife, a teacher and his wife, a linguist and his wife, and two infant welfare sisters. The teacher conducts a Primary 'T' School in the lower grades while numerous vernacular schools are maintained throughout the area by indigenous evangelists. The sisters maintain a small hospital and also hold regular clinics.

(b) The Lutheran Mission - Pawari. This is quite small compared to the above and it is staffed at the moment with a married European teacher and a number of local evangelists. It has a Primary 'T' School and a small Aid Post.

21. The relations of the missions with the local people appear to be pretty good and that their influence is widely felt in their respective areas.

CONCLUSION:

22. As mentioned in the opening paragraphs, this patrol was manned especially for the conducting of the Territory Census, and as far as it went, it was carried out without any unwarranted incident.

23. The report has also been brief and general owing to the patrol's short duration and its specific nature.

Magita
(J. MAGITA.)
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Report on Members of R.P. & N.G.C. Accompanying:

Reg. No. 5107 Constable KAPI:

Slow in his movements but otherwise a satisfactory *police* cop.

Reg. No. 7349 Constable MAXANDA:

His conduct is very good - a useful member.

Reg. No. 9251 Constable LEVOS:

A good and reliable policeman.

Reg. No. 9459 Constable EKUMA:

A good and reliable policeman.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Highlands Report No. 2 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by D.K. ROBERTSON, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled MIDDLE LAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 Members R.P.S.N.G.C., 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 27 / 9 / 1965 to 14 / 10 / 1965

Number of Days 12 days broken period

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 7 / 6 / 1965

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Journal of Wabag series.

Objects of Patrol Census Revision of the Middle Lai Census Division
Carry out other such administrative duties which may arise

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-14-7

5th January, 1966.

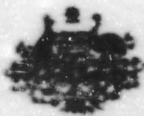
District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
ST. HAGEN.

WAPENAMBUA PATROL REPORT NO. 2-1965/66:

Receipt of your memorandum WHD533 dated 25th November 1965 and attached Patrol Report from Mr. D.K. Robertson, is acknowledged.

2. Your comments have been noted.
3. Prints of the map are being obtained and will be forwarded at a later date.
4. The comments of the Assistant District Commissioner Kabag have been noted and no doubt you have acted on matters raised regarding roads and bridges.
5. Mr. Robertson has clearly gone to much trouble to set out the economical and educational situation in the area. He is to be commended for his detailed report.

(J.E. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.14.7.

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Telephone

Our Reference WHD533

If calling ask for

Mr.



Department of District Administration,

MOUNT HAGEN. W.H.D.

25th November, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WAFENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 2-65/66
MIDDLE LAI CENSUS DIVISION - D.K. ROBERTSON, CPO

I am attaching Patrol Report by the above-named officer, Census Statistics and a covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag.

Mr. Robertson has gone to considerable pains to record statistics on Education, Agriculture and cash cropping.

The report indicates a healthy administrative situation in this census division.

Could you please arrange for prints to be taken from the enclosed map and several copies returned to this office.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
District Commissioner

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Sub District Office,
WABAG,
Western Highlands District.

23rd November, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
MT. HAGEN.

Wapenamanda Patrol Report No.2 of 1965-1966
Widdle Lai Census Division by Mr. D.F. Robertson, C.P.O.

Attached please find two (2) copies of the abovementioned report, for your information and forwarding to the Director, please.

Although Mr. Robertson has explained that the reason he has not submitted his remarks on Agriculture and Health is that the Departments concerned already know the information he has reported, he must in future follow the procedure of submitting comments on Health, Agriculture and Education, as appendices and not in the body of the report. Two extra copies of these appendices must be submitted for distribution to the relative Departmental heads at Sub District and District levels.

The relatively low price of pyrethrum, compared with the price paid for coffee, has resulted in a general disinterest in the planting of pyrethrum in those warmer areas of the Sub District, such as the area patrolled, as coffee grows well in these areas. However, by the same token, pyrethrum does not do so well in these warmer areas, so the lack of interest shown in this crop in these areas, is not really detrimental to the overall pyrethrum production of the Sub District. In the higher altitudes, where it is far more successful grown, pyrethrum is a very popular cash crop, and as coffee will not grow in these areas, it provided the only source of income for these people living there.

As Mr. Robertson states, the whole of the area patrolled, as with the whole of this Sub District, is accessible by vehicular roads. However, road maintenance funds are completely inadequate either for replacing the various bridges where necessary or for payment of general maintenance work. Unless more funds are allocated to this Sub District for road maintenance in future, the condition of the roads, which at present is very good, will steadily deteriorate.

The RAUANDA road, as Mr. Robertson states, is badly in need of repairs and funds have been requested for the repair of same. The Councillors of this area have requested that a survey be made for a proposed extension of this road, further up the valley, thereby opening up more good arable land to vehicular traffic. This project will be investigated during my forthcoming patrol into the area.

The riot at RAUANDA referred to by Mr. Robertson, was dealt with from Wabag, and some 18 men are currently awaiting trial for arson. The remainder have been sentenced to terms of from two to six months, for riotous behaviour.

Mr. Robertson has conducted a good patrol and it is pleasing to note that the Natives attitude towards the Administration has remained one of confidence and trust.

Could three sunprint copies of the patrol map be taken please? One copy for your office copy and the remaining two for our files.
Claim for Camping Allowance ~~xxx~~ is attached.

A.D.C.
A.D.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

WAPENAMANDA PATROL POST,
W.H.D.
5th November, 1965.

Telegram

Telex

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER,
PATROL POST,
WAPENAMANDA
W.H.D.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 2, 1965/66.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY :- D.K. ROBERTSON, Cadet Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED: Middle Lai Census Division.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 2 members of the R.P.&N.G.C.
1 interpreter.

DURATION OF PATROL: Periods from the 27th - 9-65 to 14th-10-65
Total number of days on patrol - 12 days.
Total number of nights camped - 9 nights.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: Depart. of District Administration -
L.C. Council Election patrol - June 1965 and
continual administrative surveillance
throughout the area.

DASP PATROLS: Continued extention and
replanting of pyrethrum cash crops.

P.H.D. PATROLS: Continued contact with the
people of the Middle Lai Census Division.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL: 1/ Census Revision of the Middle Lai Census
Division.
2/ Carry out other such administrative duties
which may arise.

MAP REFERENCE: Fournal of WABAG series.

D.K. Robertson
(D.K. ROBERTSON)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 12 1965/66
MIDDLE LAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Introduction: The main purpose of the patrol was to revise census of the middle Lai Census Division and to carry out general administrative duties.

Good weather prevailed for the duration of the patrol and therefore no time was lost due to inclement weather. The people concerned were reasonably co-operative for the people of the Wapenamanda area, regarding the Tax Census revision, and this factor together with the good weather conditions made the task of revising census statistics, an almost enjoyable one.

The rest houses visited during the course of the patrol were - WELYA, YAGAINDIS, YARAMANDA, RAUANDA, PINA, YALBOS, PAUS, and POMPOBOS. The abovementioned rest houses were in fact the central gathering points for the revision of census statistics.

Patrol Diary.

Monday 27th-9-65

Departed WAPENAMANDA at 1430 hrs and arrived at WELYA at 1510 hrs. 1510 hrs to 1600 hrs I set up camp and informed Councillor's KEP2 and LAGAU to make sure that their Clans were ready for the Census Revision at 0800 hrs the next morning. 1600 hrs to 1800 hrs Heard petty complaints regarding the theft of pigs. Slept at WELYA Rest House.

Tuesday 28th September 1965.

At WELYA Rest House. 0800 to 1230 hrs Did the census revision of the Yaponda - Ibut, Yaponia - Tegibalu, Yaponda Makp, Yaponda - Melopkarenk and Yawalin - Tsauabeukin Groups. 1230 hrs to 1300 hrs Meal Break. 1300 hrs to 1615 hrs Did the census revision of the Piabin - Kimbagin, Nenein and Sangobagin Groups. The abovementioned Groups were reasonably co-operative for people of this area. 1615 hrs to 1730 hrs heard a petty ~~case~~ for the theft of a pig. Also purchased food for the police. Slept WELYA Rest House.

Wednesday 29th September 1965.

0730 hrs to 0800 hrs prepared patrol equipment and engaged carriers. 0800 hrs to 0930 hrs walked from Welya to Yagaindis. On reaching Yagaindis the Rest House was in a deplorable condition and there were very few people in attendance for the Census revision, even after several days notice. 0930 hrs to 1100 hrs entered Census figures into village population register, whilst waiting for the people to arrive for the census revision. 1100 hrs to 1300 hrs Census revision of the Tsein Groups. 1300 hrs to 1330 hrs meal break. 1330 hrs to 1630 hrs Completed Census revision of the Tsein Groups at Yagaindis 1630 hrs to 1745 hrs to Rauanda by private vehicle, after hearing report of a tribal fight which had brokenout. 1745 hrs to 2030 hrs fighting had ceased so police were left in the vicinity to see that no more fighting brokeout and I returned to Wapenamanda.

Thursday 30th September 1965.

0800 hrs to 0830 hrs to Rauanda by Land Rover 0830 hrs to 0930 hrs Police had arrested several men by this stage in regard to the previous riot the night before and I proceeded to investigate into the details of the fight. 0930 hrs P.O. Cawthorn from Wabey arrived at Rauanda to take over investigations into the riot. 1030 hrs to 1100 hrs to Wapenamanda by Land Rover, with two injured natives and police. 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs station duties. 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs meal break. 1300 hrs to 1320 hrs to Yaramanda Rest House. 1320 hrs to 1630 hrs Census revision of the WGIN Groups at Yaramanda.

Friday 1st October 1965.

0700 hrs to 0930 hrs to Mt. Hagen by Land Rover. Spent the rest of day at Mt. Hagen on duty and returned to Wapenamanda at 1800 hrs.

Saturday 2nd October 1965.

0800 hrs to 1200 hrs Treasury duties - monthly pays at Wapenamanda.

Sunday 3rd October 1965.

Observed - all day.

Monday 4th October 1965.

0800 hrs to 1200 hrs Treasury reimbursement at Wapenamanda
Entered Census figures into Village population register - 1300 hrs to 1500 hrs Slept Wapenamanda.

Tuesday 5th October 1965.

At Wapenamanda. 0800 hrs to 1230 hrs Did census revision of the Iaguman - Kumbasagam and Iaguman - Yalis Group. 1230 hrs meal break. 1300 hrs to 1615 hrs Completed census revision of Iaguman - Yalis Group and Iraguin Group. 1615 hrs to 1700 hrs to Rauanda Rest House by Land Rover. 1700 hrs to 1830 hrs talked to the people about various matters and again informed Councillor Pilo and Committeemen to make sure that all of the people of their group were assembled for the Census revision at 0800 hrs the next morning. Slept Rauanda Rest House.

Wednesday 6th October 1965.

At Rauanda. 0530 hrs to 0600 hrs to Yaibos by Lutheran Mission Land Rover to investigate reports by Constable Mulima that two Groups, Rungibin - Tso and Kandawalin - Andio were assembling in a riotous manner. 0600 hrs to 0730 hrs I then found that there was no undue unrest and sent two policemen to search the houses in the vicinity of the two groups. 0730 hrs to 0800 hrs returned to Rauanda Rest House. 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs Did Census revision of the Tsigin Iuinai Groups 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs meal break. 1300 hrs to 1500 hrs Census revision of the Tsigin Mudap and Wabai groups. 1500 hrs to 1545 hrs walked from Rauanda Rest House to Pina Rest House. 1545 hrs to 1600 hrs Set up camp at Pina 1600 hrs to 1800 hrs informed Councillor Tumu to make sure all of his Groups were assembled for census revision in the morning. Slept Pina Rest House.

Thursday 7th October 1965.

At Pina. 0800 hrs to 1130 hrs Did Census revision of the Tsigin - Koip-Kalip and Wap-Mangalia Groups. 1130 hrs to 1200 hrs Heard petty court for theft of firewood 1200 hrs to 1215 hrs to Yaibos Rest House by Land Rover. 1215 hrs to 1330 hrs to Wapenamanda by vehicle and return Yaibos 1330 hrs to 1630 hrs did census revision of Kandaualin - Ambulin and Rungibin Tso Groups. 1630 hrs to 1800 hrs Heard petty courts. Heavy rain fell. Slept Yaibos Rest House.

Friday 8th October 1965.

At Yaibos. 0800 hrs to 1330 hrs Did Census revision of the Rungibin - Yakau (Pawi) and Rungibin Yakau (Mena) Groups. 1330 hrs to 1430 hrs to Wapenamanda by tractor. 1430 hrs to 1630 hrs compiled and paid fortnightly pays at Wapenamanda. Slept Wapenamanda

Saturday 9th October 1965.

At Wapenamanda. 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs General Office Duties. 1200 hrs to 1430 hrs to Mt. Hagen.

Sunday 10th October 1965.

At Mt. Hagen - observed all day and returned Wapenamanda.

Monday 11th October 1965.

At Wapenamanda. 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs Office duties 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs meal break. 1300 hrs to 1420 hrs prepared patrol equipment and sent cargo to Paus Rest House by tractor. 1430 hrs to 1600 hrs Entered census figures in village population register. 1600 hrs to 1630 hrs to Paus Rest House by Land Rover Slept Paus Rest House.

Tuesday 12th October 1965.

At Paus. 0730 hrs to 0830 hrs Heard minor ~~disputes~~ ^{disputes} for theft of pigs. 0830 hrs to 1230 hrs Did Census revision of the Kandaulin Andio, Mals - Mupa and Tsiaguan Groups. 1230 hrs to 1300 hrs meal break. 1300 hrs to 1430 hrs Did census revision of the Idagon Mupabaru Group. 1430 hrs to 1530 hrs Heard two minor courts for the theft of pigs and timber. 1530 hrs to 1600 hrs walked from Paus to Pompobos Rest House. 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs set up camp at Pompobos. Slept Pompobos Rest House.

Wednesday 13th October 1965.

At Pompobos. Held minor courts, while waiting for the Idagon Groups to arrive for Census revision. 1000 hrs to 1300 hrs Did census revision of the Idagon Rundup and Nenei Groups at Pompobos. 1300 hrs to 1345 hrs meal break. 1345 hrs to 1600 hrs. Did census revision of the Yandaman and Idagon - Landarigin Groups. 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs heard petty courts. Slept at Pompobos Rest House.

Thursday 14th October 1965.

0800 hrs to 0830 hrs walked from Pompobos to Mukuramanda. 0830 hrs to 1300 hrs Did census revision of the Waimiregin Maiden and the Iok-Anain Groups. 1300 hrs to 1345 hrs walked from Mukuramanda to the Wapenamanda Patrol Post 1345 hrs to 1430 hrs meal break. 1430 hrs to 1600 hrs Office Duties.

The End of Diary.

Outline of Political Situation:

The patrol was received reasonably well in all areas visited excepting two places (Pompobos and Yagaidis). At these two places the people were not hostile in any way, but were most uncooperative with regards to the Census revision and also to the supplying of food for police. Also the two rest houses in the respective places were in a deplorable condition and no effort what so ever had been made to clean them.

After the proclamation of the Wapenamanda Local Government Council in July the people in this area, have in this short time shown a more advanced way of thinking and many are looking forward to a promising future, whereas a minority remain in a more or less stable state in their village way of life. The majority of the Councillors are taking a great pride in their work and are doing a good job in trying to advance their people's way of thinking.

The attitude of the indigenous people to the Administration, is one of trust and respect and they seem to have a great deal of faith towards the work of the Administration and its decisions. The attitude to the many missions in the area is somewhat similar to that towards the Administration and they have adopted themselves to the work of the missions and have grown to respect them likewise.

The rate of absenteeism is not particularly high per head of population being only 148 males and 2 females at work outside the district and 203 males and 5 females at work inside the district. The majority of children who are absent from their village are attending other Lutheran or Catholic Mission schools. There are 649 male children and 389 female children, attending mission schools throughout the Census division and only 38 male children attending the Government school at Wapenamanda.

Agriculture - The staple food diet of sweet potatoes are in plentiful supply, even though there has been a rather prolonged "dry season". With the introduction of many European type vegetables, such as beans, peas, tomatoes and cabbage, these are being gradually intermixed into their diet with the staple food, sweet potato.

With the introduction of the European type vegetables and the growing demand on fresh vegetables by the coastal cities such as Madang, Lae and Wewak many of the more business minded natives are planting enough of these vegetables to form a mild form of cash crop for themselves. The native formed company, WASO is encouraging the natives with the planting of these European vegetables which it purchases and airfreight to centres like Madang and Wewak, where fresh vegetables are in short supply.

The following statistics for the purchase of fresh vegetables by the native company WASO were issued by the DASF Wapenamanda for the year 1964-65. The figures for this year (1965-66) are expected to double.

English potatoes	153,500 lb	weight
lettuce	8,875 lb	"
tomatoes	24,750 lb	"
cucumbers	897 lb	"
pumpkin	7,380 lb	"
beans	7,660 lb	"
peas	4,890 lb	"
shallots	468 lb	"
broccoli	135 lb	"
cauliflower	648 lb	"
citrus fruits	12,400 lb	"
passionfruit	5,350 lb	"

Out of the abovementioned weights approximately 95% of the vegetables are exported to the coastal centres of Wewak and Madang.

Coffee was the first form of cash cropping introduced to the people in the Middle Lai Census Division, but the DASF have slackened off the planting of coffee in the past 12 months, mainly because coffee does not grow economically at the higher altitudes around Wapenamanda.

AGRICULTURE Cont.

As a substitute for coffee as the main economic cash crop the D.A.S.F. have introduced pyrethrum to the native people and at the moment have an extensive planting and replanting campaign throughout the higher parts of the Wapenamanda area where economically the pyrethrum plants grow best. At the moment one of the main jobs for the DASF is to educate the native people on the correct techniques of planting, through to the harvesting of the flowers.

Even though the native, pyrethrum - cash-croppers do not mind receiving the present 1/6d per pound for dry flowers paid to them by the DASF on behalf of Stafford Allen (New Guinea) Ltd., the main problem for the fieldstaff of the DASF is to get the people to replant the pyrethrum plants, after approximately 12 months (as the economic life of the pyrethrum plant is from 6 months to 6 years). Up until the past month the native people have been very unco-operative with the fieldstaff of the DASF towards the replanting of the pyrethrum. However the people are beginning to co-operate with the fieldstaff after being told that the purchase price of pyrethrum would be increased from 1/6d per lb to approximately 1/10d per lb within the next six months. The main complaint from the native people is that they have to work too hard and receive too little for their flowers, compared with coffee.

Up until now the planting of cash crops has not greatly affected the land tenure and is still worked on an individual basis or by the direct lineage relationships.

At the moment the pyrethrum flowers are purchased by the DASF on a agreement basis with the Stafford Allen (New Guinea) However after the Stafford Allen, extraction plant is able to cope with all dry flowers being produced in the New Guinea Highlands, within the next six months, Stafford Allen will purchase the pyrethrum direct from the native growers.

The majority of coffee being produced in the Middle Lai Census Division is marketed by either the native Company, WASO, or the Mt. Hagen Coffee factory (Hagen Coffee). For the year 1964/65, WASO purchased 77 lb weight of coffee, however the figure for Hagen Coffee is unknown.

The total number of mature trees in the Middle Lai area is 72,131 and the total number of immature trees is 273,690. The following chart illustrates the number of plants which have been planted throughout the Middle Lai Census Division by the DASF.

Name of Rest House	No. of Pyrethrum plants.
Welya and Anji	597,960
Yagaindis	194,127
Yaramanda	77,230
Wapenamanda	34,341
Powpobos	168,550
Paus	11,403
Yaibos	138,243
Pina	38,775
Rauanda	220,659
<u>Total no. of plants</u>	<u>1,481,268</u>

Table showing yearly coffee plantings since 1958 by DASP.
Care of Rest House 1965 1964 1963 1962 1961 1960 1959 1958.

Rauanda	1888	1277	6448	1198	895	172	3153
Pina	4306	1132	1871	788	54	150	36
Yaibos	4883	327	3638	1759	321	352	132
Paus	9054		126	2828	771	9780	815
Pompobos	2959		385	1035	42	119	811
Welya	405	2350	782	364	30	169	28
Yagaindis	75	305	1948	3920	605	94	78
Yaramanda		5501	725	2805	1634	648	160
Wapenamanda		16146	202	3245	1574	507	-
Total Coffee tree plantings.	480	74292	19056	28802	11431	3501	10779

LIVESTOCK.

Cattle have recently been introduced into the Middle Lai Census Division by the DASP, the Catholic Mission and the Lutheran Mission. The DASP has introduced 4 cattle projects into this area and are gradually introducing more cattle at the request of the natives and in particular the Local Government Councillors. The total number of cattle introduced into these projects are 17 steers and two heifers.

The Lutheran Mission have a total of 12 acres of mature coffee at their Agricultural station at MUGURAMANDA and their production figure for 1964/65 was well down at only 46 tons.

Throughout the Middle Lai area the Lutheran Mission have introduced 75 cattle, to both their stations and to their own cattle projects.

The Lutheran Mission employ a European Agricultural Officer and he is responsible for various livestock and agricultural projects throughout the area. He also runs a small school to train farmer trainees to improve farming techniques and introduce modern methods.

Commerce and Industry:

Apart from five trade stores run by the Catholic Mission the only other form of commercial industry is the New Guinea Lutheran Mission (Missouri Synod) influenced WISO Limited which would be the most significant event in the economical field in the past 2 years which was registered on the 13th of January 1964. Originally the idea was conceived by the Lutheran native congregations with a view to running the Mission tradestores.

The Company has a board of four and employ an Assistant Manager a secretary and an indigenous staff of 14.

The Mission has encouraged the sale of vegetables and has contracts to supply vegetables to the Army at Wewak and the coastal centres such as Madang, Lae and Wewak. WASO Limited has taken over this selling organisation and the sales figures are increasing at an encouraging rate. WASO is now purchasing approximately £800 worth of vegetables a month and £550 worth is purchased in the Middle Lai Census Division area. The amount purchased is rising at a steady rate. ~~On an average~~ On an average WASO airfreights 12,000 lb of fresh vegetables per week to the coastal centres recently signed a very sound contract with Clementsons New Guinea Ltd who have been contracted to construct the new airstrip at Boram.

In addition to their marketing arrangements WASO also handles a number of agencies such as Aasset-MAL, the Post Office, the Commonwealth Bank, Globe Insurance, and the Shell Oil Co.

EDUCATION.

There is one Administration Primary "P" school at Wapenamanda which takes grades up to standard five and there is a total of 104 pupils. Attendances at the school are regular, however the majority of pupils are from the station people. This is probably due to poor teaching standards in the past, however with the school under control of the present teacher, Mr. G. George the school is beginning to gain more pupils (ie local pupils).

There are five Lutheran Mission schools in the area and one Roman Catholic Mission school.

The Lutheran Mission has Primary "P" schools at Yaramanda, Membisanda and Yaibos and at Pansa the school takes grades up to Form 2 in secondary standard. The Highland Lutheran school at Amapiyak caters mainly for missionaries children and teaches to form 2 level secondary education.

The Roman Catholic Mission has a Primary "P" school at Pompoob which teaches up to Standard 3. Attendances at all of these schools are gradually increasing as the local people realise that education is the major factor in the development of their area.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

All of the rest houses in the Middle Lai Census Division are linked by a vehicular road and the main vehicular road from Mt. Hagen to Wabag cuts through the centre of the Census Division. This main vehicular road is approximately twenty miles in length from Welya in the Mt. Hagen Range to Amapiyak (8 miles west of Wapenamanda). In general the road is in particularly good condition and this is mainly due to constant supervision by two labourers, who are employed to supervise road maintenance. Also the greater interest taken in the development of their area by the Local Government Councillors who tend to instill some pride into the workmanship of their sections of road. The section of road from Apji to Senali is always in need of constant repair and maintenance because of the many steep gradients which tend to cause an erosive effect on the road after heavy rainfall. Also in this section there is a great shortage of good gravel for resurfacing the road, although there are ample quantities of coronoua limestone at Welya, however this is only to be found at Welya and the problems of cartage are great and costly. Also the maintenance and replacement of bridges in this section is a laborious and costly task as most of the bridge bearers have to be cut and carted from long distances and there is also a shortage of good decking material. To overcome this problem the C.I.C. Mr. S. Paul Marney is endeavouring to replace as many of the old

wooden bridges with iron culverting material as is practicable.

The section of road from Yegaindis to Wapenamanda, through the Minyamba Valley is probably the best section of road, as far as surfacing and most of the bridges have been recently constructed and four corrugated iron culverts constructed to replace bridges. Westwards from Wapenamanda to Amapiyak, again this section in general, is in good condition with the exception of a few hilly sections where there is an absence of good gravel. Also the bridges in this section have recently been replaced. In the whole length of this main arterial road of 20 miles in the Middle Lai Census Division there are forty eight bridges with a total length of 1876 ft.

There is also one other secondary road in the Middle Lai Census Division which joins the main arterial road at Amapiyak and links Maunda, Pine and Amapiyak Rest Houses. There is very little traffic on this road, however the road is deteriorating and will need some considerable maintenance carried out on both the road and bridges before heavy traffic will be able to travel on it. Also there is a shortage of suitable gravel for resurfacing the road however an effort will have to be made. There are seven wooden bridges on this road with a total length of 262 feet and the approximate length of the road is 3 miles.

MISSIONS.

There are two main religious denominations in the Middle Lai Census Division and they are the New Guinea Lutheran Mission (Missouri Synod) and the Roman Catholic Mission.

Firstly the New Guinea Lutheran Mission (N.G.L.M.) have six large Mission stations in the Census Division which are located at YARAMANDA (Primary "T" school), MANBISANDA (Hospital and Primary "T" school), PAUSA (Primary and Secondary school), KUMBASAGAM (Mission office Headquarters and Bulk store), YAIPOS (Primary "T" school and mechanical and joinery workshop, (AMAPIYAKA (Highland Lutheran School).

At YARAMANDA Lutheran Mission station there are six non-indigenous people - one school teacher and wife, one pastor and wife, and one lay worker and his wife.

At PAUSA Lutheran Mission station there are three male teachers and their wives and one single female teacher.

At MANBISANDA Lutheran Mission hospital there is a doctor and wife, a radiographer and wife, four single female nurses and one single female secretary, two carpenters and wives, one single male school teacher and one clergyman and wife.

At KUMBASAGAM Lutheran Mission store there are four male business workers and their wives and three single female office staff.

At NUGURAMANDA Lutheran Agricultural station there is one single male Agricultural Officer and he is largely employed with cattle extension projects and development of vegetable and other cash crops.

At YAIPOS Lutheran Mission Station there is a clergyman and his wife, an electrician and his wife, a motor mechanic and his wife, a carpenter - school teacher and his wife, and an anthropologist and his wife. This station has a primary "I" school, and a well equipped mechanical and joiners workshop.

At ANAPIKAKA Highland Lutheran school there is one male school teacher and his wife and one single female teacher. This school caters mainly for Mission employees children and ranges from standard one to form two in secondary level.

On the other hand the Roman Catholic Mission has two stations one at Pina and one at Pomobos. Pomobos is by far the larger station with one priest, one single lay worker and one married store supervisor. There is a recognised Primary "I" school which teaches from standard one to standard three and has three indigeneous school teachers. There is also a trade store at Pomobos and one at Pina.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was completed in a reasonably short space of time, although the patrol was in broken periods for which I was recalled to Wapenamanda to complete necessary office duties. There were only two incidents which occurred during the course of the patrol and one was the riot which took place at Rauanda for which I was recalled from Yaramanda to assist ADO Maroney in disrupting. However this situation was quietened down within a short space of time although there were two lives lost and 26 houses burnt during the course of the eruption. The other incident which took place was at Yaibos where there was reports by Constable MULLIKA that Groups had gathered in a riotous and threatening manner. However on my arriving at the scene there was an atmosphere of innocence on the part of the natives. Two policemen investigated into this matter and fifteen natives were arrested for riotous behaviour.

All aims of the patrol were completed and copies of the Village Population register are attached.

Only one appendix is ~~enclosed~~ which is the report on police members who accompanied the patrol. Appendices for Agriculture, Education and Public Health have been omitted as all information known was obtained from the different departmental officers and this information is passed on by them to the departmental heads. General reports are given under the patrol report headings.

D. K. Robertson

(D. K. ROBERTSON)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 1965/66
MIDDLE LAI CENSUS DIVISION.

APPENDIX A.

Report on members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary
accompanying the patrol.

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Comments.
8248	Constable	IUMBIA	Capable and forceful but inconsistent.
10646	Constable	BAGAPE	Alert, enthusiastic worker.

D.K. Robertson
(D.K. ROBERTSON)
Cadet Officer R.P.&N.G.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Highlands Report No. 3 of 1965/66.

Patrol Conducted by D.K. ROBERTSON C.P.O.

Area Patrolled LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives 2 members of R.P.&N.G.C. and 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 9/12/1965 to 16/12/1965

Number of Days 8

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20/9/1965

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Objects of Patrol 1/ Land investigation of approximately 100 acres of land
2/ Compile brief report on the work being done on road construction in the
Lais area. 3/ Carry out other such administrative duties which may arise.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

(13)

67-14-10

2nd March, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WAPENABANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1965-66.

Thank you for your minute and Mr. Robertson's patrol report.

2. The patrol was a very short one mainly investigating a land matter. No comments are necessary.

(J.I. McCarthy)
MANAGER.

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SMP:JV

WHD543



ROBERT HAGEN W.B.D.

8th February, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
WABAG.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 3 - 65/66

Receipt of Mr. Robertson, Cadet Patrol Officer's, report is acknowledged with thanks. Extracts have been passed to various departmental representatives for their information.

The future position of the Lomis people in the Local Government pattern of the District will be determined very shortly. While I am reluctant to introduce low population/revenue councils, it could be that there is a special need for one in the Lower Lai and Baiyer River areas. However, we are currently concerned with the introduction of Local Government in the Jimi River Valley, Nebilyer, Fambul and possibly the Kompian areas, which all have priorities ahead of that of the Lomis area.

Mr. Robertson submitted a useful report on his short trip.

Your request for Minor New Works funds have been passed to the District Commissioner for consideration. The prospect for an early allocation is very slender.

(S.E. POLEY)
Deputy District Commissioner

C.C.
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

Copy of patrol report forwarded for your information.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS) *had*
District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Wapenamanda Patrol Post,
Western Highlands District.

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr

10th January, 1966.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
WAPENAMANDA.

WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 3 1965/66.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:- D.K. Robertson, Cadet Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED:- Lower Lai Census Division.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:- 2 Members of the R.P.&K.G. Constabulary
1 Interpreter.

DURATION OF PATROL:- From 9th-12-65 to 16th-12-65.
Total number of days on patrol - 8 days
Total number of nights camped - 7 nights.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA:- Department of District Administration -
Local Government Council Tax Collection
Patrol - September 1965 and continual
administrative surveillance throughout
the area.

D.A.S.F. Patrols:- Continued extention and
replanting of pyrethrum cash crops.

P.H.D. Patrols:- Constant contact with the
people of the Lower Lai Census Division.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL:-

- 1/ Land Investigation of approximately
100 acres of land for the Baptist
Mission near Lumis.
- 2/ Compile brief report on the work being
done by the Lumis people on road
construction in the area.
- 3/ Carry out other such administrative
duties which may arise.

MAP REFERENCE:- Fourmil of Wabag series.

D.K. Robertson
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(D. K. ROBERTSON)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT No. 3 1965/66.
THE LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Introduction:

The main object of the patrol was to investigate about 100 acres of land which the Australian Baptist Mission has applied for. After fulfilling the main object of investigating the land Kapates near Lumis, I inspected work done on road construction in the Lumis area during the past six months and discussed future road development with the people. The patrol lasted for a total of seven days of which four days were spent walking and three days doing the actual land investigation and discussing road development. Very little time was spent in mediating in minor disputes during the patrol.

Yalis, Aipante, Pinyapais and Lumis, Rest Houses were visited in the course of the patrol. All objects of the patrol were achieved.

Patrol Diary:

Thursday December 9th 1965: 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs Prepared patrol equipment and obtained rations from Government Store. 0900 hrs to 0920 hrs to Mambisanda by tractor. 0920 hrs to 0935 hrs hired carriers from the Iaguman-Yalis Clan. 0935 hrs to 1050 hrs walked to Yalis Rest House and Aid Post. Also advised the unco-operative Yandaman Clan to commence work on the new "bush hospital" 1200 hrs to 1320 hrs hired new carriers from Yandaman Clan and walked to Aipante Rest House. 1320 hrs to 1430 hrs Rested and set up camp at Aipante. 1430 hrs to 1600 hrs inspected condition of new foot bridge over the Lai River at Aipante.

Slept at Aipante Rest House.

Friday December 10th 1965:

0700 hrs to 0815 hrs Prepared patrol equipment and hired carriers. 0815 hrs to 0920 hrs walked from Aipante Rest House to Kitan Village crossing the Lai River and Gu Gorge. At Kitan village, payed carriers from Aipante Rest House and hired new carriers from the Kitan Can. 0930 hrs to 1245 hrs walked from Kitan village to Lumis Rest House. 1245 hrs to 1430 hrs set up camp at Lumis Rest House. 1430 hrs to 1500 hrs lunch. 1500 hrs to 1800 hrs to Lumusa Baptist Mission to discuss land to be surveyed and investigated.

Slept Lumis Rest House.

Saturday December 11th 1965:

0700 hrs to 0730 hrs prepared to shift camp. 0730 hrs to 0830 hrs walked from Lumis Rest House to Kumures camp site, approximately 4 miles South East of Lumis. 0830 hrs to 0930 hrs set up camp and purchased fresh food and paid carriers from Lumis. 0930 hrs to 1100 hrs walked around the proposed boundaries of the land applied for by the Baptist Mission (Kapates) with the owners of the land. 1100 hrs to 1215 hrs C.I.C. of Baptist Mission, Mr. v. Cupt arrived at camp to discuss the subject land. 1215 hrs to 1800 hrs surveyed 64 chains on one boundary of the land Kapates. 1800 hrs to 1830 hrs purchased fresh foods.

Slept at Kumures Camp Site.

Sunday December 12th 1965.

0800 hrs to 0915 hrs mediated and advised on minor disputes and also advised on the road planning in the near future from Lumis to Baiyer River and from Lumis to Pinyapais. 0915 hrs to 1345 hrs, completed the chain and compass survey of the land Kumures. 1200 hrs rain began falling and continued for the remainder of the afternoon. Observed for the remainder of the afternoon.

Slept at Kumures Camp Site.

Monday December 13th 1965:

0800 hrs to 1200 hrs plotted survey figures. Also mediated in minor disputes and discussed future road construction to Baiyer River and Pinyapais. 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs Lunch. 1300 hrs to 1500 hrs walked around the boundaries of the land, Kumures and obtained number of improvements and owners of the improvements. 1500 hrs to 1730 hrs took names of the land and compiled Agency Agreement forms.

Slept at Kumures Camp site.

Tuesday December 14th 1965.

0800 hrs to 1200 hrs at Kumures Camp site, heard minor disputes and discussed the proposition of building a road from Lumis to Baiyer River with the people. 1200 hrs to 1300 hrs walked to Lumis Rest House from Kumures. 1300 hrs to 1430 hrs paid carriers, lunched and mediated in minor disputes. 1430 hrs to 1700 hrs to Lumusa Baptist Mission to discuss the land Kumures.

Slept Lumis Rest House.

Wednesday December 15th 1965.

At Lumis Rest House. 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs Mediated in minor disputes. 0900 hrs to 1015 hrs hired carriers and walked from Lumis to Pinyapais Rest House. 1015 hrs to 1200 hrs paid carriers from Lumis and hired new carriers from Pinyapais. Also discussed the proposed Lumis - Baiyer River road with Councillor's Pauli and Kaminjo. 1200 hrs to 1345 hrs walked from Pinyapais to Aipante Rest House. 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs paid carriers and mediated in minor pig disputes.

Slept at Aipante Rest House.

Thursday December 16th 1965:

At Aipante Rest House. 0800 hrs to 0815 hrs Prepared patrol equipment and hired carriers. 0815 hrs to 0930 hrs walked from Aipante Rest House to Yalis Rest House. 0930 hrs to 1030 hrs inspected work done on the village hospital at Yalis and rested. 1030 hrs to 1140 hrs walked from Yalis Rest House to Wapenamanda. 1140 hrs to 1300 hrs Lunch 1300 hrs to 1345 hrs unpacked patrol equipment and paid carriers. 1345 hrs to 1600 hrs Office Duties at Wapenamanda.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The patrol was received reasonably well in all areas visited with exception to the Lumis area where the people were most unco-operative. This may have been due to the absence of Councillor Kitan from his area, as on recent patrols the Lumis people have been fairly co-operative and willing to come up to the Rest House to discuss various problems. On reaching the camp site at Kumures, about 5 miles south of Lumis the atmosphere of the people was completely different. This camp site at Kumures was actually the base for the land investigation of the land Kapates. The people here had built a temporary rest house for myself and police and plentiful supplies of fresh foods were on hand.

The typical stubbornness of the Enga people is quite evident amongst the Yandaman Clan at Yalis Rest House. In my brief visit of approximately 1 hr. on my passing through to Lumis, it was brought to my attention by the A.P.O. there that his repeated requests for labour to complete his village hospital there had been completely ignored and the only resemblance of a building, was a stick framework which had been constructed by a few of the older members of the community. Again advice was given to the Yandaman Clan to make sure that the hospital was complete when I returned, and after a burst of forceful talking to the people present, I am pleased to report that the hospital was almost complete on my return.

The job of supplying carriers to the patrol was given to the Councillors and Committeemen in the respective places, and this was found to be most satisfactory as there were no problems engaged in obtaining sufficient carriers.

As this was a rather short and specific patrol there were no other problems or observations made regarding the native situation.

Roads and bridges:-

Proposed road developments in the Lumis area:-
As there are no roads in the Lower Lai Census Division apart from the badly deteriorated road from Mambisanda to the Yalis rest house. In fact this section of road has narrowed down to walking track width owing to consistent landslides and most of the bridges have fallen away, so this road could no longer be classified as a vehicular road.

Whilst at Lumis and nearby places there was a strong feeling by the Councillors and Committeemen and a few of the more productive village natives to commence road construction on the Pagalis - Lumis road, crossing the Landam gorge which was surveyed by Mr. J. Bradbury, P.O. (Wapenamanda Patrol Report No. 1 1964/65).

Already the Lumis people have commenced work on a road crossing the Simba gorge to Pinyapais; however very little progress has been made in the last six months. They are quite enthusiastic about building the road, however, again they are afraid and reluctant to do the actual hard work.

I have advised the people to forget about the road crossing the Simba gorge and concentrate on building the road across the Landam gorge to Baiyer River. The reason for my suggestions being, that they badly need a link up with a road to Mt. Hagen and also to a larger airstrip. At Baiyer River there is an airstrip capable of taking Bristol transport planes and from Baiyer River there is a very good road link with Mt. Hagen. The Councillors and Committeemen and also the Baptist Mission are in full agreement with my suggestions. It was agreed upon by the Councillors and Committeemen to group the people from the Lumis, Pinyapais and Nekirap areas and decide on days for each group to work on the forming of the road.

Although at the time of leaving Lumis, everyone was overenthusiastic about building the road, I can see only one way in which "to start the ball rolling" and that is to have an officer down at Lumis to show them how to start the road off, and a forceful native supervisor based there.

The sooner that work is commenced on the road the better because the Baptist Mission at Lumis are finding it extremely hard to get the MAF Cessna in to take the great stock piles of coffee to Mt. Hagen or Baiyer River. At the time of my visit to the Baptist Mission station at Lumis there was one ton of coffee in the store awaiting transport to Baiyer River or Mt. Hagen. The only other means of transport to the marketing centres is by carrying the cargo across the Landan gorge to Baiyer River.

Missions:-

There are two mission establishments in the Lower Lai Census Division. They are:-

(1) The Australian Baptist Mission at Lumis. It has a small, but influential establishment staffed by a European school teacher and his wife, a linguist and his wife, and an infant welfare sister. The primary "T" school teaches in the lower standards. After graduating out of the school at Lumis the pupils are transferred to a higher grade school and technical school at Baiyer River.

The infant welfare sister at Lumis maintains a small hospital and carries out patrols throughout the area and holds regular clinics. Patients requiring surgical treatment are carried over to the large Baptist Mission hospital at Baiyer River.

Recently a European linguist and his wife took up residence at the Lumis Mission. He intends to hold a 3 months language course for all of the Baptist Missionaries throughout the Eaga linguistic area to improve the missionaries relations with the local people.

(2) The Lutheran Mission (Missouri Synod) has a small station at Pawari, adjacent to the Administration Rest House and is at present staffed by a European minister and his wife. It also maintains several indigenous evangelical teachers and medical orderlies. This station is rather remote from all other stations, however it is serviced regularly by the M.A.F Cessna operating from Wapenamanda. The relations of the mission with the local people appears to be good. This station was not visited by the patrol but these comments were obtained from the Lutheran Mission at Wapenamanda.

Conclusions:

The patrol was completed without incidents or any undue delays and all objects of the patrol were carried out.

As this patrol was a brief and specific one there was little time to make extensive observations and hence a rather brief report.

The usual appendices of health, education and agriculture have been included although as stated above that due to the patrols brief and specific nature and visiting few centres and wide coverage of these matters cannot be included.

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Agriculture:

As stated previously in this report, due to the patrol's specific nature only a few centres were visited and very briefly. The only centre in the Lower Lai Census Division of an great agricultural importance was the Lais area which is one of the largest coffee producing areas in the Sabag Sub-District.

At the present time there are 57,723 coffee trees planted in the Lower Lai Census Division of which there is approximately 60,000 trees in the Lais area.

The only orchards planted is at Niyangia, where 21 acres have been planted. The D.A.P. plan to send a "planting patrol" into the area and other higher areas of the Lower Lai.


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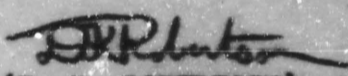
APPENDIX B:

Education.

The only recognised Primary "I" school in the Lower Lai Census Division is at the Baptist Mission at Lonia which is only teaching at the preparatory stages at the moment. The school is staffed by a European teacher and he has hopes of increasing the standard of teaching to standard one in 1966. Apart from the Baptist Mission's Primary "I" school it has several vernacular schools throughout its area and these are staffed, by native evangelists who mainly profess in the teachings of the mission.

The Lutheran and Catholic Missions also have several vernacular schools throughout "their areas" at Niyaganda, Anas, and Namri and like the Baptists, mainly profess in the teachings of the mission.

There are no pupils from the Lower Lai Census Division attending the Primary "I" school at Wapenamanda, which is understandable as there are no board lodgings existing for the pupils at the school and most of the centres in the Lower Lai Census Division are at long walking distances from the school. However the Wapenamanda Local Government Council has proposed to set aside an amount for the construction of dormitories for boarding students. This gesture by the Council should help to greatly increase the population of the Administration "I" school once again, and accelerate the progress of the rather backward areas around Alipate, Anas, and Niyaganda.


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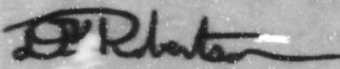
Health:

As stated several times previously in this report, the patrol, due to its specific duties only visited a small number of centres. Therefore only a brief and general report can be composed.

The most extensive coverage of medical services in the Lower Lai Census Division is in the Lomis area. The Baptist Mission at Lomis is staffed by a European infant welfare sister who also maintains a small hospital as well as holding infant welfare clinic throughout the area. Any patients requiring surgical or specific treatment are sent to the Baptist Mission hospital at Baiyer River which is staffed by a doctor.

At most of the other centres in the Census Division there are Administration Aid Post, occupied by Aid Post Orderlies. All A.P.O's contacted during the patrol appeared to be very conscientious and fulfilling their job in maintaining first aid treatment to the people. The job of the A.P.O is made even more difficult and unrewarding when the people do not make use of his valuable services and as previously mentioned in this report the people at the Yalis Rest House had refused to build a new "bush hospital" under the A.P.O's instruction.

All seriously ill cases from the western end of the Census Division are taken to the Wapenamanda Lutheran Mission Hospital, which is staffed by a European doctor and four European nurses.


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APPENDIX D.

Report on members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary
accompanying the patrol.

<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
6437	1st Constable	OHONGRI	Reliable, capable N.C.C.
5107	Constable	KAPI	Slow, unenthusiastic worker.


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