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PATROL REPORTS SEPIK DISTRICT 1961/62.

DREIKIKIR SUB DISTRICT.

<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>PATROL</u> <u>CONDUCTED BY</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
DREIKIKIR 4 61/62	B.H. Mulcahy P.O.	OK ✓ URIM.
DREIKIKIR 5 61/62	B.H. MULCAHY and J.B. Field C.P.O.	OK ✓ Max Genens URAT

D.N.A



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... SEDIK. MAPRIK Report No. DRE. 4-106-2

Patrol Conducted by..... B. H. MULCAHY. P.O.

Area Patrolled..... URIM

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... C.P.O. J. FIELD

Natives..... 3. RPNCC 1. A.P.O.

Duration--From..... 11 / 4 / 19 62 to 19 / 4 / 19 62

Number of Days..... 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services..... MAU / 19 62

Medical JON / 19 1962

Map Reference..... ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol..... COLLECTION TAX
CENSUS REVISION
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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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67-3-7/2008

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

23rd May, 1962

Handwritten notes on left margin:
D. S. Wainford
raki
L. S. Wainford

The Assistant District Officer,
MAPRIK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 of 1961/62

Receipt of the above report together with your covering memorandum is acknowledged.

Native Situation - Please inform Mr. Field that permission is not needed before a village can be moved. He should guide and assist, but that is the limit.

Health - Comments have been passed to the District Medical Officer.

A good initial effort. However, a map is not a great deal of use without north south orientation.

Signature
(J. S. WAINFORD)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Officer-in-Charge, Patrol Post, Dreikikir
→ C.C. DIRECTOR OF NATIVE AFFAIRS, Konedobu.

67-3-9/1219

Sub District Office,
MARIK.
 16th May 1962.

The District Officer,
MEWAK.

PATROL REPORT DREIKIKIR No 4 of 1961-2.

Attached please find report of a patrol conducted by Mr. P.O. Muleshy in the Urim area for the purposes of Tax Collection, Census Revision and General Administration. The patrol was accompanied by Mr. C.P.O. J. Field who wrote the narrative report.

The patrol appears to have been well carried out and the report by Mr Field is a good effort for his first report. The area is still in the stage where movements of villages takes place towards a central area and this reflects that the people do not feel that isolation is necessary to their safety.

There is little cash cropping activity in the area. D.A.S.F. do not wish to expedite this unless a genuine interest develops when of course assistance will be given. However field agricultural staff in the sub district have as much if not more than they can cope with at present in less remote areas. I anticipate however that desire for cash permanent cropping will arise in this area within the next eighteen months when the first returns from the Wom and Albiges are made known to the Urim people. In the meantime these people are reliant upon the exportation of labour for their cash income. The figure of 38% absentees in this regard is not regarded as high and no recommendation regarding closure to recruitment is considered necessary or advisable. The area is quiet and there appears no serious signs of cult activity.

The attitude to land settlement mentioned by Mr Field is general throughout the area. There would appear little hope that any land leases will be available in this area for some considerable time and the talks given to the people by the patrol in this regard are fully approved by me.

The figures show a increase of 16 over the past twelve months for the 11 villages or 1% per annum. This is not sufficient to maintain the population at its present figure. It should however increase with the presence of the SSEM at YAKRUMBOK who assist in providing medical services and ensure that those requiring medical aid are sent in to Dreikikir.

Tax collected in the area is down on last year's collection and no increase on this can be expected for at least three to four years.

Camping allowance claims are attached for your action please.

B. Bunting.
 (ASST DISTRICT OFFICER)

PATROL REPORT - DISTRICT No. 4 - 1961/62.

Patrol Conducted by : S.D. Mulcahy, Patrol Officer.

Patrol Accompanied by : J.B. Field, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Object of Patrol : 1) Collection of personal tax
2) Census revision.
3) Routine Administration.

Date patrol commenced : 11th April, 1962

Date patrol completed : 19th April, 1962

Duration : 9 (nine) days

Personel Accompanying : 3 members R.P. & V.G.C.
1 Aid Post Orderly

Appendices. A - Report on members of R.P. & V.G.C.
 B - Labour statistics and availability.
 C - Tax Statistics.
 D - Census Statistics.
 Map attached.

Patrol Diary.

Wednesday 11th April 1962 : Departed Dretkibir 1930 hours with patrol personnel and stores. Proceeded to Yauatong village via Dalhonge, Musembien, Musungwa and Nana's. Road in good condition. Time 3hrs. Tax/census and inspection of Yauatong. Minor complaints settled. Health fair and village conditions satisfactory. Remained overnight.

Thursday 12th April 1962 : Mr. P. O. Mulcahy to Ulbulum. Time 30min. Tax/census and inspection of village. Health good and sanitation satisfactory. Minor complaints settled. Proceeded to KUMANGLEN. Self to KUMANGLEN. Time 15 min. Tax/census and inspection. Village and health of inhabitants fair. Shows site of new village. Permission given to move. Continued to KUMANGLEN - 35min. Tax/census and inspection of village and hamlet. Village sanitation poor - instructions given to village official to improve conditions. Health fair. Minor complaints settled. Remained overnight.

Friday 13th April 1962 : Departed A.M. for KURUNGUAM - 35min. Mr. Mulcahy tax/census and inspection of village. Court of Native Affairs. Self to Pineng - 45min. Tax/census and inspection. Health fair and general conditions in village satisfactory. No complaints. Returned to KURUNGUAM. Remained overnight.

Saturday 14th April 1962 : Self to MIMBOK - 1hr. Tax/census and inspection. Conditions in hamlet poor. Health fair. Minor complaints settled. Continued to YAGRUMBOK 2. Mr. Mulcahy to YAGRUMBOK 1 - tax/census and inspection. No complaints. Health good and village conditions fair. Continued to YAGRUMBOK 2. Self tax/census and inspection of Yagrumbok 2. Conditions and health good. Remained overnight.

Sunday 15th April 1962 : Both officers with light cargo proceeded to NUNU - 5 hrs. Remained overnight.

Monday 16th April 1962 : Remained at NUNU. Discussion with officer in-charge concerning the large number of indentured labourers from the Dretkibir area passing through NUNU to outside areas.

Tuesday 17th April 1962 : Departed NUNU a.m. for YAGRUMBOK 2. Minor complaints settled and census figures compiled. Remained overnight.

Patrol Post (cont)

Wednesday 18th April 1962 : Self to PAKILO - tax/census and inspection
Health good and village conditions satisfactory. Minor complaints settled. Continued
to LAWINGUAP. Mr. Mulcahy - tax/census and
inspection. Minor complaints. Village and
health satisfactory. Remained overnight.

Thursday 19th April 1962 : Departed LAWINGUAP a.m Inspected Aid Post.
Departed 0830 hours for Dreikikir - 3½hrs.

END OF DIARY

INTRODUCTION.

The aim of this patrol was to collect taxes and revise census figures in the URIM Census Division. Also routine administration was carried out in the area.

The area patrolled lies to the west of Dreikikir station and is populated by some 1680 natives. The topography of the area consist of rather heavily timbered ridges. The ridges, although rising to no great heights, are in many cases steep. The area is drained by numerous small streams and two large rivers - the KORP (just prior to YAUATONG village) and the SIKAU (just below YAGRUMBOK 2). The villages are reasonably close together and the walking is not difficult.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The area was last patrolled by a Dept. of Native Affairs officer, during May 1961, the officer conducting the patrol being Mr. P.O. Mulcahy.

The native situation at the time was reported to be satisfactory and this ~~and this~~ appeared to be the same during this patrol.

Only one case of a breach of the Native Administration Regulations was brought to the notice of the patrol. The offender was convicted and sent to the Corrective Institution at Dreikikir.

Other minor complaints were heard and settled at the time of hearing. These minor complaints mainly concerned problems arising from marriages but one case of dispute over usufructary land rights was investigated. This had been previously been settled by Mr. Mulcahy on his previous patrol and on this occasion his previous settlement was upheld.

On two occasions permission was given for the removal of villages to new sites. The first village to ask permission was WINYAMON - a village which is situated on land belonging to another group, namely the inhabitants of KILMANGLEN village. They had been using the land for some time with permission of the Kilmanglen people but of late disputes had arisen and these combined with the fact that gardens were becoming unproductive, decided the people to move. The area to which they have moved is closer to LAWINGUAP. The new village is situated on land which they claim is theirs by inheritance and as no other claims were heard to the contrary it appears that they are in the right.

The other village to ask for permission to move was PINANG which is situated well down off the main ridge on which the other villages are found. They wished to move because of the inaccessibility of their present site. The new site is closer to

to the main pad and is higher than the previous site.

It was noticed that a large number of young men had left the area to work at labour outside the district. Absentee labour amounted to 38% of the potential labour source. This is a large increase on last years figure of 23.8%. It was learnt that a large number of the absentees had travelled to NUKU patrol post and thence to other areas. The patrol proceeded to NUKU to discuss this problem with the officer-in-charge, and the possibility of curbing the exodus of Dreikikir labour. Maprik labour not being in demand maybe the cause of Dreikikirs offering for work at NUKU more.

Of late many enquiries have been received at the Patrol Post at Dreikikir, from young men wanting work. They don't seem to be in any real hurry to get out of their villages but appear to be more interested in just obtaining money. Many of these enquiries have concerned recruitment into the Royal Papua and New Guinea Const. but in most cases the education qualifications have disqualified the applicants. As the URIM area is more or less isolated from Dreikikir - the URAT Census Division lying in between - the people of this area have only a limited source of finance. The distance is too great for them to supply native food or building materials to the Administration and their only source of income appears to be from returning plantation labourers.

The area has had mild cargo cult activity in past years but no cult tendencies appeared present on this patrol. Most of the villages were in good condition and the people apparently contented. Particular attention was shown to PAKILO village where cult activities were noticed last year. A complete and thorough inspection of the village and hamlets was made and questions asked but the village appears to have settled to a normal routine.

Enquiries were made by the patrol concerning damage caused by the severe earth tremor in the area on the 23rd March 1962. No damage was reported although the tremor was felt in the whole area.

A more or less friendly attitude was shown towards the patrol by the inhabitants and no animosity towards the Administration was apparent. Except for minor bickering amongst each other and also their old cry for 'business', the inhabitants appear to be quite content.

The patrol was asked by numerous village official if land, with similar conditions upon it as those on the recent SOWAN lease, would be opened up in the Dreikikir area. It appears that some men were interested to try such work, but when offered application to the Lease at 'SOWAN', refused because they thought it was too distant from their home villages. The two applicants that

did go to WEWAK to inspect the blocks came back with the same idea. The conditions applicable to the blocks were explained to them along with the fact ~~KMAE~~ of the improbability of a similar lease being opened at Dreikikir in the near future. The hardships of transporting any **cropps** which they may grow and the fact that a considerable amount of hard work is necessary to successfully operate such large areas of crops as 15 -50 acres as were available on the 'SOWAN' lease. It is hard to say what steps should be taken in the economic advancement of this group, but it should be handled with care because any failure of a plan suggested by the Administration would only result in a loss of confidence. Maybe with the advent of a road their problem may be lessened.

HEALTH.

Health in the area appears to have improved generally from when the last D.N.A. patrol occurred. This is probably due to the warning given by Mr. Mulcahy previously, and the fact that the European Medical Assistant had patrolled the area 5 months previous.

Death in the 0-1 year age group were 15 or 28.8% of the total births within the period.

Numerous skin complaints and tropical ulcers were treated. One female with cataracts on her eyes was sent to the Native Hospital at Dreikikir for the E.M.A. to examine, with possible chance of an operation. A male adult was brought before a Court for Native Affairs for neglecting to obtain medical aid for his child who had a malignant tropical ulcer upon her ankle.

The Aid Post at LAWINGUAP was inspected by the patrol. Some of the buildings were in poor condition and instructions were given for the necessary repairs to be made immediately. The Aid Post had numerous patients, most of whom were suffering from skin complaints.

ROADS.

The present foot pad that allows access to the area is in good condition and provides for reasonable walking.

Due to the steep terrain the future building of roads in this area will be difficult and if carried out, much initial survey work will be necessary. In patrol report DRE. No. 2 1958/59, Mr. P.O. Hanrahan gave a detailed account of a survey he carried on the possibility of a road from NURU

to Dreikikir. It is unfortunate that the terrain on the Dreikikir side of the SIKAU River is so difficult because the road on the other side of the river below WOMGRIR village (as seen by the patrol on its route to Nuku) shows great promise- large sections of road having been completed.

AGRICULTURE.

There is little cash cropping in the area - some rice being grown at LAWINGUAP for purchase and milling at Dreikikir. Some enquiries were received from various natives concerning the purchase of coffee.

Cash cropping in the Urim seems impracticable at the moment due to marketing sources and transport difficulties but due to some genuine interest shown by some villages a decision should be made soon as to the question of whether coffee is to be encouraged or not.

At YAGRUMBOK two applications were received for entry into the Extension School at Bainyik Agricultural Station, Maprik. Although cash cropping is not encouraged in this area at the moment, these two applicants appeared worthy of a chance of entering the School. One had been to a school in the Highlands and spoke English very well. Both were sent to the Officer-in-Charge at Bainyik for him to interview.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There is a full complement of officials in the area and in most cases are doing their work to the best of their ability.

VILLAGES.

There are 11 villages in the division and most were in good condition. In two of the smaller villages - MIMBIOK and KILMANGLEN, sanitary conditions were poor and instructions were given for renewal and initial building of more toilets.

The rest houses slept in were reasonable.

MISSIONS.

The S.S.E.Mission at YAGRUMBOK is the only mission in the area and appears to be doing well. They have received their mission lease and have commenced on a building

programme.

They have voluntary adult literary classes in progress and these appear to be bearing fruit going by the impression the patrol received upon inspecting the school.

Continued hard work by Mr. Burgess on the Cessna airstrip at Yagrubok has brought the strip up to first class condition.

TAXATION.

The head tax of 5/- was collected without incident. A total of £40.10.0 was collected - this being a decrease of £6.5.0 on last year's figure. This can be attributed to the fact that a large number of males were absent from their village this year.

Statistics can be seen on Appendix 'C'.

J. B. Field

J.B. Field
Cadet Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'A'

Report on performances of Native Constabulary accompanying
the Patrol.

- 6102 Const. GRIMBAGUN : Not over zealous in his work. He
is a poor organiser and when left
to make his own decisions often
makes unwarranted mistakes.
Conduct satisfactory.
- 6785 Const. EIERU : Is not brilliant but tries sometimes.
Conduct Satisfactory.
- 10131 Const. REGANT : Is intellegent and a good worker
but needs to be controlled.
Conduct satisfactory.

J. B. Field

J.B. Field.
Cadet Patrol Officer

P/R DREIKIKIR 4 1961/62

APPENDIX ' B '

<u>Village</u>	<u>Absent at Work</u>	<u>Potential</u>	<u>Availability</u>
ALBULUM	24	49	NIL
KILMANGLEN	12	35	NIL
KURUNGUWAM	17	31	NIL
LAWINGUAP	21	71	3
MIMBIOK	7	24	1
PINANG	8	28	1
PAKILO	22	49	NIL
WINYAMON	12	19	NIL
YAGRUMBOK 1	5	28	4
YAGRUMBOK 2	13	44	1
YAUATONG	15	31	NIL
<u>Totals</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>10</u> <u>K</u>

Percentage absentees of total male labour potential - 38%

J. B. Field

J.B. Field

Cadet Patrol Officer

P/R DREIKIKIR 4 1961/62

APPENDIX ' C '

<u>Village</u>	<u>Tax No.</u>	<u>Taxable</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>
ALBULUM	SM 250	17	22
KILMANGLEN	SM 252	13	21
KURUNGUWAM	SM 253	10	12
LAWINGUAP	SM 261	23	34
MIMBIOK	SM 255	6	16
PINANG	SM 254	14	11
PAKILO	SM 258	17	20
WINYAMON	SM 251	7	6
YAGRUMBOK 1	SM 256	17	9
YAGRUMBOK 2	SM 257	22	15
YAUATONG	SM 249	12	6
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	Totals	158	172
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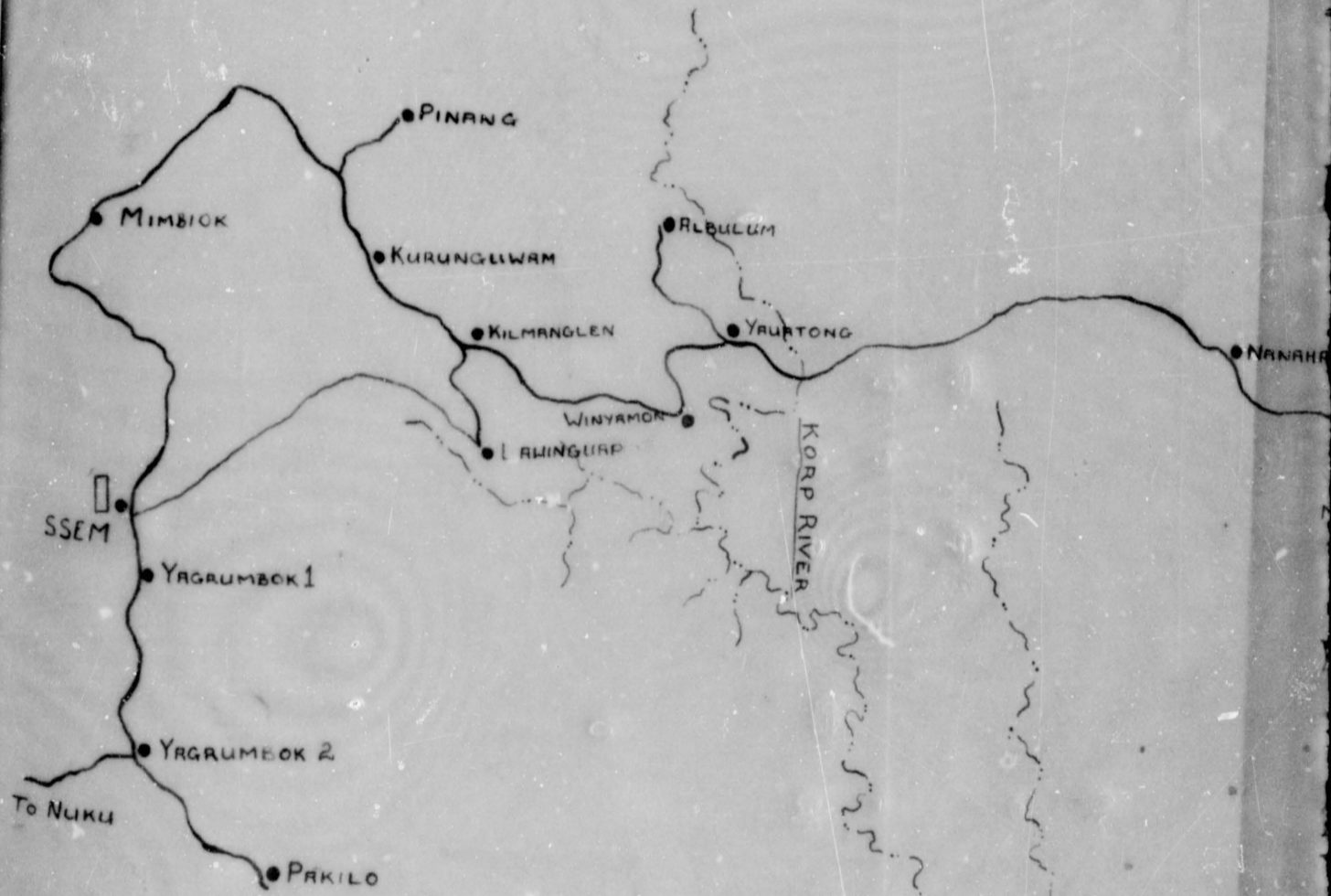
Collections accounted for on Receipt No's

- 45601 @ 15/-
- 45602 - 45639 @ 5/-
- 45640 @ 10/-
- 45641 - 45677 @ 5/-
- 45678 @ 10/-
- 45679 @ 5/-
- 104829 - 104906 @ 5/-
- 104907 (not used)
- 104908 @ 5/-

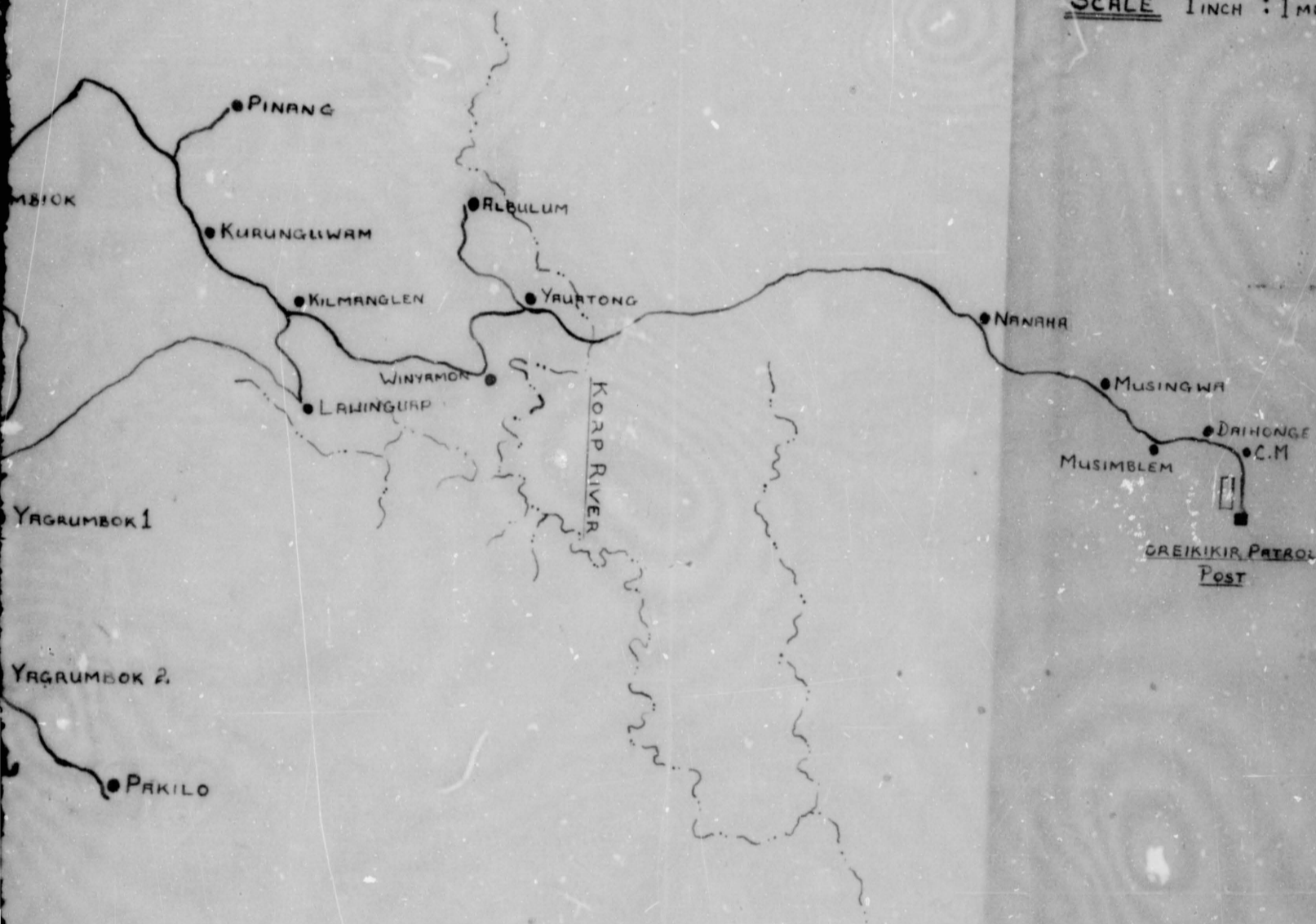
Total amount of collection - £40.10.0

J. B. Field

J.B. Field
Cadet patrol Officer



LIRIM CENSUS DIVISION
P/R DREIKIKIR 4 1961/62
SCALE 1 INCH : 1 MILE



67-3-7

District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

31st July, 1962

The Assistant District Officer,
MAPRIK

DREIKIKIR PATROL REPORT NO. 5

Receipt is acknowledged of the above Patrol Report prepared by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Field.

NATIVE SITUATION - I presume the initial census referred to applies to those villages for which tax registers were forwarded to Wewak and which were not received. Surely the old village books would have shown all the people of each village now of adult age - and thus the absentee labourers.

The officer-in-Charge, Dreikikir, should be fully aware of the Area Administration policy for the Dreikikir area. I have discussed it with him fully on past inspections and, I believe, you have done so also. Is there any real confusion?

HEALTH - The goitre cases in the URAT area have been sent to Dreikikir for examination by the Medical Assistant by almost every patrolling officer in the last ten years. They have also been seen by Medical Officers. They may be growing tired of exhibiting themselves.

AGRICULTURE - I suggest you take up the matter of coffee seed direct with the Officer-in-Charge, Bainyik - seed is not in short supply now.

The question of favouritism in distribution by the Agriculture trainee should be thoroughly investigated by the officer-in-Charge, Dreikikir.

I would like to see detailed statistics on the economy of each area patrolled - income from coffee, food crops, labour etc. This will provide good background information for later Local Government Surveys.

GENERAL - Mr. Field has reported the scope of patrol quite well and adequately presented his observations, and in this field his training is progressing well.

However, training in reporting is often marred by poor presentation. In this report there are numerous typographical errors, many of which have been crossed out with xxxs, which immediately gives the reader a poor impression. Neatness is essential for favourable comment. When typing errors occur, as they will for some considerable time, they should be erased and retyped.

67-3-7/1294
Sub District Office,
MAPRIK.
26th June 1962

The District Officer,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT DREIKIKIR No. 5 -1961/2.

Attached please find report of a patrol in the Urat census area of Dreikikir carried out by Messrs Mulcahy and Field. The report was compiled by Mr. C.P.O. Field.

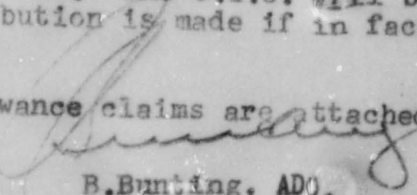
The area is quiet and shows signs of awakened interest in more advanced agriculture and political development. With regard to the Maprik Councillor telling these people they will eventually be included in the Maprik Council there is no truth in this as no suggestion of such a course has ever been made. This is a typical example of the misunderstanding which exists when these people communicate with other groups. The Councillor evidently told the people that eventually they would have their own Council but was misunderstood. With regard to the request for a plan for the development of Council Administration in the Dreikikir area it is of course planned for the BUMBITA MUHIANG WORA and ALBIGES areas to be combined this year. Now all of these areas have been patrolled from Maprik for some time now. With regard to the KOMBIO URAT URIM WOM and GAWANGA areas it is planned to bring these into a Dreikikir Council area within the near future. No set date of course can be set at the moment as to just when this will be but the O.I.C. Dreikikir will be instructed to prepare these peoples by way of propaganda into a receptive mind towards Councils. The policy in this regard is I take it that the establishment of Councils including the Dreikikir one is to be along the LUMI road and the OIC at Dreikikir can plan that the Dreikikir Council will be established before the road reaches Dreikikir and possibly quite some time earlier if Mr Pegg's commitments allow this.

With regard to the shortage of coffee seed this is general throughout the area. Mr Shepherd advises that sufficient seed should be available within the coming quarter. It is very unlikely that any considerable amounts of coffee will come out of this area for three to four years so we have in fact ample time in this regard. I do not think that there is any worry in this regard.

I agree that roads will improve in the area when they are used more frequently. However here again there is little necessity to use these roads at the present and we cannot use them just to encourage maintenance. I appreciate the desire on the part of the O.I.C. to get ahead with development but the fact is that this in such areas must come behind the more progressive areas and that the machinery available to keep pace with present development is fully engaged. With regard to dissatisfaction over the distribution of available seed at Dreikikir by the agricultural trainee at Dreikikir this is a matter which the O.I.C. himself has a reasonable amount of control over. There is no possibility of Agricultural Officers from Bainyik supervising such distribution from this end. The O.I.C. will be instructed to ensure that a just distribution is made if in fact this is occurring.

payment please.

Camping allowance claims are attached for


B. Bunting. ADO.

PATROL REPORT - DREIKIKIR No. 5 - 1961/62.

Patrol Conducted by

@:: B.H. Mulcahy, Patrol Officer.
T.B. Field, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Object of Patrol

:: 1) Collection of personal tax.
2) Census revision.
3) Routine Administration.

Date patrol commenced

:: 18th May, 1962

Date patrol completed

:: 1st June, 1962

Duration

:: 15 (FIFTEEN) days.

Personnel accompanying patrol :: 3 Members of R.P. & N.G.C.

1 Hospital Orderly.

APPENDICES

' A ' Report on members of R.P. & N.G.C.

' B ' Labour statistics.

' C ' Tax statistics.

Map attached.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday 18th May, 1962 : Departed DREIKIKIR 1030 hours with patrol personnel and equipment. Cargo to NANAHA. Officers proceeded to DAIHONGE village - 10 min from station. Tax/census and inspection of village. All satisfactory, no complaints. Continued to MUMBELIM village - 10 min. Tax/census and inspection. All satisfactory. Minor complaints settled. Continued to MUSUNGWA village. Tax/census and inspection of village. Condition fair only, and instructions given to remedy this problem. Minor complaints settled. Proceeded to NANAHA - arriving 1610. Remained overnight.

Saturday 19th May 1962 : Tax/census and inspection of NANAHA village, MULENGEI village. Village conditions not satisfactory. Instructions given to village official to ensure that both villages be improved. Minor complaints heard and settled. Afternoon compiling census figures. Remained overnight.

Sunday 20th May 1962 : Observed at NANAHA village.

Monday 21st May 1962 : Departed NANAHA 0900 hrs. for MIHWAK village arriving 1000 hrs. Tax/Census and inspection of MIHWAK, MUSILO, YERMAIN villages. Conditions in the three villages satisfactory. Minor complaints settled. Mr. Mulcahy returned to DREIKIKIR. Mr. Field remained overnight Mihwak.

Tuesday 22nd May 1962 : Heavy rain most of day. Minor complaints settled. Departed 1500 hrs. for TUMAN village arriving 1600 hrs. Remained overnight.

PATROL DIARY (cont)

- Wednesday 23rd May 1962 : Tax/census and inspection of TUMAN village. All satisfactory. Tax/census and inspection of NYAMBOLEI village. Health and general conditions of village satisfactory. Mr. Mulcahy returned from station. Both officers remained overnight.
- Thursday 24th May 1962 : Tax/census and inspection of MUIGWIK Village. Some poor housing - instructions given for it to be repaired. Census figures compiled. Health and sanitation fair. Minor complaints settled. Remained overnight TUMAN.
- Friday 25th May 1962 : AM to MUSENDAI village. Camp set up. Tax/census and inspection of MUSENG village. New Tax Register compiled. Minor complaints heard and settled. Health and general village conditions satisfactory. Remained overnight at MUSENDAI.
- Saturday 26th May 1962 : Tax/census and inspection of MUSENDAI village. New Tax Register compiled. Village health and conditions good. Minor complaints settled. Afternoon compiling statistics. Remained overnight at MUSENDAI.
- Sunday 27th May 1962 : Observed at MUSENDAI village.
- Monday 28th May 1962 : Departed MUSENDAI AM for EMUL village - 2hrs. GRUGUM Aid Post inspected. MR. Mulcahy paid visit to S.S.E. Mission at BRUGUM for talk with Mr. Kitchingman. Tax/census and inspection of EMUL and new Tax Register compiled. Minor complaints heard and settled. Coffee gardens inspected.

PATROL DIARY (cont)

Tuesday 29th May 1962 : Departed EMUL am for PEJNANDU village - 1 1/2 hr. Tax/census and inspection of village. New Tax Register compiled. No complaints. Village conditions satisfactory. Continued to MISIM village. Camp set up. Tax/census and inspection of ASILING. New Tax Register compiled. Minor complaints settled. Village inspection found numerous houses in poor condition. Instruction given to remedy this. Remained overnight at MISIM.

Wednesday 30th May 1962 : Tax/census and inspection of MISIM. New Tax Register compiled. Village health and condition good. Minor complaints settled. Visited Mr. and Mrs. Watts at S.S.E. Mission. Proceeded to PEREMBIL village pm - 1Hr.,. Minor complaints. Remained Overnight.

Thursday 31st May 1962 : Tax/census and inspection of PEREMBIL. New Tax Register compiled. Village conditions fair. Health fair. Minor complaints settled. Shown ~~new~~ site of new hamlet. Afternoon spent compiling statistics.

Friday 1st June 1962 : Departed PEREMBIL am for NAMAISUM village. Cargo direct to DREIKIKIR. Tax/census and inspection of village. Village sanitation and housing good - health good. Proceeded to MUSENAU village. Tax/census and inspection of village. New Tax Register compiled. Minor complaints heard and settled. Continued to DREIKIKIR station, arriving 1430 hrs.

END OF DIARY

INTRODUCTION.

Dreikikir Patrol No. 5 of 1961/62 was carried out to collect tax, revise census figures and carry out routine administration in the URAT Census Division. The area is inhabited by some 3583 natives.

The Census Division more or less encircles the station and most of the villages lay in close proximity to the station and with each other. The topography of the Division is hilly in the Nor'East and Nor'West corners, whereas the lower areas to the south find the ground levelling out.

The area is drained by ~~XHE~~ a branch of the MIHAMBON and the NANHU Rivers in the north and the SARONG Creek in the South.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The officer-in-charge, Mr. Mulcahy last patrolled the area during June 1961. He reported the native situation in the area at the time to be normal and the area trouble free. The situation does not appear to have changed.

Due to the fact that the area patrolled is in close proximity to DREIKIKIR Patrol Post, most disputes are immediately brought to the station for settlement by the officer-in-charge., and not kept till a DNA patrol passes through. Still, numerous minor complaints were heard and settled by the patrol - these mainly concerned marital ~~EX~~ strife, usufructory rights to land etc.

Labour statistics show that the percentage of absentees has fallen by 2% to 32.4%, since the last patrol. It is not certain if the total given as being absent is correct or not as on the latter part of the patrol an initial census was carried out, and it is doubtful whether all names of those absent were recorded. Although this percentage is considerably high, only one complaint was received from village officials concerning shortages of manpower ~~IN~~ in the villages. This was at MULENGEI village which has only a small

population of 72, and would naturally tend to miss the labourers more than a larger village. As indentured labour is a source of finance for these people and as no village has been seriously over recruited the labour situation can be said to be at a satisfactory level. But, I feel that any further recruiting from this area could impose hardship on these villages.

Economical the people appear to be some of the most stable and advanced in the Dreikikir area. Although the amount of rice grown by these people has fallen considerably, their efforts now appear to be channelled into the production of coffee. At this stage most of the coffee plots are not in production. Thought will have to be given to the problem of transporting the coffee beans to a market once the plots commence to produce. Because of the early stage at which the coffee is at, about two years remain before this problem becomes really acute. With the advent of the new road, now being constructed by the Australian Army, reaching Dreikikir the problem should be lessened as this will provide for cheaper and quicker transport between Dreikikir and Maprik.

Due to the fact that they are in close walking distance to the station, the villages of the Urat Census Division have a steady source of income from the sale of native food and supply of building materials to the station. The 5/- head tax can be met by all without undue hardship.

At PEREMBIL the patrol was again informed of the peoples attitude to having a council in this area. Although talk was heard in some of the other villages, this was the only place which actually made a point of bringing the topic into open discussion with the patrolling officers. The whole Division appears to be cold to the idea of a council being inaugurated at Dreikikir. In P/R DREIK 6 of 1960/61, Mr. Mulcahy gives their reason for disliking councils as, that the elders thought that the younger weren't advanced enough for council work and also the fact that they prefer to pay their tax to a patrol officer stationed at Dreikikir.

On this patrol, village officials claimed that the

reason why they disliked councils was because they had their time taken up with the planting of coffee. They felt that in about 5 years after the coffee had started to produce they could start thinking of commencing a council. They also brought up the question of paying tax to a council rather than to a patrol officer at DREIKIKIR. They were all in agreement that they remain under the direct supervision of a patrol officer. I think the problem is that they are still uncertain about the provisions for tax under a Local Government Council. This has been repeatedly explained to them by previous officers but they still have not grasped the idea.

What brought this topic into the minds of the inhabitants again, was the fact that just prior to the arrival of the patrol, a Councillor from Maprik Local Government Council had spent two or three days visiting at MISIM village. He had evidently touched on the topic of the Dreikikir population being eventually included in the Maprik Council and paying tax to that Council. I feel that although the councillor may not have actually suggested this, the locals themselves, misinterpreting ~~XXX~~ him, appear to have become more set against councils. Such rumours spread very quickly and could prove quite harmful to future work in the field of councils in this area.

I think that the officer-in-charge at Dreikikir should be informed of what policy has been set down for Dreikikir in regard to councils, so that he can have a firm basis on which to organise his popularising of the Council type administration in this area, during future patrols.

It has been a long programme drawn up for the District lead to it should be advised to a piecemeal approach must lead to
 New Tax Registers were compiled and initial census carried out in 9 of the villages. This was necessary because last year after another initial census, the Tax Registers were forwarded to Wewak to be typed and were misplaced there. Because of this the census figures for this year shall not balance with last year's figures for these nine villages.

In general the people of the Division appear to have

respect for the Administration and seem quite satisfied with their ~~XXXXX~~ life.

HEALTH.

Health in the area is good, due to the close proximity of the villages to the hospital at Dreikikir. Also at MISIM, Mrs. Watts of the SSE Mission tends to some of the minor ailments of the locals.

The BRUGUM Aid Post was inspected by the patrol on its way to EMUL from MUSENDAL. The Aid Post was in reasonable condition - most of the patients being treated for skin complaints and other minor ailments.

During the patrol the Hospital Orderly who accompanied the patrol treated forty inhabitants - mainly for sores. Eight were dispatched to the hospital at Dreikikir. These eight consisted of cases of bad tropical ulcers and also ~~XXXXX~~ two cases of premature babies. Two cases of reasonably advanced goitre were seen - these were sent to Dreikikir for the E.M.A to examine.

The area is very well off for native ~~XXX~~ vegetables and in most places a reasonable amount of fresh meat is available to them.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

From Dreikikir to NANARA village the patrol proceeded along a road which is capable of carrying transport of medium size. This road is in fair condition but it is not used very often. It can be taken for granted that the local inhabitants don't spend as much time on its upkeep as they would if there was more traffic. Should it happen, that ~~XX~~ for some reason this road should be used often by motor transport, it would necessitate only a reasonable amount of work to bring the road up to secondary road standards. The road traverses a ridge for most of the way and little trouble is encountered with bridges

or too steep grades.

From NANAHA to MIHWAK to TUMAN the route is followed along a foot pad. This is little more than a native path and because of the precipitous course it follows, I think it is useless to ask the population to improve it to any great degree.

From TUMAN to MUSENDAL, the 'alternate' road from Dreikikir to Maprik is followed. This is in good condition but this is due to the fact that it has witnessed little or no traffic at all in the last few months. This road was constructed to by-pass the steep inclines which are experienced on the other road.

From MUSENDAL the patrol proceeded to EMUL along a native path. The path is overgrown due to ~~the~~ lack of use but provided good, cool walking conditions.

In the latter part of the patrol the route took the officers along the main Dreikikir - Maprik road. This is in good condition. During the last two months, villagers have been building covers over the drains in the road. Particular care was taken in the building of them and the time spent has proved worthwhile as drivers of Administration vehicles have been able to shorten the time of travel between Maprik and Dreikikir with less wear on the cars. All drains in the road from BALI to Dreikikir have been treated in this fashion.

AGRICULTURE.

The growing of coffee in this area is popular and some quite large coffee gardens were inspected. Most of the gardens have only the shade planted as yet but in a lot of cases the owners are only waiting for coffee seed or seedlings. Most of the gardens are set out well - this being due mainly to the efforts of Joseph Lamborie the farmer trainee stationed at Dreikikir.

Because of the increase in coffee grown in the area

and the growing importance of agriculture to the Dreikikir people as a whole, I feel that consideration should be given to the eventual stationing of an Agricultural Officer at Dreikikir, or, at least, for more attention to be given, in the form of agricultural patrols, to the Dreikikir area.

The only other cash crop grown is rice. The production of rice has fallen considerably - during 1961 26,812 lbs were purchased whereas in 1962 purchases totalled only 6229 lbs.

Many of the coffee growers are becoming discouraged due to the manner in which coffee seed and seedlings are distributed. It appears that many have been waiting for some time for these items, but have missed out due to shortages at Bainyik or because they have not been on good relations with the agricultural trainee at Dreikikir. Evidently he has been providing seed to his friends but not others. Some villagers have had their shade in for some considerable time and have been looking after them quite well but have not been able to obtain seed, whereas others, who have only relatively new gardens which aren't in the best condition, have obtained seeds or seedlings. I think that the method of distribution should be selective so that those who have shade and who have had sufficient interest to keep their gardens in good condition, should be the first to receive the seed.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There is a full compliment of officials in the area and in most cases are doing their work to their best of their ability.

VILLAGES.

Most of the 20 villages were in reasonable condition and only ⁱⁿ a few were houses or sanitation at a low standard. In such cases instructions were given to improve such defaults and later, after sufficient time has elapsed, another inspection will be

made to see that these instructions were carried out.

At PEREMBIL village a group informed the patrol that it had moved to a new site. Their reason for moving, they claim was that the present site of the village is subject to severe movement during earth tremors. This is probably true as the village is situated on a high, sandstone ridge - and also the group substantiated their argument by showing the officers fissures in the sandstone outcrops which they claim were caused by recent tremors.

All of the rest houses slept in provided reasonable accommodation for both officers.

MISSIONS.

There are three mission stations in the Division - S.S.E. Mission at BRUCUM and MISIM and the Catholic Mission at Dreikikir.

The station at Misim ~~KE~~ is staffed by Mr. Watts and family - they appear to be doing reasonably well. The station has a European native material house and some minor out-housing. Mr. Watts had no ~~MEMBER~~ complaints and had no comments to offer on the native situation other than that all was quiet.

Mr. Mulcahy paid a visit to the S.S.E. Mission at BRUCUM and here again, all appeared satisfactory.

The Catholic Mission at Dreikikir has progressed well - lately the school operated by the priest Fr. O'Toole, underwent an inspection by the District Education Officer. He praised the standard of the school and it is thought that the school will be given recognition in the near future.

TAXATION.

The head tax of 5/- was collected without incident, a total of £134.15.0 was collected. This shows an increase of £20.15.0 on last year's collection. The fact that new Tax Registers

were compiled maybe the reason for this increase.

Statistics can be seen on APPENDIX 'C'

CENSUS.

Due to the loss of some of last years census figures and the fact that an initial census was necessary in nine of the villages, this year's figures will not balance with last year's.

An increase of 232 in the population of 232 persons since last years was recorded.

Statistics are attached.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Report on members of R.P. & N.G.C accompanying patrol.

- 2259 Const 1/C KUNDIKIKNAE: Reliable, intelligent worker. Alert and good for patrol work. Conduct satisfactory.
- 10131 Const. REGANT : Generally reliable, average worker
Is suited to patrol work. Conduct satisfactory.
- 9441 Const. DIKAMA : Not the most intelligent, but tries hard and is a willing worker.
Conduct satisfactory.

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APPENDIX 'B'

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>ABSENT AT WORK</u>	<u>POTENTIAL</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY</u>
ASILING	9	30	1
DAIHONGE	19	42	NIL
EMUL	13	47	2
MIHWAK	15	51	2
WISIM	20	46	NIL
MULENGEI	6	16	NIL
MUSENAU	13	45	2
MUSENDAI	39	95	NIL
MUSENGI	8	58	11
MUSILO	18	50	2
MUSIMBELIM	9	23	NIL
MUSINGWIK	19	52	NIL
MUSUNGWA	11	31	NIL
NAMAI SUM	6	26	2
NANAHA	18	51	NIL
NYAMBOLEI	12	43	2
PELNANDU	7	34	4
PEREMBIL	27	92	3
TUMAN	25	66	NIL
YERMAIN	7	21	NIL
	<u>301</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>31</u>

Percentage absentees of total male ~~labour~~ labour potential - 32.4%.

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Appendix 'C'

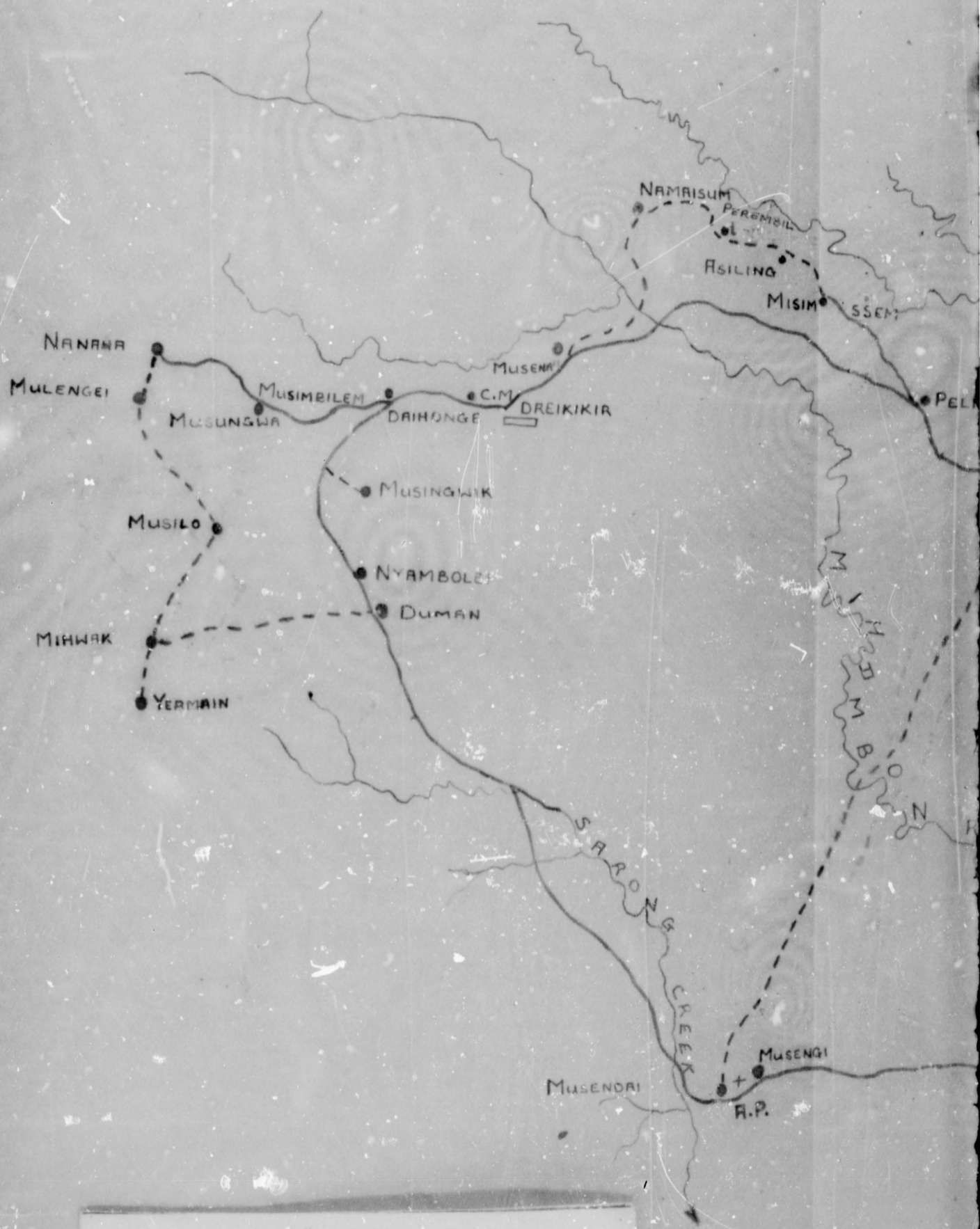
<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>TAX No.</u>	<u>TAXABLE</u>	<u>EXEMPTIONS</u>
ASILING	SM 281	15	9
DAIHONGE	SM 265	21	27
EMUL	SM 284	25	21
MIHWAK	SM 274	26	28
MISIM	SM 282	22	24
MULENGEI	SM 269	11	7
MUSENAU	SM 278	24	18
MUSENDAL	SM 276	56	47
MUSENGI	SM 277	41	36
MUSILO	SM 275	37	19
MUSIMBELIM	SM 266	15	13
MUSINGWIK	SM 270	34	16
MUSUNGWA	SM 267	14	10
NAMAI SUM	SM 279 ^m	19	10
NANAHA	SM 268	22	24
NYAMBOLEI	SM 272	22	14
PELNANDU	SM 283	22	11
PEREMBIL	SM 280	51	37
TUMAN	SM 271	26	25
YERMAIN	SM 273	22	13
		<u>525</u>	<u>409</u>

Collections accounted for on receipts no:- 104910- 105000 @ 5/-
 45680 - 45707 @ 5/-
 45708 @ £2
 45709 - 45713 @ 5/-
 45714 @ £2
 45715 - 45900 @ 5/-
 45001 - 45213 @ 5/-

Total amount collected - £134.15.0

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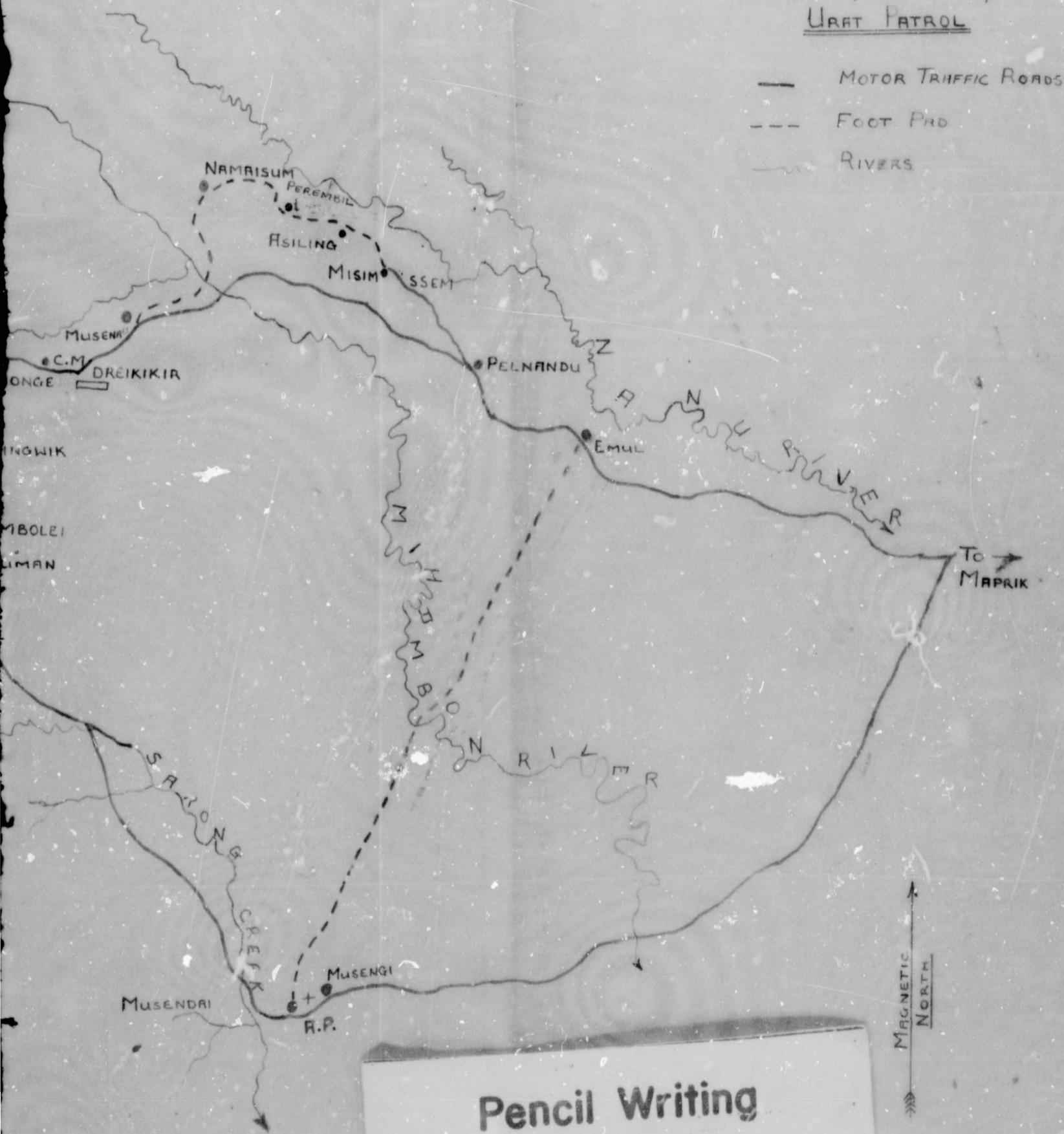


Pencil Writing

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URAT PATROL

- MOTOR TRAFFIC ROADS
- - - FOOT PAD
- ~ RIVERS



Pencil Writing