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## PATROL REPORT

Station: Salyer River

Substation: Maryland

Division: Western Highlands

Issue No: 1 of 1972/73

Compiled by: M. B. Jackson

Patrol Officer

Dates: 14.9.72 to 11.1.73

No. of Days: 40

Comments:

Population: 5,125

Council Area: Salyer - Laramie

House of Assembly Electorate: Kinston - Salyer

Map Reference:

Last Patrol: March, 1972

Object of Patrol: Road Construction, Road Administration.

Comments:

Date:

Inspect of the paved roads.

REASON: Inspect roads. To

check condition.

Findings and my comments:

Comments:

Writing of this study,

Situations Reports Nos 1- .

Comments:

DATE:

Author: District Commissioner

Inspect of District Headquarters,  
KONGORU, Papua New Guinea.

Inspect of the paved, I am:

new study.

Writing of this study,

Situations Reports Nos 1- .

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District Headquarters assessment of  
Patrol & Report:

Above average

Average

Below average

Date: / /19

District Commissioner

30/1/73

June 29th 1973

67-11-24

T. J. Brown  
District Attorney

The District Attorney  
The Highlands District  
1973

## PATROL REPORT

Station: Baiyer River

Population: 16000

Substation: Magisap

Council Area: Baiyer - Lomisa

District: Western Highlands

House of Assembly Electorate: Koepiyan-Baiyer

Report No: 2 of 1972/73

May Reference: Fourmil Ramu Milinch - Baiyer

Conducted by: A.C. Olive

Last Patrol: 1 of 72/73

Delegations: Assistant District Officer, Office of Patrol: Road Assessment

Duration: 7 Months (Broken)

No. of Days: 18 Days

Census Division:

The District Commissioner,

Western Highlands

In respect of this patrol, I much

Find Officers Inland File No. 541X-67 - Previous Work Done

Part inspection, M.L.

( )

The Report and all documents

( )

Autosurvey, M.L.

( )

Number of houses built, M.L.

( )

Statistical Report No. 1 - , M.L.

( )

Patrol map.

( )

DATE 13/2/1973

Above Average

Divisional Director Administration,  
EDMONDSON, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I much

Autosurvey.

( )

Updating of census statistics.

( )

Statistical Report No. 1 - .

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( )

( )

( )

District Headquarters statement of

Above Average

Patrol & Report.

Average

Date: / /19

District Commissioner

GPO 2000 - 1972/300-275

The District Commissioner  
Western Highlands District  
NIGHT RAGB

June 26th 1973  
67-14-35  
T.V. Dawson  
District Officer

*George P.*  
**MURKIN PATROL NO. 2-72/73**

Reference your Minute of 13th February, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Judicial  
arising out of the above patrol of the Dagon River area  
submitted by Mr. J.C. Olive, Assistant District Officer.

The delay in acknowledgement is regretful.

*J.C. Olive*  
J.C. Olive  
6/26/73

67-425 67-1-1

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Priority Act.

To SECRETARY - DEPT OF THE NAVY  
D.C. - Bureau Annex  
see MIA Report - JACKETS BR 1-2/72-73 due 1/3/73.

Attached please find two Patrol  
Jackets as requested for your review  
of 67-1-1 of 2nd February 1973 report.  
For your information, please

W. Sauer  
for D.C.



DDA 67-14-43.

## PATROL REPORT

From: Dwyer River

Office: Magenta

District: Western Highlands

Date No: 3 of 72/73

Conducted by: G. V. Morris

Deputy Assistant Patrol Officer

Duration: 7 months

Newspaper: Dwyer Patrol Days

Geographical Area: Dwyer River; Lomia-

Population: 16,000

Council Area: Dwyer-Lomia

House of Assembly Electorate: Kospian-Dwyer

Mag. Reference:

Law Panel: DPA No. 2 of 72/73

Object of Patrol: Investigation of the merits  
and demerits of the local government  
systems in general and the Dwyer-Lomia  
L.G.C. in particular.

The District Commissioner

In respect of this panel, I attach

the following items of information:

Area studied: all

Time spent: 7 months

Assistance: none

Equipment: none

Station Report No 1—

Directorate of Administration,  
Government of New Caledonia.

In respect of this panel, I attach

Area studied:

Working of area study:

Station Report No 1—

Dear Headquarters Government of  
Patrol & Report:

Dated 15/10/73.

Done this day of October 1973.

Short answer

Average

Below average

*M. T. Morris*

Director Commissioner

## POPULATION

Date of Count	Village	TOTALS			ADOLESCENTS			Grand Total		
		Under 18 and over		Under 18 and over		Under 18 and over		Under 18 and over		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
August 72	NAME									
	ANZED									
	(Name)	16	11	27	19	1		1	5	76
	(Tsimagin)	60	60	119	110			2	1	356
	(Muliwao)	27	55	91	84	2		1	1	122
	(Muriawa)	29	55	90	107	2		1	1	206
	(Witam)	52	58	70	73	2		1	1	147
	(Name)	33	51	79	67			2	2	133
	NAME									
	ANZED									
	Malia	24	17	45	38	1		1	8	106
	Malua	23	23	46	36	6		3	1	151
	Tsimagin	21	21	42	35	1				88
	Lolo Takiento	21	21	42	30	1				84
	NAME									
	ANZED									
	Chimba	44	40	84	86	6		7		257
	NAME									
	ANZED									
	Kolauwa	19	16	47	40	1		5		100
	Kolauwa	15	15	40	30	1		5		91
	Tsimagin	32	32	70	64	1		5		148
	Kloma	6	2	8	7	1		4		38
	Kolo Takiento	24	45	81	71	5		4		134
	Kolo Takiento	24	62	142	133	4		5		146
	NAME									
	ANZED									
	Tsimi Desyud	42	49	97	64			1		240
	" Lene	20	39	66	65					250
	" Tomya	12	28	78	53					201
	Kitam Rai	101	83	185	142	3		5		511
	" Nosa	21	44	99	72	2		2		220

TOTAL 5106

The District Commissioner  
Eastern Highlands District  
P.O. Box 17  
MURK RIVER

May 10, 1973  
57-14-43  
M.C.C.M.B.  
/A.D.C.

MURK RIVER PATROL NO. 3, 1972/73

Reference your Minute of 10th May 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report dated  
relating to the above patrol of Murk River and Lamine  
Canoe Division, as submitted by Mr. G.T. Morris,  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

W.H. Morris  
Secretary

POPULATION

EDUCATION

Graunt 1662/1682 = 2

## PATROL REPORT

Date 6/10/72

Report number: 3 of 1972/73  
District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS  
Patrol conducted by: PATROL OFFICER  
Area patrolled: DEI. L.G.C. (PART)  
Duration of patrol: 2/10/72 to 18/10/72  
Last D.D.A. patrol: IN PROGRESS.  
Last O.L.G. patrol: 18/2/72 to 1/3/72  
Map reference:

Object of patrol: COUNCIL ELECTION  
Section: BAIYRE RIVER.  
Sub-district: MIL, DEI, BAUYER  
Designation: PATROL OFFICER  
Personnel accompanying: COUNCIL CREW  
Number of days: TWO (2).  
Total population of area: 9,000  
Council areas: DEI. L.G.C.  
House of Assembly Electorate: DEI. GRN.

The District Commissioner,  
W.H. District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To (1-3)

Patrol Instructions ( )

The Report and my comments ( )

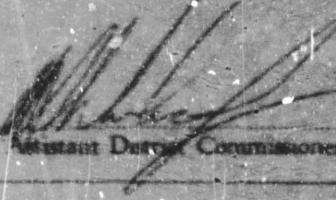
Area study ( )

Updating of area study ( )

Situation Reports No's 1— ( )

Patrol map ( )

DATE: 15/10/72

  
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study ( )

Updating of area study ( )

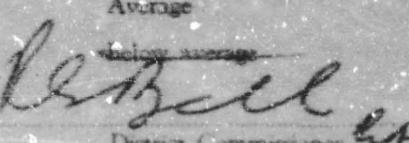
Situation Report No's 1— ( )

District Headquarters assessment of  
Patrol & Report Good

Above average

Average

Below average

  
District Commissioner

Date: 3/11/1973

BBM 67-14-①



200 January 1970

*Additional exhibits, Court reporter,  
Subpoenaed witness,  
etc.*

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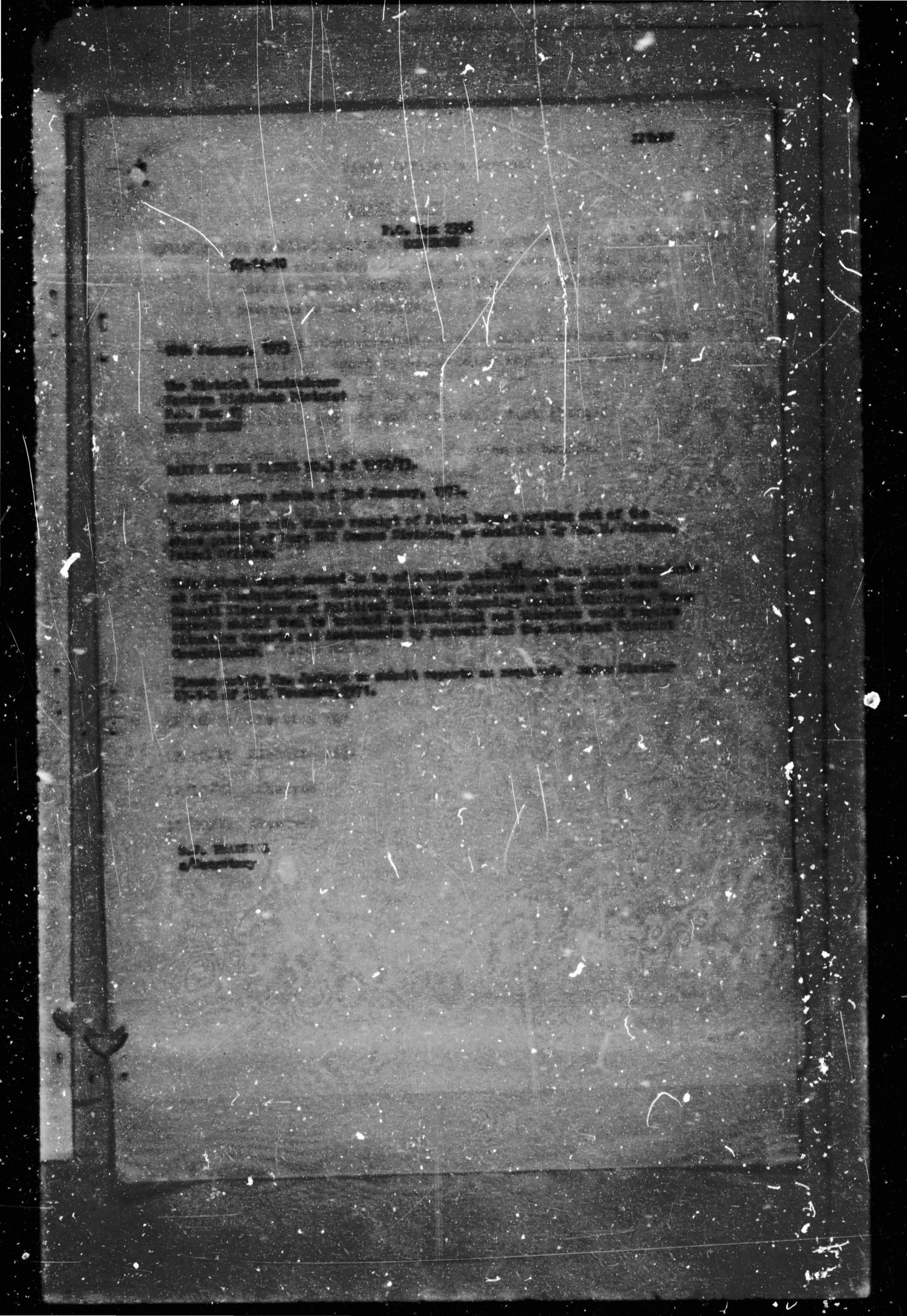
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1. Capacities and physical efficiency and having no liability for damage  
or personal injury resulting from such acts or omissions as  
are natural or ordinary consequences of the performance of his  
duties.
  2. The agent you engaged shall be subject to the same rules  
and regulations as all other agents of the company.
  3. I would be gratified to have the name of your  
agent in New York for you to furnish.
  4. The Standard has proved beyond doubt that the  
Standard is the best and most reliable insurance company in the  
world. It is a company that can be relied upon to  
keep its promises. If not, do not let me hear  
any more about it.
  5. Please accept my thanks for a  
most valuable reference from time to time.
  6. Your services on the KLMR road will certainly yield you a good  
sum. I am pleased that you are sending Mr. Robbins over to see you in  
New York.

**New York's  
Lester Allen**  
ALLAN  
County District Commissioner

C. S. District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
MURSHIDABAD.

The Secretary,  
Agent of the Administrator,



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Field Officer's Journal

PATROL DIARY

- 3/10/72 To Konjibi conducted election - confusion as to whether the people from Konjibi block were to vote or not. M.H.A. advised them not to vote. D.L.G.O. informed him personally took charge.
- 3/10/72 To Menga. Conducted election - M.H.A. refused to allow patrol to depart by withholding key to land cruiser.
- 4/10/72 To Mola. Refused to vote.  
D.L.G.O. advised and personally took charge.
- 5/10/72 Council Clerk conducted election at Mengim.  
Conducted election at Kotna.
- 6/10/72 Conducted election at Kotna.
- 7/10/72 Observed
- 8/10/72 Observed
- 9/10/72 Election at Amboga
- 10/10/72 Election Amboga
- 11/10/72 Election Bak
- 12/10/72 Election Yim
- 13/10/72 Election Tigi
- 14/10/72 Observed
- 15/10/72 Observed

~~PAYMENT DUE~~

~~TODAY 16TH OCTOBER 1972~~

~~RECEIVED FROM YOU AND WALKED TO BANK. CONDUCTED  
TRANSACTIONS. SIGNATURE.~~

~~17TH OCTOBER 1972~~

~~RECEIVED FROM YOU AT 11 A.M., CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC  
TRANSACTIONS. SIGNATURE.~~

~~18TH OCTOBER 1972~~

~~RECEIVED FROM YOU AT 11 A.M., KOTAK (DEI COUNCIL).~~

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## PATROL REPORT No.

Section	MUGLAPE	Officer Commanding	M.B. JACKSON
District	WESTERN HIGHLANDS	Subdistrict	MUGLAPE
Census Division	DEI	L.G. Council	DEI COUNCIL

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable or Substantive or District level, and of value to commanding officer. No copy is required to Headquarters.)

(For further pages, see following blank.)

CONTINUED ON

### INTRODUCTION

The main object of this patrol was to conduct Dei local Government Council elections for the following wards and carry out political education as regards Council Elections.

KLUJIBI	KOTIMA	PAGLI	PANK
NNEKA	AMBUGA	YIM	BOLOMA
NAKA	BUK	TIGI	

This report is not an election report, but a situation report of the areas visited.

### ELECTIONS.

Two polling booths were used throughout the elections.

Attendance rate at the beginning of the elections was good. However, diminished dramatically when a MOGA (pig exchange ceremony) was held in the vicinity and involving a great many eligible voters.

The election for the most part was orderly, competition for the seats not overly active (as most Councillors were re-elected). In some cases, candidates failed to register any voter whatsoever or even to show up at the polling.

Because of misunderstanding at KEMJIBI and MALA there was much refusal to vote. The incidents were immediately reported to Mr. R. Riddell, D.L.G.S., who personally took charge for the elections at those places. The incidents will no doubt be fully explained in the Election Report. They were of little political significance and resulted mainly from lack of communication and understanding at the council meetings prior to the elections and involved changes to the constitution which, because the applications were not submitted in time, were not included.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

1. Councillors derive their power from the traditional system which requires them to be popular, generous leaders who safeguard the interests of their particular class.

2. This works against the effective functioning of the Council, as they are not prepared to drive their fellow-councillors too hard.

3. They appeal to the 'kiaf' as a policeman, rather than apply whatever sanctions they have, too stringently.

4. A policy, whereby work motivation be initiated from within the village level before any great deal of Government assistance is given (intervention) may help to alleviate the problem - a problem which will at independence be of greater significance than it is at present.

#### TAX

1. The tax problem in Dei is well known- possible solutions included in patrol reports 12 and 29 Mount Magen of 1971/72, it seems have not been put into practice nor have they been considered as possibilities to ease the problem.

2. If a Council is unable or does not collect tax from employees ( as was found to be the case at Del ), it would soon wary improbable that the Local Government sector is able to make any impression at all on the village dwellers in the area, when attempting to collect tax.

3. A stronger attitude towards tax collection must be employed if Local Government Councils are to survive as we now know them.

POLITICALLY

1. The M.H.A. for Del, MACH KIRI, accompanied the patrol and was present on several polling days.

2. He talked to the assembled people in House of Assembly, political education etc. etc.

3. At KENJIBI and MABA he publicly denounced Mr. TAKIBI, R.L.G.O., and the Adviser for Del for not carrying out their function properly and to his directives ( re changing of the constitution ).

4. At Menga he held the key to the Council landcruiser and refused to hand it over or let the car depart until he gave his directive. This seemed obviously an attempt to 'big note' himself and show off his importance for benefit of assembled multitude, as later, when not in the public eye, he would be very helpful and promise continuing assistance wherever possible.

THE AND OTHER

Concern was voiced by the manager of Tigi Plantation,  
re being abused while travelling to and from the plantation.

There seems little justification for any abuse by the  
locals and they voice no animosity for any expatriates in the area.

Although at this point there seems little provocation  
for such behaviour, the area should be watched carefully.

It is interesting to note that, a little over one year  
ago the writer was greeted with gaiety whenever travelling in the area.  
During the election little enthusiasm was shown in the fact that a  
Government official was there.

It was also reported that the police stationed at YAN  
were hearing unofficial courts whereby they extracted sums of money -  
reported by KENTAGL TUTHERIAN MISSION. There are no facts to support  
these allegations.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

The people voiced fear of coming independence. They cannot  
fully comprehend just what independence and self-government will mean  
and are therefore naturally suspicious and fearful of it.

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They feel also that without expatriate lawlessness and corruption will increase dramatically.

The lack of adequate political education material however field work in this sphere.

KELIA-REIDNA ROAD

Road progress was good up until Mr. Bowden M.P.A. was transferred from the project. No work has been undertaken since his departure and it seems that the Councillors and members lack the incentive to continue with the project without the supervision of a field officer.

NOTE : Local Government Council para 1-4. Small elided and ~~REIDNA~~ are numerous and will become a hindrance to progress unless put in check before they become major projects within themselves.

  
(H.B. JACKSON)

Patrol Officer



## PATROL REPORT

Report number: 4 of 72/73 BAINTER RIVER

District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Patrol conducted by: H.C.OLIVE A.D.O.

Area controlled: LHMIS CENSUS DIVISION

Duration of patrol: 10/4/73 - 13/4/73.

Last D.D.A. patrol: 5 of 71/72.

Last O.L.G. patrol: 3 of 72/73.

Map reference: FORTNOL OF RAMU  
MILNG OF BAINTER.

Objects of patrol: AREA STUDY

Station: BAINTER RIVER

Sidistrict: MUGAAMP

Designation: ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Personnel accompanying: MR. L.MOHAR A.P.O.

Number of days: 4 days

Total population of area: 5106

Council area: BAINTER LEMSA

House of Assembly Electorate: KOMPLAN/BAINTER.

The District Commissioner,

H. C. Olive,  
District.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios T-

Patrol Instructions

The Report and my comments.

Area study.

Updating of area study.

Situation Reports No's 1--

Patrol map.

DATE: 19

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KORIDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study.

Updating of area study.

Situation Report No's 1--

District Headquarters assessment of  
Patrol & Report

ABOVE average

Average

Below average

L. C. Olive  
District Commissioner

Date: 10/4/73



DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:  
TELEPHONE:

District Headquarters,  
P.O. Box 17,  
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D., PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister  
and Development Administration,  
P.O. Box 2396,  
**KONEDOMU.** P.N.G.

Date: 19th December, 1973  
Our Reference: WED. 1104

Action Officer: R.A. HIATT  
Designee: D.D.C.

Your Reference:  
Date:

BAIYER RIVER PATROL REPORT NO. 4/72-73.  
AREA STUDY - LUNIS AREA.

Attached please find two copies of an Area Study revision of the Lunis Administrative Area of the Baiyer River Council area. The study was compiled by A.D.O. Mr. Olive.

The report does not follow the required format of updating an Area Study, consequently instructions are being issued to have the revision done correctly. However, as the revision is long overdue, this interim revision is forwarded to assist in updating your records.

*L.J. Douglas*  
L.J. DOUGLAS  
District Commissioner,

PATROL MAP TO ACCOMPANY

PATROL REPORT NO 4

BAYER RIVER 1972/3

SCALE 2 miles = 1 inch

XXXXXX Proposed Roads

LAI RIVER

NO 3

OBIA RIVER

LAI RIVER

BAYER RIVER  
WESTERN HIGHLANDS  
INDIA

S.C. OLIVE - A.D.O.  
MELAMP  
BAYER/INDIA.

**AREA STUDY**  
**INDIA: BAYER DIVISION**

(a)

**GENERAL** - The India Census Division covers approximately 40 Sq miles and is situated between MELAMP and BAYER being part of the old BAYER/INDIA CENSUS DIVISION. It is bounded by the LAK MELAMP and BAYER RIVERS.

The fairly dry, aridized grasses run through the middle of the area, covering the MELAMP and BAYER rivers. The terrain is generally rugged and the people tend to live along the ridge tops. At the head of the LAK and BAYER rivers there is a heavily forested area, therefore most of the area is short of timber, due mainly to population pressures as the land there is very fertile.

The area has an average rainfall of about 120 mm a year.

(b) Access and Transport

The main centre for the area is at BAYER however there are four towns at Kowayali, Phayuda, Pahirap, and Banjapura.

Generally access to the area is by road to BAYER about 2 hours drive from the Patrol Post at Pahirap. There is a poor vehicle road from BAYER to Kowayali. All other centres are reached on foot, a road has been started from BAYER to PHAYUDA but will not connect to Kowayali. A fair bus service can be posted to BAYER. There is a Motorcycles Workshop at BAYER which is used 7 day a week (Out-Patrol Strip).

(c) Habitants

In the early 1950's a patrol officer called at BAYER for several months with a gun, rifle and a shotgun. It was then postulated that BAYER would be a good place to settle and BAYER was chosen as the settlement and stayed with them for about two (2) years until 1957 when they moved across to the newly formed BAYER COUNTRY.

The first permanent Court established in 1958 in late 1959, which has since given to fairly large settlements.

(d) POPULATION AND SETTLEMENT

The population of the area as enumerated in 1957 was 5136 people who live fairly evenly scattered around the entire area, although as has been previously stated, they do tend to settle along the ridge tops.

A record of the census figures taken in August 1972 is recorded on the patrol journals.

(e)

The figures suggest a natural increase of 1% per annum over the last three years. No explanation is offered for this rather low figure, but poor health services in the BAYER/PHAYUDA areas could be a contributing factor.

There is also the possibility of clerical error, as new census books were compiled for the census.

Lack of detailed census information as previously received makes it harder to single out possible errors. The next census should be an informative enumeration. All the people in the area are Baga speakers.

#### (b) Access to Villages

HINDI and HINDHALLI are the only places accessible by car. Good walking tracks exist to the other centres. The proposed road construction from HINDI to Pinyapais and Belidrap and eventually HINDHALLI was proposed when the people became uncooperative early this year. Rotations has gone again and when an officer is available the work will start again.

#### (c) LABOUR Movement

Although there are few educated people at HINDI who have jobs outside the area working for the army or drivers and electrical jobs, the majority are Highlands Labour Scheme workers.

There is no local employment available in the area, outside the Mission.

### 2. SOCIAL STRUCTURE

#### (a) Ethnicity

There is no distinct pattern as to the migratory habits of these people, however there has been movement over the last few years. The HINDI people seem to be more akin to the Bajura, the Pinyapais people to the HINDHALLI and the Yelinga people to the HINDHALLI.

The four main clans are ABHA, Bajra, HINDI, and HINDI HAI. These are larger groups than their counterparts in the Bajura Area. Most of these groups have internal antagonisms, mostly relating to land.

#### (b) Internal Social Relation

Externally there is considerable inter-clan friction in the area, mainly relating to their land problems. They do stick together closely as a block at Council meetings and similar type functions. At the time of the patrol there was one instance of pressure from the entire area to break away from the Bajura District Council and start a Council of their own. Although this trend of thought is dying down, it was interesting to observe how they approached their problem as a very united and consolidated block, forgetting all internal differences they may have had.

#### (c) External Social Relationships

Fairly good in all directions. Marriages and traditional exchanges take place with all neighbours. Their clearly defined natural boundaries has kept their border disputes to a minimum. Their external dealings take them to their nearest towns i.e. HINDHALLI, HINDI or K.L., HINDI - ALIEN, PINYAPAI - HINDHALLI, GURURU, HINDHALLI and BAJURA.

### 3. LEADERSHIP

A mixture of young and old determine the leadership pattern, which is dependent on what is being dealt with. In traditional matters the older traditional leaders take a more active hand, whereas with Council court and administrative work with the younger Commissioners and Commissaries.

The traditional leader is rapidly on the decline and the successful business men are coming into more into the limelight. These men are considerably younger than their counter equivalents pre Administration Missions, would have been. The M.L.A. Trediya Lashkild from Lumbi has lost some of his previous popularity.

His position stemmed from his affiliations with the Baptist Mission who are very influential throughout the whole area. The Baptist Pastors also play a notable part in the leadership pattern of the area.

### 4. Land Issues and Law

There is almost no alienated land in the area so the traditional pattern of land ownership remains. A father passes down ground for use by his various sons, and he divides it between them, sometimes with the aid of local brokers. With ever increasing pressure on land and a greater appreciation of its value, disputes have risen up on small and large scales. There is an unmet need within the area for a practical solution to land disputes. Land ~~dispute~~ is a clear matter.

#### (b) Land Compensation

This was attempted by an individual from HINDI but the opposition to it was very extensive and never had much hope of getting off the ground. Future Compensation on an individual scale, will not be acceptable to these people for a long time to come. HINDI

#### (a) Salt

Most individuals have coffee plots. With opening of the IRMS ROAD this has made selling coffee a much easier problem to handle, but there is pressure for a road to Pinyepin and Nabitup. Their main reason for wanting this road is as a means of selling their coffee.

There are no other economic outlets for the people of this area at present, and prospects for the future are poor, the main reason being land shortages.

#### 6. EDUCATION

There are two Primary "P" Schools in the area, at IRMS and PIMAPARI. These are still handled by Mission staff but have been handed over to the Council and Education Department. The Council is always willing to spend unlimited funds on schools.

At present IRMS School has four classes 1, 2, 3, and 5 with 107 boys and 38 girls. Pinyepin also operates 4 classrooms 1, 3, 4 and 6 with 119 boys and 25 girls.

This is a total of 279 boys and 63 (approx.) girls as compared with 109 boys and 71 girls (260) in 1953. I am not sure of the reason for the decline in the number of girls, however it was suggested that parents are reluctant to send their girls to school, because once educated, they tend to move to other areas, marry for away from home, and give up all traditional roles in their area.

Currently there are 18 High School students from the area and one University Student in Kuching who is reading Law. There are also two students at the LSS Technical College. It is anticipated that this figures will now start to increase fairly steadily.

Generally throughout the area there is the normal enthusiasm for schools and there is a good supply of children the require places in schools.

#### 7. Standard of LIVING

There is a slow continual improvement in the standard of living in the area (considerably slower than Kuching). Houses remain basically unchanged, however all have new pit latrine facility. Most of the Gadjillers are traditional thatch thatch houses but tend to dress European style when coming to Kuching for visiting etc.

Although most basic stores are not particularly numerous, they do form a fairly large consumer of rice and fish, and the Co-operative who run a bulk store (Bukit), at IRMS have reported continued increases in turnover, since they were established in February, 1952. Every household has its share of cows, just lambs, swine, and cooking utensils.

The consumption of beer is on the increase in the area and largely the brew parties are not unknown, but has not affected this area as much as the Kuching.

#### 8. Missions

The entire area is very much affected by the active Baptist Centre at IRMS, which in turn is controlled from the main Baptist Centre at Kuching in the Klayer.

They are responsible for all the health and educational facilities that currently exist in the area, and nothing occurs without some degree of Mission influence. The Pastors here are a little less influential than in the Klayer area, however hold considerable sway over the people.

They have a very good moral rapport with the people and little or no animosity appears to exist between them. Most of their activities are concentrated on Evangelistic matters, since they started to cut down on educational assistance.

#### 9. INDUSTRY

There are no non indigenous enterprises within the area as such. A few Missionaries are the only expatriates living in the area.

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS

Roads have been previously discussed. The MARAHAMAH road appears to be something of the far distant future.

The Mission strip at IRMS will continue to operate as at present for the foreseeable future.

#### 11. TECHNICAL and CHEMICAL SKILLS

Basically there are very few skilled workers in the area, however there are a lot of semi trained and self taught carpenters who can put up trade stores etc. Many would make fairly good carpenters assistants, but few are genuine carpenters. There are couple of plumbers who are really no more than tank labour, locally trained. There are about half a dozen who would consider themselves Glaziers, mostly females and dependant husbands. From approximately 1950-52 Pemantap had Standard 6, apparently to feel they are too good to do manual labour, and are considered high-class by their fellow, but otherwise have caused no great problems to date.

12. Opinion of Political Development

The area on the whole, in spite of having an M.L.A in their midst is fairly backward on the subject of political awareness. There is a very real fear of the effects of Self Government and Independence and a total rejection of the concept. Many are reluctant to even discuss such topics.

Councillor KIYAL of HMG was very vocal on the subject when Mr Somare visited BALIWER last year. They refer to the Chief Minister as "that man from the NCML. I never think of his name". Most of their argument arguments contain very little logic and they are not inclined to listen to reason. The former M.L.A is the only in one to show any real understanding of the Political Situation at a National level.

As a result of what they initially considered their poor lot they tried to start a breakaway movement in the Council. This has now died a natural death. The next tax collection due shortly will be a good indication of current attitudes towards the Council, as their breakaway movement was all they were prepared to discuss during the patrol.

There is no anti-white feeling in the area, on the contrary they expressed considerable fears with regards to localisation.

13. TRADE OF THE AREA

The only real source of income for the area is coffee. After discussion with the Manager of the HMG CO-OPERATIVE it would appear that approximately 125 tons of coffee was sold out for the area, between JUNE, 1972 and JUNE, 1973, for which amount \$41,000 would have paid, estimating on the average price of coffee for the year.

It was also estimated that \$35,000 worth of wholesale goods were traded into the area over this period, to be distributed over the 90 trade stores in the area. Over the year they paid approximately \$11,000 in tax. The extra income to cover this would have come from dividends from the Co-operative and the sale of pigs, which is unusual.

They are part of the very successful Raga Co-operative (based at RAGA) which is the only noticeable business in the area. This would have paid approximately \$5,000 in dividends to share holder from the HMG area. These figures indicate a fairly stable balance of trade in and out of the area.

14. Attitudes towards Local Government Council

As previously stated at the time of the patrol there was a strong communist movement throughout the entire area to break away from the council and form a new council of their own. They felt all their tax money was being spent on the Bajyer side and none on their side. This was in fact totally incorrect, however they were reluctant to listen to reason. The basis for their complaint was the closure of the HMG ROAD for several months due to a very large land slide and a number of smaller ones, in the Lekin valley. They were extremely uncooperative in helping to clear the slides, as administration assistance was dropped until they adopted a better attitude. After several months they realised that the only people who were suffering from this was themselves, they organised themselves a bit, and the road was reopened in no time. Since then they all seem fairly happy with the Council. The breakaway movement was told they would be given no assistance.

The next tax collection, due shortly will be an interesting indication of their true feelings, however the council has allocated expenditure on health, education, and roads in the area, with all centres receiving at least one of the abovementioned benefits.

The Councillors have always felt that they should pay less tax than the Bajyers, and are always a difficult block when the council tries to pass tax rates. They find it difficult to appreciate that expenditure on the HMG ROAD on the Bajyer side of the border is for their benefit, although the road closure on the Bajyer side brought the message home a little.

The availability of an officer to settle at HMG permanently will do a lot to reduce their lack of understanding, and will start work again in the area, which will make the tax payers a lot happier.

15. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Virtually no accommodation outside the Mission or the rest house. A few businesses cars carry passengers but petrol is obtained from Bajyer or Raga. Coffee from the entire area is sold at HMG, carried there by foot.

## **POPULATION**

## PATROL REPORT

Station: Baiyer River  
Substation: Bay Lamp  
District: Western Highlands  
Report No.: 45 1972/73  
Conducted by: K.H. Poga  
Designation: A.D.C.  
Duration: ~~12/6/73-13/6/73~~  
No. of Days: Seven days  
Cross District: None

Population: 16,000  
Council Area: Baiyer-Lamian  
Head of Assembly: Elected Councilor  
Map Reference: SDA 204 3-1972/73  
Law Patrol:  
Office of Patrol: ~~Patrol Station of Lamian,  
Baiyer-Lamian, Western Highlands  
Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea~~  
~~41 per station~~

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Area Study:

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
Field Officer Journal Police To  
Area Information  
The Report and my comments  
Area study,   
Update of area study,   
Situation Reports Nos 1—  
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District Headquarters assessment of  
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