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PATROL REPORT OF: LAE MOROBE

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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1963/64

LAE, WAU, MENYAMBA, and MUMENE

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
<u>LAE</u>		
1-63/64	P. T. Worsley	Wain Census Division
6-63/64	R. D. Donovan	Komalili Census Division
<u>WAU</u>		
1-63/64	A. R. Jones	Eloa
<u>MENYAMBA</u>		
6-63/64	C. D. Waite	Part Wapi Census Division
<u>MUMENE</u>		
1-63/64	P. Hayward	Buang Census Division
7-63/64	P. J. Wright	Buang, Mumeng and Middle Watut C/Ds



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. 1-63/64 ^{MUMENG}

Patrol Conducted by P. MAYNARD C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BUANG CENSUS DIVISION MUMENG.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
Mr. K. KARUKURU A.P.O.

Natives Members R.P. & N.G.

Duration—From 1/7/1963 to 19/7/1963

Number of Days 13 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services -/11/1963

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

Map Reference 2022 Huon Gulf Special @ 4 miles to 1".

Objects of Patrol See A.D.O.'s instructions enclosed.

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

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29th October, 1963.

The District Officer,
Morobe District,
L A E.

MOROBE PATROL NO. 1-63/64:

The report of the above patrol has been received but the remarks of the Assistant District Officer, Mumeng did not accompany it.

Anyone who has travelled on that part of the Buang Road already constructed would agree that explosives are necessary for widening it in certain places and extension. I am most interested in the Vagua Airstrip. It could mean to the Buang what Boana means to the Wain. Mr. Smith was very enthusiastic about the economic and political development of the Buang people while he was at Mumeng and now that he has been transferred to Finschhafen you should ensure that the various projects that he continued and initiated are kept alive.

Like you, I am very satisfied with this well presented report which indicates that Mr. Maynard carried out his task conscientiously and effectively.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

JPS:RES

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

21st August, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

MUMENG PATROL NO. 1 - 1963/64

I am enclosing herewith a report of a patrol to the Buang Census Division conducted by Mr. P. Maynard, Cadet Patrol Officer. The report is supported by copy of Patrol Instructions issued to the Officer, comments by the Assistant District Officer, Mumeng and a clear sketch map.

It is pleasing to see a young Officer submitting such a well typed, clearly set out report.

Mr. Maynard's prime task was the compilation of the preliminary list for the common roll for the Buang Census Division. This work was successfully completed and this marks the completion of the Common Roll for Natives in the Mumeng Sub-District.

The census was also revised and census figures are attached to the report.

Mr. Smith's comments adequately cover this report and I have little to add.

The land disputes mentioned by Mr. Maynard will be forwarded in due course as part of the List of Disputes from the Mumeng Sub-District.

I am glad to see that Mr. Maynard took an intelligent interest in the small disputes which were brought to his attention. Providing a Cadet always remembers he has no legal powers to decide such disputes, it is very good training for him to interest himself in these matters.

It is currently proposed that the Buang will be included in the Mumeng Council area and the Village Committee system mentioned at page 8 will then tend to disappear. I remember when I was patrolling the Buangs in 1950, each village had unofficial Village Councils, but they did not appear to achieve very much.

It is pleasing to see the increase in the number of mature coffee trees in the Buangs. The presence of an Agricultural Officer in the Sub-District must be of considerable assistance to the people. My experience of Mr. Webster, Agricultural Officer is that he is an exceedingly energetic young man.

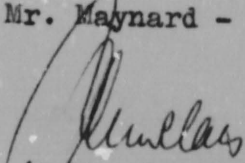
I will bring the matter of Native poultry breeding to the attention of the District Agricultural Officer.

During a recent Station Inspection I accompanied Mr. Smith on an inspection of the Buang Road. I am taking up the matter of assistance with explosives with the District Commissioner.

I have arranged with the District Airport Inspector for an inspection of the Vagau Airstrip probably within the next fortnight.

The Buang people have always been a conservative lot and they have always tended to live their own lives, content to remain in the confines of their valley. The young men continue to move far afield but most Buang people seem to return to their valley, finally.

A good patrol by Mr. Maynard - well presented.


(J.P. SINCLAIR)
District Officer.

c.c. A.D.O. MUMENG.

Mr. P. Maynard, C.P.O. LAE.



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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-4.

Department of Native Affairs,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

22nd July 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL No.1 - 63/64.

OFFICER CONDUCTING : P. Maynard. C.P.O.

ACCOMPANIED BY : Mr. K. Karukara. A.P.O.

DURATION : 1/7/63 to 19/7/63.
Of 19 days duration.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : 2 members of R.P.&N.G.C.

MAP REFERENCE : 2022 Huon Gulf Special. 4m to 1".

OBJECTS : As per A.D.O.s instructions
enclosed herewith.



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*In Reply
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No. 67-1-4.

Department of Native Affairs,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

29th June, 1963.

Mr. P. Waynard.
Cadet Patrol Officer,
MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL No.9 - 62/63.

As verbally advised please prepare to leave on patrol to the Buang Census Division on the 1st July 1963. All villages in the Census Division are to be visited.

Your main task is to prepare the Common Roll for the census division in accordance with D.N.A. Circulars.

The 1962/63 census figures are to be revised and your report is to include a Village Population Register for the Census Division.

Particular attention is to be paid to hygiene and sanitation in the villages and a full report is to be submitted on your return.

No Local Government Survey is to be undertaken although if the subject is broached by the people their views should be reported.

Before leaving on your patrol all latest reports on patrols in the census division should read. These will give you an idea on the type of material to be gathered for your report.

The air-strip at VAGAU is to be visited and a progress report is to be submitted. Also discussions should be held with the people of the Head -water area to determine the cause of their reluctance to complete the final section of the air-strip.

Two Constables will accompany you on the patrol which should take you approximately three weeks to complete.

You will also be accompanied by Assistant Patrol Officer Mr. K. Karukuru who will assist you in the compilation of the Common Roll and census for the area.

(GORDON SMITH)
Assistant District Officer.

INTRODUCTION :

This patrol was concerned mainly with the compilation of the Common Roll in the Buang Census Division. During the patrol all villages and most hamlets in the area were visited.

DIARY :Monday July 1st. :

Prepared patrol equipment in morning. Equipment to MARIGANI 0730 hours per station Land-rover.

Departed MUMENG 1430 hours in company of A.P.O. Mr. K. Karukuru. To bridge over Snake River on Buang Road. Departed bridge 1500 hours. Arrived start of Kwasang track 1630 hours. Arrived Kwasang rest house 1830 hours. Overnight at Kwasang.

Tuesday July 2nd :

Police Constable despatched to MUMENG 0800 hours to carry correspondence to A.D.C. and to collect mail for patrol.

Mr. K. Karukuru and self departed Kwasang rest house 0800 hours to Lunakani Hamlet for compilation of Common Roll and census. Commenced 0900 hours. Rain interrupted work 1200 hours. No sign of rain ceasing at 1300 hours so returned to rest house.

Discussions held with people during afternoon. Constable returned from MUMENG 1900 hours. Overnight at Kwasang.

Wednesday July 3rd :

Cargo readied for continuation of patrol to Manga. Mr. Karukuru to Lunakani Hamlet for completion of Common Roll and census. Self departed Kwasang 0815 hours. Arrived Yowania Hamlet 0840 hours. Inspection of hamlet completed 0900 hours.

Departed Yowania 0900 hours - arrived Bogumatu 0945 hours. Discussions with village officials on condition of road leading to village. Commenced village inspection 1030 hours. Completed 1130 hours.

Inspection of road down to main Kwasang - Manga road. Completed 1230 hours. Common Roll and census commenced 1230 hours - completed 1600 hours. Discussions held with people. 2 applications for Special Arms Permits received.

Departed Bogumatu 1710 hours - arrived Manga 1730 hours. Discussions with Village Officials on next days programme.

To dinner with Misses Roma Lordwick and Joan Healy of the 'Summer Institute of Linguistics'.

Returned to rest house. Overnight at Manga.

Thursday July 4th :

Mr. K. Karukuru to Manga for Common Roll and census compilation.

Thursday July 4th :

Self departed Manga 0830 hours - arrived Tokanen 0915 hours. Discussions with people. Common Roll and census commenced 1000 hours. Completed 1400 hours. Village inspected 1600 to 1700 hours. Further discussions held with people.

Departed Tokanen 1700 hours - arrived back in Manga 1745 hours.

Two members of S.I.L. to dinner in evening.

Overnight at Manga rest house.

Friday July 5th :

To Lagis - Common Roll and census completed by 1430 hours. Village inspected. Discussions held with people. Trouble over pigs. To be discussed tomorrow morning at Manga.

Departed Lagis 1745 hours - arrived back in Manga 1830 hours. Overnight at Manga rest house.

Saturday July 6th :

Discussions with people of Manga, Tokanen, Lagis commenced 0900 hours. Many subjects discussed. Application for Special Arms Permit received. Talks on pig troubles.

Departed Manga 1200 hours - arrived Papekani 1300 hours. Common Roll and census compiled. Talks to be held at Mapos tomorrow.

Departed Papekani 1800 hours - arrived Mapos 1930 hours. Overnight at Mapos rest house.

Sunday July 7th :

0800 hours commenced renovating rest house. Good work done with assistance of village men.

1130 hours commenced discussions with people of Papekani and Lagis. Land dispute settled satisfactorily for present. (See under 'Land Dispute'). Many topics discussed.

Afternoon inspected village. Discussions with women on handicrafts and with men on carpentry. Overnight at Mapos.

Monday July 8th :

0800 hours commenced Common Rolling and censusing Mapos 1. Continued until 1200 hours. Resumed 1245 hours and completed by 1700 hours. Overnight at Mapos.

Tuesday July 9th :

0800 hours departed rest house. Arrived Mapos 2 0830 hours. Commenced Common Roll and census 0900 hours. Completed 1600 hours. Discussions with people on various subjects. 1730 hours returned to rest house.

Yesterday Mr. Karukuru walked to Sinagei and Chimbulo Villages for compilation of Common Roll and census. Today he compiled same in Sagaiyo and Siyugai Villages. Mr. Karukuru returned to rest house 1815 hours.

Overnight at Mapos rest house.

Wednesday July 10th :

People cleaned area around rest house in morning.

Wednesday July 10th : (Continued).

Mr. K. Karukuru and self to inspect caves of anthropological interest a short distance from Sagaiyo Village. Inspected lengthy cave not far from main road. Also inspected an old tribal 'burial ground' as previously reported on by E.M.A. Mr. R. Thras of Mumeng Native Hospital while on a medical patrol to the area. Returned to rest house 1200 hours.

Discussions held with people in afternoon. Several minor complaints settled. Talks on proposed Local Government Council for Buangs. An attempt was made to establish a 'Village Advisory Committee'. Overnight at Mapos.

Thursday July 11th :

Departed Mapos 1130 hours after holding minor discussions with people. Arrived Bulantim Village Approx. 1245 hours. Mapos Aid Post inspected enroute.

Departed Bulantim 1300 hours - arrived Lomalom Village 1310 hours. Common Roll and census compiled. Discussions with people. Several minor disputes attended to. Two of these concerned poultry.

Returned to Bulantim 1800 hours. Mr. Karukuru returned to rest house 1830 hours after poor light and bad weather had made it impossible to continue compiling the Common Roll for Bulantim Village.

Overnight at Bulantim rest house.

Friday July 12th :

Mr. Karukuru to Bulantim to complete Common Roll and census. When completed he is to accompany the cargo to Rari Village and compile Common Roll and census there.

Self departed Bulantim 0900 hours to Dawong. Arrived 1030 hours. Enroute observed marker pegs of proposed Buang road as marked or proposed by visiting P.W.D. Road Engineer who surveyed the route the week prior to this patrol.

Commenced compiling Common Roll and census 1100 hours. Completed by 1600 hours. Discussions with people - village inspection - several recommendations made as village in poor condition.

Departed Dawong 1715 hours - arrived Hari 1830 hours. On to Bugwev approximately 10 mins walking. Overnight in newly constructed Aid Post as no rest house available. Accommodation quite satisfactory.

Saturday July 13th :

Departed Bugwev Aid Post 0900 hours to Gambia Village. Arrived 0930 hours. Common Roll and census compiled completed 1100 hours. Discussions with people. Village inspected. Talks with Trade Store proprietor.

Departed Gambia 1230 hours - arrived Ayaiyok Village 1240 hours. Common Roll and census commenced 1300 hours. Completed 1600 hours. Discussions with people completed 1730 hours. Village inspected.

Departed Ayaiyok 1740 hours - arrived Mambump 1800 hours.
Overnight at Mambump rest house.

Sunday July 14th :

Discussions with people. Investigation into Native Enquiree by M/A JANJAP of Mambump Village. Talks with Mambump Village Officials on programme for following day.

Afternoon observed. Overnight at Mambump.

Monday July 15th :

Rain hindered work in morning. Mr. Karukuru to Mambump for compilation of Common Roll and census 0930 hours. Self to Vagau - arrived 1015 hours. Inspection of Vagau air-strip carried out.

Discussions held with people in afternoon. Heavy rain continued. Cargo arrived with Mr. Karukuru in afternoon. Overnight at Vagau. No rest house available so Mr. Karukuru and self accommodated in house belonging to SEP/LOI a Native D.A.S.P. Field Worker. Accommodation quite satisfactory. Overnight at Vagau.

Tuesday July 16th :

Rain in morning. Some work done on air-strip supervised by Mr. Karukuru and self.

Afternoon self compiled Common Roll and census for Vagau Village. Mr. Karukuru supervised further work on air-strip.

Overnight at Vagau.

Wednesday July 17th :

Self to Bugai'au in morning. Common Roll and census compiled. Late start due to heavy rain earlier in morning. Discussions held with people. Village inspected. Departed Bugai'au 1800 hours - arrived back in Vagau 1900 hours.

Mr. Karukuru supervised construction air-strip although work interrupted by rain several times during day.

Overnight at Vagau.

Thursday July 18th :

Self to Muniau Village in morning. Common Roll and census compiled. Village inspected. Discussions held with people on various subjects. 2 applications for Special Arms Permits received.

Departed Muniau 1600 hours - arrived back in Vagau 1700 hours. Inspection of Mambump Aid Post enroute.

Today Mr. Karukuru worked on reconciliation of census figures received from the villages visited to date.

Overnight at Vagau.

Friday July 19th :

Self departed Vagau 0700 hours in company of Mr. Karukuru to return to NUMENG. Arrived Gangwei Rest House 1030 hours. Arrived Marigani 1245 hours. Back in NUMENG by 1500 hours. Cargo arrived with 2 members of R.P. & N.G.C. about 1800 hours.

END OF DIARY.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS :

The Common Roll :

During the course of the patrol a total of 4433 names were recorded, this being the total adult (over 16 years of age) population of the census division. The Common Roll for the Mumeng Sub-District is now almost complete with only the Europeans and Natives from other areas to be enrolled.

In all a total of 9951 names have been recorded in the four census divisions of the Mumeng Sub-District. The collecting of these names has taken a period of approximately two months which involved two major patrols, (Mumeng Patrol No.7 - 62/63 and Mumeng Patrol No.1 - 63/64) and several minor day patrols.

The numbers of people enrolled for each census division are as follows.

MUMENG	2717
BUANG	4433
MIDDLE WATUT	1572
LOWER WATUT	1029
<u>TOTAL :</u>	<u>9951</u>

Pig Disputes :

Several pig disputes were brought to the attention of the patrol and these were amicably settled for the present. However it was pointed out to the people involved that while pigs in the Buangs enjoyed their present freedom to roam at will, there was no hope of avoiding future pig disputes what-so-ever.

Most of the villages towards the Headwater Region have got rid of their pigs although towards the Mumeng end of the census division large numbers of pigs are still to be found. The owners of pigs are strongly against fencing in their animals. They claim that when the animals are fenced in they either become diseased or for some reason or other their condition deteriorates.

Another thing which struck me on this patrol is the amount of work involved in constructing these 'pig proof' fences. If the pig owners do not construct these fences then the farmers of the area are compelled to do so to protect their crops. This, to my mind hardly seemed fair that so many should have to suffer for so few.

In view of all the difficulties involved I feel that pigs will eventually disappear in the Lower Buangs as they have in the Headwater area. Except perhaps for isolated individuals who will devote the whole of their activities to the raising of these animals.

Land Dispute :

An old land dispute was brought to light again during this patrol. This was a dispute between Papekani and Lasis villages. It was originally attended to by P/O A.E. Carey in 1948. (See

Mumeng Patrol Report No.2/48.).

M/A MANGAIN of Papokani Village had broken the terms of an agreement which had been arrived at through general discussions with all interested parties involved in 1948.

The sum of £1 had been paid for a small area of land in an effort to both straighten and determine the boundary between the two villages. It was decided that both villages should respect the terms of the agreement, one of which was that neither village breach the boundary decided on.

MANGAIN's father had fully observed these conditions and had refrained from using an area of land which had previously belonged to him and which was on the Lagis side of boundary. Although he himself was originally a Lagis Native. MANGAIN however had considered that his father had not fully understood the terms of the agreement. As his father is now deceased he considered that ownership of the land had reverted to him and he proceeded to plant crops on the area. This of course alarmed the people of Lagis Village who considered that the terms of the 1948 agreement were being broken.

A general meeting of the people of both villages was called and the matter was discussed. All Village Officials were present and the matter was fully understood by all.

The result of the discussions was that the terms of the old agreement were to be observed in future. The people of Lagis recognised MANGAIN's ownership of the land and it was suggested that he go back to Lagis, live in Lagis and farm on the land which had previously been his father's; but they did not want him living in Papokani and farming on land which belonged to a clan residing in Lagis.

The matter was concluded when MANGAIN, who did not want to leave Papokani Village decided not to do any further farming on the land and to leave the land in charge of his sister who lives in Lagis Village. This settlement was agreeable to all and was fully understood by all Village Officials. A full report was written into the Village Book with reference being made to Patrol Officer Carey's report of 1948.

A Further Land Dispute :

While visiting Ayaiyok Village my attention was drawn to a possible future dispute between Timini Village on the other side of the range and a combined Ayaiyok and Garbia villages. I was informed by the chosen 'Councillor' of the proposed Buang merger with the Mumeng Native Local Government Council in September this year, that after the Council was established they intended to try to remove Timini from their (Garbia-Ayaiyok's) land.

This matter was also reported on by C.P.O. A.C. Voutas in his 'Mumeng Patrol Report No.1 of 1962/63).

Other Disputes :

Several other minor disputes were brought to my attention during the patrol, most of which were amicably settled or in other cases the complainants were advised on any future action to be taken.

In Lonsion Village two complaints concerning poultry were satisfactorily settled.

In Lagis Village the matter of a young F/A GET was brought to my attention. GET wanted to marry a Papuan man who was working in Lae at the time. When one of the village males GABOS talked to the Papuan in Lae he denied that he had ever broached the subject of marriage with the girl. He had apparently been giving her gifts of money and having sexual intercourse with her but had no intention of marriage.

I advised the girl not to see any more of the fellow as a great deal of this sort of thing was apparently going on in most of the main centres throughout the Territory.

As it turned out, on my arrival back in Mumeng I was told that the Papuan had since left Lae rather hurriedly without leaving any work of his destination or any message of any kind for the young Meri.

The main cause of this type of thing is when Natives move to the towns and stop with their relatives thus leaving themselves completely idle. While compiling the census I noticed several people both male and female who are living in the towns of this District although they are unemployed. This is of course a major source of crime in the towns, and indeed it was noticed that more than one of these 'vagrants' (Male) were in the charge of the Corrective Institutions Dept. at the time, for various offences.

In this field the Village Officials of the area are neglecting their duties as all 'vagrants' in Lae should be reported to the local Authorities and action taken as soon as possible. The Village Officials were advised accordingly where unemployed absentees were noticed.

In Kapos village several complaints were brought to my attention. One concerning adultery was attended to although no conclusion was reached and the matter has been brought to the attention of the A.D.O. in Mumeng.

Another complaint referred to the A.D.O. in Mumeng concerned damage to coffee gardens in Sinagei Village by pigs belonging to a Native from Sagaiyo. This complaint amicably settled by the A.D.O. with the owner of the offending pigs reimbursing the owner of the coffee garden at the rate of 5/- per tree.

In Bulantim Village a native enquiree by SAMBONG/WARAGA of the P.I.R. was attended to. The enquiree was to do with the adoption of M/C WAPA by SAMBONG. It was decided the adoption of the child should be recognised by the P.I.R. in Port Moresby and that so far as D.N.A. were concerned the child had already been adopted for some time by 'native custom'.

Special Arms Permits :

Throughout the patrol many applications for the above were received by both Mr. Karukuru and myself. These applications were all discussed with the Village Officials and the villagers generally. In all cases care was taken in determining the number of 'clans' and number of shot-guns per clan so that distribution of these guns is proportionate at village level. Care was also taken to ensure that the density of shot-guns per person did not exceed the accepted limit one gun per fifty persons.

Vagau Land Alienation Survey :

The Land Alienation Survey as carried out by myself in March this year was reconducted and a revised report will be compiled and submitted as soon as possible.

Mapos Village Committee :

While visiting this village an attempt was made to establish a 'village committee'. The idea was to have top Village Official acting as a chairman and the committee made up of representatives of the various clans in the village. Villagers who attended the meetings could venture their opinions, with the chairmans permission.

The main factor which prompted me to attempt to establish this council was the fantastic lack of efficiency in organising so far as the village labour force is concerned. The attempt at the establishment of the council at Mapos is not merely a reflection on Mapos but on all villages in the Sub-District as there is not one which could not be improved with only a very small amount of organisation. The Council in Mapos (which by the way is a rather good village so far as roads, housing, water supply, etc are concerned), was merely intended as an example. It was thought that if the Council was successful in improving the village generally then the whole of the Census Division might adopt the idea.

I do not think that the attempt made by myself will be very successful due to the limited amount of time which I had to devote to the subject during my stay in Mapos. However I feel that if the matter is followed up by the next patrol then these Councils could do a great deal towards improving the villages in the area.

Agriculture and Livestock :

During the patrol among gardens in the area were visited and discussions held with the respective owners.

Coffee :

Coffee figures compiled by Mr. K. Webster A.O. in April this year show substantial increases in the number of matured trees in the 62/63 year. The figures compare as follows.

Mature trees 1961/62	14,783.
Mature trees 1962/63	22,438.

These figures show an increase of over 33% in matured trees in a period of approximately one year. This fact should have led to a substantial increase in the money received from coffee sales during the last year.

Immature trees in the Census Division were found to total 22,478 this year. This brings the total number of coffee trees in the Buangs to 44,916. The potential production assuming a yield of 3½ lbs per tree is therefore 157,200 lbs. This is an increase of 105,465 lbs on figures quoted by C.P.O. A.C. Vontas in Mumeng Patrol Report No.1 of 1962/63. This year the potential production of mature trees only is 78,533 lbs, assuming a yield of 3½ lbs per tree. However to use a more reasonable yield figure, say 1½ lbs per mature tree and allowing a little for immaturred trees then a fair estimate of the total coffee production for the Buangs for the 1963/64 year would be about 36,000 lbs. Thus giving the area a total income of somewhere around £2,250 from coffee for the year.

These figures of course are merely estimates and the actual production or income could either exceed or be less than the figures quoted. However I feel that this report should give a good indication of what can be expected for the 63/64 year.

Vegetables :

Many and various vegetables are to be found throughout the area. These are sold in all main centres within reasonable travelling distance, i.e. Mumeng, Bulolo, Wau, and Lae. Throughout the patrol I had no difficulty in obtaining potatoes, shallots, beans, and other European vegetables. Vegetables such as carrots, lettuce and a type of broad bean were noticed but were only available in very limited quantities.

Fruit :

Citrus fruit appear to grow exceptionally well in the Headwater Region of the Buangs. While in Muniau Village I was presented with a dozen or so excellent mandarins of exceptionally large size. These were evenly coloured in the skin and were probably as nice as any mandarins I have ever tasted. Needless to say I recommended to the people that at least one male adult plant an organised orchard of these trees as there is no doubt that they would be very popular in Lae. If produced in sufficient quantities they could be cased and sold to retailers in Lae and other centres when the air-trip at Vagau becomes operational.

Livestock :

Many villages in the Southern end of the Buang Census Division still participate in the rearing of pigs, as explained under the heading of Native Affairs. (See 'Pig Disputes', page 5). As this pastime or occupation is at present labouring under many difficulties many people are getting rid of their animals altogether and concentrating on gardening. Indeed this has been carried to its extreme in the Headwater Area where no domestic pigs at all are to be found. However on conducting an approximate livestock count

throughout the Census Division it was found that there are still nearly 1000 pigs, most of which are centred in the Kwasang - Manga region and gradually disappearing as one travels towards the Headwaters.

Poultry :

Several men in the area have started poultry runs after the normal style of poultry runs in Australia. These runs are well fenced, some with wire, and contain up to 20 birds. This of course is an excellent step forward from the old method where every everybody in the village owned one or two birds and all ran around loose in the village area.

This shows a willingness of the people to adopt European ideas and methods without any external encouragement what-so-ever.

Medical and Health :

Aid-Posts :

Aid Posts in the area were all visited and thoroughly inspected. All were found to be well stocked with medicine and equipment - they were all clean, tidy and well constructed with ample accommodation available for patients.

Aid Post Orderlies all appeared to be reasonably competent and I observed many in their work.

The three new Aid Posts at Kwasang, Mambump and were Bugwev were excellent. Kwasang and Bugwev were especially notable.

Health in the villages was generally good. The people were given talks on general hygiene where it was considered necessary.

Education :

Government School - Eabwump.

The first Government school in the Buanga was opened officially on the 22nd of June this year. The opening ceremony was attended by myself acting on behalf of the Administration. The ceremonies commenced at 5 pm with a prayer from the Native Lutheran Pastor from Manga Village. Short talks were then given by both the Pastor and myself before the festivities began. An excellent crowd of people turned up and the singing and dancing lasted until the early hours of the morning.

The school, which had actually been operating for some time before the opening, is run by a native teacher Mr. J. Waak 30 children are enrolled at the school and come from the villages of Kwasang, Bogumatu, Manga, Lagis, Tokanen and Papekani. Accommodation is provided for the children who return to their villages on week-ends only.

Mission Education :

No detailed survey on mission education was undertaken on this patrol. However all Mission schools were visited and discussed with the respective teachers. The apparent aim of these schools is to provide a little education for all rather than more extensive education for a minority. Because of

This the standard of education in the area often appears to be rather poor. However I feel that the mission is doing good work in the area so far as education is concerned and the overall result is probably better than if they attempted to supply higher education to a selected few.

One factor which must be taken into account of course is the fact that the Mission is probably, or almost certainly, more concerned with providing spiritual rather than scholastic education.

The Mission does provide for a better standard of education in the area by means of the Tokanen Higher School. This is an excellent establishment constructed of sawn timber and corrugated iron. The furnishings are also of sawn timber and on a rather short visit to the school many teaching aids were noticed such as maps, instruments and diagrams, which placed the school on a much higher level than any of the others visited. The teacher here is NAKANSANG/WALIK. NAKANSANG has 12 years of Mission Education to his credit and appears to be doing an excellent job in educating the children, several of whom speak a fair standard of English.

This Higher School contains children from the nearby villages of Marga, Logis, Popokani, Tokanen, Beguneta and Kwasing.
Higher Education :

Many children from the Buang are attending schools outside of their own area. Many who are living with their parents, who are working in other areas and main centres throughout the Territory, are attending either Mission or Administration schools. Several others are receiving higher education, both Mission and Government, in Mumeng, Lae and Finschhafen.

The numbers of those attending Mission and Administration schools both inside and outside of Morobe District are available in the census figures at the end of this report.

Roads and Bridges :

The Snake River Bridge - Buang Road.

The planking on this bridge is in rather poor condition and if not attended to in the near future the bridge will become untrafficable. It will require very little work to put this bridge in order and merely involves tightening the nuts on the bolts which fasten the planks to the wire cables. Possibly one days work for two or three of the local men.

Walking Tracks :

All walking tracks in the census division were in good condition. All were wide, clean and reasonably well grade. These tracks are all well established and have been in use for many years.

The Buang Road :

The vehicular section of this road is in fair condition although this has not been extended any further since the large rock outcrop, which is now holding up the work on the road, was reached in early 1952.

The people of the area are very interested in seeing this road complete and the subject was broached several times during the patrol, mostly in the form of complaints. These complaints were mostly about having to physically carry all produce out of the area.

It is obvious by his attitude that the Paramount Luluai for the Buangs considers that he is being let down by the Administration. This may not be so but there appears to be no satisfactory explanation of the sudden ceasing of work of the road. The Paramount Luluai, Tol o Mapas, has probably played a large part in encouraging the people of the area to work on the road, now when he sees that nearly all the work that can be done by hand has been done; and that an outcrop, which cannot be removed by hand but only by the use of explosives, still remains blocking the road for vehicles as it did over 12 months ago, I don't doubt that he is beginning to wonder whether or not the Administration was doing the job which he was led to believe it would.

Tol himself complained bitterly to me about not having a road, by which his produce can be transported to the markets.

This road has recently been resurveyed by the Public Works Department and was resited in several places. From this it would appear that some interest is being taken in the project by the correct quarters.

It appears to me that although the road will be extremely difficult to construct it will undoubtedly be an invaluable asset to the Buang Census Division once it is completed. The road would not only provide an outlet for the produce of the area but would facilitate the general administration and greatly assist any future development in the census division.

Vagau Air-Strip :

The air-strip at Vagau is finally nearing completion. Only a very small section of earth remains to be removed from the Southern end of the 'strip'. This could even be completed by or during this coming week. Several minor chores are then to be completed in the general tidying up. These include removing bush at the Northern end of the strip to facilitate the approaches and the deepening of the Cut Off Drain.

The time is almost here for another and final inspection by Department of Civil Aviation.

This air-strip, once opened, will do a great deal towards the development of the Headwaters. Although trade may be slow in coming at first the fact that a useable air-strip is at their disposal will undoubtedly induce the people to increase their productivity, and it should not be long before a considerable amount of produce is being exported from the area.

Village and Village Officials :Village :

All villages in the Census Division were in good condition. Kwasang Village was outstanding in the housing field with all houses roomy, planked and in excellent condition. Sanitation throughout the area was good and very few complaints were made. Villages were usually clean and I was genuinely pleased with conditions in general.

One recommendation made was in Dawong Village where the People did not appear to be washing as regularly as is necessary to maintain hygienic conditions. This I considered was mainly due to the fact that the water supply was too far from the village to be convenient. Therefore I recommended that a bamboo pipeline be constructed from the water supply to the village site. I have since been advised that this has been completed.

Village Officials :

Papekani : The Tul Tul of Papekani Village, KASIS, had died since the last patrol so his hat and badge of office were received and have been returned to Sub-District Headquarters at Mumeng. No recommendations will be made for a replacement due to the impending Native Local Government Council which will be established for the area later this year.

In many villages it appeared that the Village Officials had lost a great deal of their 'sway' and this was now in the hands of various younger men. The 'Wasmen' of the various villages have taken a great deal of the influence of the Village Officials however I don't doubt the opinions of these Officials still receive considerable consideration before any final decisions are made. (The term 'wasman' applies to the proposed 'Councillors' for Impending Native Local Government Council).

Census :

The 1962/63 census figures were revised during the patrol and 1963/64 figures were compiled. The revised figures are available in the Village Population Register at the end of this report.

Comparing this year's figures with those for the 62/63 year it can be seen that birthrates have decreased considerably but the infant mortality rate has also decreased. This is particularly marked for children, both male and female, between 1 and 4 years of age. Adult mortality figures are slightly above those for the corresponding period 1962/63.

There have been considerably less movements in the form of migrations during the past year than there were for the same period 61/62. However even this small amount of movement is unsatisfactory for in many cases there is no apparent reason for it. It appeared to me that several people in the census division are amusing themselves by migrating backwards and forwards between villages. One example was a female adult from Dawong who has moved

backwards and forwards between that village and BUKATU in the Iae Sub-District. In most cases I attempted to explain to these people that it was not necessary to remove their names from the Tax Census Register if merely a prolonged stay was being made in another village and the person involved intended to return to his home village within a reasonable period of time.

Needless to say it extremely annoying to have to replace a name on the register which has already been removed and re-entered several times.

In general no startling changes have taken place over the last year so far as census figures are concerned and the situation with absentees remains very similar to that of previous years.

Anthropological :

An ancient burial ground a short distance off the main walking track between Fopekani and Sagaiyo villages was visited. I believe that this has been brought to the attention of the authorities many time before so this visit was purely of personal interest.

The burial ground merely consists of two ledges of rock on which bodies have been stacked. There may have been some semblance of order at one stage but time has acted and skulls and bones are now scattered around the area immediately below the ledges.

It appears that at one time the bodies were preserved in some way, probably by wrapping them in leaves or grass. This could be derived from the fact that one body in particular was very well preserved.

Another cave was visited but was found to be of no exceptional interest. This cave has also been inspected by the Authorities several times before.

Mission :

The Lutheran Mission is still active in the area as was noted under the heading of 'Education' on page 11. The Mission still holds a great deal of influence over the people in most matters although it is possible, as Mr. Voutas suggested in Mumeng Patrol Report No. 1 62/63, that it has lost a certain amount of its power. No additional information was collected on the practice of paying 'bride prices' as also discussed by Mr. Voutas in his report.

In general the Mission seems to me to be occupying much the same place in the lives of the people as it did when I first patrolled through the area nearly nine months ago.

Conclusion :

The Common Roll for the Buang Census Division was compiled and census figures revised. Discussions were held with the people and the Common Roll explained as well as possible. This task was made rather difficult by the fact that the people have no basic knowledge what-so-ever of democratic administration.

The people appear to be confused by the various facets of

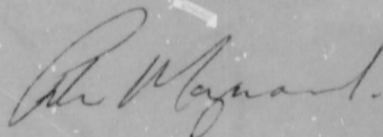
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Administration and are apparently labouring under many false impressions which have infiltrated into the area from various outside sources. One of the largest of these sources is the labour force which, while working in the various large towns throughout the Territory, observe many things which they do not fully understand. These are interpreted in their own peculiar fashion and it is often these warped interpretations which come to the ears of the people in the villages.

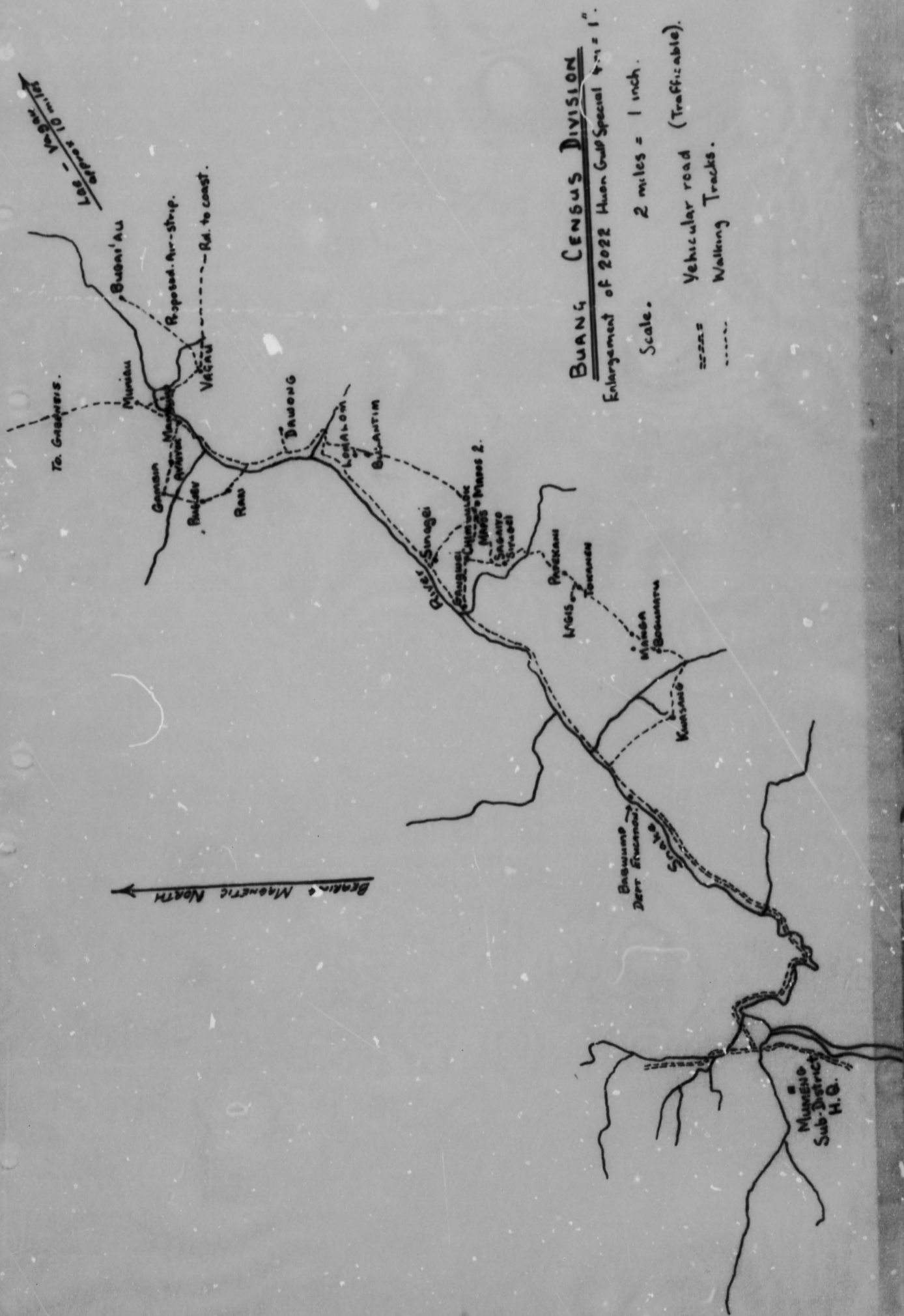
The people of the Buangs are rather wary of any new ideas which may be proposed to them. However I feel that any proposals receive all due consideration if they are at all attractive to the people. The people are definitely conservative but are always willing to listen to any suggestions or new ideas which are put to them; although they may be slow in putting these ideas into practice.

Socially the people are well developed but they persist in thinking of themselves as a group rather than as individuals. Every possible thing which can be organised into group activities is organised in that way. This includes everything from work in individual coffee holdings to maintenance of roads and Aid Posts.

As soon as the people discard this attitude, a feat which will be defying all native tradition, then the Buangs will develop much more rapidly both in economic and social fields.



(PETER MAYNARD)
Cadet Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **MUMENG** Report No. **7 - 63/64**

MUMENG

Patrol Conducted by **P. J. WRIGHT & A. D. O.**

Area Patrolled **BUANG, MUMENG, & MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Mc Intosh, I. K. C.P.O.**

K. Memafu A.P.O. in Training

Natives **B. Warren A.P.O. IN Training**

K. Rawali L.G.A.

Duration--From **5** / **6** / 19**64** to **8** / **7** / 19**64** **2 members of R.P.&.N.G.C.**

Number of Days **35 Days**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services **30** / **4** / 19**64**

Medical / / 19.....

Map Reference **2022 Huon Gulf Special. 4 miles to I. inch.**

Objects of Patrol **Routine Administration, Local GOV. Council Elections, Purchase Vagau Air Strip, decimal Currency Talk, Corn Smut Talk.**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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Dept. of Native Affairs,
Konedobu. Papua.

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3rd September, 1964.

District Officer,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7-63/64 - MUMENI

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased that you have given Mr. McIntosh the opportunity to accompany a patrol and go through with the exercise and make a report. The A.P.O's. and Local Government Assistant will also have benefited from the experience.

I am pleased to see that you have taken prompt action to correct any misconceptions in relation to the introduction of Decimal Currency.

The smooth operation of the Local Government Elections reflects favourably on the officers involved.

A good report - concise and clear.

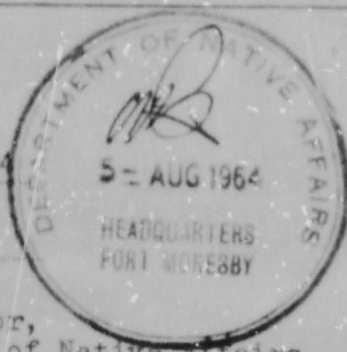
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Department of Native Affairs,
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31st July, 1964.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU

MUMENG PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1963/64

I forward for your information a report submitted by Mr. I.K. McIntosh a Cadet Patrol Officer who accompanied Mr. F.J. Wright, Acting Assistant District Officer on a patrol of the Buang, Mumeng and Middle Watut Census Divisions.

Mr. McIntosh has only been in the Territory for a few weeks and his report is an excellent one and shows a real appreciation of what is required of a Field Officer of this department.

The covering memorandum submitted by Mr. Wright adequately covers most of the aspects of this routine patrol but I would like to comment on the excellent co-operation given by the Reverend Scherle of the Lutheran Mission. It is seldom that missionaries co-operate to the same extent as a number of the Lutheran Missionaries within this district. Co-operation such as that afforded by the Rev. Scherle is indeed appreciated. The task of the Patrol Officer is lightened considerably when the mission "gives their blessing" to the activities of a Patrol Officer.

With regard to the comments concerning decimal currency. On the 12th June I circularised all outstations concerning the introduction of decimal currency as I had been informed that in some parts of this district much unnecessary exchanging of Commonwealth bank notes for silver was in progress. Apparently certain sections of the community had heard of the introduction of decimal currency and held the mistaken belief that paper money would be of no value. This matter will be brought to your attention under the heading of Interpretation of the Native People to the Administration.

The report has been shown to the District Commissioner and relevant extracts forwarded to the District Agricultural Officer, District Inspector and the Regional Medical Officer.

(S. J. WATSON)
District Officer

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Department of Native Affairs,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG, MOKOBE DISTRICT.

21st July, 1964.

District Officer
Mokobe District
L.A.E.

MUMENG PATROL No 7 of 1963/64.

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of a report on the above patrol prepared by Mr. I. McIntosh, Cadet Patrol Officer. This report was written as an exercise and all important features have been covered in memoranda submitted with my own Memorandum of Patrol. However the following comments are offered:-

Native Affairs

As Mr. McIntosh points out, the Lutheran Mission is extremely influential in this Sub-District and previous Officers have sometimes felt that this was to the detriment of administration work. However there is no reason why the two bodies should not cooperate towards the common goal of raising the standard of living, at all levels, of the native people. Good cooperation exists at present. Mr. Scherke, the local missionary liaised with me prior to the patrol to ensure that mission activities would not conflict with the Council Elections. He also advised mission leaders to stand for election if they wished. Many of these men were eventually elected, particularly in the Buang census division and there is no reason why they should not hold the two positions at the one time.

The elections have been fully reported in my 42-2-2 of 14th July.

Land Transfer Instruments for the Vagau land purchase have already been forwarded to you.

The future introduction of Decimal Currency has aroused great interest in this Sub-District. I understand that an education programme on this matter is planned and feel that the sooner this campaign gets underway, the better.

Agriculture

No Blister Smut has yet been found in Mumeng corn. Mr. Heysen, DASP was patrolling the Buang c.d. at the time of this patrol and is currently patrolling the Lower Watut c.d. In his absence I gave talks in the Mumeng and Middle Watut divisions. Whilst every effort is being made to prevent the spread of this disease I feel that with the large weekly movement of local people to

major market centres, it is merely a matter of time before maize in this area becomes infected.

Health

Mr. McIntosh has only listed Aid Posts for the Buang c.d. and the error was not found until the report had been typed.

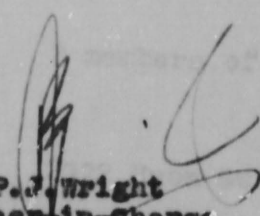
ROADS & BRIDGES

I think we all agree that the early construction of the Buang road is desirable. Work on this project has now ceased pending either C. D. W. or P. W. D. taking over the job which has now become too difficult for the native people to complete.

General

Taking into consideration the fact that Mr. McIntosh had only spent six weeks in the Territory before commencing this patrol I feel that he has produced a very fair report. The report is neatly set out and is supported by a well drawn map, however I have pointed out the fact that more attention needs to be paid to spelling.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.


P. J. Wright
Officer-in-Charge

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Department of Native Affairs,
Sub-District Office,
MUMENG.

14th July 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
MUMENG.

MUMENG PATROL No.7 - 63/64

OFFICER CONDUCTING

P.J.Wright/A.D.O

ACCOMPANIED BY.

I.K.McIntosh C.P.O

K.MEMafu A.P.O in Training.

B.Warren A.P.O in Training.

K.Rawali L.G.A.

DURATION.

5/6/64 to 8/7/64.

Of 33 days duration.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING.

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

MAP REFERENCE.

2022 Huon Gulf Special. 4m to 1".

OBJECTS

Routine Administration,

Local Government Council Elections.

Purchase Vagau Air Strip.

Decimal Currency Talk.

Corn Smut Talk.

INTRODUCTION.

The Patrol into the Buang, Mumeng & Middle Watut Census Divisions, was conducted to carry out Local Government Council Elections. A pre-election patrol had previously been made by Mr. P. J. Wright, A. D. O, and it was evident that the people realized the importance of these elections. In every instance they gave the patrol full co-operation, and assisted in every way possible.

Other objects of the Patrol were -

1. To purchase the Vagau Air Strip and Business Lease area.
2. To explain and clarify the introduction of Decimal Currency.
3. To give assistance to the D.A.S.F. Department in the prevention and eradication of Blister Corn Smut.
4. To further the field training of Mr. B. Warren and Mr. K. Memafu, Assistant Patrol Officers in Training.
5. To familiarise self on "Patrol Procedure".

BUANG CENSUS DIVISION

The villages of the Buang people are situated on the Eastern slopes and upper ridges of the Hertog Mountains. Through these mountains, which run in a general North - South direction, meanders the Snake River, a large swift flowing body of water which eventually joins the Watut River just North of the Mumeng Station.

The flora in this area consists of two distinct types. Up to approximately 4500 ft, kunai grass prevails, with sparse patches of thicker vegetation along the valleys and small gullies. Above 4500 ft, the ridges are covered with dense forest - lands, broken only by native subsistence crops.

Climate throughout the Buang Division was found to be pleasantly cool, with the exception of villages situated on upper ridges above 5000 ft. In these villages, especially during the night, it became quite cold.

In general the Buang people seemed quite sophisticated, intelligent and enthusiastic towards furthering themselves, socially, politically and economically.

MUMENG CENSUS DIVISION

Mumeng Census Division consists of eighteen (18) villages found mainly along the Lae - Wau road. As this road follows the Wamit and later the Snake river, all villages are situated at a low level, between 2000 and 3000 ft.

Vegetation also varies in this district. Dense forest - lands are found at an altitude of 2000 ft along the Wampit River. Further South towards Bulolo kunai grass prevails.

The Mumeng people are at quite advanced stage. Being only a short distance from Bulolo, and so close to the Lae - Wau road, they are coming in constant contact with Europeans, who are helping to further development in this area.

MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.

The Middle Watut Census Division includes eleven (11) villages. The first five villages visited, Omala, Towangala, Bupu, Enggabu and Yanta, were found at a high altitude, up to 5000 ft, whereas the last six villages visited were situated on the banks of the Watut or its tributaries.

The upper ridges and slopes were thickly covered with dense "Tropical Rain Forest", which gradually thinned as the altitude dropped. Following the Watut River, we found the vegetation consisted mainly of stunted trees and sparse areas of rain forest. The climate here was quite warm, especially in the closing stages of the patrol while visiting the villages along the Watut.

As in the Buang and Mumeng divisions, the people gave the patrol there full co-operation.

DIARY

Friday 5th June

Departed Mumeng per Station Landrover 0900 hours. Arrived Pamp School 0915 hours. Departed enroute to Mambump 1000 hours. Arrived Marpos Rest House 1300 hours. Lunch and carriers changed. Arrived Mambump 1700 hours. Overnight.

Saturday 6th June

Mambump - Muniau people assembled and the election held. NGAII of Mambump village elected as Councillor. Officials from surrounding villages advised of patrol programme. Overnight Mambump.

Sunday 7th June

Departed for Vagau Air Strip 1300 hours. Chain and Compass survey of Strip and Business Leases started. Failing light prevented completion. Arrived Mambump 1930 hours. Over night.

MONDAY 8th June

Departed Mambump for Vagau 0800 hours. Arrived 0845 hours. Bugai'au - Vagau election conducted. Sangap of Bugai'au elected. Continued Chain and Compass Survey of Vagau Air Strip during the afternoon. Boundries marked with hard wood posts, and the native owners paid for this purchase. Arrived Mambump 1830 hours. Over night.

Tuesday 9th June

Departed Mambump for Aiyoyok 0800 hours. Arrived 0900 hours. Gambia - Aiyoyok election held and Umbi, Aiyoyok village, was elected. Departed Aiyoyok for Bugwev 1300 hours. Arrived 1415 hours. Rari - Bugwev election conducted, with Suigan of Rari taking office. Arrived Mambump 1830 hours. Over night.

Wednesday 10th June

Departed Mambump 0845 hours, enroute to Lulantim. Arrived 1115 hours. Election conducted, Aroma was elected. Over night.

Thursday 11th June

Lomolom - Dawong election conducted. Mali and Jivins were the Councillors elected. Departed Lomolom 1320 hours for Mapos 1 village arriving 1500 hours. Over night.

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Friday 12th JUNE

Mapos 2 election conducted during the morning, and the winning candidate was Gusei. Mapos 1 election conducted during the afternoon. Yulago was elected. Both men elected were Mission Leaders.

Saturday 13th June

Walked to Chimbululok and carried out the Sinagei - Chimbulok election. Su was elected into the Council. Over night Mapos 1.

Sunday 14th June

Ancient Burial Grounds of pre-war years inspected and discussions held with native officials on past customs.

Monday 15th JUNE

Sagaiyo - Siyugei election held and Malinok was unanimously elected. A number of complaints were arbitrated before further work was prevented by heavy rain. Village officials informed of patrol procedure. Over night Mapos 1.

Tuesday 16th June

Pepakani election held with Mangain being elected to the Council. The Lagis - Tokeren election was held in the afternoon. Kandian was elected. More disputes were brought forward and settled. Over night Mapos 1.

Wednesday 17th June

Departed Lagis enroute for Kwasang at 0830 hours. Arrived Manga 1030 hours. The Bogu - Matu - Manga election held, and Asonk and Kalalon were elected. Departed Manga 1330 hours. Over night Kwasang.

Thursday 18th June

Kwasang election held during morning, and Waren was elected. Departed Kwasang 1400 hours for Babwump. Arrived 1530 hours. Land-rover waiting and collected cargo and members of the patrol. Party arrived Mumeng 1645 hours.

Friday 19th June

Departed by landrover for Patep 1. village 0830. Election resulted in the previous Councillor - Yingpu - being returned to office. Arrived back at Mumeng at 1300 hours. Afternoon spent preparing statistics on the Buang Census Division.

Saturday 20th June

Spent preparing financial returns for the year ending 63/64.

Sunday 21st June

Observed.

Monday 22nd June

Departed Mumeng by station landrover for the Zenag - Paramabos election at 0830 hours. Gwagak re-elected to Council. Agency functions carried out during the afternoon.

Tuesday 23rd June

Departed Mumeng by landrover 0900 hours. Arrived Mumengtien 0930 hours, and walked to Kumalu, arriving 1300 hours. The Kumalu 1 - Kumalu 2 election resulted in the return of the two previous Councillors - Lewa and Kambang. Arrived back at Mumeng 1530 hours.

Wednesday 24th June

At the request of the people, the Mumengtien election was held at Mumeng. The previous Councillor - Tukgubun - was re-elected. Bangalum village was also in this election. Afternoon spent compiling statistics, on the Buang Census Division.

Thursday 25th June

Departed Mumeng 0830 hours for Sambio by station landrover. Arrived 0930 hours. Pelenkwa - Sambio election conducted and MANGOBING was returned to office. Afternoon spent answering outstanding correspondence.

Friday 26th June

To Sangas village by landrover arriving 0945 hours. Mangi'ion the previous Councillor did not stand for office again. Gawaing was elected. Election finished 1315 hours. Proceeded to Bulolo to procure supplies into the Middle Watut. Arrived back at Mumeng at 1620 hours.

Saturday 27th June

Patep 2 - Perakles election held and Gwanembe was returned to office.

Sunday 28th June

Observed.

Monday 29th June

By landrover to Gurakor arriving 0945 hours. The people of Timini - Gurakor re-elected Elek. Arrived back at Mumeng 1430 hours, preparation of patrol equipment.

Tuesday 30th June

Departed Mumeng per landrover 0830 hours. Walked from Gurakor to Bupu, arriving 1115 hours. The Bupu - Amala - Towangala election took place in the afternoon. Loma was returned to office. Rest house in poor condition. Instructions given for immediate repair. Over night Bupu.

Wednesday 1st July

Departed Bupu 0830 hours. Arrived Enggabu 1130 hours. Election conducted in the afternoon. Councillor Gwalembi re-elected Complaints attended to, and on C.N.A. Court held. Over night Enggabu.

Thursday 2nd July

Departed Enggabu 0815 hours. Arrived Yanta 1230 hours. Gwaiap re-elected as Councillor. Rest house situated three quarters of a mile from the village. Councillor asked to build a new rest house inside the village. Over night Yanta.

Friday 3rd July

Departed Yanta 0845 hours. Arrived Gauapu 1245 hours. Many of the village people away carrying cargo for the Mumeng Police Officer Mr. B. Harris. Election postponed till the following morning. Informal talks with natives during afternoon and evening. Overnight Gauapu.

Saturday 4th July

The Gauapu - Biamena election conducted in the morning. Pepem re-elected to the Council. Departed Gauapu 1400 hours. Arrived Dambi 1590 hours. Over night.

Sunday 5th JULY

Observed.

Monday 6th July

The Dambi - Dangal election was held during the morning. The previous Councillor was replaced by Mambuying. Mambuying, a young intelligent villager, won the election by a small majority. Departed Dambi 1330 hours. Arrived Kapin 1 at 1500 hours. Over night Kapin 1.

Tuesday 7th July

Kapin 1 - Kapin 2 election held. Lambo was re-elected unanimously. Departed Kapin 1 1345 hours. Arrived Taiak at 1515 hours. Over night.

Wednesday 8th July

Taiak - Gselow election held and Umbarp was re-elected. Departed Taiak 1330 hours. Arrived Lae - Wau road 1615 hours. By landrover to Mumeng.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Mumeng Sub-District was first brought under influence in the early 1920's. Besides Government control the Lutheran Mission has been well established in this District for many years, and has a great influence on the people.

Dispite all this contact, no important development took place untill comparatively recent years. This the people to become disatisfied particularly after the war, when Cargo Cult activity sprang up in the Buang Census Division. The people could see development taking place in other areas, and many of the men, unhappy with their present position, left the area to seek work in the main centres. This exodus of the young men, and later women, further retarded development. During the patrol many of the village elders approached us, and asked if we could prevent the younger generation from leaving their villages. It was explained that although we could fully appreciate their position, no law had been passed to prevent people moving freely throughout the Territory. They told us that the shortage of young people created extra work for those remaining in the village in maintaining their gardens. However, since 1956 Arabica Coffee has been introduced, and already nearly 45000 trees have been planted in the Buang Valley alone.

On the 22/10/1962, the Mumeng Local Government Council was opened, and this included the Mumeng and Middle Watut Census Divisions. During this patrol election were carried out in the Buang Division, and they are to be now represented. Concl elections held in the Buang, created a great amount of interest. It was obvious that a great deal of time had been spent discussing them, and in practically every election four or five men stood. It was also noticed that Mission leaders were often elected, giving some idea of the influence the church holds in this area. In the Mumeng and Middle Watut Divisions, with the exception of 2 men, all the previous Councillors were returned to office. One councillor did not stand; the other was replaced by a much younger man, who won the election by only a slight margin.

Council work has been hampered due the shortage and constant changing of D.N.A staff, and also the preparatry work needed for the House of Assembly elections. It is hoped that after the opening of the new Council, council work will be greatly improved.

Purchase of Vagau Air Strip

While carrying out the Buang Elections, the Vagau Air Strip was purchased. A thorough Chain & Compass survey was carried out, and the approximate area of nine (9) acres has been marked with hardwood posts. It should be noticed that cement posts were not used, due to the fact that all available carriers were used to carry the cargo of the four patrolling officers. These markers will be taken to the strip on the next patrol into this area. The owners of this land have been paid in full. In general the strip was in quite good condition, except in a few patches the grass needed cutting. They were asked to attend to this in the near future.

Introduction of Decimal Currency.

During this Patrol the initial propaganda to the introduction of Decimal Currency was given. As the circular concerning this matter did not arrive until after our return from the Buang, this subject has yet to be discussed with them. At the opening of the new Council in the near future, all Council members from this area, will be given instructions to explain this matter thoroughly to each village.

Introduction of Decimal Currency (cont).

An early introduction to this matter was brought about by a misunderstanding of the change over that will take place. Many natives working in Lae, hearing by various means of this introduction of a new currency, thought that only silver and not paper money, would be reimbursed when the change over took place in February 1966. Many natives have been flocking to the various banks to try and change all paper money.

Long talks in connection with this were given in the Mumeng and Middle Watut Districts. It was clearly pointed out the problem that would arise if this foolish idea remained. These talks created a great deal of interest, and often quite a long time was spent after the election was held answering questions and clarifying this matter. However they have now been fully instructed on this, and seem to be quite happy about it. It was also explained that as the change drew near, they would be given data its details, and possibly other Patrols would be made in connection with subject matter.

AGRICULTURE.

Blister Corn Smut - Throughout the Mumeng and Middle Watut Districts Mr Wright gave clear concise talks on the damage Corn Smut would do to corn in the area if crops became contaminated with this parasite. The following instructions were given,

1. No corn was to be taken from the village
2. No corn was to be brought into the village.
3. Any sign of Corn Smut was to be immediately reported.

The symptoms were clearly described to the people, and a past history of the smut, its introduction into the Territory and areas where it had already been found were also discussed.

Cash Crops - The only cash crop found in the three districts visited, was Arabica Coffee. This coffee, introduced in 1956 by D.N.A staff on a Communal basis, is well established, especially in the Buang Census Division. Mr Heysen, D.A.S.F representative at Mumeng, has pointed out that individual ownership is being encouraged, and slowly being introduced.

Truck Crops → Truck crops are again found in all areas, but the Buang area has by far the greatest variety. These crops are sold mainly in Mumeng, Lae and Bulolo.

Subsistence Crops - Yam, Kau-Kau and Sugar supplemented by a variety of vegetables and fruit are the main subsistence crops grown. Although much of the ground is rocky, and the soil content lacking, the people produce an abundance of food.

HEALTH.

From observation during the patrol, information recorded in village books and from discussions at night with the village people, it can be seen that -

1. Minor problems such as cuts and scratches etc, are attended to by the local Aid Post. These Administration Aid Posts are situated at Mambump, Bugwev, Lomolom, Mapos, Mangga and Kwesang.
2. Indifference in the early stages to chronic type and sub-acute diseases. The people seem to lack confidence in medical care, but constant patrolling by Mr Thras, P.H.D., has gained the confidence of the natives, and the native hospital at Mumeng is being brought into full use.

REST HOUSES.

The Rest Houses were found to be well constructed and in good condition. Many had been built earlier this year for the House of Assembly Elections, and those of previous years were in good repair. There was only one exception to this, and that was the rest house at Yanta. Here the house had been built approximately three quarters of a mile outside the village. It was explained that Government Officials from the various departments who visited the village were there to help the people, and it was impossible to do this properly if the rest house was not close to the village. The Councillor promised to attend to this matter as soon as possible.

LIVE STOCK.

Only two types of stock are found in the native villages.

Pigs. - Few pigs were actually seen in the villages, as most are housed away from the village to protect gardens and help keep sanitation at a high level.

Poultry. - Poultry is found in all villages, and makes up a considerable part of the meat diet.

COURTS & COMPLAINTS.

A number of minor civil complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol, and these were arbitrated without difficulty. Also a number of natives applied for Special Arms Permits, and those that were warranted, have been attended to now the patrol has returned to the station.

One C.N.A Court conducted, and the man found guilty of not obeying Council sanitation rules.

EDUCATION.

There are three Administration Schools in the Mumeng Sub-District. These schools are found at Mumeng, Bangalum and Babwump. Only a Primary standard of education is reached at these schools, but each year the number of native children attending these schools increases, and I'm sure Secondary Education will soon have to be introduced to cope with this situation.

Although a detailed survey of schools in the three districts visited was not made, it was seen that the Lutheran Mission runs schools in practically every village. These schools are of a very low standard, with the aim of providing a little education for all. While carrying out the elections, we found that children were in most cases present, which led me to believe that the children spend only a few hours a day in class. I am told that English, at a very low standard, is being introduced into a number of the larger Mission schools, and that they are receiving a Government Subsidy to help in all scholastic needs.

MISSIONS.

As mentioned in my introductory paragraph, the Lutheran Mission has long been established and holds a great influence over the people of this district. Every Sunday the faithful spend many hours in the well constructed churches found in every village. I could not help thinking, the majority of the people attend the service more for social reasons than religious.

CEMETRIES.

Individual inspection was not made of cemeteries, though throughout the area patrolled, those that were seen were clean, neat and seemed to be well looked after. It was interesting to compare these with the Ancient Burial Ground I visited while in the Buang Census Division.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Bridges. - In the Buang Division there ~~are no~~^{only} bridges in the ~~except~~ log crossings over small gullies, and the vehicular bridge over the Snake River. The bridge over the Snake is in quite good condition, but time could be spent tightening the bolts, as in a number of cases the boards can be moved freely.

Bamboo Bridges found only in the Middle Watut, were in fair condition. Quite a lot of the bamboo on the floor of the bridges was old and broken, and the people were advised to change the bamboo at regular periods to ensure travel across them at all times.

Tracks. - Inter village tracks are in general quite well graded, and the time of the patrol, were in quite good condition.

Buang Road. - During the patrol many of the Buang people approached Mr Wright, and inquired about the situation of finishing this road. For fifteen years now the natives have worked on this road, and have long completed all they can possibly do without outside help. It was apparent that the people are disappointed at the long delay in removing the outcrop of rock above the Babwump School, which is the main cause preventing further work on the road being done.

With this road open, the natives will be able to carry their produce to Mumeng and Lae with little difficulty. I'm sure with this road open, progress in this area would be greatly stimulated.

The people of the Middle Watut have also asked if a road could be put into the area, but as yet this idea has to be accessed. Three Hundred pounds has already been collected towards this, giving some idea of the native interest in this project.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

As mentioned under the Cemeteries section, the Ancient Burial Ground was visited, but as this has been covered many times in previous reports, details will not be included. It was noticed though that one body was probably put in this ground in post-war years, as it was still intact.

Villages.

All villages visited were clean and the houses in good repair.

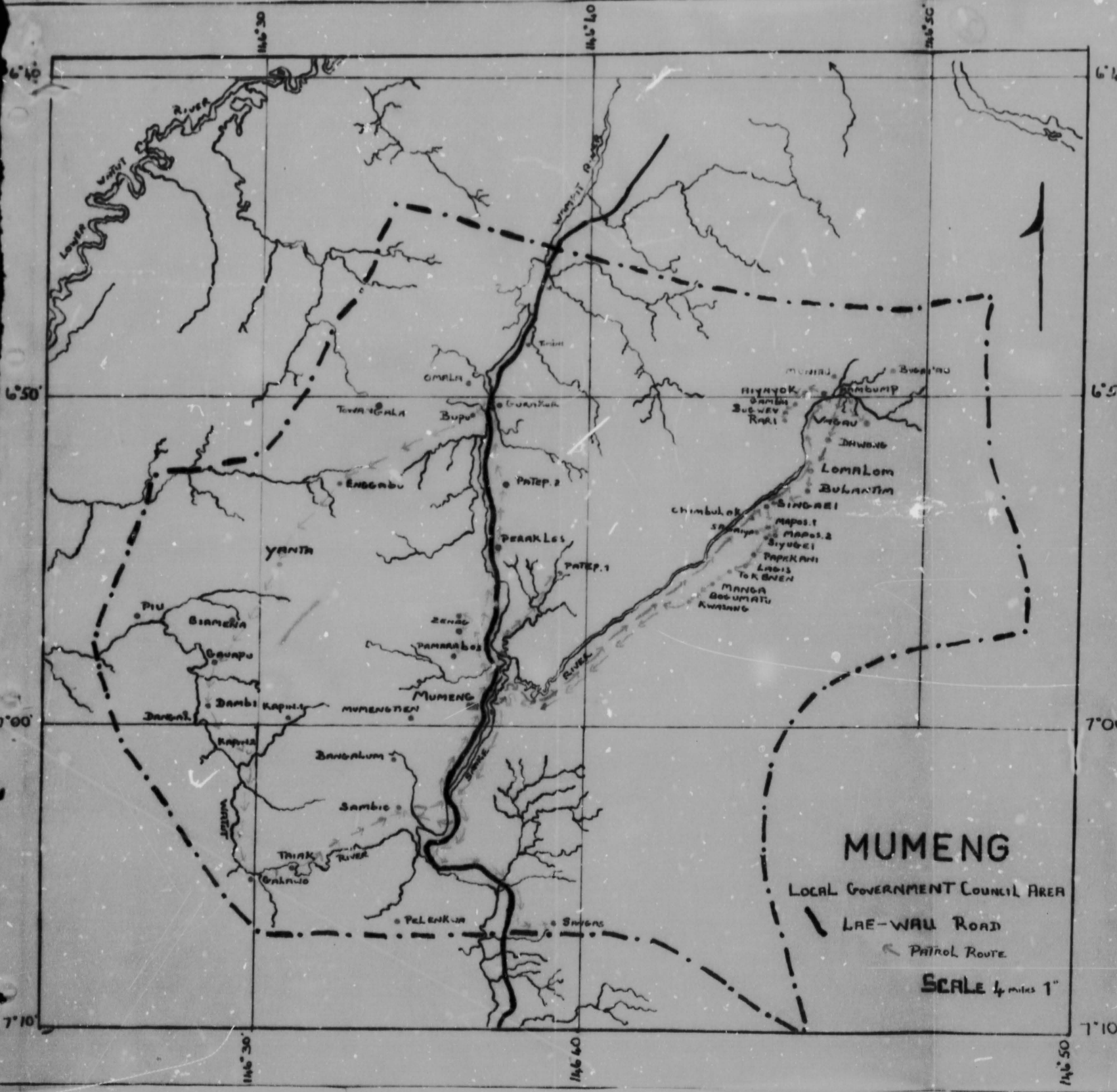
Conclusion.

I would like to point out that this patrol had very little time to carry out routine Administration due to the time allowed to have the Local Government Councils Elections completed.

The elections were carried out smoothly within the required time, and it was pleasing to be received so well in every village. These people are a credit to the Administration.

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MUMENG

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA

LAE-WAU ROAD

PATROL ROUTE

SCALE 4 miles 1"