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FLOOD SITUATION - SEPIK RIVER

See Situation Report No. 1

Opposite - Houses in
Kangaraman Villages, Porembel
and Malingai are lower lying
and worse affected by the
flood



For these Torembei children
the flood is a source of
enjoyment.

All villages are using the
flood to advantage floating
in canoe logs and building
materials.

Now in mid April the river
is dropping quickly and no
problem exists.

2. National Cultural Property and
the Flood.

The Haus Tambaran at Kangaraman, a
National monument gazetted under the
National Cultural Property Ordinance.
The water was shin deep on the floor
inside.



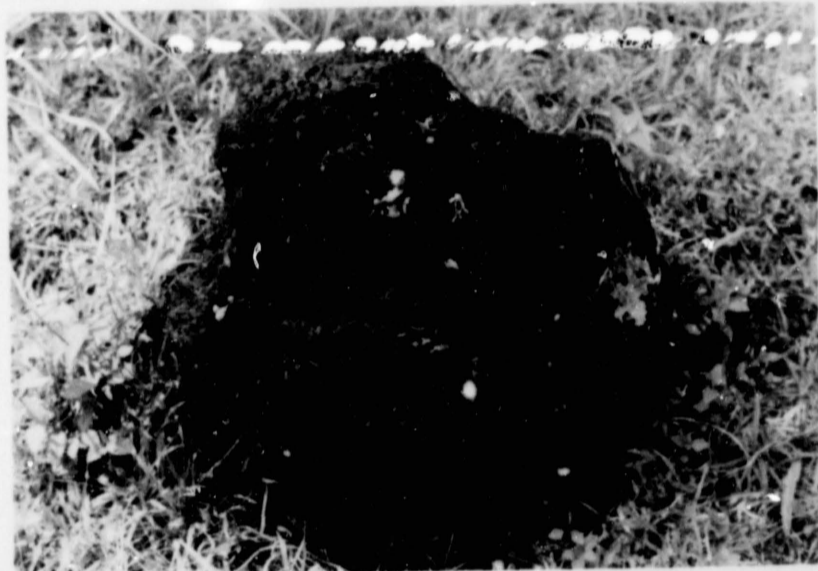


Above - The carved post at the right of the photo displaying the male figure is known as 'MASAGUMBAN' - See Situation Report No. 2. This post will be replaced due to rot and sold in the next dry season, a replacement post has been floated in on the flood.



Middle - Inside the Kanganawan Haus Tambaran, artefacts stand in the water.

Opposite - The dog figure seems to be peering at the flood waters lapping around the Garamut's base.

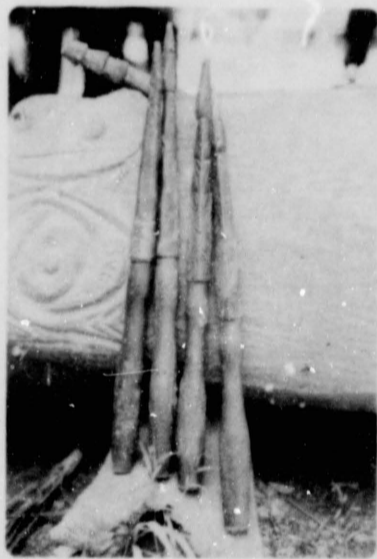


3. Ancient Stone Statues

Above - A squat figure seen at Torenbei No. 1. The origin of this statue is not known. Torenbei is an ancient village. Near by is a mound with stones protruding from it. This is reported to be the site from which the different villages dispersed in early history.

Below - Two views of a female stone head at Sereman. This stone was wilfully damaged by the Japanese. The stone represents a powerful protective female ancestor. The origin of the stone face is not known.



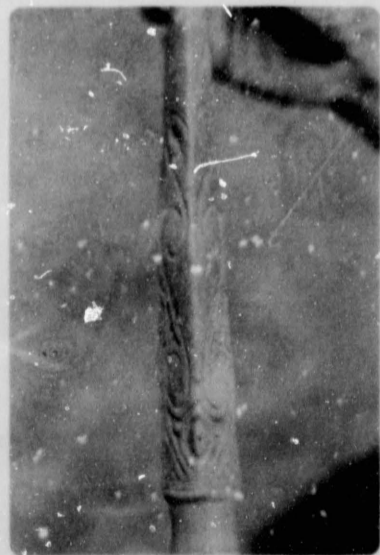


4. NOGOSOP'S GARAMUT DRUM STICKS

These sticks are collectively known as KOLU and are four of 8 - See Situation Report No.2

The came originally from the ancient village GRIPMA which was abandoned approx. 5 generations ago.

These are items worthy of Gazettal under the National Cultural Property Ordinance.





5. STONE Monoliths

See Page 9 Appendix 'A'

Stones at WORIMBI, the tallest stands 6' out of the ground. These stones came originally from Chambri. The stones are of village power significance and were the central feature in head hunting dances.

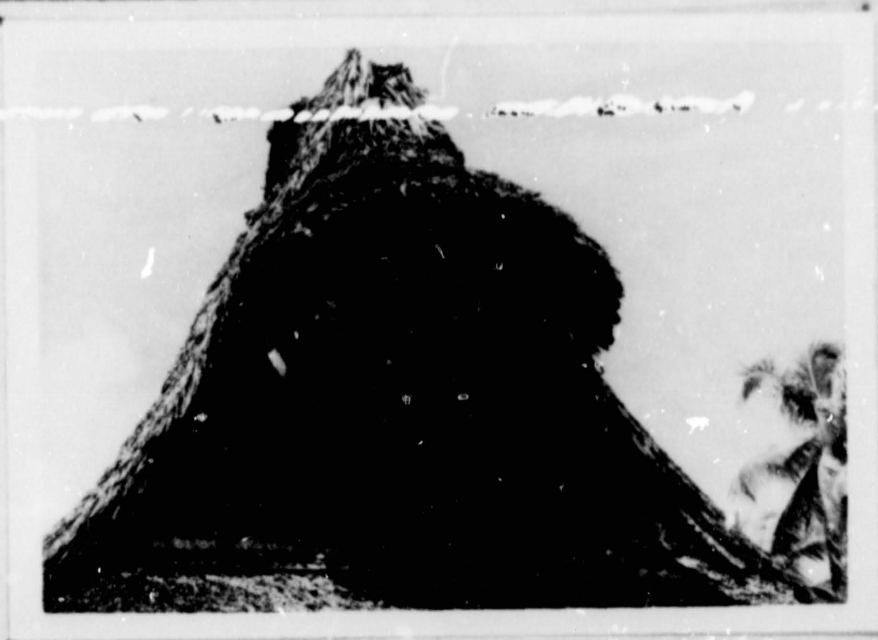


Stones at Kanganaman wrapped in coconut fronds to protect them from canoes travelling in the flood

6. HAUS TAMBARANS

The Haus Tambaran at Torembei No. 1 showing a stone monolith on a mound in the foreground.





Above - Detail of Torembel Haus Tambaran.



Left - The Haus Tambaran at MIAMBEI. A fine structure which is the meeting place of all village people including women for general purposes. During cult or initiation activity the house is fenced to keep women from seeing inside.



Detail of frontal piece of Miambei Haus Tambaran.

7. THE PELI ASSN AND ITS INFLUENCE UPON ECUMENIC STYLES.



Opposite is the Peli Assn complex at BENSIM - far more impressive than BENSIM village. The large central house is the Power or Money House. Other buildings are Mess, dormitories for Flowers & workers; overseers house.



The middle photograph shows the normal house style and Wocera style together. The theory was if you are on the ground already you do not have as far to fall.

In 1971 stories were spread that when the cement markers were removed from Mt. Turu a strong earth quake and a storm would strike. To this end people in the area shown on Map page 2 of Situation Report No. 3

changed to the Wocera type house style as in the bottom photograph.





8. (1) THE MISSION CHURCH
AT WORIMBI.

Once a fine structure
now falling in.



(ii) MOURNING AT MAINGGU

Outside the dead man's house
is a pole to which is attached
coconuts, yams and Mami's plus
rings for making pottery.



(iii) SEPIK ART (below)

The orator's chair from
JIGINIMBU. The detail of the
bird shows the fineness of this
carving.

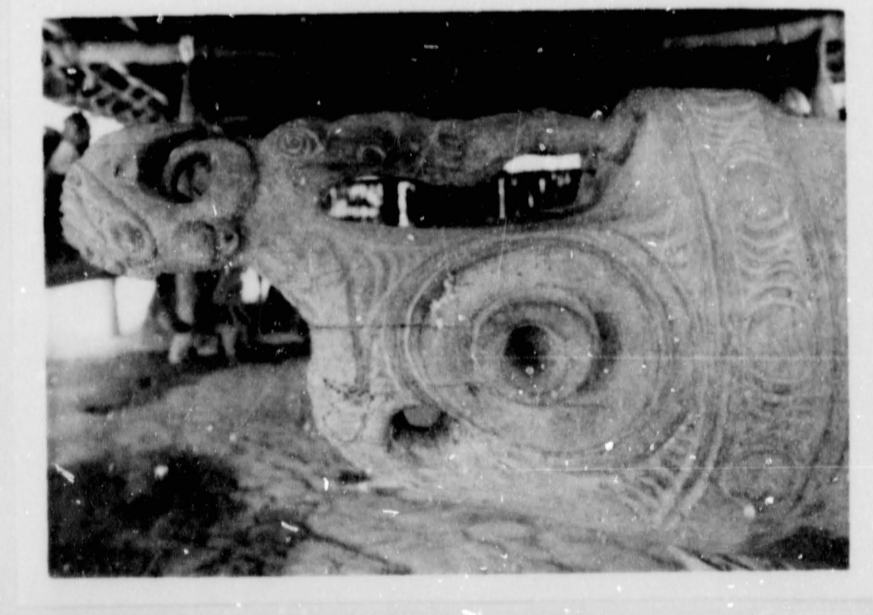




C. JIGINIABU GARAMUT

Three views of an old and very fine parrot man figure on a garamut at Jiginisbu.

This is another item worthy of Gazettal as National Cultural Property.



10. RECENTLY MADE GARAMUTS

The three garamuts depicted opposite are all new. The standard of carving on each is very fine.

Hopefully, this explodes the idea that all 'new' Sepik art is rubbish.

The top one is at Wereman No. 1 and the bottom two are at Torembei No. 1.



ANCIENT CARVED GARAMUTS

11 Two views of an excellent garamut at Torembei No. 2.



A carved garamut at NOGOSOP. The style used at Nososop and Caikarobi is different from that of other villages. Not similarly to style of the KOLU drum sticks pictured earlier.



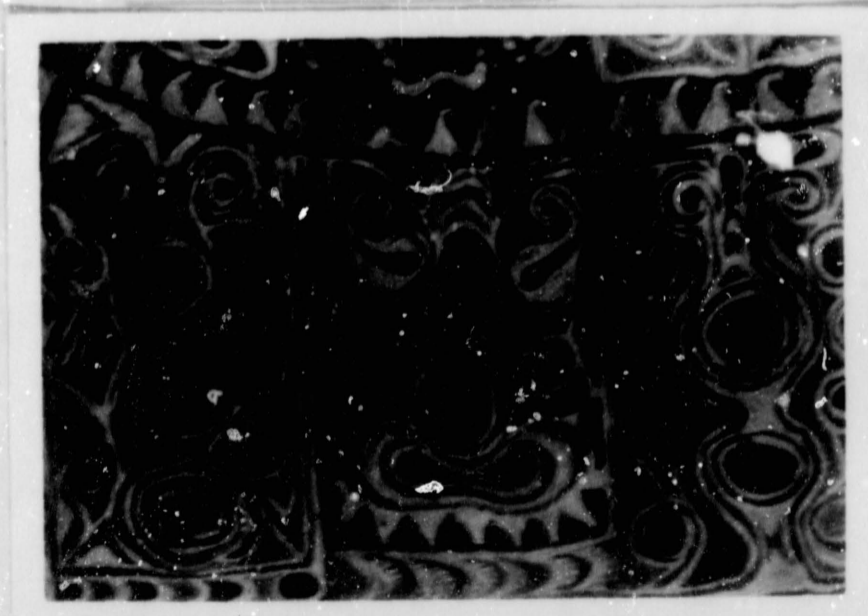
Another fine garamut
at Nogosop.

12. SEPIK PAINTING

The villages around Kosimbi use painting as much as carving
as shown on the post depicted below.



Malaria control spraying
with D.D.T. ruins
these paintings. The
two examples shown
were caught before a
malaria team went
through the area.





13. OTHER HANDICRAFTS

(7) Pottery. The Pottery used in the area patrolled comes from 3 sources:-

- a. Chambri
- b. Kwongai
- c. Wosera

The example shown is of the latter type.



(11) Basket Ware. The Basket figure is a Tambaran figure known as BAVA. These are common throughout the area patrolled. This example was seen at SARUM.



Dogs have no appreciation of Sepik art.

L. W. Bragge
L. W. BRAGGE,

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT

Station: **Ambunti** Population: -
 Subdistrict: **Ambunti** Council Area: **Covi**
 District: **East Sepik** House of Assembly Electorate: **Wosera Gaui**
 Report No: **1/1973-74** Map Reference: **Formil Ambunti**
 Conducted by: **L. W. BRAGGE** Last Patrol: **Various 1972-73**
 Designation: **Assis. District Commissioner** Objects of Patrol: **1. National Cultural Property Investigation**
 Duration: **13-8-73 to 17-8-73**
22-8-73 to 23-8-73 inc **2. Riot Investigation/Arrests**
 No. of Days: **7 days** **3. Land Purchase**
 Census Division: **Pts Main River, Burui Kunai and Chambri Lakes C.D.'s**

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
Wewak.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios **5 To 7** , (X)
 - Patrol Instructions, (-)
 - The Report and my comments, (X)
 - Area study, (-)
 - Updating of area study, (-)
 - Situation Reports Nos **1- 2** (X)
 - Patrol map, (-)

DATE: **17 /10/ 1973**

L. W. Bragge
L. W. BRAGGE
 Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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- Area study, ()
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 - Situation Reports Nos **1- ,** ()
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 - District Headquarters assessment of Above average
 - Patrol & Report..... Average
 - Below average

Date: / (19

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 District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT No. 1

Station..... **Ambunti** Officer Compiling..... **L.W.BRAGGE - A.D.C.**
 District..... **East Sepik** Subdistrict..... **Ambunti**
 Census Division..... **pts Main River, Burui** L.G. Council..... **Gaul**
Kunai and Chambri Lakes

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Subdistrict or District level, and of value to succeeding officers. No copy is required at Headquarters.)

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This report covers two short trips in the Gaul Local Government Council area, to complete a number of outstanding matters.

The first trip took the writer to Mandingai to photograph and record the story and all relevant details of National Cultural Property item TANGWEIYABINJUA. Situation Report No. 1 covers this.

At Korogo a payment of 150 was to be made to the representative of the Numbuk clan for land rights transfer re KUNORUBU land - See my 5-1-2 of today's date.

At Hogosop details of National Cultural property items requested by the Curator of Anthropology were obtained re garamut sticks called 'KOLU'. My 7-1-3 of today's date refers.

The patrol visited Tegoi as the writer had not previously over-nighted there.

The second trip was necessitated by a riot at Chambri - See Situation Report No. 2

This whole report is out of date - the delay in submission being caused by my falling ill at the end of the patrol with hepatitis and being on sick leave until 12th October 1973.



L. W. BRAGGE,
 Assistant District Commissioner.
 7th October 1973.

SITUATION REPORT No. 1

(Ambunti Patrol No. 1/073-74)

Station.....East Sepik.....Officer Compiling.....W. Heathcote, A.D.C.
 District.....East Sepik.....Subdistrict.....Ambunti
 Census Division.....Main River.....L.G. Council.....Gaul

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'TANGWEIYABINJUA' artefact
 Kandingai Village

Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject:.....

Discovery

The first that was officially known of this art piece was on 21st July 1973 when a representative of the NIAUBIA Clan of Yamanambu complained to the writer at Fagri that Mr. W. Heathcote of Ambunti had purchased it on 16th July from the Kandingai members of the Nisura clan and they, the Yamanambu members and part owners had not received their share of the \$3000 paid, and more over had not agreed for the piece to be sold.

Mr. Heathcote was approached and returned the figure to the village and cancelled his wisely post dated cheque for \$3000. The photographs show front, back and face detail aspects of the carving which is about 3' 6" tall.

This art piece is of major significance and should be gazetted as National Cultural Property.

Relation to Artefact and National Cultural Property item 'MAGISAUR' of Nyaurengai Village, now in PNG Museum.

Tangweiyabanjua is loosely termed to be Magisaur's sister, but mythology indicates she was merely a classificatory sister.

Date:.....





The main myth indicates Tangwi had no relatives, but Magisaun's family was as follows:-

- Kasandini
- Bairaligumban - Magisaun
- Yamiyumban

It is claimed these three sons of Bairaligumban made both the artefacts Magisaun and Tangweiyabinjua. Both served the same purpose (see below) Magisaun was held by Niaura clan members at Nyaurengai and Tangweiyabinjua was held by Niaura clan members at the sister village Kandingai.

Social Structure Origin

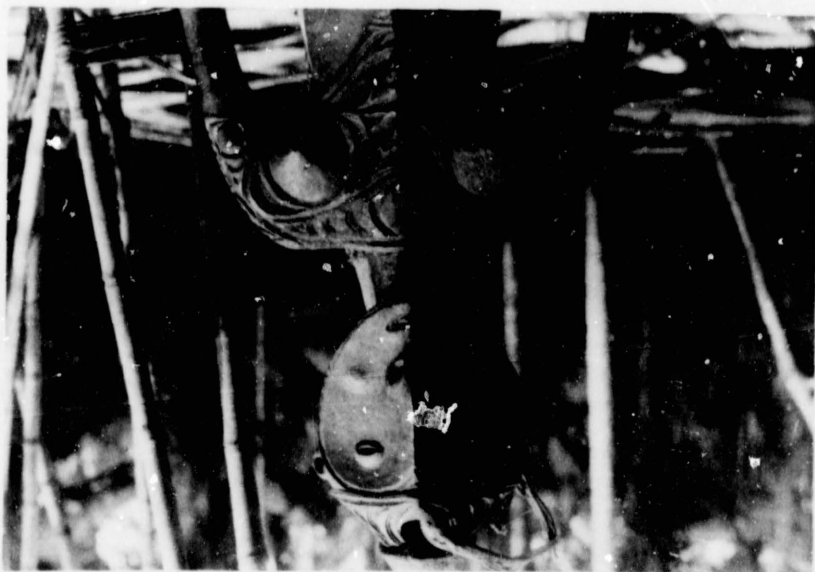
At the time of Magisaun there was believed to be only the WEINGWANDU Clan of the Niamei Society at Kandingai. The 3 brothers finally died and their spirits

entered the body of the black and white bird called GOGORA. The ancestors entering this pidgin gave their descendants the clan name Niaura or Nyaula. The Tambaran who gave them this name was JAMBINAN.

The Myth of TANGWEIYABINJUA

According to informant CHARA *

"When this place had no men (people) just Tangwei was here. The smoke of her fire rose and the men of Parasbei came and asked 'Who is making that fire?' They came in five canoes and came to see Tangwei. 'All you are a woman are you?' asked the Parasbei's and they started a fight. She ran among the hill on which we have planted our coconuts and she killed one of the Parasbei's who was tending a canoe. All the other men who had been in that canoe went into other canoes in which the Parasbei's had come. The name of the canoe was BONJUI. The canoe went



in and stayed at Malinguma. The canoe rotted, but our fathers remember seeing the head of this canoe, but it was gone by our time and we did not see it. The ancestors killed the first man and made the ground strong with his blood. The ancestor cut the meat of this man and Tangwei smoked the meat and the ground became strong. So Tangwei has the

SITUATION REPORT No. 1 (Ambunti Patrol No. 1/1973-74)

nam of being first on this ground and later the Niasei and Niaui people came and lived with her. (Sindaun antap long em - signifying that she herself was the ground)."

There are also references of interaction between Magisaun and Tangwei - She carried his bilus, he killed game and brought it to her to cook.

Suspected Deeper Mythological Significance of Tangwei.

At the base of Middle Sepik mythology and social structure is the division into the Niasei and Niaui societies. Social structure section of Ambunti Patrol Report No. 11/1972-73 goes into this.

Briefly - A Niasei society member was the first created person, according to mythology. First there was darkness, then ground then the Mother. She was of the left hand. Associated features with Niasei were darkness, black water, land, female, death. The other society Niaui is based on the son, lightness, life, white water, etc. The son is regarded as being of the right hand.

The clans are of either of one society or the other.

A number of Middle Sepik groups have indicated they have an important ancestress, parallel of Tangwei who played an important part in the creation. It is thought Tangwei and these others represent the original 'Mother' in the Niasei society.

Tangwei's relation to the ground is stated as:-

"The name of this ground Mysula is Tangwei. She is the mountain of this place". The interchange of things female and the ground is typical of Niasei allegorical thinking - eg. ASKAR (the original vagina) is commonly used to refer to the hole in the ground from which people originated according to mythology.

Inquiry at this depth meets with lack of knowledge from younger men, and lack of desire to communicate with elder men, so a final association of Tangwei with the original important Niasei Mother figure would require a full time study over a longer period than is available to D.D.A. staff.

The Use to Which the Artefacts TANGWEI' and MAGISAUN Were Put.

Each figures are the centre of the respective village clan's religion.

Traditionally in head hunting, the raiders before the raid offerings of betelnut and shell wealth were given and attached to the hook at the foot of the carvings. Fight magic was also used. As far as can be learned (this still being a close secret ritual) the magic consisted of spells chanted and blown onto the figure, betelnut being spat onto the figure and decoration of the figure with ginger.

After these preparations the figure would communicate to the raiders either or both a prophecy of success or failure of the proposed raid and the best tactics to use. These communication came in the form of dreams

Informant YAKUB/KAGAPO explains the following at follows and this is equally applicable to either Nagisaun or Tangwei. -

"After we have fought we give gifts of shell wealth, tambu, torenbum. The heads are decorated with kinas. Kinas were also put on the chest of our God Saun. Saun told us he wanted kinas, if we didnot have any he would say 'Why have you put only tambu?' So the people would put kinas on him."

Qn. "If you were bigheads and said 'No kinas' then what?"

"We would die. People would become sick and die, like sorcery, so we heard the talk and gave him kinas. Later we could not get them back, unless gifts of betelnut and a chicken was killed and presented, then we could take the kinas back. Then we would wash the kina and go and buy a woman or what we wanted with the kina.

"In the past as we did recently Saun was not kept in the haus tambaran but hidden in a house. People of other families did not know or see him. They all have their own equivalents which they keep secret. Close relatives can see him, but not outsiders. Outsiders would only hear talk of Saun's existance. Now when I was selling Saun, outsiders came and looked at him, there were crowds of them, they saw his markings and I sold him. Now Saun's sister is the same, she is not of another family, she also is kept in a house hidden from outsiders."

On general matters of village routine a dream would indicate to a person how he was going in what he was doing. This would be regarded as a communication from Tangwei. Dreams are often complicated and require interpretation, eg. a 'totem' of the Nyaula clan is 'Limbum' palm.

A dream might be of a limbum floor - all nice and even - this indicates all is well. A buckled rough floor indicates a change is needed to right what ever the dreamer is working on - or the dream might be of a limbum smoking rack and Tangwei at her work of smoking meat. If the smoke rises and goes it is an indication of correctness.

Thus Tangwei and Nagisaun are important central figures in traditional religion of their respective groups.

How Can Such an Important Figure be Disposed of?

This was explained as follows:

"We have made a replacement for Tangwei and we have had a singsing and given the names to the new Tangwei, and now we want to get rid of the old carving. We have all agreed to sell the old Tangwei, she has been here a long time and now we have replaced her. We sold the old one to Mr. Heathcote (\$3,000) and he took her to Ambunti, but then he sent her back and when she came up here there were four headaches caused. When this sickness came to us we killed three chickens and a dog for our ancestor who went away and came back to us, to cure our sickness. We want to get rid of the old one. Now both are here, the old and the new

we will continue to get head aches and sick while the old one remains. The new one has taken her place and we have given it all the names already.

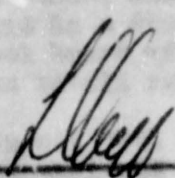
"We got \$7,000 for Sam and now we want the same price for his sister."

(Writer) "You accepted \$3,000 and now you want \$7,000, you have no hope."

"We would accept \$3,000 plus two 18 hp outboard motors."

Conclusion

This figure should be purchased by either the Papua New Guinea Museum, or better for the proposed Sepik Cultural Centre. Protection against private purchase should be arranged under the National Cultural Property Ordinance.


L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner,
17th October 1973

SITUATION REPORT No. 2

(Ambunti Patrol No. 1/1773-74)

Location..... Ambunti Officer Compiling.....
 District..... East Sepik Subdistrict..... Ambunti
 pt Main Riv. Burui Kunai,
 Census Division..... Chambri Lakes L.G. Council..... Guni

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Subject: Chambri/Timbunmeri Relations.

On 18th of August 1975 a group of Timbunmeri men went to Chambri where the Saturday market was in progress. They argued and then behaved in a riotous manner against the Chambri people present.

The men had gone to fight Chambri over an incident of a Timbunmeri school child who was to be punished for spoiling some melons in a Chambri garden. The matter was in the hands of the School board of Management and seemed to be completely above board to all except the 10 Timbunmeri men in question.

On August 19th O.I.C. Pagui and Police visited Chambri and Timbunmeri and arranged for the offender to make their own way to Pagui after the offenders refused to accompany the patrol. The offenders did not make their own way to Pagui as promised so the writer went to Timbunmeri and Chambri and collected them. They made no attempt to resist. At Ambunti 9 men were convicted of riotous behaviour and 2 of carrying offensive weapons in a public place. A total of \$220 in fines was collected and no one was imprisoned.

Background

Chambri and Timbunmeri have a long standing volatile land dispute between them and clashes between these groups have occurred with regularity since the late 1940's. The Land Titles Commission gave a decision in favour of Timbunmeri in 1970 which did nothing what ever to alter Chambri/Timbunmeri relations.

The 1920's, 1930's and 1940's saw the Nyaula people of the Sepik River (now the Main River Division) colonise four islands in the Chambri Lakes, Timbunmeri, Lukluk, Arinjone and Sambugunde. The Chambri people in the east and the Garasentru people in the west each claim ownership of all four islands and Hari and Changrikan also have claims on Timbunmeri.

Sgd:.....

Date:.....

A close watch is kept on relations to keep the 'lid on' what at times becomes an explosive situation between Chambri and the Myaula Colonists.

e.g. Earlier this year the prize Chambri Bullock on an island near Lukluk was allegedly shot by a person or persons unknown. The case is not solved, but it is accepted by Chambri that a particular Lukluk man shot the bullock.

The next Chambri patrol (December 1973) will thoroughly examine and record the situation in the Lakes.



L. W. BRAGGS
Assistant District Commissioner.
17th October 1973.

PATROL REPORT

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Section: <u>Ambunti.</u> Subdistrict: <u>Ambunti.</u> District: <u>2-1-1973</u> Report No: <u>3 73/74.</u> Conducted by: <u>D.B. Robertson.</u> Designation: <u>Assistant District Office</u> Duration: <u>2.10.73 - 6.11.73.</u> No. of Days: <u>14 days.</u> Census Division: <u>Main River.</u>	Population: <u>5620.</u> Council Area: <u>Gaul Council.</u> House of Assembly Electorate: <u>Wewak-Gaul.</u> Map Reference: <u>Fourmil Ambunti.</u> Last Patrol: <u>November 1972.</u> Objects of Patrol: <u>Census Revision.</u> <u>Area study Revision.</u> <u>Political Education.</u> <u>General Administration.</u>
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The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
Wewak.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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| Field Officers Journal Folios 27 To 29, | (x) |
| Patrol Instructions, | (x) |
| The Report and my comments, | (x) |
| Area study, | () |
| Updating of area study, | (x) |
| Situation Reports Nos 1-2, & 3. | (x) |
| Patrol map, | () |

DATE: 19/11 1973.

L.W. Bragge
 L.W. Bragge Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average

Date: / /19 .

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 District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside village)				Grand Total
		Under 18 years		18 years and over		Under 18 years		18 years and over		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
31.10.73	Indabu	39	33	22	30	49	27	52	28	280
26.10.73	Japanaut	30	64	44	71	34	23	41	32	379
24.10.73	Japandai	42	58	41	34	10	6	14	11	216
27.10.73	Kandingai	114	102	70	100	25	15	46	11	483
5.11.73	Kanganaman	108	136	98	116	52	45	116	54	725
30.10.73	Korogo	145	142	125	144	54	51	99	54	814
2.11.73	Malingai	66	73	62	76	22	19	54	29	401
27.10.73	Nyaurengai	26	24	20	31	26	18	34	16	195
2.11.73	Parambei	97	67	69	103	87	68	139	98	728
31.10.73	Suapmeri	53	51	32	51	31	20	46	24	308
5.11.73	Tegoi	29	37	16	26	21	9	34	17	189
25.10.73	Yamanambu	29	40	60	47	17	9	21	3	226
1.11.73	Yentchan	47	50	36	56	42	46	73	14	394
29.10.73	Yentchanmangua	57	55	38	53	12	10	43	14	282
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CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Sub District Office,
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16th October 1973

L. W. BRAGUE,

Mr. D. B. Robertson,
Assistant District Officer,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS AMBUNTI PATROL No. 3/1973-74
MAIN RIVER CENSUS DIVISION

Dear Mr. Robertson,

As discussed please be prepared to depart on a patrol of the Main River Census Division commencing as soon as possible.

The aim of the patrol will be Census Revision and compilation of an Area Study Revision.

Another important aim of the patrol will be to assess the Political atmosphere within the the Division particularly with the approach of Self Government on 1st December 1973. Care should be taken when obtaining this information not to make an issue of the matter which could make the people apprehensive. If the people are at all concerned they will speak up without prior questioning if they find you receptive. Please submit a detailed Situation Report on this topic.

Further matters requiring attention in the area are to look into and report upon:

1. The Yentchan Parambei land dispute, current situation.
2. The Suapmeri Indubu land dispute, current situation.
3. Reported disturbance at Parambei with Gau selling liquor allegedly before his licence came through.
4. Reported lapse in morals and several bashings at Japanaut, particularly concerned with Cult members Informant, Peter Kavik.
5. The current activities of Kero of Malingai.
6. Anything of significance on the Chambri Nyaula disputes over the Nyaula held Islands in the Lakes.
7. Anything else of significance.

Also have Mr. Yimitin, P.O. conduct much of the patrol work for a week or so to observe his efficiency. Assist him where necessary and allow him to take part in any patrol activity

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undertaken, as a training measure. He need not remain with the patrol more than a week.

I wish you a successful trip.



L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Date: *19/11/73* L. W. BRAGGE

19th November 1973

(Ambunti Patrol No. 3/1973-74)

Ambunti

SITUATION REPORT NO.

B.B. Robertson - A.D.O.

East Sepik

Ambunti

Station

Officer Compiling

District

Main River

Sub-District

Gauli

Centre

Peoples Attitudes Towards Self Government and Independence.

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The last para 1. adequately sums up the examples quoted. It seems the people are mildly apprehensive of the approach of Self Government.

Clearly the sun will have to successfully set on 1st December 1973 before uncertainties are cleared up.

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Date:

L.W. BRAGG

19th November 1973

SITUATION REPORT No. 1.

Station..... Ambunti..... Officer Compiling..... D.B. Robertson.
 District..... East Sepik..... Subdistrict..... Ambunti.
 Census Division..... Main River..... L.G. Council..... Guni Council.

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: Peoples Attitudes towards Self-Government and Independence.

1. This Census Division is the most politically enlightened of the Ambunti Sub-District, consequently it was a principal aim of this patrol to obtain and evaluate the peoples attitudes towards Self-Government. At no time during general discussions did I instigate any discussion concerning this topic but left it to the people themselves to raise the subject (as per Patrol Instructions). Readers of this Sitrep will to a large extent be able to draw their own conclusions from the following questions asked.

From Japandai village:
 "We all have different ideas, Papua cannot boss us, Australia must stay here".
 "We are scared of the way Japan came before".
 "All the men in the cities and towns will receive plenty of things when S.G. arrives, but we here in the bush will not."

From Yamanambu village:
 "When S.G. comes will all the white men leave?"

From Japanaut village:
 "S.G. wants to know what we think about Courts and Magistrates". (above refers to Discussion Groups).

From Kandingai village:
 "Is Papua going to fight us?"
 "If Australia leaves altogether the Communists will get us".

From Myaurengal village:
 "When will S.G. arrive and what will he do?"
 "We do not live the same as Australians, they cannot leave yet?"
 "What law will we live by, Local Government Council, Papua and New Guinea or Australian laws?"

From Suapneri village:
 "Will a man come or will only a new fashion come".
 "They say some money, either new or old will come".

From Korogo village:
 (A statement from Bonjui - ex MLC): "I know Papua-New Guinea gets S.G. on 1/12, but our Government will not be able to handle the work."

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From Malingai village:

"What sort of a man will come?"

"Are the laws going to be any better than the ones we have now?"

From Kentchan village:

"What is this woman in Papua trying to do?"

Apart from the above quotations, the following points were made or discussed:

At Malingai village: I was informed by Councillor Wanda of this village that his people are stock-piling sago now and also that during the week preceding 1/12 the people intend to gather further food supplies and store it in their houses.

At Kanganaman village: In the "haus-tumbaran" at this village concern was shown towards a National Day poster displayed there. This poster depicts four nanus, each grasping the wrist of the other. It is inscribed, "Bung wantaim". These people have associated this poster with Self-Government and although I could not draw them out on the subject the opinion I formed is that they think this gentleman will arrive on 1/12 and take them into custody.

At Japanaut village: Concern was shown here at the numbers of shotguns being confiscated and also the number being thrown in the river. It was stated that at Yamanambu village there are no shotguns at all now. Several "Eusebio Arazaga" shotguns confiscated 3 years ago were recently deposited in the river. Again, the people here associate this with the approach of S.G. and consider that the Government officials are surreptitiously trying to get rid of all shotguns before he arrives.

In answer to the questions quoted above the usual explanations were given and the situation explained clearly to the people however I do not feel that their fears have been allayed entirely.

Points noted from the discussions are:

1. The references being made to Self-Government as being a human being.
2. The references to Papua.
3. The oft repeated demands that the paternal hand of Australia must stay here to guide them.
4. The references to law and order.

I could not detect any inter-village rivalry or animosity on this subject and although the people are apprehensive about the 1st of December I do not expect any trouble to arise. The people just do not know what to expect and, quite naturally, are slightly uneasy.

D.B. Robertson.
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(Ambunti Patrol No. 3/1973-74)

Ambunti

D.L. Robertson - A.D.C.

East Sepik

Ambunti

Station

Officer Compiling

District

Main River

Subdistrict

Gaul

Case

Yentchan - Parambei Land Dispute

I.G. Council

Gaul Council

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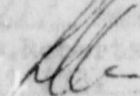
Subject: **This and other serious land disputes will cause unrest and fighting, atleast until the Government institutes successful measures to settle land disputes.**
1. **In the meanwhile surveillance and law and order enforcement will be maintained on such disputes.**
situated adjacent to the village of Yentchan, ground is known as "Tan" and the dispute has been registered with the Land Titles Commission of the disputing parties, so the hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

2. Over recent months the two disputing families have succeeded in niggling each other in disputes over this land, that three court cases have resulted with either side being fixed in court.

3. John Kambuka (Yentchan), resigned in early 1977 from his employment as a boatswain on a Government workboat, specifically to assist his ageing father look after this piece of land.

4. The applicant to have the dispute registered, Gaul, of Parambei is, to my way of thinking, getting the "thin end of the wedge" as far as this dispute goes, when the survey was being done in 1971 for the dispute to be registered, Gaul was not present when the survey started, so the ground that the Yentchan family was disputing was surveyed first. I had explained to them that when Gaul arrived, we would then survey the piece of ground that he wished to dispute. While this survey was being done the Yentchan people commenced demonstrating quite loudly with spears and axes being carried around. For the safety of the survey party, I had no option but to call off the un-completed survey. Thus we have the situation, where although Gaul is the applicant, the ground which he wished to register will not be the subject of the L.T.C. hearing, if and when it is ever held.

5. Currently the situation is tense, with either side likely to start planting a garden there which results in the other pulling them out, and a fight ensuing.

Sgd: 
Date: 12 Nov 1973 L.S. BRAGGE

16th November 1973

SITUATION REPORT No. 2.

Ambunti Patrol No. 2 72/73

Station..... Ambunti...... Officer Compiling..... D.B. Robertson.
 District..... East Sepik...... Subdistrict..... Ambunti.
 Census Division..... Main River...... L.G. Council..... Gaul Council.

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—1.72.

Subject:..... Yentchan-Parambei land dispute.

1. This land dispute concerns a small area of land situated adjacent to the village of Yentchan, ground is known as "Tambigu" and the dispute has been registered with the Land Titles Commission. The hearing was set down for March 1973 but one of the disputing parties could not be present so the hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed.
2. Over recent months the two disputing families have succeeded in niggling each other in disputes over this land, that three court cases have resulted with either side being fined in court.
3. John Kambuka (Yentchan), resigned in early 1972 from his employment as a boatscrew on a Government workboat, specifically to assist his ageing father look after this piece of land.
4. The applicant to have the dispute registered, Gau, of Parambei is, to my way of thinking, getting the "thin end of the wedge" as far as this dispute goes. When the survey was being done in 1971 for the dispute to be registered, Gau was not present when the survey started, so the ground that the Yentchan family was disputing was surveyed first. I had explained to them that when Gau arrived, we would then survey the piece of ground that he wished to dispute. While this survey was being done the Yentchan people commenced demonstrating quite loudly with spears and axes being carried around. For the safety of the survey party, I had no option but to call off the un-completed survey. Thus we have the situation, where although Gau is the applicant, the ground which he wished to register will not be the subject of the L.T.C. hearing, if and when it is ever held.
5. Currently the situation is tense, with either side likely to start planting a garden there which results in the other pulling them out, and a fight ensuing.

Sgd:..... D.B. Robertson
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 Date:..... 12.11.73.

(Ambunti Patrol No. 3/1973-74)

Ambunti

SITUATION REPORT NO. D.B. Robertson - A.D.O.

Station: East Sepik
 District: Main River
 Officer Commanding: Ambunti
 Sub-District: Gawi
 L.O. Council: Gawi Council

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Gov. Form - 192/10,000 - 1.72

Subject: Suapseri-Indabu land dispute.**No further comment required.**

1. The Suapseri - Indabu land dispute concerns the ground on which the village of Indabu is situated. Following an L.P.C. hearing during March 1973, a decision was handed down which stated that the land had reverted to the people of Suapseri and belonged to them. The Indabu people are to vacate the ground by September 1974 at which time they are to receive approximately \$800 in compensation, from the Suapseri people.

2. Following this decision, the Indabu people filed for a review of the decision, nothing has been heard from the L.P.C. regarding this review.

3. The Suapseri attitude at the moment is, "if they had behaved themselves and asked us first if they could stay there and use other pieces of small ground around the area it would have been okay, but they were always disputing with us so we decided to take the matter to court".

4. The Indabu situation is quiet too, they are waiting to hear from the L.P.C. regarding their review of the decision.

5. About 3 weeks ago, a house burnt down in Indabu village, the owner tells me that he intends to commence building a new one on the same spot in a few weeks time. Indicates that he, at the moment anyway, has no intention to vacate the disputed area.

6. Overall, the situation at the moment is quiet with no sign that the atmosphere could become heated.

D.B. Robertson

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12.11.73.

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Date:

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19th November 1973

SITUATION REPORT No. 3.

Station..... Ambunti. Officer Compiling..... D.B. Robertson.
 District..... East Senik. Subdistrict..... Ambunti.
 Census Division..... Main River. L.G. Council..... Gaul Council.

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Subject: Suapmeri-Indabu land dispute.

1. The Suapmeri - Indabu land dispute concerns the ground on which the village of Indabu is situated. Following an L.T.C. hearing during March 1973, a decision was handed down which stated that the land had reverted to the people of Suapmeri and belonged to them. The Indabu people are to vacate the ground by September 1974 at which time they are to receive approximately \$800 in compensation, from the Suapmeri people.

2. Following this decision, the Indabu people filed for a review of the decision, nothing has been heard from the L.T.C. regarding this review.

3. The Suapmeri attitude at the moment is, "If they had behaved themselves and asked us first if they could stay there and use other pieces of small ground around the area it would have been okay, but they were always disputing with us so we decided to take the matter to court".

4. The Indabu situation is quiet too, they are waiting to hear from the L.T.C. regarding their review of the decision.

5. About 3 weeks ago, a house burnt down in Indabu village, the owner tells me that he intends to commence building a new one on the same spot in a few weeks time. Indicates that he, at the moment anyway, has no intention to vacate the disputed area.

6. Overall, the situation at the moment is quiet with no sign that the atmosphere could become heated.

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12.11.73.

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Assistant District Commissioner's Comments

Ambunti Patrol No. 3/1973-74 - Patrol Report No. 1

Station LIQUOR LICENCE OF GAU AT PARAMBEE VILLAGE

District Subdistrict

Census Division U.G. Council

The investigation is still underway.

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Liquor Licence of Gau at Parambee Village

1. Enquiries at nearby villages and also in Parambee village itself regarding the sale of beer from the store owned by Gau, and for which he currently holds a licence retrospective to May 1973, revealed several breaches of the law have taken place recently.

2. With Gau only infrequently in the village the operating of the store is left to Councillor Nani. There are several notices displayed there, signed by Gau, stating that beer after being bought, should be taken away to the buyer's house and cartons should not be broken open outside the store and drinking carried on nearby. Gau also stated to me that he is contemplating shifting the store to a position on the banks of the Sepik River, a distance of about 1 1/2 miles.

3. Enquiries revealed that the sale of beer has taken place at 3.30 am on several occasions, on one occasion and on two other occasions at a very late hour of the night. It would have been interesting to show any disturbance and how close for miles the place could be attacked to him. I shall be in a better case against Gau as soon as my patrol at 3.30 is finished.

D.B. Robertson
19.11.73

L. W. BRAGGE
Assistant District Commissioner
19th November 1973

PATROL REPORT No. 13

Ambunti Patrol Nr. 3 73/74.

Station.....Ambunti.....Officer Compiling.....D.B. Robertson.....
 District.....East Sepik.....Subdistrict.....Ambunti.....
 Census Division.....Main River.....L.G. Council.....Gavi Council.....

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Govt. Print.—1792/40,000.—5.72.

Liquor Licence of Gau at Parambei village.

1. Enquiries at nearby villages and also in Parambei village itself regarding the sale of beer from the store owned by Gau, and for which he currently holds a licence retrospective to May 1973, revealed several breaches of the law have taken place recently.

2. With Gau only infrequently in the village the operating of the store is left to Councillor Lami. There is a small notice displayed there, signed by Gau, stating that beer after being bought, should be taken away to the buyers house and cartons should not be broken open outside the store and drinking carried on nearby. Gau also stated to me that he is contemplating shifting the store to a position on the banks of the Sepik River, a distance of about 1½ miles.

3. Enquiries revealed that the sale of beer has taken place at 3.30am on a particular morning, on two Sundays and on two other occasions at a very late hour of the night. I could find nothing to show any disturbances had taken place for which the blame could be attached to Gau. I shall prepare a court case against Gau as soon as this patrol report is finished.

D.B. Robertson.

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12.11.73.

PATROL REPORT No. 2

Assistant District Commissioner's Comments

Ambunti Patrol No. 3/1973-74 - Patrol Report No. 2

Station..... Officer Campbell

District JAPANAUT VILLAGE DISTURBANCES

Census Division..... I.C. Council

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Gen. Form 470/10,001-572

Japanaut village disturbances:

1. There was no information from reports of fights in this village, in which villagers have been involved. The fact that were reported as frequent following their "flowers" in the ceremony, but now been "fall", that is their fault and that is their...

2. Reported said cult activities were present in village at the time of the patrol's visit and informal discussions with them indicated that they may have realized the error of their ways. I was pleasantly surprised to find that one of the leaders of the cult movement in the village, Naga, was particularly vocal against cult activities and would think that he would have been instrumental in the changes for the better in the village life.

DB Robertson
D.S.O.
12.11.73

L. W. Bragge

L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

19th November 1973

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Ambunti Patrol Nr. 3 73/74.

Station.....Ambunti......Officer Compiling.....D.B. Robertson.
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Japenaut village disturbances.

1. There was no information forthcoming to substantiate reports of fights in this village, in which Feli Assn. members have been involved. The fact that two young females were reported as pregnant following their being used as "flowers" in cult ceremonies, has now been accepted here as, "Well, that is their fault and that is their problem".

2. Reported male adult cultists were present in the village at the time of the patrols visit and informal discussions with them indicated that they may have realized the error of their ways. I was pleasantly surprised to note that one of the leaders of the cult movement in the village, Niaga, was particularly vocal against cult activities and I would think that he would have been instrumental in the changes for the better in the village life.

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 12.11.73.

PATROL REPORT No. 3

Station..... Ambunti...... Officer Compiling..... D. B. Robertson.
 District..... East Sepik...... Subdistrict..... Ambunti.
 Census Division..... Main River...... L.G. Council..... Gari Council.

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Activities of Kero of Malingai.

1. The above named gentleman is a well known cultist and general disturber of the peace.
2. Currently he is residing at Aibom village in the Chambri Lakes C.D. where one of his numerous wives lives. However he had received the message of the census to be carried out at his home village of Malingai and had paddled over to be included amongst the census.
3. Aibom village is also the home of Councillor Bowi, who is also another well known cultist and it is difficult for me to imagine that these two could go for any great length of time without some form of disturbance coming forth from their companionship. This is something that could be checked again during the forthcoming Chambri Lakes patrol.
4. My Sitrep 1 of this report mentions a stockpiling of food at Malingai village in preparation for 1st December, but my informant at the village made no indication to me that Kero is involved in this business.

D.B. Robertson.
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 12.11.73.

PATROL REPORT No. 4.

Ambunti Patrol No. 5 73/74.

Station..... Ambunti..... Officer Compiling..... D.B. Robertson.
 District..... East Sepik..... Subdistrict..... Ambunti.
 Census Division..... Main River..... L.G. Council..... Gauri Council.

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Chambri - Nyaule disputes over Chambri Lake islands

1. The Japanut village people occupying Lukluk Island in the Chambri Lakes C.D. indicated to me that there is still friction between the groups but it appears to have waned somewhat. The fairly recent shooting of a beast owned by Chambri people on ground ~~indicated~~ near Lukluk Island and the court case which followed has probably dampened their enthusiasm for disputes, for the time being anyway.

2. Arinjone Island occupied by people from Nyaurengai village is not in dispute at the moment and the situation is quiet.

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 12.11.73.

Assistant District Commissioner's Office

Main River Census Division.
Ambunti Patrol No. 3/1973-74 - AREA STUDY 12/73.

(B). POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

(C) ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Population figures are included on the inside of the Patrol Report cover.

Since arriving in this District I have held the opinion that Pagwi needs an A.D.O. or D.O. as O.I.C. Pagwi is a difficult station and Administrative Area. The means of successful administration of the Gau Council has been a regular source of disagreement between A.D.C. and D.L.G.O. Supervisory staff being the main question under discussion. Last year the absentee total was 24/3, even with an increase in total population, the absentee figure has dropped to 2085 this year.

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Assistant District Commissioner

19th November 1973

Patrol No. 3 72/73.
Patrol No. 5 72/73.
Main River Census Division. Patrol No. 3 72/73.
Area Study Revision of Patrol No. 8 72/73.

(B). POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

1. Population figures are included on the inside of the Patrol Report cover.
2. With a population figure of 5620 this is an increase of 189 over last years total, an increase of 2.88 over the 12 months.
3. A point to note is that whereas last year the absentee total was 2473, even with an increase in total population, the absentee figure has dropped to 2085 this year.

was given by an LNC hearing during March 1973, as currently existing a reply from the LNC regarding their application for a review of the decision. Application lodged by Indani. The decision given stated that the land belonged to Shapari and Indani were to vacate the land with 15 days of their village site, by September 1974. Shapari

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Assistant District Officer.

4. In the Korofo area, over land known as "Korofo" is still existing. This could be another indication of a division amongst the Korofo villages. Verema is attached to Korofo. A remark passed at Yenchamangus referred to, "those three villages up there", referring to Yencham, Korofo and Korofo. Yenchamangus is more directly allied to Korofo and Yencham with the school at "Korofo" being shared by those three.

5. Whilst at Korofo, I approached Vi Korofo regarding the payment of 850 offered to him as a settling payment for the ground known as "Korofo" and on which the Korofo Administration School now stands. (The last report of 17.10.73 to D.O. Newak also refers). I made the approach to Vi just as the off-chance that he may have had some thoughts about accepting payment but his attitude is still the same. His reply was, "I do not want payment, if I want to build or plant something on that land I will".

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Assistant District Officer.

Ambunti Patrol Nr. 3 73/74.
Main River Census Division
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(B). LAND TENURE AND USE.

1. It was pleasing to note that the population has recovered from the Sepik River flood which occurred earlier this year. Gardens are flourishing again and at the time of this patrol, there was an abundance of tomatoes, water melons and beans. All other crops are doing well.
2. As mentioned in my Sitrep 2 of this report, the Yentchan-Parambei dispute still continues over the land known as "Tambigu".
3. The Suapmeri-Indabu dispute in which a decision was given by an LTC hearing during March 1973, is currently awaiting a reply from the LTC regarding their application for a review of the decision. Application lodged by Indabu. The decision given stated that the land belonged to Suapmeri and Indabu were to vacate the land, which is their village site, by September 1974. Suapmeri to pay them \$800 compensation.
4. Yentchanmangua report that their dispute with Wereman in the Surui-Kunai C.D. over land known as "Yatwia" is still simmering. This could be another indication of a division amongst the Nyaala villages, Wereman is attached to Japanaut. A remark passed at Yentchanmangua referred to, "Those three villages up there", referring to Japanaut, Yamanambu and Japandai. Yentchanmangua is more closely allied to Kandingai and Nyaurengai with the school of "Simbagit" being shared by these three.
5. Whilst at Korogo, I approached Vi Namangara regarding the payment of \$50 offered to him as a mollifying payment for the ground known as "Kubaruba" and on which the Korogo Administration School now stands. (The ADC Ambunti 34-1-2 of 17.10.73 to D.C.Wewak also refers). I made the approach to Vi just on the off-chance that he may have had second thoughts about accepting payment but his attitude is still the same. His reply was, "I do not want payment, if I want to build or plant something on that land I will".

D.B. Robertson.
Assistant District Officer.

ambunti patrol No. 3 73/74.
Main River Census Division.
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(R). POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

1. A Rural Development Officer, Mr. Haro Mirou, has now taken over as OIC of the BASF Dept. at Pagvi. Currently he is concentrating on the fish industry. To date 2,500 lbs of fish has been brought off the population for processing at Bainyik as fishmeal for pig fodder. The fish are being brought whole at .4¢ per lb and crushed at Bainyik. The Councillor Tegoi village, Gwalai, has now established a smoke-house and another one is to be established either at Aibom or Indingai in the Chambri Lakas C.D.

2. The number of gill nets now in the villages in the Census Division are as follows:

Japanaut	13
Buapmeri	2
Japandai	14
Korogo	12 45
Kandingai	21
Nyaurengai	13
Yentcha-mangua	3
Yamanambu	12

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These are full size nets only and shows the increasing interest by the people in using them and with further encouragement from BASF there may yet be a possibility of expanding this business.

D.B. Robertson,
Assistant District Officer.

Ambunti Patrol Nr. 3 73/74.
Main River Census Division.
Area Study Revision of Patrol Nr. 8 72/73.

(C). ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. I was not surprised at the attitude of the Councillors from the villages further downriver. Their attitude towards attending Council meetings was, "I do not know when the next meeting is, but unless they send the canoe to get us, I will not worry about going".

2. At Japandai and Kanganaman villages there were calls for a by-election because the people were dissatisfied with the present Councillor. At Japandai, people said the Councillor, Joseph Anganjuan did not spend enough time in the village and that he had too many loans around the village which he has never paid back. At Kanganaman the complaint was that the Councillor wants the men to work too often on the upkeep of the Catholic Mission airstrip at Kanganaman Kapanmari.

3. At Japanaut village, many comments were made that the present Gaudi Local Government Council clerk has too much power and further that there is no one to supervise his work.

4. From my observations during the two days I spent at Pagwi just prior to the patrol and from the comments passed then and later, it is my impression that the peoples attitude towards the Council, and the Councillors attitude towards their work has degenerated.

5. Estimates of artefact sales over a year are difficult to obtain however D.B. Robertson, Assistant District Officer, reveals an increase of \$17,450 from \$1,000 in the sales of artefacts and the Kanganaman post are deleted.

6. There are 33 serviceable motor in the Census Division, a large number of these are brand new, mostly Johnson 20hp and Yamaha. The figure of 33 is an increase of 7 over last years figure.

7. With Talco participating in the "Barau" at Pagwi last year the influx of tourists increased. Although the tourist schedule for this time includes a lot of time spent in the Chambri area, a certain amount is spent on the main river. Some of money was paid out to Bandingai village to have the "barau" cleared continuously.

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Main River Census Division.
Are a Study Revision of Patrol Nr. 8 72/73.

(B). THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

1. Crocodiles: The catching and selling of crocodile continues but at a very subdued pace. There are not very many crocodiles around and most are rather small. Mr. R. Trueman has been the main buyer throughout this area. Mr. R. Dowrie at Pagwi has dropped out as a buyer because there is no demand for skins. From enquiries made in the villages the total income from the sale of crocodile skins for this Census Division amounts to \$ 4150. This is a decrease of \$614 on last years figure.

2. Artifacts: The sale of artifacts continues unabated. The main villages from which sales are made are Kandingai; Yentchanmangua; Korogo; Kanganaman; Yentchan and Parambei. There have been no major single items sold this last year.

3. At Kanganaman, a post (name Bangameri), of the "haus tambaran", is on offer to the National Museum at a price of \$2800. Apparently this the price paid for a similar sale last year. This post is owned by the "walkin" family. A second and much larger post is also on offer at \$4000.

4. A Miss Dodo Folkerts of Melbourne, had just preceded me to the village, on an artifact buying spree and has reserved a small and very old "garamut" drum, (name Yimbandaua) which she is allegedly going to purchase for \$300 from the "Samiangwat" family.

5. The greatest single seller on the river is the "Mai" masks from Korogo. Kandingai and Yentchanmangua also indulge in this style.

6. Estimates of artifact sales over a year are difficult to obtain accurately, enquiries reveal a income of \$11,150 from this source last year. This is an increase of \$650 on last year if the sales of "Magisaun" and the Kanganaman post are deleted.

7. Outboard Motors: There are 33 serviceable motors in the Census Division. A large number of these are brand new, mostly Johnson 20hp and Yamaha. The figure of 33 is an increase of 7 over last years figure.

8. Tourism: With Talco positioning the MV "Mareeba" at Pagwi last year the influx of tourists increased. Although the tourist schedule for this firm includes a lot of time spent in the Chambri Lakes, a certain amount is spent on the main river. Sums of money were paid out to Kandingai village to have the "barat" cleared continuously.

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continued (N). ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

This berat connects the main river to Chambri Lakes.

9. Sepik Safaris had 20 tours last year. Their programme included "singsings" which are now performed at Korogo and not Kangrasman. The fee paid to the villagewas \$86 per performance but this has lately been reduced to \$60.

10. A total figure of \$2700 covers the two tourist firms, this is an increase of \$1280 or 95%.

11. Per capita income: A total income from all sources of \$69,966 is calculated for the area, this is a decrease of \$5611 on last years figure. This gives a per capita income on the total population of \$12.44, and per present ~~xxxxx~~ male a rate of \$42. In each case this is a decrease, firstly of \$1.47 and secondly of \$8.12.

E.B. Robertson,
Assistant District Officer.

PATROL REPORT

Station: **Agua** Population: **5431**
 Subdistrict: **ambunti** Council Area: **...**
 District: **West Sepik** House of Assembly Electorate: **Wosera/ Gavi Open**
 Report No: **3 of 1973/74** Map Reference: **Ambunti Porail**
 Conducted by: **J. Bori, A.D.C.** Last Patrol: **December 1973**
A. Boroku (T.P.O.) Objects of Patrol: **Law & Order**
Training
Familiarisation
 Duration: **8/1/74 - 9/1/74**
 No. of Days: **2**
 Census Division: **Main River**

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
Wewak

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios To , ()
 - Patrol Instructions, ()
 - The Report and my comments, ()
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, ()
 - Situation Reports Nos 1- , ()
 - Patrol map, ()

DATE: **12 / 2 1974**

[Signature]
L. S. B. GUN
 Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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 - District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report..... Above average
 Average
 Below average

Date: / / 19

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 District Commissioner

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CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
sub District Office,
AMBUNTI.

67-1-9

67-1-9

21st March 1974

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
P.O. Box 72,
WEWAK.

PAGWI PATROL REPORT No. 3/1973-74 - MR. A. BAROKU, T.P.O.

My comments on Mr. Baroku's report are:

The report writes off this matter as a minor incident and the matter has been allowed to rest there.

I feel, however, that the Father is a man of experience and that his report had substance. If this is true the village people have successfully talked their way out of the court action that should follow fighting/rioting.

My initial concern over the Father's report was re-inforced by the background matter reported in Patrol Report No. 2 of Ambunti Patrol Report No. 5/1973-74 in 'Parambei Politics'.

L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

→ c.c. Officer In Charge,
Patrol Post, PAGWI,
P.O. Box 106,
MAPRIK.

c.c. Mr. A. Baroku,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT No. ~~210017~~

Station Ambunti PABWI Officer Compiling A. Barokah (S.P.O.)
Post Sepik Subdistrict Ambunti
 District Main River L.G. Council Orud
 Census Division

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INTRODUCTION

Father Leo from O.M. Kabaisari wrote a letter to the A.P.O. here at Ambunti telling him that they had three fights at the mission station. We departed Ambunti on the 8th of January and went down to Pagi picked up the team of policemen and Joe. Sori the O.I.C. of Pagi and proceeded to Pagi and Kanganaman.

Firstly we stopped at the mission station asked for Father Leo and they told us that he was away in Werak. We told the councillor from Kanganaman to go up to his village and take the people down to the station so that we can pick them up on our way to Ambunti via Pagi. When we arrived Pagi we arrested five boys who took part in the fight. As we came up to Kabaisari we found the people from Kanganaman waiting for the patrol team.

REPORTED FIGHTS—PAGI and KANGANAMAN:

Following a report received from Fr. Leo of O.M. Kabaisari on a fight on Saturday the 6th of January 1974 between the above two villages and patrol with the team of seven police men were sent to investigate the matter on Tuesday 8th of January 1974. In investigation it was found that the situation was not serious, therefore further investigation and arrest could not be made. The patrol interviewed the people from both sides on the mission station including the two councillors and a school teacher from the station as witnesses on allegations made in Father Leo's letter.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

- A: No sticks were used even though several of them were carried at the time of the incident.
- B: No such things as grass knives or pieces of iron were used or carried.
- C: The incident was initiated by the youngsters after the social gathering on the mission station on Saturday night (5th, Jan. 1974).
- D: The elders did not try to discourage the fight on Sunday, but rushed to the scene and argued among themselves to control the situation.
- E: The elders eventually did control situation and got both sides to shakehands and forget all about it.
- F: No one was hurt or injured because the clash was not meant to be serious they considered it as incident amongst the youngsters.
- G: Each side has contributed \$25.00 to hold a party on Wednesday

9th of January, to bring their youngsters together to forget about their differences.

H: Patrol warned them strongly that repetition of this sort of thing would not be tolerated if it led to any thing serious and got the assurance from the elders and the missionaries that they would help to control things in their villages.

I: The previous incident on the National day was also initiated by the youngsters after the game of soccer on the Mission Station the elders controlled it and so it did not get out of hands

J: The elders from both villages blamed Fr. Leo for these two recent disturbances and ill feelings among them.

THE CAUSE OF THE RECENT DISTURBANCE:

Incident on Saturday night (5th, Jan.) between the two youngsters from Kanganaman and Tegoï during the dance organized by Fr. Leo on the station. Again two met again straight after the mass and started the argument again. At that time there was number of boys from Kanganaman on the station when they saw these two boys arguing and so helped their friend and chased the boy from Tegoï back to his village. He went home and informed his people that he was being chased by the Kanganaman people. On hearing this the youngsters from his village rushed to the mission station where they found few people from Kanganaman mainly the youngsters and wanted to fight them but couple of elderly men from Kanganaman stopped them and ordered them to disperse. The youngsters from Tegoï were returning home but told them that they would return in the afternoon to fight them on the station, the story apparently reached Kanganaman. In the afternoon about five youngsters from Kanganaman came to the station to see whether it was true that Tegoï people wanted to fight them. There they met a handful of Tegoï youngsters waiting on the side of the airstrip and so they started arguing at each other trying to find out whose fault it was in the first place. Argument however went out of hand for a little while while when the youngsters started ex-changing few punches but it was only for a little while when elders from both sides arrived at the scene and stopped them. Argument however went on about an hour when the elders joined but it was mainly to find out the faults and attempts to settle it. Eventually every thing was settled through the work of some elders and councillor Goreï of Tegoï however the councillor from Kanganaman was not present at that time. The two groups then shook hands and promised to hold a small party to forget all about the incident.

A. Baroku
A. Baroku (T.P.O.)

Pagwi Patrol Report No. 3/1973-74:

In this Patrol Report I have no SIGNATURES, except mine.

Patrol Conducted by: A. Baroku

Designation: Trainee Patrol Officer

A. Baroku
A. Baroku (T.P.O.)

PATROL REPORT

Page

Station:	Ambunti	Population:	Chambri Lakes 2743
Subdistrict:	Ambunti	Council Area:	Main River 5431
District:	East Sepik	House of Assembly Electorate:	Upper Sepik 2044
Report No:	5/1973-74	Map Reference:	Gaul and Ambunti
Conducted by:	L. W. Bragge, A.D.C.	Last Patrol:	Wosera Gaul & Upper Sepik
Designation:	A. Baroku, T.P.O.	Objects of Patrol:	Ambunti Formil
Duration:	23-11-73 to 8-12-73		November 1972
No. of Days:	Sixteen (16)		Training
Census Division:	Pt. Main River, Chambri Lakes		Census
	Upper Sepik		Familiarisation

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WESAK

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios To , (X)
- Patrol Instructions, (X)
- The Report and my comments, (X)
- Area study, (-)
- Updating of area study, (-)
- Situation Reports Nos 1- 3 (X)
- Patrol map, (-)

DATE: 18/12/1973.


L. W. BRAGGE
 Assistant District Commissioner

Chief Minister & Development Administration
~~Division of District Administration~~
 KONE DOBU, Papua New Guinea.

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- Updating of area study, (-)
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District Headquarters assessment of Above average
 Patrol & Report..... Average
 Below average

Date: / /19

E. G. HICKS
 District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT No. 2

(Ambunti Patrol XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)

CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Sub District Office,
AMBUNTI.

Station: 67-1-12
District: East Sepik
Date: 16th January 1974
Sub-District: 67-1-12

(For records: 16th January 1974
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The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
P.O. Box 72,
WEWAK.

AMBUNTI PATROL REPORT No. 5/1973-74 - A. BAROKU, TPO
A First Report by this Officer.

*** Attached are three copies of this report:

My Comments: - There is no Patrol Report Numbered 1.

Patrol Report's 2, 3, and 4 are not Patrol Report material, but contain details of Education, Technical and Clerical Skills, and Land Tenure, which Mr. Baroku collected at my request for inclusion in the Area Study.

Patrol Report No. 5 This is confused. The Europeans mentioned were pre war prospectors.

The gold figures given bear no resemblance to Yerikai/Garamambu production, which is set out accurately in Patrol Report No. 1 of Ambunti 5/1973-74 as submitted by myself.

Unfortunately Mr. Baroku's report writing did not receive close enough supervision, and he will have to concentrate on report writing and presentation. His Situation Report on Political Education is good material.

His report was typed for him on this occasion as his presence was required in the cash office. He will type his own report next time.

Time of day: 11:00 AM
Days open: 29
Average for month: 175 103 281

L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

A. Baroku, T.P.O.
16th December 1973

c.c. Mr. A. Baroku,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT No. 2

(Ambunti Patrol No. 5/1973-74)

Station..... **Ambunti** Officer Compiling..... **A. Baroku - T.P.O.**
 District..... **East Sepik** Subdistrict..... **Sub District**
 Census Division **Pt Chambri Lakes & Main Rv.** G. Council..... **Gani**

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EDUCATION

At Aibom village the Roman Catholic Mission run a very small school. This small school is made up of only two classes, standard one and standard two, also its not a recognised by the Education Department. This school just started in February 1973 and only a small number of pupils attend.

Standard one - 11 students - girls 5 and boys 6

standard two - 7 students - girls 3 and boys 4

The teacher is a local man from Aibom, Mr. Robert Tangapi.

The biggest primary school in the Chambri Lakes Census Division is St. Mary's P.S. Chambri. This school is a recognised school by the Education Department.

Staff and enrolment by standards;

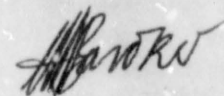
<u>Std</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Names of Staff</u>	<u>Fee No.</u>	<u>Designation</u>
I	24	17	41	P.Paiamba	13773	teacher
II	18	21	39	L.Yambui	12907	teacher 1
III	19	16	35	A.Kembi	00958	teacher
IV	23	17	40	B.Airu	02481	teacher 1
IVB	28	5	33	C.Sasenduc	016969	teacher
V	24	13	37	J.Paddle	058315	E.O.2
B	17	17	34	L.Didiauk	13577	Teacher 2
V1	34	13	47	A.Maindimi		teacher 1
totals	186	119	305			

Attendance:

totals for months	5162	2987	8149
days open	29		
average for month	179	103	281

A. Baroku, T.P.O.

14th December 1973



PATROL REPORT No. 3
(Ambunti Patrol No. 5/1973-74)

Station..... **Ambunti** Officer Compiling..... **A. Ruyokan T.P.O.**
 District..... **East Sepik** Subdistrict..... **Ambunti**
 District..... **pt Chambri Lakes & Main Rv.** Subdistrict..... **Gaul**
 Census Division..... L.G. Council.....

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SKILLED WORKERS

Listed are the names of people with some sort of technical and clerical skills in each fields

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Haskar Kikoli	Aibom	Carpenter
Benny Sada	"	Teacher
Robert Tangapi	"	"
Felix Tampi	"	"
Alex Tolun	"	Police Const.
Ivo Kikeli	"	Police Const.
Niko Tupali	"	Motor boat operator
Patrick Kain	"	"
Andrew Gaul	"	"
Ben Aun	"	"
Adam Main	"	"
Steven Kambu	"	"
Apasbo	"	"
Mabinbo	"	"
Joe Kindo	"	"
Tom Main	"	"

These are the people with technical and clerical skills who are now at Aibom village.

Technical and Clerical skills outside of Aibom

Ivo Aundampui	Ambunti	teacher
Joseph Tounokon	Yangoru	"
I. Poina	Daru	"
J. Kana	"	"
J. Kanji	Lae	"
A. Main	Chambri	"
P. Wani	Moresby	"
S. Iban	Lae	Police constable
F. Kikoli	Moresby	"
Kawi	Madarz	"
Maliangum	Bogia	"
Arnold Iban	Moresby	"
P. Kumba	"	Aircraft mechanic
A. Kanji	"	Refrigeration mechanic
B. Masange	"	Commercial Apprendice Elcom
Clement Ula	Lumi	Trainee Patrol Officer
B. Tolun	Rabaul	Medical Orderley
P. Nau	Lae	Bus driver
T. Aba	"	"

Name	Location	Skills
Dumombui	Lae	Bus Driver - PWD
R.Kinari	"	Clerk, Lae Tech.
P.Aba	"	Carpenter Barclay Bros.
M.Kumbi	"	Painter
M.Kiambi	"	P&T S/Board Operator
A.Bali	"	Carpenter
M.Korse	Kairia Madang	Fisheries
P.Banjan	Yaogor	"
M.Mali	Nuku	"Plant Operator
B.Tulupin	Suka	"Driver
A.Kikoli	"	Driver
S.Askame	Rabaul	"Welder
T.Malo	Madang	"Welder
Wapi	"	"Driver
Kiambi	Pangpa Rabaul	Mechanic
A.Mali	Madang Baiynik	Clerk
K.Wapi	"	Teacher clerk

At Wombun Village in the Chambri Lakes C/Division listed are those with technical and clerical skills

A.Dampe	Moresby	Police
S.Wane	Moresby Wombun	A.P.O.
Y.Kwori	"	Motor Driver
M.Kwori	"	"
W.Dimangire	Technical and Clerical	"
M.Koliwan	"	Police
P.Kero	"	Farmer cattle
A.Naurampan	"	"

Outside Wombun

K.Semben	Kaindi T.T.C	Teacher
K.Mike	Wewak	"
L. Sumbukombo	Wewak	"
T.Kori	Moresby	Army
W.Kambu	"	Warder - Officer
D.Kandia	Maiwaro	Catechist
E.Dungiu	Moresby	Police
A.Wosari	"	"
K.Kambui	Madang	H.E.O.
I.Sari	Wewak	Medical Asst.
M.Marampun	Madang	Carpenter
Aron Sai	Nuku	Plant Operator
B.Mariwan	Madang	Customs Officer
S.Kemakan	Wewak	Teacher
A.Nake	Lae	Examiner Finance
P.Maki	Lae	Accountant Clerk.

Inlingai Village Technical and Clerical Skills

J.Kambukat	Inlingai	M/driver Fisheries
G.Dufusa	"	Teacher m/driver
A.Tablang	"	Capt.ship car driver
M.Kubuse	"	M/driver
M.Tambunpe	"	m/driver
A.Wapi	"	clerk
G.Tampai	"	Butcher

Outside Indingai Village

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Skills</u>
P. Semoi	Kaprimari	Teacher
W. Tuandai	"	"
A. Tafran	Kamanibit	"
M. Kara	Pagwi	Carpenter
F. Usue	"	m/driver
T. Sanget	Kairiru	Carpenter
G. Ilumpui	Yangoru	Teacher
P. Lakindimi	Nuku	Plant Operator
B. Tumban	Buka	driver
Robert Tom	"	Mechanic
S. Tablam	Rabaul	Welder
M. Memin	Madang	Welder
L. Sangin	"	Driver
Pandiguban	Pangana	Driver
J. Yankindimi	Madang	Welder
K. Wapi	"	Teacher clerk
V. Kumbiwan	Goroko	Carpenter
M. Dupusa	Wewak	Army
A. Dampe	Moresby	Police
P. Sangen	Moresby	Accountant
R. Wari	"	University

Kilimbit Billage - Technical and Clerical Skills
Inside Kilimbit

J. Kapiwan	Kilimbit	M/driver
M. Anki	"	"
J. Kufuso	"	"
T. Warik	"	"
L. Serian	"	Welder
Miss F. Welmban	"	Storekeeper

Outside of Wombun Village

A. Welmbank	Bainyik	Agric. Officer
C. Kanian	Ambunti	Catechist
M. Urakai	"	Teacher
T. Aron	"	Farmer
A. Sowi	"	driver
M. Sino	Aitape	Teacher
B. Kawi	Nuku	Patrol Officer
L. Wasi	Lae	Fireman
P. Warik	"	Electrician
A. Tommy	"	Telephone Exchange
P. Safuk	"	Welder
J. Wasi	"	Public Solicitor
T. Kaniam	Finshafen	Teacher
V. Konji	Rabaul	Farmer
S. Nanam	Hoskins	ex Police
R. Sapin	"	Oil palm
B. Sengo	"	"
S. Suaru	"	"
S. Kabiwan	Haggen	Police
S. Sorwan	Madang	"
C. Kabiwan	Moresby	"

Name	Location	Skills
Station	Outside Wombun Village (cont'd)	
District	L. Manjo	Moresby
	C. Mintik	Bougainville
Census Div	M. Soni	"
	R. Yambanaban	"
(For record level, and	J. Mintik	Wewak
	B. Wembui	Kariiru
	P. Sinde	Kaindi
		Police
		ex army
		Police driver
		"
		ex army, electrician
		Teacher
		Teacher.

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LAND USE

There are some rights to use somebody's land like right to hunt and gather. At Aihon village the people have these type of rights. A long time ago the grandparents of the present people of Aihon have planted some food trees on different class land they can still see the food trees on their land even though it is not on their part of the land. A long time ago their grand parents had a very strict rule to plant gardens or to build houses on different class land, they really followed the land rule. However, this young generation don't follow about this. They work on any type of land. The 18th December 1973 was said to aliens or to anybody within the community. They can't plant economic trees on someone's land because it's a business.

The Land Demarcation Committee came to Papua in 1970 and each village selected a representative to attend the meeting. When these people returned they told the people to use his own land as a class. They are still waiting for the time it will be changed.

One other problem might arise at Aihon is on land. Some class have got a large area of land but some don't have much land at all. Those people with not a large area of land do fear that they might be chased out of the area. The question is "Where will we go to because we have no land here?"

At Aihon they have seven class:

- | | | |
|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 1. Soul | 1. Mangoma | 3. Waiyapanda |
| 4. Huhoh | 5. Mabin | 6. Kawa |
| 7. Imhrog | | |

Wekera, Kilibiti and Indigal village in the Southern District have got a similar way of using the land. In these three villages they don't have strict rule to forbid economic trees and gather on their land.

However, the very strict to plant gardens and to build houses, plant economic trees. At Wekera village they have to allocate land to anybody who wishes to clear a big garden. It seems to develop the area.

PATROL REPORT No. 4
(Ambunti Patrol No. 5/1973-74)

Station..... Ambunti Officer Compiling..... A. Baroku - T.P.O.
 District..... Dart Sepik Subdistrict..... Ambunti
 Census Division..... pt Chambri Lakes & Main Rv. L.G. Council..... Gaul

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LAND USAGE

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The land Demarcation Committee came to Pagwi in 1970 and each village selected a representative to attend the meeting. When these people returned they told the people to use his own land as a clan. They are still waiting for the time it will be changed.

One minor problem might arise at Aibom is on land. Some clans have got a large area of land but some don't have much land at all. These people with not a large area of land do fear that they might be chased out of the area. The question is "Where will we go to because we have no land here?"

At Aibom they have seven clans;

- | | | |
|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Bowi | 1. Nanguame | 3. Wolnguanda |
| 4. Mambak | 5. Klahim | 6. Naura |
| 7. Sambrag | | |

Wombun, Kilimbit and Indingai village in the Chambri Lakes have got a similar way of using the land. In these three villages they don't have strict rules to forbid someone to hunt and gather on their land.

However, it's very strict to plant gardens and to build houses, plant economic trees. At Wombun village they agree to alienate land to anybody who wishes to start a big business in order to develop the area.

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Station At Kilimbit and Indingai they don't alienate land to anybody even tough to start a business. They believe that if they
 District alienate land to business man he's going to make a big profit he will never think of the owner of the land. Instead they
 Census Div use land in clans. L.G. Council

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GOLD PROSPECTING

At Yerkhai village there are few people working on gold which is 45 minutes walk from their new camp called KILIMBIT. It has become the present gold digging area. The I.S.O. and I have spent our full day watching as he they work on gold. Also at Karamat Creek they have discovered gold for minutes walk down to the creek. The people from Main village brought in a European gold prospector to work on the gold but the local people chased him out of the area. A European gold prospector Mr. Mark also came to Yerkhai to work on the gold and he was to work with A. Baroku, T.P.O. when they worked on gold. At Karamat the local people told us that they are working on it too. The date is 18th December 1973. The money they get, that the only way of earning money at Yerkhai village.

The total value known which they have received in the topic would come under the following headings:-

September 1973

Fine ore	Profound	Value	Value	Gross value
1/gold	1/silver	gold	silver	Total
\$8,730	.75	\$39,37	\$4.25	\$48,08

Quarter ended 30th September 1973

Gold fine ore	Silver fine ore	Gold	Silver	Total
\$113,090	\$8.75	\$9,977.38	\$15.95	\$123,093

A. Baroku, T.P.O.

18th December 1973

[Handwritten signature]

(Ambunti Patrol No. 5/1973-74)

Ambunti

A. Baroku - T.P.O.

East Sepik

Ambunti - T.P.O.

Station East Sepik Officer Commanding

District Main River Sub-District Gaul

Census Division Political Education L.O. Council

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Subject: **An accurate account of attitudes to Self Government, well presented.**

At village, I asked the people if they were happy with the Self Government and Independence. Most of the older people from the village along the river which I have patrolled didn't know what Self Government and Independence meant. I asked them a few questions concerning the Self Government. At I asked one man, "Are you happy for the Self Government day which will be on 1st December 1973?" In answer my question he told me that I am very happy for Self Government and Independence. Lacked MP's why are you happy? He said, I have come up to Ambunti Sub District Office to get a licence to buy a shot gun and the A.S.C. would not let me to buy one. If Self Government comes I will get myself a shot gun from this area they call Self Government. Most of the cargo will be brought by this area which we call Self Government. In this man's point of view Self Government is a thing being which will bring cargo from the city.

At village, I asked the people if they were happy with the Self Government and Independence. They told me that the Australian Government has been looking after our country for many years and its about time to let us run our own country. For old people have fear in their hearts of lack of understanding the meaning of Self Government and Independence. I didn't continue any further on Self Government. I asked them if you have any worries or problems on Self Government I am here to answer your questions they didn't attempt to say a word as I left.

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[Signature]
L.S. BRASSE.

16th January 1974

SITUATION REPORT No. 1
(Ambunti Patrol No. 3/197-74)

Station.....Ambunti..... Officer Compiling.....A. Baroku - T.P.O.
 District.....East Sepik..... Subdistrict.....AMBUNTI
 Census Division.....CHAMBI LALES..... L.G. Council.....GAUL

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Political Education.

Subject:.....

Most of the Political Education was concerned mainly on the Self Government and Independence. Most of the older people from the villages along the river which I have patrolled didn't know what Self Government and Independence means. I asked them a few questions concerning the Self Government. At Yarikai I asked one man, "Are you happy for the Self Government day which will be on 1st December 1973?" To answer my question he told me that I am very happy for Self Government and Independence. I asked him why are you happy? He said, I have gone up to Ambunti Sub District Office to get a licence to buy a shot gun and the A.D.C. would not let me to buy one. If Self Government comes I will get myself a shot gun from this man they call Self Government. Most of the cargo will be brought by this man which we call Self Government. To this man's point of view Self Government is a human being which will bring cargo from the sky.

At Yentchansangua village, I asked the people if they have got any worries on Self Government and Independence. They told me that the Australian Government has been looking after our country for many years and its about time we can stand on our own two feet to run our country. Few old people have fear in them because of lack of understanding the meaning of Self Government and Independence. I didn't continue any further on Self Government, I asked them if you have any worries or problems on Self Government I am here to answer your questions they didn't attempt to say a word so I left.

Kandangai village the Councillor told me that his people from the village don't worry too much about Self Government because the Australian Government has done a great deal to develop our country and its about time our country can stand on its two feet and run this country and our own affairs.

It was on Self Government day 1st December, the A.D.C. and I went into Parambei and Malingai villages and found Parambei people sitting in the Haus Tambaran listening to the Chief Ministers speech which was broadcast over the radio. After the speech the people told us that every thing we want to know about Self Government had been said by the Chief Minister and we now understand what its meaning is.

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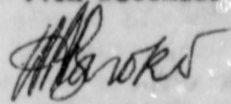
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... however, the people from Parambei who live apart from the main village were very frightened and stored food in their houses for at least a month. In the night they heard the /rny barges going up the Sepik River they said that that the man coming whom we have waited to come. They stored food and all the necessary things for the household. At Malingai village the A.D.C. asked them if they have any worries on Self Government and they did not attempt to say a word so we left for Parambei village. At Parambei one man made a speech on the Australian Government who have ruled our country so well and also he thanked the previous Patrol Officers who went into Parambei when their parents were still in their grand parents way of life, like fighting with spears and cannibalism. He thanked the Government in front of us on how these Patrol Officers, who were so brave and went to Parambei village to influence the people to a better way of living and told them to stop fighting with spears. He also said, on behalf of the Parambei people I would like to thank the Australian Government who developed our country very well. Without the Australian Government this country would not be as it is today.

I am not sure whether his speech was sincere or not. After his speech we thanked him and the people and left.

A. BAROKU, TFC.

14th December 1973



SITUATION REPORT No. 2

(Ambunti, East Sepik Prov., New Guinea)

Station..... **Ambunti** Officer Compiling..... **A. Baroku - T.P.O.**
 District..... **East Sepik** Subdistrict..... **Ambunti**
 Census Division..... **Chambri L. Div. Pt Main Rv.** L.G. Council..... **Gau**

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Subject: **National Cultural Property**

Concerning National Cultural property, I have seen many posts and garasuts which were made by the Grandparents a long time ago. They used stone axes to carve the posts and garasuts. At Nogosap village they have a garasut which they call 'Sangrimpan' the secret name cann't be known to young people who have not been initiated. The Guardian who looks after it told me that it cann't be sold to any private firms or tourists. This garasut was made by their grandparents and they have no intention to sell it. They believe that it has got the power to go into human beings and make the person sick when that person dies the devil will return to Sangrimpan. At Nogosap the people have masks on their heads on each end of the haus. The guardian who looks after them told me that they were carved by our parents in the bush. When they have completed the mask they will bring them home and no young people and women are allowed to see the mask. When they carry the mask up to the top women and young children are not allowed to walk around outside, they should be locked up inside their houses. Before taking the mask to the top they have a party, no singing, the next morning they'll take the mask up. Those people who have been going around or sleep with their wives the day before they take the mask up, cann't go into the fence. The mask will be painted with the mixture of red clay and native oil. The relations of the guardian of the mask will decorate it, betel nut will be hung on the top of the mask. Jamba will climb to the top of the mask (Sasaurai) and take the betel nut down. Also at Nogosap village I found a garasut with a hole on the end of it was very interesting to see. The guardian who looks after it is Keowe who told me the story of Nubandi the garasut. The clan who looks after it is the Pig clan actually this garasut Nubandi was bought from the Kokomo clan. One night the man who carved Nubandi told his wife to sleep at the mouth of the Rings (mosquito net) which was used before the Europeans came. His wife didn't like the idea and she told her daughter to sleep at the mouth of the mosquito net. In the night her father went into the house and slept with his daughter net knowing whether it was Mother or daughter. She screamed and called out to the people and they came to the house, the father was so ashamed and came out of his house picked up the axe, fire, crowbar and set off into the bush and cut the tree down and made it into a garasut (Nubandi).

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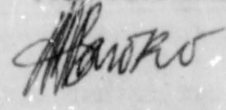
He did not eat any food the only food he ate was the buds of the sago palm. He made a magic and the area which he was carving the garamut became cloudy, and no one noticed him working in the mist of the cloud. When he completed the garamut he made the special sound called Awanajambu. As soon as the people heard this sound they were very surprised and ran into the bush to look for him. They couldn't find him, at last he made a magic and the cloud became clear and they found him sitting on the garamut. They took him and the garamut to the village and was owned by the Kokoso clan, now the Rig clan bought Nubandi from the Kokoso clan.

At Albon I observed a stone which has got the face of the man also the stone is standing upright. The legend of this stone is, when they had a ceremony on skin cutting this man who turned into stone also was inside the fence. When they initiated his skin it was painful so he ran out of the fence and turned into stone.

In February Mr. L.W. Bragge, A.D.C. found a very interesting post at Kanganaman village. He took photographs of the post and was advised by the people that the price was \$2,800, he sent the photographs and advised the Museum of the price. The Museum in Port Moresby sent \$2,800 to L.W. Bragge and we went into Kanganaman village to buy that post. However, when we arrived at Kanganaman we told the guardians of the post that we bought \$2,800 to buy the post. The people gathered in the Haus Tambaran and discussed the price and they came to the rest house and told us the price was now \$4,000. We told them we have bought only \$2,800 that was the price which they marked in February. They went back to the haus tambaran and had another talk for the new price. The following day which was on Sunday 2nd December 1973 they came to the rest house and told us the price is now \$3,000. Still we disagreed with \$3,000. They said its a matter of adding on another \$200 still we didnot accept the price and in the afternoon we left.

A. Bayoku, T.F.O.

14th December 1973



(Ambunti Patrol No. 5/1973-74)

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Ambunti A. Haroku - T.P.O.

East Sepik Ambunti

Station East Sepik Officer Compiling

District Main River Subdistrict Ambunti

Census Division Land Dispute L.G. Council

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Para 1's painful wording is a rehash of my explanation that Patrols should never use bluff. The patrol was not equipped to enter into land dispute matters so it was proposed for a later patrol - Ambunti No. 6/1973-74 conducted by P.O. Visiter in December 1973.

Para 2 A riot between Tego and Kanguan in late December. At present being investigated by ADO Bori and Mr. Haroku, is probably a result of this fishing dispute.

This Situation Report serves the purpose of showing that land disputes are a very prominent problem in the Gaui Local Government Council area.

The other incident by the Councilor from Tego, dropped fishing nets into the lake near Tego and the people from Kanguan are not very happy about the nets, they generally believe that the nets have got poison in them which will kill all the fish in the lake and at the end we'll have no fish left in the lake.

The people from Kanguan were ready to do down to Tego when we arrived. We did not like to enter the Kanguan people in our mind since, if we take them the Tego people will have different idea. They also believe that we have an Kanguan's side to settle the problem or to help them to go in their small boats. When we reached Tego they started to talk on the matter. However, the Councilor from Tego was not wild on this matter because we went to Tego at his own time with the people from Kanguan he had a feeling that we were on Kanguan's side to solve the dispute. The A.D.O. told the both sides that we did not come here to settle this problem we'll listen to you on how you can solve the problem. However, the A.D.O. suggested that they divide the lake 30 and 70 with their nets will catch all the small fish but you can use 20 nets for bigger fish. Then they we still discussing a solution for Kanguan. The Tego people say the small lake and the people from Kanguan that the their land and this dispute will be solved by the A.D.O.

L. H. BRADY
L. H. BRADY

16th December 1974

SITUATION REPORT No. 3

Patrol No. 5/1975-79

Station Ambunti Officer Compiling A. Baroku-T.P.O.
East Sepik
 District Chambri Lakes Subdistrict Ambunti
 Census Division Gaul L.G. Council

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Subject: Land Dispute

There is a piece of land at Kanganaman which the people have been quarrelling over for years and it might be solved or not. One of the villagers cut the sage leaves on that piece of land and the owners came and reported that matter to the A.D.C. L. W. Bragge, unfortunately we did not like to settle the dispute, because the defendants were absent. We decided that when we returned to Ambunti we'll send the A.D.C. Bruce Robertson and the Police to take these people to Ambunti so it can be settled at Ambunti. We could have gone into defendants place and solve the dispute, but we didn't like it because we haven't enough men to fight those people. On this piece of land the dispute had been going on for years.

The other incident is the Councillor from Tegoï dropped fishing nets into the Lake near Tegoï and the people from Kanganaman are not very happy about the nets, they certainly believe that the nets have got poison in them which will kill all the fish in the Lake and at the end we'll have no fish left in the Lake.

The people from Kanganaman were ready to do down to Tegoï when we arrived. We did not like to take the Kanganaman people in our motor canoe, if we take them the Tegoï people will have different idea, they might believe that we were on Kanganaman's side to settle the problems so we told them to go in their small canoes. When we reached Tegoï they started to talk on the matter. However, the Councillor from Tegoï was so wild on this matter because we went to Tegoï at the same time with the people from Kanganaman he had a feeling that we were on Kanganaman's side to solve the dispute. The A.D.C. told the both sides that we did not come here to settle this problem we'll listen to you on how you can solve the problem. However, the A.D.C. suggested that they shouldn't use 3" and 4" nets these nets will finish all the small fish but you can use 5" nets for bigger fish. When they we still discussing we departed for Kanganaman. The Tegoï people say its their lake and the Kanganaman people believe that its their land and this dispute will continue for some time

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SITUATION REPORT No. 3

A. Baroku No. 5/1973-74

Station..... Amburi Officer Compiling..... A. Baroku-T.P.O.
East Sukik
 District..... Subdistrict..... Ambunti
Chambri Lakes
 Census Division..... L.G. Council..... Gaudi

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Mr. Patrick Kanda from Kadingai village in the Chambri Lakes reported a matter on land dispute which the villagers from Nyaurengai, Japanaut and Kadingai are using at present. The villagers migrated in from Nyaurangai are at Wandinambuk.

The people from Japanaut are on Lakiak Island, finally the Kadingai people are at Timbunmeri. These three villages are using the land on the Chambri people since 1952 and the Chambri people will bring this case up to the Court to be settled.

These land includes:

- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Sarubuk | 6. Briagwi | 11. Timbunmeri (biggest) |
| 2. Powi | 7. Wandinambuk | 12. Yakanusbo |
| 3. Hainambuk | 8. Arinjone | 13. Tusanbuk |
| 4. Sandu | 9. Posarwan | 14. Lukluk |
| 5. Paingen | 10. Pendien | 15. Yafrangia |

The boundaries of these land includes:

Chambri to Kadingai	boundary	Yasantampin
"	Yaurangai	" Pangai
"	Yausban	" Pashion
"	Parasbe	" Teningi

The argument on these land is still existing it will be solved sometimes.

A. Baroku, T.P.C.

14th December 1973

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The Initiation Ceremony at Nyaurengai

(for full description see Appendix 'B', pages 17 to 20)



Preparation:

Face paint is applied and decorations are donned with care for the singsing which precedes the actual skin cutting.



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A Dancers personal decorations being arranged by an elder
in the spirit of a forest being prepared for the dance.
The water drums sound five times to signal the start of the
dancing.

An RPNGC Constable (on leave) adjusts his head gear ready
for the dancing.



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At the sound of a frond being slapped on the ground (left),
The water drums sound five times to signal the start of the
sing sing

Some of the dancers at the pre skin cutting ceremony



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Dancers at the pre skin cutting ceremony



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After the chest and
The skin cutting
commences on the
chest



The novice clamps his
teeth into ginger in
his mouth - Ginger
being the plant regarded
throughout the Sepik
as having 'Power' in
fighting and initiation
ceremonies



The novice is supported
by his Mothers
brother through
the skin cutting
ceremony

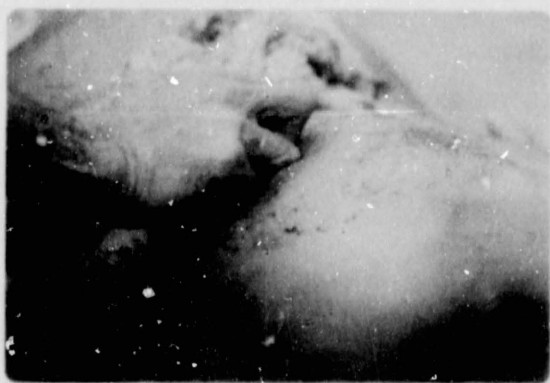


Razor blades have
replaced the
traditional
bamboo knife in the
ceremonies

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After the chest and stomach, the shoulders and arms are cut.



Studies of hands



The cuts are made very quickly on skin pinched up as shown opposite



With the chest stomach, shoulders and arms completed the back, buttocks and thighs are cut.

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The final cuts are made in the sensitive waist kidney area. The cuts are waterproofed with a substance in a bowl made by a man using a stick spent at Hasmart. See Ambunti Report No. 1 for full details on the cutting industry.

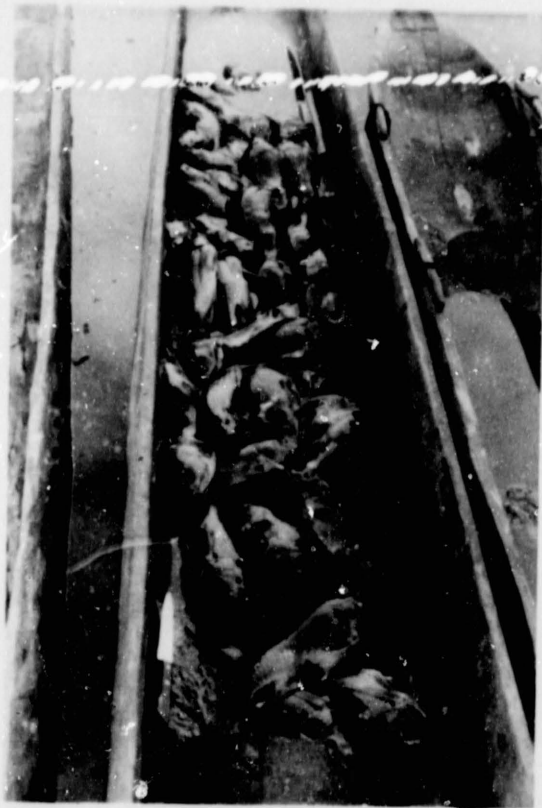


After an obviously painful wash down with Sepik water the novice lays on grass skirts on a canoe and tree oil is applied to the back, but not to the chest/stomach.



A photographer from Basel Museum filmed the ceremony. It is hoped a copy of the film is made available to the PNG Museum and/or University.

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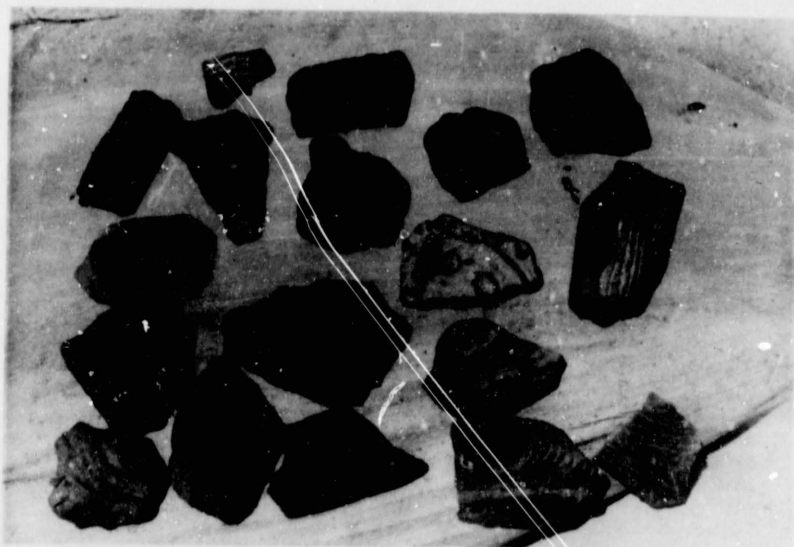
FISH

Talania, known in the Sepik as 'Makau' are in great quantities in the Sepik, its waterways and lakes. Opposite is a haul made by a man using a fish spear at Mensuat. See Situation Report No. 1 for full details on the fishing industry.

The fish shown here vary from 1 - 2 LB in weight.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND PRE HISTORY

The pot sherds photographed below were found at Milae. Sherds of the same design have been found in quantity at Wagu, Garamambu, Yerikai, and in limited numbers on Mt. Townsend and at Chambri and possibly Aibom. The style is unrelated to and far finer than the Aibom pottery of today. There is no indication as to what culture made the fine pottery these sherds must have constituted.

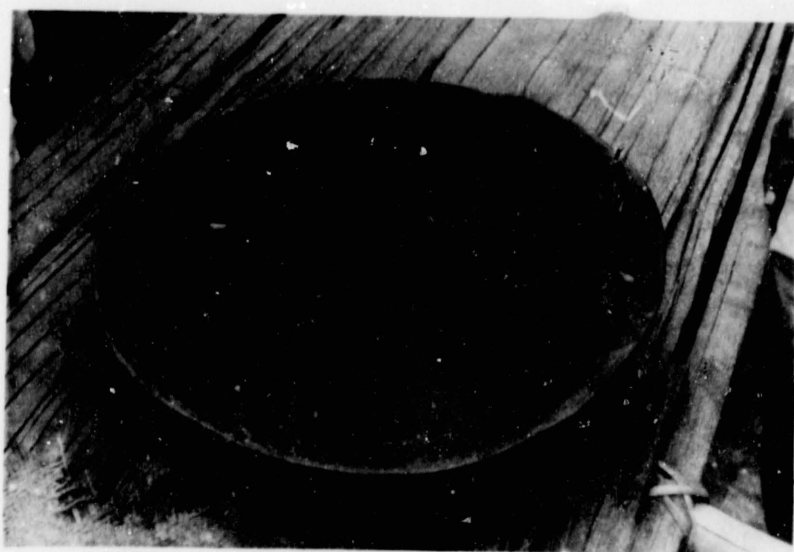


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Changriman Village

Cultural hero Kaiapon is believed to have owned the clay dish pictured above and below. The dish is called 'MAURABA' and is cared for by its guardian Bandeikwon/Wadel of Haksim clan. Both Mauraba and the flute 'TERRRE' (pictured page 71) were believed to be made by women and later taken by men. This type of belief of transfer of sacred objects from women to men is Sepik wide.



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The clay flute pictured above and below is called 'TERERE'. Guardian is Kumali/Sumona of Maksim clan.

The Guardians of both TERERE and MAURABA are agreeable to these items being declared National Cultural Property.



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Identified as the
"KANGANAMU" on
Tambuti Haus Tambaran
site Albon, is believed
to represent a man who
struggled during his
skin cutting ceremony
and turned to stone as

The 'Mast' of the
Haus Tambaran

See pages 13 - 15
of Appendix 'B'



The Kanganamu Haus
Tambaran is depicted
opposite, both
WARANDU and
TUPHIWABI masts are
visible

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Inscribed

Stones - Aibom Village.

Inscribed Monolith
'KWONJIGUMBAN' on
Pondimbit haus tambaran
site Aibom, is believed
to represent a man who
struggled during his
skin cutting ceremony
and turned to stone as
a result.

Chalk outlines the
designs partly hidden
by lichens and moss.



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Various views of the
inscription and
designs on the
monolith
Kwonjigumban



Kwonjigumban
is the property of
the Kwonji and Nausa
clans of Aibom.

They are agreeable
to National Cultural
property gazettal of
Kwonjigumban.

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APPENDIX 'T' - Photographs



The monolith
'KWON/IGUMBAN'



The stones opposite are owned by the Samiangwat and Naua clans and represent dead ancestors. The inscription on the stone was done by people now forgotten.



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APPENDIX 'T' - Photographs



CHAIRS

Platforms or chairs made of stone are often found in front of haus tambarans. Left, is the Pondimbit haus tambaran chair



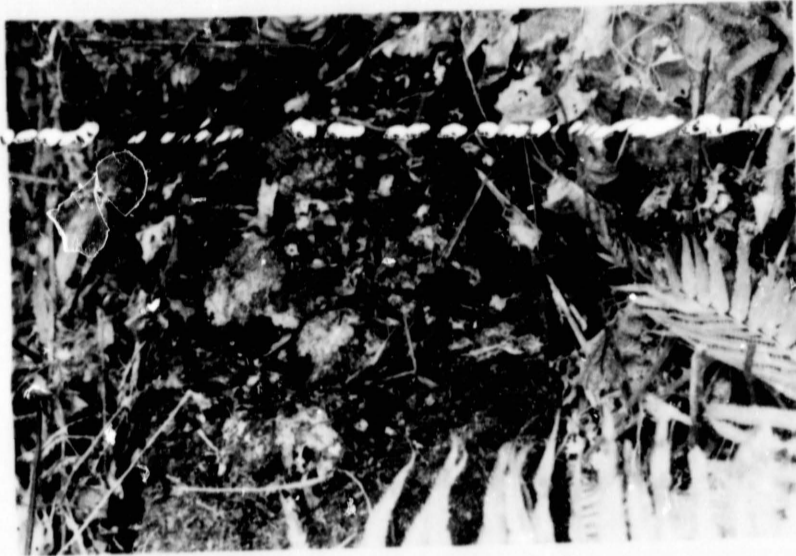
A 'chair' in the village area at Aibom.

It was made by people no longer remembered



Marking on a stone at Aibom, believed to be the body of a pig turned to stone during butchering. The ghost or tambaran face is merely a double exposure, nothing supernatural.

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The remains of 5 skulls on the stones in front of the Yangaraman haus tambaran site on Peliagwi. Probably the Sepik's last on site evidence of headhunting days



The Ai'ul passage with Arinjone and Ablak islands visible. Photo from Yangaraman haus tambaran site on Peliagwi Island. Miles of floating grass and the tongue of sago palms are typical of the Lakes vegetation.

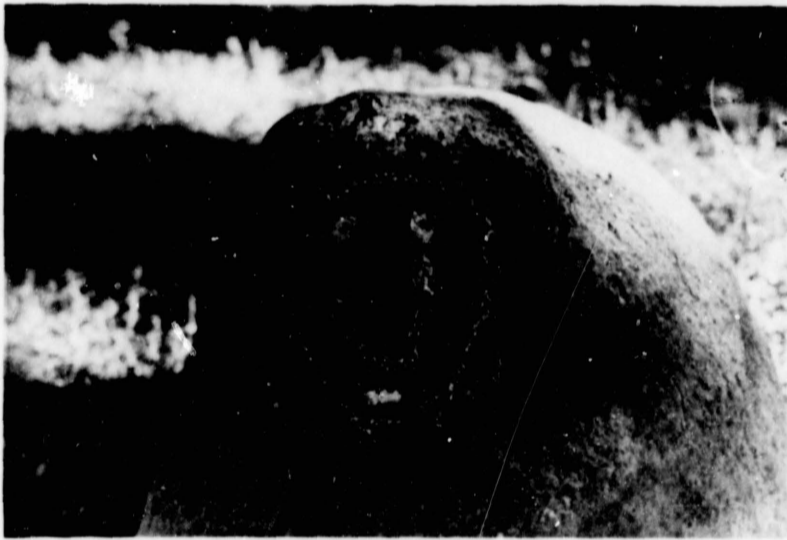


Stone faces of recent manufacture at Wombun Village.

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APPENDIX 'T' - Photographs



Face on stone
at Aibom
Name KOROMBELA-
BUN property of
Nambak, Bowi,
Nogusimeï and
Weingwanda
clans



Face on Stone
at south end
Aibom village
Name:
ANGUNGWINJOA
property of
Weingwanda clan

L.W. Bragge
L.W.BRAGGE,
Assistant
District
Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Station: Ambunti.

Population: 5,620.

Subdistrict: Ambunti.

Council Area: Gaui council.

District: East Sepik.

House of Assembly Electorate: Wosera-Gaui Open.

Report No: 6/73-74.

Map Reference: [unclear]

Conducted by: I.M. Yimiten.

Last Patrol: 24/10/73 - 6/11/73.

Designation: Patrol Officer.

Objects of Patrol: To conduct investigations at Tentchar and Parambei.

Duration: 2/1/73 - 30/12/73.

No. of Days: 4.

Census Division: Main River.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
Wauke.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios 58 To 59 (X)
- Patrol Instructions, (X)
- The Report and my comments, (X)
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports Nos 1— , ()
- Patrol map, ()

DATE: 17 / 1 / 1974 .

L.W. Bragge. Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
KONEDOEU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports Nos 1— , ()
- ()
- ()

District Headquarters assessment of Above average
 Patrol & Report..... Average
 Below average

Date: / / 19

District Commissioner

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CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Sub District Office,

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17th January 1974

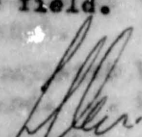
The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
P.O. Box 72,
NEWAK.

AMBUNTI PATROL REPORT No. 6/1973-74

... Attached please find three copies of the above report.
The hoped for improvement in Mr. Yimiten's approach has
as yet not eventuated.

The patrols performance would have improved had the
Patrolling Officer exerted the effort required to walk
the hour to Nogosop and the extra 25 minutes to
Gaikarobi to collect required witnesses.

This patrols effort does not alter my opinion that
Mr. Yimiten is not yet an effective or reliable Officer
in the field.


L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. L. Yimiten,
Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT No. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Sub District Office,
AMBUNTI.

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District: Solo Subdistrict: Ambunti

Census Division: ... L.O. Council: ...

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Mr. L. Yimitin, (For further pages, use foolscap blanks.)
Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

Govt. P.O. No. 102/18.000-1.72.

Dear Mr. Yimitin,

AMBUNTI PATROL No. 6/1973-74

As discussed please depart on patrol on MV Sapphire to Yentchan on 27th December 1973. The purpose of the patrol is to investigate the following matters and prepare court cases where necessary.

1. Gau - LixquorLicence case. Get details from Mr. Robertson.
2. Complaint from Yentchan of Parambei breaking a canoe. See Bupali of Yentchan.
3. Complaint - Parambei, Yentchan refusing to allow access to Barat.
4. Complaint Yentchan over Marapa etc. Parambei cut on their land. J. Kambabu.
5. Any other matters raised.

Mr. Robertson will give you details of Gau's case. Three Police will accompany and assist you.

When the ship returns up river ex Amboin bring all witnesses, defendents evidence to Ambunti for settlement in District Court.

Please acknowledge receipt of these instructions.

Yours faithfully,

L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner

C.C. D.C.
WAWAK

Assistant District Commissioner,
Ambunti.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above instructions.

L. Yimitin.

PATROL REPORT No. 1.

Ambunti Patrol No. 6/73-74.

Ambunti.
 District... **East Sepik.** Subdistrict... **Ambunti.**
 Census Division... **Main River.** L.G. Council... **Gaul Goussil.**

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Other Matters Raised.

There was another matter which was raised where it involves Anton-Agwi of Yentehan and Asin of Parombai.

The former complaint that the latter went onto his land and cut the morota. Therefore the both parties were brought up to Ambunti, court paper raised and was brought before before the District Court.

Unfortunately the case was dismissed by the court as it was all tied with the land dispute, which the court has no jurisdiction.

L. J. Finlay
 L. J. Finlay
 4/1/74

The Assistant District Commissioner's Comments

PAGE 1


Ambunti Patrol No. 6/1973-74 - PATROL REPORT No. 2

COMPLAINT - PARAMBEI, YENTCHAN REFUSING TO ALLOW ACCESS TO BARAT

Patrol Report No. 2 represents another half hearted attempt by Mr. Yimiten to his duties as a Patrol Officer. Nogosop and Gaikarobi are 1 hour and 1 hour 25 minutes respectively from Yentchan.

Mr. Yimiten's displeasure with the patrols departure date would not have occurred had he attended to these matters when told to do so by Mr. Robertson a month earlier.

The issue over this channel has been raised many times over the last 20 years and is a serious matter.


L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

17th January 1974

PATROL REPORT No.

1.

Ambunti Patrol No. 5/74
 Station..... Officer Compiling..... E.S. Yimiton.
 District..... East Serik..... Subdistrict..... Ambunti.
 Census Division..... Main River..... L.G. Council..... Gali Council.

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Complaint- Parambei, Yentchan Refusing to Allow Access to Baret.

This is a case where it involves the Parambei and the Yentchan group over a man built baret which goes through the Yentchan village into Hogosop.

The whole dispute arose, when the Ollr. Lani of Parambei made the general statement to the Yentchan women that they were not allowed to use the Parambei's Raun Wara called 'SUNBUKMAN' as a route to Aibon for market.

The Ollr. of Parambei is frightened because if the young people or any newly married man or woman from Yentchan happened to use that raun wara then they might chase all the fish out from the raun wara. This has been practised from father to son.

When the word got into the hears of the Yentchan people, they got annoyed because they'd been using that raun wara ever since as a route to Aibon market and nothing of this nature has ever occurred.

As a matter of 'Pay Back' the Yentchans again refused to allow access to the baret by the Parambei from going to Hogosop market, by placing logs at the mouth of the baret.

Before this matter became too serious, the Ollr. of Parambei went across to Yentchan the same day and discussed the matter with the of Yentchan and the people and the matter was settled without any trouble.

The matter was under investigation, nevertheless the defendants were unable to be taken up to Ambunti, due to the Christmas and the New Year days approaching some of the defendants were absent either at Hogosop, Galkarobi or in other nearby villages in the Burui-Runai C/D with their relatives and friends.

Due to the above reasons the writer was not pleased with the dates on which this patrol was sent out.

Should the matter be considered of any great emergency, then another is recommended.

E.S. Yimiton

4/7/74.

PATROL REPORT No. 3

Ambunti Patrol No. 6/73-74Station..... Officer Compiling M.M. Yiniten.District..... East Sepik. Subdistrict..... Ambunti.Census Division..... Main River. L.G. Council..... Gaul Council.

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Complaint From Yentchan of Parambei Breaking a Canoe.

1. This matter could have been solved at home if only had the complainant, Bufali Suwandenwi of Yentchan had gone and discussed the matter with the defendant, Gau Kurumbwi of Parambei.
2. This canoe in question was built by some persons at Ambunti some years ago, was bought and used by Mr. Wayne for some years and later was sold to Mr. Milan an Anthropologist in 1972. When Mr. Milan left in June he sold the canoe valued at \$80.00 to Bufali of Yentchan.
3. The incident occurred during July, when Gau Kurumbwi accidentally jumped on the front tip of the canoe and broke it. The front piece of the canoe fell right off and the rest of the canoe is underwater.
4. Both parties were brought up to Ambunti, case arbitrated by the owner writer and the \$ 40.00 compensation was agreed upon, that has to be paid within one month.
5. The legal action should be taken if there is any breaches of the agreement.

M.M. Yiniten
M.M. Yiniten
3/1/74.

The Assistant District Commissioner's Comments
Ambunti Patrol No. 6/1973-74 - PATROL REPORT No. 4
LIQUOR LICENCE OF GAU AT PARAMBEI VILLAGE.

District **Patrol** Sub-District **Patrol**
Census Division **Patrol** L.G. Council **Patrol**

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Minor House at Parambei Village

1. The investigation on the above subject was carried out; the documents and case and the informant's statement were sent to L. W. BRADGE, Assistant District Commissioner.

2. Informant informed us that on that particular evening he only heard some people talking and were making some noise outside the store as though they were drunk but he did not see the actual selling of beer.

17th January 1974

3. The informant Mr. [Name] reported to us that the teacher at [Name] gave him the money some days before for the beer, he bought the beer for him and left it in his house.

4. Some time later that particular teacher went into Parambei on that particular evening and got the beer off him.

5. The witness was not present therefore the matter was re-discussed with Mr. [Name] A.S.O. and the case was left for later investigation.

[Handwritten signature]

PATROL REPORT No.

Station Ambunti Patrol No. 577 Officer Compiling L.M. Yimton.
 District Dist. Sengkang Subdistrict Ambunti.
 Census Division Main River L.G. Council Gau Council

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Liquor Licence of Gau at Parambai Village.

1. The investigation on the above subject was carried out; the defendants, Ollr. Lami and Gau and the informant Kontrak were contacted but the teacher from Kaipamari who bought the beer from the store was not present.
2. Kontrak informed me that on that particular morning he only heard some people talking and were making some funny outside the store as though they were drunk but he did not see the actual selling of beer.
3. The defendant Ollr. Lami reported to me that the teacher at Kaipamari gave him the money some days before for the beer, he bought the beer for him and left it in his house.
4. Sometime later that particular teacher went into Parambai on that particular morning and got the beer off him.
5. The witness was not present therefore the matter was re-discussed with Mr. Bruce A.S.O. and the case was left for later investigation.

L.M. Yimton.
 L.M. Yimton.
 3/1/74

PATROL REPORT No. 5.

Station Ambunti Ambunti Patrol No. 5/1973.
 Officer Compiling L.M. YINIKEN.
 District East Sepik. Subdistrict Ambunti.
 Census Division Main River. L.G. Council Gaul Council.

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Complaint Yentchan Over Morota etc. Farambei Cut on their Land.

Unfortunately this matter was left uninvestigated as the said complainant, John Kasbuka from Yentchan was absent in Wewak at the time of the investigation.

2. The defendants; Gau and his two brothers from Farambei were contacted but no further investigations were carried out.
3. But if required then the matter could be attended to.

L.M. YINIKEN
 L.M. YINIKEN
 5/1/73.

PATROL REPORT

Station: **Ambunti**

Population: **5620**

Subdistrict: **Ambunti**

Command Area: **Gaul**

District: **East Sepik**

House of Assembly Electorate: **Wosera-Gaul Open**

Report No: **10/73-74**

Map Reference: **Four (1) Ambunti**

Conducted by: **A. Baroku**

Last Patrol: **January 1974**

Designation: **Trainee Patrol Officer**

Objects of Patrol: **Deliver the Post to A.D.O. Angoram, Training, Familiarisation.**

Duration: **29/1/74-4/2/74**

No. of Days: **7**

Census Division: **Main River,**


The District Commissioner,

East Sepik District,
Wewak

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios To ()
- Patrol Instructions, ()
- The Report and my comments, ()
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports Nos 1—, ()
- Patrol map, ()

DATE: **14/ 2 1974.**


L.W. Bragge
Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports Nos 1—, ()
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District Headquarters assessment of
Patrol & Report..... Above average
Average
Below average

Date: / /19

District Commissioner

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CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Sub District of C.C.C.
AMBUNTI.

66-1-12

68-1-12

21st March 1974

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
P.O. Box 72,
WEWAK.

AMBUNTI PATROL REPORT No. 10/1973-74 - MR. A. BAROKU, T.P.O.

No comment required beyond the fact that the patrol
achieved its purposes.

Camping allowance claim is attached for payment please.

L. W. BRAGGE,
Assistant District Commissioner.

- c.c. Officer In Charge,
Patrol Post, PAGWI,
P.O. Box 106,
NAPRIK.
- c.c. Mr. A. Baroku,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

The guards were pleased with the money they received, so we
departed at 1730 hours, when we arrived at
We were back at the rest house

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CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Sub District Office.

67-1-12

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23rd January 1974

Barokh
Mr. J. Malawa,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - AMBUNTI PATROL No. 10/1973-74

Barokh
Dear Mr. Malawa,

Upon receipt of a departure date from Mr. Robertson, please depart by double canoe, with P.E.D. Carpenters to Suapmeri Village. The Patrol should overnight there while you arrange for the village people and Councillor to salvage the Pagwi wharf. Take an advance of \$100 to pay labour (\$1.08 per man per day). Acquit your advance on vote 53-1-1.

Leave the carpenters at Suapmeri and proceed to Kanganaman and load a haus tambaran post, which should be on the River bank. Pay cheque No. 705148 to the owners of the post.

Deliver the post to A.D.C. Angoram then return to Suapmeri and pick up the wharf and bring it to Pagwi.

At Pagwi load any fuel awaiting movement to Ambunti and return to Ambunti.

Yours faithfully,

L. W. BRAGGE
L. W. BRAGGE,

Assistant District Commissioner.

Without hesitation the people rushed down to the river bank to the c.o. The District Commissioner, East Sepik District, the double guardians of the post the \$5,000.00 worth vouchers and told them to take the vouchers to either Wewak or Supak and cashed the money at the treasury office. The guardians were so pleased with the money they received, so we departed Kanganaman at 1730 hours, when we arrived Iauwau it was dark so we stayed at the rest house

PATROL REPORT No.

Ambunti Patrol No. 10 of 73/74

Albert. Baroku (S.P.C.)

Station..... **East Sepik** Officer Compiling..... **Ambunti**
 District..... **Main River, Pagwi, Angoram** Subdistrict..... **Gani, Angoram**
 Census Division..... L.G. Council.....

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Objects of the Patrol:Introduction:

The main object of this patrol was to take the post (carving) from Kanganaman to Angoram. On the other hand we got a floating bridge sort of bontoon type which was washed away by the high water in mid March 1973 and we went to Suapmeri village to take the bridge up to Pagwi.

Objects of the Patrol:

The main object of this Patrol was to take the post at Kanganaman village and take it down to Angoram which will be flown to Moresby. L.W. Bragge (A.D.C.) from Ambunti found that particular post at Kanganaman house tambaran and took the photos of it and sent it to Museum in Port Moresby. The museum in Moresby agreed to buy the post and they sent \$3,000.00 so I went down to Kanganaman to pay the guardians and deliver the post to the A.D.C. at Angoram.

for

The patrol party departed Ambunti on 29/1/74 Angoram via Pagwi. As we reached Pagwi we unload the gear off the canoe and proceed all the way to Angoram. On our way down to Angoram we stopped at Suapmeri village and left the P.W.D. carpenters there and headed for Angoram. The P.W.D. carpenters took off the 44 gallon drums off the floating bridge together with the help of 10 labours from the village. The patrol party left Suapmeri and arrived Kanganaman village at 1600 hours. I went into the village and told the people that I came to buy the post. The post was already pulled out of the house and they left it near the bank of the Sepik River which made the patrol party didn't waste any time at the village.

Without hesitation the people rushed down to the river bank tie the ropes around the post. At 1700 hours we load the post onto the double canoe. I paid the guardians of the post the \$3,000.00 worth vouchers and told them to take the vouchers to either Wewak or Maprik and cashed the money at the Treasury office.

The guardians were so pleased with the money they received, so we departed Kanganaman at 1730 hours, when we arrived Kamanimit it was dark so we slept at the rest house

(Continued Page 2) Ambunti Patrol No. 10 of 1973/74.

was dark so we slept at the rest house. On Wednesday a very heavy rain came and stopped us from continuing our trip down the river towards Angoram, so we waited for the rain to cease. At 0730 hours the rain stopped so we departed Kamanimbit for Angoram. When we reached Timbunke the rain came back so this time the situation was in a very terrible ~~situation~~ condition. We continued on down the river till the rain stopped so we arrived Angoram at 1600 hours. As soon as we anchored the canoe I went up to the A.D.C.'s house and he took me down to the wharf picked our gear and dropped me us at the house which we slept.

On Thursday morning the labours had already unloaded the post and load Mr. Sanders boxes on to the canoe. We departed Angoram at 1200 hours came up the river and slept at Kanduanum rest house. The following day we departed Kanduanum at 0630 and came up to Suapmeri and load the bridge on to the double canoe paid off the labours and came up to Pagwi, it was dark so we had to sleep at Pagwi. We spent the whole week-end at Pagwi and on the following Monday the P.W.D. labours came down from Maprik and helped us to unload the bridge. We put two 44 gallon drums near the edge of the river and put the bridge on the top of the drums in order to stop the water from burying the bridge.

After unloading the bridge the P.W.D. labours load the gravel on to the double canoe. The gravel was there for at least 8 months as a result of this the bags were all torn so we couldn't bring all the gravel up to Ambunti. We need new bags to refill the ~~grave~~ gravel and take them up to Ambunti. At 1200 hours we left Pagwi and came up to Ambunti arrived 1730 hours.

Albert Baroku

Albert, Baroku (T.P.O.)

Ambunti Patrol Report No:10/ 9173-74:

In this Patrol Report i have no SITUATION Report matter.

Patrol Contucted by: A.Baroku

Designation: Trainee Patrol Officer

A. Baroku

A.Baroku (T.P.O.)

Pagusi Com.

PATROL REPORT

Station: PAGUSI
 Subdistrict: PAGUSI
 District: AMBAWATI
 Report No: 3-76/77
 Conducted by: G. MANU
 Designation: PO
 Duration: 2 WEEKS
 No. of Days: 10 DAYS
 Census Division: SEPIK PLAINS

Population: 3054 EXCLUDING 3 VILLAGES
 Council Area: GAVI L.G.C.
 House of Assembly Electorate: GAVI/WOSERA
 Map Reference:
 Last Patrol: NOVEMBER 1977
 Objects of Patrol: UPDATE CENSUS, POLITICAL EDUCATION, LAND DISPUTE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DUTIES.

The District Commissioner,
LEWAK District,

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios To , ()
 - Patrol Instructions, ()
 - The Report and my comments, ()
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, ()
 - Situation Reports Nos 1- , ()
 - Patrol map, ()

DATE: / / 19 .

BELA SETLON
 Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUBU, Papua New Guinea.

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- District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report.....
- Above average
 - Average
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Date: / / 19 .

.....
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		Under 18 years		18 years and over		Under 18 years		18 years and over		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
3/2/77	V. S. S. S. S.	66	59	52	40	6	2	24	39	270
3/2/77	V. S. S. S. S.	107	75	72	99	3	1	10	12	387
4/2/77	V. S. S. S. S.	31	24	31	36	3	-	13	3	141
7/2/77	BARAP No. 1	60	59	69	80	5	1	0	6	306
7/2/77	BARAP No. 2	63	75	57	75	12	-	-	-	386
8/2/77	BEINDE	20	27	30	35	-	-	5	4	131
8/2/77	YALAP	30	33	31	32	1	-	3	-	133
8/2/77	SALU	25	34	27	29	-	-	2	-	117
10/2/77	APENDET	82	97	74	84	6	9	20	11	393
10/2/77	BARAP No. 1	34	33	35	33	2	4	15	8	169
10/2/77	BARAP No. 2	22	15	16	17	2	3	11	3	99
10/2/77	BEINDE	57	43	61	71	3	2	10	6	290
11/2/77	TORINE No. 3	44	39	44	43	6	8	15	16	217
11/2/77	TORINE No. 2	45	33	37	41	7	3	24	7	187
		697	627	627	732	56	33	186	96	3054

PATROL REPORT No. 2 1977

Station..... **PAGDI** Officer Compiling..... **GEORGE HANU (P.O.)**
 District..... **AMUNTI** Subdistrict..... **PAGDI**
 Census Division..... **SEPIK PLAINS** L.G. Council..... **GAUJ COUNCIL**

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INTRODUCTION

The patrol departed Pagdi on the 2nd February 1977 accompanied by Const. 1388 Inas of the Pagdi Police Detachment. A report covering the Constable will be on separate cover.

OBJECTIVES

THE main objectives of this patrol were as follows; a. Update Census figures
 b. Attend to any Land Disputes
 c. Political Education.
 d. General Administration.

All sections will be reported on separate cover.

CENSUS.

Census Revision were conducted for every villages on the Sepik Plains apart from three villages, i.e. Nangusap, Gaikorobi and Torombi No. 1. This was due to my short memories which made me brought the wrong Census Books. Census figures for the other villages are included on the inside cover of the patrol jacket. My only comments on the Census section is on the number of Absentees. Most of the Absentees are in Wauk Town and they have for at least 3 to 4 years absent from the original villages. It seem to me that they must have made a home at Wauk.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Political Education was conducted in every village in which the patrol stayed. The main topic discussed was the forthcoming National General Election. The discussions were mainly focused on the change of Voting System from Preferential System to The First-Past-The-Post System. It was amazing to see in every villages in which the Topic was discussed for the number of people who haven't heard about the changeover. Some people have heard about it but ~~HEMSEK~~ didn't really know what it meant. A blackboard was used to help explain the whole changeover. To make things more simpler I explained the new system as THE NAWANAW LAIK TASOL.

The main complaint in every villages & on the Topic was that: "Mipela (the pinis long ~~HEMSEK~~ votin ol Meaba na ol ino save harin Wauri bilong mipela". The reporting Officer replied that this is a problem in every ~~provinces~~ Province. With this problem in the among the community the reporting officer stressed very strongly to the people that voting during the forthcoming National Election will be COMPULSORY.

Signed;.....

Designation;.....

PATROL REPORT No. 2 - 76/77

Station..... PAGWI Officer Compiling..... GEORGE MANU (P.O.)
District..... ~~Kast~~ AMBUNTI ~~Cab...~~ ~~P...~~
Census Division..... SEPIK PLAINS L.G. Council..... GAUI L. G. COUNCIL

POLITICAL EDUCATION. Cont.

The people were also told that anybody at the age of 18 years and above will be expected to vote and failure to vote by anybody at the age of 18 and above will result in court action being initiated.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL .

On the topic of Local Government Council the ~~main~~ ~~xxx~~ main topic discussed was Council Tax. This was brought up by Mr. Peter Kumbui of Warimbi village during discussions on Political Education. The reporting Officer was told by Peter Kumbui that for the coming Financial Year the people on the Sepik Plains were not going to pay Tax. When asked why they replied; " We have been paying tax to the Council and the Council has done nothing for us in return ". The main complaint lies on the Non reaction of the Gaui Local Government Council to their request for Funds towards the Kumbui/Warimbi road. The reporting Officer was told that they started ~~xxx~~ requesting for funds towards the establishment of road in question since the council was established in 1964.

The reporting was told that the people are intending to form an association and the aim of this Association will be to collect Tax money from the people and the Tax money collected will be brought direct to a Road constructing company ~~xxx~~ will start work on the road.

The reporting officer told the people that whatever they do, pay their Tax or not the Law will still take its course on Tax Defaulters and on the question of the association, the people were told that any such ~~xxx~~ Anti Council Association is illegal and they will be taken to court for these. I will keep an eye on these Association if it is formed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The main cash earning income crop is coffee. The people on the Sepik Plains complained to me that they have not been visited by an Officer from the Department of Primary Industry for at least 5 years. As a result of these coffee gardens are bushy and not enough advise is being given on pruning of the coffee gardens. I felt that this should be brought to the attention of the ~~the~~ Departments ~~xxxxxx~~ concerned and that they should do regular visits.

Small trade stores have been set up in the villages ~~xxx~~ but go ~~xxx~~ broke as their is not enough advice is coming fort from the Departments Concerned. This is a big ~~xxxxxx~~ concern to the K owners and they are now complaining.

VILLAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The other topic discussed in relation to Economic Development is the topic mentioned above. Some people who have Radios have about the fund but were'nt really sure of the purpose of the Fund. This ~~was~~ made clear to them during our discussions. As a result of my discussions with the ~~people~~ one group approached me at Warimbe village wanting to form a BUSINESS GRUOP. A registration form was given to them and ~~xxxxxx~~ assistance was given in regards to the fill~~ing~~ of the form. I advice them that to go to the Business Development Officer at Maprik to fill his part of the ~~form~~ Application Form.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Minor complaints which arose during the course of the patrol were dealt with on the spot. Shot gun licences and trade store licences were checked and all OK.

LAND DISPUTES.

No Land Dispute was attended to during the course of the patrol as their were none.

Signed.....
Date.....

THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Name GEORGE MANU (PO)

Station IAGWI

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date	Para No.	
2/2/77	101	0745 Report to office 0800-0830 Radio SKCS Preparations for Patrol to Sept Plains Census Division with team 12th JUNS. Report to post 0700 on return to Kumbur. Afternoon Returned to Station. Self and team then a Rice/Canoe to take us to Yanson a Kumbur return to Kumbur head. Arrived at 12:00 noon No one at home so put work around for team to tomorrow. After complaints, I at last agreed to tomorrow after census. Overnight in Kumbur.
2/2/77	102	0700 walked to Kumbur community with 0800 commence census at Kumbur. 8:30 AM 9:00 complete 10:30 AM. Election talks given on path to my National Kumbur and village VRSF given 12:00 noon. Went to Kumbur 1300 commence census with Kumbur. Pretty big village census complete 16:00 PM. 17:00 went to Kumbur house for talk on VRSF with interested group. Return to Home 9:00 PM Overnight in Kumbur.
2/2/77	103	At Kumbur 0800 commence census on VRSF village. Complete census 12:00 PM. 13:00 people and Wambur people gathering for talks on election talks on National election and talks on VRSF given. 15:00 PM. Council on. Then complaints dealt with in the 300 village people by self and constable. Friday rain. Still dig for more complaint on Saturday. An heavy rain. 17:00 PM in Kumbur Sunday. 400 people in Kumbur.

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Station Toluca

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For C. Office

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: 1 of 1978	Objects of patrol: TO ATTEND THE FIGHT AND ASSES SITUATION
District: AMBUNTI - EAST SEPIK	Station: PAGHI
Patrol conducted by: TOEVARE TORE PO	Subdistrict: PAGHI
Area patrolled: CHAMBRI LAKES	Designation: 3rd April to 4th April 1978
Duration of patrol: 2 days patrol	Personnel accompanying: Police Team from Maprik
Last D.D.A. patrol: Nov 1977	Number of days: 10 days patrol
Last O.L.G. patrol:	Total population of area: 3090
Map reference:	Council area: GAUI LOCAL GOV'T COUNCIL
	House of Assembly Electorate: WOSERA/GAUI

The District Commissioner,
District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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Patrol Instructions,	(X)
The Report and my comments,	()
Area study,	()
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Situation Reports No's 1— ,	()
Patrol map,	()

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Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1978 - SPECIAL

Station.....~~PAW~~..... Officer Compiling..... **POEVARE TORE - Patrol Officer**
 District..... **AMUNTI - EAST SEPIK**..... Subdistrict..... **PAGI**
 Census Division..... **CHAMBRI LAKES**..... L.G. Council..... **GAUZ COUNCIL**

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INTRODUCTION

A two days patrol was set out on 3rd March 1978. The patrol was consist of Patrol Officer-in-Charge Pagwi, Police Station Commander Maprik, his Assistant and eight of their blue boys. The police team from Maprik arrived Pagwi at 12 O'clock and left for Chambri Lakes at one O'clock in the afternoon by privately owned single canoe powered by 15 HP Yamaha engine. The trip on the water was slow and it took us three solid hours to travel from Pagwi to Chambri. However it should not have taken that much time to travel, because the condition of the water way (barret) leading through Chambri was not good enough and the canoes used at that time did not do any good when it was turning the sharp corners. The barret had too many sharp turns and blocked up with rubbish, logs, water plants plus some other things and we faced many problems with our ~~movement~~ in the water.

AIM OF THE PATROL

The objective of the patrol was to accompany police to Chambri Lakes to attend the fight between Chambri and Lukiuk villages and to asses the situation. However nothing happened that perticular day, but the patrol team investigated into the Sunday 2nd April 1978s incidents.

FIGHTING - INVESTIGATION

The fighting broke out between Chambri people and the Lukiuk village on 2nd April 1978 in the Chambri Lakes. The story was that about four people from Chambri village were going across to Lukiuk village to have discussion with the village elderst about a land dispute. Out in the Chambri Lakes they were met by four large canoes from Lukiuk loaded with men approaching to attack them. Not long afterward the four people from Chambri were attacked and belted in their canoe. The Lukiuk village men also ordered these four people to return back home so they returned home. The result of the attack was those four people from Chambri had got minor injuries to their body particulary their heads.

That same day in the afternoon the Chambri villagers were planning an attack which was going to be on Monday 3rd April 1978. However the matter was already reported by the Member for Wosera Gaud Mr. Yambube to the Police Maprik where he made radio call from Chambri Catholic Mission radio to Police Maprik and that Monday morning few people were also asked about the matter by me and they told me the full story of the fight. I tried to contact police Maprik but the switch board operator told me that the police are on their way to Pagwi. At 12 O'clock the police from Maprik arrived. For the next one I tried to organised transport for the trip and at last we we hired a privately owned motor. At one O'clock we departed for Chambri.

On arrival at the village @k Lukiuk the village councillor was asked was there any attack from the Chambri village. The councillor said nothing so we asked for the people who were involved in the fight. Only four young men stepped forward we told them

The people did not what to say so the village councillor was called forward. The police asked the councillor was asked and he pointed out only four people. These four people were asked whether or not they were involved in the fight and they replied and said Yes, so they were told to step aside. The police asked again were there any other people beside you ~~and~~ they did not see anything so they were told to wait for us in Lukluk village while we went across to Chambri. In the evening we were supposed to come and pick them up but it was already too late so we went straight to Pagwi. They were told to come to Pagwi Sub-District Office the next day. Which means we did not make proper arrest for the incident.

We left Lukluk village and went to Chambri village. The people brought up their worries and queries on the matter. It was also getting late and we could not solve the problems so the village people ~~suggested~~ suggested that the police team should spend the night in the village. As the result the police team was left behind at Chambri led by Assistant for Police Station Commander Maprik.

The Police Station Commander Maprik and the Patrol Officer-in-Charge Pagwi left Chambri for Pagwi and arrived at 11 O'clock in the night and the Police Station C Commander went into Maprik.

The next day the matter was ~~about~~ the Police Station Commander returned back from Maprik and we left for Chambri. On arrival at Chambri we noticed that the Chambri people had already gone into Lukluk village led by Police Station Commander (Assistant). The matter was about to be solved when we arrived at Lukluk village. The result of the discussion was, fifteen young men from Lukluk were involved in the fight and were told to come up to Pagwi for Court case. Unfortunately that there was no police clerk to handle the duties the matter was refer to police Maprik Maprik to handle it.

COURTING

The court hearing was taken place at Maprik. The result of the court case, four men from Lukluk were were found guilty and imprisoned for two months each with hard labour at Maprik and they were ordered to pay fine of K40.00 each. The four were fined K60.00 each and the seven people were fined K40.00 each to court. These people were charged for Ricious Behavior.

WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIGHT

The cause of the trouble was for land which is just behind Lukluk village. The people from Chambri had put up cattle project on this land where they claimed that this is their land. The people from Lukluk also claimed that this is their land Without proper discussion by the village elder: the young people took the discussions in their own hands and the next thing the fight broke out between the two villages.

It looks like I have got another land disputes in way at the moment. I have already started my mediation proceedings. The previous two land disputes, one with Palimbe -V- Malingai and the other one with Sango -V- Yamanumbu is not yet being solved.

I hope to arrange for these disputes to be solved as soon as I can.

For your comments please.

POBVARH TORE
Patrol Officer