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PATROL REPORTS EAST SEPIK DISTRICT 1966-67

WEWAK

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
2-66-67	K.J. Taylor	East Yangoru Census Division
5-66-67	K.J. Taylor	Part Weawk Inland Census Div.
9-66-67	N.L. Wilson	Wewak Island Census Division

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....EAST SEPIK (WEWAK)..... Report No.....2 of 1966/67.....

Patrol Conducted by.....K.J. TAYLOR - PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....EAST YANGORU CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....2.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 12/8/1966 to 24/8/1966

Number of Days.....12.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

17-26

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../5/1966.....

Medical/19.....

Map Reference.....MILINCH OF KAI.....FOURMIL OF WEWAK.....

Objects of Patrol.....1. Revise Census Figures.....

.....2. Routine Administration.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

31/10/1966

E. G. Hickey
District Commissioner

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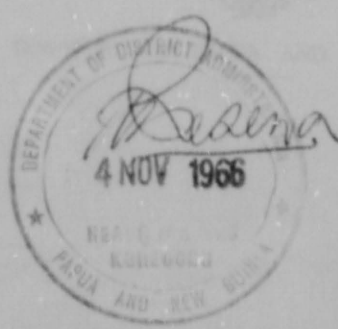
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Amount paid from F.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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District Office,
WEWAK.

31st October, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1966/67.
KUBALIA.

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned report, together with your covering comments.

It is noted that a course for training of Councillors is contemplated and you propose to commence one at an early date. If this course is to be conducted at Kubalia, I would suggest that either yourself or Mr. Richardson attend for at least the opening day, to fully explain to the Councillors their duties, obligations and responsibilities.

Vide Form 1, page 3 of the Report. Mr. Taylor does not make clear the activities of the Councillor that was causing the people concern - nor does he state if the matter was resolved.

It is considered that some comment could have been included in the Report concerning the activities of the two Agricultural Officers - were they on a survey - field supervision - what was their assessment of the situation. Could you ascertain from D.A.S.F., some indication of their activities in the area patrolled.

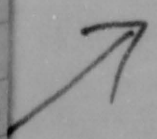
E. G. Hicks

(E. G. Hicks)
District Commissioner.

C.C. Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Copy for your records, please.

E. G. Hicks
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-2/196

If calling ask for

Mr. JIH/hs

Department of District Administration,

Sub-district Office,
WEWAK. Sepik District.

18th October, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/67

Herewith 3 copies of the above Report prepared by
Mr. K.J. TAYLOR, P.O., covering his patrol of the East Yangoru
Census Division which is within the Saussia L.G. Council Area.

2. I have the following comments:-

(a) INTRODUCTION.

The vehicles being purchased by the people are costing them anything from \$2,500 to \$3,600 each with each person in the village contributing towards the cost. This office has been endeavouring, but with little success, to discourage purchases of this nature because of -

- 1) the number of vehicles now purchased;
- 2) limited work availability;
- 3) the risk of the vehicles being damaged beyond repair;
- 4) no interest in regular servicing despite attempts by this office and garage operators;
- 5) the low return owing to frequent mechanical breakdowns

Village trucks are a continual drain on the economy and unfortunately the people involved are interested only in the prestige aspect of such a possession.

(b) AGRICULTURE.

There have been repeated requests by people of the area for European settlement. They feel that general interest in economic development would be stimulated by the presence of Europeans whose example could be emulated. It has been pointed out to them that even if land were made available there would be no guarantee that it would be taken up by Europeans who could not be forced to settle there. I personally feel that these requests are intended mainly to disguising their own lack of interest which waxes and wanes depending on the return they receive from their labours and the amount of encouragement they receive from visiting officers.

(c) HEALTH.

The last medical patrol through the area was in May/June, 1966; this was conducted by staff from YANGORU Hospital.

(d) COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OFFICIALS.

The SAUSSIA Councillors will be spoken to about the need for appointing their own village committee-men to inform them of the peoples thoughts and wishes prior to Council Meetings and through whom decisions made at the Meetings can be passed on to the people.

I feel that Mr. Taylor's suggestion concerning the training of Councillors by means of short courses is worth implementing and I intend to arrange for them as soon as possible.

The only transport available at KUBALIA at present is a Motor Cycle. This allows the Officer-in-Charge to go out on short day trips but for him to be able to pay regular visits to outlying areas which necessitated overnight halts, a vehicle is required. A landrover could be sent out for a week's stay once a month but with the present restriction on Transport, owing to shortage of funds, it is not possible to do so. However, this will be kept in mind for when the situation improves.

(e) CENSUS.

The last census revision was during the period March/May 1965. The natural increase has been 161 and there were 56 more migrations in than out of area.

3. Camping Allowance Claim is attached.
4. Forwarded for your comment and action, please.

(J.L. HASTINGS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Encl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 67-2/157
If calling ask for
Mr. KJT/hs

Department of District Administration,

KUBALIA Base Camp,
C/- WEWAK Sub-district Office,
SEPIK District.

23rd September, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/67

Patrol Conducted By: K.J. TAYLOR, P.O.

Area Patrolled: EAST YANGORU Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying: Mr. R. SCOTT - Agricultural Officer.
Mr. M. WIRTH - Agricultural Officer.

Duration of Patrol: 12 days.

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. No. 17/1965-66 - 9th to 31st
March, 1965, 17-26th May, 1966.
November 1965, Council Elections.
August, 1964.

P.H.D. - Not Known.

Objects of Patrol: 1. Routine Administration.
2. Revise Census figures.

Map Reference: Milinch of KAI.

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INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was carried out through the East Yangoru Census Division, which comprises some 19 villages. Due to the fact that it was necessary to make use of agricultural transport, not all villages were slept in but where possible most villages were visited.

This East Yangoru Census Division covers mostly hilly country; the vegetation being divided between tropical rain forest and kunai grass. The Census Division covers approximately 60 square miles. The Census Division is situated between 20 and 28 miles S.W. of WEWAK.

The area appears to be at a stage of economic static, with the people wishing only to maintain the coffee gardens that they have, rather than go ahead with more plantings.

Money appears no problem if it can be judged by the price of brides and pigs, etc.. One village is about to purchase a truck while another village already owns one.

PATROL DIARY:Friday 12th August, 1966.

Departed Kubalia per Agricultural landrover at 0700 and arrived HAUMBUGWE 0800. Mr. R. Scott and M. Wirth, Agricultural Officers, arrived 0945. The three villages of SENGORO, ABAUIA and HAUMBUGWE were censused. All minor complaints heard. Visit to SENGORO and ABAUIA villages. Meeting held at night. Talks given by two agricultural officers and self. Overnight.

Saturday 13th August, 1966.

To NIAGOMBI Village. Census figures revised for WARIAMBA and NIAGOMBI villages. Complaints heard. Meeting held at night.

Sunday 14th August, 1966. & Monday 15th August, 1966.

To MUSUAGUN. Census figures revised. Complaints heard. Meeting held at night. KARAGORA and NIMBOGU revised. Complaints heard. Visited village of SUANANBOGU and KARAGORA. Complaints heard. Meeting held at RUABGUN for the above village. Overnight KWABGUN.

Tuesday 16th August, 1966.

To KINIMBOGU village. Census figures revised. Meeting held. Overnight.

Wednesday 17th August, 1966.

To NYAKANDOGUM. Census figures revised. Complaints heard. Meeting held at night. Overnight.

Thursday 18th August, 1966.

To NEIMO village. Census figures revised. Complaints heard. Meeting held during afternoon. Back to NYAKANDOGUM. Overnight.

Friday 19th August, 1966.

To YEKIMBOLYE No. 1 village. Census figures revised. Complaints heard. Meeting held at night. Overnight.

Saturday 20th August, 1966.

To KININYUN village. Census figures revised, for KININYAN and SUONDO villages. Complaints heard. Meeting held night. Overnight.

Sunday 21st August, 1966.

To YANGORU Patrol Post, for medical attention. Back to KININYAN. Overnight.

Monday 22nd August, 1966.

To HARUWA village. Census figures revised. Complaints heard. To WAMOIN village. Census figures revised and complaints heard. Meeting held at WAMOIN for both villages in the night. Overnight.

Tuesday 23rd August, 1966.

TO MUNDJIHARANDJI. Census figures revised. Complaints heard. Meeting during the evening. Overnight.

Wednesday 24th August, 1966.

To KUBALIA. Patrol stood down.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The Patrol was fairly well received in all villages, with the exception of HARUWA village; however, this was not due to any bad feeling towards the patrol but due to unrest and dissention in the village arising from the activities of their Councillor which was causing them much concern.

VILLAGES:

There are two types of housing in this area (a) the old traditional type of housing, that is, the house built on the ground with either kunai or sago roof; (b) the more popular type house built 3 to 4' off the ground. Under direction from the Councillors, the old type houses built on the ground are fast disappearing although there are still many existing.

Most houses are built on the hills, this is traditional as it is in most hilly areas. A few small hamlets have been built down on the flats near the water ~~canals~~ but this does not appear to be a popular move. Water supply is not a problem to these people as there are numerous waterways flowing through the area.

All villages visited were very clean with the exception of HARUWA village where there was room for much improvement.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

As this patrol was carried out in a landover, the state of all roads and bridges could be judged fairly accurately. The roads were found to be in good condition with minor repairs needed in some places. Where necessary advice and instructions were given. The majority of bridges in the area are due for replacement; this work will be undertaken by the people in the next couple of months. This Census Division is well served by the road which starts at TANGORI village on the Wewak/Maprik road and rejoins the Wewak/Maprik road at WAMOIN village, approximately 15-17 miles from WANGORU. The villages that are not situated on the road are no more than one half to three quarters of an hour walk from the road. A number of villages have constructed side roads from the main road to their villages.

This road is the key to the present and any future economic development in the area. Already one village has bought a small truck and their interest in maintaining the road has increased considerably.

A considerable amount of coffee comes out of this area; this is only possible because of the road. This road will be an important factor in inducing the people to plant rice; a crop that the agricultural officers are encouraging in the area.

If rice takes on in the area, together with coffee, it may be necessary in the future for the Administration to allocate some finance to this road; with the increased traffic it may well be beyond the people to maintain the road in a serviceable condition. With the present limited amount of traffic on the road, very little maintenance is required apart from grass cutting and clearing of water channels.

AGRICULTURE:

Very little comment is needed on agriculture as the patrol was accompanied by two Agricultural Officers, It is difficult to make any concrete statement on Economic Agriculture in the area, the potential is there, but the inclination is lacking in many cases. All villages now have coffee gardens. Totals for the Census Division are -

Immature - 68,498 - Mature - 11,232

Some villages are vigorously planting new gardens while maintaining present plantings, while other villages have no intention of further plantings, and have let their present gardens almost revert back to bush again. Most villages were very interested in the idea of planting rice, while two or three villages refused to have anything to do with it. This is the varied attitude that prevails through the area.

If rice proves successful, and it is decided to form a Rural Progress Society for this inland area, I feel that interest will again be stimulated in coffee.

The dry spell is causing a little concern in subsistence agriculture, however investigations showed that nobody is suffering any hardships at the moment. People were advised to report any undue hardships suffered ~~as~~ as to be able to keep an eye on the situation.

LIVESTOCK:

Livestock is limited mainly to pigs in this area. As is the case in most villages, pigs play a very big part in the social and economic life of the village. The various prices paid for pigs give rise to a large number of complaints in the area. I did suggest in a number of villages that some sort of elastic price control be placed on pigs but this idea found very little favour as most people regarded the price of a pig as a matter of individual judgment. Pigs in the area do cause a considerable amount of damage to gardens both economic and subsistence. The Saussia Council is at the moment considering some form of pig control rule, which should alleviate this problem.

The people in this area are very interested in fish and the agricultural officers took many request for the supply of fish. When these fish projects become established they should provide a needed additive to the diets of these people who are basically vegetarian with the occasional bird and pig.

HEALTH:

The health of the people appeared quite sound, although I believe ~~this~~ it is quite a while since a medical patrol was through the area; no dates are available to me. The area is served by four aid posts, all centrally situated. The service given by these Aid Posts appears good, nevertheless two aid post orderlies were advised to replenish their supplies. The four aid posts are situated at NYAKANDOGUM, WAMOIN, WAREAMBA and MUNDJIHURINDJI.

The Saussia Council will be completing a permanent building for the NYAKANDOGUM Aid Post this financial year.

It is understood that the Infant Welfare sister from SASSOIA Catholic Mission conducts clinics in some villages in the area.

COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OFFICIALS:

The attitude of the people to the Council is very poor, they regarded it as a drain on their finances with no direct benefits to themselves. I was present in two villages while the council tax was collected; there was much grumbling as the tax was being handed over. The attitude being "well, here is my tax money, what are you going to do with it". The ordinary villagers know nothing about council works being undertaken by the Council this year or in past years. Having no idea what happens to the tax money, naturally their attitude is poor. After questioning the people it was found that very infrequently would a Councillor return to the village and tell the people what business was dealt with at the Council meeting.

Before the tax collection patrol commenced, I suggested to the president that he take advantage of this opportunity to tell the people about the Council's programs. At the end of the patrol I asked the clerk if the president made any speeches on the council works; the reply I received "no he was too busy hearing courts".

The Councillors in this area have no wish to be representative of these people, they prefer to assume dictatorial powers. I feel that officers of our Department must take some responsibility for this, for in the past they have built these Councillors into something that they were never meant to be. On arriving at many villages in the area it was immediately evident where the Councillor lived. He lived in a large house with three or four bedrooms, a kitchen and large verandah. When the people were asked why the Councillor had such a big house, the usual reply was, "the patrol officer said the Councillor should have a big house, so we all built him one". While perhaps there is nothing wrong with the Councillor having a big house it has helped to misconceive the Councillors of their power and authority.

Since taking over the Saussia area, many Councillors have come in wanting to take legal action against individuals for disobeying their orders, however there has never been any basis for legal action; this has led the people to believe the Council is powerless. I decided on this patrol, to explain to the assembled villages and the Councillors what is required under Council Rules, etc., and the penalties involved. I was approached twice on patrol by Councillors requesting that I did not tell the people the truth but instead back up the Councillors' present system with my authority. This is the attitude that prevails in the area.

Because of the attitude of the Councillors they obtain very little co-operation from the people who naturally oppose these little dictatorships.

At HARUWA village, while revising the Census figures, it was found some thirty four people had left the village to settle in other villages where they had land rights. When I asked the villagers why so many people had left, I received very vague answers about the activities of their Councillor.

I later assumed it had something to do with women. At the last Census last year, the Councillor was single; since being elected in November last year, he has acquired two wives. While it is not uncommon for a man to have two or three wives, the people seemed upset at this; whether he used his authority as a Councillor to achieve this in such a short time is not known. Later other people confided in me that the Councillor had been causing a lot of trouble with the women in the village, but they were not willing to lay any charge against him.

On going through the Council Tax Register at the end of the tax patrol, I was astonished to find one particular Councillor, who is regarded as being one of the best Councillors in the Saussia Council, who had not paid Council tax since the Council was established and refuses to pay it; not a thing has been done about this. It will now be attended to. It is not very helpful when a Councillor, who is also on the Executive Committee refuses to pay tax and gets away with it.

I have tried to point out in the above paragraphs something of the attitude that prevails in this Council. I regard it as a matter of concern; if this Council is to grow into a worthwhile Local Government machine this malignant attitude must be overcome and fairly quickly.

I have the following suggestions to make:-

- (a) A number of short 2-3 day courses to be conducted over a period of six months. Each course to cater for 10-15 Councillors. Each course should only deal with three or four matters. Don't try and work the whole Local Government concept into each course. The format could be set out by a Senior Local Government Officer but maintaining enough elasticity to be geared to local conditions.
- (b) Short 2-3 day patrols to various villages in the Council area, to give advice and encouragement to Councillors and villagers and to keep an eye on the progress the Councillors are making. I feel these types of patrols achieve a lot more than the long drawn out patrol. This is impossible at Kubalia at the moment as there is no satisfactory transport available. This makes it doubly hard to administer the area, as nine villages in the Council area have trucks and are able to move around quite freely while the officer responsible for the administration and welfare of the area cannot leave his station. It could be compared to an Admiral directing a fleet of modern destroyers from the deck of a Windjammer.

With the new Wewak/Maprik road running through the Council area and the various branch roads it is now possible to reach nearly all villages by road; those that can't be reached by road are no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour walk from the road.

I look forward to some advice on the matter.

CENSUS:


The census figures were revised for this Census Division and are attached.

COMPLAINTS:

Nearly all complaints brought to the attention of the patrol were in the nature of bad debts arising from the sale of pigs and bride price. These were nearly all settled by the parties concerned with a little arbitration.

CONCLUSION:

The patrol completed the tasks required of it.


(K. J. TAYLOR)
PATROL OFFICER

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PATROL NO OF 1966/67

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EAST SEPIK Report No. 5 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by K. J. Taylor, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled PART WEWAK INLAND CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 MEMBERS R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 10/10/66 to 27/10/66. 21/11/66 to 30/11/66. 11/4/66-13/4/66/
to 19 to 19

Number of Days 29 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

Medical ?/19 ?

Map Reference MILINCH KAI, FOURMIL WEWAK,

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PROMOTE ROAD WORK, EXPLAIN COUNCIL RULES.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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East Sepik District,
NEWAK.

6th September, 1967.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NEWAK.~~

PATROL REPORT NEWAK NO. 5 OF 1966-1967.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the above Report submitted by Mr. K. J. Taylor, Patrol Officer on his of the Newak Inland Division, 67-3-1 from Mr. Taylor and your covering memorandum on 67-2/82.

Your comments are comprehensive and cover the general aspects of the Patrol.

Please advise Mr. Taylor to forward the Census figures. They are required with the figures of the last census of those villages not visited as per last paragraph page 23 Volume I, Standing Instructions.

E. G. HICKE
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-1-5
Wants to:
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

The above Report and copies of mentioned memoranda are forwarded for your information please.

6th September, 1967.

E. G. HICKE
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-2/82

If calling ask for

Mr. BAB/hs

Department of District Administration,

Sub district Office,

P.C. Box 179,

WEWAK.

East Sepik District.

15th August, 1967.

District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL NO. 5-1966/67

Attached are two copies of the above patrol report together with explanation of late submission by Mr. K. J. Taylor. Claim for camping out allowance is also attached.

I wish to make the following comments regarding the report:

Diary. Does not cover modes of travel and gives only some travelling times. It is hard to follow the progress of the patrol on the map as the names of villages in many cases differ from those in the report. A corrected map has been requested.

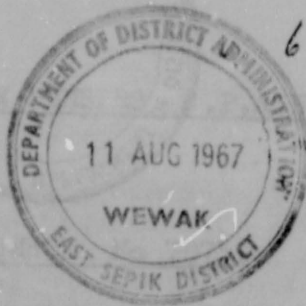
Reception of Patrol. The reception was generally good and indicates a favourable attitude towards the Administration. The investigation into Kubalia Station has been completed and approval to purchase is awaited.

Villages. The reluctance of Councillors to carry out their duties under Council Rules indicates that further education in Council responsibilities is required.

Agriculture. Apparently sufficient native foods are being sold to satisfy the limited financial needs in the area if large numbers of coffee gardens are not being utilized. A move is shortly due to either resettle squatters in Wewak or have them return to their tribal lands but some arrangement must be found now to allow more enterprising villagers to produce coffee and an early investigation into this problem has been requested.

Commerce and Industry. If the Paparam people are interested in gold mining techniques, arrangements will be made to send trainees for instruction to the Mines representative based at Maprik. With a business advisory officer due to visit Wewak in the near future, it is hoped to organise a course for truck owners, to teach them to run their trucks at a profit.

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KUBALLIA BASE CAMP,
2nd August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
WEWAK.


PATROL NO 5 OF 1966/67.

Herewith five copies of the above patrol report.
This patrol it will be noted was carried out in three sections.

The reason for not submitting the report earlier is that it was hoped to continue the patrol at a later date and finish the remaining eight villages. Both Mr L. Hastings and Mr A. Wadsworth while A.D.Cs for the Wewak Sub-district, advised me that the report was not required till the patrol was completed.

The patrol was not completed due to the need to be on hand for the Saussia Council building programme, prosecution of tax defaulters,.

The census figures are not attached to this report as the census division has not been completed, the figures for these villages censused are available and can be forwarded if required.


K.J. Taylor.
Patrol Officer.


REPORT ON MEMBERS R.P.A.N.G.C.

SENIOR CONSTABLE NUMBUK No 7073.

A good conscientious policeman.

Constable BAKAI No 10266.

Conscientious and capable police man but unsure of himself.


K.J. Taylor.
Patrol Officer.

CENSUS.

All villages visited by the patrol were censused. The revised census figures have not been attached to this report as the patrol has not been finished and the true picture cannot be obtained unless the revised census figures are compared with the previous census as a whole. The census figures for the villages patrolled are available and can be forwarded if they are required now.

CARRIERS.

No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers as most villages are within easy walking distance .

AIRSTRIPS.

There are two airstrips in this area both are located at Catholic Mission Stations at TURINGI and SASSOIA. Neither strip complies with D.C.A. specifications and are used only by the mission .

CONCLUSION .

- 1). The patrol was not completed as all villages in the Census Division were not patrolled.
- 2). The patrol did visit some villages that had not been visited for some two years and assured these people that the Administration is still interested in their welfare and development.
- 3). Responsibility of all village peoples under the existing Council rules was interpreted and explained to all the villagers.
- 4). Encouragement was given to economic development and road maintenance.
- 5). The peoples understanding of the differences between self government and independence may have improved.

K. J. Taylor
K.J. Taylor.
Patrol Officer.

attended the Council meeting and explained the Mission position regarding education and finance and the people now appear satisfied.

The people are becoming more conscious politically and at many gatherings people asked me to talk to them about Independence and Self Government. Great effort was used to explain the difference between Self-Government and Independence. The feeling of the people is that neither Self-government or Independence should come before another 20 years or so and the more conservative people quoted 60 years. The people expressed great fear of the "white man" going, claiming that the only thing they have got, the European has given them, e.g., health facilities, education, roads, etc., more must be done by the white man before he leaves. It was pointed out to the people that the only real development could come when the natives worked with the Europeans, and eventually accepted the responsibilities that the Europeans now dominate.

MISSIONS.

Two mission stations established in the area are at SASSOIA and TURINGI; both these are Catholic Mission Stations. Most people in the area are nominal catholic.

The Jehovah Witnesses have put out feelers in a couple of villages to try and become established, but to date have not entered the area.

The Mission at SASSOIA runs a Primary T School up to standard 6 while at TURINGI the school goes to standard IV.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

At all villages the people were gathered around at night for informal talks and discussions on economic development. The degree of absenteeism and the closeness of the Town of Wewak with its promise of work has enticed many of the young able-bodied men out of the area, at the expense of village economic development. It is hoped that with the closing down of construction work in Wewak, many men will now be forced back to find a livelihood at village level.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

At all villages the concept of local government was explained and discussed with the people. While people think Local Government is a good thing, they tend to completely disregard local government rules passed by the Council. Councillors themselves are reluctant to charge people with breaches of these rules. All rules now in favour in the Council were read and explained to the people again. The Councillors have now charged some 190 people with breaches of Council Rules. People have been listening to the bark of the Saussia Council for some five years, it is now time they felt the bite, if the Council is ever to be an effective unit in the discharge of its duties accepted under the various council rules.

HEALTH (Continued)

Some villages were urged to rebuild some of the aid posts which have fallen into a bad state of disrepair.

The Catholic Mission Infant Welfare Sister conducts clinics in all villages along the Wewak/Maprik Road and also the villages inland from Sassoia Mission Station. The sister has reported that interest in infant welfare by the women is only spasmodic.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

This Wewak Inland census division is served by a good road network. The Wewak/Maprik road runs through the area. There is also the old road turning off the Wewak/Maprik road at Passam and reforming it again at Toanumbu village.

The village people of RABAU, YUMUNGU, KOWIRO, and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission on the Nagum River near RABAU, are in the process of building a road from the Mission Station, which is situated on the bottom road, to JAPARAKA on the Wewak/Maprik road. The distance of this road would be some 8 miles. The old road turning off the Wewak/Maprik road at Passam takes some twenty - twenty four miles to reach the Mission Station. It is felt that this new stretch of road would be of much more benefit also to the Urimo Cattle Station and to the No. 2 Pacific Island Regiment, giving quick and direct access to this area at Urimo. The Saussia Council intend to make submission to the District Development Committee regarding development of this road.

Work on branch roads leaves much to be desired; very little work had been done on most roads, however the SAUSSIA Council intends to pass a Road Maintenance Rule at their July meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS

The President of the Council and one of the Executive Committee members comes from this area patrolled. These two members stand out in the area where most members are just average members or below average. Most of the Councillors has very little influence in their village, and appear to be merely "face men" for the real authorities.

The Council elections are due in November, this year and it is hoped many of these faces will disappear from the council scene in favour of the real authorities.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

No evidence was found on patrol of the existence of any cults and illegal activities.

Attitude towards the Mission is good. The Catholic Mission is the only mission in the area patrolled. The people have criticised the Mission for asking for higher school fees than the one dollar asked for by the Administration. The different situation between Mission and Government schools was explained to the people. The Catholic Father from SASSOIA

cows from the Department of Agriculture for that price and still have \$20 left over.

There are now two cattle projects in this area and it is hoped that in the next two years cattle production in the area will be really established. The Department of Agriculture livestock station at URIMO is situated in this area.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Small amounts of gold are washed out of the Nagum River by the people of Paparam village. However, the people have admitted they know little of the techniques involved. Perhaps somebody from Department of Trade & Industry could be sent to see these people.

The number of trucks in the area is quite surprising. Listed are the number of villages that own trucks:-

- KWOIRUO
- HANDARA
- NUNGORI
- NANGUMARUM
- TOANUMBU
- NIUMINDOGUM
- SOANDOGUM
- RABUNDOGUM
- URAGEMBI
- JAPARAKA
- PAPARAM
- SASSOIA
- PAMPANIA
- HANYAK

Some villages are running their trucks as a business, while most are trying to operate on a business basis but fall ing far short of the mark. The reason for the failures is simply there are just too many trucks for the number of passengers available. It is impossible to convince the people of the fact. Much discussion was held in most vilages on this point - the people listened with an open mind and closed ears. All trucks are owned on a communal basis, every man and woman in the village is taxed to collect the money for the purchase of the truck. A very few of the trucks are running on a busin ess basis, very little of this original outlay is ever repaid to the people.

HEALTH.

General health of the people appeared sound, however, many people reported sick with malaria, and were given treatment.

The aid post orderlies at TANGORI NO. 2, NUNGORI, KUSAUN, JAPARAKA, POROMBI, HANYAK, NIUMINDOGUM, KUBALIA, RABUN- DOGUM, RABIAWA, appear to be carrying out their duties.

Toanumbu where very little co-operation was forthcoming from the people. It is felt that this is a common situation with villages that are in close proximity to an Administration station, familiarity breeds contempt. However it is known that the people in these two villages are concerned at the long delay in obtaining payment for Kubalia Station, which was established in 1961. They feel that six years is ample time for the Administration to conduct their investigation and purchase the land. This is reflected in the peoples attitude toward road work and other responsibilities under Council Rules.

VILLAGES.

All villages in this census division are situated on hills with the exception of those in the Sepik grassland. There is an increasing trend to build houses off the ground as against the traditional house with earthen floor. People were encouraged to continue with the trend. While the new type house is satisfactory, improvements in the methods of construction would enable the houses to last longer. Many ideas for improvements were given to the men of the village, e.g., higher pitched roof to enable morita to last longer, cross bracing on the walls.

Villages as a whole left much to be desired as most Councillors appear to shun their duties regarding Village Sanitation and Hygiene as laid down by the Saussia Council.

AGRICULTURE.

There is no shortage of food in the area, in fact there is a well planned over production of foodstuffs, which are taken to Wewak and sold at the Markets. These Markets have been worthwhile while the larger construction companies are in Wewak. However, now that the construction companies are on the way out, this market will be greatly reduced.

Cash cropping in the area consists mainly of coffee with some cocoa around HANDARA and KOWIRUO. There are quite a large number of coffee gardens in the area, however a great number of them are not being worked due to two reasons -

1. The number of people away from the villages either working but mostly squatting on land around Wewak.
2. The fact that most of the gardens are communally owned.

The Saussia people much prefer to build their houses on Administration and Native land in Wewak and wander the town for weeks with the hope of finding work rather than concentrating on development in their home area. I can see no improvement in this attitude until the Administration takes a much harder line with squatters and would-be squatters.

LIVESTOCK.

Livestock in the area consists of pigs. These pigs play a big part in the cash economy of the area and have been known to change hands, in one instance, for \$120. It was explained to the people concerned that it was possible to purchase two

Diary (Cont.)

- 23.10.66:- Departed 0800. Arrived PAMPANIA 0845. Census completed. Overnight.
- 24.10.66 Departed 0730. Arrived HAPMOGAN 0845. Census completed. Overnight.
- 25.10.66 Departed 0845. Arrived KOROWIO 1000. Census figures for KOROWIO and PURARA completed. Overnight.
- 26.10.66 Departed 0830. Arrived HANDARA 0930. Census completed. Overnight.
- 27.10.66 Departed 0800. Arrived KUBALIA 1620.
- 21.11.66 Departed KUBALIA 1245. Arrived NANGUMARUM 1310. Census completed. Overnight.
- 22.11.66 Departed 0830. Arrived NIUMINDOGUM 0915. Census completed. Overnight.
- 23.11.66 Departed 0830/ Arrived HANYAK No. 1 0945. Census completed. To HANYAK NO.11. Overnight.
- 24.11.66 Census figures revised. Departed 1530. At TOANUMBU village 1600. Overnight.
- 25.11.66 Census figures revised. To Kubalia 1420.
- 28.11.66 To SOANDOGUM village. Census completed. Overnight.
- 29.11.66 To MAPERINGA village. Census figures revised. Overnight.
- 30.11.66 To RABUNDOGUM village. Census completed. To KUBALIA 1620.
- 11.4.67 Departed 0830. Arrived RABIAWA 0930. Census figures revised. Overnight.
- 12.4.67 Departed 0700. Arrived WAMBE 0935. Census completed. Overnight.
- 13.4.67 Departed 0700 arrived KUBALIA 1030.

End of Diary.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

Reception to the patrol, varied. At the villages where D.D.A. officers have not visited for a number of years, the reception was sometimes overpowering with orations of praise and allegiance to the Administration, and special speeches of gratitude and thanks to myself; all this amid much shaking of hands. This performance was repeated in all the villages that had not been visited for some two to three years. The rest of the villages visited, with the exception of Toanumbu and Soandogum, received the patrol in the usual manner. Reception at Toanumbu and Soandogum villages was poor, especially at

(A)

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was carried out through the Wewak Inland Census Division. The division covers the inland fall of the Prince Alexander Range towards the Sepik grasslands. Although the area has been patrolled spasmodically since the 1930's, it has had limited experience with the Administration up till the late 1950's. Since the late 1950's it has been patrolled fairly regularly.

Kubalia Base Camp was set up in this census division in 1961 to establish more intensive administration contact with the people. In October, 1962, the Saussia L.G. Council was established, with its headquarters at Kubalia; this further increased administration contact with the area.

The new Wewak/Maprik road runs right through the centre of the census division and communications throughout the area are now excellent and does enable closer and quicker administration contact to the people. With Kubalia at one end and Wewak at the other, the people of the census division are never far from administration officers when they feel they require guidance and help.

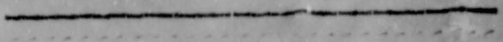
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- 10.10.66:- Departed KUBALIA 1315. Arrived URAGEMBI, 1545. Overnight.
- 11.10.66 Statements on Land dispute URAGEMBI v PAPARAM.
Discussion with people on all Council Rules.
To TOANUMBU village with Mr. Cresswick. Overnight again URAGEMBI.
- 12.10.66 Departed Uragembi 0745. Arrived RINDAGUM 0945. Village census completed. Overnight.
- 13.10.66 Departed Rindagum 0730. Arrived NUMOIKEN 0800. Village censused. Back to RINDAGUM 1530.
- 14.10.66 Departed Rindagum 0945. At PASSAM Agricultural Station 0945. Arrived JAPARAKA 1200. Census carried out. Overnight.
- 15.10.66 To JAPARAKA No. 2 village - census - back to JAPARAKA No. 1.
- 16-10-66 Thence to KUSAWUN village. Overnight. Sunday observed.
- 17.10.66 Census figures revised. Departed 1000 arrived POREMBI 1145. Census figures revised. Overnight.
- 18.10.66 Departed 0730. Arrived URAGEMBI 0825. Departed 0915 arrived PAPARAM 0955. Census compiled. Overnight.
- 19.10.66 Departed 0900. Arrived TANGORI No. 1 0925. Census completed. To KUBALIA. Overnight Kubalia.
- 20.10.66 To SASSOIA village. Census completed. Overnight.
- 21.10.66 Departed 0830. Arrived TANGORI No. 1 0945. Census figures revised for TANGORI and ANDARDOGUM. Overnight.
- 22.10.66 Departed 0800 arrived KWAIANUM 0910 - census completed. Overnight.

KUBAILIA BASE CAMP,
Wewak Sub-district,
EAST SEPIK DISTRICT.

PATROL REPORT No 5 OF 1966/67

Patrol conducted by	; K.J.Taylor Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled	; Part Wewak Inland Census Division.
Personnell Accompanying	; 2 Members R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of the Patrol	; 29 days.
Last patrol to the area	; D.D.A. December 1965.
Objects of patrol	; Routine Administration. Encourage economic development. Promote road work. Explain Council Rules.
Map reference	; Milinca KAI. Fourmil Wewak.



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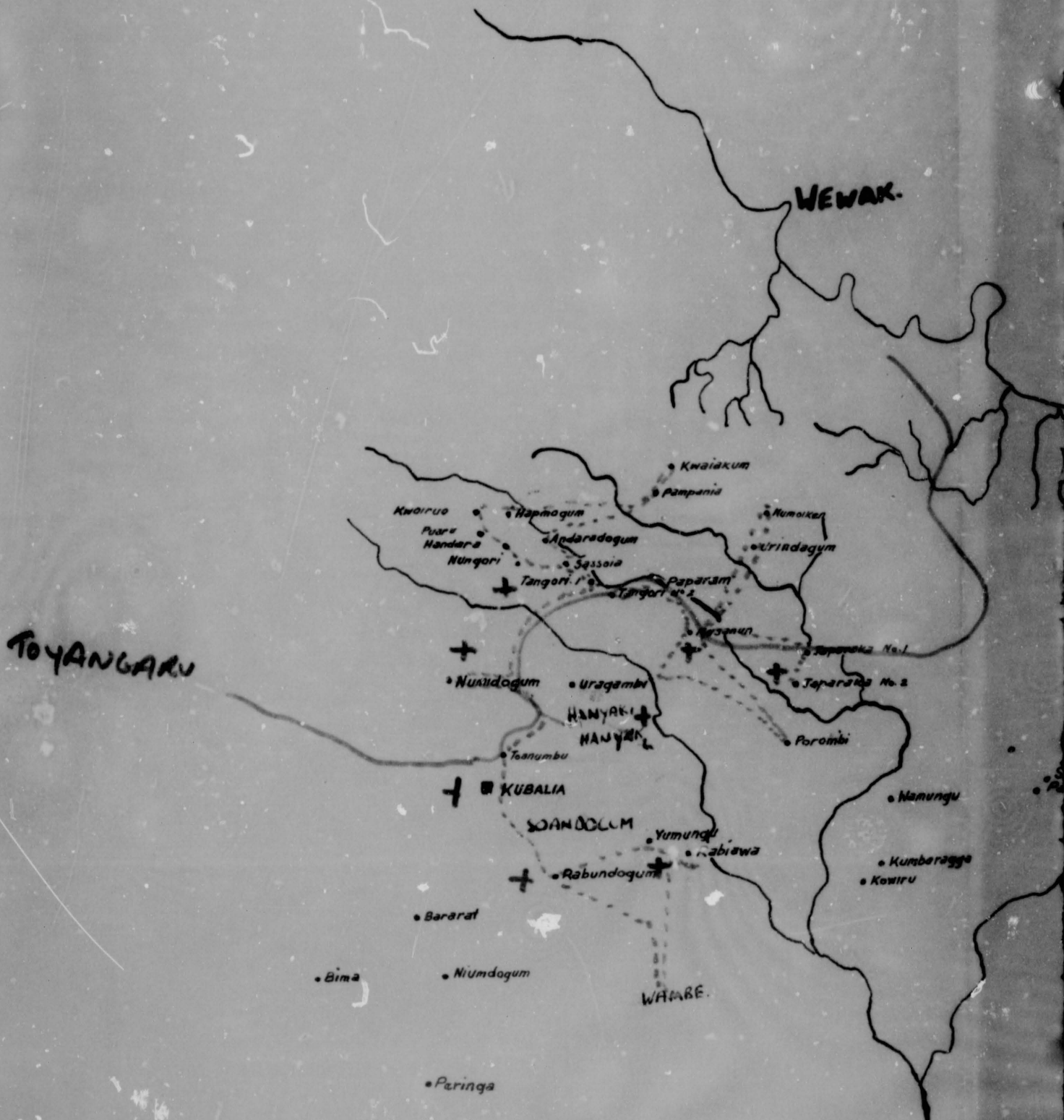
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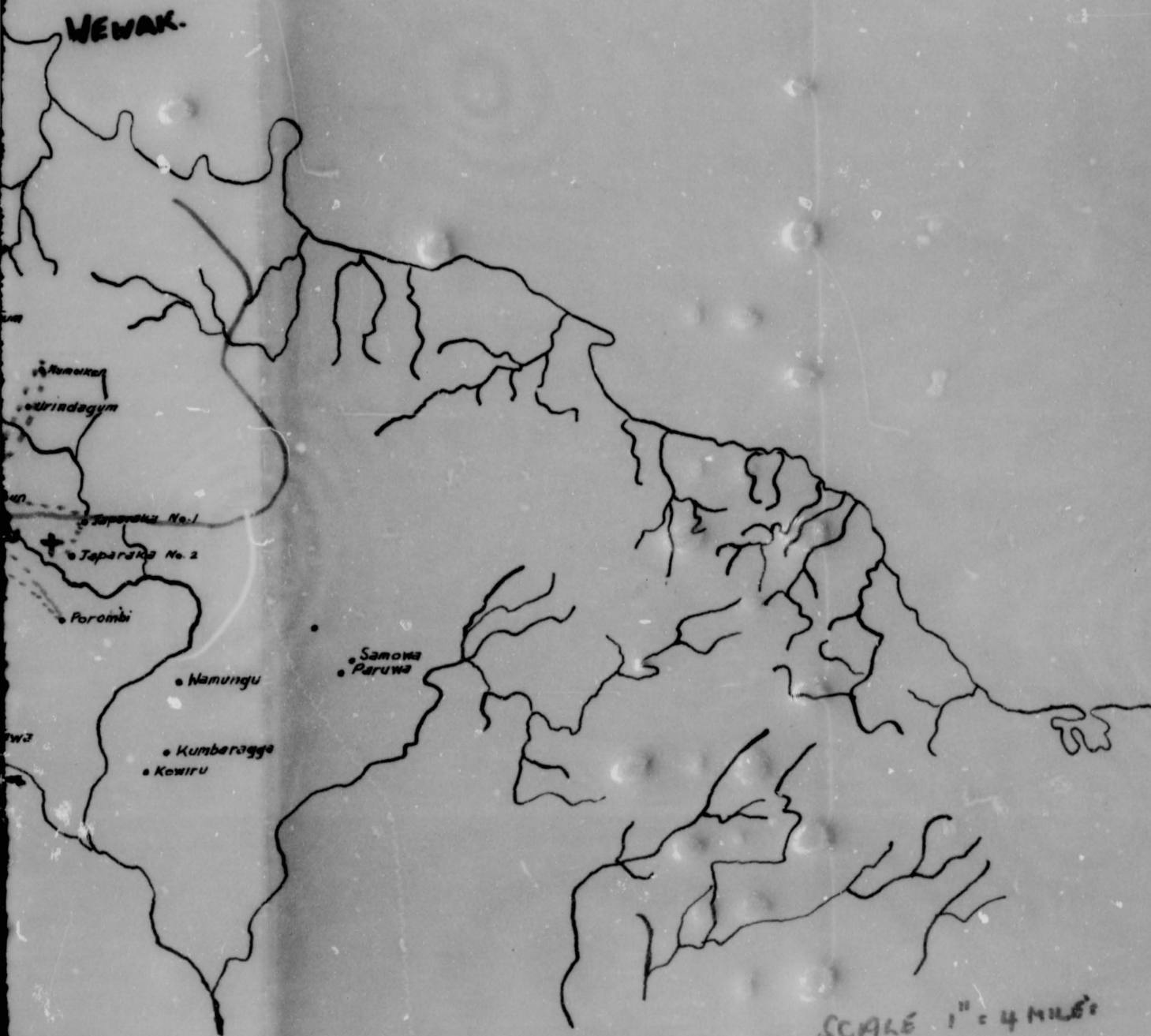
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference... **67-2/77**

If calling ask for

Mr. **BAB/hs**

Department of District Administration.

Sub-district Office,
P.O. Box 179,

WEWAK.
East Sepik District.

10th August, 1967.

District Commissioner,
East Sepik District,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL NO.9 OF 1966/67

Attached are two copies of the above report by Mr. N. Wilson, covering his patrol of the WEWAK ISLANDS Census Division. Explanation of late submission is also attached together with claim for travelling allowance.

All objects of the patrol were not achieved and the reason of time shortage is explained in the Introduction.

In political situation, the two Schouten Islands of VOKEO and KOIL have expressed desire to join the Wewak-But Council since this patrol. If the Council accepts these Islands, it may enter into sea transportation and regular transport will bring these and other islands into more regular contact with their more politically aware neighbours on the mainland.

With regard to Agriculture, I feel it is useless to encourage new plantings until some regular shipping service can be provided. In the past, considerable amounts of copra have been thrown into the sea after spoiling while awaiting shipment and this has naturally limited production. Should regular shipping be instituted, I consider that this will in itself cause production increase.

In conclusion, while agreeing that shipping is necessary for any further development, I do not consider that the islanders themselves would be capable of running a vessel profitably at this stage. Should the Council become involved, it may consider running a boat at a small loss as a service to the community.

For your information and attention.

(B. A. Besasparis)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference **67-1/71**
If calling ask for **NDW/hs**
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Sub-district Office,
P.O. Box 179,
WEWAK.
East Sepik District.

9th August, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Office,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL NO. 9 OF 1966/67 - N.L. WILSON

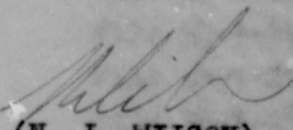
Submission of the Patrol Report for the above
patrol.

As you are aware, Mr. Wadsworth departed WEWAK for A.S.O.P.A. on the 20th May, 1967, leaving one field officer in the office as Mr. Cresswick is permanently working at the Council Chambers. This state of affairs existed until Mr. D.F. Van R. Cleasen took over the position of A/A.D.C. on 24th May, 1967.

The Department of Lands, Surveys & Mines requested that all outstanding land purchases be purchased before the end of the financial year. This was done plus the majority of correspondence arising from these purchases. Urgent land matters were also dealt with.

Common Roll compilation also contributed to the delay in the submission of the Patrol Report.

For your information.


(N. L. WILSON)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....**67-1-1/480**
If calling ask for
Mr.....**AFW/hs**

Department of District Administration,

Sub-district Office,
P.O. Box 179,
WEWAK.
East Sepik District.

4th April, 1967.

Mr. N. L. Wilson,
Sub-district Office,
WEWAK.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

As already verbally advised, you are to commence a patrol of the Wewak Islands Census Division on Wednesday, 5th April, 1967.

2. The "M.V. Rouna Falls" will be at your disposal.

3. The following matters are to be attended to by you:-

(a) Census revision. Check names and fathers names of all adults so that Electoral Rolls can be amended where necessary.

(b) N.G.L.T.R.O. Provisional Order Investigations for:-

- (i) "Blup Blup Mission" File 34-1-16
- (ii) "Guablek" File 34-1-17
- (iii) "Taro" File 34-1-18
- (iv) "Kabilael" File 34-1-19
- (v) "Kairiru Sanatorium" File 34-1-20
- (vi) "Bem Catholic Mission" File 34-1-28
- (vii) "Biru" File 34-1-7

(c) Attend to any disputes or Court matters that may be brought to your attention.

(A.F. WADSWORTH)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. District Commissioner, WEWAK.

APPENDIX C

VILLAGE SOCIETIES - 12 MONTHS PERIOD TO APRIL, 1967

<u>Society</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>Store Sales</u>	<u>Rebate</u>	<u>Copra</u>
BAM	157	₪ 1081	-	₪ 2320
VOKEO	329	2280	₪ 900	3778
TARAWAI	138	2382	1950	5461
WALIS	279	3222	1600	6831
KAIRIRU	147	3212	3200	5773
TOTALS	1350	₪12,177	₪7,650	₪24,163

KAIRIRU ISLAND

ST. MARTIN'S Recognized Prep-Sch.

SE. LAYTON'S HIGH Recognized

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

(Secondary for Business Estates).

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APPENDIX B

		<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SECONDARY</u>
<u>ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL</u>			
WALIS	Stds.	1 - 4	

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

VOKEO	Stds.	1 - 2	
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CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOLS

WALIS ISLAND	Prep-Std	1	
MUSCHU "	" "	2	
VOKEO "	" "	1	
BAM "	" "	1	
BLUP BLUP ISLAND	" "	1	
KOIL ISLAND Recognised	"	3	

KAIRIRU ISLAND

ST. MARTINS Recognised	Prep-Std.	6	
ST. XAVIER'S HIGH Recognised		Forms	1 - 4
ST. JOHNS COLLEGE "		Forms	1 - 4
(Seminary for Trainee Priests).			

CONCLUSION.

APPENDIX A

Economic development for this area is retarded because of poor communications and no encouragement from the D.A.S.F. A considerable amount of effort on artisanal projects required and wherever possible the utilization of local resources. Small capital and pilot projects could be started on islands in association with extending and replanting existing coconut plantations.

AID POSTS

SITUATION

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VOKEO

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KOIL also serves WEI District

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Further problems with unreliable shipping and the lack of shipping is felt more so in the KAIRIRU-MUSCHU group. It is suggested that a shipping co-operation plan be developed with all transport requirements of the area met. If this was done a vessel would be required without expenditure on the area increased, although the area would be a stimulus to save of goods being their produce to...

BLUPBLUP also serves KADOVAR

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BAM Island

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MUSCHU

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KAIRIRU - SHAGUR

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It will be necessary to have a patrol to visit the islands in 1968, for a patrol to visit the islands.

WALIS also serves TARAWAI District

Wilson
C. W. Wilson
Patrol Officer

CONCLUSION.

Economic development for this area is retarded because of poor communications and no encouragement from the D.A.S.F. A concentrated effort on extension work is required and wherever possible, diversification of economic pursuits. Small cattle and pig projects could be started on most Islands in association with extending and replanting existing coconut plantations.

The large number of males working outside the District would restrict development to a minor extent.

A further problem with development in this area is the unreliable shipping and the lack of all-weather anchorages. The lack of shipping is felt more so in the SCHOUTEN ISLANDS than in the KAIRIRU-MUSCHU group. It could be relieved by the SCHOUTEN ISLANDS forming a shipping co-operative and buying a small 5-10 ton boat. If this was done a vessel of this size would be able to cope with all transport requirements for the next few years. However this would be pointless expenditure unless the economic produce from the area was increased, although the presence of a boat permanently in the area would be a stimulus to the villagers as they would be sure of getting their produce to WEWAK.

It will be necessary before the House of Assembly Elections in 1968, for a patrol to visit this Census Division for political education discussion.

N. L. Wilson
(N. L. Wilson)
Patrol Officer.

Approximately 35% (600) of adult males from their villages. Of this number, 113 are employed in the District with 123 males working in WEWAK and 100 in the District mainly at the Catholic Mission, KAIRIRU. The remaining workers (outside the District) are employed in the main centres of RAHANG and KAIRIRU.

Although the 35% absenteeism appears statistically high it does not disrupt the village to any large extent as there is a continual turnover of casual labourers between the villages and WEWAK.

The last census was in May, 1965. A birth rate of 64 was recorded for the two year period. There was a death rate of 1.07 giving a natural increase of 6.33.

The death rate of 1.07 for the two year period is satisfactory.

Total Census Figure May, 1965	5300
Birth since	320
Deaths since May, 1965	340
Probationary, 1965	20
Migrations out	10
Total Census Figure May, 1967	5770

MISSIONS (Cont).

contains the SCHOUTEN ISLANDS and WALIS and TARAWAI ISLANDS. He does not have any European assistants.

KAIRIRU is the Catholic Mission centre of Higher Education for males in the District and has a large staff of European teachers for the various schools there.

The Catholic Mission Plantation of MUSCHU is run by a brother of a Catholic Mission Order.

The S.D.A. Mission has a total native staff at their school on VOKEO and apart from village school teachers and catechists, they do not have any other representatives in the area.

AIRFIELDS.

There is only one airstrip in the Census Division and that is a Catholic Mission strip on the South Coast of KAIRIRU. It is only suitable for short landing and take-off aircraft of Category D capacity.

LABOUR.

MUSCHU PLANTATION owned by the Catholic Mission is the only enterprise employing a large number of labourers. The labour required is obtained from the local villages on MUSCHU ISLAND and is employed on a casual basis.

Approximately 35% (620) of adult males are absent from their village. Of this number, 313 are absent within the District with 153 males mostly working in WEWAK and 160 adult students (mainly at the Catholic Mission, KAIRIRU). The majority of the absentee workers (outside the District) are concentrated in the main centres of RABAUL and MADANG.

Although the 35% absentees appear statistically high it does not disrupt the village to any large extent as there is a continual turnover of casual labourers between the village and WEWAK.

CENSUS.

The last census was in May, 1965. A birth rate of 6% was recorded for the two year period. There was a death rate of 1.5% giving a natural increase of 4.5%.

The death rate of 1.5% for the two year period is satisfactory.

Reconciliation.

Total Census Figure May, 1965	-	5320	
Birth since " "	-	320	
Migrations in since May, 1965-	-	49	.. 5689
Deaths since May, 1965	-	88	
Migrations out " " "	-	43	.. 131
Total Census Figure May, 1967 5558

HEALTH

An A.P.O. or Infant Welfare Sister was present at every census except at TARAWAI and WEI. Three patients were brought to WEWAK for hospital treatment.

Generally the people are healthy. With minor ailments, the people do not seek medical attention but wait until their illness becomes worse.

The area is well supplied with Aid Posts and they are well situated. However, during the N.E. seasons the A.P.O.'s on WEI, WALIS and BLUPBLUP may be unable to visit the adjacent Islands. The A.P.O.s when they serve two Islands, patrol once a month, weather permitting.

(See Appendix A for list of Aid Posts).

EDUCATION.

The Catholic Mission has a large school system throughout the Islands. There are small village schools in all the Catholic villages and larger schools recognised by the Department of Education, on KAIRIRU and KOIL.

The Administration has a school on WALIS ISLAND with Grades of Standard 1 - 4.

The Seventh Day Adventist have a school on VOKEO with classes Standard 1 and 2. Most of their promising students attend Boarding Schools in either ANGORAM or NAGUM RIVER.

(See Appendix B for list of Schools).

BOATS - COMMUNICATIONS.

There are two small boats operating in the area. The GABRIEL is owned by the Catholic Mission and used by the priest at VOKEO for movement through his parish, and the MICHAEL operated by Mr. SALAE. Mr. L. Thomas uses his boat the FATIMA STAR and purchases copra on his occasional visits to WEWAK.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There are no public roads on the Census Division. The Catholic Mission on KAIRIRU has a road system of approximately 2 miles linking its various schools on the south side of the Islands.

The walking tracks between villages were in good condition.

Terrain prohibits any extensive road systems on the larger Islands.

CEMETERIES.

The cemeteries visited were clean and satisfactory as to the health point of view.

MISSIONS.

The Catholic Mission has one priest in the SCHOUTEN ISLANDS. The centre of his parish is VOKEO based at "TARO". His parish

FORESTRY.

There are no commercial stands of timber on the Islands.

The Islanders are still dependant on floating logs for their canoes.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are Societies on KAIRIRU, BAM, VOKEO, TARAWAI and WALIS with a total membership of 1,350 people. The total store turn-over was \$12,177 with a total rebate ~~off~~ to the shareholder (except BAM Society), of \$7,650. Co-opa payments totalling \$24,163 were made.

There are six tradestores, other than Society run stores, in the area. They all have current licences.

LAND.

Three N.G.L.T.R.O. Provisional Order Investigations were conducted for "BLUPBLUP MISSION" on BLUPBLUP Island, "TARO" on VOKEO Island and "BEM CATHOLIC MISSION" on BAM Island. There were no difficulties during these investigations.

The interested parties for "BIRU" on KOIL Island were interviewed as to their views on the Final Order. They all were satisfied except one, FAIS, working in WEWAK. For this, the required correspondence has been initiated.

The Provisional Orders for "GUABLEK", "KABILAE" and the "KAIRIRU SANITORIUM" were not investigated because of the shortage of time.

There are no suitable large areas of land available for alienation in this Census Division.

No land complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol.

COMPLAINTS.

Complaints were minor and general.

COURTS.

The Local Court did not convene on any occasion during the patrol.

REST HOUSES.

There are Rest Houses at all the Census points.

The condition of all Rest Houses was satisfactory. Those requiring repair were indicated to the relevant villages.

CARRIERS, CANOES, ETC.

The use of the M.V. "Rouna Falls" and the speed-boat made the use of carriers unnecessary.

Canoes were used once whilst embarking from BAM, as the rough seas prohibited the use of the speed-boat.

OUTLINE ON POLITICAL SITUATION (Cont.)

Relations between the adherents of the two Missions, the Catholic Mission and the Seventh Day Adventists, is quite cordial although there is some friendly competition. All Islands have a mixture of adherents within the villages.

The Catholic Mission on VOKEO has claimed land known as TARO. The land is not disputed by the villagers and an agreement has been reached between the villagers and the Mission over an area of sago within "TARO" and that both parties have equal rights to the sago. (See lands).

A short discussion was held in most villages mostly on the four year term of members of the House of Assembly. D.D.A. pamphlets on Government were distributed in all villages. It will be necessary for a patrol to visit the SCHOUTEN ISLANDS again to prepare them for the House of Assembly elections in 1968.

Apart from missionaries there are no Europeans in the Census Division.

AGRICULTURE.

The staple diet is either sago, fish, and supplemented by banana, coconuts, breadfruit and the usual tubers, sweet potato, taro, etc.

The main agriculture cash crop is Copra. The marketing facilities are through Mr. L. Thomas, the Sepik Native Societies Ltd., and Mr. Salae of KORAGUL. The quantity of copra produced is small because of inferior plants originally used and the old age of the trees. The age of the trees was particularly noted on the old plantations on TARAWAI and MUSCHU. No large scale effort had been made to replant these. WALIS

There are gardens of coffee on WALIS, KAIRIRU, VOKEO and minor gardens on the other Islands. The revenue produced from coffee sales is negligible.

A concentrated effort will be required on the part of D.P.A.S.F. and D.D.A. to improve the economic situation in the area.

There are not any figures available on copra sales other than through the village native societies.

LIVESTOCK.

The main type of livestock in the Census Division is pigs. A thriving trade is conducted between the Islands and Wewak. An attempt has been made to modernise this business on TARAWAI by improving animals by breeding. The pigs are confined by wire-net fences as the gardens are not protected.

The Catholic Mission on MUSCHU is in the process of stocking the plantation with cattle and dairy cows. The plantations on TARAWAI and WALIS appear to be suitable for cattle and if the villagers' interest could be aroused in this type of project a worthwhile industry could be established. There would be a ready market for beef in WEWAK and if suitable transport was available, freight would not be expensive.

Other livestock - the usual dogs, cats and fowls.

VILLAGES.

All villages seen were clean although some showed signs of recent cleanups of months of accumulated filth. The majority of the houses were built above the ground although house posts are in short supply. Some houses had large stones instead of house stumps. In isolated cases the more sophisticated villagers has built a semi-European materials house.

Villages are placed as well as the terrain will allow. The only level area of land on KADOVAR large enough for a village is on top of the mountain. BAK is better endowed, the village is situated on an old lava flow on the opposite side of the Island to the more recent ones.

The only village where there is a prolonged water shortage, is KADOVAR. Any rainfall either soaks into the ground or flows down the steep sides of the Island to the sea. Present source of drinking water is one small tank supplied by the Catholic Mission, hollow boles of trees and small unreliable seepages. A profusion of coconut palms relieves the strain on the water supply. This matter has been brought to the attention of the relevant P.H.D. authority and he will visit the area and introduce a self-help scheme with the cooperation of D.D.A.

There are three other self-help projects being conducted in the Schouten Islands at present. On BLUPBLUP the villagers are building an Aid Post with a galvanised iron roof. The Environmental Sanitation section of P.H.D. are subsidising the project with a 1000 gallon water-tank and a water-well. The villagers provide the labour.

On KOIL Island two buildings are being constructed by four villages with galvanised iron roofs (Aid Post and Community Store). The Department of Public Health subsidises each project with a 1000 gallon water tank.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All the village officials are satisfactory. One, KOINI-CHANGAR, Luluai of TAKUL, stands out from all the others and with careful nurturing could become a force in Island politics.

There are no recommendations for dismissal or promotion.

OUTLINE ON POLITICAL SITUATION.

Politically the area can be divided into two on the grounds of political development. By far the more developed is the KAIRIRU-MUSCHU group of islands which is in the Wewak-But Local Government Council. The Schouten Islands, because of poor communications, has not become part of the Council. The difference between the two areas in political development is slowly widening.

Movement between the Wewak and the Kairiru-Muschu area is facilitated as most villages own motor or sail canoes capable of going to Wewak in most weather. This allows for the rapid communication of ideas and news and brings about a close association of these Islands with Wewak. In fact a large number of Islanders have dual residency and often spend prolonged periods in Wewak.

The reaction from the Kairiru-Muschu group is good and it has also brought more awareness of what is going on at the District Headquarters within the District, to the Schouten Islands.

PATROL DIARY - WEWAK PATROL NO. 9 OF 1966/67 (Cont).

Friday 14th April, 1967.

Departed BLUPBLUP for VOKEO where ownership of land known as "TARO" was investigated. Survey of land conducted.

Returned to WEWAK.

Monday 1st May, 1967.

0930 hrs departed WEWAK for TARAWAI Is. Arrived 1330 hrs. Visited Naval Survey Station established on Island. Census for TARAWAI revised.

Slept Rouna Falls.

Tuesday 2nd May, 1967.

To WALIS IS. Inspection of schools, both Administration and Mission. Minor complaint by Administration Teachers re housing. WALIS lined for census.

Returned to ROUNA FALLS which then set sail for KAIRIRU IS.

Wednesday 3rd May, 1967.

Infant Welfare sisters joined patrol. At SHAM census was revised for the following villages:- SILISIANG, BRAUNIAK, YAWUN, YAVIK and SHAM. Patrol moved on to Victoria Bay Anchorage per Rouna Falls.

Thursday 4th May, 1967.

Moved on to SHAGUR where villagers, SHAUER, SURAI, RUMIAL, KORAGUL and SHAGUR were lined for census. Rejoined Rouna Falls and returned to anchorage at Catholic Mission, Kairiru.

Friday 5th May, 1967.

Sailed to MUSCHU per Rouna Falls. Remained on MUSCHU while Infant Welfare Sisters went to YUO and KARASAU ISLANDS. At LARGE MUSCHU census revised for LARGE MUSCHU, SMALL MUSCHU, SIBABARU, MARAI, SUP and BAM. Rejoined Rouna Falls and returned to WEWAK.

End of Wewak Patrol No. 9 of 1966/67.

PATROL DIARY

WEWAK PATROL NO. 9 OF 1966/67

Wednesday 5th April, 1967.

0845 departed WEWAK for VOKEO ISLAND per ROUNA-FALLS. Arrived 1530 hours. Village inspection. During evening discussion with village officials and elders.

Slept Rouna Falls.

Thursday 6th April, 1967.

Anchorage became untenable during morning so patrol moved on to KOIL ISLAND where the census for the villages of MALOWA, WOAL, UNWALU and SITILIA were revised. Discussion with land owners adjacent to Catholic Mission land known as "BIRU". They were quite happy with Final Order.

Slept Rouna Falls.

Friday 7th April, 1967.

To VOKEO where census for UNIWARO village was revised. Returned to WEWAK 1700 hrs.

Monday 10th April, 1967.

0830 departed WEWAK for VOKEO. BAIJOR villagers lined for census. General discussion with villagers followed.

Slept Rouna Falls.

Tuesday 11th April, 1967.

Departed Rouna Falls per speedboat for BEGIAUWA where villagers lined for census. Thence on to TAKUL where villagers were lined for census. Rejoined Rouna Falls and moved on to KOIL to allow some passengers to disembark. Sailed to WEI where census was revised. Moved on to BLUP BLUP. Rouna Falls anchored at BLUPBLUP for the night.

Wednesday 12th April, 1967.

Villagers of BLUPBLUP lined for census. Moved on to KADOVAR where villagers were lined for census.

Returned to BLUPBLUP anchorage.

Investigation as to ownership of Catholic Mission Land at BLUPBLUP for Provisional Order.

Remained at BLUPBLUP for the night.

Thursday 13th April, 1967.

Departed BLUPBLUP at 0630 for BAM. Heavy sea running and on arrival experienced some difficulty in landing. BAM villagers lined for census investigation as to ownership of Catholic Mission Land, known as BEM Catholic Mission.

INTRODUCTION.

The area covered by this patrol encompassed all the immediate offshore islands of the WEWAK Sub-District. The Islands of YUO and KARASAU are in the BUT-BOIKEN Census Division. The Islands follow the general contour of the coast and in no case are they more than 30 miles offshore.

The WEWAK ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION can be divided into two areas, both by geographical position and development. The far more developed area is the KAIRIRU-MUSCHU group of islands situated close offshore from WEWAK to the West. The less developed area is the scattered SCHOUTEN ISLANDS consisting of steep dormant volcanic peaks having narrow coastal strips, to the North East and East of WEWAK, at varying distances of 25 - 80 miles.

Two Infant Welfare Sisters joined the patrol at KAIRIRU and the patrol time-table had to be changed.

Patrol Instructions are attached and were carried out except for the Provisional Orders for "GUABLEK" on Vokeo (Instruction 3(ii)), "KABILAEEL" on Muschu (Instruction 3 (iv)) and "KAIRIRU SANITORIUM" on Kairiru (Instruction 3 (v)). The Provisional Order for "GUABLEK" could not be attempted because of the shortage of time. The strict timetable necessary with the Infant Welfare Sisters joining the patrol did not allow for the Provisional Orders for "KABILAEEL" and the "KAIRIRU SANITORIUM" to be carried out.

STATION

WEWAK

SUB-DISTRICT

WEWAK

DISTRICT

EAST SEPIK

PATROL NUMBER

WEWAK NO. 9 OF 1966/67

AREA PATROLIED

WEWAK ISLANDS CENSUS DIVISION

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Sister P. Taylor - P.H.D.

Sister D. Morgan - P.H.D.

DURATION OF PATROL

5-4-67 to 7-4-67

10-4-67 to 14-4-67

1 -5-67 to 5-5-67

13 days duration.

LAST PATROL TO AREA

D.D.A.

- May, 1965.

D.A.S.F.

- November, 1965.

P.H.D.:-

Malaria Control

- November, 1966.

Infant Welfare

- November, 1966.

Medical

- July, 1965.

Environmental

Health

- May, 1966.

OBJECTS OF PATROL

1. CENSUS

2. PROVISIONAL ORDER INVESTIGATION

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

MAP REFERENCE

Fourmile Army Series -
WEWAK & SEPIK.

WEWAK PATROL No 9 of 1966/67

BISMARCK

SEA

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Malis Is.



Yokeo Is.

Kairiru Is.

Kail Is.

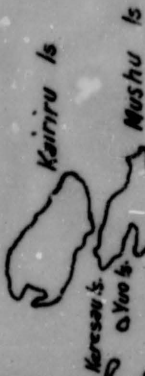
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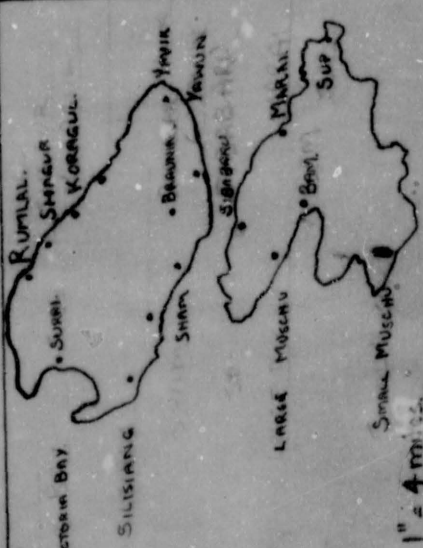


Kairiru Is.

Mushu Is.

WEWAK

INSET



Scale: 1" = 10 Miles
Prepared by N. Wilson P.O.

1" = 4 miles

Murik Lakes

Y. R.