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PATROL REPORTS WEST SEPIK DISTRICT 1966-67

IMONDA

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-66-67	M.J. Lowe	Imonda Local Census Div.
<del>Cancelled</del> -66-67	A.K. Try	Waina-Sowanda Census Div. & part Bembé Census Div.
4-66-67	F.B. Donovan	Imonda Local Census Div.

GREEN RIVER

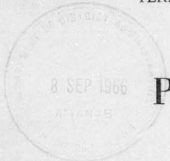
1-66-67	A. Plummer	Green River Local Census River
6-66-67	A. Plummer	Green River Local Census Div. Part Nagu C.D.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. <sup>1/MONTA</sup> ~~WEST~~ No. 1-66/57

Patrol Conducted by MANA, LOWE Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled IMONDA LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Police I. G. Assistant, 2 members R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Hospital Orderly, 1 Patrol Interpreter.

Duration—From 15./8./19.66 to 25./8./19.66

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/19.65

Medical 7/19.65

Map Reference BORDER SHEET 1

Objects of Patrol SECOND WALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS and  
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*25/10/1966*

*[Signature]*  
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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Telegrams.....  
Our Reference. #67-1-10  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,

District Office,  
YANING,  
West Sepik District.  
5th November, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
AMANAB.

PATROL REPORT - IMONDA NO. 1 66/67.

I acknowledge the patrol report submitted by  
Mr. M. Lows.

The Patrol was well conducted, and the election  
went off well.

*D. J. Clancy*  
D. J. Clancy,  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONE DOBU.

Mr. M. Lows,  
Patrol Post,  
AITAPE.



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Telegrams  
Telephone 67-1-13  
Our Reference 67-1-14  
If calling ask for  
Mr. ....



Sub-District Office  
Amanab  
West Sepik District.

23rd. September 1966.

District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
VANTICO.

WALSA Local Government Council Elections  
Imonda Patrol No.1-66/67 Imonda Local Area  
Imonda Patrol No.2-66/67 Waina Sowanda Area.

Please find attached :- (a) report of Imonda Patrol No. 1 conducted by Mr. M.Lowe to the Imonda Local area for part of the elections.

(b) a report by Mr. A.Try who conducted the patrol to carry out elections in the Waina Sowanda and Watara Simog areas.

(c) an additional initial patrol report carried out by the Cadet Patrol Officer Mr. G.Dewar who submitted it as an exercise in reporting his observations while accompanying Mr. Try.

(d) the election statistics.

(e) claims for camping allowance - which in the case of Mr. Lowe require his signature.

The object of the patrols was to carry out the second election of members to the Walsa Local Government Council. Both officers conducting the elections carried out the Directions for the conduct of Elections for Local Government councils as per the handbook issued by the Chief Electoral Officer. There were no incidents during the elections. The results of the elections have been clearly described in the accompanying reports.

The statistics of the elections have been forwarded to the Chief Electoral officer, the Commissioner for Local Government and the Regional Local Government Officer as required under the Divisions 20 and 21 of the Electoral Directions. A copy is enclosed for your information.

For your action and onward movement.

T. O'SULLIVAN

Assistant District Commissioner.

PREAMBLE.

	:IMONDA
	:WEST SEPIK
Patrol Number	:AMANAB No 1-66/67
Patrol Conducted By	:M.J.Lowe (C.P.O.)
Patrol Accompanied By	:Bogin, L.G. Assistant :2 Members R.P.N.G.C. :Hospital Orderly :Health Educator :1 Interpreter
Duration of the Patrol	:10 days- 15-8-66==25-8-66

Last Patrols to the Area.

D.D.A.	June	1965
P.H.D.	July	1965

Objects of the Patrol	:Second WALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS. & :Routine Administration.
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Map Reference	:Border Special Sheet.
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PATROL DIARY

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- 15th. August 1966. Waited at Imonda until carriers from Namola, <sup>arrived</sup> they started arriving at 1100, by 1200 the carriers started to fasten the cargo. The patrol left Imonda at 1220. The patrol followed a good but overgrown road to Namola, arriving at 1410. A rest was called at Namola so that some of the carriers could get medical treatment for cuts. Patrol departing Namola 1525 and arrived at Sainindi at 1610 after a after a very steep walk rested at Sainindi, at 1630 after resting left Sainindi and walked on a poor overgrown road. From Sainindi the road ascends to SWACH = KETJIL. Arrived and paid carriers at 1700 and then sent word to the other villages of my intention to hold the elections at SWACH-KETJIL. Slept at Swach-Ketjil.
- 16th. August 1966 At SWACH-KETJIL. The people were slow to assemble. The people were assembled at 1100: Bogin the Local Government Assistant gave a talk on the functions of the council. When Bogin had finished nominations were called for. There were only two candidates-JOS present councillor and NABA. Vote result was NABA 21-JOS 18. The poor attendance was because of the villages CHOLOSSA and YUWENTLA, most of these people were in the BEWANI Mountains or close to PAGEL Patrol Post and were ignorant of the fact that elections were to be held. Also, in general the people at best seemed disinterested in the elections. The former councillor doesn't seem to have sent word to anyone or informed them of the elections. After the elections I decided to stop in the village, which was quite tidy. The resthouse and haus Police were in a bad state of disrepair. Slept at SWACH-KETJIL.
- 17th. August 1966 Left SWACH-KETJIL at 0805 and travelled on a poorly constructed path to DAUCHENDI-TOKENENDI ARRIVING AT 0900. Paid the carriers. On arrival at the resthouse I found some of the villagers making hurried repairs to it. After speaking to the Councillor about the elections he sent word out to WAINDA Village to come in for the elections. In the afternoon I was invited to a Sing-Sing at MINDEPOKE. On route to MINDEPOKE I told the Councillor of DOPEPENDEI of the patrol's intention to hold elections the following day.
- 18th. August 1966 DAUCHENDI-TOKENENDI=WAINDA Villages gathered at DAUCHENDI. The villagers were quite slow in gathering and at 1000 the first talk was given to the people and nominations were taken. A keen interest was taken by the WAINDA people and everyone was keen to vote and discuss the candidates. After the results were known the people had their small celebration and myself, Bogin, a hospital orderly and a Constable proceeded to DOPEPENDEI which is a five minute walk from DAUCHENDI. Nominations were accepted and while waiting for the required hour I inspected the village, it was quite clean but the houses were in a state of disrepair. The election commanded great interest from the men, but the women would cast their vote and disregard further proceedings. Returned to DAUCHENDI for the night.
- 19th. August 1966 Departed DAUCHENDI and proceeded to EPMI, a thirty-five minute walk. Met Councillors for MINDEPOKE and EPMI and told them of the election times. I then inspected EPMI villages and found that most of the houses were clean and in good repair. The resthouse and Police house were overgrown and in disrepair and the latrines had collapsed, new latrines had been marked out by the Health Educator but had not been built. The Councillor of EPMI, Frans, soon had all these things built and repaired. Frans was also told that the Helicopter Pad had to be kept clear. Slept the night at EPMI.
- 20th. August 1966 All the EPMI villagers gathered and a talk was given to them about the elections and nominations were taken. No great interest was taken in the elections. The election was slow in progressing as some of the people refused to answer the names from the Census book only their Church names.

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- 20th. August 1966 Finally Councillor Frans won the election. The party then moved straight to MINDEFOKE at 1330 and nominations were taken. The men took great interest in the voting which was held up by a rainstorm. The voting finished late in the afternoon and the patrol returned to EPMI for the night.
- 21st. August 1966 The day was observed at EPMI. Councillor Frans was asked to supply carriers for the following day.
- 22nd. August 1966 Left EPMI for NAMOLA at 0800, passed through OMOL at 0845 and told them of the patrols intention to hold elections in the afternoon at MACHENDI. Passed through MACHENDI at 0855 and made arrangements for elections in the afternoon. Arrived at NAMOLA 0900. In the afternoon the patrol went to Machendi and gave a talk on the elections and the council and then called for candidates. Only the men took an interest in the election proceedings. The candidates were MUSA new councillor and MEK. After the election the patrol returned to NAMOLA to spend the night.
- 23rd. August 1966 The NAMOLA-DOUNDI-SAININDI people were very slow in assembling, as it was nearly twelve o'clock when they finally assembled. They showed very little interest in the patrol and were very reluctant to pay any attention to their councillors or to the election proceedings. When the elections were completed a talk was given by the hospital orderly, who saw many of the people with skin disorders. Patrol Slept at NAMOLA.
- 24th. August 1966 Left NAMOLA 0805 and proceeded along a disused track to DAONDA. Arrived DAONDA 1050 and told them of the election and got them to assemble. The villagers were late in gathering and the election was conducted with the people taking a great interest. The election finished quite late, so stayed the night at DAONDA.
- 25th. August 1966 Left DAONDA at 0800 and proceeded to IMONDA arriving at 0940. Paid carriers and stood the patrol down.

End of Patrol.



INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was into the Imonda Local Census Division which is situated to the north-west of the station and was out concurrently with one into the Waina-Sowanda area which is also part of the Imonda Local Government Council.

The Patrols main purpose was to conduct the second Walsa Local Government Elections and also routine administration for the Imonda Local Census Division.

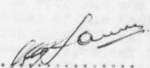
The people are becoming more interested in the European way of life and the men in the villages are applying to be sent to the stations such as BUKA or work on Imonda station so that they can earn money to supplement their diet with fish, meat, flour and ~~meat~~ rice which they can buy at the trade stores along with household goods and items of clothing.

In all wards an interpreter was used <sup>to</sup> effect, to tell the people in simple terms the procedure for voting. As most of the people in this area are illiterate the people were asked who they wanted to vote for and their second and third preferences, as the "word of mouth" system was known to them from the preceding year it was used in all elections.

The aims of the patrol were carried out quite successfully and every ward has a councillor representing each. Only in the Namola-Sainindi-Boundi ward were two councillors elected. In each ward two candidates were nominated and in some cases three were nominated.

In the area patrolled the total population is 1486 of these 778 (431 men and 347 women) were eligible to vote of these 42 people (29 men and 13 women) were unavoidably absent, 503 people (289 men and 215 women) voted in this area giving a percentage of 67.1%.

Although the ballot-box and the reason for a candidate winning a seat on the council when the ballot was counted, were explained and demonstrated to the people before the election some of the people were still suspicious and had doubts about the ballot-box. Some of the villagers took some interest in the counting of the ballot papers.

  
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M. J. HOWE  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



WALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

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1. MODE OF ELECTIONS.

The elections were held in eight villages, which seemed to be the meeting place for when patrols are in the area. Four of the wards consisted of a single village; Dopenandi, Epmi, Mindepome, Daunda.

The election was conducted according to the Chief Electoral Officers handbook. The people seemed to understand this form of election. The people had some doubts about how to select their candidates, although talks were given on what to choose in their candidates.

As the majority of the people are illiterate, myself and the Local Government Assistant assisted each voter. When the voters name was found he was given an initialed ballot paper which he presented to the Local Government Assistant who marked the ballot paper according to the voters preference for each candidate. The voter was then given his ballot-paper which he placed in the ballot-box.

The nominations usually took place more than an hour prior to the elections, this was to give the people who came late to nominate their own choice. In all cases they accepted the nominations.

The word for the elections was sent out to all the villages two and three weeks before the elections. In all cases the patrol had to wait while the people assembled before the nominations could be carried out. The Councillors hadn't talked to the villagers about the elections or the time of the elections, consequently all the people only had one day at the most to gather.

2. FEMININE INTEREST IN THE ELECTIONS.

There were no cases of any women being nominated for election or of any women nominating their own choice of candidates. I think that the men frowned on the thought of having a woman as a councillor and that the women had no right to the leadership of the village.

In most cases the females of the villages showed hardly any interest in the election proceedings at all. The females of the ward would cast their vote and then return to their houses to carry on with their home duties before the result of the election was known. In the majority of cases the women voted independently to their husbands and were in no way influenced by their husbands preference.

The cause of most of the female absentees was the fact that the men left their wives in the gardens to look after it and their livestock.

3. INCIDENTS.

The people seemed to understand the voting procedure and the part played by the ballot-box. There was no incident where the people opposed the elections or the work of the council. They showed some concern when they came forward to vote, although talks had been given in place talk and may on how to vote and who their councillors were. The councillors seem to be the cause of the indifferent and confused attitude of the people because they failed to inform the people of the agenda at the council meetings, or ask the people for suggestions for the council meeting agenda. The places where the least interest was found the councillors were voted out of office.

4. ABSENTEEISM.

During the election the men had the greater number vote and also the greater number of absentees. In one ward, Cholosaa-Swach Ketjil-Yuwetala the absenteeism was very high because the Chollasa and Yuwetala people were in the Bewani Mountains or in the vicinity of Pag-i Patrol Post tending their gardens. These people had been absent from their villages for a period of one month before the patrol visited this area.

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While the attendance at Mindepoke was excellent, mainly because all the people had gathered to take part in a Sing-Sing, when the patrol arrived the complete village was in attendance.

Some of the absentees were people who had gone to West Irian to find work and had taken their whole family with them. Some of the absent males were working at Imonda Station or at one of the outside stations.

Some of the unavoidably absent people were those who were sick or physically handicapped or those who were too old to attend the voting.

5. SUMMARY.

This type of election was not new to them, but most of the people were still confused about the role and functions of the council as the councillors had not told them about the meetings and the agenda. After the elections the people felt that they had an assurance of a good councillor in each ward, someone who would ask the villagers for items for the council agenda and inform them of the rulings of the council.

All the councillors except one won their election by quite a large margin from their opponents.

A difficulty was met when the election procedure was explained to the people as it had to be explained to them in very simple terms, so that when it was interpreted into the local language or Malay the people would be able to comprehend it or some of it. Difficulty was also struck when the people had to vote for second and third preferences, they couldn't understand why they had to vote for someone else when they only wanted one man in office.

It seems that it will be a long time before the people really take an interest in the council and its work. Most of the villages are quite close to the station but the people are reluctant to discuss their problems or bring them up at the council meetings. If the new councillors talk to the people then interest might grow in the council in the Imonda area.

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Imonda  
M. J. LOWE  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Patrol Post, IMONDA

25th August 66

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25/8/66 10 days IMONDA

Imonda  
Local C/D

EXCELLENT

Experienced  
N.C.O.

M. J. LOWE

*M. J. Lowe*

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Patrol Post, IMONDA

LAE

25th August

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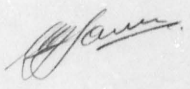
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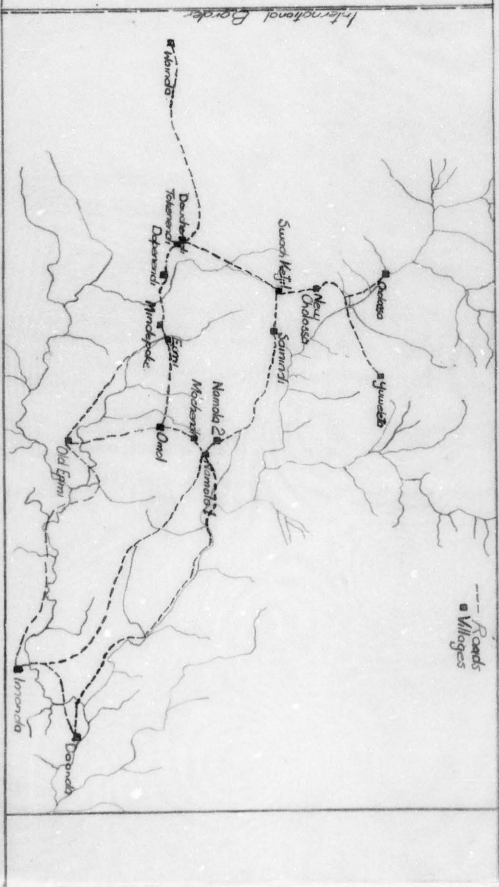
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Experienced M.J. LOWE.



AMANAB PATROL N<sup>o</sup> 1-66-67  
 MONDA LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION  
 WALSA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTION



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23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
YARIMO,  
West Sepik District.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 1966/67.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Lowe's report of a patrol to the Imonda Local Census Division and of covering memoranda from the Assistant District Commissioner Amanab and yourself.

The Commissioner for Local Government comments as follows:

I hope Mr. Lowe is aware of his responsibility for educating the electorate and the elected members at every opportunity.

This was a well conducted patrol of a routine electoral nature and no further comment appears necessary.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of WEST SEPIK Report No. 1mondn 2-66767

Patrol Conducted by A. K. TRY A. D. O.

Area Patrolled WAINA-SOWANDA CENSUS DIVISION & PART BEMBI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans G. L. DEWAR G. P. O.

Natives 3 MEMBERS R. P. & N. G. O.  
2 MEMBERS P. H. D.

Duration—From 17./...3./1966 to 2./...9./1966

Number of Days 17 ACTUAL DAYS CAMPED 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21./...2./1966

Medical 8./...4./1966

Map Reference MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

25 1/10/1966.

*J. Holman*  
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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23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 1966/67.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned patrol report by Mr. G.L. Dewar C.P.O. who accompanied the patrol conducted by Mr. A.D.O. Try. No comments by yourself or the A.D.O. were included.

The report adequately no doubt covers the activities of the patrol as seen by Mr. Dewar's inexperienced eyes; covering comments by Mr. A.D.O. Try and the Assistant District Commissioner would have been valuable however in assessing the reports accuracy. For example Mr. Dewar states that "there is abundance of wild life i.e. pigeons, pigs and wallabies, which supply sufficient fresh meat for the people's needs".

As an exercise in reporting no doubt Mr. Dewar will benefit by presenting this report. Future reports by this officer will be awaited with interest.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

PATROL DIARY

- 16th. August 1966. Cargo prepared for Election Patrol to UMEDA but postponed due to lack of Carriers.
- 17th. August Departed IMONDA Patrol Post 0800 hrs for UMEDA arriving 1400 hrs. Cargo arriving 1430 hrs. Accompanied Mr. Try during discussions with Local Councillors regarding future movements and requirements.  
SLEPT UMEDA
- 18th. August Election conducted for the UMEDA ward with Pom reelected by large majority in preference count. N.M.A. P. KOIYAMA inspected the villagers at the completion of their vote. Health on the whole was quite good. Survey with regards drinking water carried out for Council information. General discussions with the UMEDA people regarding local habits etc for better understanding of area with regards administration.  
SLEPT UMEDA.
- 19th. August Departed UMEDA 0830 hrs for SOWANDA arriving 0930 hrs. Extensive maintenance carried out on rest houses especially House Police. Complete reconstruction of toilet of the rest house. General talks with menfolk with regards customs etc. Talks terminated when women and children, previously not seen, appeared with foodstuffs to sell. Arrangements made for Elections to be held the following day.  
SLEPT SOWANDA.
- " ) 20th August Election conducted for SOWANDA ward with HOMBI reelected by a large majority. Voting statistics and Patrol Report brought up to date. Arrangements made for movement to WIALA. Survey of local water supply carried out for Council information.  
SLEPT SOWANDA.
- 21th August Departed SOWANDA 0830 hrs arriving WIALA 0920 hrs. Discussion with Local Councillors regarding future movements and requirements. Balance of day observed.  
SLEPT WIALA.
- 22nd August Elections held for WIALA ward with USAU/MOPI elected by a 45 - 1 majority. Voting Statistics and Patrol Report brought up to date. Survey of local water supply carried out for Council information. Arrangements made for movement to WAINA.  
SLEPT WIALA.
- 23rd August Patrol delayed by heavy rain. Departed Wiala 0930hrs for WAINA arriving 1010hrs. Discussions with Local Councillors regarding future movements. General trading for foodstuffs.  
SLEPT WAINA
- 24th August Elections conducted WAINA ward with WUSAU elected by a fair margin. Survey of local water supply carried out for Council information. Patrol Reports and Voting Statistics brought up to date. N.M.A. P. KOIYAMA sent patients from this village in to IMONDA PATROL POST F for further treatment. Arrangements made for movement to PUNDA.  
SLEPT WAINA.

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- 25th August Departed WALINA 0800hrs for PUNDA via UMEDA arriving 1030 hrs. General discussions with Local Councillors regarding future movements and requirements. Inspection of village and was found to be far superior to other villages covered by the Election Patrol. General discussion with villagers concerning Local matters i.e. Agriculture, Customs etc. Traded for foodstuffs with villagers.  
SLEPT PUNDA
- 26 th August Elections held for PUNDA ward with PAI being reelected by a large majority. Survey of village water supply carried out. Departed PUNDA 1320 hrs for UMEDA arriving 1430 hrs. Arrangements made for movements to IMONDA PATROL POST.  
SLEPT UMEDA.
- 27 th August Departed UMEDA 0730 hrs for IMONDA PATROL POST arriving 1130 hrs. Carriers arriving 1400 hrs. Carriers paid and fed and Police stood down until Monday. Stocked and set up new Buyers Clubs, marking and stacking completed that day. SLEPT IMONDA PATROL POST.  
OBSERVED
- 28 th August Election held IMONDA ward with Herta being elected.  
29 th August Arrangements made for movement to WATAPE. Remainder of day devoted to general office work.
- 30 th August Carriers departed IMONDA PATROL POST for WATAPE via SIMOG at 1000 hrs. Routine office work carried out until arrival of plane and Infant Welfare Nurses. Departed IMONDA 1300 hrs for WATAPE. Carrier line overtaken and Constable TIAMAI returned to IMONDA due to wife's illness. Arrived WATAPE 1745 hrs and made Election arrangements.  
SLEPT WATAPE
- 31 st August Elections delayed due to a large group of villagers absent from the village in search of food. The construction of four Pit Latrines in the village area supervised. Elections for the WATAPE Ward held with YARI/ KOMINI being elected. Arrangements made for movement to SIMOG the following day. Survey of local water supply carried out for Council information. Minor disputes and cases arbitrated.  
SLEPT WATAPE.
- 1 st September Departed WATAPE 0820 hrs for SIMOG arriving 1030 hrs. Carriers arriving 1115 hrs. Elections held for SIMOG Ward with TSE/ SA'U being elected. Survey of local water supply carried out for Council information. Arrangements made for movement to IMONDA PATROL POST early following morning.  
SLEPT SIMOG.
- 2 nd September Departed SIMOG 0800 hrs for IMONDA PATROL POST arriving 1100 hrs. Carriers arriving 1130 hrs. Disposal of patrol gear and personnel.  
COMPLETION OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION

The nature of the patrol being that of Local Council Elections, impressed on the Patrol the need of the people, of the Electorate, to have a sound knowledge of the benefits provided by Councils and there by foster a strong interest in Council activities.

These Elections, being only the second Local Council Elections to be held in this area, found the people with a slight knowledge as to the function of them.

The WALNA/ SOWANDA villages, situated generally south of the IMONDA PATROL POST, a distance of five to six hours walking time over rugged terrain, has little economic development due mainly to its isolated condition.

Due to the relatively inadequate rainfall the village suffers a period where they are short of good drinking water and are forced to procure their drinking water from the swamps.

A water supply survey was carried out on behalf of the Local Councils by this patrol

The social development in this area though only slight may be attributed to the development of the Local Government Councils.

The area covered by this patrol consisted of the WALNA/SOWANDA census division and part of the IMONDA LOCAL census division and part BEMBI census division.

Below listed villages are those covered in this area by the patrol.

- UMEDA
- SCWANDA
- WIALA
- AINA
- FUNDA
- IMONDA
- WATAPE
- SIMOG

Further information and statistics with regards to the Elections will be forwarded by A.D.O. THY attached to this patrol report, and by CP.O. LOWE who covered the latter half of the electoral area.

This patrol report has been compiled for the sole purpose of an exercise following the requirements set down in the DEPARTMENTAL STANDING INSTRUCTIONS manual.

VILLAGES.

The villages in the WALNA/SOWANDA area are in general, of the one standard with an odd village displaying different facets of improvement.

All villages in the WALNA/SOWANDA area are situated on high firm ground but suffered from lack of good watering facilities.

The houses in the villages were varied in standard though some were in need of maintenance. An attempt had been made to maintain tidiness within the various villages but left a lot to be desired with regards to personal hygiene.

While for health purposes WIALA and FUNDA had constructed pit latrines, they continued to live with their pigs and dogs in the one house.

The one village worthy of special mention is FUNDA, which I feel could be set as an example for the villages of this area to follow with regards to progress.

The village is extremely tidy with the jungle cut well back with the aim of establishing gardens close to the village.

Pit latrines as previously mentioned are adequate for the village requirement and are encouraged by the Local Councillor.

The progress and general pride in this village is, I feel, fostered by the strong councillor.

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CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES

There are two main designs used by the natives in the construction of their houses. This is where the houses are built on ground level using the earth for the floor. The branches of the Sago tree ("PANGAL") were used to a large extent in the construction of the walls or though in a few cases "LIMBUM" was substituted in place of it. THE leaf of the Sago tree is joined together to form panels and thus able to be used in the sealing of the roof.

The average size of these houses are 20 ft by 12 ft with an apex of 7 ft. the height of the walls is 4 or 5 foot in height.

The ventilation and light in this type of housing is practically non-existent except for a small entrance used as a door.

(a)

The material used to construct these houses up off the ground is similar in all respects with the addition of "LIMBUM" floors. To gain entrance to this type of house a small notched log is leant against the construction. The size of these buildings correspond to the dimensions in (a).

(b)

The ventilation in this style of house is superior to that of (a) due to the spacing of the "LIMBUM" floor.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

The agriculture of this area is primitive native gardening with the main crops being; PitPit, Sugar Cane, Yam, Taro, Banana, Tapioca, Sweet potatoe all of which is supplemented by their staple food Sago.

In WIALA agricultural projects had been started with the planting of sweet potatoe but this was not successful.

Although there are not many gardens evident the practise of rotational gardening is carried out. The bush is cleared and immediately a crop is planted. After a period of two to three years the garden is allowed to revert to bush for ten to fifteen years.

There is no livestock worthy of mention although poor specimens of pigs and fowls were sometimes evident. These are used for their own consumption.

Through out the area there is an abundance of wild life, i.e. Pidgeons, Pigs and Wallabies, which supply sufficient fresh meat for the peoples needs.

REST HOUSES

The Rest Houses are constructed of native materials but of European design. Maintenance was necessary on the majority of the Rest houses but on the whole they were satisfactory.

SOWANDA Rest houses needed extensive maintenance especially the House Police which lacked half the walls. A pit latrine was erected for the House Klap and holes in the roof covered.

The FUNDA rest house while adequate for one man, was found to be too small to take two men comfortably.

The WATAPE Rest Houses are still under construction, but promise to be sufficient for future patrol's needs.

CARRIERS

The patrol was delayed leaving the IMONDA PATROL POST due to the reluctance of the IMONDA people to carry. The benefits of carrying for the Administration was pointed out to them and the patrol departed 0800 hrs the following morning.

Through out the patrol carriers were easy to obtain and a problem quickly arose out of this. It was discovered that the normal procedure of counting the carriers was not adequate as many who did not carry lined up for payment. The taking of the carriers names was also found to be unsatisfactory as men who had carried, were allowing those who hadn't, answers to their names.

Thus it became necessary to put a dye marking on the neck of those men who were actually carrying. This was found to be quite successful and amusing to the natives.

HEALTH

It was noticed that while the people were willing to receive treatment they would not go to the IMONDA HOSPITAL for it. No amount of persuasion could influence them to leave their village to seek further medical aid.

Injections were readily accepted where as previously they were reluctant to receive them.

A Native Medical Assistant, P. KAYAMA, accompanied the patrol and a full report will be forwarded by him concerning the health of the people.

A mild epidemic of Gastroenteritis was observed in the WATAPE and BINGO area.

The health of the people encountered by the patrol was found to be quiet good.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Vehicular roads and bridges are non-existent in this area and access is gained by use of bush tracks and native pads.

These tracks and pads were found to be in good order and in no way hampered the progress of the patrol.

Under wet conditions these routes would prove to be difficult and time consuming to negotiate.

In the FUNDA area the tracks were well defined with the average width being twenty feet. A lot of time has been devoted by the Funda in the clearing and maintenance of these roads. This can be attributed to the strong influence of the Councillor over the people.

AIRFIELDS

The villages of WIALA and WAINA have Helicopter Pads situated in these villages and these are used by the Army Survey and Border Survey Teams.

The pads were found to be in good order and in prominent positions.

GEOGRAPHY/ TOPOGRAPHY

The area patrolled consisted primarily of steep sided and deeply eroded hills, approximately 500' - 1000 feet high. The valley floors in the wet season often contain swift flowing streams, but during the dry are little more than muddy waterholes.

The part Bombi Census Division consisted mainly of a swampy river flood plain and similar was also apparent between IMONDA PATROL POST and the first line of hills to the south south west of the station, roughly dashed by

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GEOGRAPHY/ TOPOGRAPHY (cont'd.)

the river SOP. The other main stream in the WAINA - SOWANDA area is the river LOHBO.

The only other watercourse of any significance in the BEMBI area patrolled is the BAPI which is of considerable size and flow both in dry and wet seasons.

In both areas visited, the vegetation consisted mainly of Tropical rain forest types, interspersed with patches of secondary growth due largely to the overgrowing of village gardens. Swamp bamboo thickets and associated vegetation is found in the BEMBI areas.

A dry period from August to November causes these areas to experience a shortage of good water for village consumption. The average yearly rainfall is in the vicinity of eighty to eighty-five inches falling between the months of January and July.

Fertile soil is found on the slopes of hills as these are well drained where as the low-lying level soil is sour and water-logged.

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G.L. DEWAR.  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... West Sepik ..... Report No. .... 4 - 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by..... F.B. Donovan C.P.O. .....

Area Patrolled..... Imonda Local Census Division. .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... No. .....

Natives..... Four members R.P.N.G.C., One Medical Assistant. .....

Duration—From 12/4/1967 to 20/4/1967 and 2/5/67 to 6/5/67

Number of Days..... 14 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... Yes. .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 16/1966 .....

Medical ..... 2/1967 .....

Map Reference..... Border Special Sheet One. .....

Objects of Patrol..... Collection of Council Tax, general administration and in latter stage, compiling of Common Roll. .....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*6/11/1968*

*[Signature]*  
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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trus. Fund .... £.....

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

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Patrol Post,  
Imonda.  
West Sepak District.

May 30th, 1967.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by: F.B. Donovan C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: Imonda Local Census Division.

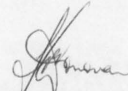
Personnel Accompanying: 4 Members R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Medical Assistant  
1 Interpreter  
2 Members Tax Tribunal

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. - October 1966  
P.L.D. - February 1967  
P.I.R. - April 1967

Duration of Patrol: Fourteen Days

Map Reference: Border Special Sheet One

Objects of Patrol: 1. Collection of Council  
Tax.  
2. Routine Administration.  
3. In latter stage,  
compiling of Common Roll  
for 1968 House of  
Assembly Elections.  
4. Familiarisation Patrol.

  
F.B. Donovan,  
Gadet Patrol Officer.

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IMONDA PATROL REPORT No. 4-66/67

Patrol Diary.

Wednesday April 12th, 1967.

Assembled patrol, carriers, cargo and personnel. All departed at 0915 for NAMOLA Village, two and a half hours walking time north west of IMONDA Station. Travelled on the partly completed Namola Road for half an hour, the construction of which is progressing at a rather slow rate. Arrived NAMOLA, made camp. Discussions with Councillors from NAMOLA 'S 1 and 2, MACHENDI and OMOL., advised them of the tax collection tomorrow. Slept NAMOLA.

Thursday April 13th, 1967.

/ messengers/  
Despatched ~~messengers~~ to SAININDI, OMOL and DAURDI villages to remind the people of the impending tax collection and to ensure that they all turned up. I inspected OMOL, NAMOLA No 2 and MACHENDI Villages, both the new and the old of the latter. The people from all villages were then assembled at NAMOLA No 1 for tax collection and medical inspection. An outline of the aims and work of the Council was then given, and it was explained to all the reasons for tax collection. A total of \$ 51-30 was collected from the five village groups. The afternoon was spent in discussions with the Councillors from NAMOLA'S 1 & 2, and MACHENDI. Economic development, diet and livestock were discussed, also an outline was given of the proposed Council livestock breeding station at Imonda. Slept NAMOLA.

Friday April 14th, 1967.

Departed NAMOLA at 0900 and arrived SWATCH KETJIL at 1100, carriers at 1130. En route the village of SAININDI was inspected. Made camp, sent word to CHOLOSSA and TUWELA Villages of the tax collection tomorrow. Discussions with Councillor and village officials. The District Commissioner's 82 of 31-3-67 was also investigated and is answered under separate cover. Slept SWATCH KETJIL.

Saturday April 15th, 1967.

Visited the village of CHOLOSSA, inspected SWATCH KETJIL and then the peoples of CHOLOSSA, SWATCH KETJIL and TUWELA villages assembled for tax collection and medical inspection and a general instruction. After this was completed, the patrol then departed at 1315 for DAUCHENDI Village. Made camp, dismissed carriers and met local people. Slept DAUCHENDI.

Sunday April 16th, 1967.

Observed at DAUCHENDI.

Monday April 17th, 1967.

The people from DAUCHENDI, TOKINENDI, WAINDA and DOPONENDI Villages assembled for tax collection, medical inspection and general instruction. The three villages other than WAINDA were then inspected. Heavy rain from mid morning onwards. Discussions with the Councillors and people re the re-siting of DOPONENDI Village and the amalgamation and re-siting of TOKINENDI and DAUCHENDI Villages. Slept DAUCHENDI.

Tuesday April 18th, 1967.

Departed DAUCHENDI bound for EPMI. En route the Catholic Wasengla Mission School, the newly completed Wasengla Aid Post, MINDEPOKE Village and EPMI No. 1 Village were visited and inspected. A couple of minor disputes were then settled, discussions with Councillors and Village Officials and an inspection was made of the No 1 Village, water facilities and general conditions. Slept EPMI.

Patrol Diary contd.

Wednesday April 19th, 1967.

An instruction was then given, tax collected and the villagers were medically examined by the Medical Assistant. A couple of minor disputes were then settled. A thorough inspection was then made of the three villages, water facilities and sanitation were inspected and discussed with village peoples. Slept EPMI.

Heavy rain delayed the assembly of people from MINDEPGE and EPMI villages.

Thursday April 20th, 1967.

gear, paid carriers and the patrol

Departed EPMI at 0730 bound for IMONDA, arrived IMONDA at 1030, unpacked was then temporarily stood down.

Monday April 24th, 1967.

given, the people were medically examined and the Council Tax was then collected,

An inspection was made of the three IMONDA Villages, an instruction was

Tuesday April 25th, 1967.

the station by the United Nation's Representative.

The Anzac Day Holiday was observed at Imonda Station. A visit was made to Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Wednesday April 26th, 1967.

A.D.O Try then departed for Vanimo again stood down until Tuesday May 2nd, 1967.

Heavy rain overnight made the Wasengla and Bapi Rivers impassable. in afternoon and the patrol was 2nd, 1967.

Tuesday May 2nd, 1967.

A three walk, for much of the way along the banks of the Bapi River, The afternoon was spent in the collection of Council Tax, Medical Inspection, General Instruction and the compiling of the village Common Roll for the 1968 House of Assembly Elections. Slept SIMOG.

The Patrol was assembled and it departed at 0845 for SIMOG Village.

Wednesday May 3rd, 1967.

track. Altho prior word had been sent, some people were not at the village when the Patrol arrived and still had not returned by nightfall. A village 'sing sing' was held in honour of the Patrol's presence, at WATAPE that night. Slept WATAPE.

Ex SIMOG for WATAPE, a 3 1/2 hour walk along a waterlogged and very swampy

Thursday May 4th, 1967.

instruction, tax collection, medical examination and the compiling of the Common Roll for the 1968 House of Assembly Elections. A couple of & minor disputes were settled and discussions were held with the people. Slept WATAPE.

Heavy rain for most of the morning. The people assembled at 1200 for an

Friday May 5th, 1967.

hour walk, arrived at 1430. Villagers assembled in late afternoon for instruction, tax collection, medical inspection and the compiling of the Common Roll. Slept DAONDA.

Departed WATAPE at 0715 on route ~~XXXXXXXX~~ DAONDA via SIMOG. A seven

Saturday May 6th, 1967.

and unpacked cargo. Patrol completed and stood down.

Departed DAONDA at 0800 en route IMONDA, a two hour walk. Paid carriers



INTRODUCTION.

The Imonda Local Census Division lies to the north of Imonda Patrol Post and stretches in an arc from west to east, this is covered on the Border Special Maps, 1 & 2, the bottom of the former and the top of the latter sheets. It has a common boundary with the West Irian International Boundary, formerly administered by the Dutch Administration, but under Australian Supervision since 1962.

Overnight camps were made at seven different locations altho in the course of the Patrol, nineteen village groups were contacted. At all points of contact the reception was friendly and mutually beneficial to both parties, altho at times, co-operation from the people was below the desirable. It is disappointing that after the great deal of contact that the area has had with the two Administrations over the last decade that the standard of living is still at a very low level, and also that the population has made as little progress as it has.

Rainfall statistics from Imonda cover only three full years, the average of which is 86 inches. There is no marked wet or dry season of the year altho that period from April to October records considerably less rain than do the other months of the year. However heavy and consistent rain falls for all twelve months of the year. As a result of this heavy rain the soils of the area are heavily leached, and not ideally suited to intensive cultivation. The few crops that are cultivated are grown specifically for home consumption, no surplus is marked for sale to other persons, altho there is a small market at the Imonda Station for foodstuffs, again this is small because of the monotony of the food available, and most of those interested are immigrant workers from other areas and not unused to the food of the area.

The small slender build of the adults and the inflated stomachs of the children indicate an unbalanced diet, game is limited and there is a predominance of starch, and a lack of protein in the diet. The main foods are

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| 1. Sago   | 2. Sweet Potato | 3. Banana |
| 4. Sugar Cane   | 5. Sweet Corn   | 6. Mams   |
| 7. Various plants which provide the 'greens' to the diet. |                 |           |

Game mainly consists of

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| 1. Birds - Curia and Pidgeon                         | 2. Pigs, both wild and domestic |
| 3. Wild animals - wallabies, bandicoots and goannas. |                                 |

The area patrolled is a very backward one, which will require much careful attention before it achieves any semblance of prosperity. Development will, of necessity be retarded by the low population and the serious lack of communication facilities, the rugged Bewani Mountains pose a formidable challenge, and the lack of a large site/ airstrip/is another retarding factor.



#### ROADS and BRIDGES.

The 'Namola Road' extends for ~~the~~ half an hour only from the station in the direction of the above village. To date only \$ 500.00 has been allocated from the Administration for this work. For the road to be effective, additional funds and a greater enthusiasm from the affected villagers are needed, the latter seems to be lacking because of the people's inability, despite many attempts by field staff, to foresee any advantages for themselves. At the present rate of progress it will be a 'long' time before the road is completed. The constructed section however is of good quality, being cambered and well drained. Another problem to be overcome is the shortage of labour to maintain the completed section whilst other sections of the road are still under construction.

Elsewhere 'roads' are merely bush tracks, in many cases traversing swamp or low level land, which retards progress and limits the ease of communications between villages and Imonda Patrol Post.

Walking times for the Patrol were:

Imonda to Namola - 3 hours	Imonda to Simog - 3 hours
Namola to Swatch-Ketjil 2 hours	Simog to Watape - 3 hours
Swatch-Ketjil to Dauchendi - 1 hour	Watape to Daonda - 7 hours
Dauchendi to Epni - 1 hour	Daonda to Imonda - 2 hours
Epni to Imonda - 4 hours	

These times are carrier times.

#### EDUCATION.

The Catholic Mission operates a small school which caters for Standard Two children, on the banks of the Wasengla River. It is staffed by two young native teachers, one of whom is from Dauchendi village. The school serves the villages of Dauchendi, Epni, Minderpoke, Tokonendi and Dopenendi.

The Education Department supports a school at Imonda Station, which in 1967, has an enrolment of approx 80 children from the villages in the area and also caters for the children of station personnel. Again this school only caters for children in their first two years of schooling.

At the commencement of the school year 1967, the Technical School from Imonda was amalgamated with that at Amanab and shifted to that station. A number of older pupils from the Imonda School transferred to Amanab at that time and are here educated in the basic manual and practical skills as applicable to village needs.

#### HEALTH.

The area is served by two Aid Posts, at SWATCH-KETJIL and EPNI, the latter being only recently completed as a Council sponsored project, constructed by the peoples of the nearby villages. A Medical Assistant accompanied the Patrol and health examinations were carried out together with the Patrol's other duties. A couple of serious illnesses were noted and the patients despatched to Imonda Hospital. Overall the health of the area was noted to be good.

#### FUTURE DEVELOPEMENT.

As I see it, if the people are to better themselves, they must reorganize in a couple of ways. The many small isolated villages retard development, and it would be both beneficial to the people themselves and for Administration purposes if a couple of central large villages were instituted. The Councillors see this as being 'a way out', altho they are leathe to uproot their villages and amalgamate with each other.

I suggest the amalgamation of BANOLA, OMOL, MACHENDI, SAININDI and DRUMBA Villages on a new site on the Napi River, where fresh drinking water, and level ground would probably aid health and the production of food. Similarly another group of villages could amalgamate and live on the upper reaches of the Wasengla River. This group would consist of SWATCH-KETJIL, GHOLOSSA, YUMETLA, TOKONENDI, DAUCHENDI and DOPONENDI Villages.

Naturally, any regrouping of peoples would have to take place at the wishes of the people, altho, bearing in mind the political significance of this area, it is desirable that we develop it at a rapid rate, altho preferably no faster than the peoples are able to absorb it. With a larger labour force than available, more food could be produced, and possibly some outside stock be introduced, and bred to raise the standard of stock in the area and at the same time, broaden the diet.

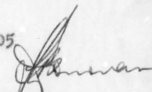
#### COMMERCE and INDUSTRY.

The Patrol spent \$ 60.00 in the area on fresh food and carrier's wages. The only regular income is to be obtained from the Administration Patrol's, and to a lesser extent from work carried out on the station. This money is then spent at either the Mission Store, or at the Administration sponsored Buyers Society, food, utensils and clothing being the preferred items. A number of bank accounts are operated, these being by men who have been to work in other areas viz. on plantations. Again these are limited and small in value. Industry doesn't exist and commerce is conducted on a small and limited scale.

## Taxation Statistics.

Village	No. of Eligible Tax Payers.	No. of Absentees.	Taxpayers.	Amount Collected.
Cholossa	25	10	11	\$ 5.50
Daonda	29	Nil	29	\$ 14.50
Dauchendi	20	2	18	\$ 9.00
Wainda	17	15	2	\$ 1.00
Daundi	4	Nil	4	\$ 2.00
Doponendi	44	Nil	44	\$ 22.00
Epai	61	Nil	61	\$ 30.50
Imonda	60	Nil	60	\$ 30.00
Machendi	24	Nil	24	\$ 12.30
Mindepoke	23	Nil	23	\$ 11.50
Namola	52	Nil	52	\$ 26.00
Omol	18	3	15	\$ 7.50
Sainindi	12	3	9	\$ 4.50
Sunah-Ketjil	22	6	16	\$ 8.00
Tokonendi	21	Nil	21	\$ 10.50
Xuvetla	9	Either absent or unable to pay.	Nil	Nil
Simog	37	1	36	\$ 18.00
Watape	49	Nil	49	\$ 24.50
Totals	<u>515</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>\$ 237.30</u>

This amount accounted for on Council Receipt No. B 63005

  
 F.B. Dohovan,  
 Collector

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Common Roll for DAONDA Village,  
Imonda Local Census Division,  
West Sepik District.

Compiled on May 5th, 1967.

ABIL DOGAI	F.	SARUI TUMBAI	M.
ANSA LAVIA	M.	SAIA AMBE	M.
AIKA WIA	M.	SAI WAMBA	F.
AKOE ANZA	F.	SEBLA AUMA	M.
ASWAL ZAVIA	M.	SEBLA WAMLA	F.
		SEICHA WOSO	M.
BABA MAP	F.	SAMBI ANSA	M.
BAU KHAS	F.	SIEO TAMP	F.
BOI EMBE	F.	SIEHB MAN	F.
BOHAI KUM	F.	SIECH ANSA	F.
BOP WAHA	M.	SUWA KUHAI	F.
		SWANDA YAMBU	M.
DAMBE WAMBA	M.		
		TABIAS ZAGAUE	M.
FOARFOA AMBE	F.	TAMB ANISA	M.
FORFWAHI KAWA	F.	TEDWE WARIK	F.
IOMP SAGAWI	F.	WABIE BUKIE	M.
		WACHA MOUCH	M.
KALI BASOWA	M.	WAIWA HOAN	M.
KHALMBA AMAN	M.	WASA KAMAN	F.
		WASUA TAMP	F.
LABA ALE	F.	WEB PONDAL	F.
		WREBOA MOIWA	M.
MAEB WAMA	M.	WLANK YAMB	M.
MAL WAMBA	M.	WONDO MCK	M.
MANGA WOMBA	F.	WOROMAY WAMBAA	M.
MEHAI YUMA	F.	WOES AVABSE	F.
MOAN PAIWA	M.		
		YAROU WAMBO	M.
NABSO IAP	F.	YIM WAMIA	M.
NACCHELA KUHAI	F.	YUWA WAMIA	M.
NUGONAI KAULAVA	F.		
OKI MOIWA	M.		
OND PAIWA	M.		
OWAL WAVAL	M.		

. FIFTY SEVEN ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

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IMONDA PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1966/67.

Common Roll for      SINGG      Village,  
 Imonda Local Census Division,  
 West Sepik District,

Compiled on May 2nd, 1967.

AMBABE SADORE	F.	PASI SUMA	M.
AMONO AWES	M.	PITALA NAPWA	F.
ANUGU MONAK	M.	POIPOI METI	M.
ANISE KUM	M.	POPORE TARAU	M.
ANGGAI KAUME	F.	POPO AIMI	F.
ASIRIA KWES	M.	POTO PWAIVI	M.
AUSI BRENNGE	M.	PUEKE PILAGA	M.
AUMUSERI NUWO	M.	PUPWANI KAUWO	F.
AWES SABO	M.	PWANG KWESI	M.
		PWAU KWAS	F.
EMEWE WUS	M.		
		RERI KWOTTA	F.
KAIMA MAGURI	M.		
KAMBANG WUS	F.	SAGUA WAREK	M.
KANA WUS	M.	SAMU ABIA	M.
KEBU AWES	M.	SELUAI ANGGO	M.
KERASIA POIPOI	M.	SIMANGA YAINI	M.
KUPO MONU	M.	SINEI WOBU	F.
KURAIT MAUKU	M.	SINGAI AWES	M.
K'ALISA KAKAK YANE	M.	SONDA YAMBU	M.
		SUMAI AWES	M.
MAIWO ARUA	F.		
MANDA ISI	F.	TARI NUA	M.
MAS WAISI	F.	TEWE WAREK	F.
MAGAL AU'U	F.	TOP YEMDOI	F.
MATAKA WOMBU	M.	TUAWA PAUWIA	F.
MAUNDE MAUKU	M.		
MEIYE SERI	F.	URAI AIP	M.
MUNGUJA MAS	M.		
MAS ANGUI	M.	WAIBI AB	M.
		WAINO L-TUKA	F.
NAMBIA WATUWO	M.	WAKRE TONDU	M.
NAMO POIPOI	F.	WAI SAKUI	F.
NAUWIA BUTANE	F.	WESI PEI	F.
NOBUSU KWEMINS	F.	WIAK WAIBE	M.
NOSA GUNAI	F.	WIANGGA YAMU	M.
NUERE KUM	F.	WIAU SABO	M.
NUO NASE	F.		
NUPWAI EWIS	M.	YAMO AUWO	F.
		YEWUNI SAB.	M.
GORI ANGWOI	F.		
GRA NUA	M.	IMARA BUS	M.
GAUTIA SIPO	F.		

.SEVENTY THREE ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

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IMONDA PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1966/67.

Common Roll for           WATAPE -  
                               XINORE - Village,  
 Imonda Local Census Division,  
 West Sepik District,

Compiled on May 4th, 1967.

ABUS NOTI	M.	NABIEA AUWO	M.
ABUKU YETI	F.	NAMO KAPTA	M.
AITENI WOKI	F.	REW WOBU	F.
AMEI PIAGA	M.	NUA BESI	F.
ANABI BRITA	M.	NUERI AUWO	M.
ANGGI AGI	M.		
AROMBONE YE	M.	OBE WOMWE	M.
AUWAI WOGITA	F.		
		PAGI PUSI	F.
BABI YENEVU	F.	PIRAI YESGUMI	F.
BANAWESI YE	M.	PUAME ANGORE	F.
BINE WAUMO	M.		
BOA DRIP	M.	SAGITA MAS	F.
BWEFE LOU	M.	SAHUKAI YIAS	M.
		SARA KWAI	F.
EGITA BRUAU	M.	SEMERAI PETI	F.
EPTENBI WOMA	M.	SONGWO HANO	F.
		SU AUWO	F.
FAI WIEME	M.		
PWARIA AUWO	M.	RAGU WAUMO	M.
		REMBIA EROGANI	F.
IBAIYA KISIRA	M.		
INARA WAUMA	M.	TABESUE KURER	M.
		TAM BWEME	M.
KAU YIKAINA	M.	TIFE MARA	M.
KASUAI MWAGI	M.	TOKO PAUMIA	F.
KESPE UKE	F.		
KIAU AUWO	M.	UGOSA DRUP	F.
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MASAKI PIAGA	F.	YARI KWOMINI	M.
MASI WOMBA	F.	YAURI KANIGI	M.
MEFERI AMBURU	F.	YAURI PUSI	M.
MUEN AUWO	M.	YAUWARA AMBUA	M.
MUEI PIAGA	M.	YIWO RADWI	M.

.SEVENTY SIX ELIGIBLE VOTERS.



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Patrol Post,  
Imonda.  
West Sepik District.

May 30th, 1967.

IMONDA PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by: F.B. Donovan C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: Imonda Local Census Division.

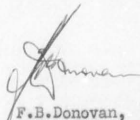
Personnel Accompanying: 4 Members R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Medical Assistant  
1 Interpreter  
2 Members Tax Tribunal

Last Patrol to Area: D.D.A. - October 1966  
P.H.D. - February 1967  
P.I.R. - April 1967

Duration of Patrol: Fourteen Days

Map Reference: Border Special Sheet One

Objects of Patrol: 1. Collection of Council  
Tax.  
2. Routine Administration.  
3. In latter stage,  
compiling of Common Roll  
for 1968 House of  
Assembly Elections.  
4. Familiarisation Patrol.

  
F.B. Donovan,  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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IMONDA PATROL REPORT No. 4-66/67

Patrol Diary.

Wednesday April 12th, 1967.

Assembled patrol, carriers, cargo and personnel. All departed at 0915 for NAMOLA Village, two and a half hours walking time north west of IMONDA Station. Travelled on the partly completed Namola Road for half an hour, the construction of which is progressing at a rather slow rate. Arrived NAMOLA, made camp. Discussions with Councillors from NAMOLA 'S 1 and 2, MACHENDI and OMOL., advised them of the tax collection tomorrow. Slept NAMOLA.

Thursday April 13th, 1967.

/ messengers/  
Despatched ~~messengers~~ to SAININDI, OMOL and DAUNDI villages to remind the people of the impending tax collection and to ensure that they all turned up. I inspected OMOL, NAMOLA No 2 and MACHENDI Villages, both the new and the old of the latter. The people from all villages were then assembled at NAMOLA No 1 for tax collection and medical inspection. An outline of the aims and work of the Council was then given, and it was explained to all the reasons for tax collection. A total of \$ 51-30 was collected from the five village groups. The afternoon was spent in discussions with the Councillors from NAMOLA'S 1 & 2, and MACHENDI. Economic development, diet and livestock were discussed, also an outline was given of the proposed Council livestock breeding station at Imonda. Slept NAMOLA.

Friday April 14th, 1967.

Departed NAMOLA at 0900 and arrived SWATCH KETJIL at 1100, carriers at 1130. En route the village of SAININDI was inspected. Made camp, sent word to CHOLOSSA and YUWETIA Villages of the tax collection tomorrow. Discussions with Councillor and village officials. The District Commissioner's 82 of 31-3-67 was also investigated and is answered under sepepa cover. Slept SWATCH KETJIL.

Saturday April 15th, 1967.

Visited the village of CHOLOSSA, inspected SWATCH KETJIL and then the peoples of CHOLOSSA, SWATCH KETJIL and TUWETIA villages assembled for tax collection and medical inspection and a general instruction. After this was completed, the patrol then departed at 1315 for DAUCHENDI Village. Made camp, dismissed carriers and met local people. Slept DAUCHENDI.

Sunday April 16th, 1967.

Observed at DAUCHENDI.

Monday April 17th, 1967.

The people from DAUCHENDI, TOKINERDI, WAINDA and DOPONENDI Villages assembled for tax collection, medical inspection and general instruction. The three villages other than WAINDA were then inspected. Heavy rain from mid morning onwards. Discussions with the Councillors and people re the re-siting of DOPONENDI Village and the amalgamation and re-siting of TOKINERDI and DAUCHENDI Villages. Slept DAUCHENDI.

Tuesday April 18th, 1967.

Departed DAUCHENDI bound for EPMI. En route the Catholic Wasengla Mission School, the newly completed Wasengla Aid Post, MINDEPOKE Village and EPMI No. 1 Village were visited and inspected. A couple of minor disputes were then settled, discussions with Councillors and Village Officials and an inspection was made of the No 1 Village, water facilities and general conditions. Slept EPMI.

Patrol Diary contd.

Wednesday April 19th, 1967.

An instruction was then given, tax collected and the villagers were medically examined by the Medical Assistant. A couple of minor disputes were then settled. A thorough inspection was then made of the three villages, water facilities and sanitation were inspected and discussed with village peoples.  
Slept EPMI.

Thursday April 20th, 1967.

Departed EPMI at 0730 bound for IMONDA, arrived IMONBA at 1030, unpacked gear, paid carriers and the patrol was then temporarily stood down.

Monday April 24th, 1967.

An inspection was made of the three IMONDA Villages, an instruction was given, the people were medically examined and the Council Tax was then collected.

Tuesday April 25th, 1967.

The Anzac Day Holiday was observed at Imonda Station. A visit was made to the station by the United Nation's Representative.

Wednesday April 26th, 1967.

Heavy rain overnight made the Wasengla and Bapi Rivers impassable. A.D.O Try then departed for Vanimo in afternoon and the patrol was again stood down until Tuesday May 2nd, 1967.

Tuesday May 2nd, 1967.

The Patrol was assembled and it departed at 0845 for SIMOG Village. A three walk, for much of the way along the banks of the Bapi River, The afternoon was spent in the collection of Council Tax, Medical Inspection, General Instruction and the compiling of the village Common Roll for the 1968 House of Assembly Elections.  
Slept SIMOG.

Wednesday May 3rd, 1967.

Ex SIMOG for WATAPE, a 3½ hour walk along a waterlogged and very swampy track. Altho prior word had been sent, some people were not at the village when the Patrol arrived and still had not returned by nightfall. A village 'sing sing' was held in honour of the Patrol's presence, at WATAPE that night.  
Slept WATAPE.

Thursday May 4th, 1967.

Heavy rain for most of the morning. The people assembled at 1200 for an instruction, tax collection, medical examination and the compiling of the Common Roll for the 1968 House of Assembly Elections. A couple of minor disputes were settled and discussions were held with the people.  
Slept WATAPE.

Friday May 5th, 1967.

Departed WATAPE at 0715 en route ~~SIMOG~~ DAONDA via SIMOG. A seven hour walk, arrived at 1430. Villagers assembled in late afternoon for instruction, tax collection, medical inspection and the compiling of the Common Roll.  
Slept DAONDA.

Saturday May 6th, 1967.

Departed DAONDA at 0800 en route IMONDA, a two hour walk. Paid carriers and unpacked cargo. Patrol completed and stood down.

INTRODUCTION.

The Imonda Local Census Division lies to the north of Imonda Patrol Post and stretches in an arc from west to east, this is covered on the Border Special Maps, 1 & 2, the bottom of the former and the top of the latter sheets. It has a common boundary with the West Irian International Boundary, formerly administered by the Dutch Administration, but under Australian Supervision since 1962.

Overnight camps were made at seven different locations altho in the course of the Patrol, nineteen village groups were contacted. At all points of contact the reception was friendly and mutually beneficial to both parties, altho at times, co-operation from the people was below the desirable. It is dissapointing that after the great deal of contact that the area has had with the two Administrations over the last decade that the standard of living is still at a very low level, and also that the population has made as little progress as it has.

Rainfall statistics from Imonda cover only three full years, the average of which is 86 inches. There is no marked wet or dry season of the year altho that period from April to October records considerably less rain than do the other months of the year. However heavy and consistent rain falls for all twelve months of the year. As a result of this heavy rain the soils of the area are heavily leached, and not ideally suited to intensive cultivation. The few crops that are cultivated are grown specifically for home consumption, no surplus is marked for sale to other persons, altho there is a small market at the Imonda Station for foodstuffs, again this is small because of the monotony of the food available, and most of those interested are immigrant workers from other areas and not unused to the food of the area.

The small slender build of the adults and the inflated stomachs of the children indicate an unbalanced diet, game is limited and there is a predominance of starch, and a lack of protein in the diet. The main foods are

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| 1. Sago   | 2. Sweet Potato | 3. Bananas |
| 4. Sugar Cane   | 5. Sweet Corn   | 6. Wams    |
| 7. Various plants which provide the 'greens' to the diet. |                 |            |

Game mainly consists of

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|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Birds - Guria and Pidgeon                         | 2. Pigs, both wild and domestic |
| 3. Wild animals - wallabies, bandicoots and goannas. |                                 |

The area patrolled is a very backward one, which will require much careful attention before it achieves any semblance of prosperity. Development will, of necessity be retarded by the low population and the serious lack of communication facilities, the rugged Bewani Mountains pose a formidable challenge, and the lack of a large site/ airstrip/is another retarding factor.

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ROADS and BRIDGES.

The 'Namola Road' extends for ~~the~~ half an hour only from the station in the direction of the above village. To date only \$ 500.00 has been allocated from the Administration for this work. For the road to be effective, additional funds and a greater enthusiasm from the affected villagers are needed, the latter seems to be lacking because of the people's inability, despite many attempts by field staff, to foresee any advantages for themselves. At the present rate of progress it will be a 'long' time before the road is completed. The constructed section however is of good quality, being cambered and well drained. Another problem to be overcome is the shortage of labour to maintain the completed section whilst other sections of the road are still under construction.

Elsewhere 'roads' are merely bush tracks, in many cases traversing swamp or low level land, which retards progress and limits the ease of communications between villages and Imonda Patrol Post.

Walking times for the Patrol were:

Imonda to Namola - 3 hours	Imonda to Simog - 3 hours
Namola to Swatch-Ketjil 2 hours	Simog to Watape - 3 hours
Swatch-Ketjil to Dauchendi - 1 hour	Watape to Daonda - 7 hours
Dauchendi to Epmi - 1 hour	Daonda to Imonda - 2 hours
Epmi to Imonda - 4 hours	

These times are carrier times.

EDUCATION.

The Catholic Mission operates a small school which caters for Standard Two children, on the banks of the Wasengla River. It is staffed by two young native teachers, one of whom is from Dauchendi Village. The school serves the villages of Dauchendi, Epmi, Mindepoke, Tokonendi and Dopenendi.

The Education Department supports a school at Imonda Station, which in 1967, has an enrolment of approx 80 children from the villages in the area and also caters for the children of station personnel. Again this school only caters for children in their first two years of schooling.

At the commencement of the school year 1967, the Technical Schhol from Imonda was amalgamated with that at Amanab and shifted to that station. A number of older pupils from the Imonda Schhol transferred to Amanab at that time and are here educated in the basic manual and practical skills as applicable to village needs.

HEALTH.

The area is served by two Aid Posts, at SWATCH-KETJIL and EPMI, the latter being only recently completed as a Council sponsored project, constructed by the peoples of the nearby villages. A Medical Assistant accompanied the Patrol and health examinations were carried out together with the Patrol's other duties. A couple of serious illnesses were noted and the patients despatched to Imonda Hospital. Overall the health of the area was noted to be good.

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FUTURE DEVELOPEMENT.

As I see it, if the people are to better themselves, they must reorganize in a couple of ways. The many small isolated villages retard development, and it would be both beneficial to the people themselves and for Administration purposes if a couple of central large villages were instituted. The Councillors see this as being 'a way out', altho they are loathe to uproot their villages and amalgamate with each other.

I suggest the amalgamation of NAWOLA, OMOL, MACHENDI, SAININDI and DAONDA Villages on a new site on the Bapi River, where fresh drinking water, and level ground would probably aid health and the production of food. Similarly another group of villages could amalgamate and live on the upper reaches of the Wasengla River. This group would consist of SWATCH-KETJIL, CHOLOSSA, YUWETLA, TOKONENDI, DAUCHENDI and DOPONENDI Villages.

Naturally, any regrouping of peoples would have to take place at the wishes of the people, altho, bearing in mind the political significance of this area, it is desirable that we develop it at a rapid rate, altho preferably no faster than the peoples are able to absorb it. With a larger labour force then available, more food could be produced, and possibly some outside stock be introduced, and bred to raise the standard of stock in the area and at the same time, broaden the diet.

COMMERCE and INDUSTRY.


The Patrol spent \$ 60.00 in the area on fresh food and carrier's wages. The only regular income is to be obtained from the Administration Patrol's, and to a lesser extent from work carried out on the station. This money is then spent at either the Mission Store, or at the Administration sponsored Buyers Society, food, utensils and clothing being the preferred items. A number of bank accounts are operated, these being by men who have been to work in other areas viz. on plantations. Again these are limited and small in value. Industry doesn't exist and commerce is conducted on a small and limited scale.



Taxation Statistics.

Village	No. of Eligible Tax Payers.	No. of Absentees.	Taxpayers.	Amount Collected.
Cholossa	25	10	11	\$ 5.50
Daonda	29	Nil	29	\$ 14.50
Dauchendi	20	2	18	\$ 9.00
Wainda	17	15	2	\$ 1.00
Drundi	4	Nil	4	\$ 2.00
Doponendi	44	Nil	44	\$ 22.00
Epmi	61	Nil	61	\$ 30.50
Imonda	60	Nil	60	\$ 30.00
Machendi	24	Nil	24	\$ 12.30
Mindepoke	23	Nil	23	\$ 11.50
Namola	52	Nil	52	\$ 26.00
Omol	18	3	15	\$ 7.50
Sainindi	12	3	9	\$ 4.50
Swach-Ketjil	22	6	16	\$ 8.00
Tokonendi	21	Nil	21	\$ 10.50
Yuwetle	9	Either absent or unable to pay.	Nil	Nil
Simog	37	1	36	\$ 18.00
Watape	49	Nil	49	\$ 24.50
<b>Totals</b>	<u>515</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>\$ 237.30</u>

This amount accounted for on Council Receipt No. B 63005

  
 F.B. Dongvan,  
 Collector

Common Roll for DAONDA Village,  
Imonda Local Census Division,  
West Sepik District.

Compiled on May 5th, 1967.

ABIL BOGAI	F.	SAHUI TUMBAI	M.
ABSA LAVIA	M.	SAIA AMBE	M.
AIKA WIA	M.	SAI WAMBA	F.
AKOE ANZA	F.	SEELA AUMA	M.
ASMAL ZAVIA	M.	SEELA WAMIA	F.
		SEICHA WOSO	M.
BABA MAP	F.	SAMBI ANSA	M.
BAU KWAS	F.	SIEO TAMP	F.
BOI EMBE	F.	SIEB MAN	F.
BONAI KUM	F.	SIECH ANSA	F.
BOP WAHA	M.	SUWA KUNAI	F.
		SWANDA YAMBU	M.
DAMBE WAMBA	M.		
		TABIAS ZAGAUE	M.
FOARFOA AMBE	F.	TAMB ANISA	M.
FORFWANI KAMA	F.	TEBEWE WARIK	F.
IOMP SAGAMI	F.	WABIE BUKIE	M.
		WACHA HOUGH	M.
KALI BASOWA	M.	WAIWA MOAN	M.
KWALMBA ANAM	M.	WASA KAMAN	F.
		WASUA TAMP	F.
LABA ALE	F.	WEB PONDAL	F.
		WEMBOA MOIWA	M.
MAEB WAMA	M.	WIANK YAMB	M.
MAL WAMBA	M.	WONDO MOK	M.
MANGA WOMBA	F.	WONOWAY WAMBBA	M.
MEHAI KUMA	F.	WOES AVASSE	F.
MOAN PAIWA	M.		
		YANGU WAMBO	M.
NABSO IAP	F.	YIM WAMIA	M.
NACCHELA KUNAI	F.	YUWA WAMIA	M.
NUGONAI KAULAVA	F.		
OKI MOIWA	M.		
OND PAIWA	M.		
OWAL WAVAL	M.		

. FIFTY SEVEN ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

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Common Roll for SIMOG Village,  
Imonda Local Census Division,  
West Sepik District,

Compiled on May 2nd, 1967.

ATHABE SABORE	F.	PASI SUMA	M.
ANGFO AWES	M.	PITALA NAPWA	F.
ANGGU MORAK	M.	POIPOI METI	M.
AWISE KUM	M.	POPOTE TARAU	M.
AWAI YAUWE	F.	POPO AIMI	F.
AWIRIA KWES	M.	POTO PWAIWI	M.
AUSI BRENGGE	M.	PUEKE PILAGA	M.
AU USERL NUWO	M.	PUPWANI KAUWO	F.
AWES SABO	M.	PWANG KWESI	M.
		PMAU KWAS	F.
EMWE WUS	M.		
		RERI KWOTUA	F.
KAIWA MAGURI	M.		
KAMEANG WUS	F.	SAGUA WAREK	M.
KANA WUS	M.	SAMU ABIA	M.
KEBU AWES	M.	SELUAI ANGGO	M.
KERASTA POIPOI	M.	SIMANGA YAINI	M.
KUPO WOMU	M.	SINEI WOBU	F.
KURAIT MAUKU	M.	SINGAI AWES	M.
KWAISA KKKK YANE	M.	SONDA YAMBU	M.
		SUMAI AWES	M.
MAIWO ARUA	F.		
MANDA ISI	F.	TARI NUA	M.
MAS WAISI	F.	TEWE WAREK	F.
MASAL AU'U	F.	TOP YEMWOI	F.
MATAKA WOMBU	M.	TUAWA RAUWIA	F.
MAUNDE MAUKU	M.		
MEIYE SERI	F.	URAI AIP	M.
MUNGUIA MAS	M.		
MAS ANGUI	M.	WAIBI AB	M.
		WAIHO L. TUKA	F.
NAMBIA WATUWO	M.	WAKRE TONDU	M.
NAMO POIPOI	F.	WAI SAKUI	F.
NAUWIA BUTANE	F.	WEBI PETI	F.
NOBSUE KWEMINE	F.	WIAK WAIBE	M.
NOSA GUNAI	F.	WIANGGA YAMU	M.
NUERE KUM	F.	WIAU SABO	M.
NUO MASE	F.		
NUPNAI EWIS	M.	YAMO AUWO	F.
		YEWUNI SAB.	M.
GORI ANGWOI	F.		
GRA NUA	M.	IMARA BUS	M.
GAUTIA SIPO	F.		

.SEVENTY THREE ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

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Common Roll for WATAPE -  
 XINNE - Village,  
 Imonda Local Census Division,  
 West Sepik District,  
 Compiled on May 4th, 1967.

ABUE WOTI	M.	NABIEA AUWO	M.
ABUKU YETI	F.	NAMO KAPTA	M.
ALTERI WOKE	F.	NEN WOBU	F.
AMERI FIAGA	M.	NJA BETI	F.
ANABI BRITA	M.	NUERI AUWO	M.
ANGGI AGI	M.		
AROMBONE YE	M.	OBE WOMWE	M.
AUWAI WOGITA	F.		
		PAGI PUSI	F.
BABI YENEVU	F.	PIRAI YEPGUMI	F.
BANAWESI YE	M.	PUAME ANGORE	F.
BINE WAUMO	M.		
BOA DRIP	M.	SAGITA MAS	F.
BWEFE LOU	M.	SANUKAL YIAS	M.
		SARA KWAI	F.
EGITA BREAU	M.	SEMBRAI PETI	F.
EPTEMBI WOMA	M.	SONGWO NAMO	F.
		SU AUWO	F.
FAI WIEME	M.		
FWARIA AUWO	M.	RAGU WAIUMO	M.
		REMBIA BROGANI	F.
IBAIYA KISIRA	M.		
INARA WAIUMA	M.	TABESUE KWERR	M.
		TAM BWEME	M.
KAU YIKAINA	M.	TIFE MARA	M.
KASUAI MWAGI	M.	TOKO PAUWIA	F.
KEFE UKE	F.		
KIAU AUWO	M.	UGOSA DRUP	F.
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KWAUKUNE YE	M.	WOI PLAU	F.
KWOISI DRAWI	F.	WOMUGU BUGO	F.
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