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PATROL REPORT OF: FINSCHAFEN KALALO

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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1966-67

FINSCHHAFEN

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3-66-67	Peter C.C. Luscombe	Kotte C.D. and Siki and certain areas near Bonga & Leko
5-66-67	Peter C.C. Luscombe	Kotte and portion of Yabim C.D.
6-66-67	G. Maha	Sattleberg area
7-66-67	I.K. McIntosh	Yabim & Kotte C.D.
8-66-67	G. Maha	Yabim Census Div.

KALALO

5-66-67	J.A. Smith	Sio & Komba Census Div.
6-66-67	J.A. Smith	Mula Village
7-66-67	J.A. Smith	Yupna/Uruwa Census Div.
8-66-67	J.A. Smith	Kalalo & Selepet Census Div.
9-66-67	J.A. Smith	Kalalo, Selepet & Komba Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

**FISCHAFEN**

District of MOROBE Report No. 3/66-67

Patrol Conducted by Peter C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled all alienated land between the Mape River Kotte C.D., and Siki and certain areas near Bonga and Leko.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Field Assistant L.G. Apa.

Duration—From 3/1/1967 to 12/1/1967.

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/1/1966

Medical November /19 66

Map Reference Fourmil of ~~Kotte~~ <sup>HUN</sup> C.D.

Objects of Patrol Local Government talks; land surveys.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/1, 1967

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 ..... £.....

67-6-29

22nd February, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
L.A.E.

FINSCHHAFFEN PATROL NO. 3 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-2-2 of 25th January, 1967 refers.

There is little I can add to your comments on this report. Mr. Luscombe appears to have performed the duties required of him adequately.

Clear and regular explanation of local government and its functions is vital as without a good basic understanding the people may not give their full support to the Council. This is also true of most of our activities and field staff should always strive to give a clear picture - particularly to new projects such as tax, local government, cash cropping, land rationalisation, etc.

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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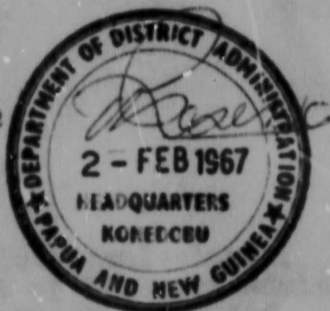
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Our Reference 67-2-2

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Mr. JPS/RMR



Department of District Administration, Morobe District, LAE.

25th January, 1967.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEBOBU.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL NO. 3 OF 1966/67 - KOTTE CENSUS DIVISION.

...  
I attach herewith copy of report on the abovementioned patrol to the Kotte Census Division and Siki Village and other areas, submitted by Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer. Copy of patrol instructions issued to Mr. Luscombe are attached, together with copy of comments on the patrol by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. This is a short report of a brief patrol for special purposes and as such little comment is required by me.

3. I am pleased to see that outstanding land surveys were cleared up by this patrol and that the Patrol Officer spent considerable time in talking to the people about the forthcoming introduction of the multi racial Finschhafen Local Government Council. It is also pleasing to note that Mr. Luscombe talked to the people generally on the subject of income tax.

  
R. M. Ashton)  
a/District Commissioner.

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

67-1-2

16th. January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
L. A. E. MOROBE DISTRICT.

FINSCHHAFFEN PATROL NO. 1966/67

I attach the requisite number of copies of a patrol conducted by Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer, to the Kotte Census Division, which was mounted for the purpose of conducting Land Surveys for various Native applicants who wish to acquire title for land and also to give talks to interested people on the forthcoming Finschhafen Local Government Elections, particularly to those groups on alienated land who had not previously voted.

The patrol was for these two specific purposes and a comprehensive patrol report was not required at this stage.

Educational talks on Council activities appear to have been well set out and the people who attended should have benefited from them.

Mr. Luscombe comments on army battle signs which have fallen into disrepair. I understand that on a recent visit by the Army some consideration was to be given to the replacement of certain battle signs in the Finschhafen area but I would be pleased if you will ascertain what the intentions of the Department of Army are.

Mr. Luscombe appears to have conducted a satisfactory patrol and the thirteen applications for land have now been forwarded to you under cover of my memorandum 35-2-74 - 35-2-66.

Encls.

(GORDON SMITH)  
Assistant District Commissioner.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

Telegrams  
Telephones 67-1-2  
Our Reference  
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Mr.

30th. December, 1966.

Patrol to Mr. P. Luscombe,  
Patrol Officer,  
Area Patrol FINSCHAFEN. T.N.G.

FINSCHAFEN PATROL No. 3 - 1966/67

Further to verbal instructions given on 29th. December, 1966, you will please prepare to leave the Station on 3rd. January, 1967.

The objects of this Patrol are -

- (1) To complete Surveys and application forms for various interested Native people who wish to obtain clear title to land which they have been tilling for some years. All outstanding land matters are to be dealt with in the Lakona, Bonga, Siki area.
- (2) Talks on Local Government Council Elections are to be given, particularly to those residents of the areas previously not included in the Local Government Council area but with the revision of the Ward Boundaries are now included, e.g. Meldsbach Plantation, Sattlerberg Mission Station, Raong Girls School, Buangi Hospital and Salankau Plantation, all of which are now included in the Local Government Council Area.

I attach a Schedule showing the dates of elections in the various Wards and you will note that this is to commence on 16th. January, 1967.

In your talks with the people, you should draw their attention to the importance of their participation in the election, the importance of selecting sound men to represent them and give them some appreciation of the uses to which any tax collected by the Council may be put.

I refer you to current Events Bulletin No.3 of 9th. November, 1966, which specifically permits a tax deduction of Local Government Tax up to a maximum of \$10.00 in any tax year from income tax assessment payable. You should do all in your power to stimulate interest in the Elections from all sectors of the communities which you will be visiting.

I suggest that you plan to return to the Station on or about 13th. January, 1967, to prepare for the Council Election Patrol which you will conduct into the Kotte Census Division.

Encl.

(GORDON SMITH)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN,  
Morobe District.

PATROL REPORT 3/66-67.- FINSCHHAFEN

Patrol Conducted by: Peter C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Kotso C.D., all alienated land between the Mape River and Siki and certain areas near Bonga and Leko.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans: Nil.

Natives: Field Assistant L.G. Apa.

Duration of Patrol: 3/1/67 until 12/1/67.

Number of days:- 9.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 12/11/66.

Last Medical Patrol to Area: November 1966.

Map Reference: Fourmil of Huon.

Objects of Patrol:

- i) Give talks on the Finschhafen Council to people on alienated land who ~~had~~ had previously not been included in the Council.
- ii) Complete application forms and surveys by chain and compass for blocks of land in the Siki-Bonga-Leko area desired for lease by certain interested natives.

DIARY

- 3-1-67. Departed Gagidu with Field Assistant Apa per Government vehicle. Arrived Siki teacher's house, deposited cargo, sent talk to various natives concerned with the land surveys and arranged times with the mission people for talks to be held at Heldsbach and Sattleberg re the Finschhafen Council. Talked with some Bonga people and arranged to go there tomorrow for surveys, and talked with some Siki people and filled in an application form.
- 4-1-67. Walked to Kuruwe Hamlet, about halfway between Siki and Bonga, surveyed one block and filled out three application forms and fees before rain washed out the day's work. Walked back to Siki.
- 5-1-67. One and a half surveys done today at Kuruwe; enlightened a few people on the new income tax law, the new multi-racial council and a lso on land rights etc.
- 6-1-67. Walked to Leko Village for one survey, back to Siki for another but a land dispute developed so I left the people to it. Later on some more application forms were filled out and receipts written etc.
- 7-1-67. Finished off block at Kuruwe then walked back to Siki via Scarlet Beach with a local chap who claims he was a witness to the Allied landings there in 1943, consequently a very interesting walk. Visited Buangi Hospital in the afternoon to arrange a time for the council talk there, then returned to Siki and drew some sketch plans for the application forms.
- 8-1-67. Sunday observed - visited Gagidu. Unable to return as motor-bike broke down.
- 9-1-67. Returned to Siki per Council Truck. Conducted talks at Siki P.T.S. and Buangi Hospital on Finschhafen Multi-Racial Council. Was able to hire a local vehicle to enable me to get around.
- 10-1-67. Did some more work on sketch plans for land application forms then went to Salankaua Plantation then on to Heldsbach for council propaganda talks.
- 11-1-67. Worked on completing L.A. forms and almost completed patrol report. In afternoon went to Sattleberg for council talks where people of Raong Girls High School had gathered for the talk. Returned to Siki late in the afternoon.
- 12-1-67. Returned to Gagidu per Government and Council vehicles.

END OF PATROL

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Land Surveys: For some time now I and other D.D.A. field officers have been surveying about a dozen blocks of land in the Siki - Leko - Bonga area so that the inland people who have been squatting on the land, in some cases for quite some time, may obtain some form of title to it.

It appears that the quickest and easiest way to do this is to have the Government buy the land from the coastal owners and then have the squatters take out agricultural leases for the blocks, as there are as yet no moves afoot for a land tenure conversion scheme to be gone ahead with in this area.

Local Government Council Talks: With the introduction shortly of the Finschhafen Multi-Racial Local Government Council it was realized that people living on the alienated land in the area have never voted in Council elections and know very little about the Council and its functions. Thus the second part of the patrol instructions were to enlighten these people as much as possible before the elections beginning on January 16th., 1967.

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L A N D S U R V E Y S

As per patrol instructions the remaining surveys were completed, Land Application forms made out and fees collected, making a total of thirteen applications, twelve to be developed as agricultural holdings and one as a commercial block. One further block is still in dispute over the boundaries and doesn't look like being agreed upon in the foreseeable future and yet another belonging to a middle-aged woman includes the land on which Goen Hamlet now stands, so I advised the people of disputes which would be likely to arise from one person having tenure to the ground on which their houses and no application has yet been made out for either of these two blocks.

The thirteen applications are now ready for submission to the Director of Lands for approval.

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I N C O M E T A X

Some interest was shown in the new income tax law by some of the businessmen, sharefarmers and store-keepers etc. to whom it would apply, so when I got the chance I gave a small talk on the background to income tax e.g. how people of the Territory have previously been too poor to pay this kind of tax so all the Government functions in the Territory have been paid for by the Australian tax-payer. Now, however, with the stepping up of economic development it is thought by the representatives of the people in the House of Assembly that there are many natives within the Territory capable of contributing, per medium of income tax, to the development of their country, hence the new law.

The news was listened to attentively by the people concerned and all are quite willing to pay the tax when the time comes.

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COUNCIL PROPAGANDA TALKS

Talks were given on this subject at Salankaua and Heldsbach Plantations, Siki Primary 'T'School, Buangi Hospital and Sattleberg Mission Station. Format of the talks were under the following headings and a blackboard from the Siki 'T' School was found useful during the talks as many people were capable of reading pidgin.

- (a) The Multi-Racial Council is a good thing - the Government is supporting it - people of all races have a vote, pay council taxes and benefit from council functions.
- (b) Day of elections for each ward, constitution of wards and polling places - elections are bi-annual.
- (c) Voting is not compulsory but it is a good thing that everyone exercise his right in this regard. Paying tax is compulsory so people might as well have their say in electing their representative who will be instrumental in helping to spend the council revenue by way of allocating it at the estimate meetings.
- (d) Any elector, male or female is eligible to stand for election if he or she so desires.
- (e) If somebody's name is not on the roll of electors that person should tell the Returning Officer conducting the poll who will put it on if the person is eligible.
- (f) Eligibility to vote.
- (g) Election procedure and importance of completing ballot paper.
- (h) Importance of tax - not meant to oppress them - mark is set by their representatives, collected from them and used for their benefit. Examples etc.
- (i) Vote for sound men, as their duties include formulating council policy; allocating where tax money goes per finance committee; makes sure council regulations are kept by all their constituents; makes new rules if felt necessary; are mouthpieces of the people and should keep people informed of council business; if they are dissatisfied with their councillor they can change him at the next elections per medium of the ballot-box.
- (j) Council is theirs; helps maintain their roads, bridges etc. and builds schools and aid posts for them. Tax is collected from them and spent by the council per their freely elected representatives for their benefit. For this reason it is best that they take an active interest in the council affairs and make success of forthcoming elections.

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ARMY SIGNPOSTS

During my wanderings to Bonga and Katika Villages and to Sattleberg I noticed that many of the signposts erected by the army after the war to mark the places where Australians were in action in this theatre have fallen into disrepair; some of the writing on them is almost illegible and the steel uprights are rusting away.

Personally, I feel that they have historical value and should be maintained or replaced if necessary. Perhaps the people concerned with the newly-formed Territory War Museum should be notified or the army itself may be interested to see that they are maintained for posterity and not let fall by the wayside.

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CONCLUSION

Council Talks: To many people, being foreign plantation labourers, the talks had little meaning being the first formal L.G.C. talk they had ever heard, but I feel even to them the importance placed on local government by the Administration and the importance of them participating in local government as electors and tax-payers was brought home. To the minority who understood fairly fully the context of the talks they were quite successful.

Most talks were quite well attended and the Lutheran Mission was most cooperative in giving of their time so that their workers could hear the talks.

Land Matters: As already stated all outstanding land matters in the area have been dealt with as per patrol instructions and the applications are ready for submitting to the Director of Lands to O.K. the investigations.

The next step, being the compilation of the genealogies and finding out who actually is entitled to payment for the land, is likely to raise problems of ownership. I have reason to believe that there will be at least two groups claiming ownership to some of the land and this factor will probably complicate the finalisation of the leases somewhat.

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*W. H. ... P.O.*  
13/1/67



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. FINSCHHAGEN 5/65-67

Patrol Conducted by Peter C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Kotte and portion of Yabim Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.  
Const. Awin, R.P. & N.G.C.  
Titus Mobu, Council Clerk.

Natives.....

Duration—From 16 1 / 19 67 to 27 1 / 19 67

Number of Days..... 12

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... Oct/Nov 66.

Medical Not Known, 19

Map Reference..... Journal of Huon. SERIES

Objects of Patrol..... Conduct L.G.C. Elections; general administration.

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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67-6-34

7th June, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
L. A. E.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL NO. 5 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-2-2 of 15th February 1967, refers.

Thank you for your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen. They adequately cover most points raised in the report submitted by Mr. Luscombe.

The situation in the area patrolled appears to be quite good - in fact a welcome by dancing girls etc. would indicate an excellent situation.

Although the Councillors by now should be taking a very knowing and interested role in the internal functionings of the Council, it is obviously the Clerks and the Advisers who actually supply the administrative ability to run the machine smoothly. I think Mr. Luscombe is being a bit harsh as even in Australia the smooth operation of Councils depends to a great extent, upon the Clerk and his assistants.

It is, of course, important to ensure that all sections of the community receive a fair share of benefit from Council expenditure. To avoid disenchantment by one or more groups, Councils may find it wise to prepare a five-year plan for capital expenditure. Then, if it proves necessary to spend the bulk of the budget in one sector this year, the other groups will look forward to their turn in the next year or so.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference..... 67-2-2  
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Mr. JPS/RMR



Department of District Administration,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

15th February, 1967

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUI.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL NO. 5 OF 1966/67 -  
ROTTE AND PART YABIM CENSUS DIVISIONS.

... I attach herewith copy of the above-mentioned report together with copy of patrol instructions issued to the patrolling officer, Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe, and comments on the conduct of the patrol by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.

2. The main object of this patrol was to conduct the Finschhafen Local Government Council elections and Mr. Smith's comments adequately cover the content of the report.

3. Mr. Luscombe has submitted a well typed, informative patrol report.

4. I agree with Mr. Smith that Mr. Luscombe's comments on the calibre of the Finschhafen Local Government Councillors are too sweeping. He has not, as yet, had sufficient time in the Finschhafen Sub-District to have been able to adequately assess the quality of the Councillors.

5. A clear map has been submitted with the report.

6. Matters affecting other Departments have been referred to them.

*D. Ashton*  
D. Ashton  
District Commissioner.

67-1-2

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

10th. February, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
L. A. E. MOROBE DISTRICT.

FINSCHAFEN PATROL No. 5 1966/67

.... I attach the original and two copies of a Patrol Report compiled by Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer, following his patrol to the Kotte and part of the Yabim Census Divisions for the conduct of the elections.

.... Claim for Camping Allowance for himself and Titus Nobe, Council Clerk - refer my 42-1-2 of 9th. February, 1967 - together with  
.... Map showing patrol route and copy of patrol instructions are enclosed.

The object of the patrol appears to have been satisfactorily accomplished and the report to the Regional Local Government Officer on the conduct of the Elections was prepared and forwarded on 8th. February, 1967.

In his comments on the Political Situation, Mr. Luscombe says categorically that the Councillors with exception are "yes-men to the Adviser". From my experience with the Finschafen Council this is not the case. As a body the Finance Committee does make decisions which sometimes conflict with the wishes of the Administrative Adviser and, in my opinion, are in fact playing a major role, not in the day to day running of the Council which is essentially the responsibility of the Clerks and the Adviser, but in making decisions, particularly in Capital Works programming and compilation of the Estimates.

On my visit to part of the Kotte Census Division late last year the people, although not critical of the amount of expenditure incurred by the Council on behalf of the Yabim Group, thought that they were not getting their fair share but particularly in the field of road construction are extremely reluctant to do anything anyway. I put it to them that if they could locate a roadline which appeared reasonable to them I would be very pleased to assist them with a preliminary survey on the feasibility of such a road. The extent of cash cropping in the Kotte Census Division is light compared with that of a similar group in the Bulam section of the Kube Census Division.

I am not quite certain that direct instruction to improve housing standards will meet with any great success. Generally the people must see the need for improvement before they will commit themselves and the answer to this is surely health education rather than direct instruction.

Mr. Luscombe's resume of information about the Council appears to have been soundly prepared and should have been easily understood by the people who heard it, as should have been his talks on Income Tax, although in this particular area it will not really affect many of the residents.

Mr. Luscombe appears quite interested in the Native people and the report, although brief, is quite good.

Following his three months in the Cash Office, as relief for Mr. Jackson, I think we can look forward to receiving quite comprehensive and lucid reports from him.

Assistant District Commissioner.  
(GORDON SMITH)

c.c: Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

Telegrams  
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Our Reference... 67-1-2  
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Mr.....

10th. January, 1967.

Mr. P.C.G. Luscombe,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

FINSCHHAFEN COUNCIL ELECTION PATROL.

Further to my memorandum 42-1-2 of 10th. January, 1967, please prepare to depart the station on 16th. January, 1967, to conduct a patrol to part of the Kotte Census Division for the purposes of holding elections in various Wards of the Finschhafen Local Government Council.

I estimate that you will return to Finschhafen on 26th. January, 1967. However, the elections are not to be rushed and if you find it necessary to stay more than one day at the Polling Station, please do so. The elections are to be completed by 3rd. February, 1967.

A Police Constable will accompany you on this Patrol.

While the main object of the Patrol is the conduct of the elections, you should pay some attention to routine administration and the state of the Villages generally.

(GORDON SMITH)  
Assistant District Commissioner

FINSCHHAFEN; SUB-DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS  
MOROBE DISTRICT:  
PATROL NUMBER 5 of 1966/67  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY PETER C.C. LUSCOMBE, PATROL OFFICER  
AREA PATROLLED: KOTTE AND PORTION OF YABIM CENSUS  
DIVISIONS

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL:  
CONSTABLE AWIN, R.P. & N.G.C.  
TITUS MOBU, COUNCIL CLERK  
DURATION OF PATROL: 12 DAYS; FROM 16/1/67 TO 27/1/67

LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO THE AREA:  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1966.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: TO CONDUCT THE 6TH. FINSCHHAFEN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:  
MAP REFERENCE: FOURMIL OF HUON

- 19/1/67. ...
- 20/1/67. ...
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- 22/1/67. ...
- 23/1/67. ...
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- 25/1/67. ...
- 26/1/67. ...
- 27/1/67. ...

DIARY

- 16/1/67. Departed Gagidu in the morning for Siki thence to Bonga Village, arriving at about 11 a.m. Gave short election talk then called for nominations. Council President's Jingnonge was the only nomination received and was thus elected un-opposed. Talk on income tax law given at night.
- 17/1/67. Walked to Gwinlankor and conducted election for Ward 18. Explanatory talk on multi-racial aspects of Council and election procedure explained before-hand. Village looked at briefly and then a talk on the income tax law given in the evening.
- 18/1/67. Left early for Merikeo for Ward 19 election. Talked shop with villagers who had problems and gave an income tax talk in the church-house.
- 19/1/67. Departed Merikeo for Bolingbongen at 7.30 a.m. arriving at about 10 a.m. Very lengthy election conducted for this ward taking about 7 hours; there was a welcoming singing for about a half-hour previous to this so it was a very tiring day.
- 20/1/67. Gave a talk on income tax then went to Samantiki arriving after midday due to heavy rain which made the going quite slow. Too late to hold elections today.
- 21/1/67. Election for Samantiki-Mawaning-Fondenko ward conducted today; councillor elected with clear majority.
- 22/1/67. Walked to Beding after people had held their church service and observed the Sunday there.
- 23/1/67. Ward 11 elections conducted at Beding. Village inspected 4 men referred to Gagidu for court action re inadequate housing. Tax talk given and a couple of village matters discussed.
- 24/1/67. Left Beding and arrived Manga mid-morning; all people had not yet turned up for the election so waited until most had arrived in afternoon and gave income tax propaganda talk.
- 25/1/67. Began elections quite early, finished them in four hours and left at 1.00 p.m. for the coast arriving 5.45 p.m. at Tigea.
- 26/1/67. Election for Ward 1 conducted this morning. Left for Gagidu about 1.00 p.m. arriving per motor-bike, canoe etc. at dusk.
- 27/1/67. Walked on to Hapahondong and conducted Ward 9 election, the last in the current series.

END OF PATROL

## INTRODUCTION.

The main object of <sup>the</sup> patrol was to conduct the sixth election for 9 Wards of the Finschnafen Local Government Council. As a programme of times for assembly at Polling places had been pre-arranged with Councillors and could not be altered radically without inconveniencing the populace, there was not much time for routine administration and the patrol covered a large area in under two weeks.

The KOTTE Census Division is mountainous, involving as many as two and three climbs and descents every day in travelling to Polling Places. Tracks were wet and slippery and there was quite a deal of rain during the patrol.

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## RECEPTION OF PATROL:

The Patrol was received in quite a friendly manner as I was new to the people and they wanted to make an impression on me. There was a very large welcoming ceremony at BOLINGBOINGEN - about 30 dancing girls, drum beaters, boys choir singing the National Anthem and even a flower strewer. The one coastal village I went to was markedly different in its lack of interest in the Government and its representatives and I am sure they could not have cared less whether or not the Patrol Officer came.

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## VILLAGES.

I will not comment at length on this subject as only a small percentage of villages were seen and all villagers had at least a week's time to get their dwellings and environs up to a presentable standard. The settings in the mountains are quite pretty and many houses have a few shrubs as beautification and the houses are built mainly from axed planks and thatched roofs. Most village churches, Aid Posts and some houses have iron roofs. All Kotte villages I saw were built on mountain tops or spurs as such a location is the only flat ground available. Water is brought up by the women from the valley below while in some cases there is a spring handy to the village and village tanks are becoming more and more common. Due to the rain and the fact that I had a schedule to adhere to the inspections done were very general and very few instructions were given concerning housing. There are rubbish pits and latrines in all villages and they appear to be utilised; typically of mountain houses though, they are poorly ventilated and I feel that more windows, even though a bit colder for the inhabitants, would lead to better health in an area where running noses and perpetual coughs are the order of the day.

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## OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

Only two out of nine Councillors were changed during these elections, indicating that the masses are happy with their elected representatives. I do not know the Councillors well enough to comment on personalities but my experience so far is that in the Council, things like high finance, compiling of estimates etc. are quite beyond them and perhaps with an exception or two they are "yes-men" to the Adviser, who with the Clerks is the backbone of the Council.

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OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION (continued)

The KOTTE people are still pro-Council even after 8 years of Local Government Council Administration, in which they feel that they have been neglected. They point out that the YABIM people pay the same tax (currently £7.00) but have Roads & Bridges and are able to benefit by use of Council vehicles. I endeavoured to clarify the situation by explaining that very few roads are being built by the Council but are merely old army roads being reopened and maintained by the Council with heavy subsidies from P.W.D. The Bridges are straight contracts for P.W.D; even Aid Posts, Schools and Tanks are not entirely Council projects. Also, that a road to and through the KOTTE would be a major engineering ~~contract~~ project and would require much maintenance when completed. There is a road to Wareo from Bonga but it is not being maintained and the road to Nanduo from Sattleberg has fallen into bad disrepair. The people also claim that the coastals are lazy and have got these roads etc. and do little with them; this is perhaps traditional prejudice. The inference was that if the KOTTE was blessed with a road we would really see some cash cropping. There is not much interest in it at the moment - very few men have over 1000 coffee trees, many have none at all and what coffee there is in existence is not being worked to anything near capacity.

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COMPLAINTS.

Only one noteworthy complaint was brought to my attention on patrol. A marital dispute in which a man had left his wife and five children and gone back to live with his former mistress. Both parties are agreeable to a divorce but there is a dispute about custody of the children and maintenance. I feel, under the circumstances, it would be better if the problem was settled by Native custom but that if no satisfaction can be obtained they should bring the affair to Gagidu for formal Court action.

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CARRIERS & CANOES.

Carriers were sometimes a bit slow in coming forward and the men would be quite prepared to let their wives carry heavy boxes over long distances if I was agreeable to this. It just needed a bit of patience and exhortations from the Councillor and eventually enough men were forthcoming. Canoes for one short leg of the patrol were easily procurable at Busiga.

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HEALTH.

A recent epidemic of, I think, influenza, in the KOTTE Census Division is only just being recovered from in many villages. This accounted for many of the people absent from the polls as quite a few women had to mind sick babies or aged relatives. Were houses better ventilated, common colds, 'flu, chest complaints etc. should diminish. I am sure that if people were educated and instructed to use shutters and let fresh air into their houses general health would improve. Where large families live, eat, sleep and cook in one or two rooms with no or inadequate ventilation this must adversely affect their health. If the KOTTE was more regularly patrolled perhaps something could be done about window construction in houses. However, it has been my experience that building instructions are virtually useless unless followed up and enforced preferably by the officer who issued the instruction.

ELECTIONS.

I endeavoured to inform the people on how the fact of the Council now being multi-racial would change its set-up, in talks delivered prior to polling stressing the following points - The Council is now on its feet after nearly 10 years of operation and it caters, per Aid Posts, Roads, Bridges, Schools etc. for the needs of all the community whether they be villagers, plantation workers etc. so it is right that people of all races should contribute to support of the Council per medium of tax, that all should have the right to vote and to nominate for election to the Council if they so desire. It is a "new fashion" that will soon overtake all Local Government Councils in the Territory and the Government is supporting the idea.

Every male elector must pay tax unless exempted for some good reason so although there is no ~~reason-e~~ law compelling people to vote it is very good that people take an interest in their Council and have their say in who is to represent them at Council Meetings and help to spend their tax money. The whisper ballot for illiterate voters, the manner in which nominations are taken, the order in which the position on the ballot paper is determined and all other relevant details concerning the polling procedure was explained. Being the sixth polling for the Council, the people were quite familiar with this procedure.

Statistics and comments are contained in the Election Report for the Sixth Finschhafen Local Government Council Elections written by the Returning Officer and his Assistants.

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INCOME TAX.

Talks on the new Income Tax Law were delivered in most villages we camped at under the following headings:-

- (i) Where public revenue comes from, the extent of it, the manner in which it is spent, e.g. supporting the Public Service, P.I.R., Schools, Hospitals etc., goods and services for the effective running of the Government.
- (ii) The importance of Native territorians contributing monetarily and participating in the development of their country where possible as they are the ones that benefit by it.
- (iii) The new law will affect very few of the Kottes, having little income now, but they should be informed of it for future reference.

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CONCLUSIONS

The patrol was a success in that the objects were effectively accomplished without incident.

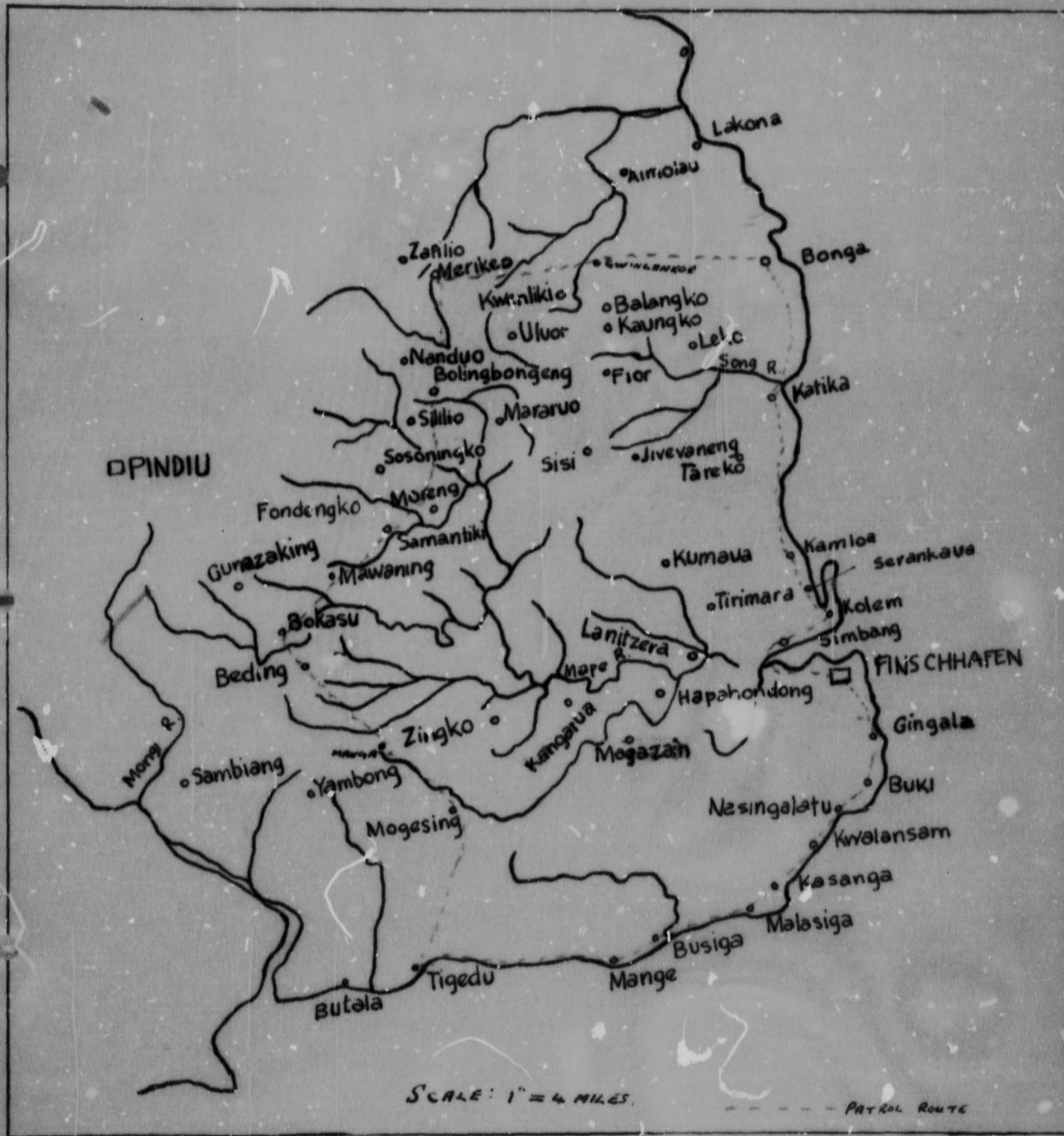
The present strength of Finschhafen Sub-District Office is four field officers, which should allow for more patrolling of the two Census Divisions administered from here than is being done at present.

Talks on income tax were given a very good hearing even though for a low income area like the Kotte they were heard merely for interest's sake.

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*Pete M. [Signature]*







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. Finschhafen 6 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by G. Maha, Trainee Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Sattleberg Area ( Kotte Census Division ).

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P.C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer (part time only).

Natives Nil

Duration—From 14./2./1967 to 19./2./1967

and 7/3/67 to 9/3/67  
Number of Days Nine Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

Medical Not Known /19

Map Reference Refer Sketch Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol Conducting a Chain & Compass Survey, General Administration.

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Ref: 67-6-42

Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

2/4/1967.

District Commissioner,

*Lee*

PATROL NO. *(Gimelupen) 68/1966/67*

*Ref your 67-2-2 of 10/4/67*

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- ~~Memorandum of Patrol No.~~
- Patrol Report No. *6-66/67*

covering patrol by *Mr. G. Maha*

*Mr. Maha seems to have accomplished the objects of his patrol very satisfactorily. Mr. Maha should note your par. 4 especially.*

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

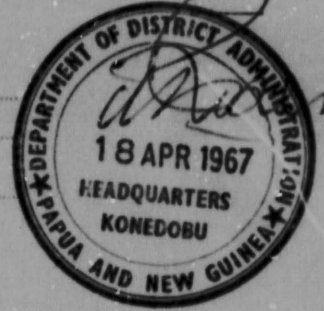
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... 67-2-2  
If calling ask for pel/jer  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

10th April, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District  
Administration,  
KONE DOBU

PATROL REPORT FINSCHHAFEN NO. 6 of 1966/67  
SATTLEBERG AREA

I attach a copy of a report submitted by Mr. G. Maha, Trainee Patrol Officer now stationed at Finschhafen.

2. The object of the patrol was to conduct a chain and compass survey on the Sattleberg road from the turn off at the Finschhafen/Siki Road. Further to survey any road at present in part use between Sattleberg and Katika Village.
3. Mr. Maha has carried out a workman like job and his comments in respect of routine matters such as the villages, rest houses and carriers etc., show that this officer is capable of conducting solo patrols.
4. I recommend to Mr. Maha that he studies carefully the relevant sections in Standing Instructions which, I am sure, would greatly improve presentation of this report.

*D. N. Ashton*  
(D.N. Ashton)  
a/District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen.  
c.c. Mr. G. Maha, Sub-District Office, Finschhafen.

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

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29th. March, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
L. A. E. MOROBE DISTRICT.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1966/67

... I enclose two copies of the above Patrol Report submitted by Trainee Patrol Officer Mr. Geno Maha. This patrol was carried out at the specific request of the Local Government Engineer, Mr. Julian Lee, who is interested in an alternative road route to Sattleberg.

Survey maps of the existing road and an alternative route are currently being compiled by Mr. Maha. On completion these will be forwarded direct to Mr. Lee, with a request that he make copies of them available to your office.

The report is brief but adequate.

... Camping Allowance claim is also attached.

Encls.

*D. J. Murphy*

(D. J. MURPHY)

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: Mr. Geno Maha,  
FINSCHHAFEN.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1966/67.

STATION: FINSCHHAFEN.  
SUB-DISTRICT: FINSCHHAFEN.  
DISTRICT: MOROBE.  
PATROL NO: FINSCHHAFEN No. 6 of 1966/67.  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G. MAHA, TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THIS PATROL: P.C.C. LUSCOMBE, PATROL OFFICER.  
( part time only ).  
DURATION OF PATROL: 9 DAYS, from 14-2-67 to 19-2-67.  
and 7- 3-67 to 9-3-67.  
LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: D.D.A NOVEMBER 1966.  
P.H.D NOT KNOWN.  
OBJECT OF PATROL: CONDUCTING A CHAIN & COMPASS  
SURVEY, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.  
MAP REFERENCE: REFER SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

14-2-67

Started work from 0800 hours. Road was very muddy. Reached Sattilberg 1200hrs. Road was very muddy. The other road because of rain. Villagers were asked to allow the road from Sattilberg. Reached Sattilberg 1200hrs.

15-2-67

Mr. Luscombe arrived in the morning and back to work out the plot of the first road while the villagers cleared the other road.

16-2-67

At Finschhafen drawing the map of the first road.

17-2-67

Left for Sattilberg by land route. Survey the other road from Sattilberg to the Sattilberg area. Sattilberg village. Sleep at Sattilberg.

18-2-67

Started work from Sattilberg. Road was very muddy. Reached Sattilberg 1200hrs. Road was very muddy. The other road because of rain. Villagers were asked to allow the road from Sattilberg. Reached Sattilberg 1200hrs.

19-2-67

Worked from 0800 hours. Road was very muddy. Reached Sattilberg 1200hrs. Road was very muddy. The other road because of rain. Villagers were asked to allow the road from Sattilberg. Reached Sattilberg 1200hrs.



## OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

### Reception of Patrol.

The patrol was well received even though most of the people were out in the bush gardening at the time the arrival of the patrol. In the evenings the villagers would come to me and sit down with me until bed-time.

### Villages.

I will not give a lengthy comment on this subject because only a small percentage of villages were seen. As per Patrol Instructions the villages were visited and inspected but no instructions were given to the native people. Villages as a whole were quite good. New houses are being built almost in every village. In the area I visited, there are two villages making new sites for their villages. These are Katika and Balanko villages. The standard of housing is good as well as the type. Among all the villages I went to, the sites were good except these two I mentioned before and they are now making new sites and erecting their new houses as well. Almost every house has a latrine with cover and rubbish pits are also dug. These seemed to be well used. The villages I visited get their water from springs below and the Finschhafen - Local Government Council had also placed water tanks in some of the villages but not all of them as some are close to water springs.

### Rest Houses.

Most of the villages visited had Rest Houses except a few had none. The Rest Houses were all right but the one at Jivevening needs to be repaired. When I got to a village where there was no Rest House, I slept in the Meeting House. I suggest that these villages should all have Rest Houses.

### Carriers.

The carriers were sometimes a bit slow in coming forward, but most of the time they were willing to carry whatever I got. They understood that I was doing the job which could give them a lot of help. The people of Balanko village even told me that they were prepared to let women carry if I had many things to be carried. The men who were helping me pulling the chain were also very helpful. They did not ask for any payment for the work.

### Health.

The general standard of health in the area visited is quite good. Nothing in particular was observed in any of the villages, except the colds appear to them from time to time.



## ROADS.

There were two particular roads on which I conducted the Chain and Compass Survey. These are the Sattleberg and Sattleberg-Katika Roads. The Sattleberg Road is from the turn-off on the Finschhafen-Siki Road to Sattleberg. This road has been re-opened and is being used by motor vehicles since then. The Sattleberg-Katika Road which is from Sattleberg down to Katika is an old army road that was let go and had not been used by any vehicles. Bush had grown all over it except a small foot track following the mountain ridge down to Katika village.

### Sattleberg Road,

As per Patrol Instructions this was one of the two roads that I conducted a Chain and Compass Survey. This road is from the turn-off on the Finschhafen-Siki Road and went as far as Wanduo village. I stopped at Sattleberg Lutheran Mission Station as per Patrol Instructions. However, the ~~portion that I had conducted the Chain & Compass Survey~~ portion that I had conducted the Chain & Compass Survey needs maintenance. In some parts, there are ditches to be filled in with the gravel. These trenches were made whenever the vehicles ~~ran into~~ ran into the soft ground during rainy seasons. This made the road very rough when the wet season finished and the road got dried. Sometimes if the drivers are not careful they let the tyres get into these trenches and this requires a fair effort to move the vehicles out. In a few slopping parts, the loosed soil had been washed down and there left only the bigger pebbles which could resist the force of the water running down the slope. This road is mostly used by the Mission vehicle, not many local vehicles run on it as it is a bit rough. The Government Land Rover does use the road whenever there is work to do in the villages along this road.

### Sattleberg-Katika Road.

This was the other road that I conducted the Chain & Compass Survey. It is an old army road which was let go and grown into bush once more. This road followed the mountain ridges until came out and joined the Finsch Siki Road at Katika. This road does not involve any bridging because there are no rivers or creeks on the way, it would involve some major cutting and cleaning. If this road is to be re-opened, it would serve the villages of Masanko, Fior, Balanko and Katika. The people of these villages told me that they have vegetables to be brought to the market for sale, but they cannot do this because there is no road where vehicles can go up to their villages and pick up the vegetables. Also lot of them have coffee and cocoa beans to be taken to the places where they are bought and sold. Therefore all this villages are quite willing to see this road being reconstructed.

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

13th February, 1967.

Mr. Geno Maki,  
Assistant Patrol Officer,  
FINSCHHAFEN.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL NO.6 1966/67

Further to our conversation of 10th February, 1967, please prepare to leave Finschhafen on 14th February, 1967, to visit the Sattleberg area.

The main purpose of your patrol will be to conduct a Chain and Compass Survey of the Sattleberg road, i.e. from the turnoff on the Finschhafen-Siki Road to Sattleberg, and to survey another road at present used in part between Sattleberg and the Village of Katika.

Villages along the line of the road are to be visited and inspected but no instructions are to be given to the Native people. You should liaise with Local Government Councillors for assistance with labour on your survey.

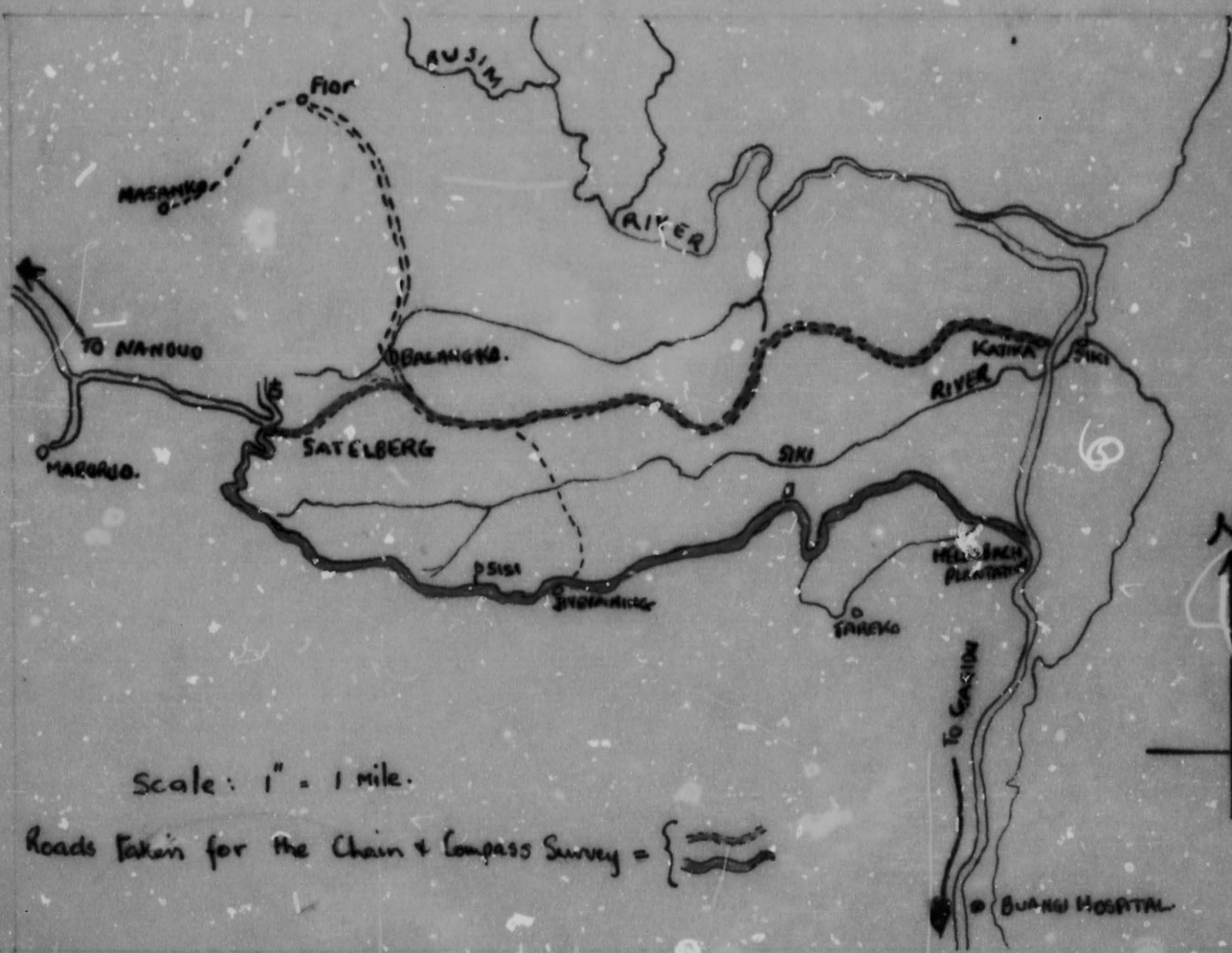
I will give you practical instruction on the use of the Compass, Chain and Abney Level on your first day on the job and Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe, Patrol Officer, will be visiting you every day or so to check on progress. You should take drawing instruments with you so that the days traverse can be plotted each afternoon.

You should take patrol gear and I suggest that you make camp at Jivevaneng on the way to Sattleberg and at Gurunkor on your return.

The survey should take you no more than five days.

(JORDON SMITH)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: Mr. P.C.C. Luscombe.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....MOROBE.....Report No. Finschhafen - No. 7 - 66/67.

Patrol Conducted by.....I. K. McIntosh.....Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Yabim & Kotte Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

1 Aid Post Orderly.

Natives.....1 Member of R.P.&N.G.C

Duration—From 21 2 67 3 3 67  
15/3/1967 to 21/3/1967

Number of Days.....16.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../Jan/1967.

Medical ....Not Known/19.....

Map Reference.....

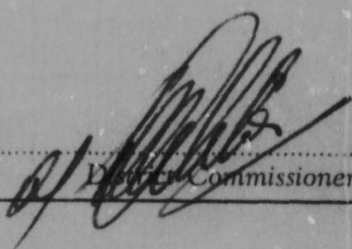
Objects of Patrol Routine Administration, Conduct Taxayers Meetings,

Inspect Council Projects and introduce Government Propaganda Sheets.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded. please.

125/1967

  
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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67-6-47

3rd July, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Morebe District,  
L A E.

FINNSCHAFEN PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-2-2 of 12th May 1967, refers.

Both your comments and those of the Assistant District Commissioner, Pinschhafen, cover most points raised by Mr. McIntosh in his adequate report.

Taxpayers' meetings provide a good opportunity for the people to express their views on the subject of tax but they should also be used to acquaint the people with other Council activities and to find out what the people themselves feel could be done for them by the Council. Mr. McIntosh indicates that the amount of tax payable was the sole topic of discussion, with no indication being given of what the Council had expended its money on in the past year or what its plans might be for the future.

Councillors themselves should be encouraged to chair such meetings and answer questions, with the Adviser assisting only where necessary, otherwise an incorrect impression of the Adviser's position can be conveyed, whilst the Councillors are not being trained to perform these duties.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-6-47



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....  
Our Reference... 67-2-2  
If calling ask for  
Mr..... JPS/RMR

Department of District Administration,  
Morebe District,  
LAE.

12th May, 1967.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDGBU.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67 -  
YABIM AND KOTTE CENSUS DIVISIONS

... I attach herewith copy of the above-  
mentioned report submitted by Mr. Patrol Officer  
I.K. McIntosh of his patrol to the Yabim and  
Kotte Census Divisions in the Finschhafen Sub-  
District. The report is accompanied by a good  
map and by a copy of the patrol instructions  
issued to the officer. A copy of comments by  
the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen,  
also accompanies the report.

2. Mr. McIntosh had as his main task the  
holding of a taxpayers meeting in each ward of the  
Finschhafen Council to familiarise himself with  
the Council and to introduce himself as Adviser  
to the people.

3. Unavoidably the patrol was completed  
more quickly than is desired but for various  
reasons this was unavoidable.

4. The report is quite well typed and  
presented and it is apparent that the Patrol  
Officer has carried out the instructions issued  
to him.

5. I agree that the tax rate should remain  
at \$7.00.

6. It is interesting to note that projects  
not completed this financial year have been included  
in the current estimates. It is essential that  
continuity of development be maintained.

7. This was a successful patrol by Mr.  
McIntosh. It is hoped that his next visit to  
these areas will be conducted in a more leisurely  
manner. Matters of interest to other Departments  
have been passed to them.

D. N. Ashton)  
a District Commissioner.

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Department of District Administration  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

27th. April, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
L A E. MOROBE DISTRICT.

PATROL REPORT - FINSCHHAFEN No.7 1966/67

I enclose the original and two copies of the above Patrol Report, together with a claim for Camping Allowance submitted by Patrol Officer, Mr. I.K. McIntosh.

Mr. McIntosh was transferred from Menyama to Finschhafen in January of this year to take over as Administrative Adviser to the Finschhafen Local Government Council.

The primary aims of this patrol were to hold a taxpayers meeting in each Ward of the Finschhafen Council to introduce himself as the new Adviser and to familiarize himself with the Finschhafen Council area. Despite the hurried nature of this patrol, which was quite unavoidable, these aims have been achieved.

The fact that ample opportunity has been afforded every taxpayer in the Council area to make his views known has been widely appreciated.

Despite no previous experience in Local Government, Mr. McIntosh has settled in well and the Council is now consolidating itself very nicely.

Mr. McIntosh has carried out this patrol in an efficient manner and his reporting is brief but pertinent.

Encls.

*D. J. Murphy*  
(D. J. MURPHY)

c.c: Mr. I.K. McIntosh.

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

16th. February, 1967.

Mr. I.K. McIntosh,  
Patrol Officer,  
FINSCHHAFFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT.

FINSCHHAFFEN PATROL NO.7 of 1966/67

The newly formed Multi-racial Finschhafen Local Government Council is to be officially opened on 17th. February, 1967. As soon as possible thereafter, you are to commence a patrol of the Finschhafen Council Area.

The purposes of this patrol are as follows:-

- (1) Hold taxpayers meetings, one in each of the 19 Wards. Commence patrol to those areas accessible by motor vehicle. After my return from outstation inspections, and a visit to Lae to handover the position of Senior Local Government Officer, you will proceed to patrol the remainder of the area on foot. This section of it should commence about 15th. March, 1967.
- (2) Carry out an inspection of Council projects for completion and suitability.
- (3) Introduce yourself to the people as the new Administrative Adviser and familiarize yourself as much as possible with the Council area.
- (4) This patrol should be completed as quickly as possible. I do not believe in hurried patrols but, under the circumstances of a complete changeover of D.T.A. staff at Finschhafen, a quick patrol is unavoidable and desirable.
- (5) In your Patrol Report please report fully on the taxpayers meetings and also inspections of Council projects. Observe as much as possible in your quick tour and cover all the normal aspects of a formal Patrol Report.

*D. J. Murphy*  
(D. J. MURPHY)  
Assistant District Commissioner.



PATROL REPORT - FINSCHHAFEN - NO.7 - 66/1.

Officer Conducting Patrol.

I.K.McIntosh P.O.

Officers Accompanying Patrol.

Nil.

Native Personnel Accompanying.

Lingnoge Hebame - President  
Finschhafen Local Government  
Council.  
1 Member R.P.&N.G.C.  
1 Aid Post Orderly.

Duration of Patrol.

16 Days.

Objects of Patrol.

To Conduct a Tax Payers  
Meeting in each of the 19  
Wards.  
Inspect Council Projects.  
Familiarize self with the  
area and its people.  
Introduce Government  
Propaganda Sheets.  
Routine Administration

I.K.McIntosh Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The main object of this patrol was to conduct tax payer meetings in each of the 19 wards of the Finschhafen Local Government Council. Other objects were:-

- (a) Introduce Government Propaganda Sheets.
- (b) Inspect Council Projects.
- (c) Familiarize self with area and its people.

Routine Administration as needed.

Instructions for this patrol state that it should be completed as soon as possible and unfortunately this left little time to converse with the people and get to know them, and their problems.

The following diary entries and observations were made.

DIARY.

Tuesday 21st February.

Departed Finschhafen by Council vehicle at 0930 hours. Arrived Butaweng Hospital 0940 hours and commenced the first Tax Payers Meeting - Ward 6. Completed by 1230 hours. People want the tax to remain at \$7.00.

Wednesday 22nd February.

Departed Finschhafen by Council vehicle at 0945 hours. Arrived Dregerhafen School (people had decided to meet here) at 1000 hours. Again the people stated they wished the tax rate to remain at \$7.00. Returned to station at 1215 hours.

Thursday 23rd February.

Departed Finschhafen by land rover for KOLEM village in ward 7. Arrived at 1100 hours after having to investigate a quarrel between two teachers at the SIKI Council School. Tax to remain at \$7.00. Tax payers meeting held at GAGIDU - ward 5 - at 1900 hours. Completed by 2030 hours with the tax to remain at \$7.00.

Friday 24th February.

Departed Finschhafen by land rover at 0815 hours. Arrived HELDSBACH Plantation at 0900 hours. Meeting completed by 1030 hours with no change in tax. Checked road maintenance team on return trip. Tax payers meeting held at TIMBILUM Plantation at 1900 hours. Half hour wasted while people assembled. Completed by 2015 hours.

Saturday 25th February.

Departed Finschhafen by Council truck for ward 3. Road to SOKANENG in poor condition and it was necessary to send back for the station land rover. Meeting lasted one hour with the people wanting the tax to remain at \$7.00.

Sunday 26th February.

Observed.

Monday 27th February.

Departed Finschhafen at 0815 hours en route for KASANGA.

Monday 27th February. (cont)

Arrived Buka Creek at 0850 hours. Left the Council Truck and after walking for thirty five minutes, arrived at the village meeting place. Meeting lasted for an hour and a half. Tax to remain at \$7.00. Village inspected - clean and seems to be well looked after. Walked for some ten minutes to Aid Post and inspected the post and a marked sight for the A.P.O's new house to be built by the Council. Arrived back at Finschhafen at 1530 hours.

Tuesday 28th February.

Departed Finschhafen at 0830 hours en route for SISI village. Sattleburg road in fair condition, but will still need a great deal of work before anything but a four wheel drive vehicle can reach Sattleburg. Had to wait for nearly an hour before the people were assembled. Tax to remain at \$7.00. Visited road maintenance workers on return trip, arriving Finschhafen at 1430 hours.

Wednesday 1st March.

By land rover to Sattleburg. Had over two inches of rain last night and road in shocking condition. Left car at the Mission Station and walked for some thirty minutes to BALANKO. People had assembled and the meeting lasted only 45 minutes. Again the people stated the tax should remain the same. Arrived Finschhafen at 1620 hours.

Thursday 2nd March.

Station Council Duties.

Friday 3rd March.

Meeting held at SUPAN - ward 8 - which began at 1400 hours. Very poor attendance here - no women at all. Tax to remain at \$7.00.

Remained on the station from the 10th to the 14th waiting for the A.D.C to return from LAE.

Wednesday 15th March.

Departed GAGIDU by Council truck at 0650 hours. Arrived SIKI School at 0730 hours. Departed en route for Bonga at 0730 hours. Easy walking along the coast using old army road. Arrived 0905 hours. Tax Payers Meeting opened at 1015 hours (due to late arrival of LAKONA people) and was completed by 1100 hours. Brief talk given on Government ~~RHAM~~ pamphlets - ten minutes. Inspected Aid Post, sight for A.P.O's House and the majority of dwellings in the village. Departed BONGA at 1200 hours. Followed old army road up to WAREO, and after a brief spell moved on to GWINLANKOR arriving at 1600 hours. People had assembled and the meeting began 1610 hours. Talks continued until 1715 hours - this included a brief talk on Government pamphlet. Overnight.

Thursday 16th March.

Departed GWINLANKOR at 0705 hours. Arrived MERIKEO at 0850 hours - actual walking time 1 hour 30 minutes. Tax talks were completed by 1000 hours, and 15 minutes were spent talking about the Government pamphlets that were distributed. Departed at 1030 hours and arrived at NANDUO turn off two hours later after crossing the upper reaches of the Song. Twenty minutes to NANDUO School. Council school inspected and repairs etc were listed for the Finance Committee sighting. Thirty minutes to BOLINGBONGEN. Tax talks began at 1430 hours. Tax to remain at \$7.00. The people of ward 19 all wanted the tax to be dropped to \$6.00. Overnight.

Friday 17th March.

Departed BOLINGBONGEN at 0800 hours. One hour to SOSONINGKO. Brief inspection of closer dwellings. Departed 0920 hours. Arrived at the upper reaches of the Mapi River at 1020 hours. Rested until 1040 hours. Arrived SA'ANTI KI at 1215 hours after twisting knee. Heavy rain began a few minutes after arriving thus preventing the surrounding villages from gathering. Meeting to be held tomorrow morning before moving off - that is if knee improves with rest tonight. Overnight.

Saturday 18th March.

Tax payers meeting began at 0830 hours and was completed by 0950 hours. Departed after giving Government talks. People here want the tax to drop to \$5.00. Arrived MAWANING at 1230 hours, but continued straight on to BOKASU arriving at 1310 hours. Rested here for an hour to wait for carriers and also to spell my knee for awhile. Brief inspection made of village. An hour and a half to BEDING from BOKASU. Inspection of village and then talked with Councillor and committee members re area problems. Overnight.

Sunday 19th March.

Tax payers meeting began straight after the people had observed Sunday. Meeting completed by 1020 hours. Departed BEDING at 1030 hours en route for MANGA arriving after walking through pelting rain all the way at 1250 hours. People had not arrived from the surrounding villages so spent the afternoon inspecting the village and talking to the people. Meeting began at 1615 hours and ended at 1730 hours. Partly completed field workers house inspected after the meeting. To be brought to the notice of the Finance Committee. Instructions given to carriers for the walk through to TIGEDU tomorrow. Overnight.

Monday 20th March.

Departed MANGA at 0645 hours. Arrived TIGEDU at 1150 hours. Village inspected while people assembled - clean and tidy. Meeting began at 1215 hours - completed by 1330 hours. Departed TIGEDU en route for BUKAUASIP. Arrived 1400 hours. Summons served on LINGAIAM/LUCHAM. Council projects at TIGEDU were also inspected. Departed BUKAUASIP by canoe at 1415 hours. Arrived MANGE at 1630 hours. Brief inspection of village made and carriers were paid and changed. Arrived BUSIGA at 1705 hours. Carriers changed and all patrol equipment was carried to MALASIGA by canoe. Talked with village committee after tea and arranged for local carpenter to proceed to TIGEDU and begin work on the A.P.O's house and classroom. Overnight.

Tuesday 21st March.

Inspection of village and GARSON's boat made while waiting for transport. Departed MALISIGA by Council truck at 0830 hours. Arrived GAGIDU 0905 hours.

END of DIARY.

KOTTE & YABIM.

The Finschhafen Council area is divided into two language groups, namely Yabim and Kotte. The Yabim people are coastal dwellers - their land boundary follows the coast from the Mongi river to the Song river and goes inland from approximately five miles in the TIGEDU area to roughly a mile and a half at SIKI. This area has a climate typical of all coastal regions in New Guinea. The vegetation is dense and again typical of the coastal regions.

KOTTE & YABIM (Cont).

The topography does'nt vary greatly except to change from flat coastal plains along the Eastern Wards to the undulating foothills that rise at the KOTTE - YABIM boundary. Those people we had contact for some eighty years and are generally law abiding and friendly. The majority of the people live within a stones throw of the sea which provides them with a large proportion of their daily diet.

With the exception of Ward 17 which is situated on the coast, the KOTTE people are mountain dwellers. After leaving the coast you soon arrive in the foothills and continue climbing to heights of between 3000 and 3500 feet A.S.L. Many of the Wards in this area are very rugged and although the longest walk is under 5 hours, the ups and downs provide difficult walking conditions. Climate is cool and pleasant through this Census Division. The area is dry for approximately six months of the year with constant rain falling from April till late in the year. Vegetation is made up mainly of Tropical Rain Forest broken only by scattered garden plots. These people have also been contacted for some fifty years and are quite law abiding.

TAX PAYERS MEETINGS.

As decided, tax payers meetings were held in each of the 19 Wards. Usually a village situated in a central position was marked and people from the surrounding villages were informed by letter when and where the meeting was to be held. The people were given up to one weeks notice and the overall picture produced a gathering of males and females from 100 upwards. Ward 8 brought the average down by sending approximately 30 males and no females - even so each village in the Ward was represented. The length of meetings varied, but lasted on the average about one hour.

The out come of these meetings found that out of 19 Wards, 17 wanted the tax rate to remain at \$7.00. This has since been resolved by the council and the Tax Rule forwarded to MADANG for approval. During each meeting speakers were asked to explain their reasons for wanting the tax rate to remain at \$7.00. The following points were brought up:-

- (a) Mission collections were constantly being made.
- (b) Parents had to pay school fees, and many had up to three and four children at school.
- (c) Those men who had a regular income often had to help friends and relations pay their tax.

Wards 12 and 19 (see attached map) wanted the tax rate to be dropped to \$6.00 and \$5.00 respectively. Their reasons were those stated above plus their position with regard to markets and roads etc. The Councillors were asked to bring the matter up at the next general meeting, but they were defeated 17 to 2.

In general, I think the people were pleased that their opinion had been asked and a patrol had gone into the area especially for this purpose.

COUNCIL PROJECTS.

As the patrol moved through the area all completed and partly completed projects were inspected. Due to an over estimation of revenue in the 1965 financial year many of the projects that were to be completed this year have been

COUNCIL PROJECTS.

cancelled until the new financial year. These projects will be given first priority when the new year opens - they are already on the Draft estimates for 67/68.

An individual report on each project was included in the covering report forwarded with the 3rd revised estimates. The A.L.C. agreed that as this is a local problem and has been reported on in full, it would serve no useful purpose duplicating it again in this report.

VILLAGES.

All villages inspected were of a generally high standard. The coastal villages are built quite close to the shore and are made up of approximately 15-20 houses. Many of the houses are made completely or partly from old war time corrugated iron, but this is slowly disappearing as it becomes old, rusted and is no longer weather proof. Those that are partly built from iron usually have an iron roof with hand hewn planks making sturdy walls. The majority of villages (including those in the KOTTE) have a council built water tank which has saved the people walking to streams which are often quite some distant away. Wells are now being considered and when P.H.D. supply the necessary equipment, wells will be tried in and around coastal villages and later in villages at a higher altitude. If wells are a successful, water supply costs will be cut by more than half.

The KOTTE people were not gifted with scrap iron left over from the war years, and most of the houses in this area are still built completely from bush materials. The exception to this is the Luthern Church built in most of these villages. These large permanent materials buildings look out of place sitting in the middle of a group grass huts.

HEALTH.

A senior A.P.O. accompanied the patrol and inspected Aid Posts and general sanitation with the writer. In general sanitation throughout the whole area was good. A full report has been forwarded to the Director of Public Health by the above mentioned A.P.O.

MISSIONS.

The Luthern Mission has been established in this part of the Pinschhafer Sub-District for some 80 years and has considerable influence over the majority of the people. Pastors, Evangelists and teachers have played a large part in the development these people can now boast.

REST HOUSES.

Generally these were satisfactory with the exception of the rest house at GWINLANKOR. The councillor who controls this village has promised to have the house rebuilt before the next patrol visits the area. It was also necessary to replace a number of latrines.

COURTS & COMPLAINTS.

A few minor complaints were arbitrated while in the field, but there was nothing serious needing court action. As with most areas the majority of the problems are domestic.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

The Finschhafen Local Government Council has been granted a contract to maintain roads in and around Finschhafen. These are mainly old army roads and the majority of them are in quite good condition. The council is purchasing a grader in the near future and with this, plus two tipper trucks, there should be little difficulty in fulfilling the contract.

The council has also been given contracts to build low level Cement Fords, over creeks and rivers that cut across the main roads. Many of these bridges have been completed, and it is hoped that those remaining will be completed by late 1967/68.

EDUCATION.


Schools run by the Mission and Government are situated right throughout the YABIM and KOTTE Census Divisions. As yet there is no high school here, but the matter is being considered by the Education Department and a school may eventuate at a future date.

AGRICULTURE.

The patrol had little time to investigate thoroughly the part agriculture plays in this area, but cash crops were found in both Censur Divisions visited. In the KOTTE the people grow Arabika Coffee, peanuts and a variation of European vegetables. Along the coast Robusta Coffee, Copra, Peanuts and Cocoa are the main crops grown.

CONCLUSION.

It is considered that all objects of this patrol were accomplished successfully. An insight into the area it's people and problems was gained. It is unfortunate that more time could not be spent in each village, but this was unavoidable under the circumstances.

  
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I.K. McIntosh P.O.

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APPENDIX "A"

Report on the Member of the R.P.&.N.G.C on patrol.

FINSCHHAFEN NO.7 - 66/67.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Conduct.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
7388 Const. WARUWARI	Good.	Reliable on patrol.

  
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I.K. McIntosh P.O.

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FINSCHHAGEN PATROL  
NO. 7. 66/67.



ROADS ———  
WALKING TRACKS ———  
FOLLOWED BY PATROL.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Morobe Report No. Finschhafen No. 8 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by G. Maha Trainee Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Yabim Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans D.J. Murphy A.D.C. for first week only.  
1 Council Clerk.

Natives 1 Member of R.F. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 1/5/1967 to 22/5/1967.

Number of Days 22 Days, 5 days in the Station.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March /1967.

Medical Not Known /19

Map Reference Refer sketched map attached.

Objects of Patrol Revision of Yabim Census, Amendment of Common Roll,  
Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

7/9/67

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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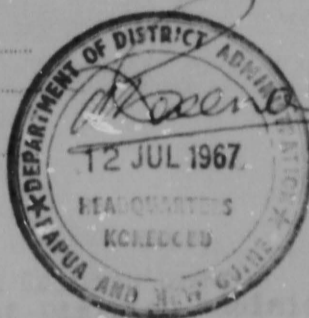


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....  
Our Reference.....  
If calling ask for.....  
Mr.....

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JPS/RMR



Department of District Administration,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

6th July, 1967.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUI.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL NO. 3 OF 1966/67 - YABIM  
CENSUS DIVISION - MR. G. MAHA, TRAINEE  
PATROL OFFICER.

Copy of the abovementioned report is attached herewith, together with patrol instructions issued by the Assistant District Commissioner, Finschhafen, and copy of comments by that officer.

2. Mr. Maha has made a valient attempt to produce a patrol report. His map is of good quality and his Census Population Register has been neatly compiled. The general standard of his typing and setting out is quite reasonable.

3. Most of the patrol instructions appear to have been carried out, although I note that Mr. Maha has not mentioned whether or not he held informal discussions with the people at the end of the days work.

4. Considering his level of seniority I consider the report to be most promising and I look forward to receiving other reports of even better quality from him as his experience increases.

(D. N. [Signature])  
a/District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MOROBE DISTRICT

9th. June, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
L. A. E. MOROBE DISTRICT.

FINSCHHAFEN PATROL REPORT NO. 8-1966/67

I enclose the original and one copy of the above report, together with a claim for camping allowance. A Patrol map is also attached to each copy of the report. Unfortunately, Mr. Maha only compiled the original and two copies of this report and I am unable to forward to you the original and two copies as previously requested. However, there is nothing in the report that needs to be referred to other Departments and I assume, therefore, that the original and one copy will suffice.

Although Mr. Maha has completed his two years probationary training period he has, in fact, had limited field experience; most of his first term has been taken up with the academic side of his training. Despite this, I am quite pleased with Mr. Maha's field work and indeed with his administrative work in general.

This report is brief but is quite a creditable effort for his first solo patrol. Mr. Maha will shortly be proceeding on his second solo patrol to the Kotte Census Division.

Encls.

*D. J. Murphy*  
(D. J. MURPHY)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c: Mr. G. Maha, Finschhafen.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
FINSCHHAFEN MUROROBE DISTRICT.

24th. April, 1967.

Mr. Geno Maha,  
Assistant Patrol Officer,  
FINSCHHAFEN. MUROROBE DISTRICT.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINSCHHAFEN PATROL No. 8 1966/67

Would you please make arrangements to depart on a patrol of the Yabim Census Division on 1st. May, 1967. The objects of the Patrol will be:-

- (1) Revision of Census
- (2) Amendment of Common Roll
- (3) Routine Administration.

I will accompany you for the first few days for the purpose of instruction and you will complete the bulk of the patrol on your own. I am quite confident that you will do this successfully.

Some of the things I wish you to look at are as follows:-

- (a) Check all Shotgun Licences to see whether they are current and if the Shotguns are in a serviceable condition.  
If any Licences are not current, or the guns are in an unserviceable condition, the owners are to report to this office.  
As an Appendix to your report submit a list of all Shotgun Licences showing - Name of Owner, his Village, the Permit Number, Date of Expiry and the Brand and Number of the Shotgun.
- (b) Check all Trade Store Licences. See that they are current and check the condition of the Trade Store. Any owners of expired Licences are to report to this office.  
Include as an Appendix to your report a list of Trade Store Licences, showing the Name of the Licence holder, his Village, Licence Number, Expiry Date and a brief report on the condition of the Store.
- (c) Check the list of N.M.T.A's held in the office. Any that are payable to people from the Yabim area can be taken with you and paid on patrol.
- (d) Before departing on patrol, read carefully the relevant sections in Standing Instructions regarding the submission of a formal Patrol Report. Read up on old Yabim Patrol Reports to make you conversant with the area and its problems. Draw up a Patrol Itinerary and notify the General Meeting of the Finschhafen Council, to be held on 26th. April, 1967.  
During your patrol observe carefully, absorb as much information as possible and submit a full detailed report.
- (e) Talk with the people at every opportunity and particularly at night when everyone is relaxed. Gain their confidence and obtain as much information as possible of an anthropological nature, particularly land tenure and social groupings. Record these and include them in your report.

Mr. Geno Maha

24th April, 1967.

- (f) If any complaints are brought to your attention, try and settle them by amicable arbitration. Any that are too difficult, or require Court action, record them and report them to me.
- (g) Check any matters outstanding on the file marked "Matters for attention on Patrol - Yabim Census Division", and discuss these with me before you leave.
- (h) Work out how much money you will need to pay carriers and to cover any N.M.T.A's that you take with you and draw a Patrol Advance from the Senior Clerk.

This is your first solo patrol and I wish you every success.

*D. J. Murphy*  
(D. J. MURPHY)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT- PINSCHHAFEN- NO.8 of 1966/67.

Officer Conducting Patrol: G. Maha Trainee P.O.

Europeans Accompanying Patrol: D.J. Murphy ADC first week only.

Native Personnel Accompanying: Titus Nabo Council Clerk,  
1 Member of R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: 1/5/67 to 22/5/67.

Number of Days: 22 days, 5 days in the Station.

Objects of Patrol: The objects of the Patrol were:  
to conduct Census Revision of  
Yabim Census Division,  
Amend the Common Roll and Routine  
Administration.

Monday 1/5/67  
S. Ogan left for KALABANG per Land Rover,  
D.J. Murphy accompanied. Arrived KALABANG  
0700 hrs. I conducted the census revision  
and the amendment of Common Roll. D.J. Murphy gave talks on  
R.P.N.G.C. elections, work of R.P.N.G.C. and Council  
Propaganda. S. Ogan back to station worked on census  
figures.

*G. Maha*  
G. Maha P.O. Training.

Tuesday 2/5/67  
S. Ogan left for KALABANG per Land Rover,  
D.J. Murphy accompanied. Arrived KALABANG  
0700 hrs. I conducted the census revision  
and the amendment of Common Roll.  
D.J. Murphy talked to the villagers about  
the R.P.N.G.C. elections, work of R.P.N.G.C. and  
Council Propaganda. S. Ogan back to station worked on census  
figures.

Wednesday 3/5/67  
S. Ogan left for KALABANG per Land Rover,  
D.J. Murphy accompanied. Arrived  
KALABANG 0700 hrs. Villages lined and I  
conducted the census revision and amendment  
of Common Roll. D.J. Murphy A.P.C. gave  
talks on House of Assembly, work of R.P.N.G.C.  
and Council Propaganda. S. Ogan back to the  
Station worked on census figures.

Thursday 4/5/67  
S. Ogan left for KALABANG, village lined  
census revision and amended Common Roll.  
D.J. Murphy talked to the villagers about  
the 1968 elections, work of R.P.N.G.C. and  
Council Propaganda.

Friday 5/5/67  
S. Ogan left for KALABANG, village lined  
census revision and amended Common Roll.

Saturday 6/5/67  
S. Ogan left for KALABANG, village lined  
census revision and amended Common Roll.

INTRODUCTION.

The main object of this patrol was to revise the Census and amend the Common Roll of Yabim Census Division, also general routine administration as needed.

The villages covered on day trips from GAGIDU Station are as follow: GINGALA, NASINGALATU, KWALANSAM, KASANGA, MALASIKA, SIMBANG, KOLEM, KAMLOA, SOKANENG, GAUNLABU and the two villages KALAL and WANAM of Tami Is. Excluding the two villages of Tami Is. all the villages mentioned are accessible by road at present. With the exception of SOKANENG and GAUNLABU all the villages are situated on the coast. SOKANENG and GAUNLABU are situated approximately two miles from the coast, and a thousand feet above sea level.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 1/5/67.

0800 hrs left for GINGALA per Land Rover. Village lined census revised and Common Roll amended. D.J. Murphy A.D.C. accompanied gave a talk on House of Assembly Elections in 1968, the work of Public Works Department in the Sub-District, and Council Propaganda. 1.30pm back to Station- work on census figures.

Tuesday 2/5/67

8.30am left for NASINGALATU per L/Rover D.J. Murphy A.D.C. accompanied. I conducted the Census Revision and the amendment of Common Roll. D.J. Murphy gave talks on H.A. elections, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. 1.15pm came back to the Station worked on census figures.

Wednesday 3/5/67

8.30am left for KWALANSAM per Land Rover, D.J. Murphy accompanied. Arrived KWALANSAM 0900 hrs. I conducted the census revision and the amendment of Common Roll. D.J. Murphy talked to the villagers about the H.A. elections, work of P.W.D. in the Sub-District and Council Propaganda. 1.30pm back to station- worked on census figures.

Thursday 4/5/67

8.30am left for KASANGA per Land Rover, D.J. Murphy A.D.C. accompanied. Arrived KASANGA 9.15am. Village lined and I conducted the census revision and amendment of Common Roll. D.J. Murphy A.D.C. gave talks on House of Assembly, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. 1.30pm back to the Station- worked on census figures.

Friday 5/5/67

0800 hrs left for MALASIKA, village lined census revised and amended Common Roll. D.J. Murphy talked to the villagers about the 1968 elections, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda.

Saturday 6/5/67

At the office worked on census figures.

Sunday 7/5/67

OBSERVED.



PATROL DIARY. (cont)

- Monday 8/5/67. Left GAGIDU Station 0900 hrs per L/Rover for BUSIGA. D.J. Murphy A.D.C. did not accompany. Stopped at MALASIKA because that was the end of the road. Carriers came forward and off we went to BUSIGA. Village lined census revised, amended Common Roll. Talked to the villagers about House of Assembly elections in 1968, work of Public Works Department in P. W. D. Sub-District and Council Propaganda. Slept BUSIGA.
- Tuesday 9/5/67. Departed BUSIGA 8.30am for MANGE. Arrived MANGE 9.15am. Village lined and censused amended Common Roll. Talks on H. Assembly elections, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. 10am left MANGE for BUKAUASIP, arrived BUKAUASIP 11.30am. The villagers from BUSENG were also ready at BUKAUASIP, so I conducted every thing together at BUKAUASIP. Slept BUKAUASIP.
- Wednesday 10/5/67. 0800 hrs walked to TIGIDU, about half an hour walking. Village lined Census revised Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections in 1968, P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. In the afternoon walked back to BUKAUASIP, no rest house at TIGIDU. Slept BUKAUASIP.
- Thursday 11/5/67. 0800 hrs left for BUTAJA an hour's walk. Village lined and censused, Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. Walked back to BUKAUASIP while it was raining heavily. Slept BUKAUASIP.
- Friday 12/5/67. Rain continued until next day. Waited for the rain to stop, but it could not stop. 1.30pm departed BUKAUASIP for MANGE. Arrived MANGE 3pm, changed the carriers and continued walking for MALASIKA where Land Rover was to pick me up. Arrived BUSIGA 3.45pm had the carriers changed and off again for MALASIKA. The heavy rain caused muddy and slippery road. Arrived MALASIKA late in the evening 5.30pm. Slept MALASIKA.
- Saturday 13/5/67. Transport arrived, back to GAGIDU.
- Sunday 14/5/67. OBSERVED.
- Monday 15/5/67. 8.15am departed GAGIDU for SIMBANG per Land Rover. Village lined census revised Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections, P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. 1.30pm back to the Station worked on census figures.
- Tuesday 16/5/67. 8.30am left for KOLEM per L/Rover. Village lined census revised and Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections, P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. Pm- back to the office worked on census figures.

PATRGL DIARY. (cont)

- Wednesday 17/5/67. 0800 hrs left for KAMLOA per Land Rover. Village lined and censused Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections in 1968, work of P.W.D. in Finschhafen and Council Propaganda. Pm- back to the Station work on census figures.
- Thursday 18/5/67. 0800 hrs left by Land Rover for SOKANENG. Village lined census revised amended Common Roll. Talks on House of Assembly elections, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. 12.30pm left SOKANENG back to Station, worked on census figures.
- Friday 19/5/67. 8.15am departed GAGIDU Station for GAUNLABU. Village lined and censused Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections, work of P.W.D. and Council Propaganda. 1.30pm back to Station work on census figures.
- Saturday 20/5/67. 0800 hrs to the office worked on census figures.
- Sunday 21/5/67. OBSERVED.
- Monday 22/5/67. 8.30am left for the villages on Tami Is. per VITIAZ. Villages KALAL and WANAM lined census revised and Common Roll amended. Talks on House of Assembly elections in 1968, the work of P.W.D. in Finschhafen and Council Propaganda. 4.30pm back to Station.

End of Patrol.

AGRICULTURE.

A wide range of subsistence crops were seen along the coast and the foothills. These crops seem to be growing quite well. In the villages close to the coast, most of these crops are brought to the local market and sold. As far as cash cropping is concerned large areas of land have been wholly given up to copra plantations. There is the usual source of income along the coastal villages. The land is given to copra and coffee plantations. There is also the usual cash crops to be seen especially in the higher country along the coast. Rubber, coconuts are also found along the coast.

RELIGION.

A number of well built churches are seen in almost every village. Many were also observed in every village visited and they seemed to be quite modern. No other articles were seen in the villages except the traditional items.

OBSERVATION AND COMMENTS.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was received with a friendly manner in all villages visited and best efforts were made to make the patrol as comfortable as possible. No cases of unfriendly attitude was seen at any stage. Much respect was shown for the Administration at all times.

VILLAGES.

All the villages visited were of a general high standard. KOLEM, KAMLOA, and SOKANENG looked much cleaner mainly because there are neatly arranged flower gardens exist around the dwellings. With the exception of SOKANENG and GAUNLABU, all the villages are built along the shore and are made up of about 15-20 houses. Many of the houses are made completely or partly from old war time corrugated iron which is slowly disappearing as it becomes rusted and no longer weather proof. However those that are built with thatched roofs used iron for ridge capping with the exception of a few only. All coastal villages appear to be positioned close to either river or spring which provides water for domestic uses and in many cases drinking water. There is a variety systems of water supply in all the villages. Water supply varies from village to village, spring, river and tank. Latrines were in good condition and those that needed repairing were pointed out to them.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of the officials were very helpful and assisted a great deal in actual census work. Most of them appeared to hold some authority and respect over all the people.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Lutheran Mission has been in the Finschhafen Sub-District for some eighty years and has considerable influence over the people. Pastors, evangelists and teachers are scattered over the whole area and have helped to bring the people to the stage they have now reached. However the inhabitants respect the Administration and do not hesitate to take their troubles to the patrolling officer. The mission in many cases however, had heard these troubles and had failed to negotiate an agreement between the two opposing parties.

AGRICULTURE.

A wide range of subsistence crops were seen both along the coast and the foothills. These crops seem to be growing quite well. In the villages close to the Station, some of these crops are brought to the local market and sold. As far as cash cropping is concerned large areas of land have been wholly given up to copra plantations. Copra is the main source of income along the coastal villages. Very few acres of land is given to cocoa and coffee plantations. This might be the case that cocoa appears to be more successfully grown in higher country than along the coast. Robusta coffee is also found along the coast.

LIVESTOCK.

A number of small amount of domestic pigs were seen in almost every village. Poultry was also observed in every village visited and this looked to be quite alright. No other animals were seen on the patrol except the domestic ones mentioned.

COMMERCE.

Nearly every village visited has a trade store. The supplies by these small stores appeared to be very limited, but the one at NASINGALATU has a fair number of supplies. As per patrol instructions, these were checked with their trading licences and those that had expired licences were told to report to the Sub-District Office for renewal of licences. Those that needed stronger flats for their stores were also asked to do so. The owners and their villages can be found in Appendix 'A'.

COMPLAINTS.

Only a few minor complaints were brought for settlement to the patrol. These were mainly domestic arguments and land disputes. One of these were referred to GAGIDU for further discussion and settlement.

REST HOUSES.

All the rest houses were in a fair condition at the time of patrol. There are no rest houses at BUSENG and TIGIDU but accommodation is available if required. It is only about one and a half hour to two hours walk between the villages which have no rest houses and BUKAUASIP where there is rest house. The rest house at BUTALA was an old one and is being reconstructed and the one at MALASIKA has been badly attacked by white ants and should be reconstructed as well.

CARRIERS.

There was no trouble in obtaining carriers. They appeared to be keen to help Administration Officers in their work. The rate paid to them was one shilling or ten cents per man for one hour. The distance they were willing to carry was from their village to the next village.

HEALTH.

The general standard of health in the coastal villages visited is quite fair, nothing in particular or serious was observed except a few cases of elephantiasis in nearly all the coastal villages but this was mainly to older people. Sanitation appeared to be satisfactory in all the villages. Deaths not particularly high in this census division with most deaths occurring in the over-45yrs division. Two aid posts were seen on the patrol with the necessary supplies for treatment to the people. One of these was placed between KASANGA and MALASIKA and the other at TIGIDU.

EDUCATION.

Primary T Schools are situated at GAGIDU, KAMBILI and TIGIDU. There is a new double classroom under construction for enrolment of more students at TIGIDU. DREGERHAFEN provides for higher education to the students of this division. The Lutheran Mission have also established primary schools in each village. There is no high school as yet, but this matter is being considered by the Education Department and a school may be established in very near future.

MISSION.

The most prominent mission in the area is the Lutheran Mission which has been established for some eighty years and has a great influence over majority of the people. We can now appreciate the work of the missionaries, pastors, teachers and those concerned in development of the inhabitants.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Finschhafen Local Government Council has now taken over the work of maintaining roads and bridges. These are mainly old army roads and most of them are in good condition. A good coronus based road runs from NASINGALATU through to approximately two miles the other side of MALASIKA. This road was constructed during the war and it is still in good condition. Up to date it is being used by vehicles as far as MALASIKA. A bridge had been constructed across the BUGAMBI river at NASINGALATU and the other at BUGI river just outside KWALANSAN. There is also another bridge constructed at MALASIKA river for the continuation of the road to BUSIGA river. This road will continue to BUSIGA river without much difficulty but road prospects between BUSIGA river and BUTALA may require deeper inspection.

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APPENLIX 'A'

Report on the Trade Stores and their Licences on patrol.

FINSCHHAFEN NO. 8 OF 1966/67.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>LICENCE NO.</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE.</u>	<u>CONDITION.</u>
Saki	Nasingalatu	1347	30/5/67	Quite good with strong building.
Saki	Kwalansam	1348	30/6/67	Good.
Mare	Kwalansam	50023	30/6/67	Good with strong building.
Ateng	Kasanga	27644	30/6/66	Building not too strong needs to be repaired.
Gideon	Malasika	4093	30/6/67	Good.
Geri	Busiga	50016	30/6/67	Needs to build a stronger one.
Lokom	Bukauasip	1374	30/6/67	Good.
Sarindua	Simbang	50021	30/6/67	Quite good with strong building.
Nagai	Kolem	No Licence	No Licence	Good.
Kumoa	Kamloa	1285	30/6/67	Good.
Piaka	Sokaneng	1365	30/6/67	Good.
Funmo	Gaulabu	6480	30/6/67	Good.

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APPENDIX 'B'

Report on Shot Guns and their Licences on patrol.

FINSCHAFEN NO. 8 OF 1966/67.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>LICENCE NUMBER.</u>	<u>EXPIRY DATE.</u>	<u>SHOTGUN BRAND.</u>	<u>SHOTGUN NUMBER.</u>	<u>CONDITION.</u>
Iga	Gingala	8810	12/9/67	Cooney	C1803	Good
Jasing	Gingala	16402	11/4/68	Stevens	G61	Good
Lurus	Nasingalatu	8811	12/9/67	Cooney	C1817	Good
Gilinde	Kasanga	3823	30/6/67	Mallard	2644S	Good
Maliaki	Malasika *	-	-	-	-	-
Gason	Malasika	3825	30/6/67	Astra	1240	Good
Puling	Busiga	3835	30/6/67	BC	141665	Good
Matai	Busiga	15847	30/6/67	BC	141648	Good
Karu	Bukauasip	3841	30/6/67	Topper	V30299	Good
Makwalua	Bukauasip *	-	-	Ciclope	21319	Good
Komba	Buseng	3826	30/6/67	Astra	1360	Good
Salindua	Simbang	3849	30/6/67	Astra	21383	Good
Sigrupoi	Kolam	16124	12/7/67	KFC.Mod33	145471E	Good

\* : These persons were not in their villages when the patrol went around.

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APPENDIX 'C'

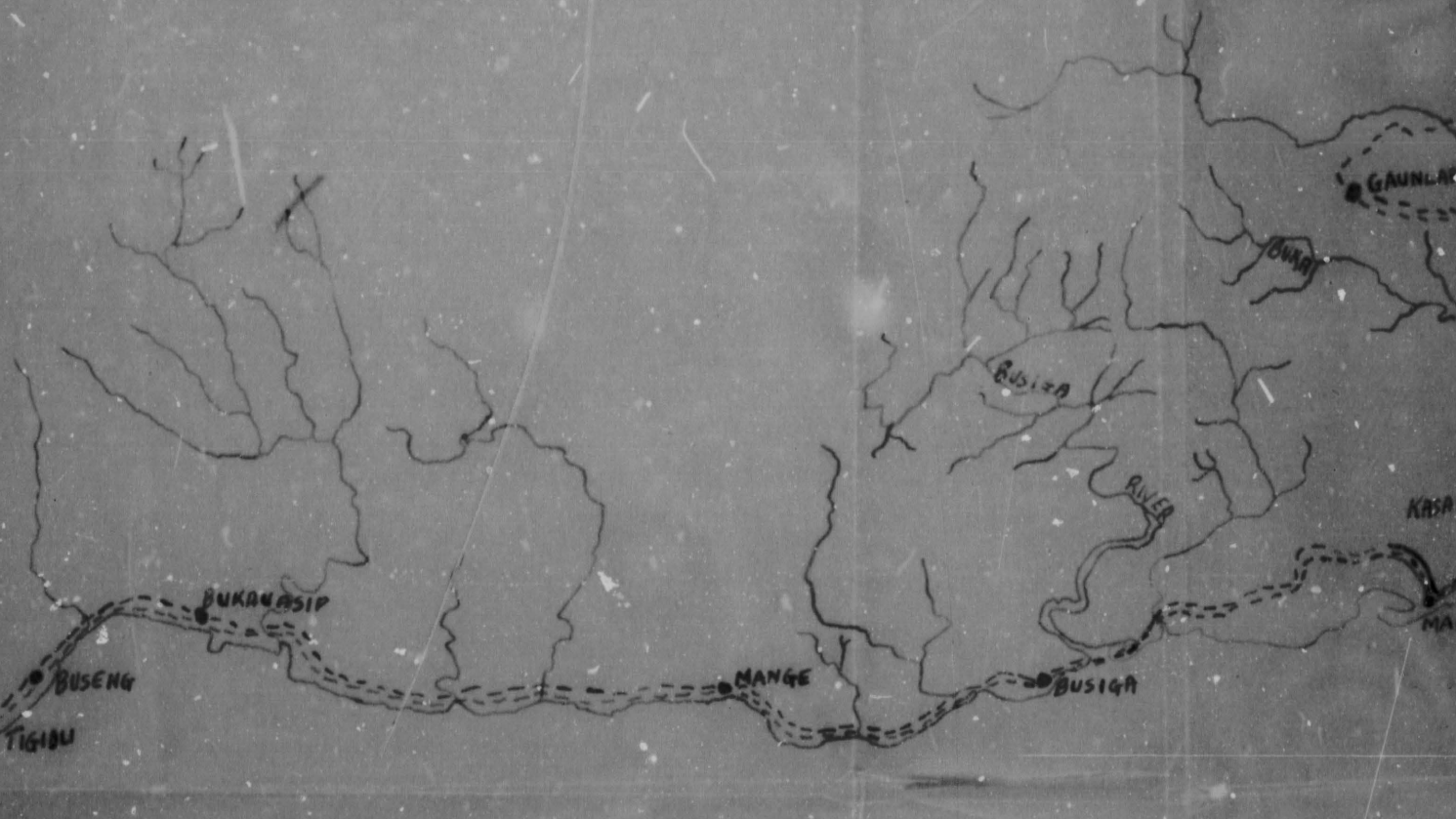
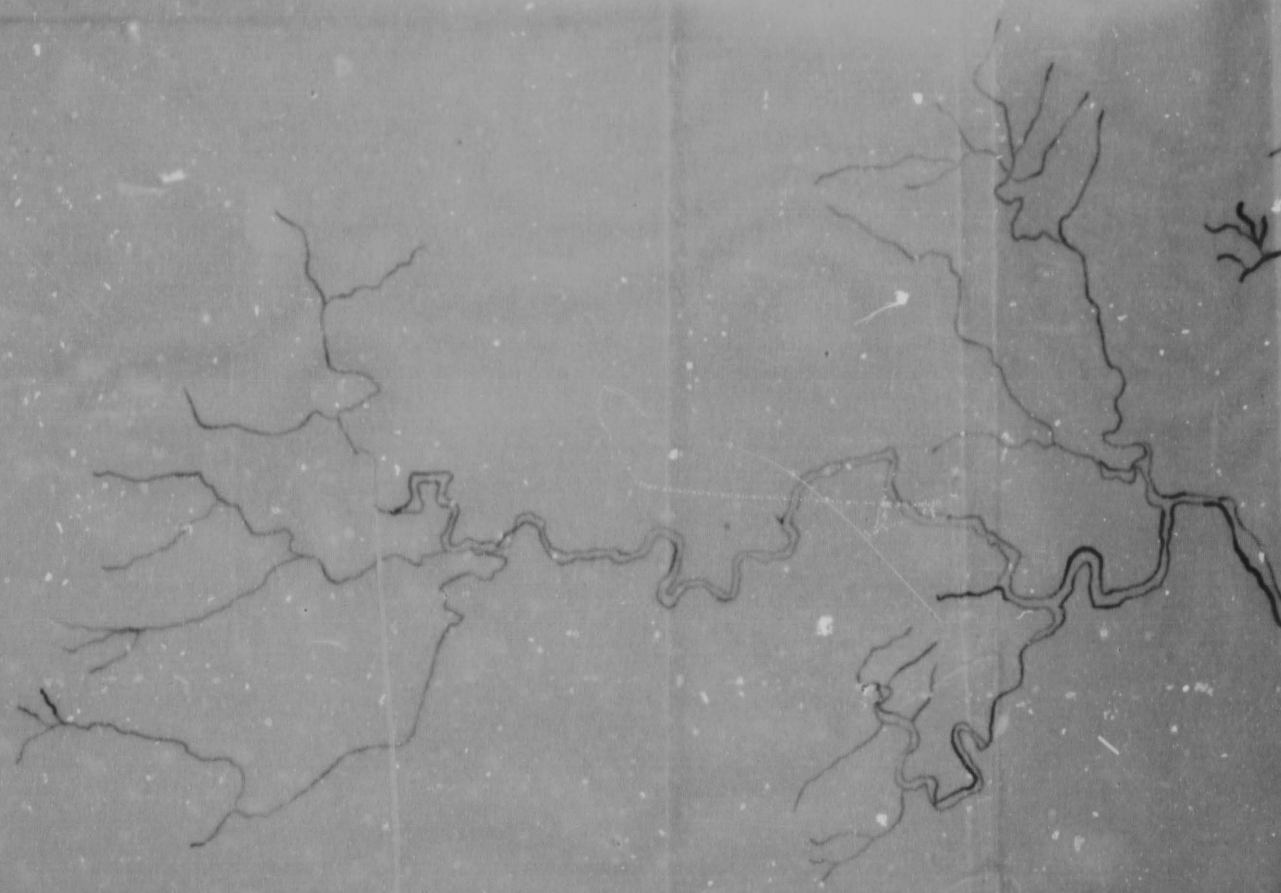
Report on the Member of R.P.&N.G.C. on patrol.

FINSCHAFEN NO. 890F 1966/67.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>Conduct.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
WARUWARI	7388	Good	Quite effective and reliable on patrol.

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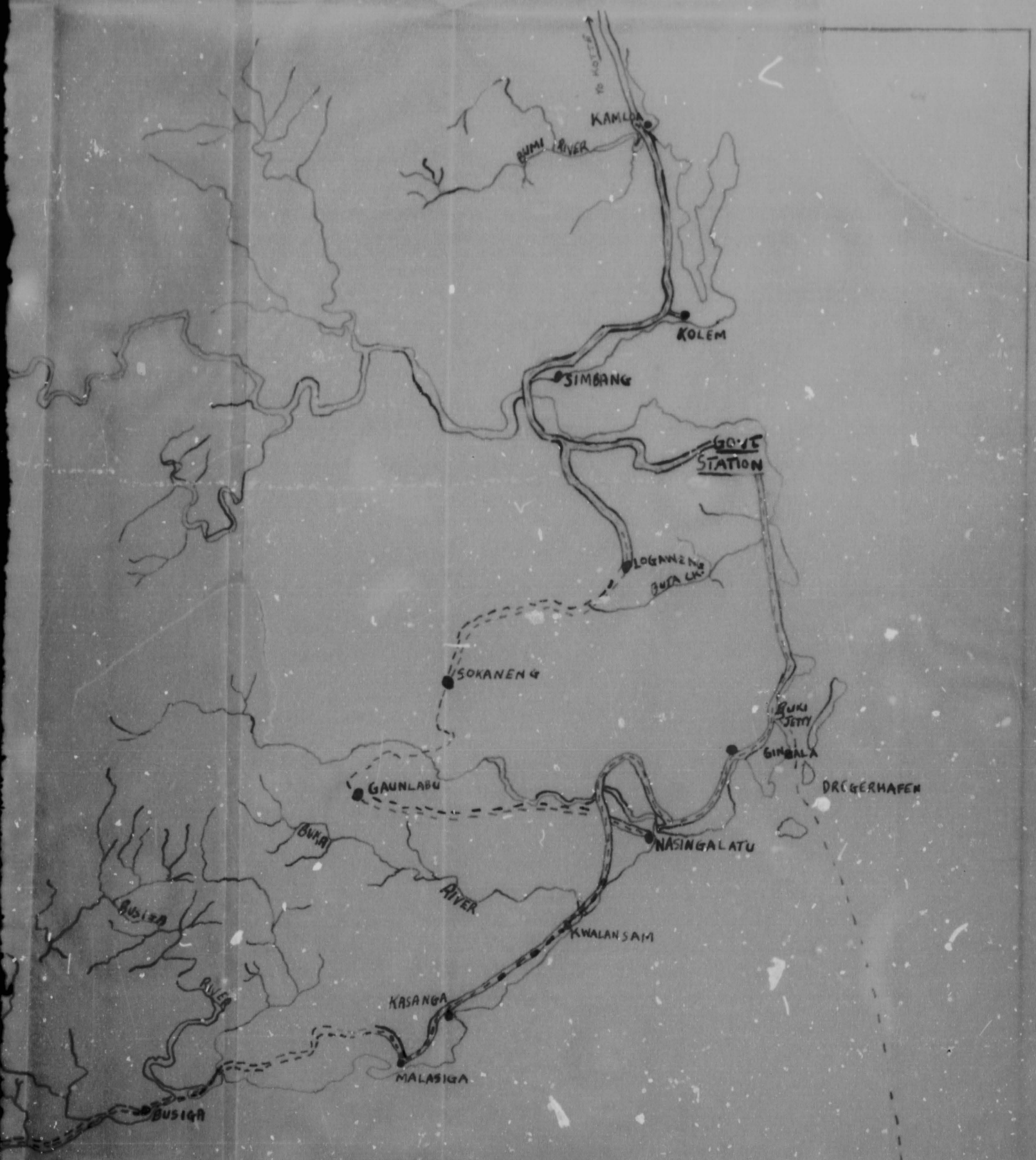




Scale : 1 Inch To a Mile.

==== : Vehicular Roads.

----- : Patrol Route.



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- : Vehicular Roads.
- : Patrol Route.

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