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SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

AMBUNTI

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
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Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.


8th September, 1964.

District Officer,
South Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-1964/65 - AMEUNYI:

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Taylor will have benefited from accompanying a more experienced officer.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

PATROL REPORT AMBUNTI NO 1 OF 1964/65.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.H.Heathcote C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED: GARAMAMBU Village
(Chambri Lake C.D.)

PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING: K.J.Taylor C.P.O.
1 Const. Police.

DURATION: 13/7/64 to 15/7/64

No. OF DAYS: Three.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Investigation Shotgun
Accident.

MAP REFERENCE: Ambunti Army Sheet Fourmil.

[Faint, mostly illegible text describing the investigation details, including names of witnesses and the location of the accident.]

PATROL DIARY.

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Monday, 13th July 1964.

Departed Ambunti 1130. in company with CPO Taylor. Paddled up MALU ~~channel~~ channel and arrived mouth of YERAKAI road 1320. Started walking 1340 and arrived YERAKAI 1445. Departed 1500 and arrived GARAMAMBU 1615. Remained overnight.

Tuesday, 14th July 1964.

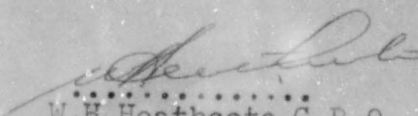
0800. CPO Mr. Taylor to scene of accident with village people. Self spent most of day interviewing and taking statements from various people connected with the case. Mr. Taylor arrived back at 1200 after inspecting accident scene. Luluais from Chambri Island reported late afternoon with minor complaints, told to await patrol to their area in the near future. Overnight GARAMAMBU.

Wednesday, 15th July 1964.

Departed GARAMAMBU 0915 and arrived YERAKAI 1030. Spoke with village people and departed 1105. Arrived waterway 1205. Departed down channel 1230 and arrived AMBUNTI 1445. Patrol stood down.

INVESTIGATION.

The patrol went to GARAMAMBU Village for the sole purpose of investigating an alleged shotgun accident, which had been reported to Ambunti by the man concerned, on the Monday before the patrol went out. A GARAMAMBU man LUMAN had shot his wife with his shotgun while hunting for food, killing her instantly. Investigations carried out showed no sign of foul play, and the people of GARAMAMBU state that there has been no sign of ill feeling between LUMAN and his wife prior to the shooting. It is the writer's opinion that it is a case of accidental death, and a statement to that effect together with statements from various witnesses have been submitted to the ADO for a coronial. The shotgun concerned has been confiscated from LUMAN as it is considered unsafe, and this too has been handed on to the ADO.


W.H. Heathcote C.P.O.

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District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

23rd September, 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT AMBUNTI NO. 2 of 1964/65 - MAIN RIVER, BURUI KUNAI and CHAMBERI LAKES CENSUS DIVISIONS

Thank you for the abovementioned report. Mr. Heathcote seems to have covered the area adequately in his Gauk Council pre-election patrol.

I have received your memorandum 42-1-2 "Gauk Council Pre-election Patrol", but I have not received the separate correspondence on resettlement mentioned in your 67-1-3 of 4th September, 1964. Please let me have this.

Mr. Taylor's report has been dealt with separately.

(Signature)
(G. LINSLEY)
DISTRICT OFFICER - SOUTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu

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Subdistrict Office,
AMBUNTI, Sepik District.

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18th July, 1964.

Mr. W.H. Heathcote,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

Patrol No. 2/64-65 : GAUI COUNCIL AREA.
Instructions.

As discussed, please prepare to undertake a patrol through the Chambri, Main River and Burai Kunai Divisions preliminary to elections being held for the newly-proclaimed GAUI Native Local Government Council, commencing on or about the 17th August, 1964. It is required that your patrol should concentrate on this one objective, and be concluded before elections are due to commence.

GARAMAMBU)

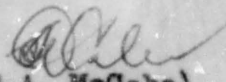
As you are aware, these Divisions, with the exception of six villages (GARAMAMBU & YERAKAI, MAIWI & SENGO, AVARIE & YAU'UM/AAK) together comprise the Council area. It is not expected that you will visit every village, but that meetings may be held at points convenient to the people of two or more villages at a time. This will require adequate notice, of course.

The following points are to be explained:

1. Electoral groupings of villages - refer to constitution.
2. Outline of democratic procedures, including selection of candidates and type of elections being held - secret preferential ballot. (Notes on voting procedures are attached.)
3. Stress that it is not desired that the members be elected before the election patrol arrives in the village, which is the usual tendency in the case of a new Council. However, candidates may campaign for election immediately, and notices upon which the names of candidates to be written are to be prepared and placed in a central point in each electorate - possibly the Rest House or the Tambaran House.

Please also advise the people that tax as fixed by the Council and approved by the Director will be due to the Council in respect of the current year, and the people should prepare to meet this obligation. It is intended that tax will be collected shortly after the inaugural meeting of the Council.

While your time will be too limited to attend to the usual aspects of administration at any length, any outstanding C.S.B., N.M.T.A. queries etc. should be dealt with. In addition, please inspect shotguns where possible, and in view of the recent accident at GARAMAMBU, stress the duty of care which owners of weapons are under.


(B.A. McCabe)
Asst. District Officer.

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PATROL REPORT AMBUNTI NO 2 OF 1964/55.

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PERSONEL ACCOMPANYING: K.J. TAYLOR C.P.O.
1 ECO, 2 CONST POLICE, 1 H.O.

DURATION: 27/7/64 to 19/8/64

No. OF DAYS: TWENTY FOUR

OBJECTS OF PATROL: PREPARE PEOPLE FOR COMING
CAUI COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

MAP REFERENCE: Ambunti Army Sheet Fournil 1943.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday, 27th July 1964.

Prepared for patrol. Departed AMBUNTI 1140 after motor trouble. At AVATIP 1315 and arrived YAMANUMBU A.O.G. Mission 1600. Departed 1640. and across to PAGWI. Departed 1710. and arrived KOROGO 1815. Remained overnight.

Tuesday, 28th July 1964.

Departed 0630, passed SUAPMERI 0725, KANGANAMAN 0835, TEGOI 0910, into mouth of Chambri waterway 1025. and arrived AIBOM 1300. Obtained single canoe and moved on 1410, broke down and paddled back to AIBOM. Departed again 1430, again broke down so paddled on and arrived Chambri 1730. Word sent on to villages of CHANGRIMAN and MENS. AT coming patrol. Overnight.

Wednesday, 29th July 1964.

Village people from INDINGAI, WOMBUN and KILIMBIT assembled and talks given on the coming council elections. Some complaints heard and a brier' look taken around the village. 1300. Started paddling towards ARINJON but after two hours travel had to turn back because of dry water, and unable to walk because of deep mud. Overnight Chambri.

Thursday, 30th July 1964.

Departed Chambri 0900 after hearing marital complaint from KILIMBIT. Arrived AIBOM 0945. People assembled and talk given on GAGI Council. Discussions with DEKON, DAC member. Some complaints heard and inspection of village. Remained overnight.

Friday, 31st July 1964.

Departed AIBOM 0800, downriver in single canoe. Arrived mouth of Sepik and Chambri waterway 0930, thence to 1000. Spoke with village people and date given for coming patrol. Departed 1030 after hearing minor complaint. Ashore at KANGANAMAN, PARAMBEI and YENTCHAN and people advised of patrol programme. Arrived INDABU 1300. and set up camp. Awaited arrival of government canoe from Ambunti.

Saturday, 1st August 1964.

Canoe to Ambunti early A.M. Self awaited arrival back. Spoke to village people regarding resettlement plan in WAGU area. Canoe back 1430 and departed downriver 1500. Into Chambri waterway 1640 and passed AIBOM 1740, thence to Chambri arriving 1805.

Sunday, 2nd August 1964.

Observed Chambri Is.

Monday, 3rd August 1964.

Departed Chambri 0745 in paddle canoes and arrived TIMBUNMERI 1040. Village people assembled and talks given on coming GAUI Council elections. Two minor complaints heard and settled. Departed 1140 and arrived CHANGRIMAN 1300. Ashore and walked to MENSUAT, forty minutes away. Village people from YAMBI YAMBI and MENSUAT in attendance and pre election talks for GAUI Council given. Minor complaints heard and S.A.P. applications taken. Brief look around village. Departed 1530, and arrived back CHANGRIMAN 1615. Village people of MARI and CHANGRIMAN assembled and talks given as above. Complaints heard and settled and Mr. Taylor inspected village. Remained overnight.

Tuesday, 4th August 1964.

Departed CHANGRIMAN 0715. by single paddle canoe. Arrived TIMBUNMERI 0845. Departed 0900. with new paddlers and arrived Chambri Is. 1100. Two complaints heard and settled. Departed 1145 and arrived AIBOM 1230. Spoke with village people over alleged complaint with KAMINDIMBIT and departed 1300. At Sepik River 1445. and arrived TEGOI 1600. Village people assembled and pre election talks for GAUI Council given. Complaints heard and S.A.P. application taken. Remained overnight.

Wednesday, 5th August 1964.

Departed TEGOI 0640. and arrived KAPIMERI C.M. 0715. Collected two baskets for m.s. motor and continued on 0730. Arrived KANGAMAN 0800. People assembled and pre election talks for GAUI Council given. Minor complaints heard and settled. People spoken to regarding resettlement scheme in WAGU area. Departed 1015. and across to PARAMBEI 1030. Village people from PARAMBEI, MALINGAI and INDAEU assembled and people spoken to about coming elections for GAUI Council. Complaints heard and again spoke about proposed resettlement scheme. Departed 1315. and across to YENTCHAN. People assembled and same talks given as above. Complaints heard and settled. Remained overnight.

Thursday, 6th August 1964.

Departed YENTCHAN 0830. and walked to NOGOSOP arriving 0930. Village people from MARAP, GAIKAROH and NOGOSOP assembled and talks given on coming GAUI Council elections. S.A.P. application taken and minor complaints heard and settled. Village inspected and general discussions with village leaders. Departed 1300. and arrived back YENTCHAN 1400. Minor complaints heard and together with Mr. Taylor inspected the village. ADO and CPO arrived from Ambunti 1830. Remained overnight YENTCHAN.

Friday, 7th August 1964.

Discussions with ADO re election programme and various courts. Departed YENTCHAN in double canoe 0900 and arrived SUAMERI 1015. People assembled and pre election talks given for GAUI Council. Various minor complaints heard and settled. ADO and cadet arrived from YENTCHAN 1100. Departed SUAMERI 1230. and arrived KOROGO 1400. Spoke with village leaders and arranged for people to be assembled the next day. Village inspected by Mr. Taylor and self. Remained overnight.

Saturday, 8th August 1964.

Heavy rain. Village people assembled and pre election talks given for GAUI Council and election date given. Minor complaints heard and two S.A.P. applications taken. Overnight.

Sunday, 9th August 1964.

Observed KOROGO.

Monday, 10th August 1964.

Departed KOROGO 0830, downriver in double canoe and ashore at KOROGO hamlet 0850. Carriers from KOROGO waiting and cargo fastened and moved off 0910, arriving WORIMBI 1010. The three YAMUK Villages of KAIMBIAM, WORIMBI and ~~WAKIK~~ WANIKO assembled and pre election talks given for GAUI Council. Minor complaints heard and settled. Two S.A.P. applications taken. Departed 1250. and arrived MIAMBEI 1345. Village people from SARUM, YAKIAP and MIAMBEI in attendance and same talks given as above. No complaints. Remained overnight.

Tuesday, 11th August 1964.

Departed MIAMBBI 0850, passed through SLEI 1 0935. and arrived SLEI 2 0945. People from both villages assembled and pre election talks and dates given for coming GAUI Council elections. Minor complaints heard and settled. Departed 1100. and arrived NAMANGOA 1140. Village people from JIGINIMBU and NAMANGOA waiting and talks given as above. Minor complaints heard and quick look taken around village. Departed 1400. for TOLEMBI, cargo to rest house, self and Mr. Taylor to C. Mission where spoke to fathers over various matters. Departed mission 1530. and arrived TOLEMBI 1545. Talks with village officials from both TOLEMBI villages. Overnight.

Wednesday, 12th August 1964.

Village people from TOLEMBI 1 & 2 assembled and talks given on coming council elections by Mr. Taylor C.P.O. Self not feeling well and day spent in bed. Overnight.

Thursday, 13th August 1964.

Departed JIGINIMBU (TOLEMBI) 0820, passed through NAMBAGOA 0905 and arrived YANGET 0930. Village people from NAMBAGOA, VAGIPUT, YANGET and WEREMAN in attendance and pre election talks on GAUI Council given. Minor complaints heard and villages of YANGET and VAGIPUT looked over. Departed YANGET 1330 and arrived NAMBAGOA 1400. Departed 1445 and arrived back at JIGINIMBU 1540. Remained overnight.

Friday, 14th August 1964.

Minor complaints heard and Mr. Taylor walked to mission for talks with fathers. Departed JIGINIMBU 1215, through TOLEMBI 1 1245 and arrived Government School at DUMASAUN 1345. Spoke with teachers and looked over school. Waited for canoes to arrive from KOROGO, did so 1500. Paddled across lake to KOROGO arriving 1540. M.V. ROUANA FALLS arrived afternoon bringing mail and other goods. Remained overnight.

Saturday, 15th August 1964.

0630. To Ambunti and arrived 0945. Back to KOROGO late afternoon.

Sunday, 16th August 1964.

Observed. Departed KOROGO 1500. and arrived YENTCHANMANGUA 1550. Remained overnight.

Monday, 17th August 1964.

Village people from YENTCHANMANGUA assembled and talks given on coming GAUI Council elections. Minor complaints heard and S.A.P. application taken. Departed for NYAURANGAI 1000 arriving 1025. Village people from both KANDANGAI and NYAURANGAI assembled and talks given as above. Minor complaints heard and both villages inspected. Back to YENTCHANMANGUA 1230. Departed 1300. and arrived JAPANAUT 1345. People assembled and talks given on coming elections. S.A.P. application taken and complaints heard. Departed 1515. and arrived PAGWI 1545. Spoke to WEREMAN and MAIWI people and thence ~~XXXXXX~~ across to YAMANUMBU. Remained overnight.

Tuesday, 18th August 1964.

Motor canoe sent to YENTCHANMANGUA. People of YAMANUMBU assembled and pre election talks for GAUI Council given. S.A.P. application taken and minor complaints heard. Waited for canoe to arrive back from YENTCHANMANGUA bringing court to be heard. Arrived back 1125, spoke with parties concerned and moved off upriver 1150, arriving JAPANDAI 1345. People assembled and talks and date given for coming council elections. Sorcery charge heard against SENGO man, and date given for parties concerned to go Ambunti. Departed JAPANDAI 1515 and arrived LABONGAI 1900. Remained overnight.

Wednesday, 19th August 1964.

Departed 0700. and arrived AVATIP 0830. Picked up another motor and moved on 0900, arriving Ambunti 1145. Patrol stood down.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol visited three census divisions in all, these being the Main River, Chambri Lakes and Burui Kunai, and it is these divisions with the exception of six villages, AVATIP & YAU'UMBAK, GARAMAMBU & YERAKAI, MAIWI & SENGO that together comprise the area known as the GAUI Council.

The main objective of the patrol was to prepare the people of the above divisions for the coming council elections, which are due to commence in the second week of September. Although it was not possible to visit every village in the council area, each village heard the election talks. Where villages were closely grouped, and one council representative for two or three villages, the village people were brought together and the one talk given. With the exception of YAMBI - YAMBI none of these villages had more than a forty minute walk to hear the talks, and little inconvenience was suffered.

The double/canoe/houseboat was used for the duration of the patrol, but owing to low water this was only used along the Sepik River and part of Chambri. Water on the lake in the Chambri area was extremely low and paddle canoe was the only means of transport. The villages of ARINJON and LUKLUK could not be reached at all owing to little or no water, and the ground too soft to walk upon. However, word was passed to them through their parent villages of NYAURANGAI and JAPANAUT, as they are grouped with them in the council.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. K.Taylor C.P.O. who worked well.

The last patrol to the Burui Kunai area was conducted by myself in April 1964. (See Amb. P/R No 18 of 63/64.)

The last to the Main River and Chambri area was in February/March 64 when the elections for the House of Assembly were carried out.

ELECTION TALKS GAUI COUNCIL.

As stated in the introduction the primary purpose of the patrol was to prepare the people for the coming elections for the GAUI Council, which are to be held during the second week of September.

As it was not possible to visit every village in the council area, the patrol programme was arranged so that villages who were closely grouped were brought together and one talk given to two or more villages at once. This worked out well and little inconvenience was caused to any of the villages.

The electoral grouping of ~~xxx~~ villages was explained at each session, and each village fully realizes its representation in the council. The constitution was gone through, each important point taken slowly and fully explained, emphasis being placed on the tenure of office for the members. It was explained also that tax as fixed by the council and approved

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by the Director would now be payable each year to the council and not to the Government as previously.

Election dates were given in each village together with notices on which candidates names could be written. After going through the constitution, the voting procedures were explained, and also type of election to be held. As the election held for the House of Assembly in Feb, March XXXX was still fairly fresh in their minds, very little explanation on voting procedures was necessary.

The villages of YENTCHAN, PARAMBEL, MALINCAI and SUAPMERI did not seem at all keen on a council being started, but could give no valid reasons for not wanting it. I feel that one of the main reasons is that they are afraid that a high tax rate will be introduced, and that they would rather pay the small amount of ten shillings. It was explained to them that they would be represented at the tax meeting by their members, who could object if the tax payable seemed unreasonably high. They also stated that they had no land to plant cash crops so how could a council help them. It was explained that the government realized this problem, and was considering a resettlement scheme in some fertile area, such as the base of the Hunstein Ranges.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs position in the three census divisions is at present quite satisfactory. The Burui Kunai was patrolled four months ago, and the Main River and Chambri area a month prior to that, and except for the numerous minor complaints that crop up from time to time little action was necessary on this patrol.

For the most part the complaints heard on the patrol were of a minor nature and were able to be settled on the spot. Most of them were cases of bad debt and after speaking to both parties concerned a settlement was usually reached.

Two cases of adultery and one of sorcery were heard by the A.D.C. on his trip downriver, and in the two former cases a gaol sentence was given.

At Pagwi the patrol was met by the WEREMAN luluai who complained that people of NAMBAGOA Village were cutting down WEREMAN'S sago trees. As none of the NAMBAGOA men were present, word was sent to them and the case was later heard at Ambunti. Two NAMBAGOA men were involved and they readily admitted to cutting the trees down, on that note compensation was arranged to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

The patrol was well received throughout the area and every help was given it.

A number of S.A.P. applications were taken and these will be forwarded to the District Officer in due course.

VILLAGES & HOUSING.

The majority of housing seen on the patrol ~~is~~ was in good condition and few new instructions were necessary.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of the village officials throughout the three divisions are an average lot, and some are inclined to take things easy. The remainder are performing ~~their~~ their duties to the best of their ability.

HEALTH.

A hospital orderly from Ambunti accompanied the patrol and inspected the health of the people in each village. Health in the area is generally good and no bad cases of health were noticed. There are aid - posts at MENSUAT and WOMBUN in the Chambri area, KANGAKALIAN and PAGWI on the Main River and at NOGOSOP and TOLEMBI-KOROGO in the Kunai area. These look after the general health needs of the people.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The three divisions are well served with a series of walking paths and water channels which link the villages in each division. These are maintained regularly and are usually in good condition. Travel across the lake in the ~~the~~ Chambri area is by paddle canoe only, and then only with difficulty as the water level is extremely low. At present there is no road to ARINJON and LUKLUK as the water is too low for a canoe and the ~~area~~ too swampy to walk upon.

As mentioned in the Burui Kunai P/R 56 18 of 63/64 a motor road was being built through the Sepik plains area to link the C.M. at TOLEMBI. This is now completed and it is possible to drive along it and connect with the Maprik - Pagwi road. Roads from the Burui Kunai area to the Sepik River are kept in good condition, with outlets at KOROGO and YEMCHAM and these are used regularly.

RESETTLEMENT PLAN.

Agricultural development for people on the Sepik River will always be hampered by the lack of arable land, and with this in mind the subject of a resettlement scheme was brought up at different villages along the river, and the people's reactions noted. This was also discussed with Mr. DEMONGAUI, member of the DAC who resides at AIBOM, and who is one of the people pressing for the scheme.

DEMON himself stated that he had visited the river villages of KANGANAMAN, PALAMBELI, MALINGAI, YENTCHAN, INDABU and SUAPMERI and spoken to the people about the scheme and that the replies had been favourable.

At this stage subject to a soil survey the most practicable area for resettlement appears to be behind WAGU Village along the base of the Hunstein Ranges. For the most part this area is uninhabited and as there is an unlimited amount of land a large number of people could be resettled. This was put forward to the people of the villages mentioned above and discussed fully with them.

All of the villages with the exception of YENTCHAN were agreeable to the WAGU area as a decent site for economic planting, and the people stated that they were willing to go and settle there as soon as the government provided the land. It was asked of the people whether they could suggest other areas which would be suitable for resettlement, such as away from the Ambunti Sub District in areas where good land was available with little population to work it. However, for the most part the people stated that they desired to stay in their own area, and not lose contact with the river people so at this stage it appears as if the area behind WAGU would be the most feasible.

The YENTCHAN people are hard to work out, and would not commit themselves and state whether the scheme was a good idea or not. While talking about the GAUI Council it was stated by the people that they had no land, so how could a council help them in economic production. Several voices could be heard supporting this statement until they were informed that the government intended to make land available for resettlement, and that villages short of arable land could resettle on the land selected and plant economic crops. There was a strange silence after that statement and it would appear to the writer that although the people are short of arable land and crying out about it, they are not prepared to go and work good land if made available to them.

The resettlement scheme was also discussed with all of the villages from KOROCO upwards, and although the degree of enthusiasm was not as great and as further downriver, various people were interested, stating that if land was provided they would go and work it.

CONCLUSION.

A patrol whose primary purpose was to prepare the people for the coming elections for the GAUL Council, which are due to commence in the second week of September. The people had been well schooled prior to the House of Assembly elections so that they needed only a refresher course to prepare them for the council elections, as far as voting procedures were concerned. The constitution for the council was gone through fully, and an outline of democratic procedures given and it is felt that the people are now ready for the elections and that the object of the patrol was achieved.

W.H. Heathcote
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W.H. Heathcote C.P.O.

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P. & N.G.C

ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

CONST 1st CLASS KIKISI NO 5246.

An average NCO. Excellent worker and a help to the patrol.

CONST GITORA NO 8405.

An efficient constable who carries out his duties well. Helpful with outboard motors.

CONST SAMUK 9295.

Good worker who does his work well. Conduct good.

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District Office,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

23rd September, 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
AMBUNTI.

APPENDIX TO PATROL REPORT AMBUNTI NO. 2 of
1964/65 - REPORT BY MR. K. TAYLOR, C.P.O.

This was quite a good if, in places,
somewhat stilted, first effort at patrol reporting by
Mr. Taylor.

However, he needs guidance in setting out
his report, in phrasing his diary entries, and in
presenting his comments on various matters in the general
section of the report. Some attention to spelling and
grammar is also required.

I suggest that you go through his report
line by line with Mr. Taylor and point out how it could
be improved.

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(G. LENSLEY)

DISTRICT OFFICER - SOUTH SEPIK

→ c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, Konedobu

Appendix to patrol report no 2. of 1964/65.

PATROL DIARY

MONDAY 27-7-64

Departed AMBUNTI 1000. Motor trouble departed Catholic mission AMBUNTI 1130. Passed MALU village 1200. Passed AVATIP 1315. Passed BAGWI 1645. Arrived KOROGO 1815. Overnight KOROGO.

TUESDAY 28-7-64.

Departed KOROGO 0630. Passed SUAPMERI 0725. Passed INDABU 0750. Passed YENTCHAN 0815. Passed KANGANAMAN 0840. Passed TEGONI 0905. Entered canal to Chambri 1025. Thousands of dead and dying fish in the canal. Arrived AIBOM 1300. Departed AIBOM per single motor canoe 1400. Motor broke down, pulled to Chambri ISLAND arrived 1730. Overnight.

WEDNESDAY 29-7-64

Village people from INDINGAI, KILIMBIT, WORMBUM assembled talk given by Mr Heathcote C.P.O. on the coming G.A.U.I. Local Government Council Elections. Complaints heard by Mr Heathcote C.P.O. A quick inspection of the three villages. Short talk with Fr. Brower who stated that two new classrooms were being built. 1300 commenced paddling for ARINJONE water too low forced to turn back. Overnight CHAMBRI Island.

THURSDAY 30-7-64.

Departed CHAMBRI 0900. Arrived AIBOM 0945. People assembled and talk on GAUI local government elections given by Mr. Heathcote. Village inspected, a few minor complaints heard. Talked with Br. Michael of the Catholic Mission, who is building a new church at AIBOM. Overnight.

FRIDAY 31-7-64.

Mr Heathcote C.P.O. departed AIBOM 0800. Tultul's hamlet inspected, few minor complaints heard. Complaint of AIBOM people against the KUMINDIBIT put off till Mr. Heathcote comes back. Talked with Mr. Demon D.A.C. member about new GAUI council. Overnight.

SATURDAY 1-8-64.

Morning inspected proposed coffee gardens at AIBOM with two agricultural trainees from BAINYIK. Departed Aibom 1200 per double motor canoe for CHAMBRI Island, motor broke down continually. Arrived CHAMBRI Island 1545. Awaited arrival of Mr. Heathcote.

SUNDAY 2-8-64.

Observed.

MONDAY 3-8-64.

Departed Chambri Island 0745 in paddle canoe for TIMBUNMERI arrived 1040. Talk given by Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. on the coming GAUI Council elections. Departed 1140. Arrived CHANGRIMAN 1300, ashore walked to MENSUAT arrived 1345. Village people of YAMBIYAMBI and MENSUAT assembled and talk given by Mr. Heathcote as above. Departed MENSUAT 1530, arrived CHANGRIMAN 1615. Village people of MARI and CHANGRIMAN assembled and talk given by Mr. Heathcote as above. Overnight.

TUESDAY 4-8-64.

Departed CHANGRIMAN 0715 per single paddle canoes. Arrived TIMBUNMERI 0845. Departed 0900. Arrived CHAMBRI Island 1100. Departed Chambri Island per double canoe and hired motor 1145. Arrived AIBOM 1230. Departed AIBOM 1300, at Sepik River 1445, arrived TEGOI 1600. People assembled and pre-election talk on GAUI L.G. Council given by Mr. Heathcote. Overnight.

WEDNESDAY 5-8-64.

Departed TEGOI 0640, arrived KAPIMERI mission 0715. Two head gaskets bought for motor. Departed 0730 arrived KANGANAMON 10800. People assembled and pre-election talk on the GAUI Council given by Mr. Heathcote. Minor complaints heard. Departed KANGANAMON 1010, ashore PAREMBEI 1030. Village peoples of PAREMBEI and INDABU assembled and pre-election talk given as above. Departed PAREMBEI 1315 arrived YENTCHAN 1340. People assembled and talk given by Mr. Heathcote, as above. Overnight.

THURSDAY 6-8-64.

Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. departed YENTCHAN 0830 for MARAP No 1 - MARAP No 2, NOGSOB & Mr Heathcote arrived back 1400. Mr McCABE, A.D.O. and Mr Creswick C.P.O. arrived YENTCHAN 1830 per speed boat. Overnight.

FRIDAY 7-8-64.

Departed YENTCHAN 0900 and arrived SUAPMERI 1015. Village people assembled and pre-election talk on GAUI L.G. Council given by Mr. Heathcote. Minor complaints heard. Mr McCabe, A.D.O. and Mr. Creswick arrived from YENTCHAN 1100. Departed SUAPMERI 1200 and arrived KOROGO 1400. Village Inspected. Overnight.

SATURDAY 8-8-64.

Village people assembled and talk on coming GAUI L.G. Council elections given by Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. Two applications taken for Special Arms Permit. Minor complaints heard by Mr. Heathcote. Government speed boat arrived 1200 from AMBUNTI.

SUNDAY 9-8-64.

Observed.

MONDAY 10-8-64.

Departed KOROGO 0830 arrived little KOROGO hamlet 0850. Carriers assembled departed 0910. Arrived YAMUK villages 1010. Village peoples of KAIMBIAM?, WANIKO, WORIMBI, assembled and pre-election talk on GAUI L.G. Council given by Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. Departed YAMUK 1250 and arrived MIAMBEI 1345. Village peoples of MIAMBEI, SARUM, YAKIAP assembled and talk given as above. Village inspected. Overnight.

TUESDAY 11-8-64.

Departed MIAMBEI 0850, through SLEI No 1 0933, arrived SLEI No 2 0945. Village peoples assembled and pre-election talk on GAUI council given by Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. Departed SLEI NO2, 1100. Arrived NAMANGO 1140. People from NAMANGO and JIGNUMBU assembled and talk given as above. Minor complaints heard. Departed NAMANGO 1400. Arrived TOLEMBEI mission 1500. Spoke with the Catholic Fathers about the new council. Departed Mission 1520 1530, arrived TOLEMBEI 1545. Overnight.

WEDNESDAY 12-8-64.

Village people from TOLEMBEI No 1 and TOLEMBEI No 2, assembled and speech on coming GAUI L.G. Council elections given by self as Mr. HEATHCOTE C.P.O. sick. Villages inspected. Rest of day spent at TOLEMBEI. Overnight.

THURSDAY 13-8-64.

Departed TOLEMBEI 0820, passed NAMBAGO 0905 and

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THURSDAY 13-8-64 (cont'd).

arrived YANGET 0930. Village people from NAMBAGOA, VAGIPUT, YANGET, WEREMAN in attendance. Pre-election talk on GAUI L.G. Council given by Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. Minor complaints heard, YANGET and VAGIPUT villages inspected. Departed back 1330 arrived TOLEMBI 1540. Overnight.

FRIDAY 14-8-64.

Self walked to Catholic Mission talked with fathers. Departed TOLEMBI 1215, arrived Government school KOROGO 1345. Arrived KOROGO 1540. M.V. RAUNA Falls arrived with mail in the afternoon Overnight.

SATURDAY 15-8-64.

Mr. Heathcote departed for Ambunti 0630. Self spent day writing out various complaints received on the patrol. Mr Heathcote arrived back late afternoon. Overnight.

SUNDAY 16-8-64.

Departed KOROGO 1500 arrived YENTCHANMANGUA 1550. Overnight.

MONDAY 17-8-64.

Village people of YENTCHANMANGUA assembled and pre-election talk on GAUI L.G. Council given. Minor complaints heard and S.A.P. application taken. Departed 1000 arrived NYAURANGAI, 1025. Village peoples from NYAURANGAI and KANDANGAI assembled and talk given as above. Complaints heard and two villages inspected. Departed KANDANGAI 1205 arrived YENTCHANMANGUA 1230. Departed 1300 arrived JAPANAUT 1345. People assembled and talk on comming GAUI, L.G. Council elections given. S.A.P. application taken. Minor complaints heard. Departed JAPANAUT 1515. Arrived PAGWI 1545. Across to YAMANUMBU 1600. Overnight.

TUESDAY 18-8-64.

People of YAMANUMBU assembled and talk on comming GAUI Local 6. Council given by Mr. Heathcote C.P.O. S.A.P. application taken. Departed up river 1150 arrived JAPANDAI 1345. People assembled and talk given as above. Village inspected while Mr. Heathcote took particulars of a Socery claim. Departed JAPANDAI 1515 and arrived LABONGAI 1900. Overnight.

WEDNESDAY 19-8-64.

Departed LABONGAI 0700 and arrived AVATIP 0830. Hired AVATIP motor as one of the motors had broken down. DEPARTED AVATIP 0830 0900. ARRIVED AMBUNTI 1145. Patrol stood down

After the talks were given the people were invited to ask questions about any point they did not understand, however only a very few people took advantage of this.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was conducted through three census divisions down river from AMBUNTI. Main River, Chambri Lakes, Burui Kunai. It is these three census divisions with the exception of GARAMAMBU, YEKAKAI, MAIWI, SENGO, AVATIP, YAU'UMBAK, that will comprise the new GAUI Local Government Council area.

The Main River section of the council area starts at JAPANDAI village below Ambunti and stretches down river to TEGOI. The population of the villages in this area at the last census was 4392.

The Chambri Lakes are situated 25 miles South East of Ambunti, they have an approximate area of five hundred and seventy sq miles. A lot of this area is usually covered with water however at the time of the patrol the water was very low and channels were running through the lake area. The population of the Chambri Lake villages included in the council area was at the last census 2231.

The BURUI KUNAI area is about 200-250 sq. miles. It is situated 30-35 miles below Ambunti north of the Sepik River. It borders on the north with MAPRIK sub-district and to the east with ANGORAM sub-district. The last census figures for the villages included in the council area was 3795.

All forty eight villages which will comprise the new GAUI local Government Council were not visited. Where there is to be one member for two villages or where two villages were close together the villages were brought together and the pre-election talk given.

The villages of ARINJONE and LUKLUK were not present at a pre - election talk, the reason for this was because there was not enough water for a paddle canoe to travel yet there was too much water to walk. ARINJONE and LUKLUK are grouped with NYAURANGAI and JAPANAUT respectively and as these two villages were present at a pre-election talk it will no doubt be passed on to the offshoot villages.

The canoe house boat was used for the duration of the patrol powered by two ARCHIMEDES motors. The motors broke down on numerous occasions necessitating the hiring of village motors.

GAUI Local Government Council Pre-election Propaganda.

The aim of the patrol was to prepare the people for the GAUI Local Government Council elections which will begin early September.

The constitution, composition, method of electing members and tenure of membership was explained in detail to the people.

The question of taxes was a sore point with a lot of the people. They had some misconceived idea that the amount of taxes they would be required to pay would be very high. It was explained to them that the council members would set down the amount of tax to be paid subject to the approval of the Director of Native Affairs.

After the talks were given the people were invited to ask questions about any point they did not understand, however only a very few people took advantage of this.

The villages of YENTCHAN, PAREMBEI, MALANGAI, SUAPMERI, were not at all keen on the council. They could not give a definite reason for their opposition, but I think their opposition stemmed from the question of taxes. After the question of taxes had been explained to them, their opposition to the council seemed to disappear.

For the most the people were enthusiastic about the new council. They are keen to give it all the support they can as they can see in the new council a way of improving themselves. I did obtain the impression that a few of the villages thought that the council would bring them untold wealth with a little amount of work. It was explained to the people, the harder they worked the more effective the council would become and the more benefits they would receive.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native affairs position in the three census divisions patrolled appeared sound. The Main River division was patrolled in April, Chambri Lakes in January, Burui Kunai in February of this year.

The patrol was well received in all villages, however the Burui Kunai people appeared more genuine in their reception of the patrol than the Sepik River and Chambri Lakes people.

A number of minor complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol and were settled on the spot by Mr. Heathcote. Most of the complaints were trivial involving minor bad debts.

Two minor land disputes were brought to our notice and the village officials were advised to settle them. I later learnt that this was done to the satisfaction of all parties.

A large number of S.A.P. applications were taken. If these applications are approved a large number of villages will have reached the limit in the number of guns they can have. That is one gun to one hundred people.

Mr. McCabe A.D.O. joined the patrol at YENTCHAN and KOROGO and heard a number of court cases.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

The village officials appear to be doing their work, however I do not think they will be missed when the new council is formed. One luluai who did impress me was the luluai of KAIMBIAM, he has a great deal of influence in his village and I know he is very keen to be a representative in the new council.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING

Although all villages were not visited the majority of houses seen on the patrol were in fairly good condition. The villages were clean and neat. I suspect big clean ups were held prior to the arrival of the patrol.

Health

A medical trainee accompanied the patrol and attended to the various minor sores and complaints of the village people.

ROADS, BRIDGES AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The walking paths in the Burui Kunai are well looked after. The grass had been cut on most of the paths and any creeks or channels were well bridged.

The water channels in the Chambri Lakes were very difficult to travel on because of the low water. The local people stated to me that the level of the water was the lowest for a few years.

AGRICULTURE. Subsistence

The staple food crop in the Burui Kunai is sago this is supplemented by taro, yams, sweet potato, pig. A sago fish exchange is carried on with the various river villages.

The staple diet of the river and Chambri Lakes people is fish supplemented by what ever taro, yams sweet potato they are able to grow in times of low water. Sago is obtained at the food exchange with the inland people.

Economic

The main cash crop in the three census divisions patrui patrolled is coconuts. Coffee is starting to get a foot hold in the Burui Kunai, however there is not a great deal of land suitable for coffee available. At MENSUAT in the Chambri Lakes I noticed three small coffee gardens.

The Sepik River and Chambri Lakes people have very little land to grow coffee and they showed a lot of interest in the proposed re-settlement plan around the foothills of WAGU.

CONCLUSION.

This patrol was conducted through three sophisticated census divisions, no major problems were encountered and I feel the objects of the patrol were achieved.

K. J. Taylor
K. J. Taylor C.P.O.

MAP TO ACCOMPANY AMBUNTI P/R No 2



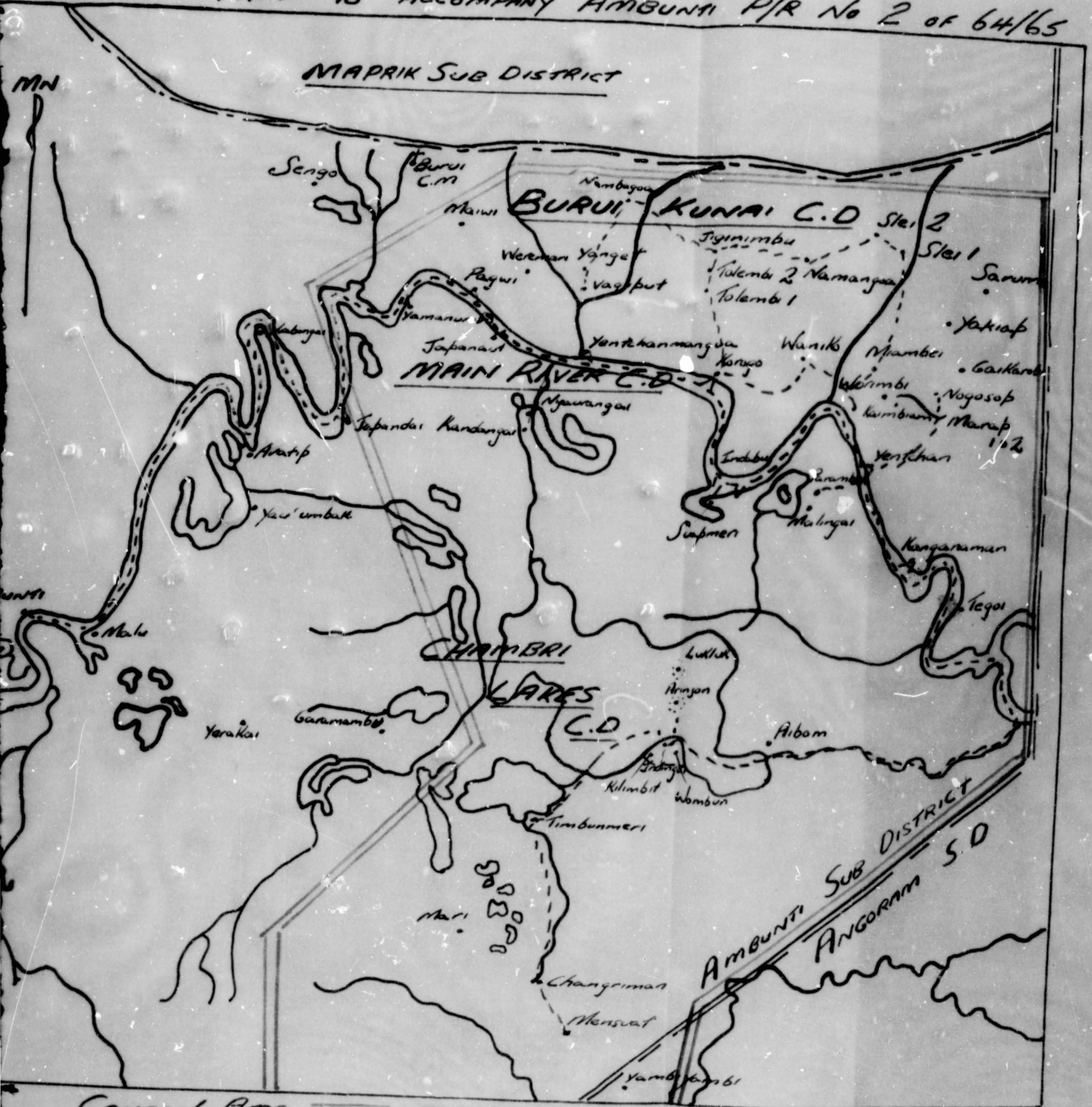
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21st December, 1964.

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Sepik District,
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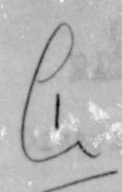
Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I am pleased that Mr. Cresswick is having the opportunity to receive "on the job" training from experienced officers.

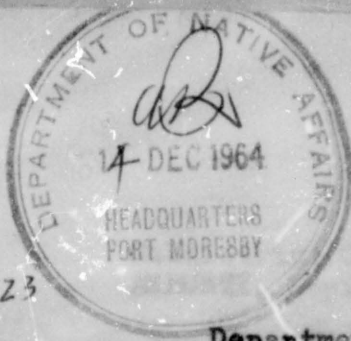
It cannot be expected that the people will have a complete understanding of polling procedures.

I don't think much of the idea of charging men for minor gambling at cards.

Mr. Cresswick has written an informative report.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

4th December, 1964

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 of 1964/1965 - AMBUNTI

Thank you for Mr. Cresswick's report.

While it is only supplementary to your memorandum of patrol, it is an essential part of the training of a Cadet Patrol Officer.

The observations made by Mr. Cresswick that the people in some of the villages believe that more will come out of a Co-operative Society than out of a Council is fairly common in new Council areas. The respective functions and objects of both the Co-operative Society and the Local Government Council require careful explanation and much repetition to get it over to the people.

A reasonable report under the circumstances, but much is lost of these reports if not submitted promptly on the completion of a patrol.

Robert R. Cole
(ROBT. R. COLE) *for*
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. Director, Department of District Administration, Konedobu

Subdistrict Office,
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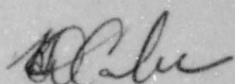
The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
Wewak.

Patrol No. 4 of 64/65 (Amounti); GAUI Council area.

A supplementary report of Patrol No. 4, GAUI Local Government elections, prepared by Mr. A.R. Creswick, Cadet Patrol Officer as a training exercise, is forwarded for your perusal, please. The formal Memorandum covering this patrol has already been submitted by me along with a covering report on the elections.

Since the completion of the patrol, Mr. Creswick has been engaged on the election statistics and then on arrangements for the inauguration of the Council, involving his attendance at Pagwi for a number of days, and he did not have much opportunity to submit the report as promptly as required.

The report deals with the pertinent matters briefly but factually, and Mr. Creswick has added to his experience in local administration and reporting. He is currently engaged in a patrol led by Mr. A.D.O. Barclay to extend control and administration to the April River region.


(B.A. McCabe)
Asst. District Commissioner.

Attach.

HQ. Koro.

Supplementary Report

PATROL REPORT AMEUNTI No. 4 of 1964/65

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: B.A. McCABE A.D.O.

AREA PATROLLED: MAIN RIVER, BURUI KUNAI and
CHAMBRI LAKES CENSUS DIVISIONS.

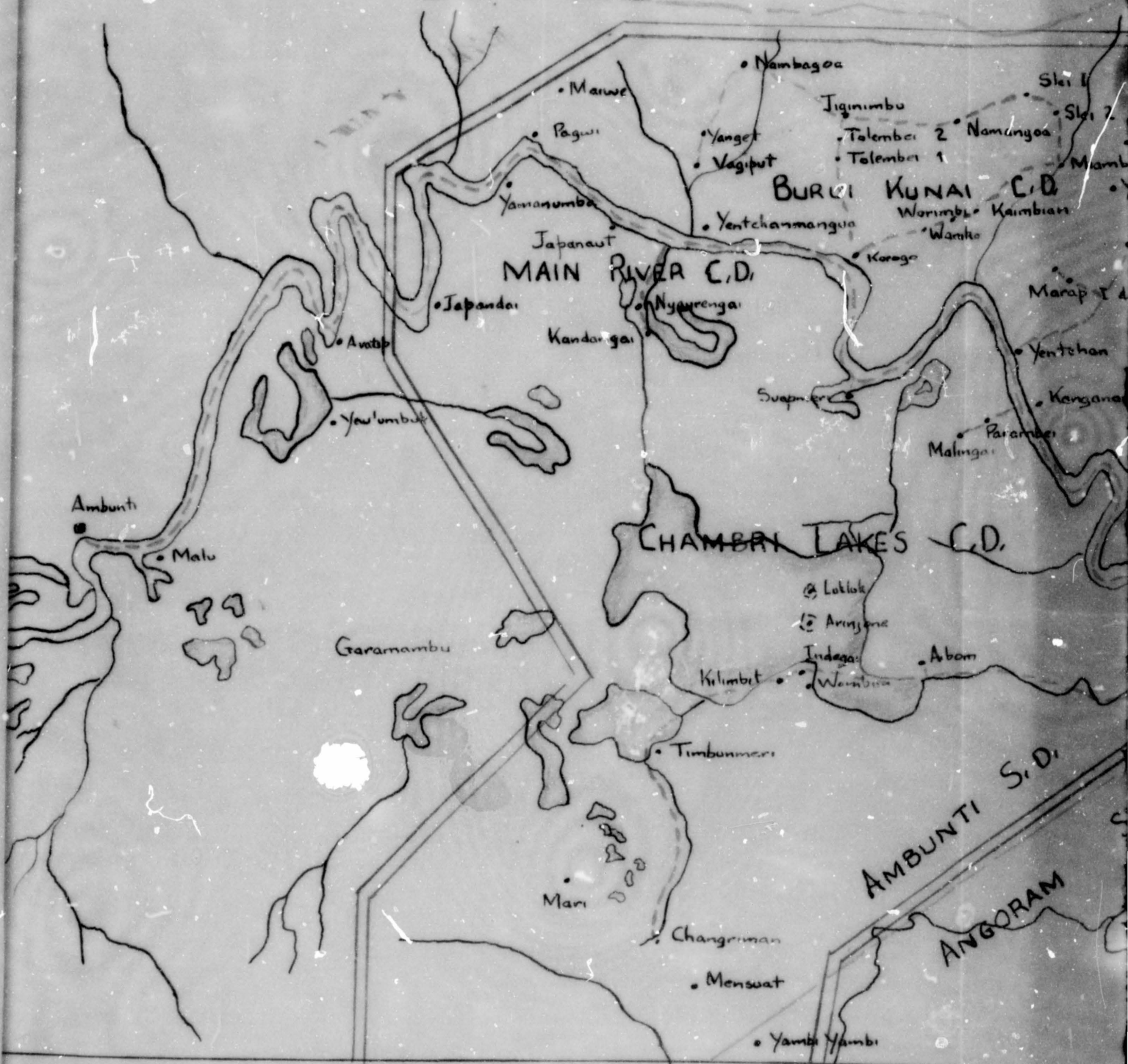
PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING: A.R. CRESSWICK C.P.O. ←
1 N.C.O., 1 CONST. POLICE ? 1 H.O.

DURATION: 7/9/64 to 26/9/64.

No. OF DAYS: NINETEEN.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: CONDUCT GAUI NATIVE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

MAPRIK S.D.



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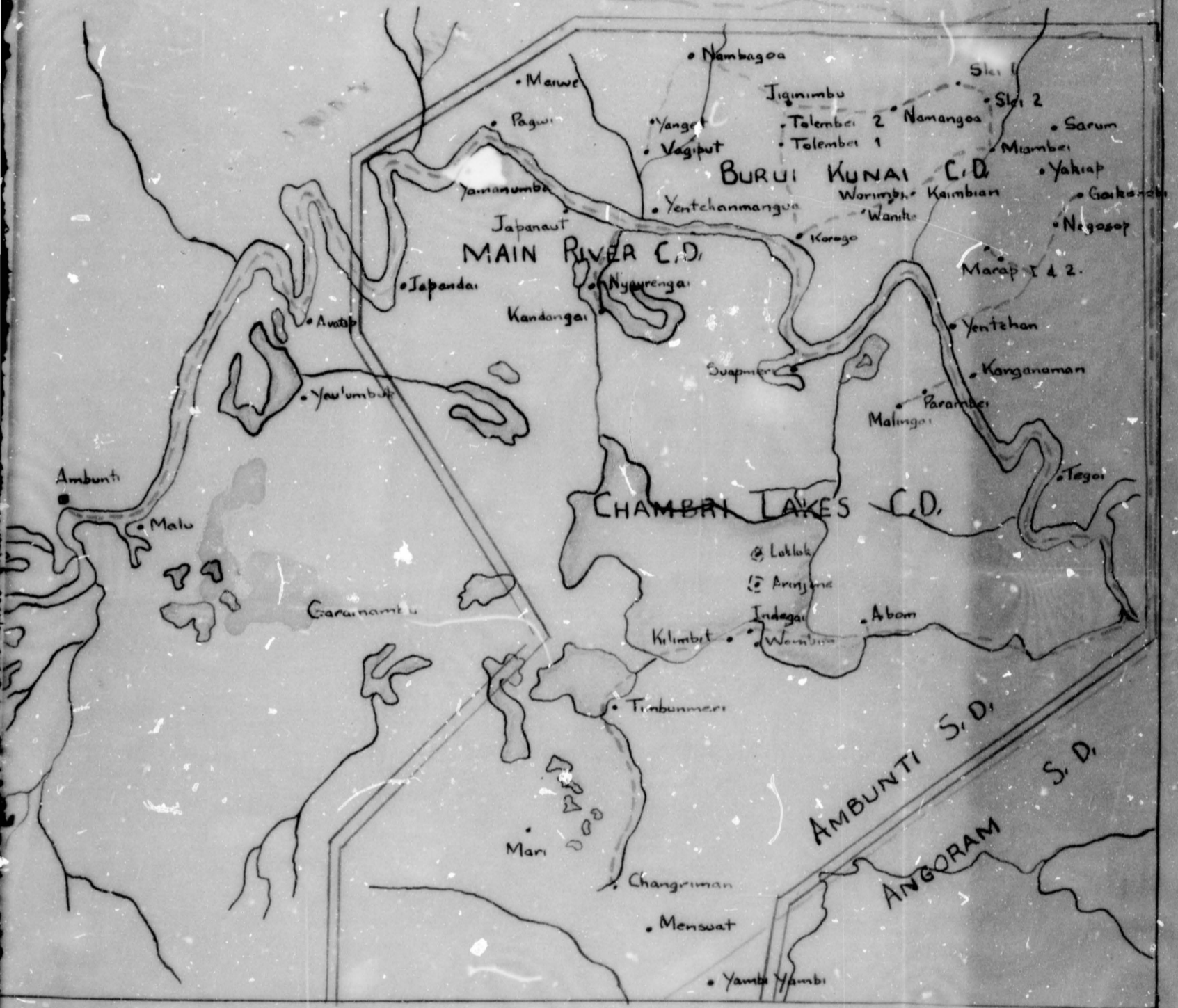
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No. 4 OF 1964/65

MAPRIK S.D.



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ELECTION PATROL

No. 4 of 1964/65

PATROL DIARY.

7-9-64 MONDAY.

Departed Ambunti 1215 hrs. , called at Malu to hire one Archimedes motor. Departed 1305 hrs arriving Pagwi 1630hrs; departed 1640hrs arrived Korogo 1800hrs. Stayed overnight .

8-9-64 TUESDAY.

Departed Korogo 0630hrs arriving Indegai 1230hrs. People asked to assemble and await arrival of A.D.O. prior to holding election during afternoon. A.D.O. delayed on journey down, arrived 1530hrs people then asked to assemble Wednesday. Stayed overnight.

9-9-64 WEDNESDAY.

Elections for Wombun, Kilimbit and Indegai held today . 0830hrs to 1730hrs. Stayed overnight.

10-9-64 THURSDAY

Departed 0630hrs for Timbunmeri arriving at 0915hrs People not prepared for election so proceeded to Changriman by canoe arriving 1030hrs. Elections for Mensuat-Yambiyambi, Changriman- Mari held through to 1545hrs . Back to Timbunmeri and election here complete by 1745hrs. Proceeded back to Indegai Stayed overnight.

11-9-64 FRIDAY.

Departed Indegai 1000hrs arriving Aibom 1100hrs Election began immediately and proceeded through to 1345hrs. Departed Aibom 1630hrs arrived Tego 1930hrs. Stayed overnight.

12-9-64 SATURDAY.

One candidate only at Tego village. Departed 0915hrs for Kenganaman called at Kapanmeri Mission, departed 1000hrs arrived Kenganaman 1045hrs began election and complete by 1515hrs. Stayed overnight.

14-9-64 MONDAY.

Departed 0830hrs for Parambei, elections complete by 1230hrs continued with Malingai election during afternoon and then departed for Yentchan 1745hrs . Stayed overnight.

15-9-64 TUESDAY.

Began elections today 0900hrs completed by 1100hrs. Stayed overnight.

16-9-64 WEDNESDAY.

Departed 0830hrs from Yentchan with A.D.O. to walk to Nogosop. Arrived 0930hrs , elections through to 1100hrs . From Nogosop to Gaikorobi , began 1300 hrs with election and walked back to Yentchan arriving 1645hrs. Stayed overnight.

17-9-64 THURSDAY.

Departed 0900hrs for Marap 1&2. A.D.O. stayed on houseboat at Yentchan to complete paperwork and hold minor court cases. Villagers from Marap No. 2 came to Marap No. 1 for elections Elections held through to 1330hrs , returned to Yentchan arriving 1630hrs . Departed for Suapmeri, arrived 1830 hrs Stayed overnight.

PATROL DIARY.

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18-9-64 FRIDAY.

Elections began 0700hrs, Complete by 0800hrs; departed for Korogo 0845hrs arriving 1015hrs. Elections here complete by 1245hrs; A.D.O. then departed for Ambunti at 1400hrs. Stayed overnight.

19-9-64 SATURDAY.

Departed with Local Government clerks by canoe for Nyaurengai and Kandangai arriving 0850hrs. Elections held at Nyaurengai, complete by 1030hrs. Walked the short distance to Kandangai but people decided against an election. Returned to Korogo at 1400hrs. Stayed overnight.

21-9-64 MONDAY.

Departed Korogo 0830 hrs for Yamuk (Kainbiam-Waniko-Worimbi) via track from eastern end of Korogo village. Arrived 0945, Held elections at Kainbiam to 1245hrs. A.D.O. arrived 1300hrs. Proceeded from Kainbiam to Miambei arriving 1600hrs. Stayed overnight.

22-9-64 TUESDAY.

Miambei elections held from 0830 to 1030 hrs. Departed for Slei No. 1 & No. 2. 1115hrs arriving Slei No. 2 at 1220hrs where elections were to be held. Departed from here at 1430hrs arriving Tolembel Mission at 1630hrs. Stayed overnight Tolembel No. 3.

23-9-64. WEDNESDAY.

People assembled 0830hrs, elections complete by 1030hrs; walked to Tolembel No. 1 & No. 2. Elections held and complete by 1300hrs. Back to Tolembel No. 3. Stayed overnight.

24-9-64 THURSDAY.

Departed 0800hrs for Nambagoa, Yanget, Vagiput, and Wereman. Arrived Nambagoa 0900hrs, by canoe to Yanget 0945hrs where people were assembled. Wereman elections held, then proceeded with elections for remaining three villages. Departed 1330hrs arriving back Tolembel No. 3 1530hrs. Departed for Korogo 1600hrs arriving 1800hrs. Stayed overnight.

25-9-64 FRIDAY.

Departed for Kandangai 0930hrs by speedboat with A.D.O. Arrived 1015hrs After further talks with the people election was held and complete by 1400hrs. By speedboat to Yentchanmangua to meet up with houseboat. Elections here finished by 1630hrs. Departed for Japanaut 1715hrs, arrived 1800hrs. Stayed overnight.

26-9-64 SATURDAY.

Elections Japanaut proceeded through to 1000hrs then by houseboat to Yamanuba arriving 1045hrs. Elections here complete by 1230hrs then to Jpandai; elections complete by 1430hrs; departed by canoe with A.D.O. for Ambunti arriving 1730hrs.

INTRODUCTION.

The Gauri Native Local Government Council election patrol followed the same route as the pre-election patrol conducted by C.P.O. W. Heathcote and C.P.O. K. Taylor (27-7-64-19-8-64) ; the three Census divisions of Chambri Lakes, Main River and the Burui Kunai.

The Chambri Lakes divisions situated 25 miles South East in a direct line from Ambunti was easily navigable, as it was possible to travel across to Timbunmeri by houseboat.

The Main river division begins at Japandai village and finishes at Tegoi down river.

The Burui Kunai area, about 200-250 square miles, is situated about 30-35 miles below Ambunti on the north side of the Sepik river.

All villages in these Divisions were not visited as thirty two Councillors only were to be elected and forty eight villages are to be found in the three Divisions . For the elections some smaller places were combined as one electorate,

The double canoe houseboat with Archimedes outboard motor was used for the patrol . Where use of the houseboat was not possible , a canoe was hired from Aibon.

THE ELECTIONS.

The people in most places showed a good response to the elections , although in a few places even after the 'whispering' type voting of the House of Assembly elections previously they showed very little understanding of the importance of a free and secret election.

In many places the people did not adopt the idea of individually and secretly making their choice of the candidates, but had obviously settled the matter in village discussions beforehand, and the election was pretty much the same a formality.

The question of how much tax was going to be paid by the people was brought up on numerous occasions however the greater percentage are very keen to get things moving. In each of these places, the matter was explained to the people.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Complaints introduced to the patrol were dealt with by the A.D.O. or myself to the satisfaction of both parties.

Among these were;

GAIKOROBI.

Charge against three men at Gaikorobi that they had neglected to provide suitable latrines following an instruction from an officer on an earlier patrol.

Decision.

Three men convicted and each fined ten shillings.

TEGOI.

Claim for marriage settlement. Parties concerned not present at time of patrol.
Recorded for later attention.

NOGOSOP.

Charge against one man from Nogosop; behaving in an indecent manner towards a young girl from Nogosop.

Decision.

Convicted of the offence and adjudged to be imprisoned in the Ambunti Gaol for a period of four months.

NAMBAGGA.

Eight men charged on information from Tultul that they had played cards for money.

Decision.

The eight men convicted of the offence and fined 5/- each.

YENTCHAN.

One man from Yentchan had stolen at Angoram clothing and personal items, property of another man at Yentchan.

Decision.

Convicted of offence as charged and adjudged to be imprisoned at Ambunti Gaol for a period of two months.

WOMBUN.

Information from the Catholic Mission father at Chambri that a man from Wombun was drunk and behaved in an offensive manner outside the church.

Decision.

Convicted of the offence and fined £2.0.0. in the District Court.

The patrol was quite well received in all three Census divisions. The native affairs position was found to be quite satisfactory. The people of Kandangai village were not interested in the new council at all and after talking to them for a lengthy period of time no progress was made at all on the first visit.

The A.D.O. and self returned at a later date and after further talking of the benefits that are possible, one candidate came forward. The objection seemed to be that they believed they could do much better from a Co-op Society.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

In most villages the Luluais and Tultuls were carrying out their work satisfactorily but a few seemed to have the 'don't care' attitude. This may have been due to the fact that they were losing their titles owing to the forming of the new council.

Most of the newly-elected Councillors are mature men approaching middle age and seem to be very good leaders.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

All grass areas were very well cleared and the adjoining tracks linking the villages were reasonably good. Some of the latrines on inspection were found to be in very bad condition and immediate instructions were issued ; in one instance offenders were fined.

Housing was also in a fair condition and, as things had looked to the officers on the pre-election patrol, the area had been cleaned prior to the patrol entering the village.

HEALTH.

Health in most villages was very good but skin diseases were noticeable in the Burui Kunai areas. A health education assistant accompanied the patrol and gave a series of lectures in all villages concerned using explanatory charts. The women were especially interested in this form of health education.

COMMUNICATIONS.

All adjoining tracks in the Burui Kunai are well looked after. Some difficulty was found in negotiating a small channel by pull canoe at Vagiput

Travel on the Chambri Lakes was very good due to the high water present at this time.

AGRICULTURE.

People of the Chambri division due to lack of suitable land have very few gardens. A coffee pulper and drying racks are in use at Kilimbit. Little income is derived from cash crops of coconuts and coffee. Sago and fish are plentiful in this area.

Coffee planting in the Burui Kunai is much better as land here is much more suitable. The gardens are very well kept throughout the whole area. The diet of sago, sweet potato, and yams and taro is exchanged with fish from the Sepik river.

People in the Tolembai area are finding it difficult to sell all of their crops because the Mission can only use so much. They asked for help in disposing of their surplus sago and the A.D.O. agreed to commence purchase for Ambunti, to be collected by the Administration workboat.

Fish, the staple diet of the river people is exchanged with the inland villagers but this does not help their over production of food.

CONCLUSION.

The election patrol was carried out without any problems arising and the accompanying Local Government Assistant and Council clerk worked very well in the conducting of each village election.

.....
Allan R. Cresswick

Allan R. Cresswick. C.P.O.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Sepik/ Ambunti Report No. 5 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by W.H.Heathcote P.O.

Area Patrolled Wongamusen Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr.k.J.Taylor C.P.O.

Natives 1.NCO, 1 Const Police.

Duration—From 4 10 64 to 10 10 64

Number of Days Seven

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12 19 63

Medical 9 19 64

Map Reference Ambunti Army Sheet Fourmil 1943

Objects of Patrol Census, Income Survey, Routine 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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22nd February, 1965

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
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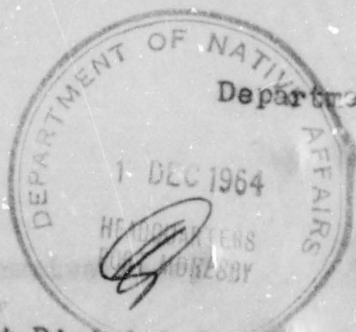
PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1964/65 - AMBUNTI

Receipt of the above mentioned report
together with covering memorandum is acknowledged
with thanks.

A hurried patrol is of little use.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67-2-1/201



Department of District Administration,
Sepik District
WEWAK.

25th November, 1964

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT AMBUNTI NO. 5 of 1964/65 -
WONGAMUSEN CENSUS DIVISION - MR. W. H.
HEATHCOTE, C.P.O.

Hurried routine patrolling, in principle, is bad patrolling. However, in fairness to Mr. Heathcote it must be accepted that the point he makes in his conclusion that, most of the villages already having been visited by Mr. Barclay, Patrol Officer, just prior to his own patrol, he needed to spend less time in them than normally would have been the case, has some validity. A medical patrol also had shortly preceded him. Viewed in this light, although Mr. Heathcote still should have spent more time in the villages, his patrol was in fact not as hurried as it might otherwise have appeared to have been.

It is pleasing to note the increasingly co-operative attitude of the Swagup people.

The village income statistics provided will be most useful.

I am glad to see that the very necessary additional Aid Post in this area at long last has been established at Kubkain.

I have not yet received your submissions regarding the provision of an Administration School in this area, or the introduction of personal tax.

Please let me have these on the respective subject files.

A well written report.

RRC
(ROBT. R. COLE)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration, Konedobu

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Subdistrict Office,
AMFUNTI, Sepik District.

67-1-3.

5th November, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
Wewak.

Patrol No. 5 - Wongamusun Division.

This patrol, led by Mr. W.H. Heathcote, Cadet Patrol Officer, was far too hasty an effort, in disregard of my past written advice to the officer and verbal advice preparatory to this patrol setting out. It was the routine, census patrol which should have been conducted in a leisurely manner; instead, a mere 4½ days (excluding travel to and from the Division) was spent amongst the people of the ten villages, which are not in frequent contact with the Administration.

The officer concerned has accordingly been rebuked for this disregard of instructions and light attitude towards his duty. His excuse that he was due to proceed on leave on October 27th and therefore wanted to get in early was not considered satisfactory; he had at least 24 days to fit in a twelve day patrol.

Apart from this shortcoming, it is evident that the two officers applied themselves thoroughly to the work of the patrol. The report gives a good coverage of most matters of concern in the area.

Land application by A.O.G. Mission, TAURI.

The people, and Mr. Heathcote, are mistaken. The Mission concerned had approached me verbally about an application for an airstrip lease there, and in accordance with current procedure they were advised to apply to the Dept. of Lands direct. They were advised to check the site carefully to ensure that it would be suitable for their purposes. There is no question of the land being "Donated".

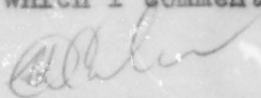
SWAGUP village.

It is pleasing to note the better attitude displayed by these people.

Economic affairs. The return from coconuts in this distant locality will be very small, when freight costs are taken into account. Coffee would be better in this regard, but the various areas will need examination to see whether coffee will grow, or whether it will be necessary to fall back on the hardier crop of coconuts. The Agricultural Officer will be consulted in regard to this question, and in any case coconuts will be encouraged for better nutrition.

The comments relating to taxation and education are being taken up separately.

Mr. K.J. Taylor accompanied this patrol, and has submitted a supplementary report, on which I comment separately.


(B.A. McCabe)
Asst. District Commissioner.

AMBUNTI PATROL NO 5 OF 1964/65.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.H.Heathcote P.O.

AREA PATROLLED: Wongamusen Census Division.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 1 NCO, 1 CONST. POLICE.

DURATION: XI 4/10/64 to 10/10/64

NUMBER OF DAYS: Seven.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Census, Income Survey ,Routine Administration.

MAB REFERENCE: Ambunti Army Sheet Fournmil 1943.

PATROL DIARY.

Sunday, 4th October 1964.

Prepared for patrol. Departed AMCUNTI 1030 per two single canoes powered by 35 H.P. Mercury. Passed YAMBON 1130, BRUGNOWI 1250, SWAGUP 1620 and arrived YAMBUNUMBU 2045. Overnight.

Monday, 5th October 1964.

Departed 0645 and arrived KUBKAIN 0745. Brief chat with people regarding patrol programme and time given for patrol visit. Continued on 0805, passed CHENAPIAN 0840 and arrived OUM 1 on lake 1045. Cargo offloaded and continued on upriver in single canoe 1120, arriving TAURI 1200. Short wait for people to assemble and then census carried out. Income survey conducted and talks given on cash cropping. Complaints heard and village inspected. Departed TAURI 1600 and arrived back at OUM 1 1630. Village inspected. Informal discussions with village officials from both OUM villages in evening.

Tuesday, 6th October 1964.

Village people from OUM 1 assembled and census revised. Talks given on cash cropping and survey of village income conducted. Complaints heard and settled. Talks again with village leaders. Departed 1100 and arrived OUM 1 1110. Village people assembled and same procedures as above carried out. Village inspected - half underwater. Departed 1500 and arrived YAUENIAN 1515. Spoke with village leaders and arranged for census tomorrow. Village inspected and population register compiled. Informal talks with village officials in evening.

Wednesday, 7th October 1964.

0800. Village people assembled and census revised. Income survey conducted and talks given on cash cropping. Complaints heard and settled. Departed YAUENIAN 1030 and arrived CHENAPIAN 1100. People assembled and census revised. Income survey conducted and long talk given on cash cropping. Minor complaints heard and settled. Village inspected and some ~~instructions~~ instructions given. Departed 1530 and arrived KUBKAIN 1600. Village people lined and census revised. Income survey conducted and talk given on cash cropping. Some minor complaints heard. Informal talks with village officials in evening.

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Thursday, 8th October 1964.

Village inspected and men spoken to again regarding cash cropping. One ~~marriage~~ marital complaint heard. Departed KUBKAIN 0800 and arrived BIAGA 0830. People assembled and census revised. Income survey conducted and talks given on cash cropping. Village inspected and complaints heard. Dep'td 1000 and arrived YAMBUNUMBU 1020. Same procedures as above carried out. Departed 1200 and arrived WASKUK 1245. People assembled and census revised. Talks given on cash cropping and survey of village income conducted. Two minor complaints heard and village inspected. Departed 1445 and arrived SWAGUP 1630. Mr. Barclay P.O. met enroute. Camp set up in rest house on Sepik bank. Self and Mr. Taylor into main village and spoke with village men, census arranged for morning. Overnight.

Friday, 9th October 1964.

0800. To main SWAGUP village. People waiting and census revised. Income survey conducted and talks given on cash cropping. Complaints heard and village inspected. Most of village area under water due to flood from Sepik. New housing style marked out self, to be adopted for future new houses. Discussion again with village men re advantages of planting cash crops. Back to Sepik River 1400, broke camp and departed downriver 1500 arriving BRUGNOWI 1800. Remained overnight.

Saturday, 10th October 1964.

Departed BRUGNOWI 0700 and arrived AMBUNTI 0830. Patrol stood down.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol visited the area known as the Wongcausen Census Division. The division covers an area of approximately 300 square miles and is situated to the west of Ambunti, some fifty miles away.

Ten villages comprise this census division with the furthestmost village from Ambunti being TJURI situated some 40 odd river miles from the mouth of the May River, and the nearest being SWAGUP which is situated some forty river miles from Ambunti. Of the ten villages four are situated on or near the Sepik River while the remainder are all situated on small waterways which branch off either side of the river. All villages can be reached by water transport in high water.

Vegetation in the division consists mainly of large patches of secondary growth and swamp forest, and large stands of sago palm both wild and food producing.

Three large rivers running from the south enter the Sepik in this census division, these being the Leonard Schultze which enters above KUBKAIN and the Wogamush and April Rivers which merge together about a mile above BIAGA and flow into the Sepik directly below. These are all fast flowing rivers, extremely wide in places and are also very shallow in times of dry water.

Two single canoes powered by a 35 H.P. Mercury motor were used for the duration of the patrol and good times were made.

The last patrols to this area were in Feb/March 1964 when the elections for the House of Assembly were carried out by Mr. Pitt P.O. (May River P/R No 2 of 63/64.) and by Mr. Gill C.P.C. in Dec 1963 for purposes of political education (Ambunti P/R No II of 63/64.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native affairs position in this census division is on the whole fairly stable. There has been a number of patrols through the area since the last census, both by D.N.A and P.H.D. and also by Agric. Field Workers and it appears as if the people are now starting to realize that they have not been forgotten entirely. The area is still one of the most backward in the Ambunti Sub District and it can be said that the people themselves are not doing very much to help improve this position. They are rather an apathetic group and have made very little effort towards improving their economic position.

The people derive their income from two main sources, these being from the sale of crocodile skins to traders and by money earned whilst working on a plantation. A small amount of money is also made from the sale of native artifacts. The above three sources are the only way at present that the people are finding money and for the amount earned by each village see income statistics attached.

The sale of crocodile skins is still the people major source of income, and as long as there are still crocodiles and a market for them, will remain so for a long time to come. As mentioned above an income survey was conducted in each village and it was found that the people had collected a total of £1710 from the sale of crocodile skins alone, so it will be a disappointment to them when this money making source is exhausted. With this in mind long talks were given in each village stressing the need to plant cash crops, particularly coconuts so that the people will have at least something to fall back on in the future. It has been quite a good year for the people in ~~xxx~~ relation to finding crocodiles, many more were caught than the previous year, possibly ~~xxx~~ because of the extremely high water around Xmas time and the low water that followed. The prices paid by traders were quite good and some of the villages, particularly YAUENIAN and TAURI did quite well out of selling their skins. The four villages of BIAGA, CHENAPIAN, TAURI and YAUENIAN have all bought Archimedes motors with some of their skins during the last twelve months.

There are still large numbers of men away at work on plantations, particularly from the villages of OUM I and TAURI where it was found that almost half the adult males were away at work. This going away to work in other districts has been going on for a number of years and will possibly continue on in the same way in the years to come. The majority of the adult males that were away had all previously worked on plantations and only come back to their home villages for short terms until the next recruiter comes along. No doubt as in the middle river area the men soon tire of the incessant whine of the mosquito and village life and long to be back in the relatively mosquito free areas.

There was an absence of complaints in each village; the reason for this being that Mr. Barclay Patrol Officer had preceded the patrol to the area by three weeks en route to the southern tributaries, and he heard the majority of complaints in nearly every village plus any other matter that arose. Those complaints that were brought to the attention of the patrol were of a minor nature and were able to be settled on the spot.

It is pleasing to note that there are very few land disputes in this area and possible the reason for this is that each village has vast areas of land and there ~~isn~~ is no reason to infringe on other peoples land. There is a dispute between the YAUENIAN and CHENAPIAN people over a piece of land known as 'YAWA' which is situated on the banks of the Sepik between the two villages. Details of this dispute were taken in the office at Ambunti some time ago and shelved until a patrol went to the area. It

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was intended to record all details on this patrol but Mr. Barclay had also attended to this one, recording all the relevant details. Whilst the patrol was at TAUM Village the people approached it and spoke of the Assembly of God intention to build an airstrip and station nearby the village. They stated that they were quite agreeable to the mission doing this but that they must first buy the land. Apparently the people had been told that if the mission set up station there, it would be to help the people and that the land should be donated. It is intended to speak to the mission people concerned about this at the first opportunity.

Very little work has been done since the last census patrol in moving the villages of CHENAPIAN and SWAGUP to the Sepik banks. The main villages are at present 20 and 30 minutes away respectively up small waterways and are situated near the peoples food gardens and sago stands. There are five houses already on the Sepik bank at CHENAPIAN and a rest house, police house and three houses on the banks at SWAGUP, however these have been there since last year. The people were given encouragement to move to the Sepik banks if they so desired so as to give them that little more contact with the outside world, however, the present attitude appears as though they are perfectly happy where they are now.

Good reception was given the patrol throughout the SWAGUP people in particular were both courteous and co-operative and seem to have changed in their attitude towards the Administration. Even the old men of the village, from which most of the trouble stemmed before were pleasant and friendly and it was a pleasure to work in that village. The reason for this change of attitude is not known, but perhaps the SDA mission who had a teacher there before may have helped in changing their way of thinking.

A table of income statistics for the ten villages is attached and this represents the total known income for the census division during the preceding twelve month period. Although the total amount is fairly high for such a backward division, it is the writer's opinion that some men withheld their incomes in relation to what they received for crocodile skins, particularly in the villages of OUM I and KUBKAIN where it is felt that the income received for skins should have been twice as much as that stated.

AGRICULTURE.

Subsistence.

Sago is the staple diet of the census division and natural stands of this food crop are abundant. This is supplemented by fish, yams, taro, sweet potato and pig. At odd times pigeons and scrub turkeys are also caught.

Economic.

At present coconuts are the main cash crop in the census division, and this appears to be the crop which would be the most suitable for the

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INCOME STATISTICS FOR WONGAMUSEN CENSUS DIVISION FROM OCTOBER 1963
TO DATE

TAURI VILLAGE.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
20	£ 206 -5-0	Sale of Croc. Skins Plantation Wages. Sale of Artifacts.
6	140 -0-0	
3	2 -10-0	
TOTAL		
	£ 348-15-0	

OUM 1

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
12	£139 -0 -0	Sale of Croc, Skins. Plantation wages.
20	2700000000 380 -0 -0	
TOTAL		
	2700000000 £519 -0-0	

OUM 2

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
10	£ 148-10-0	Sale of Croc.Skins.

YAUENIAN.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
40	£510 -0-0	Sale of Croc.Skins. Sale of Artifacts.
3	5-0-0	
TOTAL		
	£515 -0 -0	

INCOME STATISTICS CON'TD.

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CHENAPIAN.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
19	£154 -0-0	Sale of Croc. Skins Plantation Wages. Sale of Artifacts.
5	95 -0-0	
3	3-10-0	
TOTAL	£252-10-0	

KUBKAIN.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
17	£134 -0-0	Sale of Croc. Skins. Plantation Wages. Sale of Artifacts.
4	76 -0-0	
1	6-0	
TOTAL.	£210-6-0	

BIAGA..

<u>No Men</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
19	£162 - 0 - 0	Sale of Croc. Skins.

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YAMBUNUNBU.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
6	£65 - 0 - 0	Sale of Croc. Skins.

Income Survey Con'td.

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WASKUK.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
8	£80 - 0 - 0	Sale of Croc. Skins. Plantation Wages.
5	95 - 0 - 0	
TOTAL	£175 - 0 - 0	

SWAGUP.

<u>No of Men.</u>	<u>Money Earned.</u>	<u>Sources of Income.</u>
16	£112 - 0 - 0	Sale of Crocodile Skins. Plantation Wages. Sale of Artifacts.
7	133 - 0 - 0	
5	8 - 0 - 0	
TOTAL.	£253 - 0 - 0	

TOTAL INCOME FROM SALE OF CROCODILE SKINS	-	£ 1710 - 15 - 0
TOTAL INCOME FROM SALE OF ARTIFACTS.	-	19 - 6 - 0
TOTAL INCOME FROM PLANTATION WAGES.	-	919 - 0 - 0

GRAND TOTAL £ 2649 - 1 - 0

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for the area. Long talks were given in each village on the need for cash cropping and it is hoped that some of the villages will be in shortly to purchase seedling coconuts

There is vast amounts of land which is not being used and this can be cleared and cash crops planted. It is possible too that coffee could be grown in this area, and perhaps other cash crops but this would be subject to a soil survey. AFW's visit the area quite frequently and give encouragement and advice to the people.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

The housing in this area is at last starting to take a step forward. New houses being built are of a good design and allow plenty of air to circulate. Some of the old houses were in a state of disrepair and some instructions were necessary.

YAUENIAN and TAURI ~~XXXX~~ were the neatest villages seen with most of the houses in quite good shape. The SWAGUP housing is still not as good as it could be and a plan for a new house was marked out, and it is hoped that it will be adopted as a future house style for any new houses built

The OUM channel mentioned by Mr. Gill was used on the patrol to get to OUM I, it is a convenient short cut and could be used by a work boat in high water time. The people ^{were} asked to keep it maintained at all times.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All of the village officials are performing their duties to the best of their abilities. Most of them are a mediocre lot and none impressed me as being above ~~XXXX~~ average.

EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

There is no government school in this census division. There is a need for one and the ventrally located KUBKAIN would possibly be the best spot.

No mission has any real foothold in the area. The SDA previously had ~~native~~ teachers at SWAGUP, YAUENIAN and CHENAPIAN, but these have now all left, possibly because they were not getting any co-operation from the people.

There are several boys from OUMI & 2 who attend the Catholic Mission school at Ambunti and one boy each from SWAGUP and TAURI who attend the AOG school at YAMANUMBU, near Lagwi. The AOG mission is thinking about putting in a station at TAURI, however, the people themselves do not seem overkeen on the idea.

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HEALTH.

Overall health in the area is generally good and no bad sores were seen. This was because a medical patrol had been in the area just prior to the patrol and had attended to all the sores and ailments of the people.

There are two aidposts in the division, these being situated at TAURI and at KUBKAIN. The post at TAURI is staffed by an APO named IMAR who is from TAURI itself and he appears to be doing a good job of looking ~~after~~ after the health of the people. The aid - post at KUBKAIN has only been started this year and has done good work in attending to the health needs of the people in the vicinity. This post also looks after the health needs of the closest villages on the Leonard Schultze R.

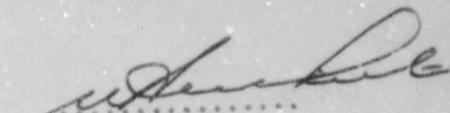
TAXATION.

An income survey was conducted at each village to assess whether or not the people would be able to pay tax.

As a glance at the statistics will show I see no reason why the men of this area should not pay tax. Although it is only a number of men in each village that earn money both from the sale of crocodile skins and plantation wages I consider that at least fifty per cent of the adult males would be capable of paying tax at the rate of ten shillings per year. As I mentioned earlier I consider that a number of men did not give their true income and possibly some of those that said they received no money at all were not telling the truth. Of course if the crocodile skin market collapsed the men would find it difficult to pay the tax.

CONCLUSION.

A routine patrol whose objects were to revise the census, conduct an income survey and routine Administration. It is realized that only a period of one week was spent in the area by the patrol, however, that was considered sufficient as Mr. Barclay P.O. had visited most of the villages, in some cases remaining overnight and he attended to most of the aspects of a normal patrol. With this in mind it is considered that the objects of the patrol were achieved.


.....
W.H. Heathcote Patrol Officer.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE N.P. & R.G.C.

ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Const. 1st Class KINJMAN No 1815.

A very poor policeman. Is not a good NCO and was no help whatsoever to the patrol. Recommended to station work only.

Const SAGI No6440.

Quite a good policeman. Quiet and worked well. Conduct good.

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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

25th November, 1964

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMBUNTI.

PATROL REPORT AMBUNTI NO. 5 of 1964/65 -
WONGAMUSEN CENSUS DIVISION - MR. K. J.
TAYLOR, C.P.O.

I agree with you that this report constituted
a very good effort by Mr. Taylor.

However, Mr. Taylor needs to beware of
"lumping together" under the convenient "Native Affairs"
heading information, observation or comment that properly
belongs to other sections.

Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Native
Affairs section should have been included under Agricultural
Extension, Economic Development, Tax-Census and Native
Labour headings.

I have asked you in my comments on Mr.
Heathcote's report to make submission on the relevant
subject file concerning the establishment of an
Administration school in this area.

(ROBT. R. COLE) *RC*
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

Subdistrict Office,
AMBUNTI, Sepik District.

5th November, 1964.

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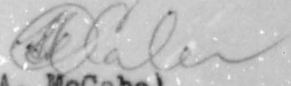
The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
Wewak.

Patrol No. 5 (Ambunti) of 64-65: WONGAMUSUN.

A supplementary report compiled by Mr. K.J. Taylor, Cadet Patrol Officer, who accompanied the above patrol, as a training exercise, is attached, please. The main report compiled by Mr. W.H. Heatcote, Patrol Officer, has also been forwarded with my covering remarks today.

This is the second such report by Mr. Taylor, and I feel that he has acquitted himself well. His discussion under the heading "Native Affairs" particularly is well reasoned, and the analysis of income statistics interesting. He is correct in saying that an agricultural officer working in this area will especially help such people, by determining in the generally unfavourable environment which crops may succeed.

Having now had a good basic training in field work, I am sending Mr. Taylor on a solo patrol of the Chambri Lakes Division, to conduct the census and undertake normal administration.


(B.A. McCabe)
Asst. District Commissioner.

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Appendix to Patrol No 5 of 1964/65.

<u>AREA PATROLLED.</u>	WONGAMUSUN CENSUS DIVISION
<u>DISTRICT.</u>	SLEIK / AMBUNTI SUB-DISTRICT.
<u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY</u>	Mr W.H. HEATHCOTE P.O.
<u>DURATION.</u>	SEVEN DAYS.
<u>OBJECTS OF PATROL.</u>	ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, CENSUS REVISION, INCOME SURVEY.
<u>SUBJECT OF APPENDIX.</u>	SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY Mr K.J. TAYLOR AS TRAINING EXERCISE.

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PATROL DIARY

Sunday 4-10-64.

0800 Preparing for patrol. 1030 Departed AMBUNTI;
1130 YAMBON; 1250 BRUGNOWI; 1430 YESSAN; 1620 SWAGUP; 2040 YAMBUNUMBU;
Overnight.

Monday 5-10-64.

0645 Departed YAMBUNUMBU; 0745 KUBKAIN fuel taken on;
departed KUBKAIN 0805; CHENAPIAN 0840; OUM No2 1025; OUM No1 1045.
Patrol gear unloaded and camp set up; Departed OUM No1 1125 and arrived
TAURI 1200; People assembled and census revised. Income survey conducted.
Village inspected; Departed TAURI 1600; Arrived OUM No1 1630; Overnight.

Tuesday 6-10-64.

0800 village people from OUM No1 assembled and census
revised. Income survey conducted and complaints heard. Talk on cash
cropping given by Mr Heathcote. Departed OUM No 1 1100 and arrived
OUM No2 1110. Village people assembled, census revised and income survey
conducted. Talk on cash cropping given by Mr Heathcote. Departed 1500
and arrived YAUENIAN 1550. Camp set up, village inspected and people
instructed to line next morning. Overnight.

Wednesday 7-10-64.

0800 village people assembled, census figures revised,
income survey conducted. Talk on cash cropping given. Complaint heard.
Departed YAUENIAN 1030; arrived CHENAPIAN 1100; Action as above carried
out; Village inspected and instructions for new houses given; Departed
1530 and arrived KUBKAIN 1600; People assembled, census figures revised,
income survey conducted; Overnight.

Thursday 8-10-64.

0800 village inspected and talk on cash cropping given.
Departed KUBKAIN 0850; arrived RIAGA 0900; village people assembled,
census figures revised, income survey conducted. Talk on cash cropping
given. Village inspected. Departed RIAGA 1000 and arrived YAMBUNUMBU
1020; action taken as above. Departed YAMBUNUMBU 1200 and arrived WASHUK
1240; action taken as above; departed WASHUK 1445 and arrived SWAGUP 1630;
Camp set up on the Sepik River. Proceeded to SWAGUP village; people
advised to line next morning. Overnight.

Friday 9-10-64.

0800 to SWAGUP; village people assembled and census
figures revised; income survey conducted; village inspected; talk on
cash cropping given; departed 1600 and arrived BRUGNOWI 1800; Overnight.

Saturday 10-10-64.

0700 departed BRUGNOWI and arrived AMBUNTI 0830.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was conducted through the WONGAMUSUN census division of the AMBUNTI Sub-District. This census division to the west of AMBUNTI. From Swagup, 40 miles above AMBUNTI it stretches 60 miles up river to TAURI, which is situated 40 miles below the mouth of the May River.

There are ten villages in the sub-district census division with a population of 1798. Of the ten villages, four are situated on the banks of the Sepik River. The other six villages are situated off the Sepik River, up to 15 minutes up water channels or on lakes.

The objects of the patrol were routine Administration, census revision and income survey.

The last patrol to the area was in December 1963.

Two dugout canoes joined together powered by a 35 hp Mercury motor was used for the duration of the patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The people of the WONGAMUSUN census division are backward when we compare them with the census divisions down river from AMBUNTI, however this is to be expected as they have not had the same amount of European influence as the down river divisions. There are no mission stations established in this area and the only Europeans to visit the area apart from Native Affairs officers are an occasional recruiter or skin buyer. These people are progressing under guidance from Native Affairs officers, however they did not give me the impression that they are willing to go ahead themselves.

There is very little cash cropping carried on in this area even though past patrols have impressed on the people that it is necessary if they are going to make something of themselves.

The income survey conducted in each village as part of the patrol programme found that 24.5% or £1716 of the income of the area this year came from crocodile skins. While it is good that the people are earning this money, I feel it is a bad thing that such a high percentage of their income is coming from such an unstable source. At the moment the price of skins are falling and some skin buyers are refusing to buy the smaller skins. It is a fairly widely held opinion amongst the skin buyers that the skin industry on the Sepik River will be non-existent in the next five or six years. What is the future of these people then?

I feel that some pressure should be brought to bear now for the good of the people themselves. I realise that it is not the policy of the Administration to force the people to plant cash crops, this is something for the people to decide for themselves. I suggest that the tax that was dropped after 1958 be reintroduced now while the people are obtaining money. The total income for the last 12 months for the area was £2649, this was earned by 229 men. No women in the area claimed to have earned money for the last 12 months. Taking the population of the area, men, women and children the income per head is £1.3. Taking only the adult population the income per head is £2.4. Taking adult males only the income per head is £4.1. As the crocodile skin industry degenerates the people will realise that they will have to make some effort not only to have money for tax but also for their everyday needs.

The number of men away from the village as indentured labour is high, at this census 34% of the adult males. The income survey found that this 34% of the adult males earned 34% of the total income for the area for the past 12 months, that is £920. This indentured labour is good as it gives the men who go away an idea of the work and activity taking place in other parts of the territory and it could stir them when they get back to their villages to improve their own standard of living. This indentured labour provides a steady income as there is always some men away from the village at work. However with so many men away from the villages we cannot expect great strides in cash cropping.

Very few complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol as Mr Barclay P.O. had visited most of the villages a week or so earlier. Those complaints that were brought to the patrol were mostly minor marital complaints and were settled by Mr Henthcote on the spot.

The migration of the inland waterways villages of CHENAPIAN and SWAGUP to the banks of the Sepik River ~~has not~~ as mentioned in Mr Gill's report of patrol No 1 of 1963/64 have not progressed any further as no new houses have been built at the new site.

The patrol was well received in all villages and all people who could attend the census.

There is no sign of discontent or unsound attitudes amongst the people. Most of the villages in this area have been visited a couple of times by Native Affairs officers since the last routine census patrol.

VILLAGE AND HOUSING,

Most of the villages were clean and tidy, however two or three were suffering the effects of the high level of the river. Very few instructions were given regarding new houses as this matter had been attended to by Mr Barclay P.O. a week or so earlier.

HEALTH .

Health of the people in this area appears good. Mr Neville E.M.A. who accompanied Mr Barclay on patrol had attended to the various sores and ailments of the people. There is one aid post situated in this area at TAURI.

AGRICULTURE

a) Subsistence,

The staple food of the area is that common to the whole Sepik River peoples. Sago, fish, meat, yams, mani, sugar cane, bananas and sweet potato. Food could be short in a couple of months as I noticed a fairly number of gardens under water but it is not expected that the people will suffer as there is always sago and an abundance of fish in the river and channels.

b) Economic.

Economic agriculture in this area is almost non-existent. As most of the land in the area is low lying and subject to the mercy of the Sepik River when it is at a high level, I think the planting of ~~rice~~ is ruled out for about half the people; the remainder do have access to various pieces of hilly ground, but it is not particularly convenient and possibly not even fertile.

Economic Agriculture Con't.

Large scale planting of coconuts appears the best solution to the cash cropping problem unless some other crop is found that will do alright under the conditions that exist there. As has been mentioned the need to ~~cash~~ or plant cash crops where possible was impressed on all the villages.

The agricultural officer who I believe will be stationed at AMBUNTI soon will be a tremendous help to these people as well as to all the villages in the sub-district, with his on the spot advice and supervision.

EDUCATION

There are no government or mission schools in this census division, however there are a number of boys attending government and mission schools around AMBUNTI.

In developing any area, education is of ~~the~~ the utmost importance. As 40% of the population of this census division are children under the age of 16 years, there is no doubt that a school will benefit the future development of the area. I would suggest that the best site to situate a school would be at OUM No1. OUM No2 is 10 minutes away by paddle canoe while TAURI is about 1 hour away up river by paddle canoe. These three villages have a population of 301 children under 16 years of age.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
TAURI	54	73	127
OUM No1	41	44	85
OUM No2	53	36	89
	<u>148</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>301</u>

The villages down river from OUM and Tauri are situated further apart. For this reason and for the fact that the villages down river are smaller, it would be very hard to situate a school at another site besides OUM No1.

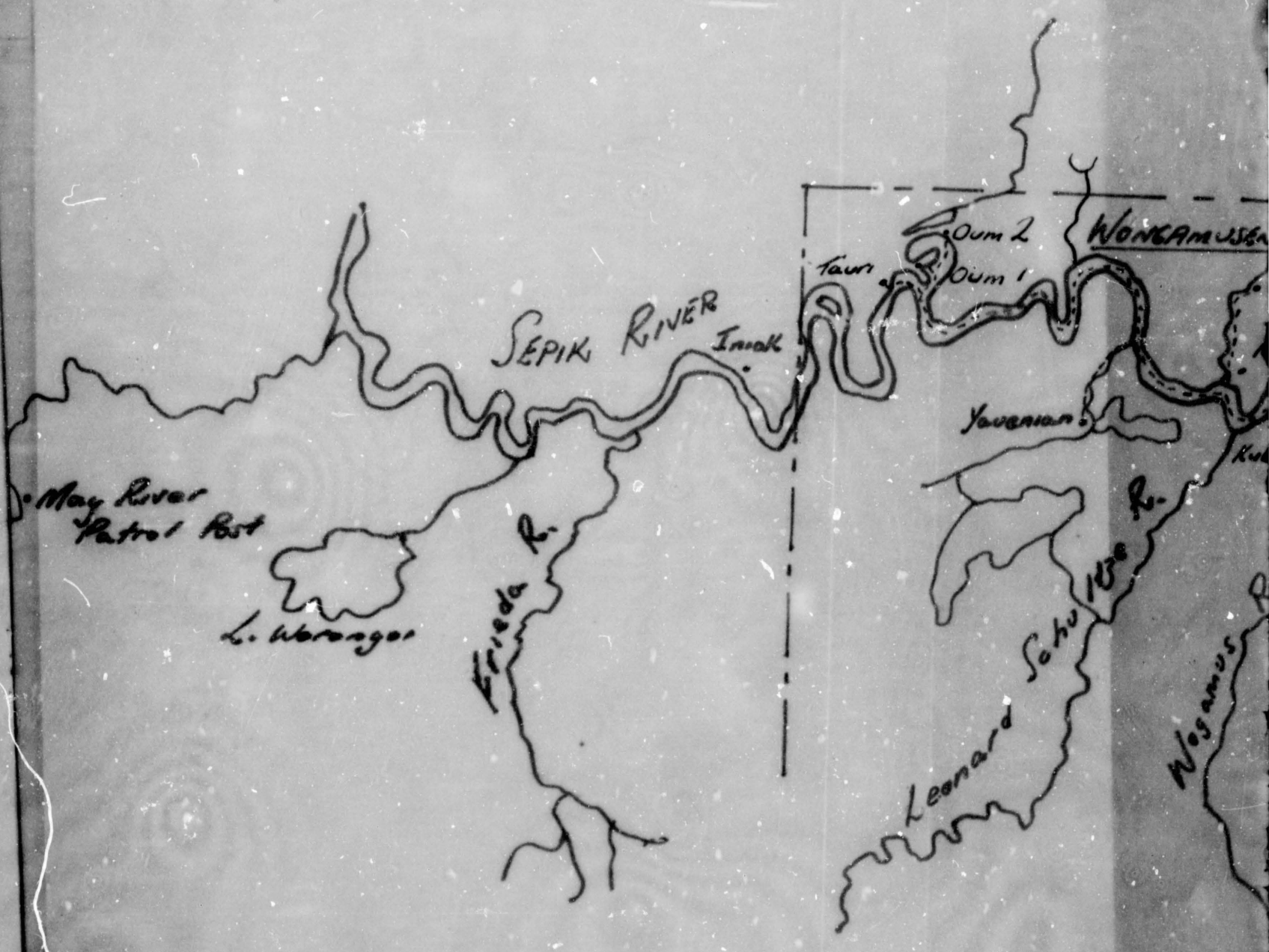
VILLAGE OFFICIALS

None of the village officials appear to me to be outstanding however they are doing their work to the best of their ability.

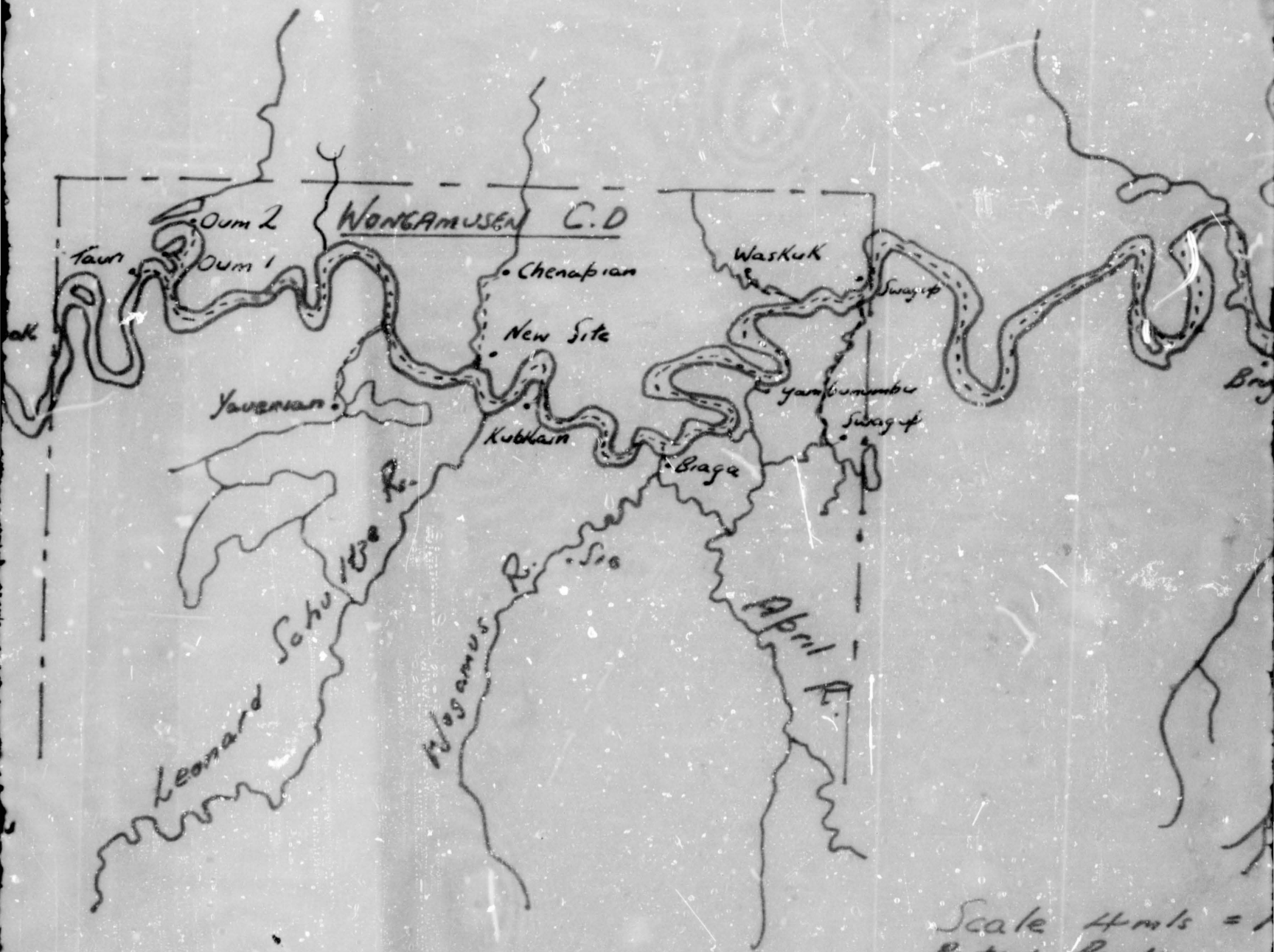
Conclusion

A patrol carried out through an undersophisticated area. The objects of the patrol, census revision, routine administration and village income survey were carried out.

K. J. Taylor
K. J. TAYLOR C.F.O.

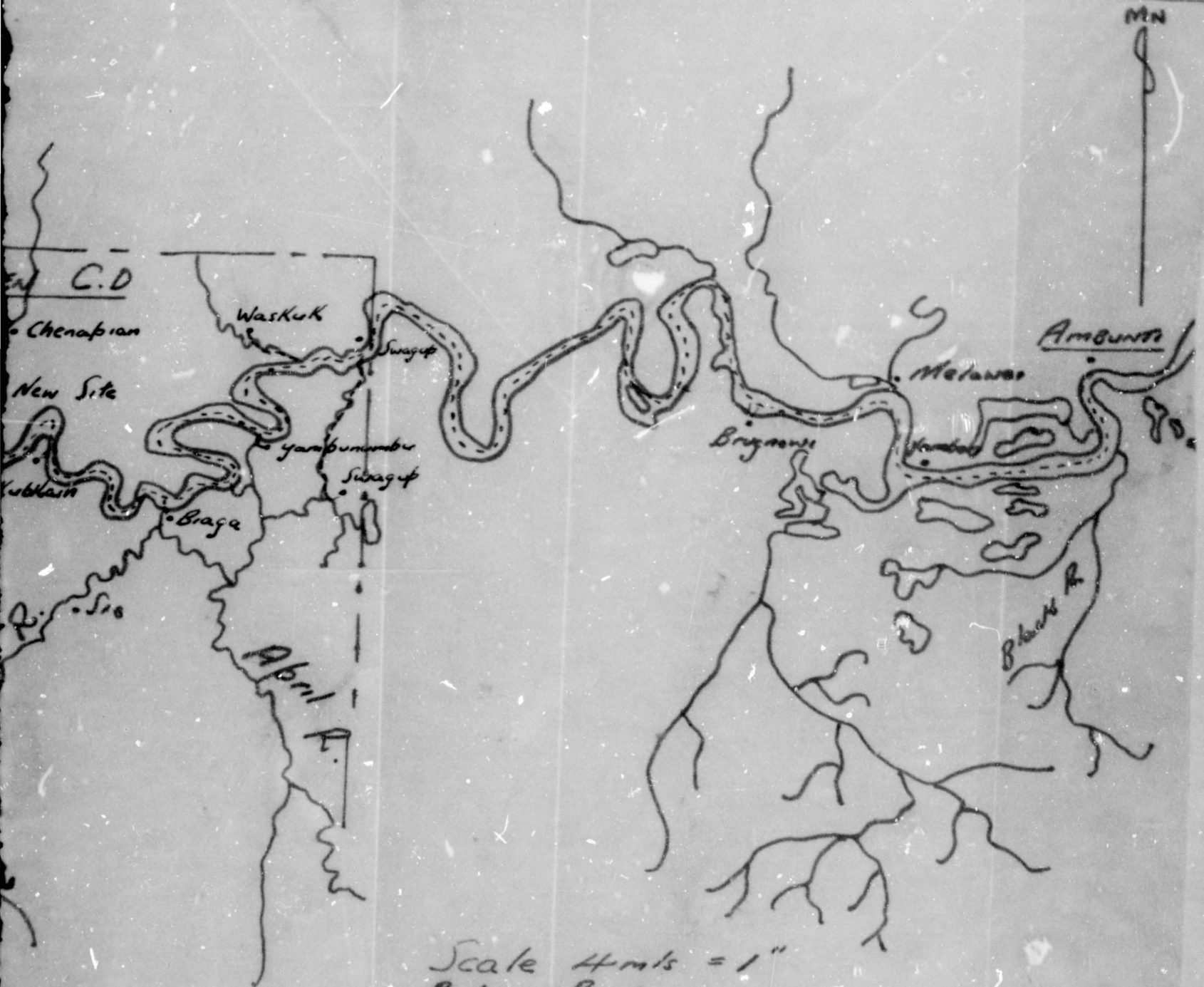


MAP TO ACCOMPANY P.R. NO. 5 - WONGAMUSEN C.D.



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COMPANY PR No 5 - WONCAMUSEN C.O



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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

18th January, 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
AMBUNTI.

AMBUNTI PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1964/65

Thank you for Mr. K. Taylor's Patrol Report.

The patrol appears to have been carried out quite capably by Mr. Taylor and his observations have been presented well. A little more care could have been taken with the typing, but this will probably come with more practice.

I agree with your comments re the MILE and MARI people, but if they cannot live peaceably together then it is far better for the MILE people to live on their own land.

It is most essential that a patrol should visit each village and in so doing see the older people who might otherwise never see or be seen by a Patrol.

Your comments regarding no scale on the accompanying map are not understood, as this should have been added by Mr. Taylor in your office. This was a matter of 5 minutes work when done in this office.

Generally a good initial solo patrol.

J. E. Wakeford
(J. E. WAKEFORD)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director, Department of District Administration, Konedobu

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
AMBUNTI.

29th December, 1964.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
District Office,
NEW A K.

Patrol Report No. 6 AMBUNTI. 1964/65.
Chambri Lakes Mr. K. Taylor C.P.O.

Please find enclosed the above Patrol Report together with Camping Out Claim from Mr. Taylor.

This was Mr. Taylor's first solo Patrol and the report indicates that the Patrol was well carried out. My short experience of Mr. Taylor would lead me to expect this as Mr. Taylor carries out all phases of his work well and with a particularly engaging and intelligent attitude.

The nature of the Patrol was routine and no untoward elements were noted. As the area is almost wholly in the Gauwi Council area I expect that formal routine in this area will become less in the future, but that instead many more informal visits will be made. These visits, through primarily of Council importance will keep abreast of administrative matters.

It is a pity that the MILE and MARI people wish to disassociate as larger groups tend to have a more progressive spirit. However the dangers of forced association are greater.

I shall look forward to the Agricultural report in due course. Could the District Agricultural Officer be asked to include a survey of the land in the vicinity of the old KOMSU'UL village, please? I suitably this area may well serve as a pilot scheme to settle otherwise swamp surrounded individuals on land to which they hold proper title. The area, although Mr. Taylor gives no estimate would appear to be about ten miles long and a little under a mile wide.

Mr Taylor's map seems a little rough and should have a scale noted on it. The scale in fact is one inch equals one mile. However as Mr. Taylor has been fully occupied in Clerical duties since his return from Patrol and the Report was prepared entirely in his own time he should be congratulated on a good first Patrol and Report.



Barry A. Ryan,
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Subdistrict Office,
AMBUNTI, Sepik District.
3rd November, 1964.

Telegrams

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Our Reference 67-1-2

If calling ask for

Mr.

Mr. K.J. Taylor,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
AMBUNTI.

Patrol No. 6 (Ambunti) CHAMBRI LAKES Division.

Please commence a patrol of the Chambri Lakes Division as early as possible. Two members of Police should be taken, and liaise with P.H.D. and D.A.S.F. to ascertain if they wish local staff to accompany you.

Duration of this patrol is normally 2-3 weeks.

Travel will be by power canoe to Chambri, then local hire, fuel being supplied by our depot to reduce cost. If you can send word back for the "Opal" to collect you at the conclusion of the patrol, do so, otherwise make your own arrangements for the return trip.

Purposes of the patrol are:

- (a) census.
- (b) routine administration.
- (c) inspection of land in the vicinity of old KOMSU hamlet (or Kamsu-ul) in the vicinity of MARI, and report on its possible suitability for a resettlement project. The question of access, especially via the Sobu creek, should be examined. Check on the attitude of the native owners towards alienation if the land seems promising.
- (d) give any assistance required by the Council Clerk in his tax collection programme; generally he should be able, with the Executive Committee, to carry this out.

Consult with me on any matters in which you may not be clear before leaving. This first solo trip will also be a good opportunity to further familiarize yourself with the principles and procedures laid down in Departmental Standing Instructions.

Good luck, and I look forward to your report.

(B.A. McCabe)
Asst. District Commissioner.

*Also required - 100 lbs water
bicycles (DAO)*

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PATROL DIARY

Friday - 6-11-64.

Departed AMBUNTI 1245 per single motor canoe. 1400 motor broke down hired AVATIP village motor. 1545 arrived PAGWI and dropped two agricultural trainees of for MAPRIK. Arrived KANGANAMON 1830. Overnight.

SATURDAY - 7-11-64.

0800 departed KANGANAMON per KANGANAMON motor and YENJIAN canoe. Arrived AIBOM 1110. 1230 village people lined and census figures revised. Village inspected and instructions issued. Short talk given on the work of the new GAUI council and the work of the village councillor. Talk given by LABAU A.F.W. on coffee, copra, and rice. Short talk given by William Terry, GAUI council clerk on local government tax and the work it was put to. After dinner a number of minor complaints heard and settled. Overnight.

SUNDAY - 8-11-64.

Village census figures counted and entered in appropriate books. Inspected small copra nursery. 1300 departed AIBOM per AIBOM motor and double canoe. Arrived CHAMBRI ISLAND 1330. Spoke with the three village councillors. OVERNIGHT.

MONDAY - 9-11-64.

Village people of KILIMBIT assembled and census figures revised. Talk given by LABAU A.F.W. on coffee and copra and rice. Talk by self on the work of the GAUI council and the work of the councillor in the village. Village inspected and instructions issued. Lunch. Village figures counted and entered. Village people of INDINGAI assembled and census figures revised. Village inspected and instructions issued regarding new houses and village cleanliness. Talks given as above. Dinner. Complaints heard from INDINGAI, KILIMBIT and WOMBUN villages. Overnight.

TUESDAY 10-11-64.

Village people of WOMBUN lined and census figures revised. Talk by LABAU on coffee, copra and rice. Talk on GAUI council and work of the council also work of the village councillor. William Terry and party departed for ARINJONE. A few minor complaints heard and settled. Lunch with Fr Brower at Catholic mission look over the school. Talk with councillor.

WEDNESDAY 11-11-64.

Departed Chambri Island 0700. Arrived ARINJONE 0730. Village people lined and census figures revised. Talk by LABAU A.F.W. on cash crops, coffee and copra. Talk by AUGUST health educator on personnel and village health. Talk by self on the work of the GAUI council and the work of the individual councillor in the village. Village inspected. No complaints. Departed ARINJONE 1300. Arrived LUKLUK 1345. People lined and census figures revised. Talks given as above. Village inspected. Talk with men about the location of the ground previously owned by the KOMSU'UL people. Overnight.

THURSDAY 12-11-64

Departed EUKLUK 0800. Arrived GARAMAMBU 1145. 1245 village people lined and census figures revised. Tax collected. Talk by LABAU on cash cropping. Talk by AUGUST health educator. The people told of the prospects of them getting a local government council in the future. Village inspected and instructions issued. Minor complaints heard, one adultery case sent to AMBUNTI to be dealt with by the A.D.C. Census figures counted and entered in the books. Dinner. Talked to the Luluai about the old KOMSU'UL ground.

Overnight.

FRIDAY

WEDNESDAY 13-11-64.

Departed GARAMAMBU 0700 and arrived at YERAKAI 0805. Village people assembled and census figures revised. Tax collected. Talk by LABAU A.F.W. on cash cropping. Talk by AUGUST health educator. People told of the prospects of them getting a local government council in the future. Couple of minor complaints heard. Village inspected. Departed YERAKAI and arrived GARAMAMBU 1715.

Overnight.

SATURDAY

THURSDAY 14-11-64.

Departed GARAMAMBU 0700 and arrived TIMBUNMERI 1130. Village people lined census figures revised. Talk by LABAU A.F.W. on cash cropping. Talk by AUGUST health educator. Talk by self on the work of the GAUI Council and the work of the councillor in the village. Village inspected. Minor complaints heard at night after dinner. Overnight.

SUNDAY 15-11-64.

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Talked with councillor of CHANGRIMAN and TIMBUNMERI and the luluai of MARI about the old KOMSU'UL ground. Word sent to YAMBIYAMBI and MENSUAT regarding the presence of the patrol. A few minor complaints heard in the morning. Overnight.

MONDAY 16-11-64

0700 departed TIMBUNMERI arrived CHANGRIMAN 0800. 0830 departed CHANGRIMAN and arrived MENSUAT 0930. Departed MENSUAT 0945 and arrived YAMBIYAMBI 1015. People assembled and census figures revised. Talks given by LABAU and AUGUST. Talk by self on GAUI Council. Village inspected. Complaints heard. Departed YAMBIYAMBI 1630 and arrived MENSUAT 1705. Overnight.

TUESDAY 17-11-64.

People assembled and census figures revised. Village inspected. Talks given as above. Minor complaints heard. Departed MENSUAT 1500 arrived CHANGRIMAN 1545. Overnight.

WEDNESDAY 18-11-64.

Received a notification from Mr McCabe, A.D.C. of a reported attempted murder at Chambri Island (KILIMBIT). Village people of CHANGRIMAN lined and census figures revised. DEPARTED CHANGRIMAN 0900 and arrived at CHAMBRI ISLAND 1045. The person concerned was interviewed and his statements were taken down in pidgeon english. The witnesses were interviewed.

WEDNESDAY 18-11-64 Cont'd.

Spoke with Fr Brower of the Catholic mission at Chambri. The person concerned in the attempted murder KODI/ KAMI was told that he would have to come to AMBUNTI with me.
Overnight.

THURSDAY 19-11-64.

Departed CHAMBRI 0600 and arrived TIMBUNMERI 0745
Departed TIMBUNMERI 0800 arrived CHANGRIMAN 0845. Departed
CHANGRIMAN 0900 and arrived MARI 1015. Village people lined
and census figures revised. Talks given by LABAU and AUGUST.
Talk by self on GAUI COUNCIL and the work of the Councilors in
the village. Village inspected. Departed MARI 1645. Arrived
CHANGRIMAN 1745. Village inspected and complaints heard.
Departed CHANGRIMAN and arrived at TIMBUNMERI 1900.
Overnight.

FRIDAY 20-11-64.

Departed TIMBUNMERI 0545 arrived ELBA (MILE)
0945. Village inspected in good condition. Inspected the ground
in the vicinity of the old KOMSU'UL village. Departed ELBA 1315
arrived TIMBUNMERI 1630. Departed TIMBUNMERI 1700 arrived AIBOM
1820. Overnight.

SATURDAY 21-11-64.

OVERNIGHT. Departed AIBOM 0600 and arrived AVATIP 1900.

SUNDAY 22-11-64

Departed AVATIP 0630 and arrived AMBUNTI 0810.

End of Diary

Introduction.

This patrol was carried out through the CHAMBRI LAKES Census Division of the AMBUNTI Sub-District. The area is situated about 20 miles almost due east from AMBUNTI, however to reach it via the Sepik River it is necessary to travel some 80 odd miles. The area of the CHAMBRI LAKES Census Division is approximately 570 square miles the greater portion of this area is the lake area, which at different periods of the year is covered with water lilies. The lake in times of high water is the home of many thousands of wild duck which provide good shooting and good food while on patrol.

The lake is bordered on three sides by low mountains. It is on these mountains that the villages of GARAMAMBU, YERAKI, CHANGRIMAN, MENSUAT, YAMBIYAMBI, and MARI are situated. The rest of the villages are situated on islands while the village of AIBOM is located on the water channel into Chambri Lakes.

All the villages in the census division with the exception of GARAMAMBU and YERAKI are member villages of the new GAUI local government Council which was opened in October this year.

The last Native Affairs patrol to this area was in September this year for the GAUI council elections.

The objects of this patrol were (A) Census Revision (B) Routine Administration, (C) Inspection of land in the vicinity of the old KOMSU'UL hamlet and report on its suitability for resettlement.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Chambri Lakes census division is the most progressive and financial in the Ambunti S/D and it is these people I feel that will play a large part in the affairs of the GAUI council. AIBOM and the CHAMBRI ISLAND group of villages appear to be the dominant people in the area being the most progressive and sophisticated of all the villages. The rest of the villages appear to be on an even par with perhaps the villages of TIMBUNMEI and LUKLUK a little ahead of the rest. These two villages are break way villages from the Sepik River villages of KANDINGAI and JAPANAUT respectively. The hill villages of CHANGRIMAN, MENSUAT, MARI, YAMBIYAMBI, GARAMAMBU and YERAKAI are the most backward. GARAMAMBU and YAMBIYAMBI are now in the position to improve themselves with timber logging and gold respectively. The GARAMAMBU people are not keen to spend a lot of time on gold because of the time required to wait for payment once the gold has been bought to the sub-district office, a lot of gold is sold to the more enterprising Chambri Island people who in turn take it to the sub-district office and still make a profit.

The YAMBIYAMBI people have now completed their move to their new village on the banks of the SARUMEI River, which is a tributary of the KROSMERI River. The old village of YAMBIYAMBI has been abandoned and is only used to attend to their coffee gardens. At their new site they are engaged in the logging of timber which is floated down to the various timber mills in the ANGORAM S/D. Although these people are hill people they now have their own motor and are carrying on the dual role of hill and river people.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Cont'd.)

The new village of SIGABIKA is about ~~two~~ one and half hours walk from the old site of YAMBIYAMBI. It is now the home of these people now and all future patrols will be required to go to the new village.

While on patrol I visited MILE which is regarded as a hamlet of MARI. While at MILE I was approached by the meh who asked me if they could be censused separately to MARI. They state that years ago before government administration came into the area they were a separate village to MARI, and that they only combined with MARI for strength and mutual protection. Now with government control over the area this is not necessary. In 1958 the MARI people asked them to leave, because of the strain on the land and go back to their own area. The MILE people were quite agreeable to this. In 1959 they left MARI and built their own village ELBA, about an hours walk away from their old village which was called NAMBRANTA. ELBA is situated about four and half hours walk away from MARI. The people claim that when ever a patrol visits MARI they are required to leave the old people and young children at ELBA because of the long walk involved. This was noticed when the census figures were revised at MARI the large ~~number~~ number of people from ELBA who were not present. I feel this is the reason the village had never been visited before by patrols.

The village can be reached very easily by motor canoe via the water channel that passes GARAMAMBU village. It is an hours journey by motor canoe from GARAMAMBU and then half an hours walk to the village. If it is decided to census these people separately to MARI it would be no trouble to do it before or after GARAMAMBU as there is only one and half hours travelling time involved as against four and half hours walk from MARI.

The village comprises of ~~about~~ nine houses with two more in the process of being built. The houses were ~~found~~ found to be in very good condition and the village clean. The village comprises of about forty five to fifty people an exact count could not be made as the census figures had been revised at MARI before I visited this village. I would not think that the fact that there is only a small number of people involved should go against any recommendation as there are a number of villages in the AMBUNTI S/D with small populations.

These people claim that they are being neglected by the various department, they want health, agricultural and native affairs patrols to visit their village even if they cannot be censused separately.

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I recommend that be censused separately for more efficient administration by the various departments.

The Chambri Lakes area is a quite and law-abiding area nevertheless numerous minor complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol, mainly bride price and bad debts and these were able to be settled on the spot. One case of adultery came up and this was sent to AMBUNTI to be dealt with by the A.D.C..

While on patrol I received a communication from the A.D.C. about an attempted murder at KILIMBIT. I interviewed a number of people and arrested a man KOPI/KAMI and brought him and the witnesses to Ambunti to be dealt with.

The patrol was well received in all villages, the attitude of the people to the administration in this area is good. No evidence could be found of illegal activity or cults in the area.

AGRICULTURE(a) SUBSISTENCE.

The staple food of the chambri Lakes people is the sago fish diet supplemented by sweet potato, taro, yams, bananas, pineapple, cabbage, tomatoes and onions. The water dwelling people of the lake area trade fish for sago with the hills people of Changriman, Mensuat, Yambiyambi, Mari. This exchange takes place once a week at Changriman. Wild pig and duck meat is available to the people while domestic pigs are common in this area.

(b) Economic.

No agricultural statistics were taken on this ~~date~~ as the Agricultural Officer is going to an extensive patrol in this area in January 1965. One agricultural field worker and one farmer trainee accompanied the patrol and they were able to give the village help in marking their coffee and copra gardens and give the people any information they required.

A talk was given in all the villages on cash cropping with coffee, copra and rice, however the amount of cash cropping that can be carried on in this census division is limited by the amount of arable land that is available and the people showed a lot of interest in the idea of ~~agricultural~~ a resettlement scheme.

EDUCATION & MISSION ACTIVITIES

Almost all the villages in the Chambri Lakes ~~area~~ census division have come under the influence of the catholic mission, who have a large station at Chambri Island. The villages of YERAKI and LUKLUK follow the Seventh Day Adventists religion while the village of ARINJONE will have nothing to do with any religion.

There are no Administration schools in this area however the area is well served by mission schools. The Catholic mission runs a school at Chambri Island which has received official recognition and other mission schools run by the catholic mission are situated at AIBOM, Timbunmeri, Mensuat. There is also a S.D.A. school at YERAKAI.

HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by a Health Educator who gave a talk in all villages on personal and village hygiene. The general health of the people appeared to be good. This area is serviced by an aid post situated at WOMBUN on the Chambri Island.

VILLAGE & HOUSING.

The standard of village and housing ~~in~~ hygiene varied. As a rule it was found that the hill villages were a lot cleaner and neat than the villages situated on the water. The hill people appeared to have more pride in their place. With the exception of AIBOM village the water dwelling villages were dirty, the grass uncut and the drains blocked with rubbish. The people were told that these conditions had a detrimental effect on their health and instructed to have their villages in better condition in the future.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

As was stated earlier all the villages in this census division with the exception of GARAMAMBU and YERAKAI are member villages of the new GAUI Local Government Council. As this council was only opened in October this year it is too early as yet to ascertain their ~~value~~ value of these new officials.

A talk was given in all villages on the work of councillor in the village, they were told that his work is of more consequence than that previously performed by the Luluai and Tultuls.

Where villages had been grouped together and had one councillor looking after two villages, the people in the other village complained that the councillor was not visiting them and in one particular village the people had not been visited since the councillor was elected. The councillors concerned were told that if they were going to do their work properly it would be best for them to visit the village before and after every council meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Travelling within the Chambri is mainly ~~ix~~ by water however there is a good system of walking paths linking the villages of WOMBUN? Indingai, and KILIMBIT and CHANGRIMAN, ~~an~~ MENSUAT and YAMBIYAMBI. There is also a good track from GARAMAMBU to YERAKAI. All these roads were in good condition except the MENSUAT YAMBIYAMBI road and instructions were issued to clean the road.

GAUI Local Government Elections.

The patrol was not present in all villages when the initial GAUI L/G Council was collected. Where the patrol was present when the tax was being collected the response of the people to the tax was noticed.

The women particularly appeared pleased about the tax. At INDINGAI village as the tax was being collected the women were singing and dancing. After the tax had been collected the women came over to where we were sitting and danced around us, they then shook the hands of the council clerk and tax committee and myself. That ~~ix~~ night the women had a "singsing" which ~~was~~ went to dawn to celebrate the occasion.

In all villages the people were told that although they had paid their tax they should not expect to get the benefit straight away. They were explained that it takes a few years to get the council on its feet financially and in the mean time the tax would go up.

CONCLUSION.

A routine census and administration patrol carried out in an unhurried manner through a very sophisticated area.

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Appendix A.

Inspection of ground in the vicinity of the Old KOMSU'UL village.

As instructed I visited and inspected the ground near the site of the old KOMSU'UL village. This ground which was previously owned by the people of KOMSU'UL before they were killed off by the people of MARI and GARAMAMBU peoples stretches from the village of MILE to GARAMAMBU and is claimed by these two villages

DISCRIPTION OF GROUND

The area is composed of evenly sloped hills rising to an estimated height of about 800ft. The area stretches in a quarter circle from MILE to Garamambu. At the base of these hills and inside this quarter circle is a large sago swamp. The face of the hills is unbroken in so far as there are no ridges running off them.

TIMBER

The area has an abundance of good timber growing, cedar, kwila, garamout and taun.

SOIL

Orange-brown colour with an absence of any amount of rock.

*ACCESS ACCESS

Access to the area is via the SOBU canal and a smaller canal both of which run to the hills. The smaller canal runs into the SOBU canal. The SOBU canal runs passed GARAMAMBU and flows into the Chambri Lake. The smaller canal runs into the SOBU canal near a small GARAMAMBU camp which is situated about half way between GARAMAMBU and MILE. Both these water canals are deep and motor canoes can travel on them.

ATTITUDE TO ALIENATION.

The GARAMAMBU peoples are quiet willing to have the land bought by the government but the MILE peoples are not keen on the idea. This point was not gone into very deeply as at this stage it was a matter of asseing the suitability of the ground to resettlement.

COMMENTS.

The area appeared to me favourable to a resettlement scheme. (a) A large area. (b) Small population in this area. (c) The ground at the moment is not being used. (d) A large population close by, Chambri Lakes people who need land and are keen on the resettlement idea. (e) Good access to the area via the SOBU canal and Chambri Lakes system of water ways. (f) Providing the soil type is alright suitable to coffee and copra, production. I would recommend that before any more action was taken a detailed soil survey be conducted in the area.

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Appendix A.

Inspection of ground in the vicinity of the old KONSU'UL village.

As instructed I visited and inspected the ground near the site of the old KONSU'UL village. This ground which was previously owned by the people of KONSU'UL before they were killed off by the people of HARI and GARAMAMBU peoples stretches from the village of HILI to GARAMAMBU and is claimed by these two villages.

DESCRIPTION OF GROUND

The area is composed of evenly sloped hills rising to an estimated height of about 300ft. The area stretches in a quarter circle from HILI to Garamambu. The base of these hills and inside this quarter circle is a large sage swamp. The face of the hills is unbroken in so far as there are no ridges running across.

TREES

The area has an abundance of good timber growing, cedar, kwila, garamout and teak.

SOIL

Orange-brown colour with an absence of any amount of

ACCESS

Access to the area is via the SOBU canal and a smaller canal both of which run to the hills. The smaller canal runs into the SOBU canal. The SOBU canal runs passed GARAMAMBU and flows into the Chambri Lake. The smaller canal runs into the SOBU canal near a small GARAMAMBU camp which is situated about half way between GARAMAMBU and HILI. Both these water canals are deep and motor canoes can travel on them.

ATTITUDE TO ALIENATION

The GARAMAMBU peoples are quiet willing to have the land bought by the government but the HILI peoples are not keen on the idea. This point was not gone into very deeply as at this stage it was a matter of asseing the suitability of the ground to resettlement.

CONCLUSIONS

The area appeared to me favourable to a resettlement scheme. (a) A large area. (b) Small population in this area. (c) The ground at the moment is not being used. (d) A large population close by, Chambri Lakes people who need land and are keen on the resettlement idea. (e) Good access to the area via the SOBU canal and Chambri Lakes system of water ways. (f) Providing the soil type is alright suitable to coffee and copra production. I would recommend that before any more action was taken a detailed soil survey be conducted in the area.

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REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P.&N.C.C ACCOMPAINING THE PATROL.

Const t/I/C KIKISI 5246B

A good and reliable worker.

Const. TANGI 9280

A good worker.

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CHAMBI LAKES



SCALE
1 inch = 1 mile

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