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SEPIK DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

WEWAK

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
4 - 1964/1965	R.J. Brown	Terebu -Wewak inland Census Div.
8 - 1964/1965	J.B. Quinn	Wewak Inland
10 - 1964/1965	R.J. Brown	Wewsk Inland
11 - 1964/1965	R.J. Brown	Part Wewak Islands Census Div.
28 - 1964/1965	R. Kopi	Wuvulu Island



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. 4 of 64/65

Patrol Conducted by J.B. QUINN. (P.O.) accompanied by R.J. BROWN. (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled TEREBU-WEWAK INLAND Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

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

Duration—From 28/7/1964 to 6/8/1964

Number of Days 10.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/9/1963

Medical 9/1/1963

Map Reference 2 miles to 1 inch.

Objects of Patrol (1) Find out if the people wish to join a N.L.G.C.

(2) Attend Council Meeting at Kubalia.

(3) General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/9/1964

[Signature]
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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PATROL DIARY



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Tuesday, 28th July, 1964.

Departed Wewak at 1030 hours by government motor launch, MALA, for Samap, arriving at 1445 hours. Camped at Samap and stayed overnight.

Wednesday, 29th July, 1964.

Departed SAMAP at 0830 hours and walked to Wau Village, arriving at 1030 hours.

Mr. Quinn gave the people a talk on Native Local Government Councils and asked if they desired to join a Council.

General Administration - complaints handled on the spot. Departed Wau Village at 1130 hours and walked to Tring Village, arriving at 1300 hours.

Complaints cleared up immediately.

Stayed overnight.

Thursday 30th July, 1964.

Mr. Quinn gave the people of Tring a talk on Councils and asked them if they wished to join a Council.

Routine administration.

Departed Tring at 0930 hours and walked to Kamasau, arriving at 1115 hours. The people were asked to assemble at Yaugiba the following morning.

Routine administration - no complaints.

Departed Kamasau at 1300 hours, arriving at Yaugiba at 1330 hours.

Routine administration - no complaints.

Stayed at Yaugiba overnight.

Friday, 31st July, 1964.

Mr. Quinn gave a talk to the people of Yaugiba, Kamasau, Kenyari and Marewge, at Yaugiba and asked them if they desired to join a Council.

Departed Yaugiba at 0945 hours and walked to Namareb, arriving at 1115 hours. People assembled and Mr. Quinn gave a talk on Councils and asked them if they desired to join.

Routine administration - no complaints.

Departed Namareb at 1215 hours for Wawat 2. arriving at 1245 hours.

No complaints.

People asked to assemble at Wawat 1 the following morning.

Departed to Wawat 1 at 1255 hours arriving at 1315 hours.

Stayed overnight.

Saturday 2nd August, 1964.

Mr. Quinn gave a talk on Councils to the people of Wawat 1, Wawat 2 and Mungunai and asked them if they desired to join a Council.

Routine administration - complaints handled on the spot.

Departed Wawat 1 for Mambe calling in at Timaru government school en route.

Arrived Mambe late morning and awaited the arrival of the people of Muniwara, Timaru, Yamben, Palpai and Patanda.

Mr. Quinn gave a talk on Councils and asked the people if they wished to join.

Routine administration - complaints handled at once.

Departed Mambe at 1220 hours and walked to Wamangu, calling in at New Guinea Gospel Mission en route. Arrived at Wamangu at 1615 hours.

No complaints. Stayed overnight.

Sunday, 2nd August, 1964.

Departed Wamangu at 1000 hours for Kowiro. People gathered from Wamangu, Samoaia, Purua and Yari.

Mr. Quinn gave a talk and heard the people's views. Problems straightened out on the spot.

Remained in Kowiro overnight.

Monday, 3rd August, 1964.

Departed Kowiro and walked Rabiawa passing a Seventh Day Adventist Mission en route. At Rabiawa obtained ride to Kubalia in D.A.S.F. land-rover. Arrived at Kubalia at 1530 hours. Slept at Kubalia.

Tuesday, 4th August, 1964.

Remained at Kubalia; complaints handled and prepared for Council meeting scheduled for the 5th August, 1964.

Slept in Kubalia.

Wednesday, 5th August, 1964.

Attended Saussia Council meeting at Kubalia.

Complaints handled.

Stayed at Kubalia overnight.

Thursday, 6th August, 1964.

Departed Kubalia per landrover for Wewak. Reported at Sub-district Office at 1430 hours.

End of Diary.

INTRODUCTION.

This was a patrol of the TEREBU-WEWAK INLAND Census Division and the villages of WAI, TRING, KAMASAU, YAUGIBA, NAMAREB, WAWAT 2, WAWAT 1, MAMBE, WAMANGU and KOWIRO were all visited, while the people of WAIBAB, MERENGE, KENYARI, PATANDA, PALPUI, YAMBEN, TIMARU, MUNIWARA, SAMOWIA, PARUWA and YARI, were spoken too at one of the first mentioned villages.

The primary aim of the patrol was to ascertain the desires of the people of these villages towards joining either the WEWAK-BUT or SAUSSIA Native Local Government Councils. However the time to accomplish this task was limited, as the patrol had to be at KUBALIA on Wednesday the fifth of August for a meeting of the SAUSSIA Council.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

In all villages visited the patrol was well received and in most cases full co-operation was given.

VILLAGE CLEANLINESS.

All villages inspected were clean and tidy and animals other than dogs were seldom seen around the houses. The standard of the houses was generally good and in a couple of villages old houses had recently been replaced.

There was adequate water supply in all villages. In MAMBE, however, I was surprised to see an old 44 gallon drum, the inside of which was covered in green slime and an old Malasia Control drum in the same condition, both of which had obviously been used for drinking water. However the Luluai of the village assured me that they were no longer used as the Aid Post Orderly resident at the village had placed a "Tambu" on their use.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL SITUATION.

All villages visited with the exception of KOWIRO were still under the Luluai Tultul political system which in many cases was working well as the village officials appeared to have influence and the roads and villages were kept in very good order. In the case of NAMAREB, however, the situation is considerably different. The Luluai obviously had no influence over the people and as a result this village had reached nowhere near the standard of the other villages.

AGRICULTURE.

Food supply was adequate throughout the villages visited and there appeared to be a reasonable amount of variation in diet. In all villages there were fowls, and WAWAT 1 had two goats. Tomatoes seem to be popular in this area as tomatoes were easily obtained.

The only cash crop in the villages visited was coffee and in all cases this was not developed. Small coffee crops were there but there seemed to be no incentive to enlarge them. In NAMAREB only, one man was working a coffee crop which was only small and the rest of the people were content to do nothing.

There were large areas between YAUGIBA and NAMAREB which looked as if they may be suitable for cattle. However here I am purely judging by appearance, for the grass was much shorter than kunai and looked as if it may be suitable.

COMPLAINTS.

There were a few minor complaints during the course of the patrol, and there were none which warranted the A.P.O.'s attention. All complaints were handled at once.

HEALTH.

The health of the people in the villages visited was generally good. The people in area have access to Aid Posts at TRING, WAWAT 1 and MAMBE, which are well situated and fairly well equipped with an Aid Post Orderly resident in each case.

In WAU there was one man who had a particularly over-developed stomach and appeared to be a case of malnutrition but otherwise there was no evidence of any type of illness.

EDUCATION.

There were five missions' schools and one government school in the area which was patrolled. At TIMARU there was a government school which reached standard three. Near Mambe, there was a Catholic Mission School, another at KOWIRA, and one at RABIAWA. Just before reaching WAMANGU, we came to a New Guinea Gospel Mission which taught to standard three. Midway between KOWIRO and RABIAWA, we came to a Seventh Day Adventist Mission but did not stop.

Attendance at all schools was good although there were a few children from the Catholic Mission school at KOWIRO who were not attending regularly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

From SAMAP to KAMASAU there were not roads - only bush tracks - but from KAMASAU onwards there were roads which were well looked after. The only exception to this was at NAMAREB where the grass on the road had not been cut for some time. However all roads were suitable for land-rovers. Bridges across all creeks and streams were in good condition.

AIRFIELDS.

Three airfields were noted on the patrol and all of these were light aircraft airfields. These fields were situated at TRING, the Catholic Mission at MAMBE and the Catholic Mission at KOWIRO and were all in good condition.

There was also a site marked out for a new airstrip near the Seventh Day Adventist Mission between KOWIRO and RABIAWA.

Robert J. Brown (C.P.O.)

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

No. 10401 - 6th year Const. MAKAI - Good worker, very helpful.

Robin J. Brown C.P.O.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. 8 of 64/65

Patrol Conducted by J.B. QUINN (P.O.) accompanied by R.J. BROWN (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled WEWAK INLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NIL

Duration—From 5./10./19.64 to 13./10./19.64

Number of Days 9 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1./9./19.64

Medical 9./1./19.63

Map Reference 2 miles to 1 inch.

- Objects of Patrol (1) To attend Saussia Council Meeting at Kubalia.
(2) General Administration at Kubalia.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

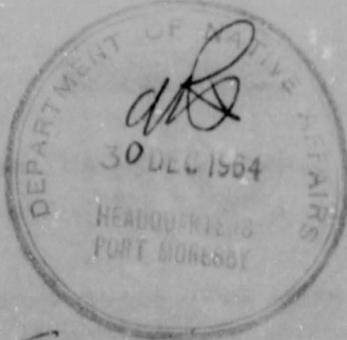
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15th December, 1964.

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

WEWAK PATROL REPORT NO.8 OF 64/65

Receipt of the above numbered Patrol Report by
Mr. R. Brown Cadet Patrol Officer is acknowledged.

2. It is often a fact that in a relatively new Council
the influential men in a village or group do not stand for
election as a Councillor but push forward some represent-
ative and then sit back and watch developments. It appears
that this is the case in Toanumbu and it is quite likely
that at the next elections one of the influential men will
stand.

3. Regarding the people at Nyakandogum and their store
with assistance from the Co-operative Officer it may have
a reasonable chance of success however further help must
be given by this Department in order to safeguard the money
which has been donated by the village people.

SATURDAY Oct. 10th. Observed.
SUNDAY Oct. 11th. Observed.
MONDAY Oct. 12th.
Writing for car.
TUESDAY Oct. 13th.
Car arrived mid-morning. Spent
break at lunch time.
Spent rest of day in the office.

J. E. Wakeford
J. E. WAKEFORD
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc/ The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

was still present.

The Councillor himself appears to be a man with a personality
which lacks the quality of leadership and this is more than likely
to his disadvantage. I personally cannot see why the people elected
him in the first place.

No 2. 4/1/65
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INTRODUCTION

This Patrol had two objects, the main one being to attend the October meeting of PATROL DIARY at Kubalia in the Wewak area being general administration at Kubalia.

MONDAY Oct. 5th.

Departed WEWAK for KUBALIA arriving at 1:00 hours. Afternoon spent repairing Council radios.

TUESDAY Oct. 6th.

Spent day continuing repairs on Council radios in preparation for revised distribution system. Mr. Webb arrived late afternoon.

WEDNESDAY Oct. 7th.

Attended Saussia Council Meeting during the morning and part of the afternoon. After the Meeting, talked with some of the Councillors and the Station Policemen, handled some complaints.

THURSDAY Oct. 8th.

Discussed local problems with some of the Councillors and the policemen at KUBALIA. In the afternoon travelled to TOANUMBU Village on request of the Councillor who was worried about the attitude of some of the people in his village.

FRIDAY Oct. 9th.

Travelled to TURENGI Catholic Mission in the morning to clear up a marriage complaint for one of the Mission Teachers. However because Father Stodden was not back from WEWAK the matter could not be cleared up. Father Stodden brought the teacher to KUBALIA just after lunch and the matter was cleared up.

For the rest of the afternoon talked with Councillors and station policemen on local problems and answered queries by Councillors on the Council Works Program.

SATURDAY Oct. 10th.

Observed.

SUNDAY Oct. 11th.

Observed.

MONDAY Oct. 12th.

Waiting for car.

TUESDAY Oct. 13th.

Car arrived mid-morning. Departed KUBALIA for WEWAK arriving in Wewak at lunch time.

Spent rest of day in the office.

After conversing with the people and explaining the duties and authority of the Council, the obligations of the villages in the Council, the End of Diary. in the village was far less tense, although the attitude of resentment towards the Councillor was still present.

The Councillor himself appears to be a man with a personality which lacks the quality of leadership and this is more than likely to his disadvantage. I personally cannot see why the people elected him to the first place.

INTRODUCTION:

This Patrol had two objects, the main one being to attend the October meeting of the Saussia Council at Kubalia in the Wewak Inland, the other being general administration at Kubalia.

Nine days were spent at Kubalia in order to give the people in outlying parts of the council area a chance to come to Kubalia if they had any problems. The nine days also enabled me to receive a little more contact with the people before Mr. Quinn departed for leave.

Two places were visited on request from the people concerned. The first of these was Toanumbu village, where the Councillor was not receiving full co-operation from the people in his village. The second was the Catholic Mission TURENGI which was visited because one of the mission teachers had a marriage problem which he wished to have cleared up.

Unfortunately nothing was done on Monday 12th October, as the patrol was expecting the car to arrive at any time during the day and the people had been informed of this.

However the car, although being sent out on the Monday, did not arrive until Tuesday because it had broken down on the way.

The first two days were spent solely on repairing the Council radios.

This meant that out of the nine days only three of them were spent in direct contact with the people in the area and one of these was the day of the Council meeting.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

There is a growing tendency in the council area to ignore the word of the Councillor and even to openly oppose his word in front of the other people of the village.

This was the case at Toanumbu, only in this case it was practically the whole male population of the village who were openly going against the word of the Councillor.

The people of the village were spoken to, and it was explained to them that they had expressed their desires to have this man, SASERINGU, as their Councillor, by voting for him when the elections were on, and now they should co-operate with him.

Although the Councillor accused the whole village of going against him, I feel sure that it was the conniving actions of a few that induced the others to follow. This was evident when the talk was given to them because almost half the men assembled stood up and condemned the actions of the others.

After conversing with the people and explaining the duties and authority of the Councillor as well as the obligations of the villages in the Council, the atmosphere in the village was far less tense, although the attitude of resentment towards the Councillor was still present.

The Councillor himself appears to be a man with a personality which lacks the quality of leadership and this is more than likely to his disadvantage. I personally cannot see why the people elected him in the first place.

AGRICULTURE:

As the patrol remained at Kubalia for the nine days little up to date information could be accumulated on agriculture in the Saussia Council area.

The main agricultural cash crop in the area is coffee. However the people are not reaping the full benefit from the coffee gardens as yet because a large number of these gardens have only recently been planted or the coffee trees are not ready to carry coffee.

The villages with the older coffee gardens have produced a number of bags of coffee which is to the best of my knowledge the largest amount ever produced at any one time, e.g., KUMBURRAGA, has 12 bags ready to be transported to a market and HANYAK has 6 bags ready.

Frequent patrolling is being carried out in the SAUSSIA Council area by D.A.S.F. staff who have offered to carry the coffee grown in the area to a market.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

The residents of NYAKANDOGUM wish to attempt a C-operative Society store in conjunction with the surrounding villages. However there is a considerable amount of work to be done before they can get this under way. The people of NYAKANDOGUM have built a store house at the village and this is now ready for use.

There are almost twenty villages considering coming in on this project. NYAKANDOGUM is in the YANGORU EAST Census Division and the stores will receive support from villages in the Yangoru East Census Division and part of the Wewak Inland. At present the people are trying to find out how much money they can collect initially to start up this store.

The reason the people have given for starting up this store, is that they feel that Wewak, Passam and Yangoru are too far away for them to go when they wish to buy goods from a store and that if they could establish a store centrally at NYAKANDOGUM, it would be of benefit to every village in the area.

Personally I feel that the people concerned are enthusiastic enough to build up this store and make it pay. Mr. McSherry, the Sepik District Co-operative Officer, said that he will sell these people the stores and instruct them in prices.

There are a considerable number of people in the Council area where the road is going through who are drawing cash wages by working for the Army on the Wewak/Maprik road project.

COMPLAINTS:

The few complaints handled were mainly of a minor nature. The majority of these were about old debts, especially debts concerning pigs. It is certainly not uncommon to have people complaining about someone who received a pig from them some time ago and has not yet paid for it. Where debts are concerned, I have tried to encourage the people to work them out themselves, or look to the Councillor for assistance.

The journey to TOANUMBU on Thursday, October, 8th, followed a request by the Councillor. This has been discussed under the heading "Political Situation".

The trip to TURENGI was made to clear up a marriage problem for one of the teachers at the Turengi Catholic Mission School. The teacher's wife's parents wished to exchange the wife for another woman and were making a fuss because the couple would not do as the parents wished. As the couple were married in the Catholic Church, I required the Catholic priest from Turengi, Father Stodden, to be present for advice on religious aspects of the matter. However, Father Stodden had not returned from a trip to Wewak when I arrived and I returned to Kubalia asking the teacher to send word when Father Stodden returned.

Father Stodden returned just after lunch and brought the teacher and those others concerned who were present, to Kubalia where the matter was straightened out. Word has been sent to the wife's parents who were not present at the time to come down to the next Council meeting so that the matter can be explained to them.

HEALTH: Here again, because the patrol personnel remained at Kubalia for the duration of the patrol, little information could be gathered on the health of the people in the Council area.

One thing I have noticed is that the Aid-Post Orderlies in the Saussia Council area are very keen on giving injections of Penicillin. I had a case at Kubalia during this patrol where a boy jumped from a tree and sprained his wrist. When the boy told the Aid Post Orderly what had happened, the first thing the Orderly did was to prepare for a penicillin injection.

If penicillin injections are going to be given every time someone goes into an Aid Post the people will be having so much penicillin pumped into them, that when they really do need penicillin, it will do no good for them.

EDUCATION:

The only schools in the area patrolled were the Catholic Mission school at Turengi, and the Government School at Kubalia.

The standard at the Government School appears to be high and many of the students speak good English. The attendance at the school is good and the children are taking an active interest in the maintenance of their school in doing such things as cutting the grass around the school and weeding the gardens. The headmaster of the school, Mr. Len Murray, has got the children to the stage where they enthusiastically wash their school clothes in the local creek every day after school.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

The greater part of the road to Kubalia is in good condition and the army road is now out as far as PAPARAM. However the Tangori By-Pass can become very difficult after a good shower of rain.

All bridges crossed are in good condition and a new culvert has just been finished near Kubalia. I was informed however, that one bridge out near Bararat Village is not in very good condition and this will be rectified next time I go to Kubalia.

AIRFIELDS:

The only airfield in the area visited is the one at the Catholic Mission at Turengi. This airfield is only for light aircraft.

Robin J. Prown.

Robin J. Prown.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

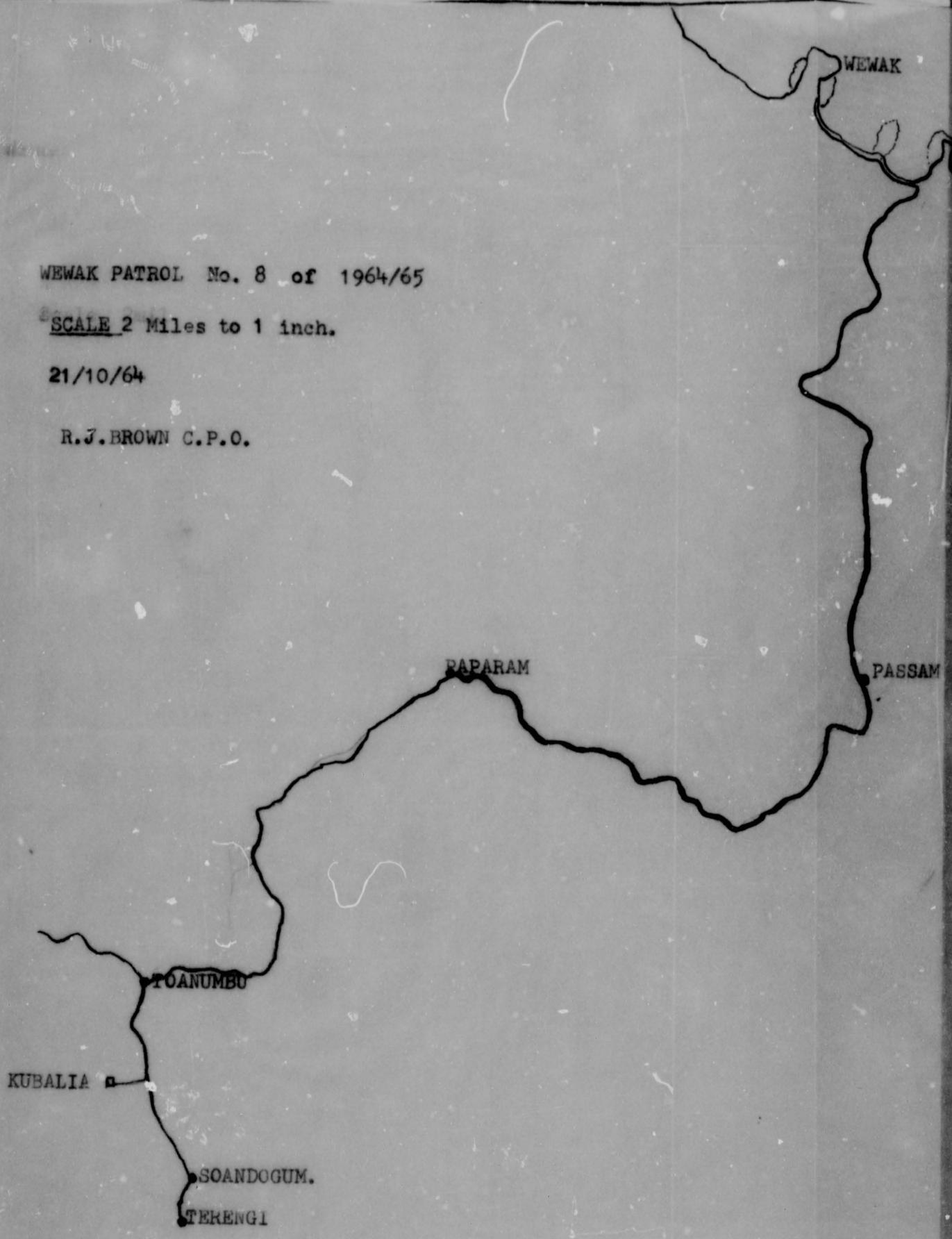
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... SEPIK Report No. 10 of 1964/55

Patrol Conducted by..... R.J. Brown. (C.P.O.)

Area Patrolled..... WEWAK INLAND.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL.

Natives..... NIL.

Duration—From..... 9 / 11 / 19 64 to..... 12 / 11 / 19 64
and..... 17 / 11 / 19 64 to..... 18 / 11 / 19 64

Number of Days..... 6 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 5 / 10 / 19 64

Medical 9 / 1 / 19 63

Map Reference..... 2 miles to 1 inch.

Objects of Patrol..... To attend two Saussia Council Meetings at Kubalia.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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16th February, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK

PATROL REPORT NO. 10 - 1964/65 - WEWAK

Receipt of the abovementioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Brown is gaining valuable experience during the pre-election campaigns.

I am pleased to see that the member of the House of Assembly for the special electorate is taking an interest in local politics.

What was the outcome of the request for an increase in wages for the Council's messenger?

An interesting report.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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Patrol Diary

Monday 9th November, 1964.

Preparing for patrol to Saussia Council Meeting at Kubalia, during morning.

Departed WEWAK with the Council Clerk for KUBALIA at 1200 hrs, arriving at KUBALIA at 1645 hrs., the trip being prolonged because of bad roads and a roundabout route made to organise a back load of native food for the Wewak General Hospital.

Tuesday, 10th November, 1964.

Day spent talking with the local people and preparing for the Council Meeting on Wednesday.

Wednesday, 11th November, 1964.

Attended Council Meeting which opened at 0925 hours.

Mr. R. A. Webb, A.D.C., Mr. Frank Martin, local member of the House of Assembly, and Mr. B. McGarry, Medical Assistant, arrived at 1100 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1230 hours after Mr. Martin had given a talk on the House of Assembly.

Meeting re-opened 1340 hours for general business and closed at 1440 hours.

Remainder of day spent talking with the Councillors and trying some people out in the use of shot guns for S.A.Ps.

Thursday, 12th November, 1964.

Departed KUBALIA for WEWAK at 0830 hours. Met Mr. Wadsworth (A.D.O.) on route. Arrived in WEWAK at noon and spent remainder of day at the office.

Tuesday, 17th November, 1964.

Departed WEWAK at 1130 hours for KUBALIA to attend Special Council Meeting, arriving at KUBALIA at 1400 hours.

Spent remainder of day preparing for the meeting.

Wednesday, 18th November, 1964.

Attended Council Meeting during the morning and departed for WEWAK at 1230 hours after the meeting had finished.

Arrived in WEWAK at 1845 hours.

End of Diary.

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INTRODUCTION:

This was a patrol to the Wewak Inland Census Division for the purpose of attending two Saussia Native Local Government Council Meetings. The first meeting was the normal monthly meeting for the month of November and the second was a Special Meeting in which the Draft Estimates for 1965 were presented to the Council for its approval.

The patrol lasted a total of six days, of which, about 3 days were spent travelling.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

There was nothing more that came up about the Toanumbu Councillor's trouble and none of the other Councillors had anything to complain about.

Many of the Councillors have asked when the next elections are due and when told that it will not be until the end of 1965, they have seemed disappointed as if they are tired of being Councillors.

The Special Council Meeting was organized to present the Draft Estimates for 1965.

The estimates were discussed in detail with the Councillors and it was explained why each item had been put in the Estimates.

The Councillors were quite content with the estimates but complained that they had not seen enough done with their money during 1964.

The Councillors also said that they were not satisfied with the wages being paid to the Council Messenger. This was because the Council Messenger lives at Kubalia and his wife and children live at Yumungu, which is the Council Messenger's village. The Councillors want the Messenger's pay increased because while he is working for the Council, he hasn't time to run a business of his own and thus has no source of revenue other than the wages he gets from the Council, with which to look after his family.

AGRICULTURE:

As the patrol remained at Kubalia, little knowledge could be gathered on Agriculture.

However those villages that first planted coffee in the area, are getting a good yield now. A number of the villages have bags of coffee ready to be taken to a market. Mr. John Shippard, the Agricultural Officer, is organizing the transport of the coffee to a market.

Mr. Shippard and the agricultural assistants, working with him, have been doing frequent patrolling in the area.

There has been a native material house built for an agricultural assistant, so that there can be a representative of D.A.S.F. in the area for longer periods than there are at present. Mr. Shippard informed me that an agricultural assistant would be able to stay in the Council area at Kubalia for a month or two months at a time.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY:

Because the new Army Road is inside the Saussia Council area, many men in the area are receiving a cash wage. As the road progresses the army draws its labour from the village in whose area it is working and thus the money received in wages is more evenly dispersed throughout the area.

Villages in the Council area are now receiving money by sending loads of native food into Wewak where it is sold to the Wewak General Hospital.

COMPLAINTS:

There were no complaints handled during the patrol.

HEALTH:

As I remained at Kubalia for the duration of the patrol, little information on the health of the people was gathered.

The Council Works Program has been designed with an emphasis on environmental sanitation. Very shortly a number of permanent Aid Posts will be going up and Water Storage Tanks will be erected at each of these Aid Posts. These will be of great assistance to those villages where water is a considerable distance away, as in these villages water is not used as often as it should be because of the long trek to fetch it.

EDUCATION:

The only school at Kubalia where the patrol remained, is the Government Primary T. School.

The Headmaster of this school has produced a high standard of "School Spirit" in the children attending. The standard of English spoken by the children, especially those who have been going to the school for a couple of years, is very high.

The closest school to the one at Kubalia is the Catholic Mission School at Turengi which is about three miles from Kubalia.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

When travelling to and from the first meeting at Kubalia, the roads were wet and in very bad condition. The worst part of the road was at the army road-head where the coronas had not been put down.

Travelling to the second meeting was quite a fast and uneventful trip as the road was perfectly dry, but going from Kubalia to Wewak after the second meeting, the road was in very bad condition as it had been raining during the previous night. The car was held up at the Munjim River, where the Army are building a causeway, because the river was in flood, and was forced to remain there until a front-end loader working on the causeway towed the car across the river. When this causeway is finished it will save a lot of time for people travelling on the road, especially when the river is in flood.

AIRFIELDS:

The only airfield in the area patrolled is the one at the Turengi Catholic Mission Station and this airfield is for light aircraft only.

Robert J. Brown

(R.J. BROWN)

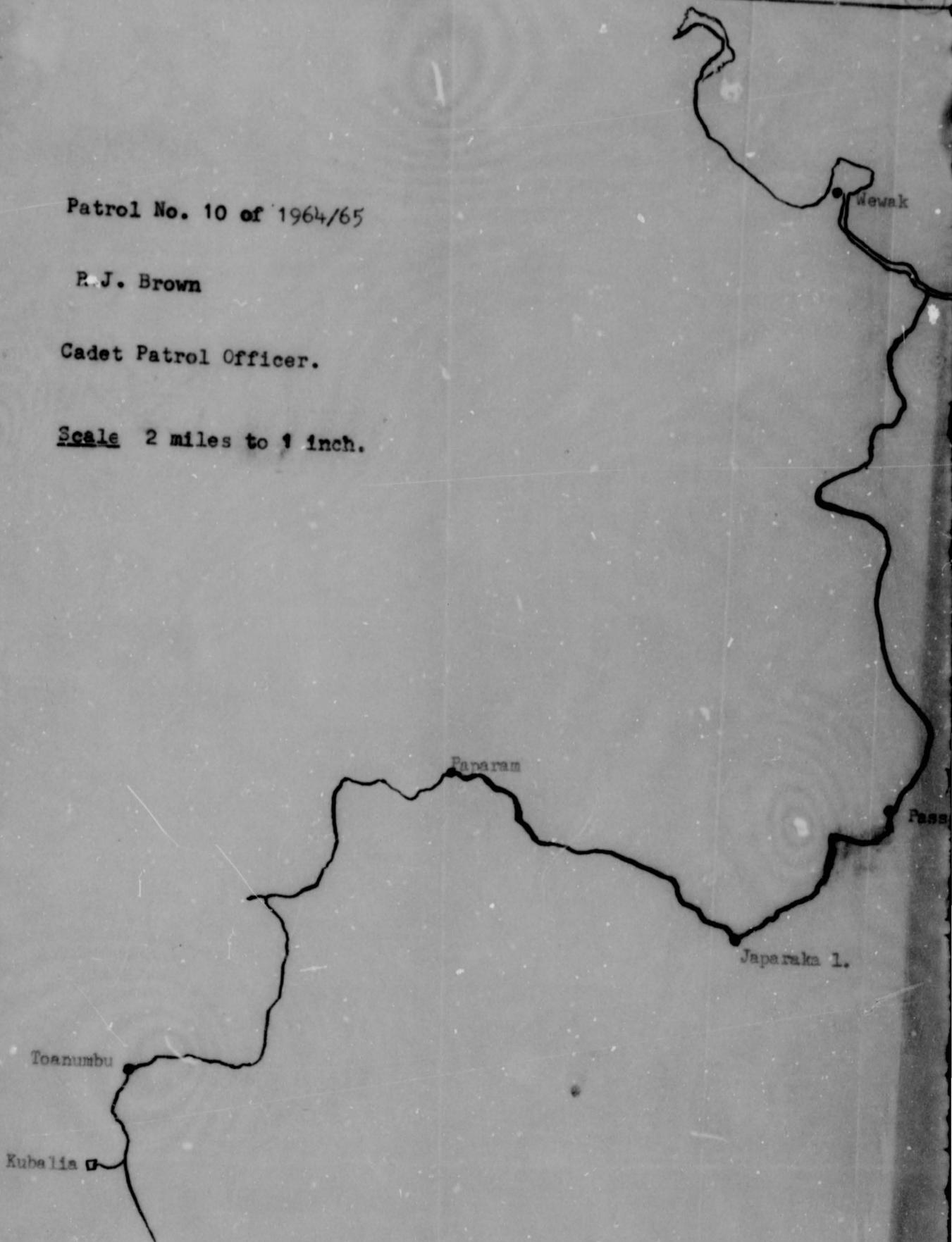
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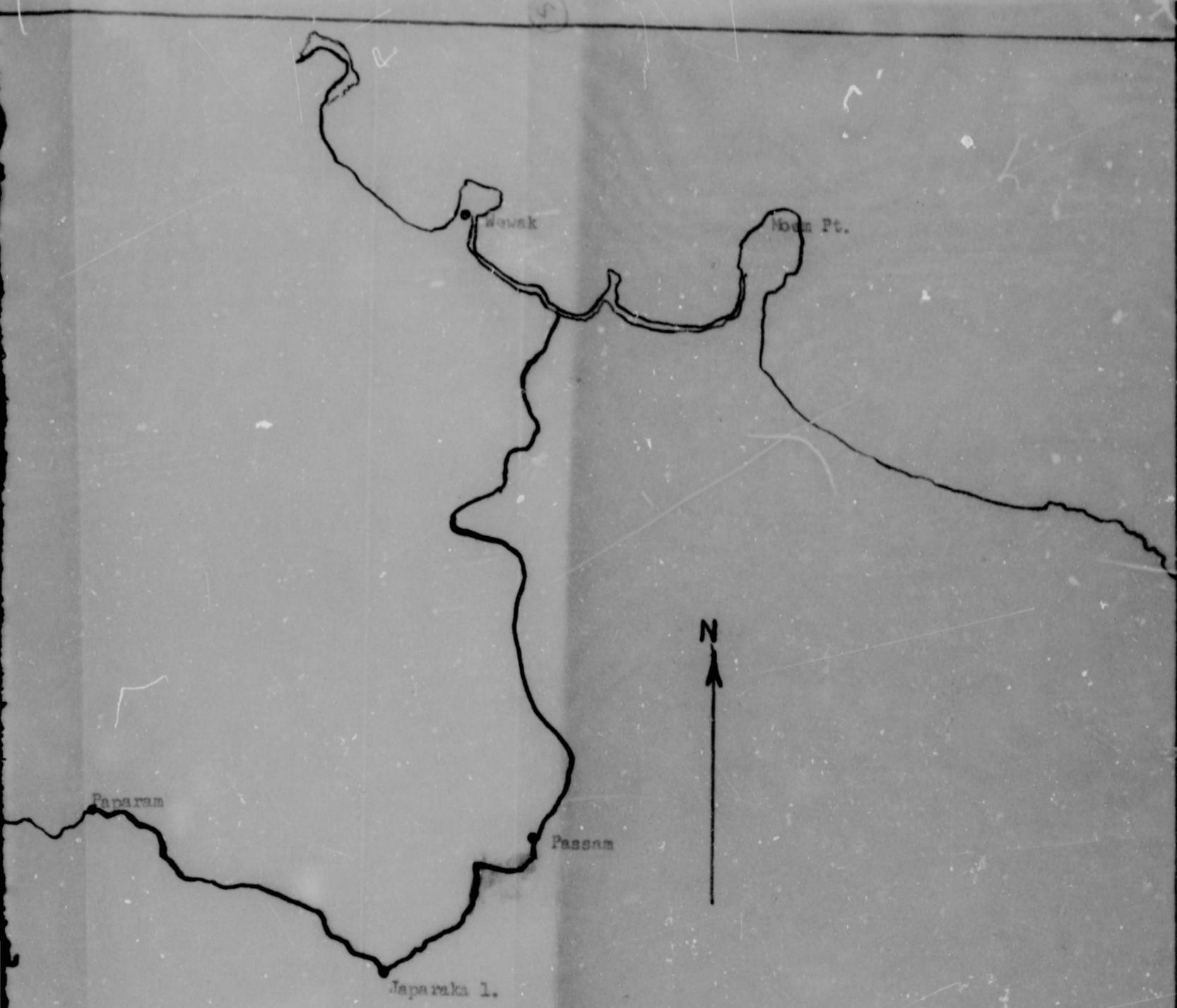
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R. J. Brown

Cadet Patrol Officer.

Scale 2 miles to 1 inch.







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. 11 of 1964/65

Patrol Conducted by R.J. Brown. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Part WEWAK ISLANDS Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives NIL.

Duration—From 21 / 11 / 19 64 to 26 / 11 / 19 64

Number of Days 6 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Service 16 / 6 / 19 64

Medical ----- / ----- / 19

Map Reference 4 miles to 1 inch.

Objects of Patrol (1) To erect temporary buildings for use by the Morbidity Survey Team.

(2) General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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16th February, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK

PATROL REPORT NO. 11 - 1964/65 - WEWAK

Receipt of the abovementioned report and covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

The notes on housing are of interest and it appears that conditions in the group generally are good.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

15th January, 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL REPORT NO. 11 of 1964-65

Receipt of the above numbered Patrol Report is acknowledged.

It is evident that Mr. Brown is now looking at things more objectively and is presenting his observations in his patrol reports.

The matter of the Councillor at Tarawai is one of obvious jealousy where even though the Tarawai people live virtually side by side with those of Walis Island, unless they get an outstanding leader they will never have a chance of having their representative in the Council due to the much greater proportion of voters on Walis.

J. E. Wakeford

(J. E. WAKEFORD)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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

Patrol Diary

(TARAWAI)

Saturday, 21st November, 1964.

0815 hours car arrived to carry patrol equipment to M.V. "Rouna Falls". 1000 hrs. Rouna Falls departed WEWAK for TARAWAI Island, arriving at approximately 1430 hrs. Patrol equipment taken ashore and Rouna Falls returned to Wewak.

As the people of the island were at work when I arrived, asked the Councillors to organize a building site, and to have the men ready for work after church the following morning.

Sunday, 22nd November, 1964.

Men for work on the houses assembled and work commenced. Work ceased 1600 hrs.

Monday, 23rd November, 1964.

Work recommenced on the houses at 0800 hrs. Work ceased at 1600 hrs.

Talked with a group of the people during the evening.

Tuesday, 24th November, 1964.

Handled a complaint.

Work continued on the houses which were almost completed by the end of the day.

Talked with the people during the evening.

Wednesday, 25th November, 1964.

As "Rouna Falls" did not arrive as arranged, was able to fully supervise the completion of the work on the houses. Work finished just before lunch and the people returned to work on their own businesses, while I made a tour of the Island.

In the evening sat with the people and talked about their businesses and conditions affecting them.

Thursday, 26th November, 1964.

"Rouna Falls" arrived in the morning.

Departed TARAWAI at 0850 hrs. for WEWAK. Arrived Wewak at 1315 hrs.

Spent remainder of day at office.

End of Diary.

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INTRODUCTION:

This was a patrol to TARAWAI Island in the WEWAK ISLANDS Census Division in the WEWAK BUT Council area.

The object of the patrol was to erect four temporary buildings to be used by the Morbidity Survey Team when they visited Tarawai Island. As this was the first time I had supervised the construction of any type of building, I had no idea how long it would take to erect these structures. As I arrived on Saturday, 21st November, and the "Rouna Falls" was due back on the morning of Wednesday the 25th, I commenced work on Sunday 22nd. This gave me three days to complete the work.

However the Rouna Falls was delayed for 24 hours due to rough seas, giving me time to supervise the works to completion and also time to inspect the Island.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL:

The patrol was received very well and the people were most co-operative. Throughout the duration of the patrol the Councillor and the people gave assistance wherever it was needed, willingly, and the labour supply for work on the houses was always plentiful.

VILLAGES:

(1) Standard of housing on Tarawai Island is the highest I have seen. All houses with the exception of two were comparatively new and many of them are constructed on a European style design with doors and shutter type windows. Several of the houses also contained roughly made furniture.

All houses are built up off the ground and where the ground is particularly hard or rocky, the people have used large rocks as the foundations.

(11) The water supply on the Island is not as efficiently exploited as it could be. At present the people use a number of forty four gallon drums in which they collect rain water for drinking by placing the drums under sheets of old galvanized iron which slants down toward the drum.

There is a large natural fresh water lake, which the people use for bathing in, on the Island, and if some means of channelling this water to the village, which is about a mile away from the lake by paths, the people would never run short of fresh water. The people explained that they did not put the village close to the lake because when they have heavy rain the lake overflows and the area around it becomes wet and swampy. Another reason they gave me was because there was not much good soil on the Island and the good soil they have surrounds the lake so that if they had put the village closer it would have taken up some of their good soil area.

The houses were very clean and were swept out daily, and the area around the houses was kept very clean. The only animals on the Island were dogs and fowls and from what I could gather neither of these were allowed in the house.

The people bathed daily in the Lake and their clothes were usually quite clean.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

During my stay on Tarawai Island, I found the Councillor to be industrious, conscientious and very helpful. However the one complaint handled during the patrol concerned the Councillor and all the men in the Village.

Apparently, before the last Council election, the man who is now the prevailing Councillor, was lazy, so the men on Tarawai got together and elected him Councillor so that he would have to do some work.

While the Councillor was in Wewak recently, he had asked Mr. Wadsworth, the Council Supervising Officer, what he should do if the people did not work and would not listen to him. When he returned the men of the village accused him of telling Mr. Wadsworth that they were all lazy and would not listen to him. However after I had talked with them they realized that it was all a misunderstanding, and relations between Councillor and people returned to normal, which is just a state of tolerance anyway.

AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE:

The food situation on Tarawai is very good. The people have an abundance of food and would like to bring the surplus to Wewak but they have no means of doing so.

The people have planted introduced food crops, such as tomatoes, beans and also several very good lemon trees. They also have dwarf coconut trees and lemons which grow on a type of vine which were imported from Western New Guinea.

As there are no animals other than dogs and fowls on the Island, the main meat diet is fish of which there is plenty and these are caught daily.

There are two trade stores on the Island; one being the Co-operative Society store, and the other a store belonging to a Mr. Thomas. The store owned by Mr. Thomas has been neglected for several months and has no stock, but the people prefer to buy from the Society store because the goods are cheaper.

The only cash cropping done on the Island is coconuts and the copra is sold through the Co-operative Society in Wewak. The plantations on the Island are very well cared for and the people are getting quite a good yield. When I left Tarawai, there were about 57 bags of copra in the store waiting to be picked up and taken to Wewak.

COMPLAINTS:

There was only one complaint during the patrol and this has been dealt with under "Political Situation".

HEALTH:

As the object of the patrol was to erect temporary buildings for the Morbidity Survey Team, I feel that no comment need be made because the Survey Team was to thoroughly examine every person on the Island and will be able to report far more extensively than what I could do.

EDUCATION:

Until recently there was a Catholic Mission School with one native teacher on the Island, but now the children go to the government school on Walis Island. The children stay at Walis during the school week and return to Tarawai for the weekend.

ROADS:-

There are no vehicular roads on the Island but the paths there are well kept. The path leading from the village to the plantations is almost wide enough to drive a car along.

R. J. Brown

(R.J. BROWN)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

Fresh Water
Lake
Village

TARAWAI Is.

Houses built here.

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Wcwat Patrol No.11 of 1964/65

R.J.BROWN.

Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No.

Patrol Conducted by R KOPI P.O.

Area Patrolled WUVULU ISLAND

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 2/6/1965 to 3/6/1965

Number of Days 2

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services May, 1965

Medical May, 1965

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol (1) CENSUS REVISION & TAX COLLECTION (2) ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & IMPROVE FOOD CROPS, ENCOURAGE MAKING OF ARTIFACTS. (3) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2/8/1965

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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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

24th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL REPORT NO. 28/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very short patrol report by Mr. Kopi, covered by your memo 67-3-1/306 of 24th August, 1965.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Hastings are noted.
3. Mr. Kopi has apparently carried out the tasks set him in a capable manner. He has written a fairly good, readable report and with more application he should become proficient. I am sure these men have a lot more to tell us, but they are shy owing to the language barrier. Assistant District Commissioners and European Education Officers should help these young men by correcting the English in their compositions.
4. Mr. Kopi has presented a good report and has conducted the patrol efficiently.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

24th August, 1965

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Subdistrict Office,
WEWAK.

WEWAK PATROL NO. 28 of 1964/1965

Receipt of the above numbered report of
a patrol by Mr. Raga Kopi, Patrol Officer of Wuvulu
is acknowledged with thanks.

Your comments are noted and adequately cover
the report.

E. G. Hicks
(E. G. HICKS)
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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



Subeli Base Camp,
Wuvulu Island,
WEWAK, S.D.O.

6/6/65.

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

REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE VILLAGES AT
WUVULU ISLAND - WEWAK SUB-DISTRICT.

PATROL CONDUCTED:

R.L. KOPI Patrol Officer.

AREA PATROLLED:

WUVULU ISLAND.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY EUROPEANS: Nil

NATIVES:

1 R.P.N.C. Member.

DURATION:

FROM 2/6/65 to 3/6/65.

NUMBER OF DAYS:

2 days.

DID MEDICAL ASSISTANT ACCOMPANY: No.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA:

DD.A May, 1965.
P.H.D. " "

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

- (1) Census revision and tax collection.
- (2) Encouraging economic developments and improving food crops and encouraging making of artifacts.
- (3) Routine Administration.

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INTRODUCTION.

WUVULU ISLAND is situated approximately 120 miles north of Wewak. The island is about 4 miles long and 2 miles wide. It consists of two villages and an old German plantation called AGITA. The island has no important geographical features except that it is surrounded by sudden falls of deep water from the reef and it is made up of coral and sand.

The purpose of this patrol was specified in the preamble which was attained.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

17th August, 1965.

The people here are quite a progressive group and they are also quite a sophisticated group but they appear to be so used to lead an uninterrupted, easy and isolated island life here, they remain to be not so particularly keen at readily accepting new ideas for future betterments.

In fact, these people have had plenty of outside contacts since the German occupation in New Guinea as a result there are quite a few of migrations in from BUKA and mainland who are now permanently settled in the island.

However there has been a little change now since SUBELI has been established as a BASE CAMP. The people are now showing a good interest to better themselves, of course, they know now that they have someone on the island to look to for advice.

During this patrol there was a talk brought to the patrol's attention, about having a council established on the island. Nothing was promised to the people but the patrol again explained that there were not sufficient people on the island, lack of economic potentials and transport difficulties to Wewak.

The law and order do exist in villages that there were no complaints brought to the patrol's attention.

ECONOMIC.

The copra is only economic means for the island. At the present the people are encouraged to continue making more copra and they are all continuing to work on copra. The encouragement was also given to village officials to encourage the people to plant new coconuts to replace the old palms which do not bear much nuts.

The ground here appeared to be practically poor and no choice to grow or introduce any other cash crops. The ground may only be suitable for subsistence crops which were encouraged during the patrol.

The trade stores in villages are started operating badly that the goods have been sold at Wewak prices and they make no profit but have already made losses at about an average of £20. The trade stores owners are actually needing to be helped for start off and so far, it has been started to help the owners in goods costing.

HEALTH.

The general health of the people here is remarkably good. There were also no serious cases of sicknesses seen during the patrol only few small sores seen which are attending treatments at AUNA Aid Post. The Aid Post here is quite well attended by the two villages and the A.P.O. here is fully occupied.

Village hygiene is well kept and existing toilets in the villages are all in good repair.

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Sub-district Office,
WEWAK. Sepik District.

17th August, 1965.

The District Commissioner,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

PATROL No. 28 of 1964/65.
WUVULU AND AUA ISLANDS.

Attached please find a report on a Patrol in the above Islands, conducted by Mr. R. Kopi, Patrol Officer.

Both Islands were visited although the Report mentions only Wuvulu. Conditions are similar on each Island and comments apply to both.

It is to be hoped that the people "are quite progressive" and this attitude firmly entrenched, it has always been so. The staffing of Subeli Base Camp no doubt helps these people as showing an interest in their being is just as important as active assistance in any field of development.

The poor standard of soil limits agricultural development, economically and subsistence improvement. The sandy structure with no mineral or trace elements of coastal regions are the reasons for the introduced crops failing, so it would be wasting time to try again as suggested by Mr. Kopi without some form of soil improvement.

The Administration operates a school on Aua Island, whilst the Seven Day Mission maintains one on Wuvulu Island. During the beginning of the year, the Seven Day Mission had a "school" on Aua with a local Mission member in charge, this has been closed and the member withdrawn.

Changes in Village Officials has been attended by separate correspondence.

Mr. Kopi has presented a clear report and conducted the patrol in an efficient manner. All matters were attended as directed by Patrol Instructions.

For your information, please.


J.L. HASTINGS,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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VILLAGE AND HOUSING.

There are two villages on this Island AUNA and ONEI. They appeared to be clean and tidy that there were no major cleaning up needed to be done but some small cleaning up seen that needed to be done. These were brought to the Village Officials notice to be carried out and these were carried out.

The typical housing of the island is built off the ground (moreta) roof which is considered small with an average size of about 15ft. x 10ft. It is divided as one sleeping room and a verandah with sufficient ventilation.

Although the houses are said to be considerably small, the people settle in quite comfortably even with large families too, it has sufficient space.

The houses are built in such a small size because of the limited building materials on the island that the people can not afford to build large and big houses which they do not actually need.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE, AND LIVESTOCK.

The gardening here is of primitive fashion that the planting is carried out straight after clearing the bush. The main crops planted in the gardens are banana, "kaukau" and greens. Other native vegetables such as yam, tapioka, pineapples, tao kongrons have been introduced but the people reckon that they not suitable for this grounds. However, the effort should be made to re-introduce yam, tapiok, taro, bong-kong and pineapple because these crops, I reckon, should grow on a sandy soil.

These people also have a different kind of taro which is planted in two plots. These plots have been dug by the ancestors which are still used and which can still be used. This taro is very very hard which needed to be cooked for 12 hours before it is cooked.

Livestock is only village fowls which provides meat for this needs of meat. Fish from the sea is plentiful which the people mostly depend on for the protein.

EDUCATION AND MISSION.

There is no Administration school as yet, only Seventh Day Adventist Mission school established at Subeli Base Camp. At the present a Papuan Mission school teacher is in charge, assisted by two Buka Mission pastors. This school has standard from one (1) to four (4) which is the highest standard at the present. It has 40 pupils attending and female pupils are ahead of male pupils in every class. After the pupils complete standard four here they are sent to NAGUM in Wewak S.D.A. school. There are already over 40 pupils from these two villages sent to Nagum School in Wewak.

Most people in the two villages belong to Seventh Day adventist Mission only a few, not more than 10, are Catholics.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The officials in these two villages appeared to be carrying out quite a satisfactory job in the villages. They have a lot of influence over the people. They were again impressed upon them about the law and order and encouraged them that they are the ones to direct the people.

During this patrol luluai of AUNA village came forward

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nominating a young man to take his place as he is now very old, the young man agreed. The people were asked about it and they were all agreed. He was changed and the young man now working in his place as luluai, all the details and the appointment letter to A.D.C. Wewak.

CENSUS AND TAX.

The census revision was conducted in two villages of Wuvulu Island without difficulties and the census figures are attached to this report. The total population for this years census, is 439 which shows the increase from total population 402 during 1963 census.

Tax collection also carried out during the census and again there were no difficulties found with the tax payers.

Population Register

Area Patrolled: WUVULU ISLAND

MIGRATIONS	Out		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
			Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing Age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults		
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	5	3	5		8		4	1	17	3	24	50	25	37	1	43	3.7	35	59	52	54	238