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PATROL REPORT OF: MUMENG MOROCE

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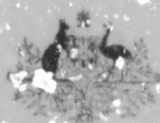
PATROL REPORTS

1971 - 1972

MUMENG

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MUMENG 1 1971/72  
 Subdistrict..... MUMENG  
 District..... MORORE  
 Type of Patrol..... ANNUAL CENSUS, AREA STUDY PATROL  
 Patrol Conducted by..... A.E. COOKE a/A.D.C.

Area Patrolled }  
 (Council and/or } MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION  
 Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol  
 A.F. HERBERT (A.P.O.)  
 1 POLICE CONSTABLE

Duration of Patrol--from..... 20./9/71..... to..... 4./10/71

No. of Days..... 15

Last D.D.A. Patrol Area..... SEPTEMBER

Date..... 17/9/70 - 30/9/70..... Duration..... 14 DAYS

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1) CENSUS, 2) ARFA STUDY, 3) CHECK S/GUNS &  
 TRADE STORE LICENCE.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 3331

The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 KOROBU.

ForWARDED, please.

*Eric Sney*  
*J. Sney*

.....  
 District Commissioner.

RGD/CP

P.O. Box 2396, KMEH:30

67-6-26

31st December, 1971

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

ARMING PATROL NO. 1 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-2-4 of 17th November, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual  
Census and Area Study Report by Mr. A. Herbert A.P.O.  
of Middle Watut Census Division.

A creditable first report by Mr. Herbert.

The problem of the urban drift is one which  
is worldwide and the best of brains have not been  
able to come up with a solution to restrict or contain  
same.

It is, I am afraid, the price Papua New Guinea  
has to pay in this day and age.

*S. J. PEARISALL*  
(S. J. PEARISALL)  
S/Secretary. 2



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No. 67.2.4.

Morobe District,  
LAE.

17th November 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDORU.

MUMBING PALLOL REPORT NO. 1 - 1971/72.  
MR. A. HERBERT, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

Herewith please find two copies of a report by Mr. Herbert. Attached also is an instruction to the report by Mr. Cooke, Assistant District Commissioner, who led the patrol. Mr. Herbert was given the task of updating the area survey and recording observations.


There is little I wish to add to Mr. Cooke's comments except to underline what appears as an upheaval in society with far reaching consequences for the area, i.e. migration. The total population recorded is 3331; this includes 1656 absentees, that is half the population. Total male population is 1766 of which 1022 are absent. Projected figures for Lae suggest an acceleration in the urban drift.

Depleted labour resources in the village prohibit any expansion of cash crops (even now a substantial part of the cash crop is not harvested), less tax revenue available for road maintenance and other improvements, less labour to extend roads, etc. Migration also imposes hardships in family circles and adds to the instability of marriage.

Cargo cults, political parties, elected members etc. will come and go but there is no evidence that migration to town from a dull and boring colourless village life will ever cease.

Those who remain in the village are, predictably, conservative in outlook. Their attitude is favourable to the Administration and Australian Government. Mr. Herbert notes that within the census area the relationships between neighbouring groups are poor. He says, "This stems from the fact that there are so many land disputes and even more so, where land disputes have been settled in court and still unhappiness remains."

This is Mr. Herbert's first report. It reflects his ability to observe and record.

  
(G.C. HARDY)  
a/District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,  
MUMENG  
29th October, 1971

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE

MUMENG PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72  
MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION

I forward herewith three copies of Diary, Area Study, Situation Report, Village Population Register and patrol map in respect of above patrol which was conducted by myself and accompanied by Mr. Herbert, A.P.O. Both Area Study and Situation Report were compiled by Mr. Herbert as a training exercise.

Area Study has been re-compiled although much of the information presented differs little from the previous year's report. Again, this was by way of a training exercise for Mr. Herbert.

It should be noted that since the previous Area Study/Census patrol, there have been three visits to the area by D.D.A. officers, including myself; one was of four days' duration and was for the purpose of attending Taxpayers' Meetings; others were for the purposes of conduct of By-Elections for the Mumeng Council and conduct of 1972 Territory Census, being of six and eight days' duration respectively.

This patrol in addition to the objects listed on Patrol Report jacket also disseminated pre House of Assembly elections propaganda including publicity of changes to electoral boundaries and changes in residential and minimum age qualifications. Political Education talks mainly dealing with party politics were also given.

This Census Division is the least populous in the Sub-District and it suffers from a seriously depleted workforce. I seriously doubt whether the proposed Bangalua Bridge to Piu road, 5 miles of which were constructed last financial year, will ever in fact become a reality. The greater proportion of the bench already cut has been impassable for some time with large landslips and washaways and the local people will not work voluntarily to carry out such repairs as are within their capabilities. Once the road progresses further down the gorge, the long distances between most of the villages along the route combined with paucity of population as well as lack of the will to work will, I think, effectively negate any attempts by the Council or the Administration to properly maintain and extend the road.

The people have willingly become financial members of the Pangu Party but with one rare exception, no one person was encountered who displayed any semblance of knowledge of the functions of any political party least of all of what this particular party stood for. The people's readiness to contribute financially to Pangu could be attributed to various misconceived notions held by them and others in the Sub-District, namely that their contributions would (a) relieve them of Council tax obligations and (b) provide them with a form of annual rebate or interest. The patrol attempted to squash these misconceptions whenever the opportunity arose. The people's knowledge of functions and machinery of House of Assembly and Government was equally negligible.



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DAIRY.

Monday 20/9/71 Departed Mumeng at approx. 4.30pm in the Stout and after fording the Snake River, we arrived at Sambie at 3.00pm. Overnight.

Tuesday 21/9/71 In the morning, Census Revision conducted and a check of Trade Store and shot guns Licences was taken. Afternoon, Area Study compiled followed by a talk by the A.D.C. on the coming H of A Elections. Overnight.

Wednesday 22/9/71 Left Sambie at 8.15am. Arrived Taiak 11.00am. After lunch- Census revision plus checking of Trade Store and S/gun Licences. Overnight.

Thursday 23/9/71 Departed Taiak at 10.00am. Arrived Galavo at 10.45am. Area Study and S/guns and Trade Store Licences checked. Overnight.

Friday 24/9/71 Census Revision of Galavo and talk by A.D.C. ON the changes concerning the coming H of Assembly Election. Overnight.

Saturday 25/9/71 Departed Galavo 8.15am. Arrived Kapin 1 at 11.00am. Census Revision of Kapin 2. Overnight.

Sunday 26/9/71 Census Revision of Kapin 1 followed by an area study. Talk by A.D.C. Inspection of S/guns and Trade Store Licences. Overnight.

Monday 27/9/71 Departed Kapin 1 8.30am. Arrived Dambi 11.00am. Conducted Area Study for Dangal, Dambi and Gauapu. Also checked S/guns and Trade Store Licences. Overnight.

Tuesday 28/9/71 Completed Census Revision for Dangal, Dambi and Gauapu. Talk by A.D.C. Overnight.

Wednesday 29/9/71 Departed Dambi 8.30am. Arrived Piu 11.30am. Conducted Census Revision and Area Study for Piu and Biamana. Overnight.

Thursday 30/9/71 Departed for Gumets at 8.30am. Arrived approx. 12.00 Noon. Conducted Census Revision. Overnight.

Friday 1/10/71 Area Study - Departed Gumets at 9.00am. Arrived Piu at 12.30pm. Overnight.

Saturday 2/10/71 Departed Piu at 7.00am. Arrived Kapin at 1.30pm. Overnight at Kapin.

Sunday 3/10/71 Departed Kapin at 7.00am. Arrived Taiak at 9.00am. Overnight.

Monday 4/10/71 Left Taiak at 7.30am. Arrived at Sambie at 10.00am. Toyota already waiting. Arrived back at Mumeng at 11.00am. End of Patrol.

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MUMENG PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72  
MIDDLE WATUT CENSUS DIVISION.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

There seemed to be no dissatisfaction amongst the people with Local Government. The Council is providing Water Filtration Schemes and foot-bridges with tax money received from these people, and as long as these projects continue and the members of the village are able to see that their tax money is being used to improve their standard of living, then Local Government will always be fully accepted.

The Local Government Councillors fulfill their position quite satisfactorily in that they perform the role of village spokesman and, if necessary, are able to voice the opinion of their people at Council meetings. They are, however, limited as a leader because many of the Councillors are reasonably young and the people turn to the elders for advice.

After talking to the people encountered while on Patrol, it was quite obvious that they were very unhappy with their representative in the House of Assembly, Mr. Mangobing Kakun. Since his stand in Parliament, he has only bothered once to visit another village in his area, besides his own, and that was at a Christmas Party held at Darbi in 1969. As it was these people's votes that gained him his seat in Parliament, they feel that it is only fair that they should be advised of his activities. Re-election in 1972 is highly unlikely.

The Political Education talks that have gone through this area have given the people a basic knowledge of politics and an understanding of the functions an M.H.A. is supposed to perform. This, however, is only a very basic knowledge and more frequent visits to these villages by Mr. Kakun could greatly benefit these people in their understanding of politics.

(b) ECONOMIC.

Arabica coffee is the main produce in this area, but is very restricted in that the people have no way of getting their coffee to the market. The proposed road from the Bangalum Bridge to Piu when completed will double their total production, but, as stated in the Area Study, it will be a long time before this road goes through. The people have no incentive to work their gardens as they only market enough to pay for such things as Council tax, school fees, etc. Sambio and Kiah are the only two villages that are able to market, with ease, their garden crops because of their access to the Lae-Wau road. Sambio also possess the only Trade Store now operating in the area and also a cattle project, both owned by Mangobing Kakun (M.H.A.).

Cattle raising throughout the rest of the area would be a very difficult task as most of the villages are situated along the side of the Watut gorge which is thickly forested and mountainous.

The Council has provided each village with coffee pulpers and the fermenting process is done by using hollowed out logs. The amount of coffee that is produced is good, but as stated before, it is very difficult to get the coffee to the markets to be sold. Once the coffee is brought to Mumeng, competition between the Sake Society, Mr. Peter Kerr and Namaru, who all purchase coffee, usually brings in a good price. The average price for coffee this year has been 18c a lb. although for high quality coffee, Peter Kerr has paid up to 23c a lb.

Extensions to cash crops at the moment would be of no benefit because even what they are harvesting at the present time is not all getting to the markets. This is caused by their isolation and great difficulty in carrying the coffee to the markets to sell. the only cash crop at the moment is coffee. No new type cash crops are being experimented with or are contemplated.

Mr. Irelands property, which he grows coffee on and runs sheep and cattle, is the only non-indigenous development in this area. His property is adjacent to the Sambio village. He does not employ any of the local village people and buys no produce from these people.

(c) SOCIAL.

There are two Lutheran Mission Bible schools operating in the area, one at Sambio and one at Galawo. Both teach pidgin and have an attendance of nineteen and twenty students respectively. The Lutheran Mission operated Primary "T" school at Galawo has now been abandoned. At present there are seven people attending High school in Lee and twelve people who have completed Secondary Education and are now working in urban areas.

Any sickness that occurs in the villages is attended to by the Aid Posts situated at Triak and Piu. These Aid Posts are only equipped to service minor cases, such as ulcers, tinea, etc., where an injection of penicillin will cure it. If anything serious occurs then the person involved is advised to receive treatment from a larger centre.

There were no offences encountered while on Patrol but there were a few minor disputes which had to be settled by the A.D.C. It was quite obvious that the Mission Pastors and other village elders were settling matters that should be dealt with by a court, although there is no evidence to back this up.

The only activity the Lutheran Mission is involved in is schools. These are of little academic benefit in that they only teach pidgin and the attendance as a percentage of the total population of the village concerned is very small.

There is unrest amongst villages inside and outside the area because of numerous land disputes between these villages. However over the last twelve months, land investigations of these disputes have taken place and are now resting with the Land Titles Commission.

At Sambio there was a slight Detection of anti-Europeanism. They have commenced a cattle raising project and need more land, which they would have had if they had not sold their land, now leased by A.P.Ireland. Claims are being made that they were under the impression that the lease was only for 15 years and also that all clan members were not contacted when the land was sold.

(d) MISCELLANEOUS.

The people in this area, because of its isolation, are in a situation where they are unable to market their total production of coffee or garden crops and are therefore losing all incentive to work and gain themselves a better standard of living. Another big problem in this area is that the younger generation are migrating to urban areas, thus making it very difficult for the remaining elders to maintain village standards.

(a) communication  
(b) migration

There is not much chance of the new road between Sambio and the proposed destination off Piu being completed for quite some time yet, and I think that as long as village life is not made more attractive, younger people will continue to migrate to urban centres and the future of this area will be a very grim one.



A.F. Herbert (A.P.C.)



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 67-2-4

Department of the Administrator,  
Morobe District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
LAE.

8th May, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOE

MUMENG Patrol Report No. 2 - 1971/72  
Situation Report - Political

Your 67-6-58 of 16th March, 1972 refers.

The assessment by the Assistant District Commissioner states:-

"The District Co-ordinating Committee has resolved not to allocate further funds for the continuation of this road.

"The Mumeng Council has, however, decided to expend further funds on the grounds that it will lose the people's support if it does not.

"I cannot see the Council's resolution being put into effect. The Council relied heavily in the past two years on D.D.A. Staff at MUMENG, for assistance with the procurement of a bulldozer, compressor for drilling, licensed blasting operator, road haulage, cement mixer and provision of staff for initial survey and rock drilling."

Your 67-6-58 of 16th March, 1972 states:-

"The fact that the Council has resolved to continue construction of this road against advice should not automatically lead to withdrawal of assistance to the Council by Administration staff, as is implied by the Assistant District Commissioner.

"The spectre of staff (backed by the resources of the Administration) proclaiming that they will only lend assistance to those activities with which they agree would really be the end of local government in the area."

The Assistant District Commissioner has replied to this criticism and states:-

"It was not implied in my comments that all assistance would be withdrawn from the road project. I was merely pointing out (obviously clumsily) that the council will be hard put to continue the project with the resources available to it.

"For example, there is now no licensed blasting operator at this office with the departure of P.O. Wilkinson and the council has no suitable vehicle for cartage of stone and gravel for culvert construction.

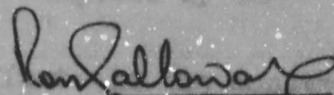
"Surely the Council must be made to accept some responsibility for Rural Development projects. If not, then we are deluding ourselves that Local Government will ever be capable of standing on its own feet.

"Nowhere in my comments do I see any proclamation that I would not lend assistance to the Council in continuation of the project; as far as arranging for bulldozer contracts, accommodation of plant operation, etc., are concerned, there would be no problem. Provision of staff for survey, rock drilling and blasting and transport, however, is another matter.

"I cannot see any consistency at all between the refusal of the D.C.C. to allocate more funds for the project and the sentiments contained in the second last paragraph of the Secretary's memorandum. The decision to drop this project from the Rural Development programme was not by my instigation."

Whilst endorsing your fears about the end of local government in the area, I cannot but feel that your comments were made by an imperceptive reader.

Mr. Cooke has explained that the delay in transmission of the report was a result of field activity in preparation for the 1972 House of Assembly elections. This is a completely reasonable and valid explanation and should not require further comment.

  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)

District Commissioner

OA/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONDORU

67-6-58

16th March, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Morobe District  
LAE.

MUMING PATROL NO. 2 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-2-4 of 7th March, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Situation Report arising out of the above Patrol of the MIDDLE WATUT Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by MR. A. HERBERT, A.P.O.

The fact that the Council has resolved to continue construction of this road against advice, should not automatically lead to withdrawal of assistance to the Council by Administration staff as is implied by the Assistant District Commissioner.

We may cease our own active efforts in the construction, but continue to advise in respect of purchases and contracts and so on whether we like the road or not.

The spectre of staff (backed by the resources of the Administration) proclaiming that they will only lend assistance to those activities with which they agree would really be the end of local government in the area.

I expect an improvement in the time taken by the officers in submitting and transmitting such reports.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
15 MAR 1972

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No. 67-2-4

Department of the Administrator,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

7th March, 1972.

PATROL REPORT MUMENG No. 2 - 1971/72

Situation Report - Middle Watut Road

Political and Economic Considerations

Assessment: District Commissioner

The retiring local member of the House demanded a road for access to his village; in support of this he is the owner of the only vehicle in the area.

The construction of this road, therefore, is a classic example of results of demands accepted by the Administration to satisfy the interests of a minority group of people exerting political pressure; it reflects no serious consideration for economic justification.

In spite of the demands that the Administration will assist with construction there is insufficient evidence of self-help and enthusiasm for participation. The very high absentee rate as a result of urban migration also limits the labour force which is available.

The attitude of the villagers towards the council (implied that unless something was done for them they would withdraw from the council) is understandable from experience of parochial attitudes but must be viewed with concern. Dissatisfaction will inevitably arise again, particularly as a result of the amount of road maintenance that will be necessary.

Reports attached.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Morobe District Administration,  
LAE.

*R. T. Galloway*  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

15 MAR 1972  
LAE

cc 67-25-4



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: <sup>MNG</sup> 2 of 1971/72  
 DISTRICT: MOROBE  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A.F. HERBERT  
 AREA PATROLED MIDDLE WATUT CAD  
 DURATION OF PATROL: 17/11/71-31/12/71  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 20/9/71-4/10/71  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL:  
 MAP REFERENCE:

OBJECTS OF PATRO: Constructing Culverts  
 STATION: MUMENG  
 SUB-DISTRICT: MUMENG  
 DESIGNATION: A.P.O.  
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: <sup>with</sup> Council President  
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 37 DAYS  
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 3331  
 COUNCIL AREA: YES

The District Commissioner,  
Morohe District,  
Lae.

In respect of this patrol I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 14 TO 18	( / )
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	( / )
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,	( / )
AREA STUDY,	( )
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	( )
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 & 2	( / )
PATROL MAP,	( )
.....	( )
.....	( )

DATE: 21/1/1972

*[Signature]*  
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
P.O. BOX 11, Lae, Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY,	( )
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,	( )
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 1/2	( / )
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.....	( )



DATE: 21/3/1972

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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SITUATION REPORT NO.

STATION MUMENG . . . . . OFFICER COMPILING, A.F. HERBERT. . . . .  
 DISTRICT MOROBE. . . . . SUB-DISTRICT MUMENG . . . . .  
 CENSUS DIVISION MIDDLE WATUT . . . . . L.G. COUNCIL . YES . . . . .

SUBJECT: POLITICO/ECONOMIC

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

....9/2/72.....

The Middle Watut road has political origins although the proposal was first put forward ten years ago. Since the incumbent Member for Munya Open was elected, he has made this road a political issue out of all proportion to its economic significance, (a) to "get his name in the paper" and (b) to ensure that he had access from Sambio village to the main Lao-Wau road for his P.M.V., the only vehicle owned by the Sambio people.

The District CO-Ordinating Committee has resolved not to allocate further funds for continuation of this road. The Mumeng Council has however decided to expend further funds on the grounds that it will lose the people's support if it does not.

I cannot see the Council's resolution ever ~~being~~ being put into effect; the Council relied heavily the past two years on D.D.A. staff at Mumeng for assistance with procurement of bulldozer, compressor for drilling, licensed blasting operator, provision of vehicles for cartage of drums and stones/gravel, provision of cement mixer for culverts and provision of staff for initial survey and rock drilling.

It is fatuous in the extreme to imagine that the Council is now capable of or willing to assume all these responsibilities and will carry out the work efficiently.

ACTION TAKES Mr. Herbert is contradicting himself in para 5 of his Political Situation Report when he states that the Bangalua Bridge Sambio section of the road will require extensive maintenance in the future; he states in his Patrol Report that this section of the road will in fact require little maintenance because of extensive rock outcrops. This section will no doubt be kept open by Mr. Kakun, M.H.A. if only to obviate the necessity for his P.M.V. to ford the Watut River and to enable him to make full use of a newly acquired sedan car.

The report calls for no further comment.

*A. E. COOK*  
 A. E. COOK  
 Assistant District Commissioner

21st February, 1972

SGD .....

DATE .....

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

STATION MUMENG . . . . . OFFICER COMPILING. A.F. HERBERT . . . . .  
 DISTRICT MOROBE . . . . . SUB-DISTRICT. MUMENG . . . . .  
 CENSUS DIVISION MIDDLE WATUT . . . . . L.G. COUNCIL MUMENG . . . . .

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : POLITICAL

Throughout this Patrol one of the main problems has been obtaining sufficient labour to carry out the work. Sambio and Taiak have always had the reputation of being very difficult people to find when carriers for patrols and labour for road works are required. Only because of the fact that I was camped at Sambio the whole time was I able to gain the co-operation of these people and obtain sufficient men to work the road.

When the road first began the Taiak men also worked on the road, but it took me a full week after commencing the culverts before the Taiaks came down, even though I had sent passes to Taiak and also spoken to some of the Taiak men who had been passing through Sambio on their way to their village. After this initial unwillingness to work by both Sambio and Taiak, I had no further trouble in finding enough men to complete the job.

This road is a Political road in the sense that the people have been paying their tax regularly and not seeing anything for it. Although this road will probably never reach its proposed destination of Piu, at least the people realize that their tax money has been used to open a small section of road which will enable P.M.V. Trucks to carry people from 5 miles one side of Sambio towards Taiak to the Bangalum Bridge without having to ford the Watut River.

Since the bulldozer broke through the section of road from Sambio to Bangalum Bridge the road has been used quite extensively and the people are very happy. However, constant maintenance will be required to keep the road in a usable state which poses a great problem. The people will work if supervised by a D.D.A. Field Officer but are reluctant to work on their own initiative. Therefore, if the road does collapse, the people will turn back to fording the Watut River rather than gathering a few men to clear the road. This problem is a difficult one to overcome and I think the only solution would be to set aside about a week every two months for a Field Officer to Patrol the road and check for any damages. With this regular checking of the road the people may in the future take it on themselves to maintain the road.

SGD: A. Herbert  
 DATE: 9/2/72

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 2.

STATION . . . MUMENG . . . . . OFFICER COMPILING. . . . . A.F. HERBERT.  
 DISTRICT . . . MOROBE . . . . . SUB-DISTRICT. . . . . MUMENG  
 CENSUS DIVISION . . . MIDDLE WATUT . . . . . L.G. COUNCIL . . . . . MUMENG

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

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SUBJECT : ECONOMICAL.

With this length of road completed, P.M.V. trucks will be able to travel to the end of it and help the people carry their coffee and garden crops to Mumeng and Lae. However, this road does not go as far as the ~~First~~ Taiaik Village so there will be no real great increase in the amount of coffee being brought to the markets from the Middle Watut Area.

If this road were to go through to Piu, then it has been estimated by the Agricultural Officer that the amount of coffee from this area would double if not more.

The Sambio people have had a cattle project for approximately two years and has proved to be very successful. Only for the fact that there is little ground available in the Middle Watut Area to put cattle on, many people from this area, who have seen the success of the Sambio project, would also like to start a cattle project.

At the moment, improvements are being made on the Sambio project by Agricultural Officers. They are planting Elephant grass and reviving some of the fences plus constructing new cattle yards where the old ones used to be.

Mangching, the M.H.A., also has a trade store at Sambio and a P.M.V. truck which takes regular trips to Lae and Bulolo.

SGD: *A. Gubal*  
 DATE: *9/2/52*

P.O. Box 2396,  
KOMORU.

67-6-59

16th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAH.

MIMENG PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-2-4 of 9/3/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Situation Reports arising out of the above Patrol of Baiune, Portion 62, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. W. Wilkinson, Patrol Officer.

I endorse your comments.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

DBA 67-6-59

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Morebe District,  
LAE.

9th March, 1972.



The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

Patrol Report MUMENG No. 3 - 1971/72  
N.G.L.T.R.O. Investigation - BAIUNE, Portion 62

Attached is a report on field work associated with the investigation of Customary Ownership of Portion 62 (Mr. M.J. Leahy) at MUMENG. The report and maps have been forwarded; your file reference is 34-1-14.

The personalities and problems involved in the Restoration are well known. Emotional issues have been brewing for years and lately various issues such as cattle trespassing, boundary disputes, publicity and political implications have been somewhat provocative.

The report, however, indicates a less emotional attitude than is known to exist. The patrol was mounted specifically to assist the native people prepare their claims but they appeared to show little real interest. The reporting officer refers to the apathy of the land owners and their failure to assist in the investigations. In fact, the parties appeared only after Administration transport was made available to bring them to the site. This attitude, supposed to be the subject of deep emotional involvement, is inscrutable.

The report should have contained a submission or attempt to interpret this attitude of apathy.

*R. T. Galloway*  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

67-2-4

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 30 of 71/72

DISTRICT: MOROBE

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.R. WILKINSON

AREA PATROLLED: BAIUNE POR. 62

DURATION OF PATROL: 4/2/72 (BROKEN) 13/12/71

to LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 18/11/70

to 25/11/70  
LAST O.L.G. PATROL: N/A

MAP REFERENCE: MILINCH BULOLO

FOURMIL TAU

OBJECTS OF PATROL: N.G.L.T.R.O.  
INVESTIGATION  
STATION: MUMENG

SUB-DISTRICT: MUMENG

DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: A. HERBERT  
A.P.O. AND H. KURISO A.P.O.

NUMBER OF DAYS: 24

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 1235

COUNCIL AREA: HC

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

- In respect of this patrol I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO , (✓)
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS (✓)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (✓)
- AREA STUDY, ( )
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1- , ( )
- PATROL MAP, ( )
- ..... ( )
- ..... ( )

DATE: 22/2/1972

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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area Study, ( )
- Updating of Area Study, ( )
- Situation reports No's. 1- , ( )
- ..... ( )
- ..... ( )

DATE: 7/3/1972

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 71/72

STATION...MUMENG..... OFFICER COMPILING W.R. WILKINSON.....  
 DISTRICT...MOROBE..... SUB-DISTRICT ...MUMENG.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION...MUMENG..... L.G. COUNCIL ..... NO .....

(Information not of a situation report nature)

The objects of the patrol were to walk the boundaries of Portion 62, Baiune, with the representatives of the various claimant groups, survey their claims and to survey an area of land known as "LAGIALU" which was previously subject to a Native Lands Commission hearing in 1962. All this was to be related to the boundaries as surveyed by Mr. L. Jay, licensed surveyor.

Much publicity was given to the patrol prior to its departure as previous attempts to survey this area showed a decided laziness on the part of the claimant groups.

The boundary re-location work was finally completed on 21st December, 1971 after a slight delay due to the non attendance of some of the representatives of the claimant groups and an injury to my left knee. Mr. A. Herbert, Assistant Patrol Officer, completed the re-location walk.

The patrol resumed on 19th January, 1972, to survey the various disputed areas with A.P.O. Herbert and Assistant Field officer Mr. H. Kureu accompanying. Although much publicity had been given by both the Assistant District Commissioner and myself, no representatives from the claimant groups were ready to commence surveying. At 1030 hours on Saturday, 22nd January, 1972, the Administration Landrover arrived at the campsite with representatives of the Sangas and Pelenkwa groups. Surveying commenced at 1100 hours on the same day.

The Sangas claim was surveyed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The quickest method of surveying this claim was to survey what they claimed was the area actually purchased by the Administration. The Sangas people were claiming everything else inside the licensed survey.

The Pelenkwa representatives left the camp on Monday evening saying that they had run out of food and that they would send replacements to show us the area they are claiming. We waited in camp all Tuesday and on Tuesday evening, six schoolboys from Bangalum village arrived but did not know why they had been sent. They also stated that they did not know where their clan boundaries lay.

On Wednesday 26th January, we commenced the survey of the Sambio village claim working until 1715 hours on Thursday. The patrol returned to the Station on Friday the 28th January, where I reported to the Assistant District Commissioner about the troubles encountered with the various claimant groups especially Pelenkwa.

The patrol returned to the property on Tuesday 1st February, where Mr. Herbert and Mr. Kureu completed the Sambio survey and I waited in camp for Pelenkwa, Bangalum and Sangas claimants to arrive for interviews. The Bangalums arrived about 1630 that afternoon.

Mr. Herbert and Mr. Kureu surveyed the "LAGIALU" pine stand on Wednesday whilst I remained in camp interviewing the Sambio claimants.



All day Thursday and Friday was spent in camp waiting for the Pelenkwa claimants to arrive. An Administration land-cruiser returned us to the station at 1800 hours where I reported to the Assistant District Commissioner. I felt that if the Pelenkwa claim had any strength to it they would have sent representatives to show us their claim lay when we sent for them. As it was, we waited a total of eleven days for them to show up, them being aware of our presence all the time.

The Investigation Report and maps of the claimed areas are under separate cover.



W.R. WILKINSON  
PATROL OFFICER

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Investigation Report and plans of disputed areas are enclosed under cover of my 34-2-3 of 18th February, 1972.

The PELENKWA people have as far as I am concerned forfeited all rights to make further claims on Portion 62. The general attitude of some of the claimant groups left much to be desired; they failed to appear at appointed times on several occasions and only designed to appear when supplied with Government transport. Even then the PELENKWA failed to appear at all to accompany survey parties.

Completion of survey of disputed areas means that the matter may now proceed to the Final Order stage. This is not before time as the Provisional Order is dated 10th May, 1961, almost eleven years ago. Determination of claims should resolve at last this contentious issue which to my mind arose largely out of antipathy between native claimants and the lessee, Mr. M.J. Leahy.

The report calls for no further comment. Camping Allowance claims for Messrs. Wilkinson, Herbert and Kurey are forwarded herewith.



A.E. COOKE  
Assistant District Commissioner

OA/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - KONEDOBUI

67-6-60

16th March, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Morobe District  
LAE.

MUNING PATROL NO. 4 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-2-4 of 7th March, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report arising out of the above Patrol of the MIDDLE WATUT Census Division, together with the appropriate assessment as submitted by MR. A. HERBERT, A.P.O.

This would have been more appropriately called a 'Situation Report'.

Please keep me informed of progress at the new airstrip site.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary

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Morobe District,  
LAE.

7th March, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
MUMENG

Patrol Report MUMENG No. 4 - 1971/72  
Mr. A. F. Herbert, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Herbert's patrol to  
LOMA.

I consider it is of some importance that you make  
an examination of the ridge above the gorge of Guneta  
at an early stage, i.e. before the clearing operations  
proceed too far and the people are subsequently advised  
that the site has no potential.

Please submit your report in due course.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBUN

Copy of the report on LOMA airstrip forwarded  
for information.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

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67-25-4

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 4  
 DISTRICT: MOROBE  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A.F. HERBERT  
 AREA PATROLLED: MIDDLE WATUT, C/D  
 DURATION OF PATROL: 6/1/72-14/1/72  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: SEPTEMBER, 1971  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL:  
 MAP REFERENCE:

OBJECTS OF PATROL: CLEAR LCMA AIRSTRIP.  
 STATION: MUMENG  
 SUB-DISTRICT: MUMENG  
 DESIGNATION: A.P.O.  
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: COUNCIL PRES.  
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 6  
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:  
 COUNCIL AREA:

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.



In respect of this patrol I attach

- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 20 TO 21 , (\*)
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS (\*)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (\*)
- AREA STUDY, ( )
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1- , ( )
- PATROL MAP, ( )
- ..... ( )
- ..... ( )

DATE: 2/1/1972

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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDCEBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Area Study, ( 0 )
- Updating of Area Study, ( )
- Situation Reports No's. 1- , ( )
- ..... ( )
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DATE: 7/3/1972

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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PATROL  
SITUATION REPORT NO. 4 of 1971/72

STATION . MUMENG ..... OFFICER COMPILING . A. E. HERBERT .....  
DISTRICT . MOROBE ..... SUB-DISTRICT . MUMENG .....  
CENSUS DIVISION . MIDDLE WATUT ..... L. G. COUNCIL . YES .....

SUBJECT: CLEARING AND SURVEYING OF LOMA AIRSTRIP.

SUR-DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

10/2/72

The proposal for an airstrip in this area originated from the President of the Mumeng Council. In theory, the idea is a good one as the much talked about Middle Watut road will probably never progress beyond the existing road head, 5.2 miles from the Lac-Wau road; the people further down the gorge are thus destined for permanent isolation unless a suitable airstrip site can be found. It has been since confirmed that the Loma site is quite unsuitable and it is reported that the people have decided on an alternative site on a ridge above the gorge in the vicinity of Gumots. They have been told to commence clearing operations and to advise on completion when an officer will be dispatched to survey and peg out the site.

The Loma site was not pegged in accordance with patrol instructions and Mr. Herbert has been made aware of his omission and to adhere strictly to instructions in future. Camping Allowance claim is attached.

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ACTION TAKEN :

SGD. . . . . A. E. COOKE  
Assistant District Commissioner

DATE . . . . . 22nd February, 1972

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PATROL REPORT NO.

STATION. MUMENG..... OFFICER COMPILING A. F. HERBERT.....  
 DISTRICT. MOROBE..... SUB-DISTRICT MUMENG.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION. MIDDLE WATUT..... L.G. COUNCIL YES.....

(Information not of a situation report nature)

CLEARING AND SURVEYING OF LOMA AIRSTRIP.

The object of this Patrol was to clear and survey the Loma Airstrip which was operating pre World War 2 in conjunction with the Patrol Post, "Tunga", situated near by. When Mumeng was established, the airstrip and the Patrol Post were both abandoned and have not since been used.

On the night before I commenced the Patrol, an announcement was put over by Radio Morobe requesting everyone from surrounding villages to go to the airstrip and wait for the Kiap. On my arrival at Loma Airstrip on Saturday morning there were 113 males and females waiting to commence work.

By 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon they had managed to clear half the airstrip as it was only kuni grass approximately 3ft high.

On Sunday morning, after their Church Service, we commenced work again and by 3.30 P.M. we had finished clearing the complete length of the strip.

On Monday morning I left Dambi for my return trip to Mumeng.

When the helicopter arrived at Mumeng on the following Friday, I was flown out in the morning to survey the strip. At approximately 11.30 A.M., the A.D.C. Mr. Cooke, and a D.C.A. Inspector came to Loma to determine whether or not it would be possible to re-open the strip. On their arrival, the Inspector decided that as the strip was only 1200 ft. long and that both approaches were hazardous, there would be no possibility to reopen the strip.

However, the people have now found another site at Gumots, which is approximately 4 hrs. walking from Loma, which they hope will, in the near future, become a suitable site for an airstrip.

The construction of an airstrip in this area would open it right up as there are no roads to any of the main marketing centres and the whole area is serviced only by a bush walking track.

A. F. HERBERT.

ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

JAW/AH

P.O. Box 2396, KOKODOU.

67-6-65

19th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Moreve District,  
J.A.S.

MUMING PATROL NO. 5 - 1971/72.

Reference your minute of the 1st May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of the Duang Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments as submitted by Mr. E.R. Wilkinson, Patrol Officer.

This report follows the correct format. Would you please have Wou and Kaiapit follow suit and ensure that two copies of each Situation Report and comments are forwarded to me. Your grading of the Report was not included. Please forward this so that I can endorse my copies.

I find Mr. Wilkinson's remarks on the standard of the Roll and Mr. Cooke's further explanation quite interesting.

(T.V. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

DDA 67-6.65



Marobe District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
LAE.

1st May, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
MUMENG

MUMENG Patrol Report No. 5 - 1971/72  
Mr. W. R. Wilkinson, Patrol Officer.

Mr. Wilkinson's report and your comments are acknowledged with thanks.

Difficulty in identifying voters with names in the Common Roll was experienced in many parts of the District, more particularly the town area. I am inclined to accept the views that local people do not regard names and the Common Roll as a permanent feature of the society. There is evidence that some local people change their name according to custom; in addition, expatriates have difficulty with the interpretation of native names.

In view of the difficulty experienced in identifying the people with the names of the Common Roll, do you have any suggestions to offer which would simplify voting procedure and improve efficiency.

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(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

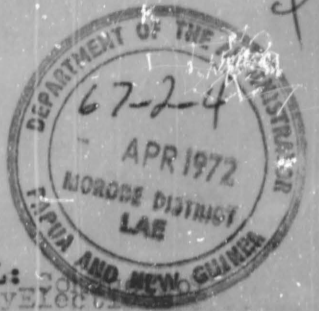
c.c. The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

Extracts from the Situation Reports with my comments are attached.

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(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner





PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 5 of 1971/72  
 DISTRICT: Morobe  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.R. Wilkinson  
 AREA PATROLLED: Buang Census Div.  
 DURATION OF PATROL: ~~XXXXX~~ 20/2/72 to 6/3/72  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: July, 1971  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: July, 1971  
 MAP REFERENCE: Milinch Markham  
 Fournil Huon

OBJECTS OF PATROL: House of Assembly Elect  
 STATION: Mumeng  
 SUB-DISTRICT: Mumeng  
 DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer  
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: L. Sarban  
 E. Lautu  
 NUMBER OF DAYS: 15 days  
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 8942  
 COUNCIL AREA: Mumeng L.G.C.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

- In respect of this patrol I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 6/72 TO 7/72, (x)
  - PATROL INSTRUCTIONS (x)
  - THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (x)
  - AREA STUDY, ( )
  - SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1- , (x)
  - PATROL MAP, ( )
  - ..... ( )
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DATE: 29/3/72 ✓

*[Signature]*  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area Study, ( )
  - Updating of Area Study, ( )
  - Situation reports No's. 1- , ( )
  - ..... COLLECTION REPORT ..... ( )
  - ..... ( )

DATE: 2/5/72

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION... MUMENG ..... OFFICER COMPILING... W.R. WILKINSON .....  
DISTRICT... MOROLE ..... SUB-DISTRICT... MUMENG .....  
CENSUS DIVISION... BUANG ..... L.G. COUNCIL... MUMENG L.G.C. .....

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SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

1. PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNING.

This was not as great as could be expected even from the two candidates resident in the area. Mr. Tony Voutas, the retiring Regional Member, made a brief visit to the area prior to the elections to introduce the Pangu endorsed Regional candidate and the 5 Pangu endorsed Open candidates. Mr. Dennis Brown visited the area briefly and Mr. Eric Robson dropped papers from an aircraft over several villages.

2. MANNER OF POLLING.

This went smoothly with talks being given by myself prior to polling at each polling booth. A shortage of electoral forms especially the B 13 envelopes made tasks harder for the electoral team with much work being done on handwriting the forms. Compulsory voting should be implemented for the next House of Assembly elections as it is virtually compulsory now. The village elders urge all people to vote and even send obviously under age people to enrol and vote. As the Common Roll was completely out of date, with duplication of names, obvious misspellings and complete omission of many names, compulsory voting could bring about a complete revision of the Common Roll. Compulsory enrolling could be done in each village as each annual census is undertaken between now and the next elections. Initially it would mean hard work but it would pay off in the long run. It appears there was little notice taken of the recent updating work prior to these elections. Calling of names as in an annual census would avoid much time consuming searching for names and it is a system that is recognised and accepted by them.

3. FEMININE INTEREST/ABSENTEEISM.

In the Buangs about one-third more women than men voted but this was due to the extremely high absenteeism rather than any overwhelming political awareness on the womens' part. It was obvious that marked pre-selection had taken place but in many cases it was equally obvious that the women didnot know why they were selecting their choice or what he was to do. Many women called their choice to me before I was able to hand them their ballot papers.

4. BALLOT PAPERS

I feel that the idea of photographs was good, but in practice was more confusing than helpful because of the poor quality of the reproduction. The photograph of Mr E. Robson was

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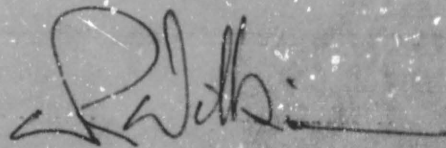
uncomplementary giving him the appearance of a native. The reverse was the case of Mr. Rikari Hapiango who appeared more European than native. The voter knew the name of his choice before even looking at the photographs and in many cases put his finger on one photograph and called the name of a different candidate. Many of those looking at the ballot paper did not know what they were looking at and this resulted in many "donkey" votes.

#### 5. INCIDENTS

There were no incidents except at Napos 1 where four women voters were challenged by Mr. E. Robson's scrutineer, Mr. V. Inativ, who claimed that they had already voted. I put several questions to them and the Voter Identification Tribunal and, being satisfied that they had not voted, allowed them to vote. As Mr. Inativ is not very well liked in this area, I feel that his presence in the booth may have intimidated several voters. He did not appear to to anything to warrant my expelling him from the booth.

#### 6. VOTER IDENTIFICATION TRIBUNAL.

I feel that the expenditure involved with this Tribunal is unnecessary as the whole village is consulted over any matter before the tribunal. I think that the people would readily undertake this work for no monetary reward as they appeared to be surprised when paid for this work.



W.R. WILKINSON

PATROL OFFICER

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION : MUMBAI ..... OFFICER COMPILING : V. B. WILKINSON .....  
DISTRICT : MUMBAI ..... SUB-DISTRICT : MUMBAI .....  
CENSUS DIVISION : BUANG ..... L.G. COUNCIL : MUMBAI .....

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

20/3/72

The discrepancies in spelling and errors and omissions made in the revision of the Common Roll leave much to be desired. Revision of the Roll in the Buang area was done in the field under my direct supervision and I am at a loss to understand why errors were so numerous. I am inclined to believe the fault lies with the typists and/or printer. These discrepancies combined with shortage of Section 130 Declaration envelopes made conduct of the poll that much more difficult. Short supply of other forms led to much time-consuming copying in long-hand. Adequate preparation by the Chief Electoral Office could have obviated the necessity for all this paralytically boring, tedious clerical work and perhaps led to greater efficiency in the long run.

I disagree that voting should be made compulsory. This system in Australia leads to a high degree of political apathy on the people's part and to a correspondingly high incidence of deliberate, informal voting. Non-compulsory voting must surely result in a more intelligent vote being recorded.

The photographic ballot papers appear to have had dubious value. They led to confusion in some cases where voters pointed to a photograph and named an altogether different candidate. This led in part to a complaint being made by Mr. Inativ that officials

**ACTION TAKEN :**  
were influencing voters. Investigations have shown that poll clerks were merely trying to clarify the voter's choice where the voter had named a candidate other than the one ~~in~~ whose photograph he had indicated.

The Voter Identification Tribunal system seemed satisfactory however I disagree that members should not be paid. They undertook this function at the request of the Administration and are entitled to recompense.

SGD..... A. E. COOKE.....

LATE..... 20th March, 1972.....

Patrol Report SUMENG No. 5 - 1971/72  
Extracts from Report - Elections

W. R. Wilkinson, Patrol Officer

A shortage of electoral forms (more particularly E.13 Envelopes) made it necessary for the electoral team to handwrite forms.

Compulsory voting should be implemented for the next House of Assembly elections.

The Common Roll was completely out of date with duplication of names, mis-spelling, and the complete omission of many names.

Calling of names from the Common Roll would avoid much confusion and searching for names.

It was obvious that preselection of candidates had taken place in the villages prior to the arrival of the electoral patrol; it was equally obvious that women did not know why they were selecting their choice.

Voter Identification Tribunal

The expenditure involved with this Tribunal is unnecessary as the whole village is consulted over any matter before the tribunal.

Assessment - Assistant District Commissioner

The discrepancies in spelling and errors and omissions in the Common Roll leave much to be desired. I am inclined to believe the fault lies with the typists and/or printer.

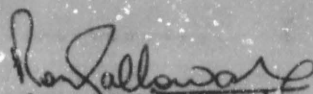
These discrepancies and the shortage of Section 130 Envelopes made the conduct of the poll much more difficult.

I disagree that voting should be made compulsory.

Assessment - District Commissioner

Compulsory voting would add to local problems. Compulsory voting would require penal sanctions. It follows that court action would be necessary for defaulters if the legislation was to have any significant meaning. It is my opinion that there are already sufficient grievances associated with local government councils without adding more to a list. There is also evidence that many voters were motivated by cult aspirations and unrealistic political promises. Compulsory voting may only endorse such activity.

Discrepancies in the Common Roll were found in many parts of the District.

  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

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P.O. Box 2396,  
KOMEDOBU.

67-6-81

14th July, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAB.

MUMENG PATROL NO. 6 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute of 2nd May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 4 arising out of the above patrol in the Middle Watut Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. A.F. Herbert, Assistant Patrol Officer.

I have read Mr. Herbert's well written and informative reports with interest. He should, however, compile all his future reports in the prescribed format. That is individual reports for each specific topic.

Please note that I require two copies of each Situation Report and the assessments. In this instance I only received one copy of each of the Situation Reports and the A.D.C.'s assessments.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

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Morobe District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
LAE.

2nd May, 1972.

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

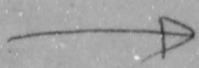
MUMING Patrol Report No. 6 - 1971/72  
Mr. A. F. Herbert, Assistant Patrol Officer

Mr. Herbert's report and your comments are acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol was well conducted and the report indicates that Mr. Herbert is observant and keen in his job.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU



Situation Report and comments forwarded for your information.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: NO. 6 OF 1971/72      OBJECTS OF PATROL: ELECTION  
DISTRICT: MOROBE      STATION: MUMENG  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A. LEONG      SUB-DISTRICT: MUMENG  
AREA PATROLLED: MIDDLE WATUT C/D      DESIGNATION: Assistant Patrol Officer  
DURATION OF PATROL: 18 DAYS      Rural Development Officer  
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: JANUARY, 1972      PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: A.F. HERBERT  
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:      NUMBER OF DAYS: 20/2/72-8/3/72  
MAP REFERENCE:      TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 3331  
COUNCIL AREA: YES

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The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

In respect of this patrol I attach  
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 26 TO 27, (\*)  
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS (\*)  
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (\*)  
AREA STUDY, ()  
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1-4, (\*)  
PATROL MAP, ()  
..... ()  
..... ()

DATE: 13/3/1972

*[Signature]*  
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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
Area Study, ( )  
Updating of Area Study, ( )  
Situation reports No's. 1- , ( )  
..... ( )  
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



PATROL REPORT MUMENG NO. 6 - 1971/72  
A. F. HERBERT, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Situation Report (Extract) - Political

The people in this area have been very unhappy with Council, or more appropriately the lack of Council projects, as they have been regularly paying council tax and seeing nothing in return for it.

Assessment - District Commissioner

The Administration encouraged the people of the Middle Watut to join the MUMENG Council, probably with vague promises for greater development and material rewards. The people probably agreed to join the council because they held inflated expectations on the rewards of development. Progress has been achieved, particularly in return on coffee sales and from other services and agencies (health and education) provided by the Administration. However, the distorted expectations about the rate and magnitude of progress more than cancel out any appreciation of the gains that are made.

My comments on Mumeng Patrol Report No. 2 are again relevant. My 67-2-4 of 7th March, 1972 refers.

"The attitude of the villagers towards the council (implied that unless something is done for them they will withdraw from the council) is understandable from the experience of parochial attitudes and must be viewed with concern. Dissatisfaction will inevitably arise again, particularly as a result of the amount of road maintenance that will be necessary."

The fact is that the people of the Middle Watut live in an isolated location. They were probably lulled into believing that the Council could secure an access to the markets for them. They are not particularly interested in aid posts or schools which, they believe, is the function of the Government to provide. They want their council to achieve them material benefits.

So far nearly \$26,000 has been spent by the Council (the sum includes grants from Rural Development funds) on six miles of road. This is in the direction of the Middle Watut, but it doesn't reach there; it only reaches the first village.

The District Co-ordinating Committee has since resolved not to allocate any further money for the continuation of this road. Other areas are more important, and also there is no economic justification for the expenditure of large sums of money on noneconomic roads. Furthermore, the maintenance of any road would be extraordinary.

The problem is aggravated by urban migration. My 67-2-4 of 17th November, 1971 refers. "There is little I wish to add to Mr. Cooke's comments except to underline what appears to be an upheaval in the society with far reaching consequences for the area; i.e. migration. The total population recorded is 3331; this includes 1636 absentees - that is half the population. Total male population is 1766 of which 1022 are absent. Projected figures for Lae suggest an acceleration in the urban drift."

You have acknowledged the urban migration problem, your 67-6-26 of 31st December, 1971 refers.

"The problem of the urban drift is one which is world-wide and the best of brains have not been able to come up with a solution to restrict or contain same."

The community in the Middle Watut will therefore probably remain economically depressed indefinitely and there is no economic solution. I repeat that I believe we have deluded the people into believing that the Local Government Council can assist them. The Councils resources are simply inadequate to meet local demands and I believe the people will eventually turn on the council or the Administration to express their grievances.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

## SITUATION REPORT NO. 4

STATION. MIMBENG ..... OFFICER COMPILING. A. F. HERBERT .....  
 DISTRICT. KOROBE ..... SUB-DISTRICT. MIMBENG .....  
 CENSUS DIVISION. MIDDLE WATER ..... L.G. COUNCIL. YES .....

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : POLITICAL

It was obvious that pre-selection had taken place and that village elders had already told their people who they would vote for. Councillors are very influential people in their village, but because many of them are still very young, it was the village elders that the people approached seeking advice on who they should vote for. Probably one of the reasons why the people were turning to the elders for advice might have been the fact that only two or three of the candidates had campaigned in this area and even these few only went as far as Dambi. Consequently, many of the candidates standing were unknown to the majority of the people in the area.

The member for the 1968-72 House of Assembly, Mr. Mangobing Kakun, stands very little chance of regaining his seat as the people of this area were very unhappy with his performance in the last House. He only bothered to visit one other place, besides his own, for the whole four years and this was only to attend a Christmas celebration held at Dambi. The people feel that if they do vote for a candidate and he is elected, then it is up to him to let the people know how things are progressing. This is the least they ask for in return for their votes that won him his seat in Parliament.

The people in this area have been very unhappy with Council, or more appropriately the lack of Council projects, as they have been regularly paying council tax and seeing nothing in return for it. The opening of the Bangalum Bridge-Sambio-Taiak road late last year has improved the situation to some extent in that the people have at least seen their money being spent to their benefit. Also, the proposed re-opening of the old Loma Airstrip did cause much excitement and utmost co-operation was received from these people in preparing the strip for examination by a D.T.A. Inspector. However, on inspection, it was said that the strip was too short and there would be no possible way of re-opening the strip. The people were, naturally enough, very disappointed for two reasons- 1) they realize that the proposed road from Sambio to Piu will probably never really eventuate and 2) the re-opening of this strip would have opened the area right up. However, they have not given up hope as they have found another site situated at Gumots which might be suitable for an airstrip and an outlet for the people of this area.

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 DATE: 13/3/72 .....

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION ..... MUMENG ..... OFFICER COMPILING, A. F. HERBERT.  
 DISTRICT ..... MOROBE ..... SUB-DISTRICT, MUMENG .....  
 CENSUS DIVISION ..... L. G. COUNCIL ..... MUMENG .....

SUBJECT : \_\_\_\_\_

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Kakun obtained only 470 votes, which was sufficient only to ensure a refund of deposit. His rejection is evidence that the people have acquired sufficient political acumen to know when it is time for a change. Mr. Kakun did next to nothing for his constituents but ensured that his own fortunes did not falter. He is now the most prosperous indigenous entrepreneur in the Sub-District.

The proposed airstrip site at Loma was a distinct failure. Investigation will be made of the alternative site at Gunots when clearing operations are completed.

ACTION TAKEN :

*A. E. COOKE*  
 SGD. A. E. COOKE .....

DATE ..... 29/3/72 .....

Patrol Report MUMENG No. 6 - 1971/72  
Extracts from Report - Elections

A. F. Herbert, Assistant Patrol Officer

Absenteeism in this area has increased quite rapidly over the past few years. This was quite evident from the number of people who voted in relation to the number of people enrolled on the Common Roll.

When using the Common Roll to mark the people who had voted, we found that many people of eligible age were not included on the Roll. Out of a total of 1337 voters, 192 voted under Section 130 of the Electoral Ordinance.

It seemed very much the case that village elders had previously informed the people of their village who they would vote for. It was obvious that pre-selection had taken place.

Preferential voting completely bewildered the majority of people.

Assessment - Assistant District Commissioner

It is evident that a more satisfactory method of enrolment of electors will have to be found in the near future. The absence of many names from the Roll added considerably to the electoral team's workload, despite revision of the Roll to include 18 to 20 year olds.

Compulsory enrolment with the onus placed on the individual to ensure enrolment may be necessary.

Assessment - District Commissioner

After many years of census revision, maintaining council registers and various other village records of birth, etc., we have not solved the problem of personal identification by name. Less sophisticated people have customs of name changing; or, alternatively, they cannot understand our attempts to interpret and pronounce correctly those names which are recorded.

This problem is highlighted in the Common Roll. Attempts have been made to explain this as "typographical errors" or "printer's errors". (No doubt this occurs sometimes.) However, local people do appear to forget, or to change their given names.

It is questionable if the Common Roll will be universally and efficiently maintained in the future. Projected migration figures suggest that the number of eligible voters in the town will increase dramatically; and the cost of maintaining an efficient registry is probably beyond the resources of a developing country.

A hard look should be taken now to examine the present efficiency and cost of the existing register, its defects, duplicity and its future.

(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT NO. 4

STATION... MUMENG ..... OFFICER COMPILING... A. F. HERBERT.....  
 DISTRICT... MOROBE ..... SUB-DISTRICT... MUMENG.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION... MIDDLE WATUT ..... L.G. COUNCIL... YES.....

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF ELECTION

Throughout the patrol, everything ran smoothly and any minor problems that were encountered were easily coped with. As we only polled at eight places and were out for a period of eighteen days, we were able to stay at least two days in each polling centre which gave the people ample time to come and vote. At most of the polling centres we found that the second days polling at the centre was unnecessary as all voters had voted on the first day. However, as a timetable had been sent around to all villages, we thought it best to follow the schedule so as not to confuse carriers and more importantly, for people who planned to return to their village to vote on the day set out on the timetable.

Absenteeism in this area has increased rapidly over the past few years and this was quite evident from the number of people who voted in relation to the number of people enrolled on the Common role. However, the people of eligible age, who were present at the villages, all voted, which might suggest that the people were under the impression that voting was compulsory. This was not so, as the Presiding Officer, Mr. Leong, impressed upon them that voting was not compulsory. It seemed very much the case that village elders had previously informed the people of their village who they would vote for which was very obvious when both myself and the polling clerk were called upon to assist in marking the papers for the majority of the people and found that, when asked who their first preference was, they would "rattle off" a candidate's name without even looking at the ballot papers. Asked if they had any second preference, they would either give the name of the candidate on the Regional ballot paper or alternatively look dumbfounded. The idea of preferential voting completely bewildered the majority of people, thus voting for one person only was the case for the majority. Once again pre-selection by village elders was the reason for this method of voting.

When using the Common Role to mark the people who had voted, we found that many people, who were of eligible age, were not included on the role. Out of a total 1137 voters for the area, 192 voted under Section 130 of the Electoral Ordinance. This included people who were 20 or 21 years of age and had not left the village at any time.

Overall, at all polling places, the people regarded the Election as a very important matter and did their best to make the patrol a pleasant one. The grass on the walking tracks had been cut clear between villages and complete co-operation was received when setting up the polling equipment etc. The Patrol was only troubled with one incident when carriers from Enggabu had a fight with the carriers from Yanta.

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DATE..... 13/3/71.....

SITUATION REPORT NO. 4

STATION ..... MUMBUC ..... OFFICER COMPILING ..... A. T. HERBERT .....  
DISTRICT ..... MOROBE ..... SUB-DISTRICT ..... MUMBUC .....  
CENSUS DIVISION ..... L. G. COUNCIL ..... MUMBUC .....

SUBJECT : \_\_\_\_\_

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

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Problems encountered in the Buang area were repeated during Mr. Herbert's patrol. It is evident that a more satisfactory method of enrolment of electors will have to be found in the near future. The absence of many names from the Roll added to the electoral team's workload considerably despite revision of the Roll to include 16 to 20 year olds. Compulsory enrolment with the onus placed on the individual to ensure enrolment may be necessary.

Co-operation and good attendances at polling are pleasing features of the patrol.

Mr. Herbert is acquiring a good writing style and the standard of his work is quite satisfying.

ACTION TAKEN :

*A. T. Herbert*  
SGD. .... A. T. HERBERT .....

DATE .. 29/3/72 .....

P.O. Box 2396,  
KOMBOUE.

67-6-82

2nd August, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
The District Commissioner  
Moré District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
SAE.

MINING PATROL NO. 7 - 71/72.

Reference MINING PATROL NO. 7 - 71/72.

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th July 1972.  
Enclosed are copies of the comments of the Commissioner for  
Local Government on Sitrep No. 1 of the Report from the above Patrol.  
Patrol Officer.

Although your letter was dated the 27th July, 1972, it was  
received on the 12th July, 1972. It has not been possible to  
provide an explanation for this delay.

Your comments have been noted and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

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P.O. Box 2396,  
KUMUDOMU.

67-6-82

18th July, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

MURONG PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971/72.

Reference your minute of 8th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report No. 1 arising out of the above patrol of the BUANG Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. W.R. WILKINSON, Patrol Officer.

Although your minute was dated the 8th May, 1972, I received it on the 11th July, 1972. I have not been able to find a reasonable explanation for this delay.

Your comments have been noted and paragraph three is endorsed.

T.W. Ellis  
(T.W. ELLIS) *net*  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KUMUDOMU.

Capt. of the 11th Division (Morobe District Council) and Administrator (Morobe District Council).

DDA 67-6-82

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Morebe District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
LAE.

8th May, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
MUMENG

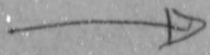
MUMENG Patrol Report No. 7 - 1971/72  
Mr. J. Wilkinson, Patrol Officer

Mr. Wilkinson's report and your comments  
are acknowledged with thanks.

- 2. Please keep me informed on
  - (a) attitudes towards the council
  - (b) attitudes in respect of the council becoming multi-racial.
- 3. The report is informative. Mr. Wilkinson appears to have completed the patrol in his usual capable manner.

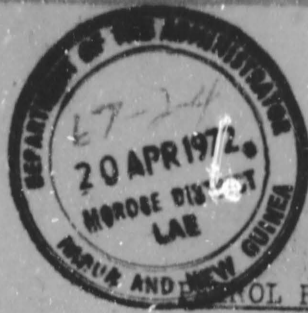
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU



Copy of the Situation Report (MUMENG Multi-racial Council) and assessments are attached for your record.

  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner



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REPORT NUMBER: 7 of 1971/72  
DISTRICT: MOROBE

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Land Investigation  
Gauge opinion on Multi-Racial Council  
STATION: MUMENG

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.R. WILKINSON  
AREA PATROLLED: BUANG CENSUS DIV.  
DURATION OF PATROL: 21/3/72  
to 30/3/72  
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 21/2/72  
to 6/3/72  
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:

SUB-DISTRICT: MUMENG  
DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: NIL  
NUMBER OF DAYS: 6

MAP REFERENCE: Milinch Markham  
Fournal Huon

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 8942  
COUNCIL AREA: MUMENG L.C.C.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
LAE.

- In respect of this patrol I attach
- FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 9/7 TO , (x)
- PATROL INSTHCTIONS (x)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (x)
- AREA STUDY, ( )
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1- , (x)
- PATROL MAP, ( )
- .CLAIM FOR CAMPING ALLOWANCE..... (x)
- .....

DATE: 4/4/1972

*[Signature]*  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area Study, ( )
- Updating of Area Study, ( )
- Situation reports No's. 1- , ( )
- ..... ( )
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Situation Report - Mumeng Multi-Racial Council


1. Despite the explanation of the term "Multi Racial Council" the people were concerned with such questions as whether they would have to ask permission from the council to plant food gardens.
2. The people had a slight grasp on what was being discussed.
3. Despite some understanding, I think that there will be some further misconceptions.
4. In all discussions the council was referred to as "the new council".

Assessment - District Commissioner

The report indicates that very little is understood about multi-racial councils. This raises doubts in my mind as to what is understood, expected, or required of the present council.

2. The local people have considerable pride in their ability and there is, consequently or by coincidence, some racial feeling. For example, the European Council Adviser was removed from office because the councillors felt that an indigene would be more competent.

3. Further attempts will be made to explain the significance of multi-racial councils.

  
(R. T. GALLOWAY)  
District Commissioner

SITUATION REPORT NO. ONE

STATION..... OFFICER COMPILING.....  
DISTRICT..... SUB-DISTRICT.....  
CENSUS DIVISION..... L.G. COUNCIL.....

Information is required on political events, important trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

(Use Reverse side if necessary)

SUBJECT : PROPOSAL THAT MRENG COUNCIL BECOME MULTI-RACIAL.

Talks were held with the Buang people at various meetings throughout the Census Division.

These were held at:-

25th March, 1972	Varau	Yagau Bugai'au Mambung Miliau	100 people
27th March, 1972	Milantim	Bari Luwong Turwev Gambis Aiyavok Iomlom Milantim	250 people
28th March, 1972	Sagaiyo	Chinulok Napos 1 Napos 2 Sagai Siyugel Sagaiyo	25 people
29th March, 1972	Mangga	Pepukane Lagis Tokanen Mangga Bogunatu Kwasang	200 people

Attendances were a little poor at the meetings but a lively interest was shown in the subject by those that attended. The discussions were held informally with a brief talk being given by myself, followed by a question and answer period.

They had little real knowledge of what was meant by the term "Multi-Racial" and were concerned with such questions as whether they would have to ask permission from the council to plant food gardens. There were many who were afraid of reduced representation on the new council. I explained to them that this was a matter for themselves to decide, the number of councillors would not be cut without their consent and ward boundaries would not be changed without their consent.

By all, I feel that they have a slight grasp on what was being discussed and that they had an understanding of the subject when asked for their opinion. All expressed a desire to try the new


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system. It was explained that the system worked exactly the same as a multi-racial council, but in all discussions it was referred to as the new council.

It was explained to them that it was the decision of all people in the Mymeng sub-district not just the Duang Census Division. If all were agreed then the Council would change its status.

I feel that if the Council decides to become multi-racial then a further patrol should be conducted to each area to carry out further educational talks. Despite their apparent understanding, I think that there will be some further misconceptions that will occur.



W.R. WILKINSON  
PATROL OFFICER

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION MUMENG OFFICER COMPLAINING W. R. WILKINSON  
DISTRICT MOROBE SUB-DISTRICT MUMENG  
CENSUS DIVISION BUANG L. G. COUNCIL MUMENG

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MULTI-RACIAL COUNCIL MUMENG

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED

6/4/72

The Buang people appear to be in favour of the proposal. No recommendations can be made however until the remainder of the Sub-District is covered and the people's feelings made known. The Mumeng Census Division is being patrolled at this time by A.P.O. Herbert and the Middle Watut will be visited by A.D.O. Phillipe in early May. From discussions held with the Mumeng main road villages to date, it seems that the majority of people are not in favour of reduced per Councillor representation. It has been explained that any reduction in representation would be accompanied by the introduction of a system of elected Ward Committees. The people remained firm on this point however and it seems that the Buang people have taken the same stand. There appears to be no good reason why representation should not remain as it is if this is what the people want.

ACTION TAKEN :

SGD. A. E. COOKE

DATE 14th April, 1972

## PATROL REPORT

Report number: <b>8 of 7/72</b>	Objects of patrol: <b>LAND INVESTIGATION</b>
District: <b>MOROBE</b>	Station: <b>MUMENG</b>
Patrol conducted by: <b>T.R. DARWEN</b>	Subdistrict: <b>MUMENG</b>
Area patrolled: <b>BAIUNE PORTION 62.</b>	Designation: <b>ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER</b>
Duration of patrol: <b>19-6-72 to 30-6-72</b>	Personnel accompanying: <b>SANGAS WITNESSES</b>
Last D.D.A. patrol: <b>13-12-71 to 4-2-72</b>	Number of days: <b>12</b>
Last O.L.G. patrol:	Total population of area:
Map reference: <b>MILINCH BULOLO</b>	Council area: <b>MUMENG</b>
<b>FOURMIL WA U</b>	House of Assembly Electorate: <b>BULOLO</b>

The District Commissioner, **MOROBE**  
District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios <b>34</b> To <b>36</b> , 7	( <b>X</b> )
Patrol Instructions,	( )
The Report and my comments,	( <b>X</b> )
Area study,	( )
Updating of area study,	( )
Situation Reports No's 1—	( )
Patrol map,	( )
<u>Claim for camping allowance</u>	

DATE: / 19 .

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	( )
Updating of area study,	( )
Situation Report No's. 1—	( )
.....	( )
.....	( )
District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report: .....	Above average
	Average
	Below average

Date: / 18 / 19 72.

*C. G. Sandy*  
District Commissioner



JWK:PA

Grand Total

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P.O. Box 2396,  
KOMEDOBU.

21st August, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Morobe District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
LAE.

MUMENG PATROL NO. 8-71/72.

Reference your 67-2-4 of 1st August, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Report arising out of the above patrol of the land known as BAIKNE, Portion 62, as undertaken by T.R. Darwen A.F.C.

(T.W. Ellis)  
Secretary.

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67-6-117 (2)



the Administrator,  
Meroha District,  
P.O. Box 572,  
Wau.

1st August, 1972.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
MUMBATI

PATROL REPORT NUMBER No. 157N/72  
MR. T.F. DARWEN, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Receipt of Mr. Darwen's report is acknowledged with thanks. I have included the report by Mr. Nelson Joseph, A.P.O. in the same report.

Although the job was specifically surveying the disputed portions of land within Partica, I would have expected an assessment of the attitudes in respect of internal village rivalries for the land and an appreciation of the Land Titles Commission.

Please impress on junior staff the need to record observations made in the field.

(G.G. HARDY)  
a/District Commissioner

c.c.  
Mr. T. Darwen,  
Sub-District Office,  
WAU.

Please note the above.

(G.G. HARDY)  
a/District Commissioner

c.c.  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

Copy for your information. No Situation Report arose out of this patrol.

*G.G. Hardy*  
(G.G. HARDY)  
a/District Commissioner

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(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-district or District level, and of value to succeeding officers. No copy required at Headquarters.)

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This patrol comprising a camping period of eleven nights was conducted for the purpose of establishing SANGAS' boundaries within the disputed land defined as PORTION 62, BAIUNE ~~for which~~ for the settlement of which a LANDS TITLES COMMISSION will commence on the 10-7-72. Names of group claimants and court witnesses was compiled. The SANGAS people whilst there is no internal individual block dispute, are claiming ownership under three separate clans, DANDOV, BAIYEN, and PAMERABOS. The SANGAS claim ownership of twenty one blocks within Portion 62. DURING the patrol the Sangas people co-operative and efficient displaying a knowledge of the area and its boundaries which catered for an expeditious completion of the task. Witnesses accompanying the patrol were LASAK LASAK of the DANDOV clan and GAMBON of DANDOV

SGD. *T. Darwin* .....

DATE. 4-7-72 .....