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MADANG DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS 1959/60

SIMBAI

AIOME

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol.</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Sim.1-59/60	G.B.O'Farrell	Asai Census Division
" 2-59/60	G.B.O'Farrell	Part of Bismarck Range and Simbai valley.
" 3-59/60	G.B.O'Farrell	Kaironk Valley restricted area.
" 4-59/60	G.B.O'Farrell	Asai Valley
Aiome 3-59/60	J.B.Moyle	Aiome-Angaua-Anor Census Divisions



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PATROL REPORT

District of.....MADANG..... Report No. ³ AIO ~~4~~ of 1959/60.....

Patrol Conducted by.....J.B. Moyle, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Aiome- Angaua- Anor Tax/Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....nil.....

Natives.....NCO and 2 members of RPNGC.....

Duration—From 31/5/1960 to 24/6/1960 (5 days camping)

Number of Days.....9 (broken period).....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference.....⁴ in. series Madang District.....

Objects of Patrol.....Familiarise officer in charge with area and people,
~~to revise the census, and general Administration.~~

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Filed away at Madang by mistake.
Forwarded, please.

27/2/1961

[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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Department of Native Affairs,
MADANG
3rd March, 1961

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
MORUYBU, PAPUA.

CENSUS FIGURES.

Attached hereto please find two copies of census figures for the Aiome/Angaus/Anor Census Division which was covered by Aiome Patrol Report No. 3 of 1959/60.

It is believed that these figures were omitted from the Patrol Report.


(D. Perrish)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

GRF.RB.



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In Reply
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No. 67.3.3

Sub-District Office,
MADANG.

30th December, 1960.

The District Officer,
District Office,
MADANG.

AIOME PATROL REPORT NO. 3/59-60

Submitted herewith in duplicate is the report of the above-numbered patrol which was conducted to the AIOME/ANGAUA Census Division by Patrol Officer J.B. Moyle, O.I.C. Aiome. Camping allowance claim has been processed. Village Population Register forms have been returned to the patrolling officer for revision. He has been instructed to consider the re-submission of these forms a matter of urgency. The forms will be forwarded to you when received at this office.

My comments on the report are as follows :-

Native Affairs. The situation generally in the area patrolled appears to be quite satisfactory. There is an increased awareness among the people of the benefits attached to economic development. In the past, however, these people have been conspicuous by their lack of drive and initiative. It is hoped that they will be able to overcome what is almost a traditional apathy.

Livestock and Agriculture. It is pleasing to see that the natives of the area appear to be taking an interest in the planting of coffee as an economic crop. The Officer-in-charge, Aiome will need to study carefully Circular Memorandum M.14/3/1/9 of 1/9/59 from the District Commissioner, Madang regarding the undesirability of individuals planting permanent crops on communal land. While encouraging the people to participate in this economic development, the officer-in-charge will need to ensure that agreements are made by all of the necessary parties for the setting aside of certain portions of tribal or clan lands for the use of individuals. Such agreements will need to be registered and will serve to give the individual some protection and more than a moral claim to the crop. *recorded*

Villages and Housing. The patrolling officers comments can be considered to be very general only. The Diary indicates that not all villages in the Census Division were visited by this patrol.

Census. It was noted from the Patrol Diary that the census of a village was not always conducted at the village and that in ~~some~~ ^{some} cases, the census was conducted at Aiome Patrol Post. While it is true that those particular villages are no great distance from the Patrol Post, I do not feel that this excuses the officer from proceeding to the village and conducting the census there. Unless a census is conducted at the village the officer cannot expect to sight everyone other than those absent in employment or at school. The patrolling officer will be instructed that, in future, the census of a village is to be conducted at that particular village. In no instance should the people of one village be expected to gather at some other village for census purposes.

Absentees. The figures quoted by the patrolling officer in Appendix "A" appear/.....

"A" appear quite alarming. However, in actual fact, the situation was not as serious as it appears to be on these figures. Approximately 20% of those absent were employed on the construction of Simbai airstrip and were absent from their villages for 2 - 3 months only. 90% of those absent from their villages are employed within the District and in the great majority of cases, this means the vicinity of Madang.

Conclusion. The patrol served as a good introduction to the AIOME/ ANSAUA/ANOR Census Division for Mr. Moyle. I consider that it would have been an even better introduction if the patrol had been less hurried and had visited all villages. Conducting the Tax/Census of four (4), and in one instance six (6) villages in one day, leaves no time at all for the patrolling officer to get to know the people he is to administer.

G. R. Keenan
(G. R. KEENAN)

Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL DIARY

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DISTRICT OF MADANG.

PATROL REPORT NO. AIO/14 of 1959/60

Monday 27th. May 1960.

Departed Alome 0930 and ...
Atome, arriving there at 1730. Visited
Capt J.B. Moyle, P.O./O.I.C. Alome. Lined and
lined the people. Census and inspection.
Met 1 NCO and 2 constables of the ...
and R.R. & N.G.C. night.

Patrol Conducted by:-

Accompanied by:-

Tuesday 28th. May
Area Patrolled:-

Proceeded from Atome via Iwan to Isowak
vi. ANGAUA-ANOR-AIOME Tax/Census Division.
Swan village, census and inspection, to
Loni. 1. The familiarise the officer
census charge at Alome with the nature
to and possibilities of the people
and area.

Objects of the Patrol:-

2. To revise the census. 3. To
General Administration. 4. To
lined and censused Astanga and Itarembu
villages at noon, and then in the afternoon
Native Affairs: Pasinkap. Camped again
at Pasinkap. Heavy rain during day.

Wednesday 1st. June

Last patrols to the area:-

Public Health:
Proceeded on the Parapasar where census
Agriculture: people initially inspected
by A.P.O. from Pasinkap, and village and
inspected. Thence to Ipegoror
villages, census and inspection, and on
in afternoon to Akevanranku, where people
lined, and inspected. Camped overnight.

Thursday 2nd June

INTRODUCTION.

Friday 3rd. June

Visited Vavapi village, and there inspected,
lined and censused Vavapi and Pungambu
villages. Thence to Akevanranku where the census
was done. Crossed Ramu at noon, and
for cutting airstrip, and while there
visited Vavapi village, and there inspected,
lined and censused Vavapi and Pungambu
villages. Thence to Akevanranku where the census
was done. Crossed Ramu at noon, and
for cutting airstrip, and while there
visited Vavapi village, and there inspected,
lined and censused Vavapi and Pungambu
villages. Thence to Akevanranku where the census
was done. Crossed Ramu at noon, and
for cutting airstrip, and while there

As stated above, the main purpose of this patrol was
to acquaint the writer with the conditions and details of the
area which he has recently been appointed to cover. The writer
arrived at Alome at the end of April, and until this patrol had
to familiarise himself with the station, its staff and problems.
This is still continuing, but the opportunity was taken here to
spend a few days in the field, getting to know at first hand,
what problems faced administration in general, and agricultural
development in particular.

Since another patrol may not be conducted in the area
for several months, the census was also revised, and all the
facets of general administration attended to.

It will be obvious from the report, that the writer
was most favorably impressed by the area and the people, and
has great hope of future social, political and economic development
in this portion of the Ramu Valley.

Monday 7th. June
Comments are made on the following matters:-

- Native Affairs.
- Livestock and Agriculture.
- Villages and housing.
- Roads and bridges.
- Waterways.
- Village officials.
- Missions.
- Rest houses.
- Education.
- Land usage.
- Census.
- Labour figures.
- Health and sanitation.

Camping allowance claimed 5 days - 30/5/60 to 4/6/60

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PATROL DIARY.

- Monday 30th. May 1960. Departed Aiome 0930 and proceeded to Atemble, arriving there at 1230. Visited Catholic Mission, then walked to Iwam and lined the people. Census and inspection. Returned to Atemble, census, inspection and camped overnight.
- Tuesday 31st. May Proceeded from Atemble via Iwam to Isowak village, census and inspection, then to Awam village, census and inspection, to Longor, census and inspection, to Nabinj, census and inspection, and thence direct to Pasinkap arriving 1600 and camping.
- Wednesday 1st. June Visited, censused and inspected Irivais village, lined and census Pasinkap, lined and censused Astangu and Itaranku villages at noon, and then in the afternoon revised census of Pasinkap. Camped again at Pasinkap. Heavy rain during day.
- Thursday 2nd June Proceeded on the Parapasam where census was revised, people medically inspected by A.P.O. from Pasinkap, and village and environs inspected. Thence to Ipogondor village, census and inspection, and on in afternoon to Akavaprangu, where people lined, and inspected. Camped overnight.
- Friday 3rd. June Visited Vavapi village, and there inspected, lined and censused Vavapi and Pungambu villages. Proceeded then to Irarapi where people from Ivagripi, Atsugatapi and Ulia-angupi had gathered. Revised census of each village, heard complaints, and medically inspected. In late afternoon proceeded to Diugumbi and camped.
- Saturday 4th. June Lined, inspected and revised census at Diugumbi, thence to Atiapi where the same was done. Crossed Ramu at noon, and returned direct to Aiome, arriving 1500hrs.
- Tuesday 21st. June People of Irigrat and Jamenke at Aiome for cutting airstrip, and while there census revised. Complaints heard.
- Friday 24th. June Visited Kurakem village, revised census, inspected village and road work.
- Monday 27th. June People of Iporait at Aiome for airstrip cutting, and census revised then.

On each occasion a village was visited talks were given on the new Aiome coffee project, and people invited to participate.

The villages of Jamenke, Iporait, Irigrat and Kurakem are constantly coming to Aiome, and visits to those villages on routine matters, to hear complaints, inspect road work, etc. are a constant duty of the Officer in Charge at Aiome.

Camping allowance claimed 5 days - 30/5/60 to 4/6/60

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in the area appears to be quite satisfactory. There were no disputes brought before the patrol, and generally the people live quite happily and peacefully.

There is a notable lack of economic development in the area, but it is hoped that this will soon be overcome, when coffee is introduced into the area. The sale of native vegetables to Aiome Patrol Post, is a profitable sideline for the people, and until such time as the coffee produces, they will not be short of cash to purchase clothes and the minimum necessities of village life.

It is notable that several groups are interested in development, the purchase of outboard motors, and the fact that the cash to initiate these schemes is in the area, shows that while the general level may be low, the group level of development is increasing quickly.

Political development is naturally limited at this stage, but the writer estimates, that these people could profitably develop under local government within five years. A certain amount of unity exists within the group, and although these people speak three different languages, a political union is quite possible and practical.

Social development will follow political development.

The most important factor of the native situation, and the most disturbing one, is the high degree of absence of natives from their villages. This can partly be blamed on recruiters, partly on recruitment by the Catholic Mission, and partly on the lack of prospects for young men in the village. The situation has reached such a stage now, however, that any action from Aiome to improve the area, are thwarted by a lack of able bodied men to push through any project. This matter has been referred to the District Officers, and it is hoped that some control of recruitment in the area will soon be gazetted. The degrees of absence from each village, are shown in Appendix 'A', to which the reader is referred.

WATERWAYS.LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE.

in the area is the Rama River, which at the time of the patrol was not in full flood. Tributaries had flooded about a week. Native livestock in the area is limited to pigs and fowls. Sufficient are available in each village to ensure some degree of protein in the native diet. An outboard motor for Aiome will be delivered, and advantage may be taken of using the river both ways. Agriculture is now limited to gardens for home consumption and sale, and to small numbers of coconut palms. The main crops are taro, yam, sweet potato, sugar-cane, and leave crops. Small quantities of rice are grown, and are sold to Aiome Patrol Post @ 3d. per lb.. Coconuts are regularly eaten, and provide protein. It is wholly impractical to introduce coconuts as a cash crop, due to (1) lack of and high cost structure of transport to markets, and (2) relative poorness of area for the crop.

Village officials throughout the area were found to be most satisfactory. A trial coffee plot is now being prepared at Aiome with the assistance of volunteer labour from this area. Each village nominated one man who would come to Aiome to help the plot, thus gaining experience in planting their own plantations. It is estimated that native planting should start within two months, and that by December 31st, at least 5000 trees will be planted in this area alone. Bush is already cleared in most villages.

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VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Villages and housing throughout the area were most pleasing, and a pleasant change from the New Ireland area. All houses were in a good state of repair, and accommodation in each village was quite ample for the population in each area.

Villages were clean and well laid out, but as each was on a hillside, there is a large amount of erosion. The people were advised to plant some grass or plants on the slopes to correct this condition.

Building materials were plentiful throughout the area.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Generally throughout the area roads were in a good state, despite recent heavy rains. The worst areas were close to the Ramu River, where sago swamp predominates. These areas are virtually impossible to drain, and the best solution seems to go around the worst parts.

The bad stretch between Aiome station and Atemble, will soon be done away with, as the motor road from Aiome to Kurakem is almost completed, and it is then planned to use the Tiginants River for canoe travel to Atemble. This will cut at least one and a half hours of the Aiome-Atemble walk.

For details of roads see the map attached.

Bridges generally consist of single logs across water-courses, and are quite adequate for the purpose. If motor roads were ever made in the area, fords will be the most practical over most of the smaller rivers. It would be almost impossible to bridge the Ramu River, and impossible to form a ford crossing.

WATERWAYS.

The main waterways in the area is the Ramu River, which at the time of the patrol was not in full flood. Tributaries had flooded about a week before the patrol, but little difficulty was found in crossing the Ramu or any other river. Canoes are plentiful on the Ramu, and it is hoped that soon the outboard motor for Aiome will be delivered, and advantage may be taken of using the river both travelling upstream and down-stream.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village officials throughout the area were found to be most satisfactory, and as no changes were made, a full appendix of names has not been included in this report. Luluais are usually clan or group leaders, and the Tultuls are the 'bosses' - the person who directs and is responsible for carrying out the Luluais instructions. Village officials co-operated quite well with the patrol at all times.

MISSIONS.

The main mission is the Catholic Mission with headquarters at Atemble under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Wenta. The mission has a small school, and church, but otherwise its activities seem rather limited. All the people on the northern bank of the Ramu River in the area are Catholics, and most children attend some kind of mission school. Several, however, attend the Village School at Pasinkap.

The Anglican Mission has an establishment at Aiome, presently run by a Papuan teacher, but soon to be taken over by a Papuan priest. Rev. Fr. Robin of Simbai, who used to control Aiome also, recently departed for furlough in the United Kingdom. The people in the immediate vicinity of Aiome are mainly Anglicans, with a few Catholics, and a handful of Lutherans thrown in.

Relations with the Missions at Aiome and Atemble are very good, and assistance and information constantly passes between the Officer-in-Charge, and the respective mission leaders.

CENSUS SUMMARY.REST HOUSES.

Rest Houses throughout the area are generally quite up to par, and although some may not be the best design, they all afford adequate shelter for both patrolling officers and the police of other staff.

The rest house at Pasinkap, near the Government School, is particularly worthy of note for its spaciousness and design.

Migration OUT 53
Migration IN 72

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EDUCATION. INCREASE

As stated earlier, the Catholic Mission is the main focus of education on the northern bank of the River. The government school at Pasinkap has approximately 50 pupils, a few from villages spread throughout the area, and further afield. The mission, besides its school at Atemble, has catechists at Ipoondor and Parapasam, and smaller establishments in other villages.

On the southern bank of the River, in the immediate vicinity of Aiome, the educational facilities are evenly split between the government school at Aiome, and the Anglican Mission School, also at Aiome. Each have about 100 pupils, from throughout the whole Aiome area, and the standard of education in each school is reported to be quite high.

Seeds and nails were supplied for the Pasinkap school, and assistance is given to other schools in the area, wherever possible.

Co-operation with the Education Department at Aiome is good, and amicable relations exist between the O.I.C. and the Education Officer.

APPENDIX A.

LAND USAGE.

Land usage in the area to date is poor. There are large tracts of vacant land, but very little waste land. Even the swamps are a source of building materials and food - the sago palm.

It is hoped that land usage will improve with the introduction of coffee in the area, and the increased plantings of coconuts.

The writer cannot see any possible shortage of land in the area for many generations, nor a ny lack of timber or other building materials. Even with more land under cash crops, and taking into account the need for constant rotation of food crops, because of leaching by the high rainfall, the people of this area should never need resettlement of and other kind of land protection in the foreseeable future.

Land disputes have not come to the writers notice, and there appears to be no immediate needs for granting of land titles.

Avan 8 4 50% x

Diugabi 15 10 66% x

CENSUS SUMMARY.

Ipoondor 21 16 80% x

Total population last census 2309.

Ipovali 27 5 20%

Natural Increase@-

Irarapi 7 4 56% x

Irigat Births 63 16 31%

Deaths 53 31 58%

Decrease by Migration.

Isovak Migration OUT 10 53 50% x

Migration IN 43 43 100%

Itaranku 52 -10 43 80% x

Iva Total INCREASE 20 16 22 80% x

Iwan 10 50% x

Total population this census 2331.

Jani 25 33%

Kuraken 15 40% x

Lenger 8 50% x

N abinj 10 30%

PABAPABAM 55 98% x

PABISKAR 21 100% x

Pungr the 11 70% x

T Ma3ngupi 8 70% x

Favapi 18 10 30% x

J. B. Moyle
J. B. Moyle.
Patrol Officer 1.

TOTALS. 439 308.

TOTAL PERCENTAGE ABSENT FROM VILLAGES IS 6%

APPENDIX A.

APPENDIX B

ADULT MALES ABSENT FROM VILLAGES.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Ablebodied men.</u>	<u>No. absent.</u>	<u>Per centage.</u>
Akavapranku	11	5	45% x
A kurungunt	9	4	44% x
Asapi	8	4	50% x
A stangu	33	26	78% xx
Atemble	13	2	16%
A tiapi	12	2	17%
Atsuvatapi	12	7	58% xx
Awam	8	4	50% x
Diugumbi	15	10	66% xx
Ipegondor	21	16	80% xx
Iporait	25	5	20%
Irarapi	7	4	56% xx
Irigrat	53	16	31%
Irivais	17	12	68% xx
Isowak	10	5	50% x
Itaranku	52	43	84% xx
Ivagripi	20	16	80% xx
Iwam	10	5	50% x
Jamenke	27	9	33%
Kurakem	15	7	46% x
Longar	8	4	50% x
N ambinj	10	3	30%
<u>PARAPASAM</u>	55	54	98% xxx
<u>PASINKAP</u>	21	21	100% xxx
Pungumbu	11	8	70% xx
U li ³ Angupi	8	6	75% xx
Vavapi	18	10	56% xx
<u>TOTALS.</u>	489	308.	

TOTAL PERCENTAGE ABSENT FROM VILLAGE IS 63%

APPENDIX B

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

The people of this area are well cared for as regards medical services, by both the native hospital at Aiome, and the Aid Post and Pasinkap village. There are people at each hospital, and due to constant patrols by Native Medical Assistants, there is very little sickness in the villages. Three cases of scabies were sent to Pasinkap Aid Post, and following the patrol, three lepers were returned to the Nansenide Colony at Hatsfelt hafen.

Sanitation is good, and both latrines and rubbish pits are apparent in all villages.

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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

AIOME/ANGAVA/ANOR CENSUS DIVISION. ALOME PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1959/60

Govt. Form - 1028/7.55.

YEAR 1960

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES Number of Children Present	Average of Family Members	TOTALS (excluding absentees)				GRAND TOTAL M+F				
		0-1 Mth.		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males 10-16		Females 10-16				Child		Adults						
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F	M	F		M	F		
AVAPRANKU	2/6/60	1	1		1					1	1					4	1			1	2			3	11	4	10	1	19	1.2	6	13	27	27	31			
API	31/5	1														4												1	8	2	4	7	1.5	5	7	14	10	40
PNAGU	1/6	1	1													2	26	12	2	2				2				7	33	5	9	16	1.7	36	15	21	25	142
TEMBLE	30/5															3	7	1	1	1	1			1	3	13	2	10	1	14	1.5	8	7	24	23	67		
PIAPI	4/6	1	1													2								1	2	12	2	8	17	0.8	5	6	17	22	54			
TSUVATAPI	3/6	1	1							2	1					7	1							1	3	12	2	9	10	0.6	5	6	15	17	51			
VAM	31/5									1	3					4								2	6	1	8	1	1	1.3	8	3	17	22	56			
IUGUMBI	4/6	1								1	2					10	5							1	4	15	2	12	14	0.85	2	7	12	42	42			
POGOMBOR	2/6	1														1	15	3	1	1	2			4	21	9	12	12	1.57	8	20	26	85	85				
PORAIT	27/6	2	1							1	1					5								12	8	25	3	15	15	1.2	7	28	4	32	90			
PARAPI	3/6	2														4									4	7	1	4	5	1.3	6	4	9	5	33			
RIGRAT	21/6	1	5							1	2					7								26	19	53	1438	38	1.4	14	19	85	73	252				
RIRVAIS	1/6	1	1													2	2	2	2	5	5			6	17	7	12	18	1.6	17	11	20	23	95				
SOWAK	31/5	1								1	1					3								2	10	1	9	13	1.3	7	7	22	23	66				
TARANFU	1/6	3	5							1	3					38	2	5	1	8				15	52	7	23	29	1.8	26	24	33	51	188				
IAGRAIPI	3/6	2														13	9	3	1	3	1			5	20	3	12	12	1.1	7	3	16	14	69				
VAM	30/5	1								1	1					5								4	10	2	24	24	1.1	9	10	24	29	79				
		18	2							10	7					19	164	35	22	1	25			44	22	93	69	38	9	384	183	1.8	1	3	149	152		

