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67-16-15

### PATROL REPORT

Report number:	OKSAPMIN NO 121	Objects of patrol:	GENERAL ADMIN.
District:	WEST SEPIK	Station:	OKSAPMIN
Patrol conducted by:	A. J. HAZLEWOOD	Subdistrict:	TELEFOMIN
Area patrolled:	BAK-BIMIN C.D.	Designation:	PATROL OFFICER
Duration of patrol:	26/10-5/11/72	Personnel accompanying:	2 INTERP. 1 POLICE.
Last D.D.A. patrol:	15/6-30/6/72	Number of days:	16 DAYS
Last O.L.G. patrol:	NON-COUNCIL AREA	Total population of area:	1761
Map reference:	1:250,000 BLUCHER	Council area:	NON-COUNCIL
		House of Assembly Electorate:	UPPER SEPIK OPEN

The District Commissioner,  
 WEST SEPIK District,  
 VANIMO

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 23 To 26 ,	( 3 )
Patrol Instructions,	( 1 )
The Report and my comments,	( 3 )
Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Reports No's 1-2 ,	( 3 )
Patrol map,	( - )

DATE: 5 / 12 / 1972

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Report No's 1- 2	( - )
	( - )
	( - )

District Headquarters assessment of	Above average -
Patrol & Report.....	Average

Date: 3 / 1 / 1973

*[Signature]*  
 District Commissioner  
 P.S.S.



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The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANUATU

30th April, 1973  
67-16-15  
J.W. Kent  
Deputy District Commissioner.

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 2 OF 1972/73

Your comments, 67-3-10 of 13th March, 1973, in respect of OKSAPMIN Patrol No. 2 of 1972/73 are acknowledged with thanks.

Apart from your comments no documentation arising out of this patrol has been received. The reason may be due to some confusion that could have arisen owing to the necessity to change the original OKSAPMIN Patrol No. 2 to No. 1 of 1972/73. Your 67-3-10 of 22nd January, 1973, refers.

Would you please forward the documentation at your earliest convenience.

W.P.R.  
W.P. RYAN J  
a/Secretary

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67-1-0  
67-16-15

Minute to :

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

The above refers.

- ... Two copies of relevant parts of the report are attached. I
- ... also enclose a copy of the patrol report to elucidate items 3 and 4 above.

Since our District Health Officer is currently recovering from injury suffered in the recent boat explosion at Port Moresby, could you take up item 3 above with Health Department Headquarters.

Could you also advise me with respect to item 4 above and what steps or supporting information is required from the local level to contain the problem caused by excessive recruitment.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

*BB*

*Records.*

*Files 181 & 182 should be placed  
in Okrapmin Patrol Report No 2 of 7/73  
file. Please have this done. direct the  
Patrol Report to me and notify Mr. Taylor  
of the changes.*

*Janet  
2/4*

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West Sepik District,  
P.O. Box 42,  
VANIMO.

67-3-10  
PBG:lt

13th March, 1973.

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

~~12/73~~ ?

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 1  
X-1972/73 : BAK BILIN CLERK'S DIVISION

Your memorandum 67-2-10 dated 9th February, 1973, refers.

Thank you for this report on which I make the following comments :-

1. Provided there is no intrusion into the District staff level a local Officer will be posted to Oksapmin just as soon as the accommodation is available.
2. Divana School - I shall hurry along the domestic furniture aspect. It would be appropriate for an opening when the school is functioning, attended by Officers from this and Education District Headquarters.
- X 3. I am hopeful that, following recent earlier representations on this matter, that our Departmental Headquarters will make representations, through channels accessible to it with appropriate bodies which can reappraise and reactivate the medical and agricultural field presence.
- X 4. Recruitment - I shall take up with Departmental Headquarters whether existing labour legislation is adequate to circumscribe all recruiting from the Oksapmin administrative area through the Patrol Post insofar as the maximum recruited number is concerned. Activities of recruiters could be constrained in this manner.
- ... 5. Copies of comments on situation reports are attached.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.  
*B.B.*

(14)



DBA 67-16-15

(15)

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

West Sepik District,  
P.O. Box 42,  
VANIMO.In Reply  
Please Quote

Telegrams

Telephones

Our Reference: 67-3-10

If calling ask for P3G:1t

Mr.

No.



22nd January, 1973.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 1 - 1972/73  
BAK BIMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

F. 12.

My memorandum 67-3-10 dated 3rd January, 1973, refers.

This patrol is now numbered 1 of 1972/73. The original patrol number 1 of 1972/73 was that being conducted by the late Mr. M. Watkins, A.D.O., at the time of his death, for which patrol a report will not be submitted.

*Bunting*  
S. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

c.c.  
Assistant District Commissioner, Sub-District Office, TELEKOMIN.  
Officer-in-Charge, Patrol Post, OKSAPMIN.

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P.O. Box 2396  
KONNEBOBU

67-16-15

6th February, 1973

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
VANIMO

OKMAMIN PATROL NO. 2 - 1972-73

Reference your Minute of the 31st January, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of BAK-BIMIN Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. A.J. HAZLEWOOD, Patrol Officer.

As you state in your Assessment Mr. Hazlewood must not involve himself in recruiting for private companies. His activities give the primitive people of his area the idea that the government is sponsoring their employment. If they subsequently have employment problems they will blame the government, and not the company concerned.

Mr. Hazlewood obviously shares the frustration of the village people in the relative hopelessness of the economic situation in his area. It is however a fact that on a district and national basis our limited resources in funds and staff makes it essential that existing projects be consolidated rather than commence new projects. OKMAMIN being so isolated cannot be economically developed to any great extent at this stage. Employment outside the area appears to be the best solution for those anxious to earn money.

A good informative report by Mr. Hazlewood.

C.G. LIPPER  
/Secretary

67-16-15  
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6. If and when you get the time, efforts to create an overseas contact for the disposal of 'original' artefacts such as the Sub-District as a whole can provide would prove most remunerative to both the Telefonin and Oksapmin areas. Earlier efforts in this venture at Telefonin have proven this. But overseas sale points are preferable to maximize return to the village in preference to the middle man. The Department of Business Development, Newak, should assist you with this.
  
7. The Telefonin Sub-District as a whole has been susceptible to influenza and other epidemics of a serious nature over recent years and such of the loss of life and the costly aftermath vaccination programmes involved could have been overcome by a vigilant, effective village level aid post coverage. Due to P.H.D. staff and other factors, parts of the Atbalsin, Niannin, Bak Binin, On River (in other words those areas ravaged by these epidemics) establishment and/or staffing in these areas has not been finalised. Please submit me a paper detailing this matter and noting points at which establishment of staffing of aid posts is under review or is recommended and I will seek ratification and staffing by Department of Health. A unit for the Bak Binin area has waxed hot and cold for 3 years to my knowledge. Also required are:-
  - (a) Medical refresher courses for and training of Aid Post Orderly staff in vaccination procedures; and
  - (b) an outline of the problems of communication between these isolated Sub District Aid Post units and central P.H.D. at Telefonin and Oksapmin, so that where an Orderly is unable to cope with and curb a potential outbreak, early support can be had.

This is the least Administration can do for these isolated groups.

The report is a good informative one, if somewhat long and chatty, and of a standard I now expect from Mr. Hazelwood.

Copies of comments on situation reports are attached.

*B. Bunting*

B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner

c.c.  
Mr. A.J. Hazelwood,  
YAFSIB Base Camp,  
C/- Sub-District Office,  
TELEFONIN.

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

→  
... The above refers. Two copies of relevant parts of the report are attached.

B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.



67-5-10

Division of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

3rd January, 1973.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TEWAKIN.

OKSAPMIN PATROL No. 11 - 1972/73:  
WEST SEPIK DISTRICT DIVISION

Your memorandum 67-2-10 dated 1st December, 1972, refers.

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are made:-

1. Your covering memorandum classifies the report as No. 1-1972/73, but the report jacket describes it as No. 2-1972/73.  
Please advise.
2. Mis-spelling of words in the report requires consideration.
3. The broadening of horizons in the political context will largely come with the successive return of repatriate labour. This will also bring with it natural upheavals of social readjustment. Just such a transitional stage, reflecting these external influences, is indicated by matters recorded in the report.
4. Road extension, through rural development, is a priority for this area and will form the basis of economic and social development in its train together with more frequent administrative contact and improvement in its various forms.
5. As the <sup>area</sup> selection of the school to be opened in January was one of the last major developmental works in which the late H.B. Watkins was involved and, as you are aware, the people were most perturbed at his untimely passing, you may suggest that they care to name the school to perpetuate his memory and his contribution towards the development of the Oksapmin administrative area. Please ensure the school is ready for its 1973 opening.

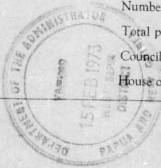


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### PATROL REPORT

Report number: IMO 72.73  
 District: West Sepik  
 Patrol conducted by: R.F. Lanaghan  
 Area patrolled: Dak-Blain C.D.  
 Duration of patrol: 19/1/73 to 29/1/73  
 Last D.D.A. patrol:  
 Last O.L.G. patrol:  
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: Revision of Census  
 Station: OKSAPEN  
 Subdistrict: Telefomin  
 Designation: Assistant District Officer  
 Personnel accompanying: 1 member R.F.N.G.O.  
1 Interpreter  
 Number of days: 10  
 Total population of area: 2499  
 Council area: Hon Council  
 House of Assembly Electorate: Upper Sepik



The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 1 To 4 . ( 4 )
  - Patrol Instructions, ( 3 )
  - The Report and my comments, ( 3 )
  - Area study, ( - )
  - Updating of area study, ( - )
  - Situation Reports No's 1-2, ( 3 )
  - Patrol map, ( 3 )

DATE: 9 / 2 / 19 73

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study, ( )
  - Updating of area study, ( )
  - Situation Report No's. 1-2 ( ✓ )
  - ( )
  - ( )



- District Headquarters assessment of  
 Patrol & Report..... ( )
- Average ✓
- Below average

Date: 13 / 2 / 19 73

*[Signature]*  
 District Commissioner  
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The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANUATU

26th July, 1973.  
67-16-31  
T.J. Downes  
District Officer

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 2-1972/73

Reference your minute of 13th March, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of BAK-BIMIN Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. R.F. LANAGHAN, Assistant District Officer.

The problem of duplicating population figures is not confined to the West Sepik District. However, the situation concerning the border between West Sepik and Western Districts is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future unless something of a specific and urgent nature demands that it should be reviewed once more. (Sitrep No. 1).

Sitrep No. 2 is of District concern only and requires no further comment from this office.

W.P. HIA   
a/Secretary

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANIMO

24th September, 1973.  
67-1-0/67-16-15  
R.G. Orwin  
a/D.D.C.

67-3-10 : P.S. Gall  
14th May, 1973.

PATROL REPORTS : 1972/73

Further to my 67-16-15 of 25th May, 1973.

I do not, as yet, appear to have received OKMAMMIN Patrol Report No. 2-1972/73.

Copy of same would be appreciated, please.

W.P. RYAN  
a/Secretary



DDA 67-16-15 (19)

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANIMO

25th May 1973  
67-16-15  
J.W. Kent  
Deputy District  
Commissioner  
67-3-10  
14th May 1973

CKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 2 OF 1972/73

This is to confirm that the documents have not been received.

W.P. RYAN  
a/Secretary



DDA 67-16-15 (19)

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
West Sepik District  
VANIMO.

TELEGRAMS:  
TELEPHONE:

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*B*  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister &  
Development Administration,  
Box 2396, Post Office,  
KONEDOBU.

Date: 14th May, 1973  
Our Reference: 67-3-10  
Action Officer: P.S. Gall  
Designation: District Officer  
Your Reference: 67-16-15  
Date: 30th April, 1973

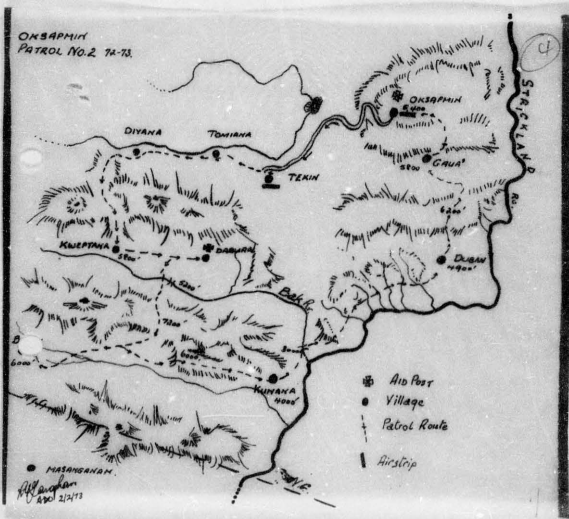
OXSAPMIN PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1972/73

In view of the fact there is currently only one typist at this District Headquarters and the fact that a complete retyped of this report (no photostat machine) would take some time, I should be grateful if you could confirm that the documents which were forwarded with my covering letter have not in fact turned up.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.  
*RLS*



ONSAPMIA  
PATROL NO. 2 14-53





## PATROL REPORT

Report number: <u>ORSAFOLIN NO. 3 72-73</u>	Objects of patrol: <u>Revised Census</u>
District: <u>West Sepik</u>	Station: <u>ORSAFOLIN</u>
Patrol conducted by: <u>R.F. Iannigan</u>	Subdistrict: <u>TELEFOLIN</u>
Area patrolled: <u>Torauwin-Atikin G/D</u>	Designation: <u>Assistant District Officer</u>
Duration of patrol: <u>15/2/73 to 21/2/73</u>	Personnel accompanying: <u>1 member R.F.N.G.C.</u>
Last D.D.A. patrol: <u>19/2/72</u>	Number of days: <u>1</u> <small>Inspector</small>
Last O.L.G. patrol: <u>N/A</u>	Total population of area: <u>3,385</u>
Map reference: <u>Blucher Range</u> <u>SB 54-7</u> <u>Series T 504</u>	Council area: <u>N/A</u>
	House of Assembly Electorate: <u>Upper Sepik</u>

The District Commissioner,

West Sepik District.  
VALINDO

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 1/To 2	( 2 )
Patrol Instructions,	( 3 )
The Report and my comments,	( 2 )
Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( 3 )
Situation Reports No's 1—	( - )
Patrol map,	( 3 )

DATE: 8 / 3 19 73.

*[Signature]*  
Assistant District Commissioner

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

*[Signature]*

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: 15 / 3 / 19 73.

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
16/2/73	Araratton	36	28	39	39	-	-	7	2	151
-16/2	Araratton	37	31	57	55	-	-	7	-	187
18/2	Bak	55	51	54	65	-	-	20	2	246
-21/2	Bokiana	55	40	52	64	-	-	16	-	323
-20/2	Divana	43	40	71	72	-	-	18	-	244
-17/2	Divana	42	40	41	49	-	-	11	2	185
-15/2	Divana	29	40	37	24	-	-	7	-	137
20/2	Lindana	5	7	14	13	-	-	3	-	42
16/2	Hianong	9	2	12	10	-	-	2	-	35
22/2	Sarapliaman	9	9	20	18	-	-	6	-	62
15/2	Saubati	29	34	31	43	-	-	13	-	150
27/2	Soroti	18	18	37	34	-	-	2	-	99
15/2	Tressa	35	26	30	33	-	-	6	1	138
-14/2	Tehap	46	47	54	71	-	-	15	1	294
22/2	Toruanu	56	51	88	104	-	-	26	-	337
-16/2	Toniara	67	56	91	102	-	-	18	-	334
21/2	Ngila	39	35	46	46	-	-	7	1	162
17/2	Waitepa	71	67	85	82	-	-	16	-	321
-19/2	Yuanin	16	13	22	24	3	3	7	4	92
										<u>3,335</u>

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B.  
List



The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O.Box 42  
VANIMO

3rd July, 1973  
67-16-27  
R.G.Orwin  
a/DDC

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 3/1972-73.

Reference your Minute of 15th March, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of TERANMIN-TEKIN Census Division, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. R.F.Lanaghan, Assistant District Officer.

No submission concerning the adjustment to village census units accompanied the Report. Please advise me further on this matter.

I regret the inordinate delay in acknowledging this Report.

*W.F. Ryan*  
W.F. RYAN  
a/Secretary

Minute to :

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

The above refers.

... Two copies of relevant parts of the report are forwarded herewith.

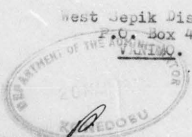
The matter of excessive recruiting (item 2 above) was raised in recent correspondence to you with a patrol report. Your assistance with this matter would be appreciated.

Adjustments to village census units is realistic and approved for your consideration.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

*B.B.*

67-3-10  
PSG:lt



West Sepik District,  
P.O. Box 42,  
VANIMO.

15th March, 1973.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
~~TEKIN.~~

OKSAPMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 3-1972/73 :  
TEKIN - TERANIN CENSUS DIVISION.

Your memorandum 67-2-9 dated 7th March, 1973, refers.

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are made :-

1. The District Superintendent (Education) will approach the District Education Board with the view to acquiring a second teacher for the Bivana School by doubling up with small classes at other schools. I shall endeavour to get the sign prepared for you at Vanimo.
2. I have raised with Departmental Headquarters the aspect of excessive recruiting in the Oksapmin administrative area and sought a means of controlling this. The need is to maintain the flow of recruits to the Highlands (where the Oksapmin men can learn something beneficial to their own area) on a one in, one out, basis, but stem the movement to coastal areas. I will advise you in due course of the method Headquarters proposes to achieve this.  
I shall recommend the proposed census unit regroupings for Headquarters approval. It is unfortunate this was not a little earlier in relation to the village directory reprint.
3. As mentioned in an earlier patrol report comment, as soon as the new Oksapmin house is completed a Local Field Officer will be posted there.
4. With respect to the vegetable industry it is not so much the outlets that are a problem, it is the improvement of Tekin and Oksapmin airstrips to increase payload uplift. On this point the F.I.R. Newak issues an annual contract for 50,000 pounds of vegetables alone.

The report is informative and constructively covers area matters.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.  
*PSG*



PATROL REPORT No.

Station..... CHANDLER ..... Officer Compiling..... SAV. SULLIVAN .....  
 District..... W. T. 2018 ..... Subdistrict..... TONTO .....  
 Census Division..... TONTO ..... L.G. Council..... Box Council .....

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

(For further pages, use foolscap blanks.)

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(1) ~~Walden~~ ~~Wagon~~

Chocoma	to	Lucena	Along vehicular road via Huelon	<u>2 Hours</u>
Rancin	to	Armadin	Well cleared track.	<u>2 Hours</u>
Armadin	to	Toniana	Well maintained track. Follow contour of TERN river	<u>2 Hours</u>
Toniana	to	Divana	Good track grade suitable for coast. of vehicular road	<u>1 Hour</u>
Divana	to	Tekap	As above	<u>1 Hour</u>
Tekap	to	Wasin	Retrace road to Divana, descend to TERN river. (6000) climb to 7400 through limestone and moss forest. Respective descent into Wasin valley.	<u>2 Hours</u>
Wasin	to	Dizana	Well maintained track along Wasin valley floor (6000)	<u>1 1/2 Hours</u>
Dizana	to	Setiana	Well maintained road. Suitable to outside.	<u>1 1/2 Hours</u>
Setiana	to	Chocoma	Along vehicular road	<u>1 Hour</u>

*Forwarded for review to various accounts*



(2) Diyana School

The patrol spent a full day at Diyana. First taking census and afterwards, supervising construction of a kitchen for resident teacher, and general cleaning of school grounds.

There has been a teacher in residence for several weeks now and he reports that he has been overwhelmed by the friendliness and co-operation from the local people.

The only disappointing factor was the offence taken by those local people who were unable to enrol their children. Applicants for the school exceeded 150 persons and of course the teacher was unable to accept this number.

There was considerable ill feeling and friction evident among the various groups, i.e. ARANUMIN, DIVANA, TEKAP, YUAMIN and DISANA. All felt that they should have had the lions share of the available seats. However with a little arbitration the matters seem to have been resolved. At least people are not venting their anger in public anymore.

It is expected that 25% of the first intake will drop out before the completion of the first term. This will allow for some late replacements - of probably a more conscientious type of person.

Again all expressed to have the school named in honour of the late Mr. Watkins. The "TAFY WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOOL" is acceptable to all.

The writer suggests that a signwriter in Vanimo be employed to make the sign, and the sign be hung at the Official opening of the school by an Officer of the Education Department now stationed in VANIMO.

(4) Health

It was pleasing to note that there were no outbreaks of ulcerated sores, influenza or other such contagious diseases.

The area as a whole is well attended by the Mission medical staff and the A.P.O. based at Okapamin Station.

(5) Famine Appeal

A total of \$25.40 has been donated by the environs of the TERANMIN TEKIN c/d, and is being held at this Office. No further donations are expected.

(6) Recruitment

33% of the available labour force, ie those men between 18 and 40 years, are absent from their village. Those places closer to the Station are affected to a greater degree.

As mentioned in other reports, the situation is becoming serious. Should anymore young men absent themselves from the community ominous social consequences are imminent.

It is suggested by the writer that legislation be implemented to restrict recruiting to approximately one third of the adult male population.

Further investigation revealed that the people equate Self Government with complete localisation and they being so, they fear that they will be taken advantage of - like they themselves would take advantage of anybody should they be in a position to do so. This attitude can only be expected as they are still a primitive people.

Discussions were held at every opportunity with the emphasis on Self Government and Independence to try and allieviate unnecessary concerns, especially with their fear of localisation.

(7) Census

Good attendance at every rest house amounted in an increase of 100 names since last census. The previous census was three years ago (Feb/Mar 1970) thus such an increase is understandable.

(8) Political Attitudes

Due to their close contact with Government and Mission staff the general awareness of this area, is of a higher level than that of other census divisions. Even so, they still have a very limited concept of Government policies.

Anyone that could be persuaded to expound his views came forth with the now monotonously predictable answer that Self Government and Independence bode ill for the community at large. It is the commonly held view that the 'other' side will begin fighting again.

Further investigations revealed that all people equate Self Government with complete localisation and thus being so, they fear that they will be taken advantage of - like they themselves would take advantage of another should they be in a position to do so. This attitude can only be expected as they are still a primitive people.

Discussions were held at every opportunity with the emphasis on Self Government and Independence to try and allieviate unnecessary concern, especially with their regard to their fears of localisation.

It is the personal opinion of the writer that as soon as suitable accommodation is available, an indigenou office be posted to this Station. Initially such an Officer should work in conjunction with an expatriate Officer and gradually assume command. This would make the transition to localisation smoother for all parties concerned.

(9) Road Route

Regarding the extension of the existing Tekin road to Tekap.

A closer look at the proposed route indicates that the TEKIN river will have to be bridged in two places. It would not be feasible to construct a road on the southern bank of the river due to the nature of the ground. Solid rock, sloping at an angle of more than  $45^{\circ}$  into the river persists for more than a mile. There is a good bridge site immediately after leaving Aramuin rest house. If the river is crossed here it will be advisable to proceed along the northern bank for as far as Tomiana where there is also another good bridge site. This will obviate the necessity to blast the above mentioned rock.

(E) LAND TENURE AND USE

(a) Land is owned by the male members of a clan who have the sole rights to dispose of it. Females have only usage rights as do husbands who have married into a clan and chosen to live with the wife's clan.

(b) No individual has leased land from the Administration, nor is there any knowledge of tenure conversion.

(c) Cash cropping of vegetables occurs in a big way in most of the villages situated along the TE IN OKSAPMIN road. Gardening is done individually on ground owned by the clan.

Staff for above comprises of one indigenous male and one expatriate female teacher.

Standard I 27 pupils

Standard II 28 pupils

Standard III 16 pupils

Staff for above comprises of one indigenous male, one expatriate male and one expatriate female teacher.

(III) Brown Primary School

Standard I 50 pupils

Staff for the above comprises of one indigenous male teacher.

(b) No adult other than those at school are literate in English.

Due to the efforts of the A.S.N there are now 350 people literate in Pigin English.

A further 200 are now attending literacy classes.

(c) There are no persons with a higher education.

(d) Nil

(e) Newspapers such as Naitok and Naitok Naitok that are sent in second class as long as they remain free issues. No-one has subscribed to any such paper. There is a limited supply of these papers available.

Only two radio receivers in the division.



(F) LITERACY

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(a) There are ~~three~~ schools operating in the area.

(I) Oksapin Primary 'T' School

Standard I 35 pupils

Standard II - pupils

Standard III 24 pupils

Standard IV 23 pupils

Standard V 23 pupils

Standard VI - pupils

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Staff for above comprises of three indigenous male and one indigenous female teacher.

(II) Australian Baptist Mission at TEKIN

Standard II 39 pupils

Standard IV 52 pupils

Standard VI 16 pupils

Staff for above comprises of one indigenous male, one expatriate male and one expatriate female teacher.

(III) Divana Primary 'T' School

Standard I 50 pupils

Staff for the above comprises of one indigenous male teacher.

(b) No adult other than those at school are literate in English.

Due to the efforts of the A.B.M there are now 356 people literate in Pigin English. A further 260 are now attending literacy classes.

(c) There are no persons with a higher education.

(d) Nil

(e) Newspapers such as Wantok and Misil B'long Yusi are much in demand - as long as they remain free issues. No-one has subscribed to any such paper. There is, a limited supply of these papers available.

Only two radios remain in the division.



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(G) STANDARD OF LIVING

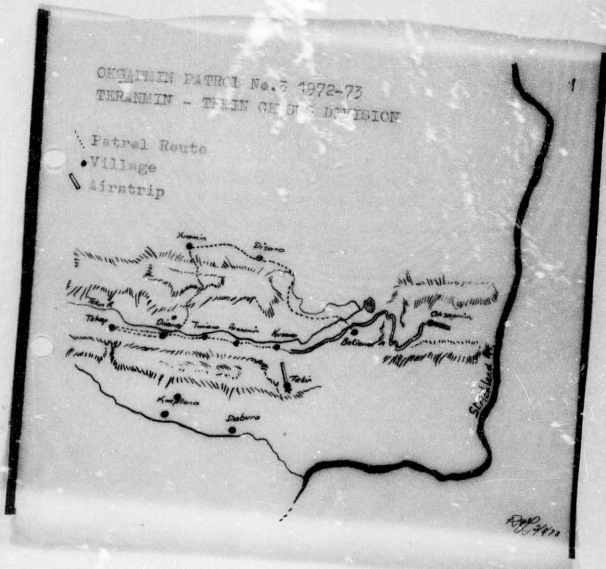
(a) Housing is reasonable for the area and is constructed of a wooden frame and lined inside with the bark from the Pandanus tree. The roof is mainly made from leaves of the same tree, but occasionally kumaiw will be used.

Toilets are now in evidence at every hamlet, but it is doubtful if they are used very often.

Most every adult male has an axe and many have obtained spades. A few families have european cooking utensils and those that do not have the actual item have improvised out of tins pieces of iron and even bottles.

CHERAMBYN PATROL No. 3 1972-73  
TERRAIN - THIN GE 61 DIVISION

- Patrol Route
- Village
- ∨ Airstrip



airstrip sites in the census division.

(K) TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Seleng Dakoptet, indigeneous to YUAMON currently holds a tractor drivers licence and is employed as the Transport Driver.

Imok Rupel, is attending the Vanimo Vocational School.

(L) STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Parochially speaking the Terammin Tekin group enjoys a higher degree of understanding than do most others from the Oksapmin Administrative area. Due no doubt to the continual, almost day to day, contact with Oksapmin Station and The Baptist Mission, and to the large number of returned indentured labourers.

Independence and Self Government figure largely in most peoples thoughts and all profess to be concerned at the imminence of this state of affairs. Many, who could be persuaded to expound on the reasons for their fears, had a very much stock answer, 'Taim bilong pait' of 'Taim Nogut',- because of the withdrawal of white influence, resulting in complete localisation.

It has proved difficult to dissuade people that Independence does not necessarily mean the departure of all expatriates.

No contact has been made with elected M.H.A. Anskar Karmel, and all people are bewildered as to how he became elected as their representative. He is not 'one of them' (National unity extends only to the boundaries of the language group) and he is most certainly not the one they voted for. Further compounding the bewilderment is the fact that he has never been to this area.

The mechanics of electoral procedure (and the preferential system of counting) are lost on the host country nationals indigenous to the Terammin Tekin area. Consequently any political information is usually broadcasted from Government staff or from the Mission at TEKIN. The idea that they are represented by a duly elected M.H.A., and elected by their participation at that, is not to be considered.

Seleng Dakoptet, the only person to be involved in outside politics attends the District Advisory Council meetings in Vanimo and as proved to be a big help in explaining Governmental aims and policies.

(M) THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

(a) Nil

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(d) The vegetable business, began by the Baptist Mission five years ago, and joined by the Oksapmin Market Account last year, has grown to the extent where supply far exceeds the amount that can be exported. An estimated 2500lb is available weekly, of which only 1000 - 1200lb is purchased.

The Australian Baptist Mission spends between \$1300 and \$1500 annually purchasing vegetables (26,000 - 30,000lb) from the local people (mainly Kusana, Divana Tomiana and Aranamin,) and utilises M.A.F. to carry produce to Wewak.

Further markets are being sought and extensions to airstrip are underway to enable uplift of a greater payload. It is estimate that over \$1500 will be spent this year.

Oksapmin station buys weekly 400lb (\$20) and utilises backlog of weekly Government charter to supply Vanimo. Further makets are being sought at border stations along the return route, ie Green River, Amanab and Imonda.

(e) Cash earnings of area can be broken up thuswise:

Indentured Labourers (returned)	80 men with \$40 each	\$3200	
Vegetable Business	Oksapmin	1000	
	Mission	1500	
Government Staff (only those from census div.)	Driver	858	
	Interpreters	1300	
Government	Casual Labour	2750	
Station Personnel (of which 80% is spent in stores)	Police	\$3000	
	P.H.D.	945	3150
Mission	Staff		2246
Mission	Casual Labour		1000
Private Enterprise	Counterman		500
			<u>\$17,504</u>

(h) There are 79 savings accounts the majority of which are worth less than \$20.

(i) N/A

(j) Taking \$17,504 as the total income for the area, and 3385 as the total population the per capita earning is a little more than \$5. This is completely unrealistic in view of breakup above.



## PATROL REPORT

Report number: OES 4-74/73	Objects of patrol: MEDICAL
District: WEST SOPHE	Station: OKIAPMIN
Patrol conducted by: R.F. LONCHAM	Subdistrict: TELEOMIN
Area patrolled: PAAT SAIE-AMIN	Designation: ADO
Duration of patrol: 5 days 8/3-12/3 73	Personnel accompanying: 1 RPNC
Last D.D.A. patrol: 19/1/73	Number of days: 10
Last O.L.G. patrol: -	Total population of area: 2,499
Map reference: BLUCHER SB 54-7 1:25000	Council area: N/C
	House of Assembly Electorate: WAPEN SOPHE

The District Commissioner,  
WEST SOPHE District,  
VANUATU.

In respect of this patrol, I attach	
Field Officers Journal Folios	( 2 )
Patrol Instructions,	( - )
The Report and my comments	( 2 )
Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Reports No's 1-	( 3 )
Patrol map,	( - )



DATE: 16 / 6 1973.

*[Signature]*  
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	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average

Date: 27 / 7 / 1973.

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner



DDA. 67. 16. 53.

The District Commissioner  
West Cepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANIMO

20th August, 1973  
67-16-53  
R.G. Orwin  
a/D.D.C.

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 4 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 20th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of part of BAK-BIMIN Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. R.F. LANAGIAS, Assistant District Officer.

I am pleased to note quick follow-up patrol action to the MASANGANAM area.

*W.F. Ryan*  
W.F. RYAN  
a/secretary

DDA. 67. 16. 53.



West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
~~TELE. CMIN. W.S.D.~~

20th July, 1973

63-3-10  
P.S. GALL  
a/D.D.C.

67-2-6/WS28  
16th June, 1973

OKSAPIN PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1972/73  
PAIRT BAK-BININ CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are made:-

1. It is pleasing to note that this outbreak is now under control and I should be grateful for your advice as to what actual diagnosis was made by the medical inspection visit by Dr. Gobius last month.
2. Has a decision been made yet with respect to the establishment of an Aid Post to service this area, and if so, please advise me of the details of establishment and supply.
- ... 3. A copy of my comments to the Situation Report is enclosed.
4. Please process these reports as soon as conveniently possible after receipt.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING *PLS*  
District Commissioner.

MINUTE TO:  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister  
& Development Administration,  
KONEDOBU.



... Copies - two (2) - of the relevant parts of the Patrol Report are forwarded herewith for your records.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING *PLS*  
District Commissioner.

# PATROL REPORT

Report number: OKSAPAM 572/73  
District: West Sepik  
Patrol conducted by: R.F. Haragham  
Area patrolled: part ON RIVER / c/d  
Duration of patrol: 02/13 - 31/13/73  
Last D.D.A. patrol: August 70  
Last O.L.G. patrol: N/A  
Map reference: Blucker Range  
36 54-7  
Baring TS out

Objects of patrol: Routine Administration  
Station: OKSAPAM  
Subdistrict: TELEFOMIN  
Designation: ADD  
Personnel accompanying: D. V. Chasen ADC  
Number of days: 33  
Total population of area:  
Council area: N/A  
House of Assembly Electorate: Upper Sepik

The District Commissioner,

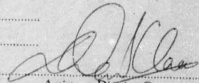
West Sepik District,

N.A.M.P.O.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios <sup>(2)</sup> 17 To <sup>4</sup> 19, ( 2 )  
Patrol Instructions, ( 3 )  
The Report and my comments, ( 3 )  
Area study, ( 2 )  
Updating of area study, ( - )  
Situation Reports No's 1- , ( - )  
Patrol map, ( 3 )

DATE: 1816 1973.

  
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: 24/7/1973.

  
District Commissioner

DDO 67.16.54

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANIMO

20th August, 1973  
67-16-54  
R.G. Orwin  
a/D.D.C.

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 5 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 20th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of part OM RIVER Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.F. LAMAGHAN, Assistant District Officer.

Your comments at paragraph three are noted with pleasure.

*W.P. Ryan*  
W.P. RYAN  
a/Secretary

DDO 67.16.54



West Sepik District,  
VANUATU.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
TELEPHONE: J.S.E.

20th July, 1973

67-3-10

F.S. GALL  
s/D.D.C.

67-2-6

18th June, 1973

OKSAPIN PATROL REPORT NO. 6 of 1972/73  
PART OF RIVER CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this report upon which the following comments are made:-

1. It is unfortunate that the flooding on River prevented completion of this patrol and the undertaking of a full census which, as mentioned in the report, will now be taken at a later visit to the area.
2. Further to Mr. Lanaghan's suggestion of subjective and intensive education, are there any students from this area attending the Primary School at Oksapin. Through them perhaps a not too corrupt version of political and social matters could be disseminated back to the general community.
3. I am pleased to see the level of field work which is currently being undertaken in the Oksapin area, long overdue, and undoubtedly a fillip to Administration/community relations.

*B. Bunting*  
E. BUNTING 1325  
District Commissioner.

MINUTE TO:  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister  
& Development Administration,  
KONEDOBU.



... Two (2) Patrol Report jackets are forwarded as your record of this patrol.

*B. Bunting*  
E. BUNTING 1325  
District Commissioner.

## PATROL REPORT

Report number: *Six 172-73*  
 District: *West Sepik*  
 Patrol conducted by: *R.P. Cunningham*  
 Area patrolled: *Part BAH-Bini*  
 Duration of patrol: *11/5 - 19/5/73*  
 Last D.D.A. patrol: *March '73*  
 Last O.L.G. patrol: *N/A*  
 Map reference: *Blucker Range*  
*TSDH*

Objects of patrol: *Census Cont. of Hoyle Rd*  
 Station: *OKAPMIN*  
 Subdistrict: *TELEFOUNT*  
 Designation: *RDO*  
 Personnel accompanying: *Member R.P.N.B.C. Rd Post Ordery.*  
 Number of days: *4 days*  
 Total population of area: *2,499*  
 Council area: *-*  
 House of Assembly Electorate: *Upper Sepik*

The District Commissioner,  
*West Sepik* District,  
*KONEDOBU*

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 1 To 2 ,	( 2 )
Patrol Instructions,	( 2 )
The Report and my comments,	( 2 )
Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Reports No's 1-	( - )
Patrol map,	( 2 )

DATE: *18/6 1973*

*[Signature]*  
 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-	( )
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District Headquarters assessment of  
 Patrol & Report.....

Above average	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Below average	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date: *24/7/1973*

*[Signature]*

District Commissioner  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
 B. BUNTING  
 District Commissioner.



DDA 67. 16. 55

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANIMO

20th August, 1973  
67-16-55  
R.G. Orwin  
s/D.D.C.

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 6 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 20th July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Report arising out of the above patrol of part BAK-BIMIN Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.F. LANAGHAN, Assistant District Officer.

Report has been read with interest and I agree that contact with these people should be continued and maintained by OKSAPMIN field staff.

*W.P. Ryan*  
W.P. RYAN  
s/Secretary

... Apart from the two patrol jackets I am forwarding a copy of the Patrol Report itself because of the several quite interesting comments and information contained therein.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

DDA 67.16.55



West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
~~TELEFONIN~~. W.S.D.

20th July, 1973  
67-3-10

P.S. GALL  
a/ D.D.C.

67-2-6  
18th June, 1973

OKSAPMIN PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1972/73  
PART BAK-BIMIN CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this report, upon which the following comments are made:-

1. Notwithstanding the location of Masangama in Papua and the fact that to date we have not achieved a consensus of opinion on the realignment of district boundaries I should like you to continue your attentions administratively with these people as part of the Binin society.
2. Quite obviously their only contact, and most facile contact, with Government is going to be through Oksapmin.
3. The construction of the helicopter pad is noted and should opportunity prevail at any time for the availability of a "passing" helicopter an endeavour will be made to have it made available to you for quick, on the spot visits to that group.
4. Comments on the local opinions concerning self government and independence are noted. Undoubtedly, in view of their lack of contact and limited horizons, views expressed are gained and disseminated through the area by repatriated labour from the Highlands. As Mr. Lanaghan expresses, this is probably one of the most difficult areas in Papua New Guinea in which to explain and neutralise the effects and impact of self government and independence and matters are aggravated further by the lack of opportunity for economic improvement.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner,  
c.c.

→ The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister  
& Development Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

... Apart from the two patrol jackets I am forwarding a copy of the Patrol Report itself because of the several quite interesting comments and information contained therein.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT

67-16-60

Report number: SEVEN 72/73  
 District: West Sepik  
 Patrol conducted by: R.F. LANAGHAN  
 Area patrolled: part Bak Binin  
 Duration of patrol: 15/6/73 to 26/6/73  
 Last D.D.A. patrol: May '73  
 Last O.L.G. patrol: ?-  
 Map reference: Blucher Range  
 SB 54-7

Objects of patrol: Medical  
 Station: OKSAPMIN  
 Subdistrict: TELEFOMIN  
 Designation: A.D.O.  
 Personnel accompanying: Aid Post Orderly  
 Number of days: 9  
 Total population of area: -  
 Council area: N/A  
 House of Assembly Electorate: Upper Sepik

The District Commissioner,  
 WEST SEPIK District,  
 VANUANO.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios / To 3 ,	( 1 )
Patrol Instructions,	( 2 )
The Report and my comments,	( 3 )
Area study,	( - )
Updating of area study,	( - )
Situation Reports No's 1- ,	( - )
Patrol map,	( 2 )

DATE: 1 / 18 19 73.

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
 KONEDOBUI, 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: 15/9/1973.

*[Signature]*  
 District Commissioner  
 1/205

The District Commissioner  
West Sepik District  
P.O. Box 42  
VANIMO

10th October, 1973.  
67-16-60  
B.J. Numa  
District Officer  
(Projects)  
67-3-10  
24th September, 1973.

OKSAPMIN PATROL NO. 7 OF 1972/73

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report arising out of the above patrol of Part RAK BDUIN Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.P. LAMAGHAN.

Copies of the report and relevant comments will be forwarded to the District Commissioner, Daru, for onforwarding to the Assistant District Commissioner, Kiunga.

Mr. LAMAGHAN has displayed energy and initiative.

*W.P. Ryan*  
W.P. RYAN  
a/Secretary

C.C.  
The District Commissioner  
Western District  
DARU

DDA. 67.16.60

West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.



24th September, 1973

67-3-10

F.S. GALL

D.D.C.

67-2-6

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Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office, OKSAPMIN, W.D.

OKSAPMIN PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1972/73  
PART BAK BININ GENSU DIVISION

Thank you for the above report, concerning which I make the following comments:-

1. One copy of Field Officer's Journal should be forwarded with patrol report.
2. I find the patrol report submitted by Mr. Lanaghan extremely practical and an helpful aid in reading the report.
3. Thank you for the photographs which are indeed self-explanatory.
4. I shall forward the additional copy of the patrol report to Olsobip via Departmental Headquarters and intermediate points west in order that all concerned can gain an appreciation of the situations and of Mr. Lanaghan's administrative assistance to the people of the area visited.
5. As Olsobip is unmanned, the area more accessible to Oksapmin anyway, and as the people are part of the BININ language group with stronger affiliations towards Oksapmin, no qualms whatever need be felt at this 'intrusion' into Papua, particularly in view of the health situation attended by the patrol.
6. What action is proposed by the Health Department with respect to this medical situation in the general BININ area? How far are the proposals for an aid post in the area advanced? Please advise.
7. A lucid, to the point report which adequately covers an effective patrol.

B. Bunting  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Secretary,  
Department of the Chief Minister  
& Development Administration,  
KONEDOBU.



- ... Two report jackets are forwarded herewith together with a copy
- ... of the patrol report itself, which after reading, I should appreciate your onforwarding to the Officer-in-Charge, Olsobip Patrol Post, via Daru.
  
- ... I am also forwarding Appendix 'A' - colour photographs of the ulcer type affliction effecting the area and referred to in the report. Quite obviously the situation requires watching.

*B. Bunting*  
B. BUNTING  
District Commissioner.

C.C.  
District Commissioner,  
Western District,  
DARU.

C.C.  
Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KIUNGA. Western District.

C.C.  
Officer-in-Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
OLSOBIP. Western District.



The Department of the Chief Minister  
and Development Administration  
Patrol Post  
OKSAPMIN  
W.S.D.

1973-07-10

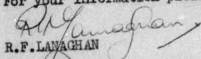
The Assistant District Commissioner  
Sub District Office  
TELEFOMIN  
W.S.D.

PATROL REPORT No. 7 1972/73

... Enclosed please find the above enumerated report.  
An extra copy has been made for onforwarding to OLSOBIP Patrol Post.  
I regret that I could not supply photographs for all copies, but the availability  
of film being what it is, precluded this.

Camping allowance claims for Interpreter and self are included. Those for Police,  
have been forwarded under separate cover to Vanimo.

For your information please,

  
R.F. LAVACHIAN

Assistant District Officer

PATROL REPORT No.

Station..... OKSAPMIN ..... Officer Compiling A. P. LANAGHAN  
 District..... WEST SEPTIK ..... Subdistrict..... TELEFOMIN  
 Census Division. Part BAK BILMIN ..... L.G. Council..... N/A

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

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(1) Walking Times

Oksepmin to Masanganam Four days, via Kweptana, Binin and Yokfe camp.

Masanganam to Camp #1 Poor track, descend from 4500 to 2000 feet (ARI River) Perpendicular sides, would flood easily. Climbed to 3700, clearing track en route, innumerable heavily timbered gullies. Encamped BEROK Creek at 1300 hours. SIX HOURS

Camp #1 to Siritpigin Climbed to 4500, beginnings of moss forest evident, cleared track through wild pandanus and 'swamp'. Countless gullies. Average altitude between 2900 and 3500 feet FIVE HOURS

Siritpigin to ~~BEROK~~ Saingin Innumerable gullies, heavily vegetated, layer cane and nettles. Climbed to 4200 but mainly between 3500 and 3800. Rest house fair condition. FIVE HOURS

Saingin to Camp #2 Climbed to 4200, well cleared track. Turned off track and descended to ATEM river 1600 feet. Perpendicular descent, perpendicular ascent. Heavily vegetated. Cleared track. Encamped hamlet of POSORIP 3800 feet. FIVE HOURS

Camp #2 to Camp #3 Climbed through, over and under countless waterfalls, to 4300. Followed long slowly ascending ridge. Highest point, 5150 ft. Undulated between 4500 and 5000. Encamped. SIX HOURS

Camp #3 to Camp #4 Followed seldom used hunting pad to 6300. Nettles. Layer cane moss, mud and mist. Joined main Masanganam-Binin track. Encamped A'T'VIARTIGIN. SIX HOURS

Walkin Times (Cont)

Cap\*4 to Bimin

Followed regular track to summit Mt. MANEES. 7500.  
Descended to TEKIN River, thence to Bimin rest house.  
Altitude 6000. FOUR HOURS

Bimin to Oksepain

Regular route via Kseptana. Detoured to TEKAP. Stayed  
overnight SIX HOURS  
thence to OKSAPAIN via Divana, Tekin and Betiana.  
FIVE HOURS

(2) Introduction

This patrol was instigated to investigate the many reports of a hitherto unknown malady - that of a YAWS type ULCER - that was neither YAWS nor the common TROPICAL ULCER.

The writer had seen many cases at Bimin rest house, and places nearby, and was thus fully cognizant of their severity and of their ultimate consequences.

Whilst at Bimin rest house (Patrol No. 4 72/73) then later at Masanganam rest house (Patrol No. 6 72/73) a delegation of local people approached the patrol and requested that it visit their 'area' (KMERIMIN) and provide medical treatment. Having seen the extent and severity of the infestation at Masanganam the writer readily agreed, and plans were made accordingly to utilize the Government chartered helicopter to position the patrol, thereby saving four days of walking.

It is realized that the area patrolled is in Papua and therefore comes under the jurisdiction of the OLSOBIP Patrol Post, but in such circumstances it was felt (as the area patrolled was all part of the Bimin language group hence most affiliations lie towards OKSAPMIN) that it would not be out of line for an OKSAPMIN Patrol to visit the area. The late report of four deaths, attributed by the host country nationals indigenous to the KMERIMIN area, to the afore mentioned affliction, and the arrival of two stretcher cases at TEKIN Aid Post clinched the matter, and the Patrol was carried as per this report.

(3) MEDICAL

The day prior to the Patrol was spent, having been transported by helicopter, at Masanganam in the company of Dr. R. Gobious (District Health Officer WEMAK). The said Doctor took specimens from sores for further analysis. Hopefully the results of his work will be made known to this Office in the near future.

During the period the patrol was in the field, a total of 75 serious cases, of this particular type of ulcer were found and treated. All of the 75 sufferers were dependant on others for transport; ranging from a companionable arm to a stretcher. The inference is obvious, 75 people removed from the work force, 75 people who had to be looked after and fed, 75 people who could not contribute anything to the feeding. Such small groups of people, who are entirely subsistence farmers, cannot afford to have so many of thier group disabled without dire consequences arising.

Innumerable ulcers, seemingly the same type, of a lesser severity were treated, all of which have the potential to cripple the carrier.

From discussions with the villagers, it seems as though this sore is a recently incurred affliction, and never before has it reached the present degree of severity. Recently, in the above context, means within the last ten or so years.

Males and females both suffered equally, similarly with children, though a smaller proportion of the latter were infected.

Ninety five percent of the sores occur on the lower leg.

See appendix 'A' for photographs illustrating size and severity of individual cases.

Patients responded well to Penicillin injections and the application of Antibiotic powders, but basic follow up treatment is required. Unfortunately the patrol could not remain that long in the field.

In this case it was fortunate that an Aid Post Orderly from OLSOBIP moved into the area as the patrol was moving out, thus a large percentage of the sores should be completely cleared.



Political Situation

As expected in a group as little contacted as this, the level of political understanding is exceedingly low.

Discussions of a political nature, with the emphasis, swinging from national unity to Independence and Self Government, were held at every opportunity. People responded not at all. More important to them was the treatment being offered by the Aid Post orderly.

Continual repetition of Self Government and Independence struck a few responsive chords, and it turns out that people are largely unconcerned with the impending change in political status of their country. On reflection, this is understandably so, as even the present system of administration as little alters their way of life.

Social

The entire area is of the BIMIN language group, only FOSOBIP having a slightly different sound. This group acts as an intermediary for OLSOBIP (south of the WENG / WONGAP rivers) and BIMIN groups.

As explained in Patrol Report No. 6 72/73, Masanganam is a 'hostage clan' of the BIMIN; however the remainder of the rest house groups visited do not come under this classification. The usual inter marriage and bartering is found going on between the KWERIMIN and BIMIN people. Oil, from the DIAP river source, was found at FOSOBIP, this having been exchanged for arrows (as the 'pit pit' shaft of arrows made in the lower altitudes is reputedly stronger than that found higher up.) No contact is made (except for that made by 'trade partners') with the people from the southern side of the WONGAP river. These people known as SELTIMIN, are regarded as strictly enemies.



Economic

Due to the isolation of these people and their inhospitable surrounds, economic development in any shape or form is out of the question.

As usual the patrol met with demands for 'more money' 'more work' and a bigger share of any funds made available for extension work. These demands were answered quite frankly: no chance for anything apart from casual labour at OKSAPHIN or contract labour at plantations out of the district.

Nobody, at any of the places visited, has been a contracted labourer, the initial group of recruits are still employed at Mt. Hagen, and the population at large seems a little dubious about this method of raising revenue.

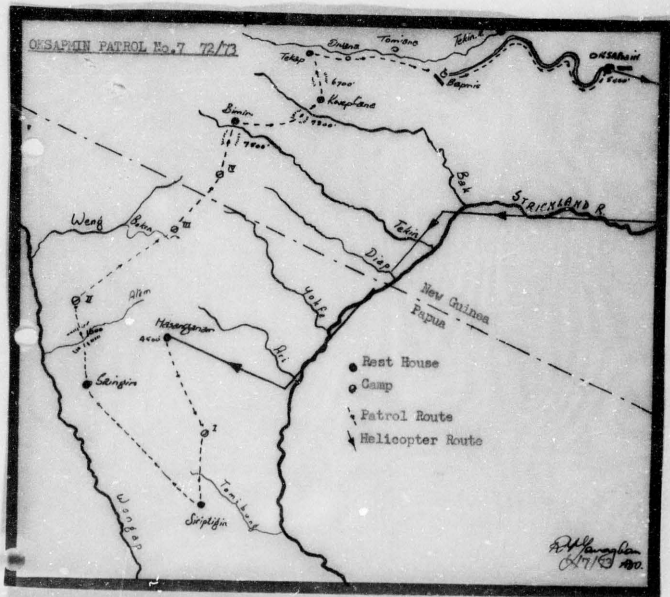
It is intended to employ them as casual labourers on a rotation basis with the other OKSAPHIN environs, and to purchase artifacts from them when the necessary markets can be found.

Nothing else is envisaged in the way of economic development.

General

No census of the population was taken, since most declared that they were on the OLSOBIP books. 'Most' probably are.

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