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MADANG

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3-66-67	V.P. Karnups	Para, Yaben, Kare & Saruga CD

USINO

3-66-67	V.P. Karnups	Dumpu/Kaigulan & Naho/Rawo CD
4-66-67	V.P. Karnups	Igoi/Sop CD
5-66-67	T.R. Nixon	Sumau-Garis CD Urigina-Kesawai CD

BUNDI

3-66-67	P.J. Kraehenbuhl	Southern portion of Bundi CD
4-66-67	T.R. Nixon	Vua CD

SIMBAI

9-66-67	G.E. McGrath	Part of Kaironk & Wulamer valleys of Simbai Admin. area
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BOGIA

16-66-67	R. Sunderland	Andarum CD
18-66-67	Michael A. Douglas	Lower Ramu, Hansa Bay, Makarup CD

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to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... MADANG Report No. BOGIA NO. 16 - 66/67

Patrol Conducted by..... R. SUNDERLAND CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled..... AIDARUM CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

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

Duration—From..... 7./4./1967 to..... 24./4./1967

Number of Days..... EIGHTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... /12/1966

Medical /1/1967

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... 1. CENSUS REVISION 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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MADANG.

27th October, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

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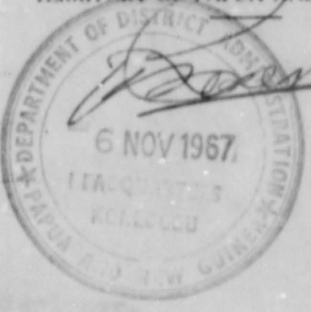
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District Commissioner

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BOGIA.

30th May, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Department of District
Administration,
MADANG.....T.P.N.G.

BOGIA PATROL NO. SIXTEEN - 1966/67.

Please find attached Bogia Patrol Report No. Sixteen of 1966/67.

This patrol was carried out by Mr. R. Sunderland, Cadet Patrol Officer, into the Andarum Census Division. This was more or less a continuation of Bogia Patrol No. 13 of 1966/67 into the same area.

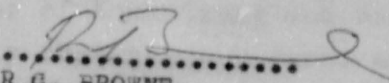
I am not quite sure what the significance of Mr. Sunderland's statement that the women and children ran into the bush when they heard the Assistant District Commissioner was coming. Mr. Sunderland has been transferred to Saidor so I am unable to question him. When I did arrive at Kaminimung village everything seemed to be in order with Mr. Sunderland carrying out a census. In fact, he had a family (including women and children) lined up in front of him.

It is proposed that Andarum, Pauwrit and Ruakum join the Yawar Council and be brought into the council by proclamation before the next elections in September, of this year. It is hoped that the other villages will join the proposed Josephstaal Council in due course. It is unfortunate that these people become isolated to a great extent during the wet seasons and during this period it would be difficult for councillors to attend meetings. However, it is intended to ask these people to join a council in the near future.

The people live on a subsistence economy with little monetary income and because of the lack of marketing outlets it is not envisaged that their income will increase a great deal in the next few years. There seems to be a tendency to move on to the big rivers, i.e. Ramu and Guam. Although the Guam is blocked by logs they could be blasted out if need be. A road could be constructed to the coast but the cost of maintenance of such a road is out of the question, at the present time or for that matter in the foreseeable future.

The Church of Christ Mission have commenced constructing an airstrip near the Tsumbar and Bunapas Mission Stations. Both of these stations are on the Ramu and the airstrip will be for light aircraft only.

The patrol appears to have been well conducted by Mr. Sunderland this being his second solo patrol.


.....
R.G. BROWNE.

(Assistant District
Commissioner.)

BOGIA.

HEALTH

The health of these people in this area seems to have improved slightly since the last patrol, the villages of the upper Andarum in particular. No doubt the patrol by the Medical Orderly Assistant in January and the establishment of a Medical Orderly in the area have done much to improve the situation.

A new Aid Post is being built at Sokumu, the old one at Gutebuk has been closed down. The Sokumu Aid Post would have been better sited at the present village of Gutebuk or Tanguat. It is felt that Sokumu is not at all central to the villages it will have to look after and many people will have to walk many miles to reach it.

The child mortality rate throughout this area is still very high, but it is hoped that further patrols by the Medical Assistant, health education orderlies, and the construction of the aid post will eliminate many of these deaths. The aid post at Zukin is well settled in and the running of it efficiently handled by the Medical Orderly stationed there.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

No warning that a patrol was coming into the area was possible and during the initial stages of the patrol the road was badly overgrown. Throughout the area instructions were given regarding cleaning and maintaining the walking tracks and all the people were reminded of their responsibilities. Most tracks were several inches deep in mud and water and travelling was slow at times.

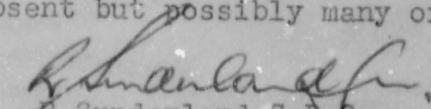
From the village of Isisikin, through to the Ramu, tracks are non-existent and where possible the patrol used canoes.

AIRSTRIPS

There are no airstrips in this census division however several are established or are to be established close to its boundaries. All these are owned by the missions. The airstrips are at Josephstaal, and Kwanga, and work will commence very shortly at the Church of Christ Mission stations of Sumba and Bunapas. His patrol did not notice any possible new sites for strips within the area.

CENSUS

Difficulty was experienced in the taking of census of the villages of Romkun, Ominimung and Asgunka. People are constantly being found who have never appeared for a census and it is likely that there are quite a few more left. The age old problem of people forgetting and changing their names still applies here. It will be noted that in the villages of Komanimung and Asgunka, recorded deaths are few and it is likely that these figures are inaccurate. There was quite a few people reported absent but possibly many of these should be recorded as deaths.


R. Sunderland C.P.O.

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be to difficult for a four wheel drive vehicle to reach Waiaginam over existing walking tracks. This road would have many advantages, as being a possible Bogia Josephstaal connection, be a boon to local villages, allow the Sokumu, Andarum, Pauvrit and Tanguat villages only a six hour walk to the road, and permit the villages of Gutebuk, Ambok, Itutang, Iangere and Laptu villages and many of the Josephstaal villages to have access to the road by way of the Guam River. With the use of outboards this would only be a few hour trip. This road would be open for the majority of the year, allowing cash cropping to expand and get the crops to market quickly and efficiently.

Kominimung and Asgunka will no doubt turn to fishing as their source of income. They possess enough dry land for their subsistence crops but that is about all. On either side of them are shallow lakes which teem with fish. Apparently these lakes are formed by the overflowing of the Guam River which is blocked by logs between Isirakin (a ~~and Whangh, newtoban~~ - of four to five miles.) and Wasmuk a stretch of four to five miles.

As things now stand, there ~~are~~ is no cash cropping in the area, but it certainly has the potential if the problem of economic outlets can be solved.

COMPLAINTS

Very few complaints were presented to the patrolling officer and those that were, were of such a nature that they could be reconciled by the parties themselves.

REST HOUSES

Rest houses had been built in every village seen. They were of reasonable construction and quite well maintained, only the village of Sokumu was requested to build a new one, this time a little further out of the village.

CARRIERS AND CANOES

Obtaining carriers and canoes was not any problem. Carriers and paddlers were paid at the rate of 10¢ per hour. They volunteered readily and prepared to travel long distances although normally were changed at each village.

Missions

The mission with the largest following in this area is the Roman Catholic. The missions at Igom and Kwanga mainly control the Andarum, although on the Ramu River several schools supported by the Seventh Day Adventists were noticed, and the Church of Christ mission seems to have a growing interest.

additional problems as the remaining members will have to carry them through to an extent until they become established. For this work reasonably successfully it will require a great deal of assistance from the Agriculture Department and of course by the people themselves. However from long talks with these members and Officials of these villages it is felt that they will make this effort.

AGRICULTURE

This area, except for the villages on the Ramu River and a few near Igom, has been badly neglected in the past years by the Agriculture Department. In fact this can be said of all departments. As far as can be ascertained the lower Andarum and Guam regions have not seen an Agriculture Officer or Field Worker for the past seven or eight years or more.

It is felt that as these areas will be joining Councils in the very near future, and ~~that~~ are interested themselves in planting a cash crop, particularly coffee, that some assistance be ~~given~~ given to these people. To date there has been no response to their appeals for an Agriculture Officer to visit them, many have shown their willingness by clearing areas of ground in preparation for his visit, and some even gone as far as planting the seed, only to find out that it is the wrong variety.

Three villages in the upper Andarum area, Sokumu, Andarum Pauvit, were seen by an Agricultural Assistant in December 1966 and said that the ground was very suitable for growing coffee. During the time spent there he marked out several plots in preparation for planting. All that is required now is for the Agriculture Dept., to guide these people in the planting, shading and storing of the coffee.

From appearances the whole of this area between the Ramu and Guam Rivers is suitable for Robusta coffee, however the major drawback is marketing outlets which on the face of it appear to be non-existent. The area is well inland and away from vehicular roads. It is crisscrossed by many small streams and during the rain season is partially underwater, and it is doubtful whether any vehicular roads will ever be able to penetrate this area. The closest road ends at Igom, between half and one and a half days walk from the Andarum and upper Guam villages. These villages are at least one to two days walk from the Ramu River, which would be a very suitable outlet if it was closer. The Guam is of no use because it is impassible at Isirikin.

One possible answer to the problem, which will become acute within the next couple of years, is to extend the existing road from Tangu through Sirikin and Wadaginam down to the banks of the Guam River close to Moresapa. This is quite feasible as it would ~~be~~ not to

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Andarum and Guam region persist in having their gardens in the middle of the village and consequently flies are numerous, instructions were given to move the gardens outside the village vicinity as soon as possible.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village officials in this area are just beginning to realise their responsibilities and requirements. Although very helpful in many ways, their idea of the duties they should perform is very limited.

Steeped in their traditions and customs, very few of them are able to speak out against their people and delegate small duties, however they appear to be overcoming this slowly and are gaining the respect and ~~confidence~~ confidence of the people. It is thought that as more of the younger men leave their villages for a while to work in towns and plantations, this will change. No new appointments or resignations of Village officials was encountered on this patrol.

ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Undoubtedly Local Government Councils is something that is uppermost in the minds of many of these people. Realising that they are one of the last remaining groups in this Sub-District not members of a Council has made them rather self-conscious of the fact.

This refers more particularly to the people of the upper Andarum region than the others, however the people of the Guam area are now becoming mildly interested. One of the major problems and arguments that these people should not join councils yet is the problem of cash crops and getting them to markets.

From initial examination with regards to geographical and social boundaries, it would appear that the villages of Sokumu, Andarum, Pauvrit, and Romkun would join Yawar Council, and the villages of Tanguat, Gutebuk, Ambok, Itutang, Iangere, and Laptu join the proposed Josephstaal Council. Kominimung and Asgunka, when asked, said that they would rather join Josephstaal Council than the Rao-Breri ~~Guam~~ Council, however this can be fully investigated by the Patrol Officer at Josephstaal in the future. The only villages that would appear to be capable of paying taxes at the present time are ~~H~~ Romkun, Kominimung and Asgunka. The income of these people is derived from sales of fish and crocodile skins.

Steps are being taken to incorporate the villages of Sokumu Andarum and Pauvrit into Yawar Council at the next election, August 1967, and although lacking cash crops etc., it is felt that this will give them the incentive to go ahead far more effectively than by saying to them "when you have established a cash crop and able to get it to market, then you can join a Council". However this will incorporate

RECEPTION OF PATROL

The patrol was well recieved in all villages. Those of the Upper Andarum were more relaxed than before and the people prepared to speak forthrightly of economic and political problems.

Although the patrolling officer had recieved reports that the people of the lower Guam region, Kominimung, Asgunka and Romkun, were shy, timid and a little wary of Administration Officers, the patrol was welcome and the people pleasant and helpful. The only act of timidity shown was during the census of Kominimung when they heard that the A.D.C. was coming. The women and children dissappeared into the bush and it was sometime before the census could continue.

VILLAGES

The housing throughout the is generally poor. In the villages visited before, the magority of the instructions regarding housing had been carried out satisfactorily. The villages of Kominimung and Asgunka are, no doubt, deserted during the magority of the year, its inhabitants living in small camps close to their fishing grounds and gardens. Although all of these could not be visited, the housing appeared to be of satisfactory construction. The people of these villages build houses in the 'off the ground' variety, but also enclose the section below, where they cook. This offers the most protection against mosquitoes and reasonable sleeping quaters.

The villages on the Ramu River have chosen good village sites and housing is extremely good. The village of Zukin is no doubt one of the best set out and constructed villages in the Sub-District. The village of Romkun has moved to ~~move~~ a new site on the banks of Ramu River where the Guam enters. Avunkun is planning to move its site because the present location is on a large spit of land which will possibly be cut by the Ramu next rain season. The other villages in the Census Division are quite settled and there are no proposed moves although Gutebuk is still trying to decide whether it will move to the Guam or not.

The water supply throughout the area is a problem. All the water is taken from flooded rivers and creeks and is far from being clean. Consequently stomach complaints are quite common. The villages of Zukin, Avunkun and Dakit have dug wells close to the village and are expecting to put pumps in very soon.

Latrines throughout the area are ~~almost none~~ few and far between except possibly in the villages governed by councils. In almost every village visited instructions were given to build more latrines and refuse pits. Several of the newer villages, in the upper

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Saturday 22nd April 1967

0800 Departed DAKIT by canoes. Passed Through ASAU.

1500 Arrived BUNAPAS. Slept here.

Sunday 23rd April 1967

0830 Departed BUNAPAS by canoes. Passed through BOSMUN, DAIDEM, & KABUK.

1600 Arrived MARINGIS. SLEPT HERE

Monday 24th April 1967

Awaited arrival of m.v. Lakanai.

1400 Departed MARINGIS per m.v. Lakanai.

1930 Arrived Bogia.

END OF PATROL

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BOGIAPATROL No.16-66/67

Thursday 13th April 1967

a.m. Rain. Roads badly flooded. Prepared raft to travel down the Guam.
p.m. Inspected village and talked to the people re economic
development. Slept here.

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Friday 14th April 1967

0800 Departed AMBOK by raft.
1400 Arrived ISIRAKIN. Slept here.

Saturday 15th April 1967

a.m. Inspected village and lined occupants.
1200 Departed ISIRAKIN.
1400 Arrived Wasmuk. Arranged canoes for the morning. Slept here.

Sunday 16th April 1967

0800 Departed WASMUK by canoes.
0900 Arrived ASGUNKA. Inspected village.
0945 Departed ASGUNKA by canoes.
1000 Arrived KOMINIMUNG. Slept here.

Monday 17th April 1967

a.m. Inspected village and spoke to Village Officials.
p.m. Lined and censused KOMINIMUNG. A.D.C. Brown arrived. Slept here.

Tuesday 18th April 1967

a.m. Lined and censused ASGUNKA.
1000 Departed Kominimung by canoes.
1300 Arrived KWANGA. Slept here.

Wednesday 19th April 1967

0800 Departed KWANGA by canoes. Passed through MISINKI and TSUMBA.
1700 Arrived BANGAPELA. Slept here.

Thursday 20th April 1967

0700 Departed BANGAPELA by canoes.
1000 Arrived Romkun. Lined and censused village.
1300 Departed ROMKUN by canoes.
1400 Arrived ZUKIN. Lined censused inspected Village. Slept here.

Friday 21st April 1967

0800 Departed ZUKIN by canoes.
0900 Arrived AVUNKUN. Censused and inspected village.
1100 Departed AVUNKUN by canoes.
1200 Arrived DAKIT.
p.m. Censused and inspected village. Slept here.

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BOGIA PATROL No. 16-66/67

DIARY

Friday 7th April 1967

0845 Departed BOGIA by landrover.
0900 Arrived BOGIA C.M.,
0930 Departed Bogia G.M.
1100 Arrived NAUPI 1
1115 Departed NAUPI 1
1230 Arrived APINGAN 1. Awaiting carriers.
1330 Departed APINGAN 1.
1700 Arrived ARIANGON. Slept here.

Saturday 8th April 1967

0800 Departed ARIANGON. Passed through PUK, AREP, ABER.
1200 Arrived IGOM.
1400 Departed IGOM.
1430 Arrived ISUNG. Slept here.

Sunday 9th April 1967

Observed ISUNG.

Monday 10th April 1967

0800 Departed ISUNG.
0830 Arrived RENG.
0900 Departed RENG.
1010 Arrived BARIT. Talked to Councillor.
1100 Departed BARIT.
1230 Arrived SOKUMU. Village Officials arrived from ANDARUM, PAUVRIT,
and LAPTU, gave 'pep' talk. Inspected village. Slept here.

Tuesday 11th April 1967

Departed SOKUMU.
1000 Arrived PAUVRIT. Inspected Village.
1200 Departed Pauvrit.
1400 Arrived TANGUAT. Inspected village and spoke to village officials.
Slept here.

Wednesday 12th April 1967

0800 Departed TANGUAT.
1000 Arrived GUTEPUK. Inspected village and talked to officials.
1300 Departed GUTEPUK.
1500 Arrived AMBOK. Slept here.

INTRODUCTION

The Andarum Census Division was last patrolled in December 1966 (see Report-Bogia Patrol No 8-66/67), but due to weather and flooded rivers, was unable to reach several villages in the Division.

The objects of this patrol then, were to revise the census in the villages not reached, general administration, and a follow up patrol to the villages visited previously.

It is felt that this patrol was beneficial in several aspects. Firstly it was able to visit areas that have not been patrolled and censused for several years, and has been able to restore a little faith in the Administration, in the people of the upper Andarum region. It was noted during the the last patrol to the above area that the people were under the impression that the Administration was not interested in their future. However the advent of two patrols in several months by the Administration, a patrol by the resident medical assistant of Bogia to the area in January, and the establishment of an Aid Post and qualified Orderly at Sokumu, has done much to give these people an incentive for future development. It is felt that if an Agricultural Officer can spend a little time with ~~these~~ these people in the near future, although hampered by market outlets, they will develop quite dramatically.

The villages in the lower Guam region and on the Ramu River appear to be settled and prosperous, those on the Ramu ~~exceptionally~~ ~~xxx~~ exceptionally so.

It is now obvious that the villages of Asgunka and Kominimung are far easier to patrol from Josephstaal and steps will be taken to incorporate them into the Josephstaal Census Division however this will depend on which Council they elect to join, Josephstaal or Rao-Breri.

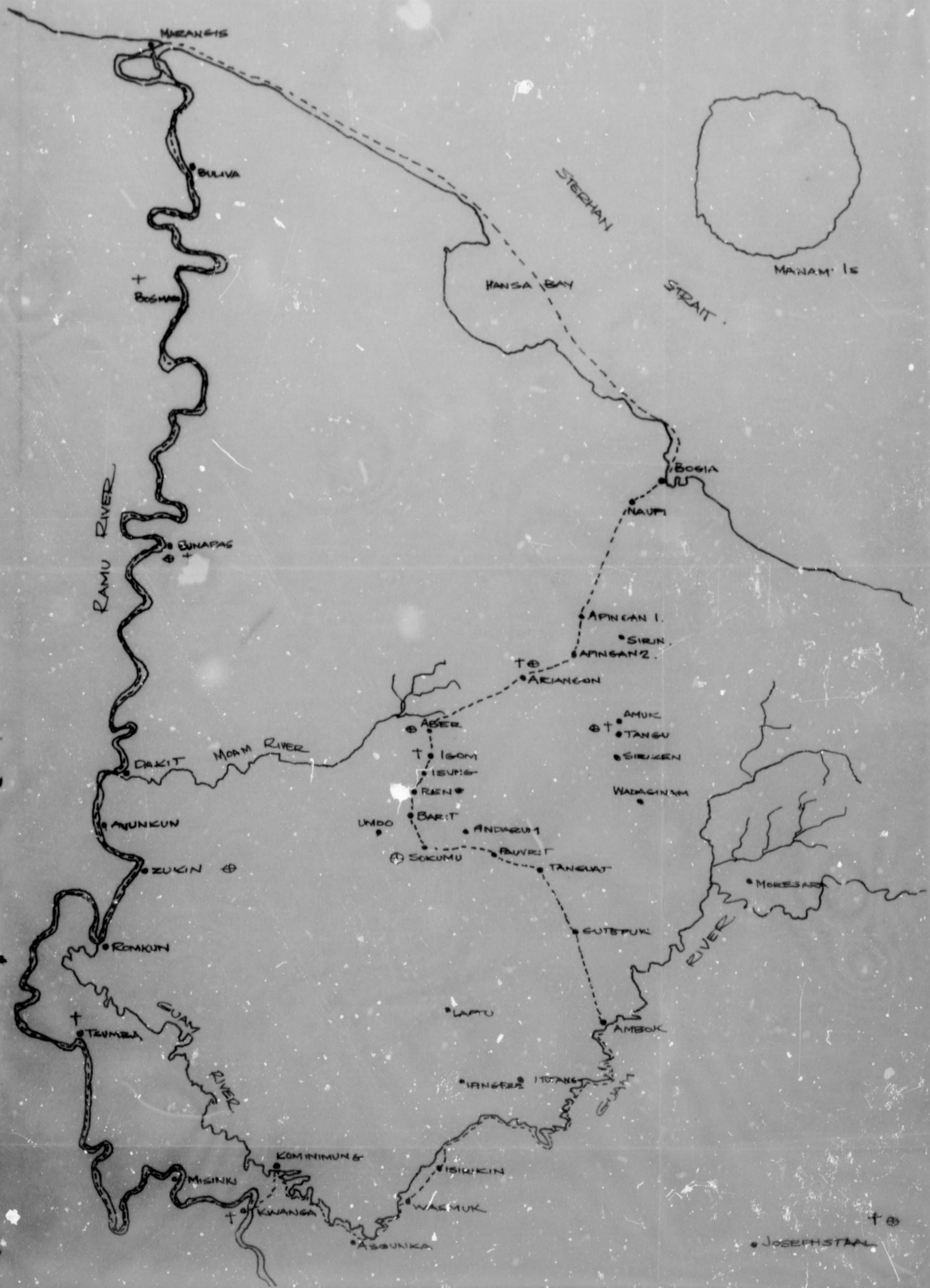
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MADANG Report No. 18 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by Michael A. Douglas, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Lower Ramu, Hansa Bay, Makarup Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives three members of R.P.M.F.C.

Duration—From 15/4/1967 to 20/4/1967 24/5/67 to 1/6/67.
13/6/67 to 18/6/67.

Number of Days 17 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

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Map Reference Fourmil of Bogia.

Objects of Patrol 1. Revise Census and Amend Common Roll.
2. Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MGRESBY.

Forwarded, please.

27/11/1967

J. Clifton Basset
District Commissioner

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

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

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The Director,
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PATROL REPORT - BOGIA PATROL NO. 18 OF 1966/67

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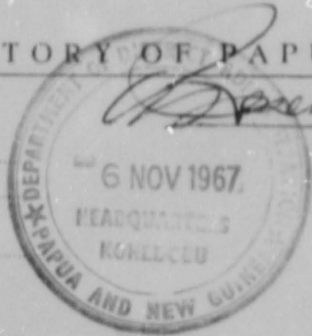
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BOGIA.

6th September, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Department of District
Administration,
MADANG.....T.F.N.G.

BOGIA PATROL NO. 18 - 1966/'67.

Please find attached patrol report No. 18 of 1966/'67,
submitted by Mr. M.A. Douglas, Patrol Officer, Bogia.

The patrol report was submitted by Mr. Douglas prior to
his departure on a nine week course in Port Moresby and
one wonders whether it is worth calling it a patrol report.

The patrol itself covered a large area and was too short
to be called a properly carried out patrol. Mr. Douglas
rushed through villages in his hurry to return to Bogia
and on one Sunday morning did four villages before Mid-
day, having all the people come to a central spot. Some
people had one to two hours to walk to the village concerned.

I did talk to Mr. Douglas about this so-called patrolling
and told him it was not acceptable. It was not till later
that it was discussed with Mr. Douglas in his haste was not
even revising the Common Roll properly, resulting in a lot
of extra work.

The matter was again taken up with Mr. Douglas in late July
and since then Mr. Douglas has settled down and is carrying
out his duties quite satisfactorily.


The main objects of the patrol were

- (a) to revise the Common Roll, and
- (b) to talk to the people concerning the reconstitution of
the Yawar Local Government Council to a Multi-Racial
Council.

Both these objects were achieved. The Common Roll has been
submitted and the proclamation for the reconstituting of the
Yawar Local Government Council has been submitted to Konedobu,
for approval and gazettal.

The report is very short and Mr. Douglas will be informed on
his return from Port Moresby that a fuller report in accord-
ance with Departmental Standing Instructions, Book 1, will
be required in future.

For your information, please.


.....
R.C. BROWNE.

(Assistant District
Commissioner.)

BOGIA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

The patrol was actually conducted over three periods:

1. 15/4/67 to 20/4/67 - Lower Ramu Sub-District Office,
2. 24/5/67 to 1/6/67 - Hansa Bay BOGLIA.
3. 13/6/67 to 18/6/67 - Makarup C/D.

The Lower Ramu Census Division could be considered a somewhat unattractive area, but of this census 21st June, 1967. The area is extremely well served by roads and as a result the natives of the area are able to construct their villages in the open areas of grassland.

The Assistant District Commissioner,

Sub-District Office,

Bogia,

MADANG DISTRICT.

BOGLIA PATROL REPORT No. 18 of 1966/67.

Officer Conducting Patrol:

Michael.A.Douglas.
Patrol Officer.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol:

Const.Aumau.10211.
15.4.67 to 20.4.67
Const.Kawagi.7640.
24.5.67 to 1.6.67
Sen Const.Sau'un.5103.
13.6.67 to 18.6.67

Duration of Patrols:

- (1) From 15.4.67 to 20.4.67
5 nights. Lower Ramu C/D.
- (2) From 24.5.67 to 1.6.67
8 nights. Hansa Bay C/D.
- (3) From 13.6.67 to 18.6.67
5 nights. Makarup C/D.

Object of Patrol:

1. Revise and amend the Electoral Roll.
2. Familiarize patrolling officer with the peoples and area of the Yawar Local Government Council.
3. To educate the people re Council elections, aims and procedure.
4. To revise and conduct census.
5. To encourage road work.

Map Reference:

Fourmil of Bogia.

INTRODUCTION.

The primary purposes of the patrol were to revise and amend the Electoral Roll and to conduct census, its secondary aims were to familiarize the people of the Yawar Local Government Council area with the Councils aims, procedures and to generally attempt to give the people a greater appreciation of what a Local Government Council is and what a Local Government Council can ultimately do.

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BOGIA PATROL NO. OF '67/'68.

The patrol was actually conducted over three separate periods;

1. 15/4/'67 to 20/4/'67 - Lower Ramu Census Division.
2. 24/5/'67 to 1/6/'67 - Hansa Bay Census Division.
3. 13/6/'67 to 18/6/'67 - Makarup Census Division.

The Lower Ramu Census Division could be considered a rather unattractive area, 80% of this Census Division is very low lying and after a little rain, walking conditions become extremely bad, swamps and marshes are predominant and as a result the natives of the area are forced to construct their villages on the occasional elevated area of ground.

The Hansa Bay Census Division is an area of reasonable contrast, it may be divided into three distinct geographic groups.

- (a) The narrow coastal belt, which extends only three miles inland at its widest point,
- (b) The undulating hill country which extends from the coastal belt to about fifteen miles inland,
- (c) The lower portion of the Ramu valley. The most productive area of this Census Division is undoubtedly the narrow coastal belt which is ideal for the production of copra, however, the natives of this area do not figure greatly as most of the land is owned and operated by private companies and the Catholic mission. Only a few natives have gone to the trouble of making a living out of copra.

The undulating hill country possesses the potential for economic development, however, until roads are constructed there is little use in going ahead and encouraging the people to plant cash crops.

The makarup Census Division is geographically the same as the Hansa Bay Census Division. Development of cash crops in this area are going ahead quickly. During the 66/'67 financial year the area produced 6½ tons of cocoa and shows every indication of producing upwards of ten tons during the 1967/'68 year.

This area shows great potential, which can be realised with the extension of the two main trunk roads.

DIARY.

- 15.4.'67 Departed Bogia by Landrover at 1155 hours, arrived BUK at 1315 hours. Departed BAK by canoe at 1330 hours, arriving GABUM at 1400 hours. BAK, GABUM and GALEK villages lined and census taken.
- 16.4.'67 Walked to KAIAN village. Departed GABUM at 1230 hours, arrived DAIAN at 1323 hours.
- 17.4.'67 KIAN, BOTBOT and GAMEI land and census book revised. Departed KAIAN by canoe at 1200 hours. Arrived mouth of Ramu at 1330 hours and thence arriving BULIVA at 1500 hours. Night spent at BULIVA.
- 18.4.'67 BULIVA and KABUK lined and census revised. Departed BULIVA 1300 hours, arriving PURPUR (marangis) at 1405 hours, marangis lined and census revised.
- 19.4.'67 Walked from PUR PUR to MARANGIS. Talks with people re Council and House of Assembly elections. Returned to PUR PUR, spent night at PUR PUR.
- 20.4.'67 m.v. "Lakanai" to PURPUR at 1130 hours, arrived BOGIA, at 1605 hours.

DIARY.

- 25.5.'67 Departed Bogia by Landrover at 0915 hours, arriving TONGBUR at 1103 hours, departed TONGBUR on foot at 1045 hours, arriving BAWANG at 1155 hours. BAWANG, WAKIMA and MEKERA lined and census revised. Night at BAWANG.
- 26.5.'67 Departed BAWANG at 0815 hours, arrived WAKIMA at 0900 hours, departed WAKIMA at 1015 hours, arrived MEKERA at 1130 hours, departed MEKERA at 1230 hours, after having a look around the village. Arrived SEPEN at 1420 hours. Inspection of SEPEN village (see under villages). Night at SEPEN.
- 26.5.'67 SEPEN I and SEPEN II lined and census revised. Departed SEPEN at 1130 hours, arrived TUNG at 1430 hours. Night at TUNG.
- 27.5.'67 TUNG and BIRAP lined and census revised. Departed TUNG at 1400 hours, arrived BUMAPAS at 1530 hours. Night at Church of Christ Mission, BUNAPAS.
- 28.5.'67 Sunday observed at BUNAPAS.
- 29.5.'67 Departed BUNAPAS at 0830 hours, arriving GIRI at 1015 hours. GIRI NO.1 and GIRI NO. 2, lined and census revised. Departed at 1515 hours, arrived KOMIMUNG at 1615 hours. Night at KOMIMUNG.
- 30.5.'67 KOMIMUNG and VARIMUNG lined and census revised. Departed KOMIMUNG at 1130 hours, arriving at 1215 hours. TEMNU and MINU lined and census revised. Night at TEMNU.
- 31.5.'67 Departed TEMNU at 0800 hours, arrived at PIR at 0845 hours. Easy walking PIR NO.1 and PIR NO.2 lined and census revised. Advised by Mr. R. Chamberland of Church of Christ Mission of left from C.S.B. Agency at Mission, questioned suspects, however, no further information was brought to light. Discussion with village people. Departed PIR at 1530 hours, arrived at AKUKUM at 1605 hours. Night at AKUKUM.
- 1.6.'67 AKUKUM lined and census revised. Departed AKUKUM at 1000 hours, arriving MAKUP at 1210 hours. Arrived Bogia at 1430 hours.
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- 13.6.'67 Departed Bogia at 0950 hours, arrived ARIANGON at 100 hours, ARIANGON lined and census revised. Night at ARIANGON.
- 14.6.'67 DIMUK lined and census revised, common roll amended. Departed ARIANGON at 1030 hours, arrived PUK at 1100 hours, PUK, line and census revised, common roll amended. Departed PUK at 1330 hours, arrived AREP, at 1450 hours. Discussions with PUK's and AREP's, re land dispute (see law and order). Departed AREP at 1600 hours and arrived ABER at 1630 hours. Night ABER.
- 15.6.'67 ABER and AREP lined and census revised and common roll amended. Departed ABER at 1145 hours, arrived ISINGIN at 1215 hours. IGAMUK and ISINGIN lined, census revised. Departed ISINGIN at 1430 hours, arrived ISUNG at 1530 hours. ISUNG lined and census revised. Night at ISUNG.
- 16.6.'67 Departed ISUNG at 0730 hours, arrived at GUN NO.2 at 1030 hours, Departed GUN NO.2 at 1045 hours, arrived ARINGEN at 1245 hours. GUN NO.1, GUN NO.2, BEKUN and ARINGEN lined. Night at ARINGEN.

DIARY:

17.6.'67: Departed WINGEN at 0730 hours, arrived GORAK at 0900 hours. GORAK and IRUARI lined and census revised. Departed GORAK at 1100 hours, arrived MAKARUP at 1230 hours. MAKARUP, IGOS, and SANGABANG lined and census revised. Departed MAKARUP at 1645 hours, arrived ABEGANI at 1645 hours. Night at ABEGANI.

18.6.'67 DINAM, WAREKAL, ABEGANI and ADUI lined and census revised. Departed ABEGANI at 1200 hours, arrived Bogia at 1430 hours.

VILLAGES:

The standard of housing in the three Census Divisions was generally high, however, in a number of cases it was found necessary to suggest that certain repairs should be effected. Bush materials for the building of houses are plentiful and there is no reason why the standard of housing should not be high. The only places which stood out as being unhygienic and neglected were BERAP and SEPEN, it is interesting to note, that in both cases, the two Councillors concerned received nothing in the way of co-operation and command very little respect from their electors.

Something which may reflect the lethargy of the SEPEN people is the fact that a regular waste disposal system is not existent.

Toilets in the area were generally clean and well maintained, however, in village which lie in the Zamu valley, pit latrines are predominantly filled with water and as such provide ideal breeding grounds for flies. There is relatively little that can be done to remedy this situation as the high water table in the area makes it impossible for the villages to find any new sites on which to erect their toilets.

COUNCILLORS:

In every case, without exception, I found the Councillors and village committees to be extremely helpful and co-operative. It was more than obvious that a number of Councillors were not receiving the fullest support and co-operation of their electors. I believe the main cause of such an attitude is that the people do not realise what a Local Government Council is and what functions the Councillor is supposed to perform.

Where necessary, I took the opportunity to inform the people the purpose behind the establishment of Local Government Councils and stressed the fact that the Councillors must receive the support of the people if the Council is in any way going to be an effective local administrative unit.

LAW AND ORDER.

In every village, minor disputes were brought before me and in most cases, the matter was settled by arbitration, however, at AREP village, a discussion concerned with a land dispute, between PUK and AREA villages, came close to resulting in a riot.

This particular dispute has been carried on for about seven years, attempts have been made in the past to bring about a settlement however the parties concerned, would not adhere to the discussions. This matter shall have to be registered and submitted to the Lands Title Commissioner for settlement.

On the whole, the people of this area are law-abiding and show no hesitation in bringing local disputes to the attention of D.D.A. Officers. However, it would appear that in a few cases, Councillors are exceeding themselves in that they are holding their own courts

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and attempting to settle disputes but not by arbitration, instead it appears that they have been handing down decisions which in some cases result in the paying of a fine. The Councillors concerned have been informed to desist from any such activities in the future.

POLITICAL AWARENESS.

At every village, the opportunity was taken to lecture the people on political development and the forth-coming House of Assembly Elections, it was encouraging to note that a majority of villagers knew what was expected of them when polling takes place.

In spite of the fact that these people give appearance that they are little interested in what goes on in the world around them, I was a little surprised when I was asked about such things as Self-Government and Independence. In a few cases, after explaining the difference between the two, the people advised me that they thought independence was something that should come in its own good time and was not something that should be rushed. It is more than obvious that the question of independence is something which has been talked about a great deal and in their own good time and as a result the opinions formulated have been most favourable.

M. A. Douglas
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M. A. DOUGLAS. P.O.

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<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-68-69	I. Smitmanis	Wanuma & Avisan C.D.
2-68-69	G. E. Bailey	Sungilbar Council area
3-68-69	I.J. Smitmanis	Para, Kare, Yaben & Saruga C.D.
4-68-69	V.P. Karnups	Part Astrolabe & Ambenob Council area
5-68-69	M.A. Stoddart	Astrolabe bay L.G. C. & _____ Kabenau C.D.
6-68-69	M.A. Stoddart	Portions Astrolabe Bay L. _____ G.C. area Bogadjim/Kabenau C.D.
7-68-69	I.J. Smitmanis	Inland Bunabun C.D.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number.....MADANG NO. 1 of 1968/1969

Subdistrict.....MADANG

District.....MADANG

Type of Patrol.....ANNUAL CENSUS

Patrol Conducted by.....I. SMITMANIS A.D.O.

Area Patrolled.....WANUMA AND AVISAN CENSUS DIVISIONS

(Council and/or

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

.....2 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from ~~3/5/68~~ To ~~5/5/68~~

.....2/6/68 5/7/68

No. of Days.....24

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : WANUMA =SEPT/OCT 1967 AVISAN =OCT/NOV 1965

Date Duration WANUMA 15 days, AVISAN 20 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....ANNUAL CENSUS AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....WANUMA 1337 AVISAN 1295

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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3rd September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Madang District,
MADANG.

PATROL NO. MADANG. 1/68-69.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual
Census and Situation Report by Mr. I.J. Smitmanis, Assistant
District Officer, to WANUMA and AVISAN Census Divisions.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

cc:
Mr. I.J. Smitmanis,
c/- District Office,
MADANG. Madang District.

Please note that political education must be a
continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the
advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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MADANG.

14th July, 1969

The District Commissioner,
MADANG.

MADANG PATROLS NOS 1, 3 & 7/1968/69 (AREA STUDIES)
(WANUMA, AVISON, PARA, KARE, YABEN, SARUGA and
INLAND BUNABUN Census Divisions)

Your 67-2-1 of 30th May, 1969 and previous correspondence regarding the submission of Patrol Reports, refers.

2. I again regret the delay. I had hoped to have all reports submitted weeks ago.

3. The above Reports, submitted by Mr. I.J. Smitmanis, A.D.O. were received at this office in Mid-April. Mr. Smitmanis was transferred from Madang to Usino in early February. With reference to your 67-1-1 of 30th January to Mr. Smitmanis, three Reports were finally submitted concerning the following areas.

No.1/68-69 - WANUMA and AVISAN Census Divisions
(24 days)

No.3/68-69 - PARA, KARE, YABEN and SARUGA Census
Divisions
(35 days)

No.7/68-69 - INLAND BUNABUN Census Division
(11 days)

Attached are copies of my predecessor's Patrol Instructions of 24th May, 1968 and my own of 1st November, 1968. Village Population Registers for all Census Divisions are appended. They are deficient and I will comment on these below. Although Mr. Smitmanis's F.O.J. indicates that he completed a Census Revision for the GAL-UTU Census Division, no census figures were submitted. Patrol maps were also not included with the Reports.

3. I have forwarded the above Reports together for the sake of convenience as the seven Census Divisions involved should combine to form a Low Level Council it is hoped within 3 years. See below.

4. Mr. Smitmanis did not carry out an Area Study for the Wanuma and Avisan Census Divisions as he had not received a copy of the Director's Circular 67-1-0 of 1st June, 1968 at that time.

5. Village Population Registers:

V.P.Rs for CD9 FARA, CD10 YABEN, CD12 SARUGA and CD13 KARE are in order.

CD14 AVISAN:

The listing of villages differs from the Village Population Register. In Report Ncl/68-69, Mr. Smitmanis explains that some villages have combined and recommends the re-groupings as they appear on the V.P.R. The Patrol Diary for 24.6.68 says that KUMBUMBA, KOGUMAN and FITCHLEI were combined to form one Census unit. However, both KUMBUMBA and KOGUMAN appear as separate units on the V.P.R. It is apparent that SANGARUP was not censused at all.

There is no mention of NAMOPUNDA or UTERUKUM having been censused or in which other units they may have been included. TUNAMATE is apparently included with MUTUVAL.

CD.15 WANUMA:

Patrol Report No. 1/68-69. BOROMJTAJ is omitted. It has apparently been combined with NENGRUSENGRU.

C.D.17 INLAND BUNABUN.

As there had been a 5 year gap between Census Revisions of the AVISAN Division, it is quite likely that many groups have combined. However, due to the lack of supporting information, I will have the next patrol to the area - due August of this year re-check before firm recommendations are made to have the Village Directory amended. Likewise for WANUMA and INLAND BUNABUN.

6. Diary entry of 9th September, Patrol No.3 and subsequent references to an escaped prisoner in this report and Report of Patrol No.7, concern WOINGOM-MESIRUAM of WABRIATAU village, Wanuma Census Division. This man escaped from BE'ON Corrective Institution on 20th August, 1968. He was serving a three year sentence for manslaughter. Mr. Smitmanis was deliberately misled. Information was received in March, 1969 that WOINGOM was reported seen in the WANUMA area but his exact whereabouts were unknown. This was confirmed in mid-May. A.D.O. Read conducted a Special Patrol to the area in June and the escapee was apprehended at BOBORANA in the YABEN Census Division on 22nd June, 1969. Full credit for this information goes to A.P.O. BAU of ATITAU Aid Post. This man has been in the area for some 12 years and is a great asset to the Administration. It is apparent that WOINGOM appeared in the area soon after his escape. He has been suitably charged together with a number of Village officials and persons who harboured him.

Since the Adelbert Range was first penetrated in 1950 by Administration Patrols under the leadership of our present Director, patrols to the area have been spasmodic apart from a period in 1961 and 1962 when the ATITAU Post was re-established. Since the first House of Assembly Elections in 1964, the Adelbert people have begun however to have more contact with the coast. Early 1964 saw the last organised raiding party involving killing. As Mr. Smitmanis points out, the people are generally law-abiding and no major crime has been reported in the past few years. However, the fact that an escaped criminal was deliberately hidden from the Administration indicates that there is more consolidation of influence to be achieved other than recently thought.

7. The three Reports point out the isolation of the area and the lack of development of any kind. Economic development is virtually nil. The Inland Bunabun Division has the basis of a slightly better position and on the other end of the scale is AVISAN. It can be accepted that the construction of roads into the area from either UTU or BUNABUN would not be feasible within the foreseeable future. Airstrip possibilities are discussed below.

I feel that the only pattern for effective contact with these people would be through the establishment of a low level Council to cover the seven Census Divisions under discussion, as soon as possible. Without this, the present spasmodic communication could carry on indefinitely. There is little hope of developing an economy in the area but at least there should be a form of Local Government whereby the people can be brought together to discuss and participate in what little they have.

With the extension of the Rao-Breri Council to cover ~~all~~ Census Divisions within the Aiome Administrative area, these seven divisions are the only ones left in the Madang Sub District not within the Local Government system. The area is bordered by the Ambenob, Sungilbar, Almami, Rao-Breri and the proposed Josephstaal Council, (to be established this year) areas. It would be impractical to attempt to group any of the Adelbert people with any of these Councils. The seven divisions contain a total population of 6076 persons.

Mr. Smitranis mentions in all three Reports that the people desire to be left out of Local Government until some economy is established and they are able to pay tax. However, over the past 4 years, representatives from the area have had contact with the Sungilbar Council. This Council has given tools to the Adelbert people to assist them in trying to improve communications. Sungilbar Councillors have visited the area and it was mutually decided that the difficulties of terrain etc. obviated against the Adelbert area being absorbed into Sungilbar.

Following the receipt of reports that a possible airstrip site had been located at EMBOR in 1967, the then S.L.G.O. Mr. J. O'Brien visited the area in July of that year. At ATITAU, a meeting with Village officials resulted in an agreement that the Adelbert people would construct an airstrip and establish facilities if the Administration would in return establish a Council in the area. In October 1967, an aerial survey of the EMBOR site revealed that it may be a feasible proposition and should be investigated on the ground. It was considered then that the effective establishment and administration of a Council in the area would generally depend upon the success of the EMBOR airstrip site.

Since 1938, the Lutheran Mission has established a 1000' airstrip at WANUMA - the usable length of which involves three different gradients and three changes of direction. Improvement of this strip is considered impossible. The EMBOR site, the only one apart from WANUMA found in 17 years of searching was surveyed by the District Airport Inspector in June, 1968. Unfortunately it was not known that survey data was available until 2 weeks ago. Results now to hand, reveal a most disappointing appraisal. The site investigated was approximately 2000' long of which 1400' is considered potentially usable. Located on a razor back ridge, the crown of which wanders either side of the centre line, the gradient changes between 2.75% and 8.65% 5 times within the potential length. The District Airport Inspector summarises thus:-

"While it would not be impossible to construct a private Airstrip on this site it is not possible to conform to required standards for an Authorised Landing Area. It is considered that the earth works involved are such as to render the construction of an airstrip on this site economically impracticable".

Despite this rather dismal result, the District Airport Inspector has passed his survey data and material to the Aerodrome Design Section of P.W.D. Headquarters for further examination in the hope that some answer may be found to this problem which appears grim at the present time. The results will be available in August.

I have made arrangements to visit this site by helicopter this month to inspect work carried out by the local people. As a result of this and information awaited from P.W.D. some decision will then have to be made as to whether or not work should proceed on this proposed airstrip or not.

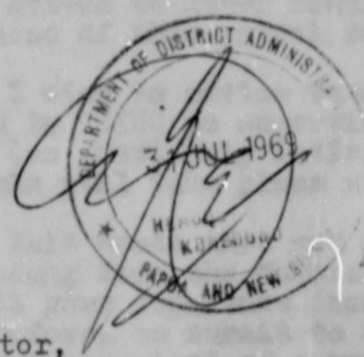
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No doubt the local people are willing to carry out the work on a voluntary basis and airstrips have been constructed under adverse conditions before - (there are a number of airstrips in operation that do not meet D.C.A. requirements). However, this airstrip would have to be fully surveyed, pegged and constructed under supervision which would involve Administration expense. Due to recent tightening up on standards by D.C.A. and the Administration's policy of providing finance for only a limited number of new airstrips, we would be doing the people a great injustice in encouraging them to work on this site if the finished article does not conform to the minimum standards required.

Without this access, I cannot see how even the lowest of Low Level Councils could be successfully supervised in the area. I would however, appreciate other views on this.

8. Mr. Smitmanis' Reports are concise. However, considering that the total patrol period was spread out over 155 days, of which 72 days, were actually spent on patrol in 7 Census Divisions, with little or no other tasks given to this officer during the period, I consider that a lot more information on the area could have been compiled. "Census - Tax Roll - Roll of Electors" were compiled for WANUMA and AVISAN Census Divisions only.

9. This area will be patrolled again by Mr. W. Read A.D.O. commencing early August - anticipated duration 3 months. Census will again be revised and further Area Studies compiled.



R.L. Smith
(R.L. SMITH)
Assistant District Commissioner

MINUTE:

The Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

The V.P.R. for several of the Census Divisions differ from the Village Directory. However, I request that these differences be ignored for the time being. I intend having officers conduct a census of the complete District during 1969/70 and when V.P.R. are submitted after these patrols conformity with the Village Directory will be insisted upon; unless changes in village composition has occurred, which will necessitate recommendation being made to you for amendments to the Directory.

I have written to Apo Banu of Atitau Aid Post commending his action in aiding the arrest of the escaped prisoner.

The establishment of a low level council in this area is, in theory, feasible. However, practical considerations such as the inaccessibility of the area, shortage of suitable staff, and the virtual impossibility of constructing an airstrip at Embor with local labour, militates against the introduction of Local Government in this area. Patrols will continue to be sent into these Census Divisions but local political and economic progress will of necessity be extremely slow.

Mr. Smitmanis' reports are concise, but I feel do not give a full coverage of matters of vital interest to the Administration. This failing will be corrected during the current patrolling programme.

D. Clifton-Bassett
(D. Clifton-Bassett)
District Commissioner.

21st July, 1969.

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Sub-District Office,
MADANG.

1st November, 1968

Mr. I.J. Smitmanis,
Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MADANG.

MADANG PATROL NO. 1/1968/69

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

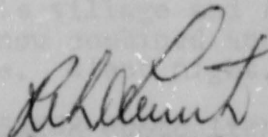
Further to our recent discussions and Assistant District Commissioner's Memo No. 5 of 24th May, 1968.

2. Please prepare to carry out a Census Revision, Situation Report and Area Study of the INLAND BUNABUN Census Division in accordance with the Director's Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968. As arranged, you will proceed from Madang to Wanama per Lutheran Mission Air Charter on Tuesday 5th November and continue on to the Inland Bunabun area from there. This patrol is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. Attend to other routine Administration matters during the course of this patrol as required.

3. I wish to advise that you will be temporarily transferred to USINO to supervise initial work on the DUMBU-USINO Road (as previously indicated by the District Commissioner). This will take place at the end of November.

4. This means that you will have approximately two weeks in Madang from the conclusion of your Inland Bunabun patrol until your departure from Usino. It will now be necessary therefore, to submit to me, by 29th November, 1968, a Patrol Report comprised of submissions as per paragraph 6 of the Director's Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968, covering the GAL-UTU, AVISAN, WANUMA, YABEN, PARA, KARE, SARUGA and INLAND BUNABUN Census Divisions.

5. Please advise me of your patrol itinerary. I will do the best I can to have the M.V. "Koro" meet you at Bunabun on completion of your patrol to transport yourself and patrol back to Madang.



(R.L. Smith)

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1968/69

WANUMA - AVISAN CENSUS DIVISIONS.

- Wednesday
12.6.68
Departed Madang per Lutheran Mission Wren for WANUMA arriving 1530. Walked to WABRIATAU Village and met village officials. Slept night.
- Thursday
13.6.68
Rained most of the morning. Spent day arranging patrol cargo and talking to various village officials about the patrol. Stayed night at WABRIATAU.
- Friday
14.6.68
Departed for KOWAT 1000 arriving 1230. Met by village official. Weather began to cloud in, so decided to remain at this village and continue on the next day.
- Saturday
15.6.68
Left KOWAT Village 0930 for ATITAU Post arriving two hours later after a fair walk. Met by A.P.O. BAU and village officials from this area. Inspected the buildings on the station. Rest house in very poor condition and not worth maintaining any longer, so office building now used for accommodation purposes. A.P.O. BAU gave information regarding an alleged wounding of a woman from ABASAKUR No. 2 village. Decided to proceed to this village the next day to investigate the matter. (AVISAN Census Division). Slept night.
- Sunday
16.6.68
Departed ATITAU Post 0830 arriving ATITAU village 0930, then onto WANAMBRE and HINONGABE. Short rest then departed 1230 for ABASAKUR No. 2 eventually arriving 1645, carriers well behind arriving one hour later. Talks with village officials. Slept night.
- Monday
17.6.68
Investigated the alleged wounding of a woman. As a result male native PAINDA was charged under the Police Offences Ordinance with unlawfully striking and was sentenced to two months, I.H.L. Afternoon revised census of ABASAKUR No. 2 village. Slept night.
- Tuesday
18.6.68
Departed for ABASAKUR No. 1 arriving after a two hour walk. Census of this village and AVARTAMUR. These two villages have now combined and are living in the one village. Slept night.
- Wednesday
19.6.68
Decided to remain at ABASAKUR due to light rain during the morning. Day spent compiling census figures etc. Slept night.
- Thursday
20.6.68
Departed ABASAKUR No. 1 and walked to MUTUVAL. Census revised of MUTUVAL-TUWAMATE villages. These two villages have also combined, so have censused them as one unit. Slept night.

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Friday
21.6.68 Revised census of KUKURMASAK village. Most of the people sick from influenza which seems to have spread right throughout the area. Slept night.

Saturday
22.6.68 Onto KAUNGAVA and revised census of this village. Afternoon rested. Stayed night.

Sunday
23.6.68 Departed KAUNGAVA for POROSAE arriving 1120. Census revised. Slept night.

Monday
24.6.68 Left for KOGUMAN arriving after 1½ hours - fair walk. Revised census of this village and combined it with KUMBUMBA and PITCHILE as these people now all live in the one village. Slept night.

Tuesday
25.6.68 Departed KOGUMAN for MEGIRANU No. 1 0900 arriving 1100. Lunch. Afternoon brief talks with people and village officials. Slept night.

Wednesday
26.6.68 Revised census of MEGIRANU No. 1 and MEGIRANU No. 2 villages. Slept night.

Thursday
27.6.68 1 hour 45 minutes walk to ATITAU Post. Lunch. Compiled census figures and sent out word to all neighbouring villages for village officials to come to ATITAU for a general meeting. Slept night.

Friday
28.6.68 Remained at ATITAU Post. Afternoon all village officials arrived for meeting, which lasted until 1630. Stayed night.

Saturday
29.6.68 Census revised of ATITAU and SELAUSI villages. Stayed night ATITAU.

Sunday
30.6.68 Revised census of ARIMATAU No. 1 and ARIMATAU No. 2 villages. Stayed night ATITAU.

1.7.68
Monday Two hours walk to KOWAT village. Revised census of KOWAT and YERIA villages.

Tuesday
2.7.68 Revised census of YABAU and MUNIMATAMAN villages en route WANUMA arriving WANUMA (KURUM) late afternoon. Slept night.

Wednesday
3.7.68 Revised census of WANUM, WABRIATAU and SENGURU-SENGURU villages. Slept night WANUMA (KURUM).

Thursday
4.7.68

Remained day at WANUMA and compiled census figures.

Friday
5.7.68

Departed per aircraft for Madang arriving 1200.

END OF PATROL

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SITUATION REPORT
MADANG REPORT NO. 1 of 1968/1969

INTRODUCTION

The AVISAN Census Division is probably the most outlying area in the Madang Sub-District, taking in the fall of the Adelbert Ranges bordering on the Bogia Sub-District and Josephstaal Patrol P. O. st. Unfortunately this area has only been frequently patrolled and by comparison to other census divisions it would be the most backward. Access to this area is either from Josephstaal or more preferably from WANUMA airstrip although a two day walk is required.

As a result it was decided to include the WANUMA Census Division in this patrol, as a round trip back to WANUMA airstrip would necessitate visiting the villages in the WANUMA Census Division.

POLITICAL.

The people mainly due from their isolation from the more sophisticated areas and town centres have had little chance to acquaint themselves with the political world, and it is only as a result of the House of Assembly elections, that they have received a limited knowledge of what constitutes the Government. Their political awareness is also very limited.

Sometimes it is actually difficult to fully ascertain what their thoughts are regarding political matters, or what comprehension they have of Government policies, but it was found that the people never lacked interest in trying to educate themselves by discussion.

It seems unlikely that Local Government will be introduced for some years yet, and at this stage the people strongly expressed their desire to be left under the Luluai, Tul-tul system at least until some sort of constant economic income is introduced into the area. This seems reasonable enough as at the moment, and especially in the AVISAN census division the per capita income would be nil.

The House of Assembly elections showed that there was no hesitation by the people to attend polling booths to cast their votes and judging by the few informal votes cast, it can be seen that they have a fair understanding of elections and preferential voting and were eager to vote in their chosen candidate.

ECONOMIC

The only thing of note under this heading is the production of coffee, this being the only economic crop from which a small income is derived. Coffee is produced on a small scale only by those villages in close vicinity to WANUMA airstrip and is purchased by the Lutheran Mission. The carriage of coffee from outlying villages proves too much of a hardship. There is no coffee produced in the AVISAN census division.

Some types of European vegetables have been introduced but there is no market gardening carried out, and only small quantities of vegetables are purchased by the mission for their own consumption.

SOCIAL

The only school, consisting of preparatory and up to Standard 3 classes is conducted by the Lutheran Mission at WANUMA, and has an average attendance of approximately 150 students. This school however caters for the people in the villages not far from the mission station. Only about eight children from the AVISAN census division attend school at JOSEPHSTAAL Catholic Mission.

Various villages have Bible Schools conducted by native catechists or evangelists but the education received here is very basic and in the pidgin language, and by no means are the instructors competent in the arts of teaching.

Health throughout was found to be as good as can be expected in an area such as this and apart from a number of advanced tropical ulcers found in some villages in the AVISAN census division nothing of a serious nature was encountered.

The Lutheran Mission hospital at WANUMA provides a reasonable medical service and in conjunction with the aid post at ATITAU the area is well looked after, and constantly patrolled by the Aid Post Orderly from ATITAU.

Since the previous patrol there have been no reports of criminal acts and the people are quite law abiding. The usual ~~st~~ disputes regarding pigs etc. arise occasionally but these are mostly settled amongst the people themselves. Nothing of any serious nature was brought to the attention of the patrol.

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The Lutheran Mission have now been operative in the area since pre war and they remain the sole dominating mission. The services they provide are as previously mentioned the school and hospital at WANUMA. A European sister from Madang regularly visits and conducts infant welfare clinics also.

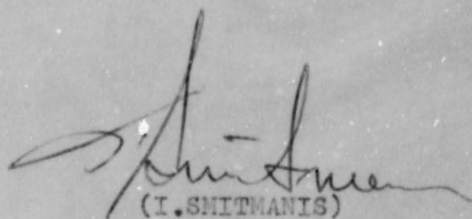
Cargo cult activities amongst these people are non-existent, again mainly due to their isolation from other areas ~~xx~~ where this is practised.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the AVISAN census division it was found that there were cases where two villages were living together and it was decided to combine these under the one village name rather than have them listed separately. The villages and census units are now as follows:-

ABASAKUR NO1
ABASAKUR NO 2
AVARTAMUR
MUTUVAL
KUKRMASAK
KAUNGAVA
KOGUMAN
POROSAE
KUMBUMBA
EVECHI
SANGARUP

The patrol at all times was well received and never lacked assistance from the people.


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