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PATROL REPORTS WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1962/63

WAPENAMANDA

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<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Wap. 4-62/63	J.B. Brazel	Middle Lai Census Division
" 7-62/63	G.E. Bailey	"
" 8-62/63	D.J. Hook	Lower Lai Census Division
" 10-62/63	P.E. Wilson	Minyamba Valley, Mid. Lai C/D
Kandep 1-62/63	C.C. Vass	Lai Valley, Lagaip/Lai Divide Longap (Wage Census Div.)
" 2-62/63	A. Schupp	Wage Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Highlands Report No. Wapenamanda No. 4 of 1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by J. B. BRAZEL, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled Middle Lal Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 3 Police 1 Interpreter .

Duration—From 28 / 8 / 1962 to 26 / 9 / 1962.

Number of Days 29 days (Broken period).

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 11 / 7 / 1962.

Medical February / 1962.

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. Supervise maintenance of main WABAG-MT. HAGEN road where it passes through the Wapenamanda Administrative Area. 2. Clearing of reasonable walking track from PAUS to LAMANDAIMANDA Rest-house etc.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-14-9

21st February, 1963.

The District Officer,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-62/63 -
WAPENAMANDA:

Receipt of the above-mentioned Report is
acknowledged with thanks.

The work performed by Mr. Brasel gave
him an opportunity of dealing with people in
numbers and in assisting in their guidance in dev-
elopmental work to help themselves. He appears
to have carried out his task satisfactorily.


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

RSB/RDR

WAD.375



District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

13th December, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
WARAG.

WAPENABANDA PATROL REPORT NO. 4 1962/63
MIDDLE T.A. CANTON DIVISION - MR. G. BRAZEL, C.P.2.

Your memorandum 67-1, dated 9th December, 1962, refers.

Mr. Brazel's Patrol Report, which he has delayed writing for some considerable time, simply appears to be a vehicle by which he may obtain his camping allowance. However, the work done by Mr. Brazel during this patrol was very good.

The camping allowance Claims have been passed for payment.

(R.S. BELL)
A/District Officer.

c.c.
The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KORORORU.

The abovementioned report for your information, please.

(R.S. BELL)
A/District Officer.

File: 67/1

Patrol Post
Wapenamanda
Western Highlands District
27th August, 1962.

Mr. J. Brazel
Cadet Patrol Officer
Wapenamanda

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Wapenamanda Patrol No 4 of 1962/63

As per verbal instructions, please depart a patrol to the Middle Lai Census Division.

Your instructions are follows:

1. Supervise maintenance of the Wabag- Mt. Hagen road where it passes through the Wapenamanda Administrative Area.

All groups have been issued with Road Maintenance Notices authorised by the Roads Maintenance Ordinance 1953-55.

2. Arrange for the clearing of a reasonable walking track from PAUS Rest House to LAMANDEIANAKA Rest House.

3. Supervise maintenance of the AMAPYAK- RAUANDA Road.


4. Supervise maintenance work and repair or, if necessary, replace bridges on that part of the TCHAK VALLEY Road which travels along the Lai River watershed within the Middle Lai Census Division.

5. Give every support possible to the Village Officials in the settlement of ~~inter-~~ and intra group disputes. Do not become involved in land ownership disputes, but advise in your report of all such disputes you encounter.

6. Any breaches of the N.A.R's should be reported to this office.

7. The work envisaged should be completed by the middle or end of October.

Constables WARERE, KOMORIA, and KOI have been detailed to accompany you.


.....
(G.J. HOGG)
Officer-in-Charge.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Report Wapenamanda No. 4 of 1962/'63.

Patrol Conducted by:

J. B. TRAZEL, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Accompanied by:

3 Members R.P. & N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.

Area Patrolled:

Middle Lai Census Division.

Duration of Patrol:

20 days between 28/8/'62 & 26/9/'62.

Last Patrol to Area:

Department of Native Affairs:
Between 11/7/'62 & 21/7/'62.

Objects of Patrol:

1. Supervise maintenance of main WABAG-MT. HAGEN road where it passes through the Wapenamanda Administrative Area. on
2. Clearing of reasonable walking-track from PAUS to LAMANDRIMANDA Rest-house. of
3. Supervise maintenance of the AMAPIAL-SAUANDA road. do
4. Supervise maintenance, repair and replacement of bridges on the Tokak Valley road. do
5. Try to settle minor disputes etc. do

DIARY.

Tuesday 28th August 1962.

WAPENAMANDA-POMPOBUS. Paraco 7 a.m. Spent morning preparing for patrol to Middle Lai Corps Division. Departed WAPENAMANDA at 1 p.m. and arrived Rest-house at 1-15 p.m. Spent afternoon advising locals of work to be done on the road.

Wednesday 29th August.

At POMPOBUS. All groups started on the road work carrying wet-sand and gravel and heaping it alongside the road. It is my intention to keep the natives heaping the gravel until there is sufficient to cover the whole road surface. Finished 5 p.m.

Thursday 30th August.

At POMPOBUS. Work continued on the road. Approximately 10 a.m. Land-Rover arrived from WAPENAMANDA with orders for us to return to the station on business. Returned at 2 p.m. Work continued until 4 p.m. or thereabouts.

Friday 31st August.

At POMPOBUS. Work started at 8 a.m. and natives spent the day spreading gravel on the road. This work completed by mid-afternoon. Prepared for tomorrow's move.

Saturday 1st September.

POMPOBUS-YAIBOS. Tractor and trailer arrived from WAPENAMANDA en route to WARAC at 9 a.m. and we proceeded to YAIBOS per this vehicle, arriving at 10-30 a.m. Inspected road warning and RAUANDA road as far as PINA Catholic Mission afternoon.

Sunday 2nd September.

At YAIBOS. Sunday observed. Heavy rain all day.

Monday 3rd September.

At YAIBOS. Work continued on the road and natives spread the gravel. Walked to PAUS and inspected the road work accompanied by the Village Officials. Returned to Rest-house 12 noon and afternoon walked to PINA returning about 4 p.m.

Tuesday 4th September.

YAIBOS-RAUANDA. Departed YAIBOS 8-15 a.m. and walked to RAUANDA arriving 9-30 a.m. Heavy rain all day which hampered work on the road. Inspected roads and bridges in the afternoon and made suggestions as to type of repairs to be made on them.

Wednesday 5th September.

At RAUANDA. Work proceeded on the road all day - natives heaped sand at the side of the road and good progress was made. Afternoon I inspected the local Government Aid-Post which was found to be in a very good condition. Heavy rain again all day.

Thursday 6th September.

Thursday 6th at RAUANDA. Work continued on the road and sand and gravel was spread. Afternoon I arranged for carriers to move cargo tomorrow to LEIWI WEIMANDA.

Friday 7th September.

RAUANDA-LAMANEIMANDA. Patrol departed RAUANDA at about 9 a.m. and walked to LAMANEIMANDA arriving at about 11 a.m. New Rest-house in good condition. Locals had not prepared for our arrival despite the fact that we sent word of our intention several days previously. Afternoon spent marking a walking-track from the main road to the Rest-house. Returned to the Rest-house at about 4-30 p.m.

Saturday 8th September.

LAMANEIMANDA-WAPENAMANDA. Patrol departed LAMANEIMANDA at 8 a.m. and walked to the station at WAPENAMANDA arriving about 11-30 a.m. Police dismissed etc.

Sunday 9th September.

At WAPENAMANDA. Sunday. Observed.

Monday 18th September.

WAPENAMANDA-POPOBUS. Parade 7 a.m. Departed station per Land-Rover at 10-30 a.m. and arrived POPOBUS at 10-45 a.m. Afternoon spent advising natives of work to be done.

Tuesday 11th September.

At POPOBUS. Work proceeded on the main road and a good quantity of wet-sand and gravel was heaped by the side of the road.

Wednesday 18th September.

At POPOBUS. Work started at 8 a.m. as usual and went through until about 4-30 p.m. Walked to WAPENAMANDA station and inspected the work on the road. Returned at 4 p.m.

Thursday 15th September.

At POPOBUS. Morning walked to LAMANDRIMANTA inspecting road work en route. At LAMANDRIMANTA I checked up by means of the census book how many natives had turned up for work that day..... approximately 50%. Natives urged to show a better attendance in the future. Returned Rest-house at 3 p.m. and spent rest of the afternoon checking up by means of the census book how many natives at work - quite a few absent.

Friday 14th September.

At POPOBUS. Departed Rest-house at 8 a.m. and walked to the first bridge on the MARAGOF side of WAPENAMANDA station, inspecting the road work on the way. Returned POPOBUS 2 p.m.

Saturday 15th September.

POPOBUS-WAPENAMANDA. Departed POPOBUS at 9-30 a.m. per Land-Rover arriving WAPENAMANDA at 10 a.m. Spent morning unpacking and inspecting station works as P.O. Hogg is away on patrol in the Lower Lai Census Division.

Sunday 16th September.

At WAPENAMANDA. Sunday Observed.

Monday 17th September.

At WAPENAMANDA. Public Holiday Observed.

Tuesday 17th September to Monday 24th September spent at WAPENAMANDA station.

Tuesday 25th September

WAPENAMANDA-ERUN. Parade 7 a.m. Spent morning packing for patrol and departed WAPENAMANDA at 11-45 a.m. and arrived at ERUN at 12-30 p.m. At about 2 p.m. I walked to WOMINAGIN where work started on the new bridge. Bearers hauled into place and I returned to the Rest-house at about 6 p.m.

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Wednesday 26th September.

ERUN-WAPENAMANDA. At about 8 a.m. I walked to WOMINAGIN and proceeded to nail the picnics into position. At the same time work was started on the other bridges and bearers were hauled for these bridges. Returned to the Rest-house at about 1 p.m. for lunch and received message to return to WAPENAMANDA immediately due to transfer to Supreme Court, Port Moresby. Returned to WAPENAMANDA at 2 p.m. per Land-Rover and arrived there at 2-30 p.m.

END OF DIARY.

INTRODUCTION

The general purpose of this patrol was to supervise the maintenance of the WARAG-MT. HAGEN road between WELYA and the WAPENAMANDI - WAMAG boundary near AMAPIAK. Maintenance work was also carried out on the RAUANDA road that is from the main road to the RAUANDA Rest-house and the TCHAK VALLEY road as far as ARUN. A walking track from the main road to the LANAN-DEI WANDA Rest-house was also marked out. Bridge decking was replaced on the TCHAK VALLEY road too.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

There is little comment to be made regarding the native situation in this area at the moment as the area has had quite a bit of patrolling in the last few months and the general situation seems unchanged.

The only delays in the work were caused by rain and there was quite a bit of wet weather whilst I was out on this patrol. Other delays were caused by some natives who wanted to leave their work and go and look at the MOGA ceremony which was passing through the area the time of the patrol. However it was stressed how important this work was and after a few initial difficulties, I had no further trouble getting the work done.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

During my previous patrol - Wapenamanda No. 1 of 1962/'63, that section of the road between WELYA and the WAPENAMANDA-MT. HAGEN boundary was repaired and at the completion of this patrol the road was in a good state of repair.

As may be observed from the patrol instructions the primary purpose of this patrol was to supervise the maintenance the rest of this main road that is that section of the main WAMAG-MT. HAGEN road which runs through the Wapenamanda Administrative Area.

In my brief experience on road work I have found that the methods of maintenance we carried out on this patrol were by far the best. I think that the only way to make sure that a good job will be done is to get the natives to heap the gravel at the side of the road along side his or her work and when you are satisfied that sufficient gravel has been carried only then should you spread the gravel. This method tests one's patience at times but I think that it is the only way to get the job done properly. This same method was employed on the AMAPIAK-RAUANDA road and consequently I do not think this section of the patrol needs further comment!

During the two days I spent on the TCHAK valley road I was quite satisfied with the work done, the size of the new planks and above all the willingness of the natives to get a difficult job done as quickly as possible. This may have been partly due to the fact that they wanted to carry on with the MOGA ceremony which was in their area at the time of the work.

When I returned to WAPENAMANDA station the main road was in good condition and for the benefit for future patrols of this type I would suggest that the methods employed above are by far the most suitable to get the job done quickly and effectively.

J. B. Maxwell

(J. B. MAXWELL)

CLASSIC PATROL SERVICES

Yapenwanda Patrol No. 4 of 1962/63.

APPENDIX "A".

ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY.

No. 8801 Const. KOL

Discipline: Very Good.
Appearance: Smart.
General Ability: Of great assistance to the patrol at all times

No. 8111 Const. KUMORU

Discipline: Very Good.
Appearance: Fair.
General Ability: A reliable man who gets the work done.

No. 8149 Const. WARENE

Discipline: Very Good.
Appearance: Quite Good.
General Ability: A younger man who lacks experience but does good job.

J. B. BRAZEL

(J. B. BRAZEL)

Officer of R.P. & N.G.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. WAP, 6 of 62/63

Patrol Conducted by G.E. BAILEY PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled LOWER IAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives S.R.F. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 10 / 1 /1963 to 26 / 1 /1963

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3 /1962

Medical 3 /1961

Map Reference WABAG FOURNILL.

Objects of Patrol Compilation of census roll, tax-census revision,

routine Administration and C.N.A.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

WET/CF.

67.14-23

24th July, 1963.

District Officer,
Mount Hagen,
Western Highlands District.

PATROL NARWHANDA 6/52-53

LOWER LAI CENHRE DIVISION.

Thank you for your memo WHD.393 dated 17th April, 1963, the report of the above patrol, and memo 67-3-163 dated 27th March, 1963 from ADO Wabag.

2. Some comments follow.

1. No doubt the disputes mentioned on page 1 were minor civil issues.

4. The term "difficult to police" in the paragraph on Housing is unfortunate. Please bring to Mr. Bailey's attention circular instructions 46/46-47 which clearly sets out Departmental policy on housing and forbids any attempt to lower standards.

5. In the concluding paragraph the Patrolling Officer describes Local Government as an "embellishment". Does this say just he has little faith in the capacity of Local Government Councils to help people to face their development problems?

6. The report includes a number of spelling errors. I have earlier drawn attention to the need for general improvement in this regard.

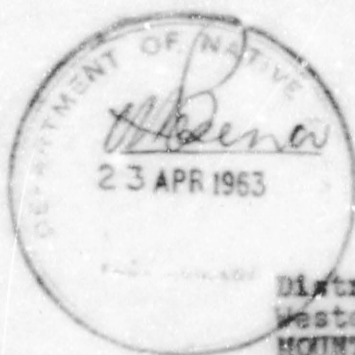
7. I concur with your view on the way to handle the problem of child marriages.

8. Mr. Bailey has done a useful piece of work. I hope his use of phrases such as "the local native" does not indicate a lack of sympathy for people and their problems. Kindly ensure he receives a copy of this memo.

J. K. McE.
(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67. 14. 23

RSB/AL.



WHD.393.

District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

17th April, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
Subdistrict Office,
WABAG.

Wapenamania P/R. No. 6/1962-63 - Lower Lai Census
Division - Mr. G.E. Bailey, P.O.

Your memorandum 67-3-165 dated 27th March,
1963 refers.

The native situation is quite normal for this area. Although a considerable amount of gambling takes place in Baiyer River and a large number of people from that area cannot be blamed for the incidence of gambling at Lumic. Gambling is rife throughout the Wabag Subdistrict and the Hagen/Minj area for that matter. As with other Missions the Baptist Missionaries complain of the amount of gambling in the area, but seldom, if ever, will become involved in attempting to stamp it out by laying informations or giving evidence.

The Q.C.C. Sections 216 and 217 would not serve in the case of child marriages. With regard to this I would suggest you show Mr. Bailey all previous correspondence received. Propaganda is the only way.

From a recent aerial survey it was seen that the bridle track down the Lai River is proceeding apace. The completion of this will be of great benefit to the region's inhabitants.

Please advise Mr. Bailey of the form of report writing required in this District, i.e. all matters concerning other Departments to be in Appendices with an extra copy for distribution.

Cawing Claims have been passed for payment.

c.c.
Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBY.

(R.S. BELL)
A/District Officer.

The abovementioned report for your information and advice please.

(R.S. BELL)
A/District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File No. 67 - 3 - 165.

Sub-District Office,
W.A.B.A.G.
Western Highlands District, 1e

March 27th. 1963.

District Officer,
Western Highlands,
MOUNT HAGEN.

Subject: Patrol No. 6/62-63 - LOWER LAI C.D.

Attached please find the report of a Patrol to the Lower LAI Census Sub-Division, conducted by Mr. G.E. Bailey, Patrol Officer, Gr.I.

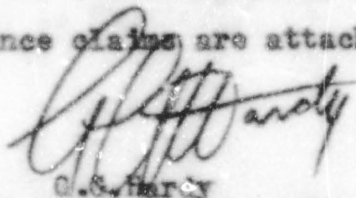
Native Situation: Mr. Bailey's reference to the practise of encouraging Village Officials to settle minor disputes being introduced only last year is incorrect. It has been a common practice for many years, where the sheer volume of petty litigation could not be entirely attended to by the Officer on patrol; the volume of litigation requiring direct Court action demands this. The general situation appears to remain satisfactory. Gambling is widespread and spreading, and as Village Officials appear incompetent, either through personal involvement or lack of enthusiasm, to bring cases to court, it is impossible to do much about stamping it out. The most serious effect of gambling is that it leads to theft to enable the thief to obtain a new stake.

I think invocation of Sec. 216 and 217 of the Q.C.C. to discourage child marriage against the will of the child concerned is of itself futile; however, if in fact it does tend to discourage its incidence, no harm has been done. Continued propaganda against it is of more efficacy. Most native girls are already married before they reach the statutory ages laid down in the Code.

Agriculture: The D.A.S.F. Officer, Wapenamanda, is shortly patrolling the Lower Lai, and can no doubt satisfy requests to this patrol for assistance in coffee matters.

Mr. Bailey has carried out a useful patrol and reported satisfactorily thereon. The aims of the patrol were achieved. Delay in forwarding the report is regretted, and is compounded of Mr. Bailey's spending considerable time after the patrol was completed, trying to re-concile his census statistics with the previous years, and the fact thereport was mislaid upon receipt at this office.

Camping Allowance claims are attached.



G.E. Bailey

A/Assistant District Officer.

Copy
OIC, Wapenamanda.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

DIARY OF PATROL LOWER LAI.

- January 10th 1963. 1030 hrs depart Wap. for PAUS rest house. Arrived 1230 after paying pit-sawyers en route. Set up camp.
- January 11th Tax-Census revised of MABOGAGUIN, KUMBI, (ALIUBIN and ZIZIBUN). Common roll compile 3 and sundry complaints settled. At PAUS.
- January 12th † C.N.A. 0815 hrs dept for YALIS. Track poor. Arrived 1115 hrs. Tax-Census of LYAKIN and TOKOPIRAN revised. Discussions with people. Sundry complaints. Adequate food purchased. At YALIS.
- January 13th The Sabbath is observed at YALIS.
- January 14th Census revision and compilation of Common Roll of WAIPARIN, YANBEMAN and TSINI groups. At YALIS overnight.
- January 15th All day spent compiling Common roll for above groups and settling complaints, particularly those relating to land. At YALIS overnight.
- January 16th Departed YALIS 0715 hrs for PINYAPAIS. Track hilly. Arrived 1115 hrs. During P.M. Census revision of PERARI, MINIANAGUIN, PIAIAN, TSINKI, TSAPUS and KITAN groups. At PINYAPAIS.
- January 17th Census revision of KITAN and YAME groups. Rest of day spent in hearing complaints. 2 C.N.A.'s. Evening spent in bringing Census records up to date. At PINYAPAIS.
- January 18th Day spent in compiling Common roll for previous day's census.
- January 19th 0730 hrs departed PINYAPAIS for LUMIS arriving 0840 hrs. Track good. Census revision of ARONA group. Visited Baptist Mission in evening. At LUMIS.
- January 20th Observed at LUMIS.
- January 21st At LUMIS census point. Revised WAILA, remainder of ARONA, TSIPAN and TSINGARIN clans. Food plentiful. At LUMIS.
- January 22nd 0735 departed LUMIS for NEKERAP. Track steep but fortunately dry. Arrived 1100 hrs. Census revision of TAKIENTA, KAIPARE and part of KORO clans. At NEKERAP.
- January 23rd During morning remaining clans lined. P.M. Discussions. At NEKERAP.

(2)

C. T. R.

January 24th 1963.

0730 hrs departed ~~NEKERAP~~ for KAMAMANDA. Track poor. Arrived KAMAMANDA 1030 hrs. Census revision during afternoon of YAMBARIGIN and YARAGIN clans. Evening spent in bringing records up to date. food plentiful. At KAMAMANDA.

January 25th

People at AWAS census point came to KAMAMANDA owing to the rest house at AWAS being uninhabitable. Cause of own violation. Census revised of KANA, ANBIN and TAIAGIN. 1130 hrs departed KAMAMANDA for ELYGANBA arriving 1530. Track slippery. On arrival censused HUNGIBIN group who are nearly all Seventh Day Adventists. At ELYGANBA overnight.

January 26th

Census revision of KONGUGUIN, MAGUGUIN, KABIMEN and KORARO clans. Departed ELYGANBA 1530 hrs and walked to MAMBA-MANBA via MAMBISANBA. Arrived 1715 hrs.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

(1)

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol with a total duration of seventeen days was my first visit to the Lower Lai area of Wapenamanda Patrol Post area.

The patrol proceeded smoothly as planned and no untoward incidents occurred nor, for that matter, did any events of a progressive nature. No time was lost during the patrol owing to inclement weather conditions, the patrol being blessed throughout its duration by fine, sunny weather.

This was also the first Highlands patrol embarked upon by myself and the local native appeared as co-operative as his coastal counterpart in relation to census revision. It may be said that this section of the Enga people are more inclined to work in with patrols than their Lavengai and Tabar opposite numbers in the New Ireland District were I was previously.

The Somen Roll for the 1964 Legislative Council Elections for this division was compiled during the patrol thus leaving only the Middle Lai and Tehak valley areas of Wapenamanda Patrol Post to be completed and as these two latterly mentioned areas are served by vehicular road, in contrast to the Lower Lai, a rather more speedy listing may be looked forward to.

NATIVE SITUATION.

The Native situation overall remains satisfactory. Natives of this area appear to be well versed concerning the process of the law and in all but six instances the numerous disputes brought before the Patrol were settled mutually by the parties concerned without the need for court action. The practice of encouraging village officials to settle minor disputes was continued. This was introduced by the previous patrolling Officer in March of last year.

Land disputes, which are the cause of considerable litigation in the Wapenamanda area are comparatively few in the Lower Lai owing to the greater amount of suitable land available to the populace. Two disputes were brought before the patrol in this sphere, one was settled by me to mutual satisfaction and the other by an independent luluai who was not concerned in the matter.

In common with the rest of the Enga area the males of the Lower Lai lead polygamous lives. Concern was expressed to me by a number of the people over the fact that there are increasing numbers of women leaving their husbands in cases where the man has more than one wife. The patrol noticed that where a woman embraces the Christian Faith she leaves her husband if he has more than one wife. It may sound unduly cynical to say that some women become Christians to enable them to leave their husbands but I believe this to be true in some instances. Of course some of the men adopt Christianity but where a man has more than one wife this is the exception.

One case of tribal incest was brought to the Patrol's attention at KITAN (PINYAPIAS census point). Here a man of about 35 of age had "married" his step-daughter and had a child by her

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

(2)

NATIVE SITUATION C.T.D.

— much to the disgust of the local people. I was informed that the reason for his action was that his two wives were now rather old and he preferred a young woman. No action had been taken against this man by his own people because he is mentally unbalanced and given to fits of violence. The man concerned was escorted back to Wapenamanda where he will be placed before Medical authorities for observation.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Only six sittings of the Court for Native Affairs were held during the Patrol. Offences ranged from failing to appear before the Court, one case of failing to appear for Census, assault and stealing. As merited by the individual case jail sentences or fines were noted out.

Concern over gambling amongst the LUMIS people was expressed by the Baptist Minister resident there but the patrol was unable to unearth any instances probably because of prior warning of our coming. It was noted however that ten natives from this area were gaoled for gambling. The minister concerned claimed that gambling had reached such heights that if he were to discipline pupils from his school for playing lucky he would lose 70% of his pupils. It is believed that this gambling craze has reached LUMIS by way of RAIYER RIVER. Whether it exists in the proportion claimed is open to conjecture pending proof.

Two instances of forcing young girls of about 13 and 14 years of age into marriage were brought to my attention and the parties concerned were informed that any further such goings on could result in charges being laid under Sections 216 and 217 of the Q.C.C.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

People of the Lower Lai are mainly engaged in subsistence gardening following the usual bush fallow system. European vegetables are grown in addition to native feedstuffs and provide a supplementary item in diet as well as a small cash income by selling to the Baptist Mission at LUMIS and the Lutheran Mission at WAPENAMANDA.

Coffee gardens were sighted in the PAUS, PINYAPLAS and LUMIS areas which are coming along satisfactorily. Coffee from these gardens is either disposed of by sale to the Baptist or Lutheran Missions. The Mission airstrip at LUMIS has proved a boon to the natives in this section of the Lower Lai as it has cut out the need to carry produce to RAIYER RIVER.

Natives from the KAMANANDA area approached the patrol seeking coffee seed to enable them to start coffee gardens and this has been referred to the Wapenamanda D.A.S.P. Officer.

LIVESTOCK.

Adequate numbers of pigs and chickens are owned by the people but play a part more of ceremony than of diet supplementing.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

At present there are no vehicular roads serving this

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ROADS AND BRIDGES C^oD.

area. There is however a track suitable for motor-cycles leading from LUMIS to the foot of the Hagen dividing range—a distance of about nine miles. Graded walking tracks are in the process of being constructed between HAMBISANBA-YALIS-PANAKI and work will soon be starting on a track between HUYAGANDA-HAMBISANBA. Walking tracks at present are of a uniformly low standard but no walk is of longer than five hours duration between Census Points.

Bridges over the streams are limited to saplings or are non-existent. Three suspension bridges cross the Lai River at various points and when used by the patrol were well maintained and in good condition.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The health of this section of the Lai appears on the whole good. It will be noted from the census figures that there were a number of deaths amongst children above last year. This was due mainly to the consuming of tainted pig meat at a ceremony in the middle of last year.

Although an Aid Post Orderly did not accompany the patrol the services of such personnel from the three Aid Posts in the area were utilized. Ailments were limited to minor skin complaints and one case of leprosy.

In addition to the three Aid-Posts mentioned the Lutheran Mission Hospital at Hambisanba is within easy walking distance of the lower Lai and the Lewis Baptist Mission has a qualified nursing Sister stationed at the Mission who holds infant welfare clinics.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

There are three Missions active in the Lower Lai, namely the Lutheran at PANAKI, Baptist at LUMIS and Seventh Day Adventist at HUYAGANDA. Of these only the latter is not staffed by a European Missionary.

All three Missions have schools at the abovementioned places in addition to a number of small village schools which teach the fundamentals before proceeding on to Mission Centre Schools.

All three Missions and their adherents get on well together and from the outside at least there would appear to be no inter-Mission jealousy.

It was noted that the Baptist Mission at LUMIS is now purchasing fermented coffee beans from local natives at a price (1/6 lb.) to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village officials are of a mediocre nature generally, exercising little or no control over their respective clans. This is not to be wondered at considering their positions are unpaid and they receive no formal training in their duties other than a brief outline of the N.A.R.'S.

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HOUSING.

Housing, by nature of the hamlet system of existence, is difficult to police. This virtually rules out the possibility of setting any set standard. The Lower Iai people are not at all adverse to sharing their houses with livestock and, as in the past, efforts were made to discourage this. Any houses the Patrol chance to come across were inspected and all, considering living conditions, were found to be satisfactory. Aid Post Orderlies carry out regular hygiene inspections and the area abounds with latrines of adequate dimensions.

Best houses vary from good to adequate and no comment is necessary here.

CENSUS.

The census was carried out smoothly and was revised in conjunction with the compilation of the Census Roll. Only one person was charged and convicted with failure to appear for census. Figures for the Lower Iai Division appended to this report coincide with the total number of names recorded in the Tax/Census Register.

CONCLUSION.

A routine patrol wherein no untoward incidents occurred as were no unsatisfactory trends noticed. The people of the Lower Iai are proceeding along under a system of direct Administration without such embellishments as local government.

During the course of the patrol a short talk was given regarding the meaning of the Census Roll at each Census Point. It was emphatically pointed out that the Legislative Council was not to be confused with a local government council.

Nine members of the R.P.&N.G.C. Wapenamanda Detachment accompanied the patrol and the ceremony of Lowering the Australian Colours was watched with great interest at each Census Point. It is thought that this ceremony attracted many of the prospective Police recruits who asked me as to the possibilities of joining the force. Regrettably only two were found suitable for their case to be taken further.

Throughout the patrol considerable numbers of young men expressed their desire to be employed as indentured labourers. In these incidences the parties were requested to wait until further recruits were called for.

G. E. Bailey
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G. E. BAILEY,
PATROL OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

POPULATION & TRENDS.

Overall an increase of 152. The population total for the Lower Iai has advanced from 10582 at the 1962 census to 10734. An increase of 145 is shown by the figures when cross-checked with the previous year. Considerable time was spent in trying to find an error, but to no avail. Upon checking last years figures it was found that:

(a) Deaths in the 9-4 age group total 9 males and 2 females not 7 and 4 respectively.

and

(b) Figures do not balance. If added up total is 10594 NOT 10582.

These figures are appended for the Assistant District Officers perusal.

The large numbers of female migrations in and out were due mainly to the large number of new marriages which stemmed from the recent passing of the Hoga through the Lower Iai.

On the whole the various clans are stable; few male migrations taking place. From the attached census figures it will be readily seen that the vast bulk of migrations which take place are females and this almost solely for the purpose of getting married or divorced.

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PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. WAP. 7 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by G.E. BAILEY PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled MIDDLE LAI CIRCUIT DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 4 B.P. & H.C.C. 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 13 / 2 / 1963 to 5 / 3 / 1963 (broken period).

Number of Days 15 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services

Medical

Map Reference Army strat series.

Objects of Patrol Compilation of Census Roll, road maintenance,

C.N.A. and routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MCRESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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67-14-34

July 23rd, 1963.

The District Officer,
Western Highlands District,
RAVULI

PATROL - WAPHEANANDA 7/62-63
MIDDLE LAI CHIEFS DIVISION

Thank you for the above report and your covering memo
WD. 396 dated the 17th of April, 1963.

2. Some comments follow :-

With the commencement of the Land Titles Commission Ordinance, authorities to deal with land questions derived from the Native Administrative Regulations have been abolished. No doubt the Chief Native Lands Commissioner is contacting you concerning arrangements for dealing with land disputes in your district. It must be one of your major problems.

3. I think a patrol report should separate the subjects of Divisions and Districts and not bracket them in the one chapter.

4. What were the labour arrangements for work at the Ubag-Nagan Road, supervised by the patrol?

5. If the land called Pairup is the subject of a dispute concerning ownership, is it wise to use it as a survey area for Vayethum?

6. I am unsure in what sense Mr. Bailey is using the term "community development". In what way is the project reported different from the agricultural extension that has been going on for some years?

7. It is surprising that Mr. Bailey commenced this patrol without knowing when the census revision was due.

8. I concur with Mr. Hardy's comments under the heading "Economic Development" in his covering memo, to the extent that our advice is correct and recognized as such by the people concerned, it will be adopted. Our function in this situation should be to discuss the pros and cons of all the alternatives available and let the people concerned make their own decision. I agree with your outline of the points that require checking when communal collections are used for the purchase of valuable assets.

9. It is useful to seriously number the paragraphs in patrol reports. This facilitates reference.

10. A useful patrol. Please ensure that the patrolling officer receives a copy of this memorandum.

J. K. McL.
(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

RSB/AL.

WHD. 396

District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

17th April, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,
Subdistrict Office,
MARAG.

Wapenamanda /N. 7/1962-63 - Middle Lai Census
Division - Mr. G.E. Bailey, P.O.

Your memorandum 67-3-167 dated 6th April,
1963 refers.

The native situation in as good as can be expected in this densely populated area. This surreptitious murder is the first of its kind in the Subdistrict during the last four years, to my knowledge, and probably since the year 1946 in fact. I agree with you that Mr. Bailey and Constable Kage are to be congratulated on their detective work in the case, and you must ensure that a very good case is presented to the Supreme Court ending in a conviction, to show the people that there is no future in this type of occurrence. I would appreciate a précis of the evidence.

From experience at Mount Hagen there are three main points which must be checked on before the purchase of trucks by the villagers -

- (1) That a full list of all contributors is kept; there is no duress in collection and the group concerned should be as small and homogeneous as possible;
- (2) That they have surveyed the business possibilities and have a number of sound prospects;
- (3) That they have a fully qualified driver available right from the start.

Although the census was not completely revised by this patrol it is assumed that before writing the Census Roll Mr. Bailey took note of all changes in the clans. For your further advice.

The District Education Officer has included Welya on his recently formulated 5-year plan. However, no time of commencement is yet known.

The patrol has made a great improvement to their section of the main Wabag-Hagen Road.

Please ensure that Mr. Bailey is shown the form of Reports laid down in this District.

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As you say a good report of a considerable amount of constructive work.

Camping Claims passed for payment.

(R.S. HILL)
A/ District Officer.



C.C.
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KOLKATA.

Abovementioned report for your information.

R.S. Hill
(R.S. HILL)
A/ District Officer.

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

File No. 67 - 3 - 167.

Sub-District Office,
WABAG,
Western Highlands District.

April 6th. 1963.

District Officer,
Western Highlands District,
MOULT HAGEN.

Subject: WAPENAMANDA Patrol No. 7/62-63. WILKIN LAI.
Mr. G. E. Bailey, Patrol Officer St. I.

Forwarded herewith please find the report of a patrol to the Middle Lai Census Division, conducted by Mr. G. E. Bailey, Patrol Officer St. I. The patrol was of a routine nature.

Native Affairs: Apart from the ubiquitous litigation over land, the situation in this Division remains satisfactory.

Law & Justice: The unsolved murder reported upon has since been solved, and on the 9th April 1963 a male adult Native was committed for trial on a charge of Wilful Murder. Credit for the solving of this murder goes to Mr. Bailey and Const. KASH of Wapenamanda Detachment, who spent considerable time on the investigations which finally led to a charge being laid.


The fight mentioned in the report, in which two were killed, was reported upon in my 37-3-5 of 25.2.63.

Economic Development: The wish to buy vehicles on the part of some of the people in the Middle Lai is fraught with pitfalls. However, they will be given advice as to the best method to proceed by, in order to fulfil their aim. Whether they will follow the advice given is a matter for themselves. I do not believe in such projects being stifled on the grounds that there is a fair chance of disappointment, if not outright failure. These people are now entering upon the "learning to crawl" stage of their development.

Missions and Education: Local Leaders at WELIA have signified their willingness to make land at WELIA available to Administration for a school, rather than allow any one Mission to gain a monopoly. The District Education Officer, St. Hagen was advised of this during a recent visit to Wabag. The WELIA area appears a good place for extension of schools into the village environment, if such expansion is envisaged.

Mr. Bailey has conducted a good patrol. During his sojourn as Officer in Charge, Wapenamanda, he has shown himself to be a capable and energetic officer. He has coped well with the local situation, which is considerably different from that which he dealt with in the New Ireland District.

Camping Allowance claims are attached.


G. E. Bailey
Assistant District Officer.

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File: 57/1

Patrol Post,
WAPENAMANDA,
20th March 1963.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER,
SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,
W A N A G.

SUBJECT: WAPENAMANDA PATROL REPORT
NO. 7 of 52/53.

Please find attached the above report. Claims for
Camping Allowance on behalf of Interpreter LEME and myself are att-
ached.

Census, was not revised as was reported in my F.O.J.
folios for the patrol period. This ~~was~~ is because I subsequently
discovered that it is not due until June.

For your information and comments.

G. E. Bailey
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G. E. BAYLEY,
PATROL OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Diary.

February 13th 1963

1000 hrs departed WAPENAMANBA for ^{RUANBA} RUANBA per land rover. On arrival revised Common Roll for TSIGIN-LIUNAI clan. At 1500 hrs proceeded to mark boundaries of a piece of disputed land which had been settled by a previous Officer. At RUANBA. ^{RUANBA}

February 14th

At ^{RUANBA} RUANBA. TSIGIN, MUDAP and MANGALJA clans entered on the Common Roll. Discussions with villagers. At RUANBA.

February 15th

0700 hrs departed ^{RUANBA} RUANBA for YAIBOS. Arrived 0830. KANBAULIN and AMBULIN clans entered on Common Roll. 2 C.N.A. cases. At YAIBOS.

February 16th

0700 hrs moved to PAUS. Set up camp. RUNGIPIN group entered up. 2 more C.N.A.'s.

February 17th

At PAUS until 1200 hrs. Thence to POMPOBUS rest house. Rest of day spent in hearing complaints and discussions.

February 18th

YANBAMAN and IBAGON clans entered on Common Roll. Further petty disputes settled. At POMPOBUS overnight.

February 19th

Completed work in the POMPOBUS area and returned to WAPENAMANBA. Inspected road work en route. Back on Station by 1145 hrs.

February 20th
to
February 24th

Routine Station duties at WAPENAMANBA and visit by District Commissioner.

February 25th

YAGOMAN clan assembled at WAPENAMANBA. Dr. CONNER, Medical Supt. MAMBISANBA hospital accompanied. People were lined at Station to facilitate his work (mortality survey). They themselves were agreeable to this.

February 26th

IBAGON clan lined at Station Dr. CONNER in attendance. Completed by 1200 hrs.

February 27th

Remained at WAPENAMANBA. Monthly returns.

February 28th

A.M. on Station.
1200 hrs departed WAPENAMANBA per A921. People from WELYA have now built a road which enables a vehicle to drive right up to rest house. Discussions were held with people considering the plans they have made to purchase their own vehicle. Sundry complaints settled. Paid pitsawyers en route to camp. At WELYA overnight.

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Patrol Diary continued.

March 1st 1963

YAPONBA and part of PIABIN clans lined at MELYA. Common Roll compiled. Letter received from A.D.O. WABAG this night advising of Murder in PAUS area.

March 2nd

0505 hrs from MELYA to MAMBISANDA to view body, start investigations and interview motorcycleist who crashed from his machine at WAPENAMANDA the previous day. Thence to ANJI. Common roll compiled thence to YAGAINDIS where PUMAINEN clan lined.

March 3rd

The Sabbath. From YAGAINDIS to WAPENAMANDA where accident report typed out for motor cycle accident and enquiries into murder. Thence back to YAGAINDIS .

March 4th

Completed Common roll work at YAGAINDIS and thence to YARAMANDA. Started work here.

March 5th

Lined small segment of PIABIN clan at YARAMANDA. Returned WAPENAMANDA 9 am.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

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INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was carried out through the Middle Lai Census Division of the Wapenamanda Patrol Post Administrative area in the Wabag Sub-District and was purely routine in nature. Tax/Census revision was carried out and the Common Roll for the 1964 Legislative Council elections was compiled for the area. Thus only the Tsak valley remains.

Good weather was enjoyed throughout and no time was lost owing to inclement weather conditions. Vehicular roads serve the area patrolled and the problem of long travelling times was not encountered.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation overall remains satisfactory. These people have been under Administration influence for some little time now and show no hesitation in bringing forth disputes and Court cases for hearing. In fact I would say that they show an over-readiness to bring forth disputes requiring litigation of the most simple and elementary nature. It would appear that the sundry parties "starring" in the almost limitless disputes, petty or otherwise, have merely changed their roles of active antagonists to professional litigants.

Land, as in the rest of the WABAG Sub-District, is the major cause of disputes which on occasions can lead to violence. Even if a settlement has been affected by a previous Officer the party that "lost" usually attempts to bring the matter up for re-hearing in the hope that the original decision will be reversed.

At WAMBULIN, near PINA CATHOLIC MISSION, it was reported that boundary markers placed by a previous Officer had been removed and resited to suit one side. The two clans involved are the KUMRAGIN'S from the WABAG Administrative area and the MANGALIA'S from the WAPENAMANDA side. The KUMRAGIN people had moved three markers and carried them a distance of only twenty yards. Twenty yards is enough however when, as in this case, they were shrewdly placed in the middle of a garden owned by the MANGALIA'S. It is thought that these marks were moved in honour of the patrol's arrival in the area in an attempt to have the whole dispute re-heard. The markers were re-placed in their original positions.

Land disputes are almost countless and a source of never ending tiff and phrenetic scenes. If the time was available a good two months work could be put in hearing land matters alone. The Officer given the task would probably commit fela-de-se even if he had the perspicacity of an oracle when all the different component parts of these land troubles were laid out before him.

Sundry troubles over bride price and pigs were settled but debts incurred as a result of MOGA ceremonies were not heard in accordance with District policy. Christians marrying unbelievers are a fruitful source of Court cases as it seems to be the done thing in such a marriage for either party to desire a divorce following the tiff on grounds of religious incompatibility.

Overall the situation, although a long way from calm and peaceful co-existence is satisfactory for the stage of development the Middle Lai inhabitants have at present reached.

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LAW AND JUSTICE.

Sittings of the Court for Native Affairs were held during the patrol were the circumstances merited Court action. Many minor disputes were settled out of Court.

I have found the situation regarding Court cases the same as have previous Officers. In quite a number of matters brought up the litigants regard the Court as a platform whereby all their traditional dislikes and grievances can be brought up.

Since December 1962 there have been three murders in the Middle Lai. Two women and one man comprise the victims. Of these two of the culprits have been arrested and charged and are now awaiting trial in the Supreme Court. The third murder, which occurred in the vicinity of PAUS whilst the patrol was WELYA located on the 1st of March, at the time of writing remains unresolved. In this instance the body of a young married woman was found on a mountainside, strangled. The other two murders were straight out husband/wife disagreements.

On 5th February there was a fight between the IDAGON people and the KIAGAI'S. The latterly mentioned clan is included in the Lower Lai Census Division but their land adjoins the Middle Lai boundary mark. Here, as usual, land was the crux of the matter. Two people were killed and four wounded in the resultant fracas besides five houses being burnt down. Court action taken after this resulted in 61 natives being sentenced to from varying periods of from six to ten months I.L.N.

For the past six weeks there have been no further flare-ups over land and it is optimistically hoped that any future contestants will think twice before leaping into battle.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE.

Three clans in the Middle Lai are now giving serious consideration to thoughts concerning the purchase of vehicles. Plans in question are ISIGIN-LIUNAI, YAGUMAN and YAPONDA. Some little time was spent with these people explaining the pitfalls which can trap the unwary vehicle owner. For a start they were told to open a community C.S.B. account and to record the amounts contributed by the various individuals. If any of these people do buy a vehicle it will indeed be a mammoth task to sort out who contributed what when the time comes to hand out a rebate, if any.

The D.A.S.P. Officer at WAPENAMANDA has now established phyrethrum nurseries at WELYA, PINA, POMPOBOS, PAUS & LUANA. These nurseries have not yet produced germinating seedlings or rather plants owing to their immaturity.

Coffee has been planted in many of the natives gardens particularly in the LUANA area. This is sold to the LUTHERAN MISSION at prices of up to 1/6 per pound.

Another source of revenue to the people is the sale of fresh vegetables to the same Mission at 6d per pound. on the average 2500 lbs weight of vegetables are sent from WAPENAMANDA to the coast

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each week per regular Cessna 185 or Piaggio charter.

The other sources of cash incomes open are: indentured labour, casual local employment and the selling of native buildings material and timber to the nearby patrol post and mission stations.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

Two missions have European staff located within the Middle Lai area namely the Catholic and Lutheran. Catholic Mission have a Father based at PINA and POMPOBOS. Of these the latterly mentioned is at present on leave.

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Whilst the patrol was at WELYA a Lutheran Mission European teacher approached the natives as to the possibility of his Mission acquiring land there for the establishment of a school. This request was refused by the local natives.

Also at WELYA the patrol was approached by a Catholic cleric who claimed that there had been a near riot there a few days before between Lutheran and Catholic adherents over a piece of land that had been "given" to the Catholic Mission. Upon investigation it was ascertained that the learned Fathers allegations were groundless and the land in question was being used illegally by the Catholic Mission as a place of worship and basic schooling.

Overall inter-Mission relations appear to be amicable without being exactly cordial.

Schools are located at YARAMANDA, PINA, POMPOBOS (mission ran) and the government school at WAPENAMANDA. None have any difficulty in recruiting pupils.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

During the patrol the opportunity was taken to widen sections of the WAPENAMANDA-WARAG road. This work has now been almost completed and only the cambering of the road in some sections remains to be completed. The deep ditches which lined the edges of the road in places formerly have been removed as they constituted a road hazard.

Also during the patrol steps were taken to get strengthening of all bridges between WAPENAMANDA-NEBILYA RIVER in motion. This has been done as a tip-truck is expected in the near future at WAPENAMANDA.

Whilst on patrol I took the opportunity of inspecting the LAI RIVER suspension bridge and observed signs of rot. The P.W.D. has been notified of this trend in the structure.

Roads and bridges in the area are on the whole of above average standard.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Officials in the area are of a standard encountered in the WAPENAMANDA area; neither impressive nor overly weak but of a fairly uniform average.

The Lalual/Pultul system as applied to changing conditions in the Territory is not overly successful mainly because of the breaking down of the elders respect and the authority they command from the younger generation when compared with before.

Officials all seemed fairly competent in settling petty disputes without recourse to a Native Affairs Officer.

HOUSING AND SANITATION.

That sighted suitable to existing conditions.

Within this category I include rest houses. All have been reconstructed recently and are of a satisfactory nature.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Government Aid-Posts are located at WELYA, WAPENAMANDA and LUANDA. Mission Aid-Posts at YAIBOS, PAUSA and YARANANDA. There is a Lutheran Mission Hospital staffed by a qualified medical officer at MAMBISANDA.

Health overall appears satisfactory.

For part of the patrol (YAGUMAN and IDAGON) the Medical Officer from MAMBISANDA Hospital accompanied and a mortality survey was carried out in conjunction with routine patrol duties.

CONCLUSION.

A routine patrol which was not characterized by any untoward incidents.

The trouble over the piece of land known as "PAIRAP" which broke out in June 1962 has not flared into fighting again but is far from over. Natives gaoled for this outbreak of lawlessness have been released from imprisonment over the last two months and are still giving forth to angry murmurings. As one was heard to put it " trabel bilong mi i no pinis yet". A not very subtle way of expressing his feelings.

To make this matter of further interest the Agricultural Officer from WAPENAMANDA has established a pyrethrum nursery on portion of " PAIRAP ". It will be interesting to see whether or not this has a ~~stabilizing~~ stabilizing effect on the antagonists. Seeing a crop planted for community development may help to lessen antagonisms, or; on the other hand it might be ripped up should the situation lead to blows again.

G. E. Bailey
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G. E. BAILEY,
PATROL OFFICER W.H.D.

ATTACHMENT TO REPORT.

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PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 8 of 1962/63 WAPENAMARA

Patrol Conducted by D.J. HOOK A/A.D.C.

Area Patrolled LOWER LAI CENSUS DIVISION

Mr. R. O'NEILL B.M.A. (from 15-16/4/63 and 5-14/5/63)

Mr. G. VASE C.P.O. (from 24/4/63 to 14/5/63)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

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Number of Days 24 (actual on patrol)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany YES

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/1963

Medical 3/1963

Map Reference WABAG POUHIL

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision. 2. Revision of Census Roll. 3. Improvement of walking tracks. 4. General Administration. 5. Medical Inspection.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

67-9-32

20th August, 1963.

The District Officer,
Eastern Highlands District,
Khartoum.

DETECTIVE REPORT NO. 2-2-63 - KAPPA

Receipt of the conventional Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The work undertaken during the patrol was of routine nature and the content does not call for further comment.


(J. E. McCarthy),
Director.

RSB:ngc

WHD. 399



District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

4th April, 1963.

Mr. D. J. Hook,
Sub-District Office,
LAKE KOPILAGO...F.H.D.

INSTRUCTIONS - SPECIAL PATROL WAPENAMANDA
No. 8/1962-63 - LOWER LAI CENTER DIVISION.

As previously discussed you are to proceed to Mount Hagen on the 11th April, 1963 for special duties.

You are to proceed as soon as possible after 11th April, 1963 to WAPENAMANDA and conduct a Census and General Administration Patrol into the LOWER LAI area. During this Patrol you are to revise and bring up to date the Common Roll for that area.

During the Patrol, carry out normal general administration duties, including the repair or reconstruction of Aid Post and Rest House buildings, as many of these structures have been standing for five years or more and are due for replacement.

You are also to issue instructions for the improvement of walking tracks in the area and the replacement of any bridges where necessary.

Any encouragement or assistance you can give to the natives in the construction of the proposed vehicular road to PAWARI, is to be given.

Whilst at LUMIS you are to inspect the new airstrip there and submit a report on the possibility of extending same to a standard suitable for Category "C" and "B" aircraft in the future.

Please also report on the possibility of constructing a vehicular road from BAIYER RIVER to LUMIS. It is understood that the Baptist Mission have surveyed a possible road route in this area within the last few years.

Mr. C. Vass, Cadet Patrol Officer, will accompany your Patrol and assist you to gain experience in all phases of Patrol duties.

Mr. H. Carra, European Medical Assistant, will accompany the Patrol during its latter part to inspect the Aid Posts at PINYAPAI and YALIS and to give medical treatment where required.

An Agricultural Field Worker will also accompany you to inspect native coffee plantings at the main centres.

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You are to arrange your Patrol so that you will be at MAMBISANDA Road Head at 8.30 a.m. on Friday the 10th May, 1963 to meet His Excellency the Governor General of Australia and His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp Captain C. Ireland who will accompany the Patrol through to the Road Head beyond the LANDAMA GORGE near BAIYER RIVER, arriving at this latter Road Head not later than 10.00 a.m. on Sunday the 12th May, 1963. You are required to show His Excellency general Patrol routine en route.

All Patrol equipment is to be drawn from Mount Hagen. Due to the shortage of Police in the Wapenamanda Detachment at present you are to bring four Police from the Lake Kopiago Detachment to Mount Hagen with you and additional Police will be drawn, as required, from Detachments in other areas of this District.

R.S. Bell

(R.S. BELL)

ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

PATROL DIARY.

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Saturday, 13th April, 1963.

Left by plane at 12.30.p.m. for Wapenamanda with patrol gear and personnel and Mr. H. Carrs, B.M.A. At 1.15.p.m. left Wapenamanda with carriers for YALIS. Passed through KAM2 resthouse site and arrived YALIS at 3.45.p.m. Talked with gathered Natives and inspected Aid Post. Camped.

Sunday, 14th April, 1963.

Left YALIS 7.0.a.m. after inspecting coffee gardens in vicinity of resthouse, walked gently downhill following the north-west side of the Lai gorge and reached the Lai River at 8.30.a.m. - track in poor condition and instructions issued for improvement of same. Crossed the Lai river by Native bridge and climbed steeply to PINYAPAIS, inspecting Native houses and coffee plots en route. Arrived PINYAPAIS at 12.30.p.m. Inspected Aid Post and spoke with gathered Natives regarding the proposed census patrol to the area, and the Governor General's intention to accompany part of the patrol. Camped.

Monday 15th April, 1963.

Broke camp at 7.30.a.m. and walked to LUMIS, crossing the SIMSA River en route. Spoke with gathered Natives regarding the proposed patrol to this area and visited the Baptist Mission Station also to discuss the patrol. Left Mission at noon and walked over the LANDANA gorge to the Baiyer River road-head, arriving 1.45.p.m. Walked on to the Baiyer River Baptist Mission Hospital arriving 3.15.p.m. Stopped at Mission and later proceeded on to Baiyer River resthouse, arriving 5.45.p.m. Camped.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1963.

Left Baiyer River resthouse 7.55.a.m. and walked for 1½ hours to Baiyer River Livestock Station. Left by aircraft for Mt. Hagen 10.a.m. and spent the remainder of the day working at the District Office.

Wednesday 17th April - Monday, 22nd April, 1963.

General duties at Mt. Hagen and Lake Kopiago.

Tuesday, 23rd April, 1963.

Left by Otter 1.30.p.m. for Wapenamanda Patrol Post. Arranged for carriers etc. at Wapenamanda and discussed proposed Patrol programme with O.I.C. Slept at Wapenamanda.

Wednesday, 24th April, 1963.

Left Wapenamanda at 9.0.a.m. with 70 carriers for YALIS. Gave instructions for improvements of walking tracks and construction of toilets and rubbish pits, en route. Arrived YALIS 11.45.a.m. Spoke with gathered Natives and issued instructions for repair and reconstruction of aid post and resthouse at YALIS. Walked through area surrounding YALIS and gave instructions concerning the improvement of hygiene facilities, walking tracks and coffee gardens in the area. Mr. C. Vass., C.P.O. arrived at 3.0.p.m. to join the patrol. Camped.

Thursday 25th April, 1963.

Local Natives working on repair of Aid Post and replacement of resthouse. Self and Mr. Vass walked for 1½ hours to the Lai River to inspect road and to repair the native bridge over the river. Commenced work on proposed camp-site for census of WAIBERIN and SIMKI Class. Returned to YALIS, arriving 6.30.p.m. Camped.

Friday, 26th April, 1963.

At YALIS assisting in construction of Aid Post and Resthouse, and paper work attended to. Mr. Vass left for LUMIS to commence census of LUMIS, WIKERAP, KAMARANDA and AWAS areas. Camped.

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Saturday, 27th April, 1963.

Inspected work on tracks, etc. and walked to KAMA resthouse, arriving 11.30.am. Spoke with gathered Natives and inspected Native housing and coffee gardens, issuing instructions for improvement of same where necessary. Proceeded on to Wapenamanda for discussions with O.I.C. Slept at Wapenamanda.

Sunday 28th April, 1963.

At Wapenamanda in discussion with O.I.C. and preparing for census tomorrow. Slept at Wapenamanda.

Monday 29th April, 1963.

By landrover to PAUS and conducted census of MAIN-KUMTIRAGUIN and MAIN-MOBOGAGUIN/YOKOMANDA Clans. Settled a number of minor disputes. Returned to Wapenamanda and slept.

Tuesday, 30th April, 1963.

Left Wapenamanda at 7.30.am. for ELYAGANDA arriving at 9.30.am. Road steep but in quite good condition. Census revised for YANGAGUN Clans. Camped.

Wednesday, 1st May, 1963.

Census revised for KINGGGIN, KIAGAI and MUBGIPIN Clans and a number of petty disputes settled and general discussions concerning the forthcoming Show etc. held with the Natives. Walked to YALIS arriving at 6.30.pm. after a 2 hour walk. Camped.

Thursday, 2nd May, 1963.

Revised census of KUMBI, KUMI, KUMPIRA, LYAKAN and YANDAMAIN Clans and worked on statistics and general paperwork during the afternoon. Mr. Dopheide Agricultural Officer from Wapenamanda, arrived at YALIS in the course of his Agricultural Patrol in the Lower Lai area. Camped.

Friday, 3rd May, 1963.

Left YALIS at 8.0.am. and walked to AIABANDA camp site beside the Lai River bridge. Set up camp and revised Census of the WAIKARIN, YIAIN, TSINKI and MINIAMAGUIN Clans. Spoke with gathered Natives concerning the proposed patrol by the Governor General, and various other matters. Camped.

Saturday, 4th May, 1963.

Left AIABANDA Camp at 7.30.am. and walked to Wapenamanda via YALIS, arriving 11.30.am. At 12.30.pm. left by plane for Mt. Hagen for discussion with District Commissioner concerning the Governor General's patrol. Slept at Mt. Hagen.

Sunday, 5th May, 1963.

Restday observed at Mt. Hagen.

Monday, 6th May, 1963.

Left Mt. Hagen by landrover with extra police, and Mr. Curra, R.M.A. with medical supplies. Arrived Esiyer River road-head at 11.30.am. after calling in at the Baptist Mission Hospital to advise them of the forthcoming patrol by the Governor General. Spoke with gathered Natives at road-head regarding the forthcoming visit by the Governor General. At 2.30.pm. left road-head camp and walked to LUMIS arriving 4.0.pm. Spoke with large gathering of Natives. Camped.

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Tuesday 7th May, 1963.

Left LUKIB at 8.20 am arriving PINYAPAIS at 10.0 am. Track in good repair. Census revised of SINGI and KITAN Clans and medical inspection carried out and treatment given. A number of petty disputes settled and discussion held with local Natives during late afternoon. Camped.

Wednesday 8th May, 1963.

Left PINYAPAIS 7.20 am. after sending carriers on ahead. Walked via by-pass route to Lai River Camp, arriving 10.10 am. Road in good condition. Left Camp. 12.20 pm., after having had radio contact with Mt. Hagen. arriving YALIS 1.50 pm. Met Mr. Vass, C.P.O. who rejoined this latter part of the patrol after having completed the census of the lower portion of the Lower Lai Census Division. Camped.

Thursday 9th May, 1963.

Paper work completed and discussions held with Natives, concerning the Governor General's arrival tomorrow. Patrol gear arranged. Left Mr. Vass to look after camp and self and Mr. Curra, R.N.A. walked to KAMA resthouse with carrier line. Camped.

Friday, 10th May, 1963.

Left KAMA at 7.25 am. accompanied by Mr. Curra, and walked slowly to MAMBISANDA road-head, arriving 8.30 am. His excellency, The Governor General of Australia, arrived at the road-head at 9.10 am. Official greeting by police and patrol personnel, and at 9.30 am., left for KAMA arriving 9.50 am. The District Commissioner, Mt. Hagen, left the patrol at KAMA, and returned to MAMBISANDA. Patrol continued on with His Excellency to YALIS, arriving at 11.40 am., where Mr. Vass, C.P.O. was in the process of conducting the census. Spoke with gathered Natives while census and medical inspection were carried out. The Governor General inspected these patrol activities. Left YALIS 2.30 pm. and walked to ALABANDA (Lai River Camp) arriving 4.15 pm. Patrol greeted by gathered Natives and a C.N.A. case of stealing heard. Camped.

Saturday, 11th May, 1963.

Left ALABANDA Camp at 7.30 am. and crossed the Lai River by a Native bridge. After crossing the KU Creek, climbed steadily up the PINYAPAIS ridge, until 9.0 am. Then walked along by-pass route around PINYAPAIS arriving at the SIMBA River at 1.30 pm. left SIMBA River at 3.10 pm. and arrived LUMIS at 4.0 pm. Census conducted, medical inspection carried out and general discussions held with local villagers. His Excellency inspected patrol duties en route and at LUMIS. During late afternoon, walked to Mission K'strip and inspected same. Camped.

Sunday, 12th May, 1963.

Left LUMIS 6.50 am. and walked to Baiyer River road-head, descending and climbing the LANDAMA gorge en route, arriving at MUMBA resthouse at 9.30 am. Patrol routine commenced and at 10.45 am. the District Commissioner, Mt. Hagen arrived to convey His Excellency back to Mt. Hagen. Census continued until 4.30 pm. and various discussions held with gathered Natives. Paper work compiled during evening. Camped.

Monday 13th May, 1963.

Worked on census revision, general statistics and paper work and settled a number of petty disputes. Medical work carried out by R.N.A. Camped.

Tuesday 14th May, 1963.

Left MUMBA at 10.30 am. by vehicle, with patrol gear and personnel, for Mt. Hagen, arriving 1.10 pm. Police dismissed. Patrol Completed.

END OF DIARY.

REPORT OF DATA AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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District Office,
Western Highlands District,
M. B.M.H.

10th June, 1961.

The District Officer,
District Office,
Western Highlands District,
M. B.M.H.

Feasibility of extending the Port Moresby Airport - M.B.M.H.

As instructed by you, I inspected the new airstrip at M.B.M.H., during my recent patrol into that area, with a view to looking into the possibility of extending same.

The existing strip, which is open to operations by private aircraft only, is 1,000 feet long by 100 feet wide. The minimum requirements for a commercial category "C" strip are 1,000 feet by 100 feet. However, to widen this strip to 100 feet for 1,000 feet of its length, would be a major piece of work, as far more than half of the total length of this strip the ground lies very steeply on either side.

The lengthening of this strip at its present width (which would not, of course, bring it up to R.A.F. standards for any category of commercial aircraft), would also present a real problem, due to the fact that at its lower or R.A.F. end, there is a sheer drop of over 100 feet into the M.B.M.H. river valley, and at its parking-end or R.A.F. end, the ridge the strip has been constructed upon, drops very appreciably 50 feet for a distance of approximately 100 feet, after which it drops steeply into the M.B.M.H. river valley.

A further point, which would make it highly unlikely that this strip will be opened in the future to commercial aircraft, is that the country immediately to either side from the R.A.F. or approach end of the strip, appears to be above the normal approach requirements of 1 in 40. As I did not carry a level with me, I am unable to state the exact gradient.

In view of the above, I wish to report, that in my opinion, there is no possibility of extending this strip to Category "C" and "D" aircraft in the future.

H. J. Cook

(H. J. Cook)

Assistant District Officer

MINISTRY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MT. HAGEN.
8th June, 1963.

The District Officer,
District Office,
Western Highlands District,
MT. HAGEN.

Construction of Vehicular Road from Baiyer River to LUMIS.

As instructed by you, I made enquiries into the possibility of constructing a vehicular road from BAIYER RIVER to LUMIS, during my recent patrol into the Lower Lal area.

The present vehicular road from Baiyer River towards LUMIS goes as far as the Baiyer River side of the LANDAMA gorge. This gorge, of some 1,500 or more feet in depth, is the only geographical problem in constructing the road on to LUMIS. Once over this gorge, the country is flat to LUMIS and for some miles farther on.

Five years ago the Baptist Mission carried out a survey and found a route for this road, however as the gradient in descending the Baiyer River side of the LANDAMA gorge was 9°, the construction of this road was not approved from Mt. Hagen, as the grade was not suitable for conventional drive vehicles. This route, of which the local natives are fully aware, even though most of the pigs have now gone, would however, be quite suitable for Landrovers and tractors, and although I did not walk over the whole length of it, it appeared to pose no real problems, but would be a fairly normal job of road construction, naturally with a lot of cutting down both sides of the LANDAMA gorge. There does not appear to be any other possible site for a road over the gorge, other than the one surveyed by the Baptist Mission.

The road would commence descending the LANDAMA gorge some two miles up-stream (NW) from the point where the present walking track crosses the gorge. At this place the gorge is not so steep as at the walking track crossing. Once having crossed the LANDAMA River from Baiyer River, the road would ride up the N.E. side of the LUMIS ridge and would reach the top of this ridge at approximately LUMIS resthouse site.

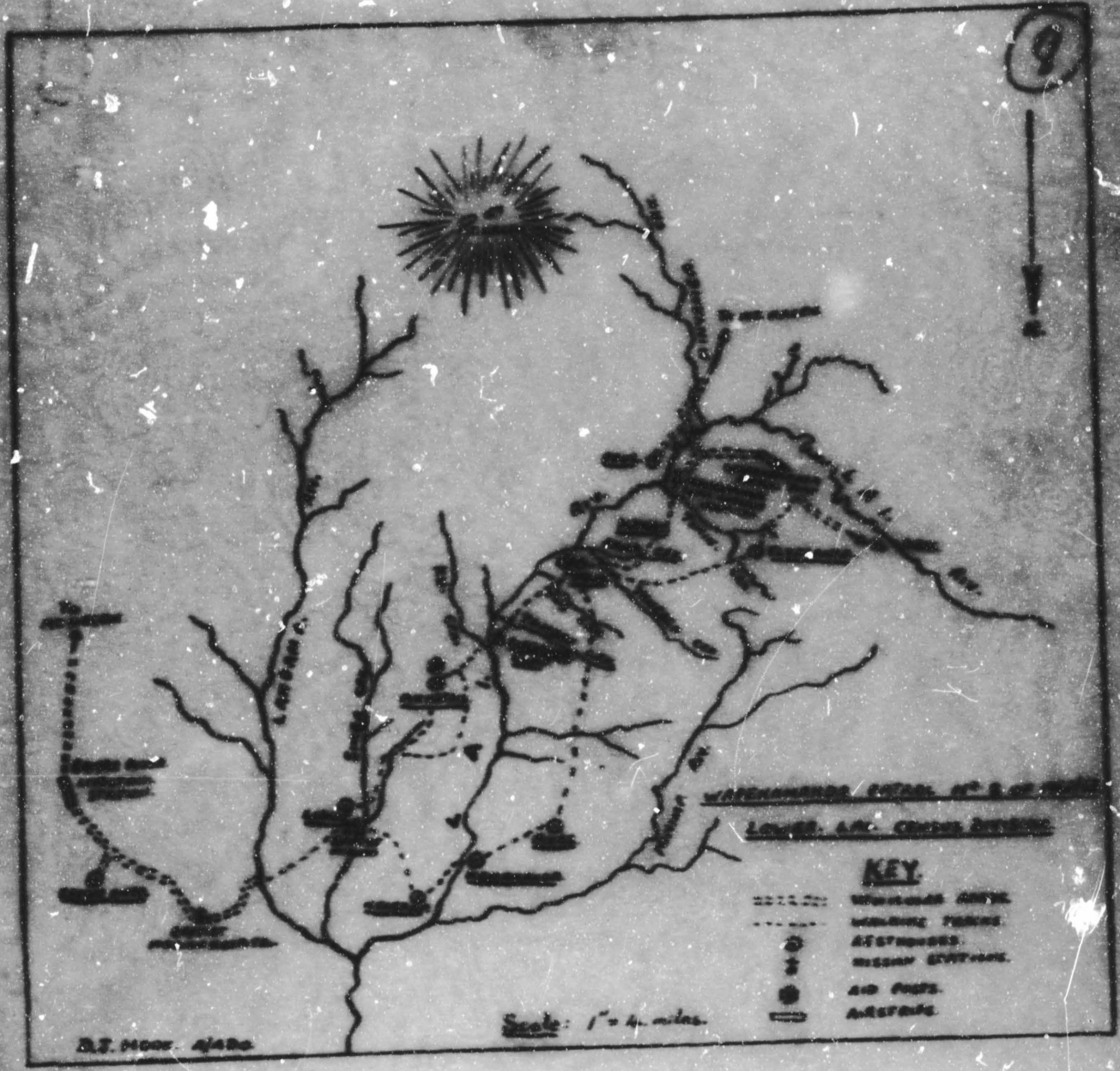
Both the LUMIS and BAIYER RIVER natives were approached concerning their interest in such a road and both groups expressed their keenness to commence work on same as soon as possible. The LUMIS people especially were keen to commence work on this road, as they openly stated their desire to encourage private enterprise into their area. They also made requests for a Patrol Post to be established either at Baiyer River or LUMIS, for the purpose of administering the NEM speakers in these two areas, and they hope that by constructing a road into the area, they will stand more chance of having their wish granted.

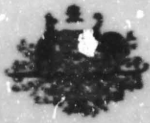
It was explained to them that staff shortages at present are such that it is unlikely that a Patrol Post would be set up in the Baiyer River or LUMIS area, for some years, however, they were told that their request would be submitted to the District Officer.

The Natives of the Baiyer River road-head area and those of LUMIS and PINTAPINS were told that their desire for a road link between Baiyer River and LUMIS and their willingness to commence the construction of same, would be reported to the District Officer and that the A.D.O. Mt. Hagen Dist District would advise them in the near future as to whether or not they can commence work on same. Could this advice be sent to them, please.

D. J. Book
(D. J. Book)

Assistant District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT

District of Western Highlands Report No. Wapenamanda No. 10 of 1962-63

Patrol Conducted by Mr. P. E. Wilson G.P.O.

Area Patrolled Minyamba Valley, Middle Lai Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Const. KAGI R.P.A.N.G.C.

Duration From 29/4/1963 to 21/5/1963 (Broken period)

Number of Days 32 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services February 1963

Medical February /19 58

Map Reference Fournil series, Wabag sheet.

Object of Patrol 1. Supervise construction and maintenance of bridges on the
Wabag road. 2. Re-write Preliminary List of probable
voters in the Lower Lai Census Division. 3. Carry out such administrative
duties as arise.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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67-14-35

16th August, 1963.

The District Officer,
Eastern Highlands District,
HR. 1488.

PAISAL REPORT NO. 10-62/61 - BAZEMANARA:

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I am gratified to note that the dispute over timber land on the ranges has been recorded as the patrol was for the purpose of replacement of bridges and re-write of the preliminary lists of probable voters. No further comment is called for except that the officer appears to have employed his time well.


(J. E. McQuitty)
Director.

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Department of Native Affairs,
Eastern Highlands District,
PORT MORESBY.

7th August, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
District Office,
HOPIAL.

WAPENAMADA PATROL REPORT NO. 10/1962-3
MIRIE LAI CHIEF DIVISION
MR. P.E. WILSON, CASEY PATROL OFFICER.

re: refers.

Your memorandum 67-3-174 dated 2nd August, 1963,

The Officer-in-Charge, PATROL, is looking into the dispute over the timber land on the shoulders of HOPIAL ROAD. If it cannot be resolved by the two groups concerned, then the disputed area will have to be removed from the surveyed lease. This will cut the Wapenamada people out of any direct benefit from lease payments, but worse still from a source of labour as most concerns obtain labourers from the class from which they leased their land.

The patrol was of a specialised nature which does not require further comment.

P. S. Hill
(P.S. HILL),
District Officer.

cc. The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

File: 67-1.

Patrol Post
Wapenamunda
Western Highlands District
29th July, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer
Sub-District Office
WABAG

Wapenamunda Patrol No 10 of 1962-63

Miyamba Valley

Please find enclosed a report on the abovementioned patrol submitted by Mr. P. Wilson, C.P.O.

Also enclosed are camping out allowance claims.

Mr. Wilson's chief task was roads maintenance and bridge works.

Labourers employed on the SINAIX section of the road have been paid for the work done, and about 50% of bridge bearers have been purchased. It is estimated that at least £200 will be required to replace or repair all bridges in the MIYAMBA Valley.

Mr. Wilson departs on patrol today to continue with bridge works.

The land dispute remarked on by Mr. Wilson at page 5, para. 7, of his report is a long standing one. This dispute apparently involves hundreds of acres of timber land at the top of the Mt. Hagen - Wapenamunda divide. Groups under the jurisdiction of both Wapenamunda and Tambul Patrol Posts claim rights to the area. The whole issue clouded in considerable confusion because this high altitude area has never been inhabited, but has been used by the groups involved as a hunting and food gathering area only.

It does seem that, prior to the advent of this administration, the issue over ownership was not a serious one, but since the value of the timber stands has been recognised, the claimant groups now wish to gain financial advantage from the new situation.

This dispute will be recorded, amongst others, in reply to circular letter 35-1-12/35-13-0 of 29th June, 1960 from the Director.

The delay in submission of this report was occasioned by the need to have Mr. Wilson work full time at completion of the preliminary list of probable voters in the Wapenamunda Electorate.

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G. J. HOGG
Officer-in-Charge

67-3-174
S. D. O
WABAG

D. O.
MT. HAGEN

required. No further comment is
For your information please

[Signature]
A/ADD
2/8/63



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr

File: 67-1

Patrol Post
Wapenamanda
Western Highlands District
13th May, 1963.

Mr. P. Wilson
Cadet Patrol Officer
Wapenamanda

Patrol Instructions


Kinyaba Valley - Middle Lai Census Division

Wapenamanda Patrol No 10 of 1962-63

In the course of the next month, as other duties allow, you will be required to camp out at various Rest Houses on the WAPENAMANDA-MT. HAGEN Road. You will be advised verbally of specific departure and return dates.

Your instructions are as follows:

1. Supervise construction and replacement of bridges on the Wapenamanda - Mt Hagen road
2. Re-write the Preliminary List of probable voters in the Lower Lai Census Division, Wapenamanda Electorate
3. Carry out such other administrative duties as arise


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S. J. HOGG
Officer-in-Charge

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Report Wapenamanda No.10 of 1962-63.

Patrol Personnel:-

European. Mr.P.E.Wilson,C.F.O.

Natives. Const.KAGI.

Area Patrolled:

Minyamba Valley - Middle Lai Census Division.

Duration of Patrol:

32 days, 29/4/63 to 21/6/63, broken period.

Last Patrol of Area:

Dept.of Native Affairs, February, 1963.

Dept. of Health, February, 1958.

Map Reference:

Fourmil series Wabag sheet.

Objects of Patrol:

1. Supervise construction and replacement of bridges on the Wapenamanda - Mt.Hagen road.

2. Re-write the Preliminary List of probable voters in the Lower Lai Census Division, Wapenamanda Electorate.

3. Carry out such other administrative duties as arise.

DIARY.

Monday, 29th. April, 1963.

Left WAPENAMANDA at 1200hrs and arrived at SENALE at 1330hrs. The main purpose of the patrol was to supervise bridge works and road maintenance at SENALE. Labourers had already been recruited. I set up camp and then inspected the road and bridges. I talked to the labourers and the policeman and instructed them on the work required to be completed during the next three weeks.

Tuesday, 30th. April, 1963.

At SENALE. Road maintenance supervision was carried out. Bridge works would be carried out tomorrow when the road would be closed to all traffic for three days.

Wednesday, 1st. May, 1963.

At SENALE. Work was commenced on three bridges today. These bridges were converted to log culverts. They were completed at 1730hrs, as materials for resurfacing the road have to be carried some distance by hand.

Thursday, 2nd. May, 1963.

At SENALE. A further two bridges were commenced today to be converted into culverts. Work was slow due to the amount of filling required. They were not completed but should be finished tomorrow morning.

Friday, 3rd. May, 1963.

At SENALE. The final stoning and gravelling took place today and the road was open to traffic at 1000hrs, but work was not completed until 1600hrs. Proceeded to Mt. Hagen at 1515hrs.

Saturday, 4th. May, 1963.

At Mt. Hagen.

Sunday, 5th. May, 1963.

Sunday observed. Returned to SENALE at 2000hrs.

Monday, 6th. May, 1963.

At SENALE. Road maintenance supervision continued. The work on the road is very slow due to the fact that stone and gravel have to be carried a considerable distance by hand.

Tuesday, 7th. May, 1963.

At SENALE. Supervision of road maintenance continued, but the work again was very slow as mentioned on previous day.

Wednesday, 8th. May, 1963.

Inspected all road work completed to date and continued to supervise road maintenance. Proceeded to WABAG at 1700hrs.

Thursday, 9th. May, 1963.

Commenced general office duties at WABAG and then proceeded to WAPENAMANDA and thence SENALE arriving at SENALE at 1750hrs.

Friday, 10th. May, 1963.

At SENALE. Supervision of road maintenance and inspected other sections of road requiring attention.

Saturday, 11th. May, 1963.

Road maintenance supervision continued today at SENALE. During the late afternoon a motor-bike was delivered to me for road inspections during the coming week.

Sunday, 12th. May, 1963.

Observed. At SENALE.

Monday, 13th. May, 1963.

At SENALE. Road maintenance was continued at SENALE. carried out road inspection further down the valley on the Motor bike.

Tuesday, 14th. May, 1963.

At SENALE. The labourers were paid off this morning. Twelve stayed on to help with small sections of road. Further road inspection carried out.

Wednesday, 15th. May, 1963.

Supervised road maintenance at SENALE. This section of road practically completed.

Thursday, 16th. May, 1963.

At SENALE. Road maintenance completed today. The rest of the labourers were paid off during the afternoon.

Friday, 17th. May, 1963.

Proceeded to Mt. Hagen by Motor Bike for the District Agricultural Show. Arrived there at 1230 hrs and then proceeded to the Rest House at KELTIGA to supervise the distribution of food and firewood to the natives of the WAPENAMANDA and WABAG areas.

Saturday, 18th. May, 1963.

At KELTIGA. Supervised distribution of food and firewood. Organised more food and firewood to be delivered here.

Attended Show.

Sunday, 19th. May, 1963.

At KELTIGA. Welfare of the WAPENAMANDA and WABAG natives here. Attended Show.

Monday, 20th. May, 1963.

Departed KELTIGA at 1000hrs and proceeded to SENALE, arriving there at 1130. Inspected road and the new culverts. The new culverts have settled down well and the road is settling down well.

Tuesday, 21st. May 1963.

Packed up all the patrol gear and proceeded to WAPENAMANDA by car at 1200hrs. and thence to WABAG.

Wednesday, 22nd. May to Sunday, 2nd. June, 1963, on Patrol at WABAG.

Monday, 3rd. June, 1963.

Departed WABAG at 1030hrs and proceeded to WAPENAMANDA. Left WAPENAMANDA at 1500hrs and arrived at WELYA Rest House at 1600hrs. After settling in I informed the Village Officials of the work to be done to the bridges on the WAPENAMANDA - Mt. Hagen road.

Tuesday, 4th. June, 1963.

At WELYA. Inspected all bridges between ANJI and SENALE. Talked to all the Village Officials of the materials required on all bridges. During the late afternoon talked to the local people on all subjects.

Wednesday, 5th. June, 1963.

At WELYA. Work was commenced on two bridges at 1000hrs. as Sub-Inspector Sexton wanted to proceed to WARAG before the road was closed. Heavy rain began to fall at 1330hrs and work for the day had to be abandoned.

Thursday, 6th. June, 1963.

At WELYA. Work continued on both bridges and one was completed at 1100hrs. The bulk of the work was completed by the time Mr. Sexton returned at 1630hrs. and he was able to proceed to Mt. Hagen with the minimum of delay.

Friday, 7th. June, 1963.

WELYA - WAPENAMANDA. Bridge work continued on the main bridge and one minor bridge. As rain began to fall at 1200hrs., the minor bridge was completed. The major bridge was completed at 1500hrs. and the road was then open to traffic.

I then proceeded to WAPENAMANDA by car.

Saturday, 8th. June, 1963.

Proceeded to Mt. Hagen at 0900hrs.

Sunday, 9th. June, 1963.

Observed.

Monday, 10th. June, 1963.

Queens Birthday, Public Holiday. Returned to WAPENAMANDA at 1745hrs.

Tuesday, 11th. June, 1963.

At WAPENAMANDA. Compilation of the Common Roll for the Lower Lai Census Division.

Wednesday, 12th. June, 1963.

WAPENAMANDA - WELYA. Compilation of the Common Roll at office until 1100hrs. I then proceeded to WELYA and after settling in spoke to the Village Officials on the work and materials required tomorrow. I then commenced the Common Roll and finished at 1800hrs. Arbitrated on one minor dispute during the evening.

Thursday,

WEDNESDAY, 13th. June, 1963.

At WELYA. Bridge works were inspected during the morning. Common Roll continued until 1800hrs.

Friday, 14th. June, 1963.

WELYA - WAPENAMANDA. Inspected bridges completed yesterday and inspected new works in progress. Two Bridges completed. Continued with Common Roll until the car arrived and I proceeded to Wapenamanda.

Saturday, 15th. June, 1963.

At WAPENAMANDA. General office and station

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administration duties.

Sunday, 16th. June, 1963.

Observed at WAPENAMANDA.

Monday, 17th. June, 1963.

WAPENAMANDA - WELYA. Proceeded to WELYA at 0900hrs arriving there at 1000hrs. Informed the Village Officials of the work required during the coming week and inspected the bridges completed last Friday. Heard two minor disputes during the afternoon.

Continued with the Common Roll until 2330hrs.

Tuesday, 18th. June, 1963.

At WELYA. Gave instructions for all materials to be left by the bridges for when the road is closed tomorrow.

Continued on with the Common Roll finishing at 0730hrs. on the 19th.

Wednesday, 19th. June, 1963.

Bridge inspection during the morning at one bridge where major repairs were being carried out.

Continued on with the Common Roll finishing at 0330hrs on the 20th.

Thursday, 20th. June, 1963.

At WELYA. Inspection of another major bridge repair, during the morning.

Continued with the Common Roll until 0300hrs. on the 21st..

Friday, 21st. June, 1963.

WELYA - WAPENAMANDA. Bridge inspection carried out during the morning and the final bridge was completed. Packed up patrol gear and the patrol was transferred to WAPENAMANDA at 1530hrs.

Patrol finished.

END OF DIARY.

Introduction:

The main purpose of the patrol was to supervise the construction and replacement of bridges on the Wapenamanda - Mt. Hagen road. The section patrolled is on the boundary of the Wapenamanda and Tambul administrative areas. Timber for bridge building is in plentiful supply. As the country is very mountainous there is difficulty getting this material to the bridges. The area is lacking in essential materials for the maintenance of the road.

Co-operation from the people, on a patrol of this nature, is important, and although the co-operation was not wholehearted, the people finished their allotted tasks speedily and efficiently.

Good weather was enjoyed for the period of the patrol and only two days were lost due to inclement weather.

Native Affairs:

Only a small section of the Middle Lai Census Division was visited by this patrol and in this area the native situation was found to be satisfactory.

Labourers had to be recruited to work on the top section of the road and the bridges situated there, as this section is unpopulated. The labourers were recruited from further down the Winyamba Valley and the patrol met with no trouble in getting sufficient numbers. At Welya, the patrol had no trouble in obtaining labour.

A numerous number of disputes of a very minor nature were heard and settled by the patrol. These involved mainly compensation for gardens etc. damaged by pigs, dogs and general carelessness on the part of the offending party.

These people are like all the people I have come in contact with while on patrol in so far as they have that "money hungry" attitude. ~~THE ONLY~~ The only major dispute encountered on this patrol indirectly involved money. The dispute arose out of disagreement over land boundaries between Lulual KEPA's clan and a clan from the Tambul Administrative area. This land had been surveyed for a timber lease with considerable time and money going into the survey. The pegs were removed by some members of KEPA's clan and consequently the surveyors packed up and left. As a result neither clan will have the benefit of the timber lease, thus losing a considerable amount of money.

There was no trouble in obtaining food for the patrol, which at one time, for a period of three weeks, was supplying food for two hundred labourers.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Of all the Village Officials the patrol worked with, all, with the exception of Lulual Kepa, were friendly and helpful. They seemed to have considerable respect shown to them by both members of their own clan and of the other clans. There seemed to be adequate officials throughout the area.

Roads and Bridges:

The main duties of the patrol was to construct, strengthen and rebuild bridges on the Wapenamanda - Mt. Hagen road. As the road was closed three days per week for bridge work, the other days were taken up with the supervision of road maintenance at SENALE.

ROADS: Road maintenance was carried out at SENALE during the first half of the patrol. As this section of road has no population, labourers had to be employed from lower down the Winyamba valley. These labourers worked very well. Lack of good gravel and stone was a handicap, as it had to be carried from small pockets of sand stone, which were situated a considerable distance.

Roads cont.

The work on this section of the road was completed in mid-May. Constant maintenance is required here as the road is built across very swampy land, is used regularly by vehicles going to and from Mt. Hagen and the rainfall is high. At the beginning of June a labourer, whose job it is to look after the road, was employed.

BRIDGES: As the road was closed three days a week, the bridge works had to be carried out speedily and efficiently. This was done by the people, who seemed quite happy to work on them. The reason for this could be that the people realize this helping in their development.

Five bridges at SENALE were converted to log culverts thus eliminating the need for costly and regular maintenance. Ten bridges between ANJI and SENALE were strengthened by the addition of extra bearers. On one of these bridges, all the bearers had to be removed and one end built up. There had not been pillows placed underneath the bearers when the bridge was built originally and with traffic constantly coming down on this one end, had caused the bearers to subside. This was remedied, but three days were taken for this work as rain interrupted work for two days.

Due to the nature of the country, much time and man power was wasted, getting the logs from the bush and pulling them into position.

Missions:

As there are no Mission stations in the small area patrolled I am not in a position to comment on them.

Rest Houses:

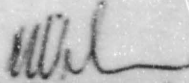
Only one rest house was visited and that was a WELYA. This rest house was in reasonable condition. It was very large and I think that when a new one is due to be built here, a smaller rest house would be preferable.

Conclusion:

A routine road patrol was carried out without any untoward incidents occurring.

The Preliminary List of probable voters was completed for the Lower Lai Census Division.

The people of this area are not as fortunate as the people closer to the Missions and the Government station, but they are a friendly group and are willing to help the Government in its work.


(P. E. Wilson)
Cadet Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX A.

Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary.

No. 8326 Const. KAGI.

Discipline: Very good.

Appearance: Very good.

General Ability: An Enga speaker and consequently a great help to the patrol. ~~He~~ He is an excellent Constable and is definitely NCO material.


(R.E. Wilson)

Cadet Officer R.P. & N.G.C.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary.

No. 8126 Const. KASI.

Discipline: Very good.

Appearance: Very good.

General Ability: An English speaker and consequently a great help to the patrol. He is an excellent Constable and is definitely NCO material.


(H. Wilson)
Cadet Officer R.P. & N.G.C.