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PATROL REPORT.

Report Number : Kaiapit Patrol No. 1 of 1970/1971.
Sub-District : Kaiapit.
District : Morobe.
Council Area : Markham .
Patrol Conducted By : Brett David Inchley.
Designation : Assistant Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Leron and Onga Census Divisions.
Personnel Accompanying : Nil.
Duration of the Patrol : Broken -
Leron Division - 20/7/70 to 23/7/70
Onga Division - 27/7/70 to 31/7/70
4 days and 5 days respectively, 9 days total.
Date and Duration of the last D.D.A. patrol :
Leron Division - 2/2/70 to 23/3/70 , 19 days.
Onga Division - 27/1/70 30/1/70 , 4 days.
Objects of the patrol : 1. Advise villages of Council Election.
2. General Administration.
Total Population of the areas patrolled :
Leron Division - 1357.
Onga Division - 2373.
Map reference : Fourmil Markham.
Village Population Register: Not enclosed.

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Division of District Administration,

NUKUNU. NUKUNU.

28th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
 Morobe District,
 N.M.

SECRET 1/20/71

Your reference 67/2/6 of 21st August, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
 by Mr. B.D. Inchley, Assistant Patrol Officer, of LSCN and
 CIA Census Divisions.

The objects of the patrol appear to have been accomplished
 quite effectively. Mr. Saviland's comprehensive comments
 adequately cover matters arising from the short report.

A sound piece of field work.

(T.A. SMITH)

SECRETDepartment of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. B.D. Inchley,
 Sub-District Office,
 NUKUNU.
 Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,
Morohe District,
IAE.

24 August, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 1 OF 1970/71

Receipt is acknowledged of the above patrol
report.

Your comments adequately cover the report and I
have nothing to add.

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Two copies of the above report together with
comments from the Assistant District Commissioner,
Kaiapit, forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office
KALAPIT

5th August, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
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KALAPIT PATROL No. 1 of 1970/71 (SPECIAL)

LERON AND ONGA C/DIVISIONS

Attached are three copies of the above report submitted by Mr. B. Inchley A.P.O.

The patrol was mounted for the sole purpose of advising the people of the Leron and Onga Census Divisions of the forthcoming Markham L.G.C. general election due to start on 14th August 1970.

These people have all participated in at least ~~two~~^{three} Previous Council Elections and two House of Assembly elections and no problems are anticipated.

The writ for the election has been issued by the Regional Local Government Officer; patrol programs, polling places and dates have been worked out and distributed.

Specific comments are as follows:-

Council election

Mr. Inchley should have elaborated on the nature of the 'dissatisfaction' shown towards the present Councillors in performing their duties.

The people of Aringen village will be participating for the first time, (ref. Kalapit P/r 9 of 1969/70 and my 1-1-0 of 3rd March 1970), it having been recently established that they are in fact within the Markham Council area. The Officers conducting the poll will have to ensure careful explanation is made to them regarding polling procedure at the time of the election.

Political

The 'Committeemen' of the Markham Council area have no official status whatsoever at the moment. They are chosen by the people to assist the Councillor in overseeing the village activities. There may be potential here for the establishment of Ward Committees, but until a permanent Adviser for the Council is assured, no plans for instituting these are being considered at the moment.

The Aringen people are free to build their village wherever they wish. While a move to a more accessible site would be to everyone's advantage, this is a decision they themselves must make.

Social

Because of their relative isolation, the people of these Divisions are fairly conservative with the Lutheran Mission being the all-pervading influence.

Economic

I have yet to find a farmer anywhere who is satisfied with the prices paid for his produce. The problem has, however, been accentuated lately by the activities of traders from the Highlands buying coffee in the Markham valley at greatly inflated prices. The problem is being watched by the DASF staff at Kapaipit.

Requests for water reticulation and a road to Woghat have been noted as possible items for the Council Works Program.

Claim for camping allowance for Mr. Inchley is attached.

For your perusal, comment and forwarding please.

.....*F. E. Haviland*.....
(F. E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

cc.
MR. C. INCHLEY
Kapaipit

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Sub-District Office

KALAPIT

16th July, 1970

Mr. B.D. Iachley,
Assistant Patrol Officer
KALAPIT

KALAPIT PATROL No. 1 of 1970/71

Onga and Leron C/Divs.

Please be prepared to depart on a Special Patrol to the above Divisions on Monday, 20th July, 1970.

The object of the patrol will be:-

1. Pre-election advice

The Markham Council general election will start on Friday, 14th ~~September 1970~~ August 1970. The electoral patrol program is being renewed now. Distribute copies of this in each village and advise the people of the date polling will take place in each village. Also advise them where and when nominations will be taken - the first village visited in each ward or as indicated on the program.

2. General Administration

Note anything that comes to your notice that may be included in a situation report when compiling your Patrol report.

From the program, advise the people where and when carriers will be required.

On Monday, 20th July, proceed by vehicle to Maria Wag via Sasiang Plantation. Walk up the left bank of the Leron to Fukpuk, cross the river and follow the right bank down, calling at all villages. I will arrange for you to be picked up at the Leron bridge on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd July.

On Monday, 27th July, proceed to Onga and visit each village in the Onga Division, including Arigon. I will expect you to recross the Markham at Istaap on the morning of Saturday, 1st August.

On your return to the station submit a 'Special Report' on the Patrol as soon as possible.

F. S. Davlin

(F. S. Davlin)

Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL REPORT :

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/1971 :

Patrol Diary :

- 20/7/70 - Monday.
Departed Kaiapit per Toyota at 1030
Arrived Nariawang 1130 .
Assembled carriers and left at 1145.
Arrived SiraSira 1315

Departed SiraSira 1445.
Arrived Som at 1515.
Camp set up , people informed of the
August Council elections.
- 21/7/70 - Tuesday.
Departed Som at 0710 and arrived at the
garden site where the people were assembled
waiting my arrival. People informed of
elections. (0750)

Departed 0800.
Stopped at bridge , used to cross the Leron
River and gain access to Sukurum.
Delayed due to the poor nature of the bridge,
which necessitated careful crossing.
Arrived Sukurum at 0850.
Held talk concerning elections.
Departed Sukurum 1015.
Arrived Dumlinan and informed people of
elections.
Departed Dumlinan and arrived Gupassa at
1150.
Camp set up and talk given concerning
Council elections.
- 22/7/70 - Wednesday.
Departed Gupassa 0705.
Arrived Yavap creek 0740
Arrived Konium creek 0754
Reached village Woran 0800.
Held talk concerning elections.
Departed Woran 0840
Arrived Waggamwakiang creek 0845
Departed 0855.
Arrived Gabakiap 0955. Gave talk.
Departed 1155.
Arrived Guam creek 1310.
Departed Guam ck. 1330.
Arrived Wangat 1645.
Set up camp and gave talk on elections.
- 23/7/70 - Thursday.
Departed Wangat 0810. Arrived Leron R. 0840
Arrived Leron bridge 0905.
Returned to Kaiapit per Toyota .

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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* abbreviation used - informed villagers of date of Markham IGC elections.

Patrol Diary (Contd.) :

Onga Division -

27/7/70

- Monday.

Departed Kaiapit per Toyota.
0905 commenced crossing of Markham River.
0930 completed crossing.
0930 - 0940 brief rest.
1005 arrived SINGAS - MLGCE *
1025 departed SINGAS.
1040 arrived AWAN 1 MLGCE
1130 departed Awan 1.
1145 arrived AWAN 2. MLGCE
1200 departed.
1215 arrived ONGA MLGCE also informed
people of WOMPUL.
1310 departed.
1325 arrived NAROBOIN MLGCE
1345 departed.
1430 reached summit of Mt. Wamint.
1500 - 1525 rest at old site of Siats village.
1550 arrived SIATS MLGCE.

Camp set up for night.

28/7/70

- Tuesday .

People of MIRIT met me at Siats MLGCE.
1045 departed Siats.
1125 arrived ANTIR 1 MLGCE
1135 departed.
1215 arrived ANTIR 2 MLGCE
1250 departed.
1255 arrived BAMPA. MLGCE

Camp set up for night.

29/7/70

- Wednesday .

0735 departed Bampa
0745 arrived Antir 2.
0905 arrived Ontang creek
1005 arrived Mang river.
1010 departed Mang r.
1100 arrived summit Mt. Taufuruts
1130 arrived Maragwarits creek.
1210 Barugantap creek crossed.
This site has been suggested as suitable for
the establishment of a new village for the
ARINGTON people.
1300 arrived Tatawa creek.
1330 reached Yawas river - a flow of considerable
dimensions.
1345 sat down at the junction of the Yawas and
Gnarigon rivers , waited for the carriers
to come up . Rivers high and anticipated
a need for assistance to carriers.
1515 left junction for Arington.
1555 arrived ARINGTON MLGCE
Camp set up for night.

Patrol Diary (contd.)

30/7/70

- Thursday.
 0730 departed Arington
 1000 crossed Marastinints creek
 1220 arrived Gnaripur river
 1220 - 1230 rest
 1245 arrived junction of Gnaripur and Wamoal rivers
 1400 arrived GNAROWEIN MLGCE
 1705 departed.
 1805 arrived YANUF MLGCE
 Camp set up for night.

31/7/70

- Friday.
 0800 departed Yanuf.
 0850 arrived GURUF MLGCE
 1025 departed
 1045 arrived ITSINGANTS MLGCE
 1120 departed
 1140 arrived YATSING MLGCE
 1205 departed
 1300 arrived FUGUAP MLGCE
 1330 departed
 1355 arrived INTUAP MLGCE
 1425 departed
 1455 arrived MUTSING.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

The patrol stood down at the junction of the Gnaripur and Wamoal rivers. The area is a typical highland valley with steep slopes and a central river valley. The terrain is rugged and the vegetation is dense. The patrol was accompanied by several local guides and porters. The guides provided information about the local tribes and their customs. The patrol was well received by the local people and they provided food and shelter for the night. The area is fertile and the people are engaged in agriculture. The patrol was successful in its mission and returned to the base camp safely.

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SPECIAL PATROL REPORT :

This patrol was mounted for the following reasons :

1. Pre-election advise :
The Markham Local Government Council general election will start on Friday , 14th. August 1970.
2. General Administration :

The villages were advised as to the date the patrol would be returning, in order to conduct elections . The information regarding the oncoming Council elections was met with approval in quite a few of the Council Wards . There was a certain amount of dissatisfaction with a number of Councillors stemming from shortcomings in their duties .

SITUATION REPORT :

Political :

In the Onga Census Division , a Committeeman informed me of his desire for a "number" or a form of general recognition on similar lines as that held by the Councillors. Apparently , he has heard reports from those of the Chimbu regarding the wearing of numbers attached to the shirts worn by Committeemen of that District. He was also troubled by the loss of recognition he experienced when with the coming of the Local Government Council his position as Luluai was dissolved. He has expressed his feelings fairly well throughout his immediate area and has won over some of the other Committeemen. If a number system were to be instituted it would enable rapid recognition of the Committeeman on entering the village.

It has also been suggested by the villagers of Aringon and the people of the surrounding area that the people of Aringon move their village to a new location. At present the village is extremely isolated from the other villages within the Onga Census Division in which it is included. Aringon is also located on the ground immediately above the confluence of the two rivers ; Gnarigon and Yawas. In times of heavy rain the carriers refuse to cross the rivers and when the rivers are high it would be virtually impossible to cross them , thus rendering a visit to Aringon impossible at this time. The site proposed is quite good and was previously the site of an Summer Institute of Linguistics post, and being only 4 or 3 hours steady walk from other villages in the Onga . A creek facilitates a plentiful supply of drinking water and the site when cleared will be of no risk to the health of the people.

SITUATION REPORT (contd.)

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Social :

The people of both the Leron and Onga Census Divisions are a well balanced group with little social conflict . The Lutheran Mission is the sole religious organisation represented in the areas and therefore excludes religious conflict.

Economic :

Both Divisions are served by the Atzera Rural Cooperative Society in the sale of their cash crops. There was , however, a complaint brought to my notice which was expressed with strong feelings throughout the entire Onga Census Division .

The people expressed a dissatisfaction with prices being paid by the Cooperative for their Copra and Coffee , in relation to the prices being paid elsewhere , for instance Lae and Goroka. There was a marked difference in prices between payments in the Eastern Highlands at Goroka and the prices paid by the Society; however this may be due to the fact that Arabica coffee grown in the highlands fetches a higher price per bag than does the Robusta coffee of the lowlands. The people were advised as to this difference.

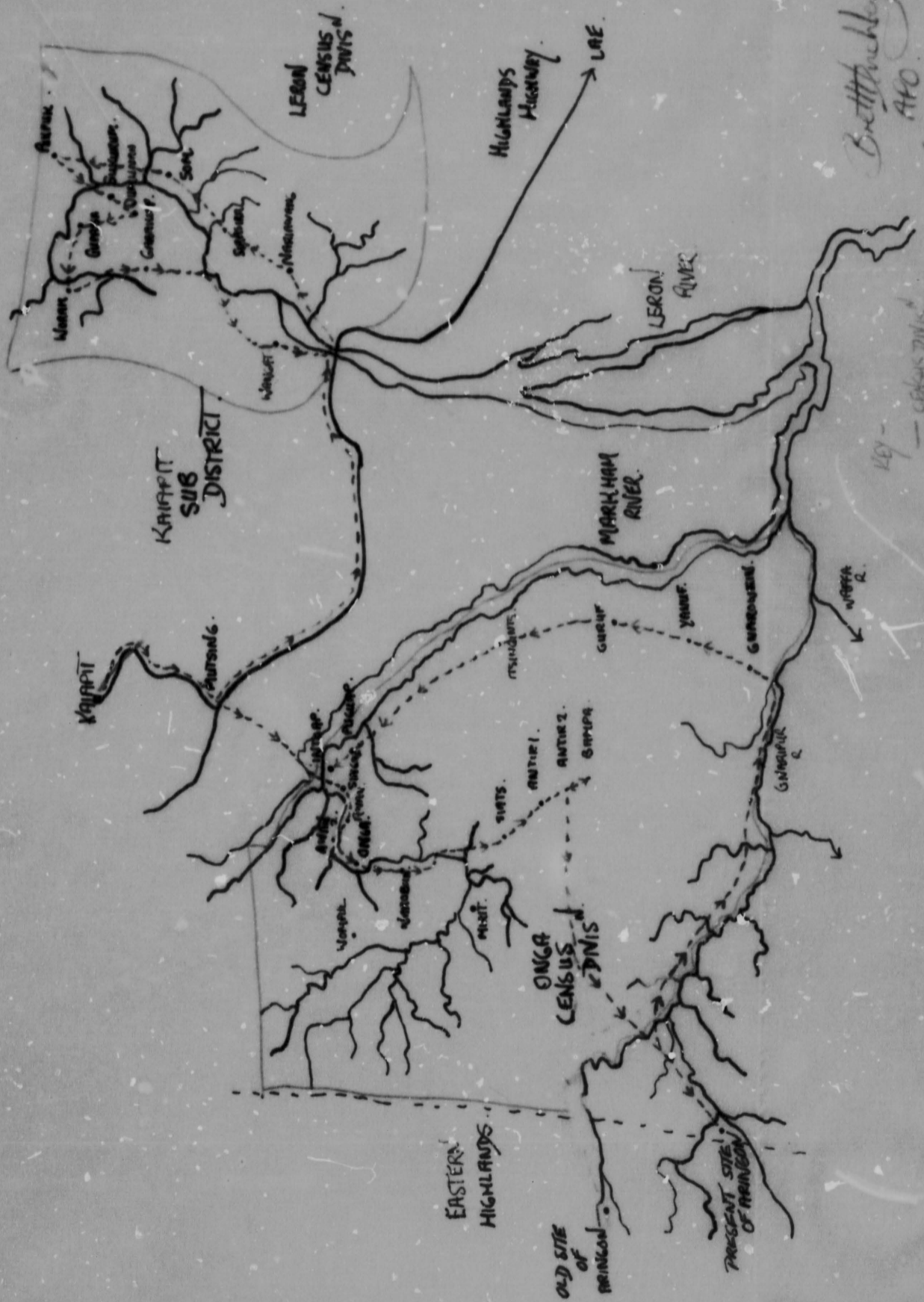
The people of Yatsing, and Puguap of the Onga Census Division requested aid with the establishment of a water reticulation scheme ; as their water is being contaminated by the village of Intuap which uses their common stream at its head.

The Wangat villagers , of Leron Division inquired as to the possibilities of constructing a road from the Highlands Highway to the foot of the mountain upon which their village is located. Benching a road along the side of the Leron river would present no great difficulty , however, there was formerly a road or track which may serve as a foundation for an access road to Wangat.

Due to a shortage of Police Constables , I was not accompanied by Police on this patrol and no RS 1 forms or claims for Police are enclosed.

Enclosed are a claim for Camping Allowance and Patrol Expenses forms for myself ,

Brett D. Inchley
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(Brett D. Inchley , A.P.O.)



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OF
RAINDON

PRESENT SITE
OF RAINDON

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Report Number : Kaiapit No. 2 of 1970/71

Sub-District : Kaiapit

District : Morobe

Council Area : Markham LGC

Patrol conducted by : F.E. Haviland

Designation : Assistant District Commissioner

Area Patrolled : Yaros Census Division

Personnel accompanying : Nil

Duration of Patrol : 20.7.70 to 22.7.70
3 days.

Last patrol : 19 - 20.1.70 (Kpt. P/r 7/69-70)

Objects of Patrol : Council pre-election advise.

Total Population : 2831

Map reference : SB - 55 - 10 'Markham'

Village Population Register : Not enclosed.

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Division of District Administration,
KONEDONU, Papua.
26th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. KAIAPIT 2-70-71

Your reference 67-2-6 of 21-8-70.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. F.E. Haviland, A.D.C., of YAROS Census Division.

This short, effective patrol requires no special comment.

(T.W. AULIS)
Secretary.
Department of the Administrator.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

21st August, 1970.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT~~

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 2 of 1970/71

Receipt of the above patrol report is acknowledged.

Your and your staff are to be complimented on the
zeal with which you have approached the election
propaganda programme.

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Two copies of the above patrol report
forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

4th August, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LA E

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 2 of 1970/71 (SPECIAL)

YAROS C/DIV.

Introduction

This patrol was mounted to carry out pre-election propoganda and to advise the people of the Division of the polling places and dates for the Markham Council general election which is due to start on 14th August 1970.

Patrol Diary

Monday, 20th July, 1970

- 1315 Departed Kaiapit per Toyota.
1345 Arrived Maniang river roadhead, carriers waiting.
Departed and followed the Maniang river upstream along its bed.
1420 Passed Nawantmaran.
1430 Passed Amari, followed Ami creek upstream.
1545 Arrived Tsafats Rest House. People of Dantap and Yampua (who share the rest house) awaiting patrol.

Polling places and dates notified, polling procedure explained.

Camped.

Tuesday, 21st July, 1970

- 0825 Departed Yafats Rest House, followed Ami creek downstream.
0900 Arrived Samaran village after short steep climb from creek.

Polling places and dates notified, polling procedure explained.

- 0940 Departed Samaran, descended to creek, followed it down.
1030 Arrived Amari. Amari and Nawantmaran people assembled.

Polling places and dates notified, polling procedure explained.

Discussion on use of coconuts planted by travellers in villages.

- 1140 Departed Amari. Followed Maniang river upstream.
1215 Arrived Mitsing.
1300 Clerk R. Aigal and Const. Masambe arrived ex Ka'apit to report finding a mentally deficient 'Manus' in Atsunas gardens - they returned Kaiapit to ring Lae Police.

Mitsing and Tar people assembled. Polling dates and places notified, polling procedure explained.

Discussions with Councillor and Demarcation Committee members on land leasing, prospecting and the CSB Xmas Club.

Camped.

Wednesday, 22nd July, 1970

0825 Departed Mitsing, followed Maniang river upstream.
0905 Left Maniang and followed a small creek up a steep climb.
0940 Arrived Marafau.

Polling places and dates notified, polling procedure explained.
Discussion on demarcation and prospecting, and sale of coffee.

1045 Departed Marafau. Steep descent to Yafats river.
1140 Arrived Sumera.

Polling places and dates notified, polling procedure explained.

1250 Departed Sumera.
1400 Arrived Maiamsariang Aid Post. Met by Toyota. Drove to Kaiapit.

Patrol stood down.

Council election

This patrol was exclusively concerned with advising the people of the forthcoming Markham Council election. A Polling program has been drawn up and polling places selected. The Regional Local Government Officer, Madang, has now issued his Writ (his telegram 65 of 31st July 1970) and the election will start on 14th August 1970. Copies of the program were left in the villages.

The people of each village in the Yaros Division have been advised of the dates and places for polling.

The opportunity was also taken to reiterate polling procedures and the places where Nominations will be accepted were advised.

I am satisfied that the people of the area patrolled understand the election and polling procedure - they have been participating in Council and House of Assembly elections since 1960. No queries or problems were brought up.

Situation Report

1. Political

The people of the Yaros Division are strong supporters of the Markham Local Government Council. They have pinned their hopes on the Council building a road into their area at some stage. Submissions have been made for RDF funds for this, but no money was allocated this year or last year. They themselves suggested an increase in tax to \$8 for males during the Tax-payers meetings (Kpt. P/r 7/69-70).

2. Economic

The area depends upon its coffee production for its economy. Coffee is sold to the Atzera Rural Cooperative at buying points located at Maiamsariang and at the Maniang river road-head. Concern was expressed by some growers at the purchasing of coffee by traders from the Highlands - one complaint was that some growers had sold coffee to the traders and been paid twice for the same produce. DASF staff at Kaiapit are aware of the problem and threat to the Society by these itinerant traders, and have countered by increasing the prices paid and exhorting members to support their Society. People in the Markham valley have been mixing Robusta with Arabica and selling it to these traders at low prices - we do not anticipate a long and successful business career for the traders buying this mixture as it is being rejected by the buyers in Lae.

3. Social

The Lutheran Mission has moved its Primary School from Amari to a new site between Amari and Mitsing on the edge of the Maniang river. This site is a great improvement, being outside the village area and having a playing area near it. Buildings are still local material.

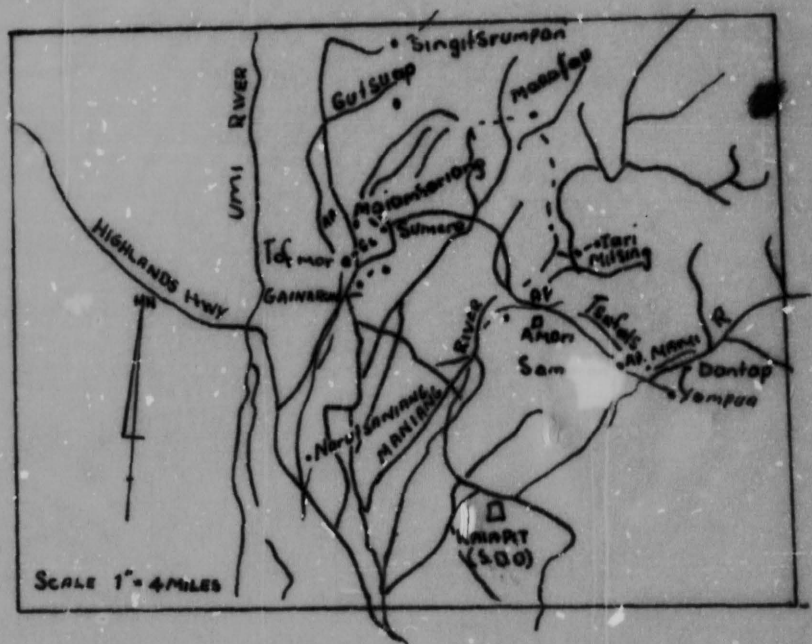
One small problem was brought to light as the result of the work of the Demarcation committee in the area. It has for years been the practise to plant a coconut tree or two in villages en route to Kaiapit for ones sustenance while travelling. The problem of whether this was now permitted now that the land has been demarcated was discussed at length. It was pointed out that there is a difference between economic agriculture, which is best confined to the grower's own land, and making provision for not having to rely upon others for food. The practise, which is quite a sensible one, is being continued.

Owing to a shortage of Police at Kaiapit, because of the Rabaul emergency, no Police accompanied the Patrol. Claims for camping allowance are attached.

F. E. Haviland
.....
(F.E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

Kalapat P, r 2 of 1970/71

YAROS C/DIVISION



Report Number : Kaiapit No. 3 of 1970/71

Sub-District : Kaiapit

District : Morobe

Council area : To join Markham LGC area September 1970.

Patrol Conducted by : F.E. Naviland

Designation : Assistant District Commissioner

Area Patrolled : Markham Headwaters C.D.

Personnel accompanying : Nil

Duration of Patrol : 27.7.70 to 31.7.70
5 days.

Date and duration last
DDA Patrol : 24.2.70 to 10.3.70 12 days (Kpt. P/r13-69/70)

Objects of Patrol : Council pre-election propoganda

Total Population : 1014

Map reference : SB - 55 - 10 'Markham'.

Village Population Register: Not enclosed.

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Division of District Administration,

KCHEDOBU. PAPUA.

26th August, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. KAIAPIT 3/70-71.

Your reference 67-2-6 of 21/8/70.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. F. E. Haviland, Assistant District Commissioner, of
MARKHAM HEADWATERS Census Division.

I agree that a most thorough pre-election campaign appears
to have been organised throughout the Council area.

The concise, informative report reflects Mr. Haviland's
sound knowledge of the people and the area generally.

(T. W. Ellis)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

21st August, 1970.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KALAPIT~~

KALAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1970/71

Receipt of the above patrol report is acknowledged.

My comments on your Patrol Report No. 2 apply
equally.

No doubt that with the attention you intend to give
the groups visited during their first Council election will
strengthen their support of the Council. Pre-selection
of "councillors" could be taken as an indication of
genuine interest in this case. It is to be hoped that
the Council's attention to the needs of the people will
not betray their enthusiasm.

(B. BUNTING)

a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

Two copies of the above report forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting

(B. BUNTING)

a/District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office
Kaiapit

4th August, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 3 of 1970/71 (SPECIAL)

MARKHAM HEADWATERS C/DIV.

Introduction

This patrol was mounted with the sole object of informing the people of the Division that they would be participating in the next Markham Council general election, due to start on 14th August 1970. This follows their inclusion in the Council area by an amending Proclamation of 29th July 1970. The patrol was mounted in anticipation of the Proclamation, as I wished to carry out this Patrol personally and this was the only time available to me to do this.

Patrol Diary

Monday, 27th July, 1970

- 1100 Departed Kaiapit per Toyota.
- 1145 Arrived 'Insi' hamlet of Singitsrumpun, met carriers.
- 1155 Departed Insi and followed the Ufim river upstream.
- 1320 Rested at turnoff to Numbugu
- 1330 Continued on
- 1350 Crossed Siram river.
- 1430 Arrived Lankuam. People assembled.

Talk given on work of Council, duties of Councillors, polling places and dates and polling procedures. Discussion on Tax and Council Rules.

Camped.

Tuesday, 28th July, 1970

- 0815 Departed Lankuam
- 0850 Crossed Ufim river
- 0950 Arrived Numbugu.

Talk given on work of Council, duties of Councillors, polling places and dates and Polling procedures. Checked on current state of affairs regarding Damangana village.

- 1305 Departed Numbugu
- 1440 Arrived Samura (new site)

Talk given on work of Council, duties of Councillors, polling places, dates and procedures. Discussion on tax.

Wednesday, 29th July, 1970

- 0320 Departed Samura
 0830 Crossed Kupe river and followed its tributary, Gumanga ck. to a waterfall, climbed.
 0920 Top of mountain, rested.
 0930 Continued, descended.
 0950 Crossed Matambu ck.
 1015 Crossed Kiama ck.
 1025 Crossed Kuku ck. - Samura/Kapara boundary.
 1035 Negotiated a large landslide and rested overlooking Umi bridge in Markham valley.
 1050 Continued on
 1135 Crossed Umi river
 1150 Arrived Kapara.

People assembled. Talk given on work of Council, duties of Councillors, polling places, dates and procedures.

- 1440 Departed Kapara
 1510 Crossed Nan river - in flood and no bridge.
 1525 Carriers all across.
 1550 Arrived Maraboi.

People assembled. Talk given on work of Council, duties of Councillors, polling places, dates and procedures.

Camped.

Thursday, 30th July, 1970

- 0835 Departed Maraboi
 0915 passed through Bimbui hamlet of Maraboi
 1050 Arrived Yankowan hamlet, walked around mountain and descended
 1100 Arrived Yankowan Rest House.
 1215 Carriers arrived.

People of Yankowan, Hinggia and Gusap awaiting patrol, talk given on work of Council, duties of Councillors, Polling places, dates and procedures.

Checked on activities of Gugumbi of Butemo regarding collection of 'taxes' earlier this year.

Talks on coffee prices and Atzera Rural Cooperative.

Friday, 31st July, 1970

- 0820 Departed Yankowan
 0920 Out of mountains overlooking Gusap station, rested.
 0930 Continued on
 1000 Arrived Rumpa.

Talk on work of Council, duties of Councillors, polling dates, places and procedures.

- 1215 Departed Rumpa
 1300 Reached Bibuoi river and followed it.
 1420 Arrived at Society buying point on bank of river
 1445 Carriers arrived.
 Gear put on Toyota, proceeded Kaiapit via Ragitsaria.

Patrol stood down.

Council Elections

The Administrator's Executive Council approved an amendment to the Markham Local Government Council's Constitution on 29th July 1970 which included the Markham Headwaters Census Division in the Council area in two wards, which will be known as wards 29 and 30. This follows investigations and area studies over the past two years (Kpt. P/r 10-69/70 and 8-68/69).

This patrol reiterated the work of the Council, why we have them and pointed out that they were a logical development in the general development of the area. The duties of Councillors were explained and the obligations as well as the benefits of being in the Council area were discussed at each village.

Using the House of Assembly elections in 1964 and 1968, procedure for elections was explained and Polling dates and places tentatively marked. Luluai Opa of Numbugu accompanied the Patrol to Kaiapit and he has been informed that the area has been included in the Council area - he will confirm the dates given on his return to the area.

The people were quite enthusiastic about joining the Council and had already selected 'Councillors'. It was carefully pointed out that although they may have some sort of pre-election selection, the people who put their names in at the date and place for nomination would be the ones on the Ballot papers and everyone would have the chance to vote for the candidate of their choice.

One of the main points of interest was when the Tax patrol would come around. It was explained that after the election, the new Council would have to pass a Tax Rule covering them - their newly elected Councillors would then be able to have their say at the meeting - and only after this would a tax patrol come to their area.

The Writ for the election has been issued by the Regional Local Government Officer, Madang. I hope to conduct the poll in this area myself after the other wards of the Council have been done. I am confident that the people of the Markham Headwaters will have a successful first Council election.

Situation Report

1. Political

The opportunity was taken to check on the movements of the Damangana people who were reported to have moved out of the area to the Saidor Sub-District by the last patrol. I can now confirm that the Damangana people left in the Markham Headwaters have been included in the Numbugu Census Register - on 23.2.70 by P.E. Russell APO during Kaiapit Patrol No. 10 of 1969/70. Damangana as a Census Unit now no longer exists.

I also continued the investigation into the activities of one, Gugumbi of Butemo (Naho-Rawa C/d, Madang District) reported on by the last patrol to the area. He has not collected any more 'tax' in the Hinggia and Gusap villages. A meeting of the Village Officials of that part of the Division pressed me to have the money paid to Gugumbi returned to them so that it could be used for Council Tax, they have also told Gugumbi to leave the area. Gugumbi and Luluai Opa of Numbugu, at the V/o's request, accompanied the patrol to Kaiapit, and this morning went to Lae with Mr. B. Inchley A.P.O. to see the Welfare Officer and endeavour to have the money returned - I understand it has been banked in some Welfare Society account. I have taken possession of a list of names of 'taxpayers' showing amounts which add up to \$29.85. There could be a lot more involved, however, most of the money collected by Gugumbi and his associates was from the adjacent Naho-Rawa area. The people of the Markham headwaters are now looking to the Council to guide their future development and I feel that this is a much healthier approach than ad hoc collections.

2. Economic

The Markham Headwaters Division is entirely dependent upon coffee for its economy. Coffee is sold through the Atzera Rural Cooperative at buying points located at Insi hamlet of Singitsrumpum and at a new point on the banks of the Bibufoi river behind Ragitsaria. The coffee gardens around Numbugu and Lankuam will be quite impressive if the land at present being cleared is fully planted up. Luluai Opa of Numbugu has been constantly pushing increased plantings and proper techniques for years - most of the development in the area can be attributed to his enthusiasm.

The area study conducted during the last patrol reported that the people could afford to pay a \$4 tax, when they are included in the Council area. I am inclined to this opinion, however, the matter will have to be decided upon by the Council after the forthcoming elections. No opposition to tax was encountered in the area.

3. Social

The Lutheran Mission has now established a school near Numbugu - again at the request and with the support of Luluai Opa. There is some talk of closing it following the reorganisation of education in the Territory. I hope the school can remain open as it is the only hope these people have of getting any education for their children.

A considerable amount of work has been done in the villages in rebuilding and in some cases resiting villages. Council rules on the subject of sanitation and hygiene were discussed at every opportunity.

A recent outbreak of gastro-enteritis was reported to Kaiapit and a Medical patrol led by the CIC, PHD, Kaiapit has investigated the matter and reports that it is not serious in the Markham Headwaters area, but is serious in the adjacent Naho-Rawa Division of the Madang District. I understand the Regional Health Officer has been advised and requested to inform his representatives in that District.

It was pleasing to see old Tuitul Peiano of Yankowan, who was appointed in 1936 and awarded the Loyal Service Medal in 1965, still active and lending every support to the introduction of the Council to his and adjacent villages. He is at present working on moving his village to a more sheltered spot - anywhere would be an improvement on the present position.

Owing to the shortage of Police at Kaiapit because of the Rabaul emergency, no police accompanied the patrol. Claims for camping allowance are attached.

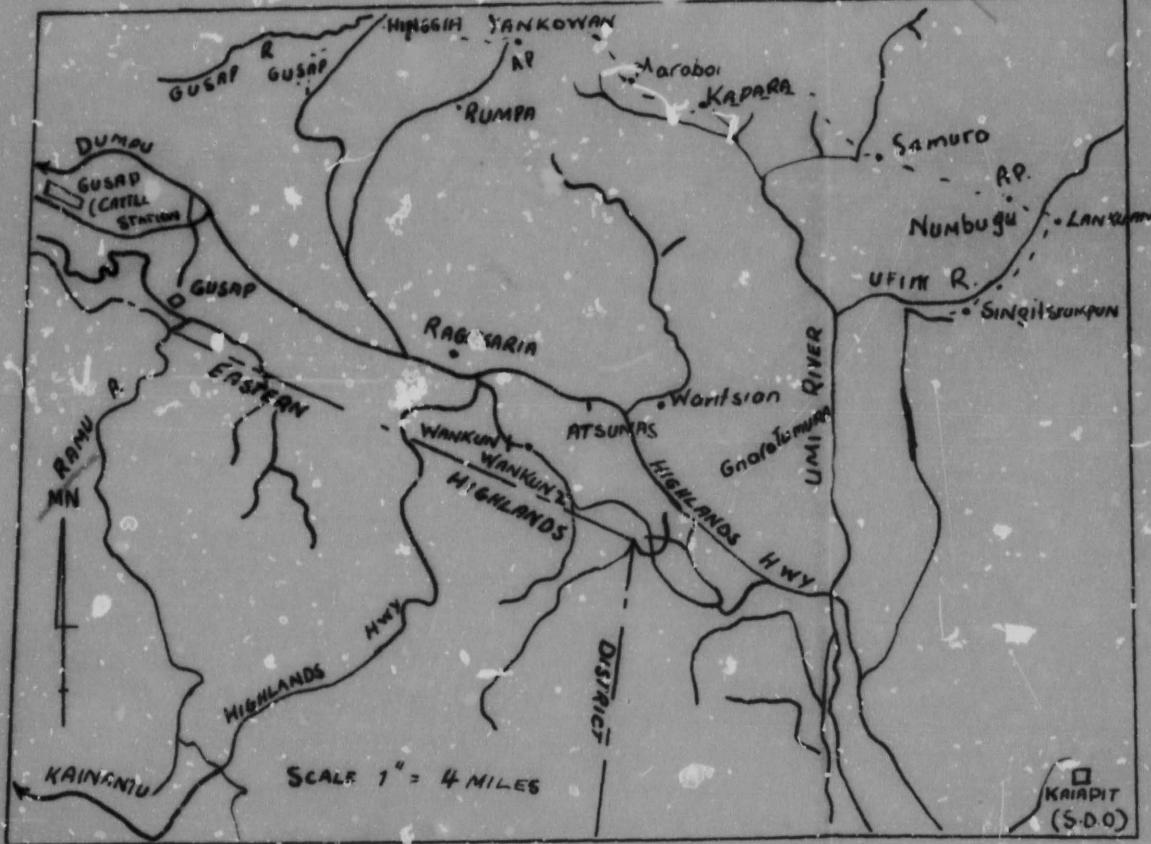
F. E. Haviland

 (F. E. Haviland)
 Assistant District Commissioner

MARKHAM HEAD WATERS C/D
KAIAPIT P/R 3/70-70

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

Report Number : Kaiapit Patrol No. 4 of 1970/1971.
Sub-District : Kaiapit.
District : Morobe.
Council Area : Markham.
Patrol conducted by : Brett David Inchley.
Designation : Assistant Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Yaros , Onga and Leron Census Divisions.
Personnel accompanying : R. Arikave , Markham LC Council Clerk.
Duration of Patrol : 13/8/70 to 2/9/70.
Date and duration of the last DDA patrol :
Leron Division - 20/7/70 to 23/7/70
Onga Division - 27/7/70 to 31/7/70
Yaros Division - 20/7/70 to 22/7/70
Objects of Patrol : Conduction of Markham Council General Election
1970.
Total Population of area patrolled : Leron Division - 1357.
Onga Division - 2373.
Yaros Division - 2831.
Map reference : Fourmil Markham.
Village Population Register : Not enclosed.

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Division of District Administration,

KOMEDOBU, PAPUA.

20th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Marebe District,
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KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 4/30-71

Your reference 67-2-6 of 9th October, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. B.D. Inchley, Assistant Patrol Officer of OMOA, LERON
and part YAMOB Census Division.

It is pleasing to note that the elections were so
soundly supported.

Mr. Inchley has conducted a very useful patrol.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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

9th October, 1970.

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

Kaiakit Patrol No. 4/1970-1971.

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged. Claim for Camping Allowance has been forwarded to Treasury for payment.

2. The report indicates thorough and effective work by Mr. Inchley.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

Minute:

→ The Dept. Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report together with copy of Assistant District Commissioner's comments forwarded herewith.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference..... 67-2-7
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Mr.....

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Department of the Administrator.

Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

15th September, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 4 of 1970/71

YAROS, ONGA & LERON C/DIVISIONS

Attached are three copies of a report submitted by Mr. B. Inchley, A.P.O. on his recent patrol through the above areas.

This patrol was mounted to conduct the 1970 general election for the Markham Council in the above areas. Kaiapit Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71 completed the election the remainder of the Council area.

The Patrol was a 'special' one, the report was written hurriedly over a weekend to enable Mr. Inchley to proceed to Wanteat to assist in the election in that Council area on Monday, 7th September.

Mr. Inchley's statistics have been received. A report on the Election is being compiled and will be forwarded as soon as possible.

The Election appears to have been successfully conducted with a good turn-up at the Polls.

Claim for camping allowance is attached. No Police were available to accompany the patrol.

For your perusal, comment and forwarding please.

F.K. Haviland
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(F.K. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

12th. August 1970.

Mr. B. Inchley ,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
KAIAPIT.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

KAIAPIT PATROL NO.4 of 1970 / 1971 - YAROS, ONGA & LERON
CENSUS DIVISIONS ? - COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1970.

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the above Divisions on Thursday 13th. August 1970. You will be accompanied by Mr. R.J.Arikave Council Clerk.

The object of the patrol will be the conduction of the Markham Council general election 1970. The polling will be conducted on the dates and places listed in the Polling Program which is attached.

The election will be conducted in accordance with the Chief Electoral Officer's instructions on the subject with which you should be familiar - the new regulations which came into force on the 30th July have not yet been published , the Senior Local Government Officer has advised that this will be in order.

At the conclusion of your patrol submit a Special report. You may append the electoral statistics in hand writing before your departure to Wantcat on the 7th. September at 0730 .

F.E. Haviland

(F.E.Haviland)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

12th. August 1970.

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F.E. Haviland
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(F.E.Haviland)

Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT :

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KAIAPIT PATROL NUMBER 4 of 1970 / 1971 :

PATROL DIARY :

13/8/70 - Thursday .

Departed Kaiapit per Toyota for Maniang river.
Arrived Maniang river and departed 1255.
1456 arrived Tsafats.
Accepted nominations for elections.
Camp set up.

14/8/70 - Friday.

0705 departed Tsafats
0725 arrived Dantap, opened poll at 0815
1050 closed poll.
1105 departed Dantap.
1120 arrived Tsafats , people of Yampua here also
at their own wish.
Opened poll at 1135, closing at 1245.
1300 departed Tsafats.
1330 arrived Samaran.
1345 opened election , closing at 1535.
1545 departed Samaran.
1635 arrived Amari. Counted votes for Ward 10.
Accepted nominations Ward 11 , camp set up.

15/8/70 - Saturday.

0745 opened election at Amari, for Amari & Nawantmaran
0900 closed election.
0950 arrived Mitsing.
1000 opened elections for Mitsing , then Tari.
1230 closed.
Votes counted for Ward 11.
1350 departed Mitsing , arrived Marafau 1450.

16/8/70 - Sunday.

No elections.

17/8/70 - Monday .

0748 opened election at Marafau.
0910 closed.
0925 departed Marafau.
1005 arrived Yafatz river.
1015 arrived Sumera.
opened elections at Sumera at 1104
1330 closed elections and counted votes for Ward 12.

18/8/70 - Tuesday.

0730 departed Sumera.
0840 arrived Miamsariang and waited for Toyota.
Arrived Mutsing per Toyota 1120.
Sent carriers to Onga , I returned to Kaiapit
to collect mail.
Departed Kaiapit for Mutsing per Toyota.
Departed Mutsing 1320.
1500 arrived Onga.
Accepted nominations , set up camp.

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19/8/70 - Wednesday .

0800 opened elections at Onga.
0950 closed.
0955 departed Onga for Naroboin.
1010 arrived Faroboin , opened elections at 1105
1200 closed .
1210 departed Naroboin.
Went through Tsinstuan village 1215.
1402 arrived Wompul.
1600 opened elections at Wompul.
1720 closed.
set up camp.

20/8/70 - Thursday.

0730 departed Wompul.
0805 arrived Wanton river , departed 0810.
0855 arrived old site of Mirit village, departed 0935.
0945 arrived Mirit.
1055 opened election at Mirit at police house.
1125 closed .
1230 departed Mirit.
1245 Wanar ck. , departed 1250 . Surupan ck. 1345,
departed ck. 1355.
1425-1445 Siats garden site.
1505 Lio ck. ,departed 1511.
Opened elections for Siats at 1800 , closed at 1830.
Camp set up.

21/8/70 - Friday.

Departed Siats 0910 for Antir .
Through Antir 1 at 0935 , departed 0945.
1020 arrived Antir 2 .
Opened election for Antir at 1110 , closed at 1220.
arrived Bampa at 1230.
Opened elections for Bampa at 1250 , closed at 1320.

22/8/70 - Saturday.

Departed Antir for Aringon at 0730.
1320 arrived Aringon.
1800 opened elections for Aringon at village,
closing at 1830.

23/8/70 - Sunday.

Departed Aringon for Gnarowein 0730.
1335 arrived Gnarowein.
Accepted nominations.

24/8/70 - Monday.

Opened elections at Gnarowein 0735.
Closing at 0905.
Departed Gnarowein 0915 arrived Yanuf 1020.
Opened elections at Yanuf at 1035, closing at 1100.
1110 departed Yanuf.
1200 arrived Gnaruf, opened elections 1220 , closing
1440.

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24/8/70 - Monday .

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Departed Guruf 1455 and arrived Itsingants 1555.
Opened elections at Itsingants at 1605
Closed at 1705.
Counted the votes for the Ward .
Departed for Yatsing 1730 , arrived 1840.
Nominations accepted and camp set up for night.

25/8/70 - Tuesday.

Opened elections at Yatsing 0740 , closing at 0825.
Departed Yatsing 0840
Arrived Intcap 1035.
Opened elections for Intoap people at 1050 , closing at 1200
At Intoap , opened elections for people of Puguap at 1205 , closing at 1330.
1340 departed Intoap.
Arrived Singas 1420.
Opened elections for Singas at 1430 , closing at 1540.
At Singas , opened elections at 1545 for Awan.
Closed at 1640 , counted votes.
Returned to Intoap , camp set up.

26/8/70 - Wednesday.

0710 departed Intoap.
Arrived Mutsing 0750.
Waited for Toyota , and returned to Kaiapit.

27/8/70 - Thursday.

Departed Kaiapit per Toyota.
Drove to the Leron Bridge , where I found the Nominees for the first Ward of the Leron Census Division to be waiting.
Accepted the nominations. Departed for Sasiang Plantation.
Opened elections at Sasiang Plantation , closed and returned to the Leron Bridge.
Walked on to Wangat 1320.
Arrived Wangat 1435.
Opened elections at 1530 , closing at 1600.
Walked to Nariawang.
Set up camp at Nariawang.

28/8/70 - Friday .

Opened elections at Nariawang at 0945 , closing at 1108.
Departed for Sirasira per Leron River bed , 1440.
Arrived Sirasira .
Poll opened at 1540 , closed at 1620.
departed for Som.
Set up camp.

29/8/70 - Saturday.

Opened elections at Som 0748 , closed 0850.
Walked to Pukpuk , camp set up .
Opened elections at 1311 , close 1402.

30/8/70 - Sunday.

Walked to Sukurum.

31/8/70

31/8/70 - Monday.

Opened poll at Sukurum for sukurum 0740.
 Closed at 0900.
 Opened election at Sukurum for Dumlinan villagers at
 0910 closing at 0950.
 Departed Sukurum for Gupassa.
 Arrived Gupassa 1135.
 Opened elections at 1705 , closing at 1802.
 Camp set up.

1/9/70 - Tuesday.

Departed Gupassa 0715.
 0810 arrived Woram. Opened elections at Woram 0840.
 Closed at 0920.
 Departed for Gabakiap , arriving at 1120.
 Opened elections at 1155 , closing at 1230.
 Counted votes and set up camp.

2/8/70 - Wednesday.

Departed Gabakiap for Nariawang 0715.
) 0945 arrived Nariawang.
 Toyota arrived later in the afternoon , departed for
 Kaiapit.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

RETURNS :

- (a) Statistical returns in accordance with forms 10 and 11
 are enclosed.
- (b) Election Report :

(1) Type and duration of pre-election campaign

Refer Mr F.E.Haviland's Patrol No2 of 1970/1971
 as regards the pre-election campaign in the Yaros Census
 Division and my Patrol No. 1 of 1970/1971 for the pre-
 election campaign in Leron and Onga Census Divisions.

(2) Manner of Elections : -

There were 32 polling places , information of those
 being covered in the Returning Officer's Report.

The duration of elections at each polling place
 is listed above in the ~~patrol~~ patrol diary.

Degree of assistance :

<u>Total Unassisted :</u>		<u>Assisted :</u>	
Male	Female	Male	Female
212	26	822	1103.
Total: 238		Total: 1925.	

From the above figures , 11 % of all voters were
 unassisted in the Yaros, Leron and Onga Census Divisions
 leaving 89% assisted. These areas were mountainous and
 the people as a whole having a low percentage of literacy.

Election report (contd)

No scrutineers were appointed , however an interpreter was appointed in the last Census Division attended - Leron Division. The purpose being to aid in the efficiency of the polling, where a voter was both illiterate and had no knowledge of the Pidgin English language.

(3) Feminine interest in elections :-

Feminine interest was very good and this statement can be supported by the figures obtained. Absenteeism among the females was almost negligible , and generally they were quick to come up and vote as their names were called.

Literacy , however , is very low among the females in the group which is at present eligible to vote but it is anticipated that a gradual rise will occur over the next few years.

(4) Incidents -

Nothing of any significance noted.

(5) Absenteeism :- the figures given below are those for the Onga, Leron and Yaros Census Divisions :

Permanent :		Unavoidably Absent:		Total voters enrolled	
M	F	M	F	M	F
280	128	205	106	1,340	1,358

Those stated as permanently absent were those absent from their villages for over 6 months. These numbers appear to be of considerable magnitude, however , they are equal to those obtained on the Census patrols. In this area it is not unusual to have large numbers of people absent , especially males, who are either seeking work in towns or merely looking about.

(6) Analysis of Statistics -

Attendance throughout the elections was very good , at no stage were there any incidents and as can be seen from the statistics few people failed to lodge a vote.

87% of the total electors enrolled placed a vote.

(7) Summary -

The elections were a success ; attendance being good , the people interested in placing their votes , co-operation was enthusiastic and voting completed without undue waste of time.

(8) Appendix -

Only 3 new Councillors were elected , replacing former Councillors and set out below is a short biographical note for each of the new men :

Ward 1 - Karkaran Tambira :

Worked as a domestic servant for seven years in Belolo. His work in Belolo was interrupted by the intervention of World War 2 and Karkaran returned to his village , Pukpuk, in the Leron census division.

Later he took up employment in Lae with Quantas , where he stayed on for 16 years. After finishing with Quantas he returned to Pukpuk where he has lived since.

Karkaran has no education , neither has he convictions.

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(3) Appendix (contd) -

Ward 25 - Narang Taraf of Onga.

Aged 27, Narang attended the Onga Mission School for 4 years and later attended the Bimbun village High School for one year.

Left school and travelled to Beldo where he took up employment with Pincer Development for 2 years. Next worked as a labourer for the Department of Lands in for one year in Goroka.

Narang then returned to Onga and was duly elected Councillor in these elections. Narang is literate in Pidgin English.

Ward 2 - Sangwarang Binaran of Sukurua.

Attended the Lutheran Mission school in Sukurua for 4 years and is semi-literate in the language Pidgin English.

He left the mission school, travelling to Lee where he worked for Shell Company for 2 years.

Sangwarang then returned to Sukurua where he has been to date, and was elected Committeeman for the Council and more recently a Councillor.

He has no convictions.

Claim forms for my camping allowance accompany this report, no Police members accompanied me on this patrol, no RS1 forms.

Brett D. Inchley

(Brett D. Inchley)
Assistant Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Kaiapit No. 5 of 1970/71

Subdistrict..... Kaiapit

District..... Morobe

Type of Patrol..... Special

Patrol Conducted by..... F.E. Haviland Assistant District Commissioner

Area Patrolled
(Council and/or
Census Division/s.) } Atzera, Part Yaros, Amari & Markham Headwaters C/d's
Markham L.G.C.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

..... R. Aigal DDA Clerk

..... M. Crook Typist - 17.8.70

..... C. Voase A.P.O. - 28 - 31.8.70

..... J. Bowame A.F.O. - 2-4.9.70

Duration of Patrol—from 14/8/70..... To 12/9/70

No. of Days..... 25 days (58 man-days)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Atzera - 12/69-70 (20.5.70 - 12.6.70);
Yaros - 2/70-71 (13.8.70 - 18.8.70);
Date..... Amari - 8/70-71 (7.9.70 - present);
M.H.W. - 3/70-71 (27.7.70 - 31.7.70).

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....
..... To conduct 1970 Markham Council Elections.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... Atzera - 6316; Part Yaros - 1274; Amari - 4136
Markham H/W - 1014

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

GFB:KP

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Division of District Administration,

KONELAWI. PAPUA.

20th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
LAE.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 5/70-71

Your reference 67-2-6 of 9th October, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. F. I. Haviland, Assistant District Commissioner of
ATZERA, AMARI, MARKHAM HEADWATERS and part YAROS Census Divisions.

I consider that much of the success of the elections
can be attributed to the thorough pre-election campaign under-
taken by Mr. Haviland and his staff. A first class piece of work.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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

9th October, 1970.

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Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAIKAIT.

Kaispit Patrol Report No. 5/1970-1971

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged. Claims for Camping Allowance have been forwarded to Treasury for payment.

- 2. My previous comments on pre-election patrols, in respect to interest and application apply equally here.
- 3. The report indicates a successful election patrol from the viewpoint of the effort given it by you, and also by the interest shown by the electors.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

Minute to:



The Dept. Head,
Dept. Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report forwarded herewith.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner

Report Number : Kaiapit 5 of 197071
 Sub-District : Kaiapit
 District : Morobe
 Council area : Markham L.G.C.
 Patrol Conducted by : F.E. Haviland
 Designation : Assistant District Commissioner
 Area Patrolled : Atzera
 Part Yaros
 Amari
 Markham Headwaters

Census Divisions

Personnel accompanying: R. Aigal Clerk
 M. Crook Typist - 17.8.70
 C. Voase A.P.O. - 28-31.8.70
 J. Bowame A.F.O. - 2- 4.9.70

Duration : 14.8.70 to 12.9.70
 25 days

Objects of Patrol : Conduct 1970 Markham Council Election.

Total Population : Atzera - 6316
 Part Yaros - 1274
 Amari - 4136
 Markham H/W - 1014

Map Reference : SB-55-10 'Markham'

Village Population Register: Not enclosed

Date & Duration Last Patrol : Atzera : 20.5.70 - 12.6.70
 Yaros : 13.8.70 - 18.8.70
 Amari : 7.9.70 - present
 Markham H/w: 27.7.70-31.7.70

Saw 11/12/70

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Department of the Administrator,
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KAIAPIT

16th September, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 5 of 1970/71

ATZERA, Part YAROS, AMARI & MARKHAM HEADWATERS C/D's

This patrol was mounted for the sole purpose of conducting the 1970 Markham Council general Elections in the above areas. Kaiapit Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71 conducted the election in the remainder of the Council area.

Mr. R. Aigal, DDA Clerk, accompanied the patrol for its duration; other members of the Sub-District Office staff assisted for instruction and on the few occasions when I was unable to attend owing to visitors and other commitments.

Patrol Dairy

Friday, 14th August 1970

To Kaiapit Village.
Nominations accepted, Polling conducted.
To Markham Council House.
Polling conducted.
Votes counted, Poll declared.

Saturday, 15th August 1970

To Sangan Village.
Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
To Leron Plains cattle station.
Polling conducted.
To Ninsip Village.
Polling conducted, votes counted, Poll declared.
Returned Kaiapit.

Sunday, 16th August 1970

Observed.

Monday, 17th August 1970

Haviland to Wantoat and Anga road with D.C. and SLGO.
To Yati bridge site with L.G. Engineer.
Aigal and Crook to Wafibampum.
Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
To Zumangorum.
Polling conducted.
To Bogabuang.
Polling conducted, votes counted, Poll declared.
Returned Kaiapit.

Tuesday, 18th August 1970

To Nasawasiang.
 Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 People of Mangiang turned up. Polling conducted.
 Aigal to Mangiang and confirmed that there were no
 voters waiting there.
 Votes counted, Poll declared.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Wednesday, 19th August 1970

To Garam Plantation.
 Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 To Marangints.
 Polling conducted.
 To Orori.
 Polling conducted, Votes counted, Poll declared.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Thursday, 20th August 1970

To Ragidumiat.
 Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 To Bampiafan.
 Polling conducted.
 To Mamaringan.
 Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Friday, 21st August 1970

To Ofofragen.
 Nominations accepted. Only one received. Inquiries made
 until satisfied no one else wished to nominate.
 Old Councillor, Leron-Zugi declared elected.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Saturday, 22nd August 1970

To Tofmora.
 Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 To Singitsrumpum.
 Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Sunday, 23rd August 1970

Observed.

Monday, 24th August 1970

To Maiamsariang.
 Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 Gainarun people at Maiamsariang. Polling conducted.
 Checked that no voters were at Gainarun.
 To Ngarutsariang.
 Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Tuesday, 25th August 1970

To Antiragen.
 To Zumim and returned Antiragen.
 Nominations accepted. Only one received.
 Old Councillor, Heno-Sia declared elected.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Wednesday, 26th August 1970

To Mutsing Village.
Nominations accepted. Only one nomination received.
Inquiries made of Dabu and Wompua representatives present
satisfied that there were no further nominations.
Old Councillor, Zacharias-Muntua declared elected.
Returned Kaiapit.

Thursday, 27th August 1970

To Arifiran.
Nominations accepted. Only one nomination received. Checked
with Anga representative present. Satisfied that there were
no further nominations.
Old Councillor, Bilum-Ganguts declared elected.
To Anga and announced result.
Returned Kaiapit.

Friday, 28th August 1970

Haviland attended graduation of S.I.L. Atzera Literacy
campaign instructors. Discussions with D.E.I.
Aigal and Voase to Ragiampum.
Nominations accepted. Polling conducted
To Untungutsung.
Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
Returned Kaiapit.

Saturday, 29th August 1970

To Ngarotumwa.
Nominations accepted. Polling commenced.
To Waritsian.
Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
Returned Kaiapit.

Sunday, 30th August 1970

Observed.

Monday, 31st August 1970

To Ragitsumang.
Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
To Ragiram.
Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
Returned Kaiapit.

Tuesday, 1st September 1970

To Wankung.
Nominations accepted. Polling conducted. Votes counted.
Poll declared.
Returned Kaiapit.

Wednesday, 2nd September 1970

Haviland with Local Government Engineer measuring Yati bridge.
Aigal and Bowame to Marawassa.
Nominations accepted. Only one received. Checked with
Marassasa people. Old Councillor Narowein-Sisian declared
elected.
Returned Kaiapit.

Thursday, 3rd September 1970

To Atsunas.
 Nominations accepted. Polling conducted. Votes counted.
 Poll declared.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Friday, 4th September 1970

To Ragitsaria.
 Nominations accepted. Only one nomination. Inquiries made
 and satisfied no one else wished to nominate.
 Old Councillor, Thaney-Maraba declared elected.
 To Gusap cattle station and announced result.
 Returned Kaiapit.

Saturday, 5th September 1970

At Kaiapit preparing for Markham Headwaters patrol.

Sunday, 6th September 1970

Observed.

Monday, 7th September 1970

0900 Departed Kaiapit per Toyota.
 1000 Arrived Insi hamlet near Singitsrumpum. Apparent foul-up
 in who was to supply carriers, both Numbugu and Lankuam
 people thought the others were to carry.
 1650 Departed Insi hamlet.
 1945 Arrived Lankuam.
 2045 Carriers all in.
 Discussions with Village Officials re election. Camped.

Tuesday, 8th September 1970

Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 0950 Departed Lankuam.
 1140 Arrived Numbugu.
 Polling conducted.
 1445 Departed Numbugu.
 1610 Arrived Samura.
 Camped.

Wednesday, 9th September 1970

Polling conducted at Samura.
 0800 Departed Samura.
 1140 Arrived Kapara.
 Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
 1445 Departed Kapara.
 1540 Arrived Maraboi.
 Discussions with Village Officials re elections.
 Camped.

Thursday, 10th September 1970

Nominations accepted. Polling conducted.
 0915 Departed Maraboi.
 1145 Arrived Yankowan.
 Polling conducted.
 Discussions with people in afternoon, took statement from
 A.P.O. re death of Winsa, wife of Tiltul Peiano.
 Camped.

Friday, 11th September 1970

0715 Departed Yankowan.
 0740 Arrived Hinggia.
 Polling conducted.
 Returned 'tax' money collected by Gugumbi of Butemo
 (ref. Kaiapit P/r 3-70/71).
 0905 Departed Hinggia.
 0940 Arrived Yankowan.
 Took statement from Tultul Peiano re death of his wife.
 1045 Departed Yankowan.
 1205 Arrived Rumpa.
 Polling conducted. Votes counted. Poll declared.
 Afternoon spent in discussions with Village Officials
 and new Councillors.
 Camped.

Saturday, 12th September 1970

0710 Departed Rumpa.
 0855 Arrived at Society Buying point on Biboi creek.
 1030 Arrived Kaiapit per Toyota.

Patrol stood down.

Markham L.G.C. General Elections - 1970

Statistics from the two patrols involved in the elections are being collated and a report on the Election in accordance with the Chief Electoral Officer's Instructions on the subject are being prepared, these will be forwarded (ref. Kaiapit file 42-1-0) when completed. New Regulations dealing with Council Elections are in force, however, a copy of these was not available to me - one was received today. Consequently the Elections were conducted in the traditional manner.

The Elections were preceded by ~~two~~ ^{three} patrols (Kaiapit No.'s 1, 2 and 3 of 1970/71) and day runs to villages accessible by road, for the purpose of advising the people in each village concerned of the election, dates and places of polling and nomination.

Of the 49 Polling places set down for this present patrol, 42 were actually used, although all were visited. In 6 wards, only one person nominated - all of these were the retiring Councillors who are well established and generally held in high regard in their areas.

Apart from this, the polling was carried out according to the Polling schedule. No incidents occurred and only minor problems were encountered - a delay in carriers and a vehicle breakdown.

The area covered by this patrol can be divided into two: the relatively sophisticated Atzera, Amari and Naruwampum part of the Yaros division; and the relatively unsophisticated Markham Headwaters Division. The former section comprises the original Markham Council. The people are familiar with elections, Councillors duties and their responsibilities. All villages are now accessible by road and the people are involved in fairly complicated economic pursuits. It was in this section that the 6 uncontested wards are situated. Perhaps this phenomenon can be attributed to apathy amongst the people. It could also be attributed to satisfaction with their previous Councillors

as one spokesman put it - 'We do not want to be changing our Councillors like we change our clothes'. Again, these people may now be realising that they don't have to put up a candidate from each village or group - a widespread belief in less sophisticated areas.

The Markham Headwaters people experienced their first Council election during this Patrol. This Division was included in the Markham Council area by an amendment to the Proclamation approved by the Administrator's Executive Council on 29th July 1970. The people showed considerable interest in the election, absenteeism was very low, and many accompanied the Patrol throughout the Ward to see the whole proceedings. Voting was more on village lines than in the Markham valley area, there was, however, little hesitation in the voting. Candidates invariably voted against themselves - one defect in the 'whispering ballot' where they feel considerable embarrassment when confronting the Polling Officials.

Of the two candidates elected for the Markham headwaters Division, one only was a Village Official - Luluai Opa-Kaipham of Numbugu. This man has been the guiding force in the Eastern part of the Division for the last few years and has been responsible for getting the people to accept the Council as well as urging them to drastically increase their coffee plantings over the past two years. He has also built a Mission Primary School, offered to donate the entire coffee proceeds of his area to the Government to build a road, and personally investigates every breach of law and order in the entire Division. His own village voted as a block against him. He was elected at the first meeting of the Council, today, as a member of the Health Committee.

The other new Councillor seems to be a mistake, Kuboi-Kuingo of Hinggia. He failed to turn up to the meeting today despite elaborate arrangements to get him here. Opa has undertaken to get him to the next one.

The only European candidate to sit in the Markham Council, Mr. S.R. Spreag of Garambasas Plantation (the immediate past President) was again elected, this is the third time, but failed to retain his Presidency, today.

In the 21 wards covered by this patrol: 6 old Councillors were returned unopposed; 8 were returned after a ballot; 5 new Councillors were elected; and two were elected for the first time in new wards.

This patrol achieved its object in conducting the election in the areas visited. Kaiapit Patrol No. 4 of 1970/71 covered the rest of the Council area - the report has been onforwarded. The Writ has been returned, a Declaration of the Poll has been circulated throughout the area, the first meeting of the new Council was held today at which all but the one absent member were sworn in and the Office bearers elected. The report on the election is being compiled.

I have no further comments or observations to make on the Native Situation in the areas visited.

Because of a shortage of Police owing to Rabaul troubles, none accompanied the patrol.

Claims for camping allowance for myself and Mr. Aigal are attached.

F. E. Hamilton
A.D.C.



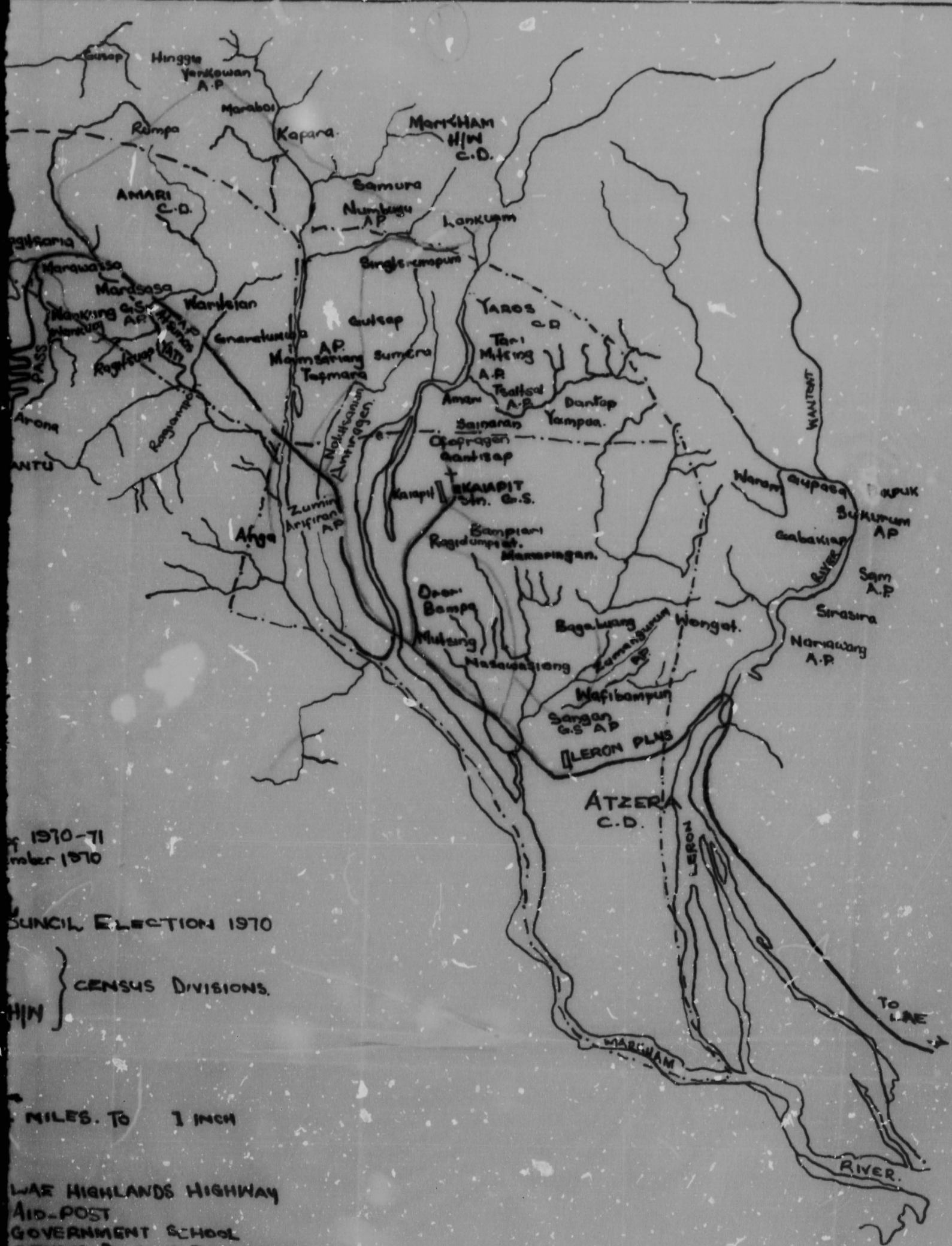
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MARKHAM COUNCIL ELECTION 1970
 ATZERA
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 AMARI
 MARKHAM H/W } CENSUS DIVISIONS

SCALE 4 MILES TO 1 INCH

- KEY
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 - A.P. AID-POST
 - G.S. GOVERNMENT SCHOOL
 - CENSUS DIVISION BOUNDARIES
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COUNCIL ELECTION 1970

MARGHAM } CENSUS DIVISIONS.

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 AID-POST
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number : Kaiapit Patrol No. 6 of 1970/71.
Sub-District : Kaiapit.
District : Morobe.
Council Area : Not under L.G.C.
Patrol Conducted By : Thomas Christopher VOASE.
Designation : Assistant Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled : Part Waffa Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying : Const. 1/c YAKOP.
Duration of Patrol : 1/9/70 to 3/6/70.
Date and duration of last D.D.A. patrol : 2/2/70 to 17/2/70 - 15 days.
Objects of Patrol : Special patrol to investigate riot at Kusing Village on 31/8/70 and to settle any disputes.
Total Population of area patrolled : 1,657.
Map reference : Refer ~~XXXX~~ SB5510, Edition 1, series - T-504
Village Population Register : Not enclosed

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Division of District Administration,
KOROROUHI, PAPUA.

21st October, 1970

Controller of Supply,
Headquarters,
Stores & Supply Branch,
KOROROUHI.

PATROL CHAIRS

Following a recent patrol in the KAIAPIT area of the
Moreb District, one of my officers made this comment in his
report:

"The patrol chairs currently issued to Administration
field staff are not robust enough to withstand the
rough handling to which all patrol equipment is subject.
The weakest point is the armrest, where it swivels on to
the backrest; it is made of easily fracturable plastic,
which, if the chair is not used carefully, fractures,
depositing the user flat on his back. If these, the
armrests, were made of a stronger material, such as wood
or aluminium, the chairs would have a much longer life."

2. The Assistant District Commissioner, KAIAPIT, added
the following comments:

"I agree that the patrol chairs at present on issue are
not strong enough. The plastic handles are their weakness,
once an armrest breaks the chair is useless. We have gone
through three in the past month during the Council elections."

3. As there does appear to be a weakness in these chairs
I would be pleased to receive your comments on the likelihood of
their replacement in the future.

*Following up on this taken
for file 89-1-4.
Chair with stronger
now being issued.
13/11*

(P.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head

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67-6-13

Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

21st October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 6/70-71

Your reference is 67-2-6 of 9th October,
1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
Special Report by Mr. T.C. Voase, Assistant
Patrol Officer, of part WAFFA Census Division.

This was a promptly organised, effective
patrol. Mr. Voase handled the investigation
into this disturbance in an efficient manner,
and his report gives a clear picture of the work
undertaken.

The complaint about unsatisfactory patrol
equipment will be drawn to the attention of the
Superintendent of Stores.

(F.W. ELLIS)
Departmental lead.

67-6-13.

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District Office,
P.O. Box 572,
LAE.
9th October, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAITIAKI.

Kaitiaki Patrol No. 6/1970-1971

Receipt if acknowledged of the above report. Claim for
Camping Allowance has been forwarded to Treasury for payment.

2. An attractively written, and informative report by
Mr. Voase. Prompt action in attending the scene of the
trouble obviously had its effect.
3. The problem of access to roads and markets for these
people is not unique, of course, but at least some potential
apparently exists for road construction.
4. The Aid Post Orderly, Minundu, is to be congratulated
not only for his part in avoiding a more serious brawl,
but also for his apparent attention to health and hygiene
matters in the village.
5. I concur with yourself and Mr. Voase's remarks on
patrol equipment.

(H.P. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

Minute To: Dept. Head,
Dept. Administrator, Konedobu.



Two copies of the above report forwarded herewith, together
with a copy of the A.D.C.'s comments. It is high time that the
totally inadequate quality of patrol equipment was replaced by
practical units.

H.P. Seale
(H.P. Seale)
District Commissioner

Miscellaneous

I agree with Mr. Voase that the patrol chairs at present on issue are not strong enough. The plastic handles are their weakness, once an armrest breaks the chair is useless - We have gone through three in the past month during the Council elections.

It is fortunate for everyone that the Aid Post Orderly, Muniadu, is so resourceful. He has been a great help to patrols in the area over the last few years. He should be commended on his efforts to stop the fighting on this occasion.

Claim for camping allowance for Mr. Voase is attached. A claim for Cl/3 take will be forwarded to the Divisional Superintendent. R.S. Form 1 has been sent to the Commissioner.

For your perusal, comment and forwarding please.

F. E. Haviland
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(F.E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner



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15th September, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 6 of 1970/71

Part WAFFA C/DIVISION

Attached are three copies of a report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. G. Voase APO.

The Patrol was a 'special' one mounted to investigate a reported riot at Kusing village.

The patrol achieved its objects and I feel the Officer is to be congratulated in his careful handling of the situation as he found it. This is Mr. Voase' first patrol of this nature.

Specific comments are as follows:-

Police Investigation

A total of 11 men were charged and convicted in the District Court at Kaiapit of riotous behavior, on the return of the patrol. The Waffa people are still relatively unsophisticated and fairly volatile. This is the first outbreak of violence at Kusing for some time and the speedy response to the report should have a beneficial effect on the people. The OIC Obura was advised of the missing girl as soon as this was reported at Kaiapit. I fear she has been lost somewhere between Kusing and Obura since about the 10th August 1970.

Political

I am anxious to include the Waffa Division in the Markham Council area. However, half the Division is hesitant at taking this step. A further attempt should be made next year.

Economic

The Onga road, currently being built by the Markham Council could be extended to Yasaru. This will make a tremendous difference to the Waffa people, especially the Kusings, who use Yasaru for their peanut gardens.

Social

The great diversity of languages in the Waffa has hampered attempts by the S.I.L. to learn the languages in the area. Perhaps one day we may see some results for their work.



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31st August, 1970

Mr. C. Voase,
Assistant Patrol Officer
KAIAPIT

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 6 of 1970/71

WAFFA C/DIV.

I have received a report that there has been a fight at Kusing Village in the Waffa Division.

Please prepare to depart on patrol early tomorrow morning for Kusing via Guruf and Ngarowein. You will be accompanied by one member of the Kaiapit Detachment, R.P. & N.G.C., owing to the chronic shortage of Police at this station I cannot spare you any more.

The objects of the Patrol, which will be a 'Special' one, are :-

1. Police Investigation

Investigate the reported fight at Kusing and take whatever Police action seems necessary from your investigation. If any offences have been committed, endeavour to apprehend the offenders and bring them to Kaiapit with any witnesses, for court action.

2. Native Administration

Endeavour to find out the causes of the trouble and if possible settle the people down by trying to reach an amicable settlement of any disputes in the area. If you encounter any difficulties, contact me through the SIL radio at Kusing.

On your return, submit as soon as possible, a 'Special Report' on your patrol.

Good luck and a pleasant trip.

F. E. Haviland
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(F.E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

Monday
31st August, 1970

5pm. Preparatory to patrol drove Const. 1/C Yako to Markham River to organise carriers for early start tomorrow. Const. 1/C Yako overnigheted Guruf Village.

Tuesday
1st September, 1970

6.45am. Departed Kaiapit per vehicle for Markham River. Disembarked 7.30am.
7.45am. Crossed Markham River with carriers.
9.00am. Arrived Yanuf Village changed carriers and proceeded 9.15am.
10.15am. Arrived Ngarowein changed carriers, continued 10.30am.
11.50am. Arrived Tsurosil, rested, continued 12noon.
12.35pm. Arrived Yaseru Hamlet, lunched. No carriers available at Yaseru. Ngarowein carriers not eager to continue on to Kusing. Patrol informed by them that their would not be enough time to reach Kusing before dark. On this basis decided to camp at Yaseru.
3.30pm. Yaseru men turned up and offered to carry to Kusing. Also informed me that the Ngarowein carriers were procrastinating and that when I arrived at 12.35pm., there would have been ample time to lunch and continue to Kusing before dark, but that it was now too late - much gnashing of teeth. Overnigheted Yaseru.

Wednesday
2nd September, 1970

6.15am. Departed Yaseru and with 10 minute rests every hour arrived Kusing 10.20am. Upon arrival in Kusing held discussions with Village officials, A.P.O. and S.I.L. personel regarding riot and ascertained the two clans responsible.
11.30am. Assembled the two clans responsible for the fight, gave them a general talk. During the p.m. interviewed each person involved in the riot individually. Overnigheted Kusing.

Thursday
3rd September, 1970

6.30am. Assembled villagers and gave them a half hour talk and then named those I had decided to arrest, told them they were charged with behaving in a riotous manner and that they were under arrest. Ensured prisoners had enough provisions for an overnight camp if that became necessary.
7.30am Departed Kusing
10.30am Arrived Yaseru
1.15pm. Lunched Ngarowein 1.45pm continued.
5.10pm. Arrived Markham River.
5.50pm. Patrol Picked up by vehicle and returned Kaiapit.

END OF PATROL

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Aim of Patrol

The patrol was mounted purely to carry out a police investigation into a riot which occurred at Kusing Village in the Waffa Census Division on the 31st of August, 1970. The riot was reported at Kaiapit Sub-district Office at 4.00pm on the 31st. Preparations began immediately for the patrol to depart for the area as soon as possible the following morning.

SPECIAL REPORT

Before commencing with the facts of the investigation I would like to acknowledge the assistance the patrol received from various people in the area.

The Aid Post Orderly at Kusing Munindu/Avutoro witnessed the fight and was later able to supply me with a list of the contestants, without which it would have been much more difficult to overcome the reluctance of the people involved in coming forward and admitting their guilt.

The fight itself was over and done with when the patrol arrived in the village. That it ended without loss of life or serious injury to anyone is greatly to the credit of the aforementioned Aid Post Orderly, who, with a handful of helpers disarmed people of bushknives, axes, bows and arrows etc., before they could be brought into use. His bravery was commendable.

The Summer Institute of Linguistics personnel in the area, because of their grasp of the place talk were able to let me know of the general undercurrent of thought amongst the villagers, this enabled me to fashion the investigation so as to create the least amount of upset in the village.

What sparked off the clash was an argument as to who was going to marry a widow, who was circulating freely between various men in the village. The woman one Mime/Sumbo did not wish to marry anyway, and at the time of the fight was tending her blood relations pigs some miles away.

Two of Mime's suitors Avont/Sopia and Karingo/Utasia had arranged a meeting regarding the matter with Mime's elder brother and guardian since the father's death. Mime's elder brother, Pire/Sumbo was quiet agreeable to the meeting, but may have had some evil intent because he attended armed with cassowary claws which he later used clenched between his fingers as a knuckleduster. The meeting under way at approximately 9am, Pire said that he did not want his sister to marry because she was much too useful in his own garden, and in any case she had informed him that she did not want to marry anyone let alone these two undesirable old men whom she didn't even like. At this voices rose, tempers flared and Avont and Pire began abusing and shoving each other. Karingo, seeing this marched in and landed a punch on Pire. A fistfight then broke out amongst the three of them with Pire using his knuckleduster to lacerate the faces of his opponents.

Members of Pires clan (Tapiana) and of Karingo's and Avonts clan (Putura) dropped whatever they were doing and hurriedly joined the fracas in aid of the respective clans. Members of clans not involved generally did a great deal of shouting some out of excitement and some in an attempt to stop the melee. Some of the older contestants quickly went for bushknives, axes and other weapons but as said before were thwarted by the quick thinking of Munindo and his helpers.

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Munindo, when he realised things were really getting out of control, again displayed his initiative by asking the S.I.L. personnel to contact either the Police or the "Kiaps" via their radio transceiver. This done, the shout went out that the Government was coming and the fighting soon dwindled into spasmodic shouting matches. X

The following morning three men who had missed out on the fight of the 31st, because they were in their gardens, tried to incite another outburst; fortunately they were unsuccessful.

The Kusing Villagers were greatly surprised and impressed to see the Government patrol arrive in the village on the 2nd of September, so soon after the event.

Upon arrival in the Village I spoke with the Village Officials the Aid Post Orderly and the S.I.L. people and gathered information from them which helped me decide on what action to take to properly handle the situation.

The people from the clans responsible for the fighting were then assembled and told that I had not arrived merely to take prisoners but to try and help the people resolve any problems they may have had which may have also led to the fight. I believe this softened the attitude towards the patrol which had seemed somewhat aggressive when I opened the discussions with them. Before the clans were dismissed I read out the names appearing on the list handed to me by the A.P.O. Munindo, and asked those so specified to appear singularly at the rest house where I would interview them individually.

These interviews continued throughout the afternoon. Each man and woman was closely questioned as to his or her part in the fight and asked to inform on people whose names I may not have had. I also asked each person to confess any troubles they may have had regarding land, pig or similar clan disputes or whether they were at all worried by spirits or sorcerers. All the while everyone else was kept out of earshot except for the Patrol Policeman, the Tul Tul and the A.P.O. who acted as interpreter.

I felt that most answered my questions truthfully and a few informed on others. However no information was forthcoming regarding clan disputes or sorcerers and spirits.

I had reason to believe that the villagers could have been concerned over a spirit said to be that of a ten year old epileptic girl who had wandered off into the bush and never returned. Reports were that some people were having nightmares and screaming and raving during the middle of the night as if something in their imagination was terrifying them. This I heard for myself in the night I spent in the Village. However I could not get any information substantiating this from them at all. The S.I.L. staff who have lived in the Village on and off for a period of seven years, know the people and their language intimately, were not able to draw any admissions from the people regarding spirits or sorcerers; I therefore held little hope of gleaning anything in the short time I was there.

Before turning in that night I spread the word for the entire village to assemble at 6.30am the following morning.

On the morning of the 3rd of August, with the villagers assembled I proceeded to reassure them that spirits and sorcerers were something of the past and that nowadays they were entering a phase in their development where such beliefs would only impede their progress.

They were then told that if any problems arose such as

that over the woman Mime or over pigs or land etc., which they were not able to solve for themselves, to wait for the next patrol so that the "kiap" could attend to it. (3)

The facts of Mondays riot were then reiterated then a plea made not to fight stupidly over such things but to try and arrive at a more amicable settlement by discussion. They were advised that the widow Mime's marriage was her business alone and that any more offenders in fights over her would be in worse trouble than the present offenders.

The names of the offenders in the fight were read out and were told to separate themselves from the rest of the people and prepare to walk out with the patrol to face charges of riotous behaviour before the Kaiapit District Court. This they did.

The people were again asked if there existed any problems which the patrol might resolve whilst in the village. At this one of the village elders stood up as a spokesman, thanked me for straightening out the problem with the widow, said there were no others and that he thought peace would reign in the village for a long time to come.

At 7.30am the patrol departed Kusing without incident, for the return to Kaiapit.

During the trek down the mountain the patrol had the good fortune to run into Mime on her way back to Kusing Village. She was informed that she had been the cause of big trouble in her village and told to hurry up and find a man between whom ~~was~~ mutual attraction would exist, get married and so remove the seat of the trouble for ever.

Information of Situation Report Nature

Political

Kusing Village being in the Waffa Census Division is not as yet under a Local Government Council. However moves are to have it included into the Markham Local Government Council in the near future.

The Luluai Kapingo/Yawa is very ill, remains inside his house all the time and was coughing blood during the patrols stay; it seemed he was suffering from tuberculosis. The Tul Tul does not use his authority very much and it seems the most influential person in the village is the Aid Post Orderly, Munindo/Avutoro.

The people are a little perturbed about the coming of Independence. They realise that compared to a lot of the Territory's Peoples they are fairly backward and primitive and they are not sure what will become of them. I tried to reassure them that independence would come when the Territory was ready for it and because of this all people would still have a fair chance to develop their own areas and elect their own political representatives.

Economic

The greatest barrier to the development of the area is its rugged topography. The people are cultivating cash crops to some extent but produce has to be carried out to the Markham River or to a roadhead near Kainantu in the Eastern Highlands District. This long and ~~hard~~ difficult carry for the cash return does not have a very stimulating effect on the desire to produce cash crops.

Economic (cont.)

It would be quite feasible given time and money to construct a road from the existing roadhead at Anga Village on the south side of the Markham to Yaseru Hamlet of Kusing Village. Yaseru is hamlet which serves as a camp for Kusing Villagers whilst they are tending their gardens in the Yaseru area. At Yaseru I noticed a worthwhile quantity of bagged peanuts which at the moment will have to be hand carried to the Markham River a distance of 12 to 15 miles. This road when built would also serve villages in the Onga Census Division.

Unfortunately it would be impossible with present resources to push the road further into the Waffa because of the mountainous nature of the terrain.

However a road is at present being constructed from a village in the Eastern Highlands District which has a road connecting it with Kairantu, towards Kusing Village.

Social

The village appeared to be in good condition, houses and latrines were in a good state of repair and were kept clean. There was an absence of flies, which may have been because of the altitude (5,000 ft.) but which probably indicated that refuse was being disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

The only educational facilities in the area is the translation classes held by the Summer Institute of Linguistics. After seven years these seem to have had only very meagre results. Most people are still only fluent in their own place talk, with a few being able to carry halting conversations in pidgin.

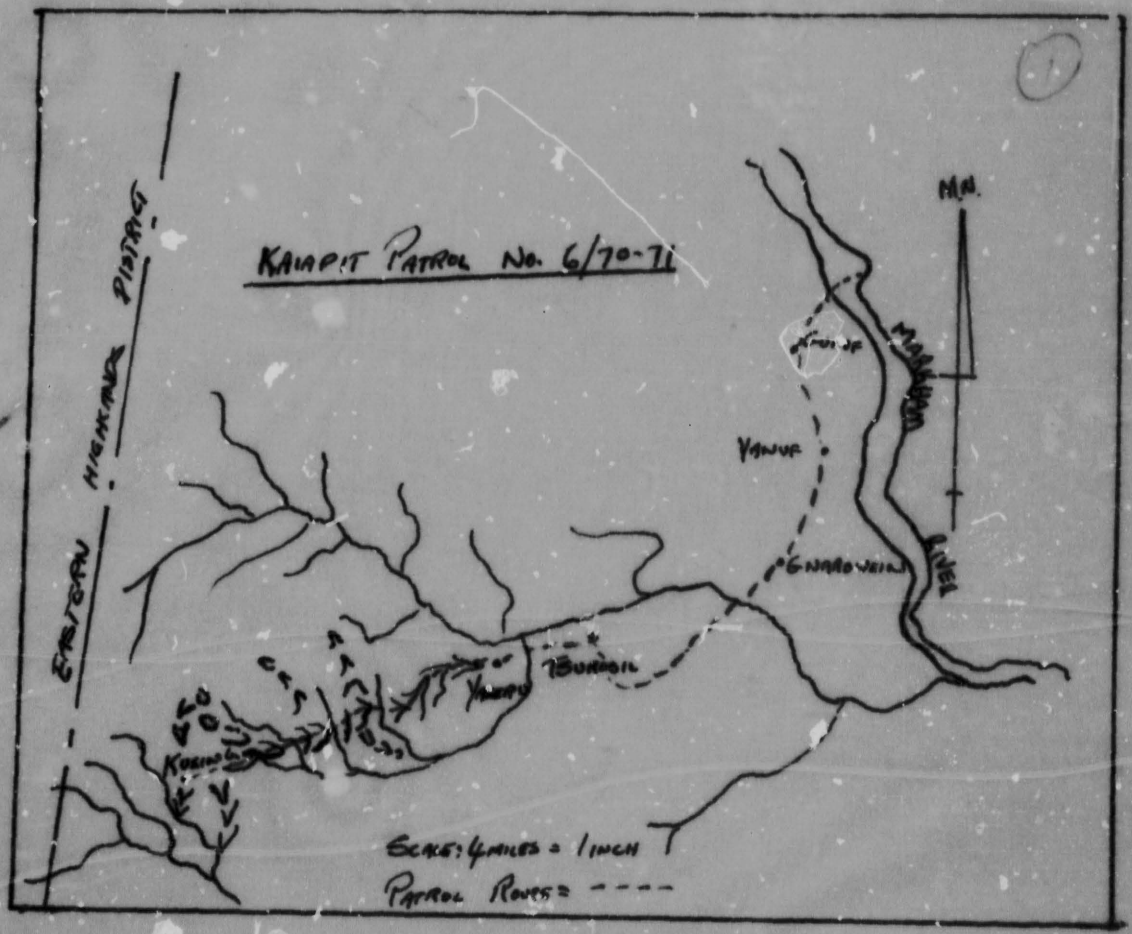
Miscellaneous

The patrol chairs currently issued to Administration field staff are not robust enough to withstand the rough handling to which all patrol equipment is subject. The weakest point is the arm rests where they swivel onto the backrest, these are made of easily fracturable plastic, which if the chair is not carefully sat on, fracture depositing the user flat on his back on the ground. Such accidents are not conducive to the dignity and affable temperament with which field staff should conduct themselves. Also when this happens the chair is rendered completely useless.

If these armrests were made of a stronger material such as wood or aluminium, these chairs would have a much longer life.

T.C. Voase

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Assistant Patrol Officer



KONEDOBU



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number 7 6 of 1970/1971 in Kaiapit

Sub-district Kaiapit

District Morobe

Type of Patrol Electoral Patrol

Patrol Conducted by Brett David Inchley

Area Patrolled Part Wantoat
(Council and/or and
Census Division/s.) Irumu Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

M. Tausi

Government Clerk,

Wantoat Patrol Post.

Duration of Patrol—from 7 / 9 / 70 To 18 / 9 / 70

No. of Days 12 days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Wantoat Patrol No. 1 1970/1971

Date 10/8/70 to 18/8/70 Duration 9 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) To conduct the Wantoat Local Government
Council General Elections.

Total Population of Area Patrolled approximately 3,000 persons.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

HRD:KP

67-6-20

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBH, PAPUA.

30th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
LAE.
Morobe District.

KAI PIT PATROL NO. 7/70-71

Your reference 67-2-6 of 11th November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. B.D. Inchley, of part WANTOAT and INUNU Census Divisions.

In future please ensure that a Situation report is
written following such Council election patrols. The report
to hand suffers from a lack of detail and does not give a clear
picture of the area or the people. A situation report is not
a chore but an important document detailing conditions prevailing
in the area and more important the feelings and aspirations of
the people.

T. S. Ellis
(T. S. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

cc: Mr. B.D. Inchley,
Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.
Morobe District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams—

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Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

11th November, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUBU

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 7 OF 1970/71

I attach the original and one copy of the above patrol report conducted by Mr. B. Inchley together with a copy of a memorandum 67-3-1 of the 25th September from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit. You will notice that no situation report has been provided and the Assistant District Commissioner has been instructed to ensure that this accompanies every patrol report originating in his Sub-District.

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

67-3-1

Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

25th September, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 7 of 1970/71

part WANTOAT & IRUMU C/D's

Attached are three copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. B.D. Inchley A.P.O.

The patrol was mounted to assist in the conduct of the general elections for the Wantoat Council. The patrol was a 'special' one and the report deals exclusively with this subject.

The patrol achieved its object, there was a good attendance in all wards visited. Polling was quite decisive with a second count necessary in only one ward.

The Wantoat Council area is relatively unsophisticated, although well practised in elections. There were only 27 unassisted voters, of whom, two papers were rejected as informal.

As no copy of the new Regulations were available, the election was conducted in accordance with the Chief Electoral Officer's Directions. The report contains information which will enable an Electoral Report to be compiled in accordance with these instructions.

The Voting Statistics and Voting Summary sheets are being forwarded to Wantoat for collation together with the ballot papers used, for storage until destroyed.

Claim for camping allowance for Mr. Inchley and Mr. Tausi are attached.

Claim for S/c Yagu and Form RS1 are being sent to Wantoat for insertion of the member's No. and later onforwarding to the Divisional Superintendent and the Commissioner respectively.

A voucher acquitting Mr. Inchley's advance from Wantoat will also be sent there.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

.....
{ F.E. Haviland }
Assistant District Commissioner

67-3-1

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Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

12th. August 1970.

Mr. B. Inchley ,
Assistant Patrol Officer.
KAIAPIT.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 6 of 1970/1971

WANTOAT COUNCIL ELECTION 1970.

Please prepare to depart by charter aircraft
at 0730 Monday 7 th. September 1970 with the electoral equipment
for Wantoat.

On arrival report to Mr. P. Simpson , O.I.C.
Wantoat and receive instructions to assist in the Wantoat Council
Elections .

F.E. Haviland
.....
(F.E. Haviland .)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT :

KAIAPIT PATROL NUMBER 6 of 1970/1971 :

PATROL DIARY :

7/9/70 -Monday.

Departed Kaiapit per aircraft at 0750 and travelled to Wantoat Patrol Post , reported at Office .

Departed Wantoat Post per Toyota , drove to walking track leading up to the village of Gwapsit.

Camp set up and nominations accepted.

8/9/70 -Tuesday.

At GWAPSIT :

0735 opened elections for Gwapsit village.

0820 closed elections.

0830 opened elect. for GEIKANG

0900 closed Geikang

0905 opened for PIUNG

0925 closed Piung.

0930 opened elect. for KUBUNG.

1010 closed Kubung.

Walked to UYAM accepted nominations.

Set up camp.

9/9/70 -Wednesday.

At UYAM.:

0755 opened elect. for Uyam.

0840 closed Uyam.

0845 opened elect. for KESAN

0915 closed Kesan

0920 opened elect. for KWADNA

(~~12~~ 0957 closed for Kwadna.

1000 opened for SANGURAK

1055 closed for Sangurak.

Walked to the Wantoat road and travelled to

BUMBUM per Toyota.

Accepted nominations and set up camp.

10/9/70 -Thursday.

At BUMBUM :

0810 opened elect. for DAWANSIT

0855 closed for Dawansit.

0903 opened elect. for GAPMORBI.

0940 closed for Gapmorbi.

0945 opened elect. for YANDOMOK

1005 closed for Yandomok.

1014 opened elect. for BUMBUM

1208 closed for Bumbum.

Walked to YAWONDAGA village.

At YAWONDAGA :

1430 opened elect. for Yawondaga .

1520 closed for Yawondaga.

1525 opened elect. for GAPMARAPA .

1615 closed for Gapmarapa.

Walked back to Bumbum and slept the night.

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Patrol Diary (contd.)

11/9/70 -Friday.

0800 departed Bumbum.
 0825 arrived Sigapsa creek.
 0835 Uandatna village
 0850 departed Uandatna
 0915 arrived Bam river.
 0930 departed.
 1015 arrived EWOK village.
 At EWOK :

1235 opened elect. for WA ' AK .
 1300 closed for Wa'ak.
 1305 opened elect. for KIKIEWA
 1345 closed for Kikiewa
 1350 opened for EWOK .
 1430 closed for Ewok
 1432 opened elect. for KANDUM.
 1503 closed for Kandum.
 Slept night at Ew ok.

12/9/70 -Saturday.

0710 departed Ewok
 0755 arrived DONAN.
 At DONAN :
 1050 opened elect. for DONAN
 1125 closed for Donan.
 1130 opened elect. for TAPENDONGGAN.
 1145 closed for Tapendonggan.
 1150 opened elect. for BUNGAM
 1215 closed for Bungam.
 1215 opened elect. for KAWANDAGA.
 1218 closed for Kawandaga.
 Slept night at Donan.

13/9/70 -Sunday.

0740 departed Donan.
 0815 arrived WALIKUYA.
 NO ELECTIONS.

14/9/70 -Monday.

At WALIKUYA :
 0755 opened elect. for WALIKUYA
 0900 closed for Walikuya
 0910 opened elect. for SASANG
 0910 closed for Sasang
 0945 opened elect. for PIWIN
 0955 closed for Piwin
 1000 opened elect. for KAMANG
 1105 closed for Kamang.

1200 departed Walikuya
 1250 Piwin village
 1260 departed Piwin village
 1400 arrived UYANGET village
 1445 departed Uyanget
 1545 arrived DAGAMAN.
 Slept night.

15/9/70 -Tuesday.

At DAGAMAN :

Patrol Diary (contd)

15/9/70 -Tuesday.

At DAGAMAN :

0825 opened elect. for DAGAMAN .
 0900 closed for Dagaman.
 0905 opened elect. for DURAK
 0945 closed for Durak
 0945 opened elect. for KAWAN
 1010 closed for Kawan.
 Departed for GUMIN at 1110
 Arrived Gumin at 1230.
 Set up camp.

16/9/70 -Wednesday .

0715 Departed Gumia.
 0745 arrived Rumu river
 0750 departed Rumu river
 0825 arrived DAKU.

At DAKU :

1010 opened elect. for DAKU .
 1110 closed for Daku
 1110 opened elect. for ARET
 1140 closed for Aret.
 1145 opened elect. for UYANGEN
 1245 closed for Uyangen.

1405 opened elect. for GUMIA.
 1435 closed for Gumia.
 1440 opened elect. for GARAMBOIN closed at 1510
 1510 opened elect. for ZUIEBEK, closed 1535.
 1540 opened elect. for DOPAM
 1550 closed for Dopam.

set up camp.

17/9/70 Held up by extremely heavy and constant rain.
 Walked to Uyanget and set up camp.

18/9/70 - Friday.

0640 departed Uyanget , arriving at Wantoat station
 in mid-afternoon. To Kaiapit per aircraft.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

The situation was very good. The people interviewed and we can be seen from the station. The people interviewed lodge a rate.

The villagers were a surprised and happy when the villagers interviewed in placing their arms and legs on the ground and they were very happy.

(1) Appendix

Biographical of the Commanding Officer of the Patrol
 (1) Appendix

SPECIAL PATROL - ELECTORAL.ELECTORAL RETURNS -

(a) Statistical returns in accordance with forms 10 and 11 are enclosed in this report.

(b) Election Report -

(1) Type and duration of pre - election campaign

Refer to Mr C. Nicholls Wantoat Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71. This patrol was a special patrol mounted in order to inform the people of the coming General Elections for their Council.

(2) Manner of the elections

There were only 9 polling places, covered by myself and these will be further dealt with in the Returning Officer's report on the elections.

The duration of the elections at each polling place is shown in the Patrol Diary on a day to day basis.

The degree of Assistance -

Total persons who voted :	1,879
Unassisted voters :	27

From the above figures it can be seen that 98.6 % of the voters were assisted with their voting and 1.4 % of the voters were unassisted. This assistance is due to the present shortage of educational facilities within Wantoat Patrol Post area.

No scrutineers were appointed and interpreters were found to be necessary only previous to the opening of the election in order to explain the voting procedure.

(3) Feminine interest in the elections :

Female attendance, if interest can be judged as such was almost without blemish, almost all females being in attendance to place their votes.

(4) Incidents :

Nothing of any significance occurred during the elections.

(5) Absenteeism :

Unavoidably Absent.

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(6) Analysis of the statistics :

Attendance throughout the elections was very good, the people interested and at no stage were there any incidents and as can be seen from the statistics few people failed to lodge a vote.

(7) Summary :

The elections were a success; attendance being good, the villagers interested in placing their votes, co-operation was enthusiastic and voting was completed without undue waste of time.

(8) Appendix :

Biographies Of New Councillors - Bangai Samokman
Insing Kanong.

(8) Appendix (contd)

Ward 12 : Bangai Samokman -

Left his village to work in Wau for a period of one year as a labourer. He then travelled to Lae where he took on labouring for another 2 years. He then returned to his own village of Yandamok for one year.

He journeyed to Rabaul where he worked for 2 years and then returned to his village. He was at this time created a Luluai, a position he held for a period of 8 years.

He has no education and no convictions.

Ward 9 : Insing Kanong -

A resident of Donau village, travelled to Belolo where he worked on a gold dredge for a term of one year. He then returned to Donau where he was created a Tultul.

He has no convictions and no education to speak of. A man with very little travelling experience, but of a sensible character.

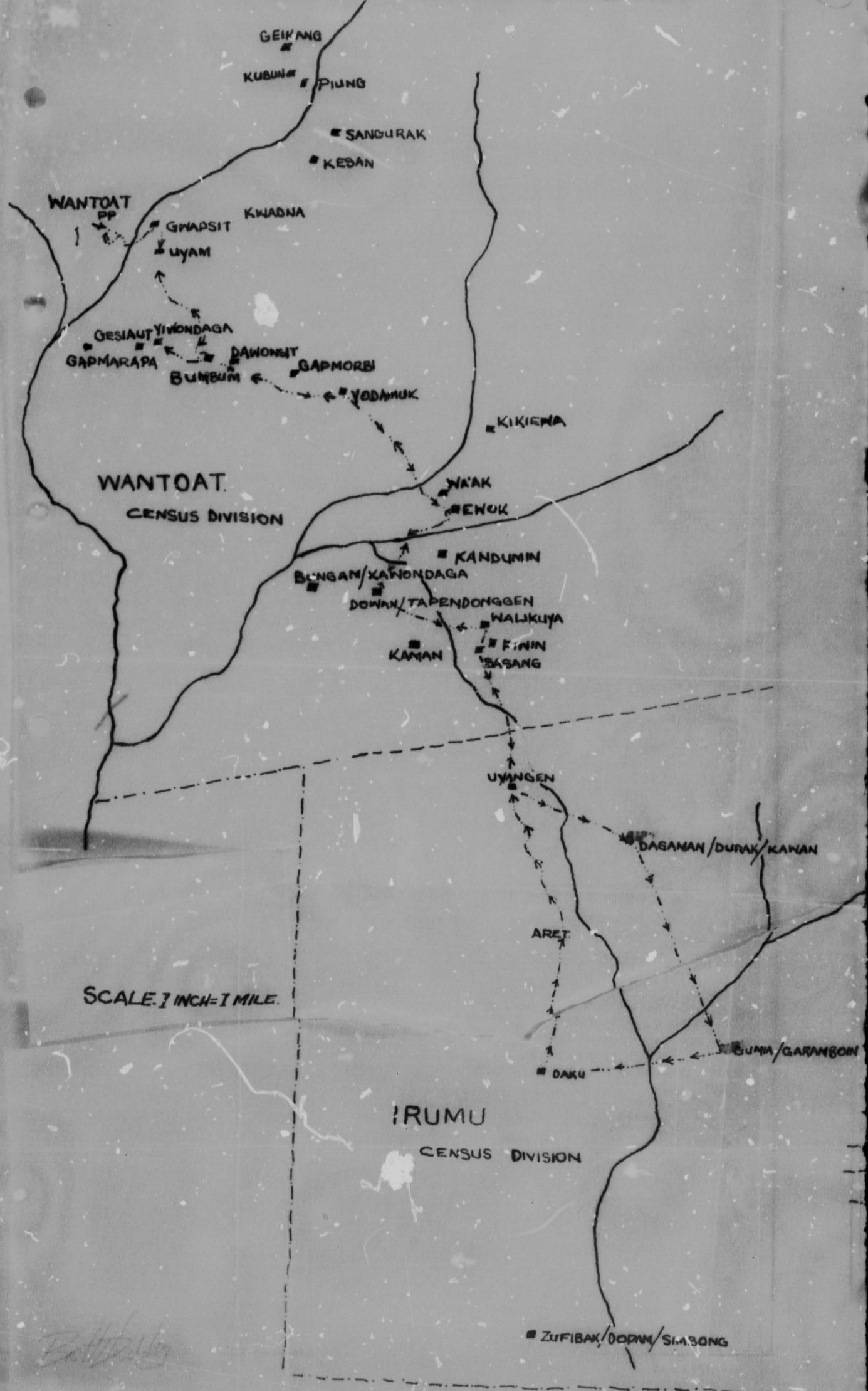
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Brett D. Inchley

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Assistant Patrol Officer.

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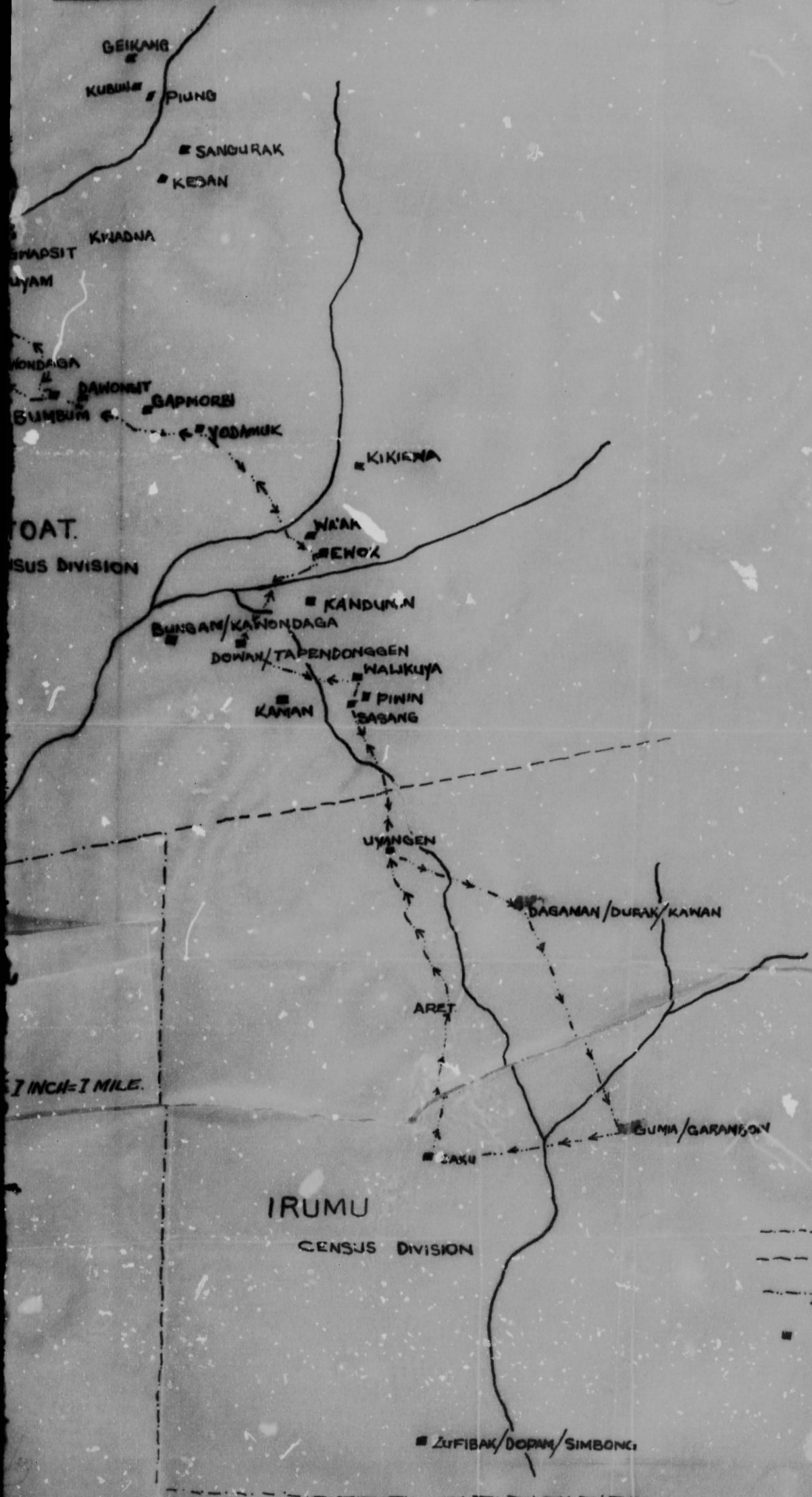


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- <--- RETURNED ROUTE.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Kaiapit Patrol No. 3 of 1970/71

Subdistrict..... Kaiapit

District..... Marobe

Type of Patrol..... Annual Census

Patrol Conducted by..... P. J. Voase

Area Patrolled	}	Amari Census Division.
(Council and/or		Part of the Markham Local Government
Census Division/s.)		Council Area.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Const. Macambe 1217

Duration of Patrol—from 7/9/70 To 17/9/70

No. of Days..... 11

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : Kaiapit Patrol No. 5/70-71 (Council Elections)

Date 28/8/70 to 4/9/70 Duration 7 days

- Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....
1. Census Revision
 2. Completion of Area Study
 3. Political Education
 4. General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 4,284

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,
KORORUA, Papua.

30th November, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 8 70/71.

Your reference 67-2-6 of 2nd November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area
Study and Situation Report by Mr. T.C. Voase of the Anari Census
Division.

An informative report adequately covered by the A.D.C.'s
comments. Mr. Voase's thoughtful account of the present situation
in the area is quite sound and illustrates the beneficial effects
of routine patrolling. The census figures will be further
commented on under separate memorandum.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

c.c. Mr. T.C. Voase,
C/- District Office,
Morobe District,
LAE.

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District Office,
LAE.

2nd November, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

Kaiapit Patrol No. 8/1970-1971

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report.

2. The report indicates some solid and worthwhile work by Mr. Voase. Your comments adequately cover the report.

(H.F. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

Minute:

The Dept. Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report together with a copy of comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit, forwarded herewith.

H.F. Seale
(H.F. SEALE)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

29th September, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 3 of 1970/71

AMARI CENSUS DIV.

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Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

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Social

The apparent lack of interest in the Amari towards their schools is quite disheartening. This year, one teacher from transferred from Wankung Primary School because of a lack of students. I understand that consideration is being given to closing the Waritsian Primary School because of lack of interest by the people. I have noticed that some teachers are more succesful than others in drumming up enthusiasm for their school. The Council has a Truancy Rule, which is enforced, but ultimately, it is the people themselves who must bear the responsibility for getting the children to school.

Village inspections are usually done by the members of the Council Health Committee and Councillors, however, the Markham Councillors were involved in elections just prior to this patrol.

Mr. Voase has not indicated what the extent of the alleged damages to gardens was caused by the Mining Company employees. Provision exists for payment of compensation for damage done during ming exploration - some assesment should have been made of the damage, until this is done, no claim can be made .

The use of markers by prospectors is fairly widespread and has been brought up in the Markham Council meetings. I feel that the Mining companies could well invest in a little more public relations than they do, and take the trouble to explain to the land owners just what they are doing and why.

Census

The figures appear to balance and the Register Sheets have been amended to conform with the Secretary's instructions on the subject.

Area Study

It is interesting to note the decrease in the absence rate in this Division. This same phenomirum has been observed in th adjacent Atzera Division and is a good thing.

The Area Study is informative and contains much valuable information.

Claim for Camping Allowance for Mr. Voase is attached. Claim for Const. Masambe and RS Form 1 have been forwarded to the Divisional Superintendent and the Commissioner, respectively.

For your perusal, comment and onforwarding please.

F. E. Haviland

 (F. E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

cc. C. Voase
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3rd September, 1970

Mr. C. Vorse,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
KAIAPIT

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 8 of 1970/71

AMARI CENSUS DIVISION

Please prepare to depart on patrol on Monday 7th September 1970 for the Amari Division. You will be accompanied by one member of the Kaiapit Detachment R.P.& N.G.C.

The objects of the Patrol will be:-

1. Census Revision

Revise the census in each village and submit statistics in accordance with the Departmental Instructions on the subject, paying particular attention to the spelling of village names and the balance on the back of the form.

2. Area Study

Compile an area study on the area in accordance with the Standing Instructions (as amended). Use Kaiapit Patrol Report 11 of 1968/69 as a guide. You should also be able to gather much relevant information from Mr. and Mrs. H. Holzknecht, anthropologists, at present based at Waritsian.

3. General Administration

Investigate any complaints brought forward, those requiring Court action should be referred to me at Kaiapit.

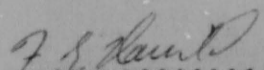
Take the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the area and the people and obtain information which will enable you to submit a comprehensive report on the patrol - in addition to the Area Study. To facilitate this, take tentage and camp in as many villages as possible. Discussions with village leaders at night are particularly conducive to gathering information.

4. Political Education

Various booklets supplied by the Political Education Committee are available in my office, take a supply of these - I suggest one copy be left at each school. Use them as a basis for discussion in each village on Government and Local Government generally.

On your return, submit a full report as soon as possible.

Good luck and a pleasant trip.


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(F.E. Haviland)

Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL DIARY

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- Monday
7th September, 1970. 12.15pm Departed Kaiapit per Landcruiser.
1.00pm Arrived Ragitsaria.
1.15pm Commenced revising census for Ragitsaria.
5.00pm Completed census.
Discussions with village elders at night.
Overnighted Ragitsaria.
- Tuesday
8th September, 1970. 8.30am Departed Ragitsaria.
8.45am Arrived Raginam Village. Set up camp.
10.00am Commenced revising Raginam census.
12.00noon Census revision completed.
1.15pm Commenced revising census for Ragitsuwang.
4.20pm Completed Ragitsuwang census.
4.45pm Inspected Raginam and Ragitsuwang Villages.
Discussions with village elders at night.
8.30pm Departed for Kaiapit to return my wife who had arrived Raginam ex. Lae.
Overnighted Kaiapit.
- Wednesday
9th September, 1970. 7.00am Returned Raginam.
8.00am Departed Raginam for Wankung 1 & 2.
Revised census for Wankung 1 during morning.
Revised census for Wankung 2 during afternoon.
Talks with village elders during afternoon.
Villagers keen to depart for Dumpu for Kunai burning - hence no night discussions.
Overnighted Wankung 1
- Thursday
10th September, 1970. 7.15am Departed Wankung for Marawassa.
Marawassa census revised during morning.
1.00pm to Gusap Cattle Station for census, manager absent. To Kasam pass C.D.W. road camp for investigation re. lighting of grass fires on native land. To Wankung School for discussions with headmaster.
5.30pm Returned Marawassa. No discussions with villagers at night due heavy rain.
Overnighted Marawassa.
- Friday
11th September, 1970. Discussions with Marawassa villagers during morning.
9.00am To Marawassa - revised census, completed 10.30am.
Discussions with villagers throughout afternoon and at night.
Overnighted Marawassa.
- Saturday
12th September, 1970. 8.00am To Atsunas with patrol equipment.
8.30am To Markham Headwaters Census Division, Society buying point to pick up A.D.C. at the completion of his election patrol. Returned Kaiapit with A.D.C.. Vehicle under repair until 2.00pm.
2.00pm Departed Kaiapit for Atsunas.
3.00pm Commenced revising Atsunas census.
5.30pm Completed census revision.
Discussions with villagers during early evening not lengthy due rain.
Overnighted Atsunas.
- Sunday
13th September, 1970. Discussions with villagers during morning.
Returned Kaiapit and overnighted Kaiapit.

PATROL DIARY (Cont.)

Monday
14th September, 1970.

8.00am Departed Kaiapit
8.35am Arrived Waritsian Village.
Revised census during morning.
2.00pm General talk with assembled village.
Inspected village and primary T school during
afternoon.
Discussions with village elders at night.
Overnighted Waritsian.

Tuesday
15th September, 1970.

8.15am Departed Waritsian.
8.25am Arrived Gnarotumwa Village.
Census revised and completed by 12noon.
Inspected village and heard disputes, one adultery
case referred to Kaiapit S.D.O.
Discussions with villagers during afternoon and
at night.
Overnighted Gnarotumwa.

Wednesday
16th September, 1970.

8.00am Departed Gnarotumwa
8.20am Arrived Untungutsun Village.
Contrary to the talk sent out Ragampon village
was lined for census at Untungutsun.
Censused Ragampon people at Untungutsun during
morning.
Censused Untungutsun Villagers during afternoon.
Discussions with people at completion of census.
Inspected Untungutsun village.
Talks with village elders at night.
Overnighted Untungutsun.

Thursday
17th September, 1970.

8.00am To Ragiampon village. Inspected village
and held talks with the people.
10.00am To Ragitsaria village to investigate
fire started at Gusap Cattle Station by Ragitsaria
villagers.
11.30am To Gusap Cattle Station for census and
discussions with the manager.
3.30pm Returned Kaiapit.

END OF PATROL

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AIM OF PATROL

The patrol was mounted for the following reasons :-

- 1) To revise the census - tax rolls - role of electors sheets and to compile the relevant census statistics for the Amari Census Division. This was done - the village population register is attached.
- 2) To compile an area study for the Division. This is also attached.
- 3) To settle any civil complaints that may have arose during the past year. This was done to the best of my ability, one case being referred to the District Court at Kaipiti.
- 4) To pursue the Political education of the people in the Division. Both formal and informal discussions were held in each village during which the people were encouraged to ask any questions which came to mind.

Booklets supplied by the Political Education Committee were left at each school in the Division.

SITUATION REPORTPolitical

The Amari Census Division comprises part of the Markham Local Government Council area and has been under the Council since its inception in 1960.

The people now have a good understanding of what Councils are about. This was brought out in their attitude towards the recent elections in which the greater proportion of those resident in the area participated. Everyone knew what they were voting for and most were quite sure of the qualities they wanted amongst the nominees. Formal and informal discussions during the patrol also indicated that the people were quite familiar with the way in which councils operate and that their attitude towards the present Council was favourable.

The councillors themselves although most often not traditional leaders, take their roles seriously and are respected by their electors. Anything at the village level involving the Administration is generally first referred to the Councillor. However the Councillor, unless a traditional leader, does not have much say in traditional matters.

Understanding of the House of Assembly, the Central Government and what they are ultimately leading to was not as clear to the average person as their understanding of the functions of Local Government Councils.

Talks were given as to the role of the House of Assembly and the fashion in which it makes laws to suit the desires of the Territory's population as voiced by the elected members of the House. The history of the Territory was also explained and an account given of how Australia was pledged to develop the Territory's peoples to a point of self-sufficiency and self-determination to enable the people to competently rule their own destiny. It was explained how the Australian Taxpayer was making the Territory's development possible and how when the Territory reaches economic independence it will be the responsibility of the people of Papua and New Guinea to replace those taxpayers from their own pockets. It was assented to by all that they were not yet ready for such independence.

At the conclusion of these talks, some prompting resulted in quite a few well thought out questions.

One of these was dissatisfaction that the people had not seen their M.H.A. Mr. Tom Leahy since his pre-election tour. At this it was explained how Mr. Leahy is a busy and active member of the House and that he didn't have a great deal of time in which to visit his electorate, particularly since he became chairman of the Administrators Executive Council. The people were assured that should they have any grievances it was quite easy to air these to their M.H.A. and the House via the Local Government Council.

Another question repeated in several villagers, asked whether I could arrange for any of the Councillors to visit the House of Assembly or even Australia. The people are aware that councillors from other areas have been granted these trips. The people in the Amari Division are strong supporters of the Administration and I believe that if some councillors were allowed to make such a trip it could only have a good effect on the moral and aspirations of the people. In answer to the question I replied that I would certainly make enquiries on their behalf.

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Uncertainty was expressed about the coming of independence with a fear that radical groups such as the Mataungan Association would take over upon its arrival. Assurances were given that law and order would continue after independence, as now, and that whatever road the Territory chose to follow would be chosen by the majority of the people.

I was often asked to give descriptions and stories of Australia. This was done mostly under informal conditions with the discussion following whatever whim the teller and listeners wanted it to.

One rather anxious plea from the Raginam - Ragitsumang Village Ward asked whether the Council Tax Collection Program could be postponed in that ward until early December. It seems that these two villages have strained their financial resources in a community tractor buying effort. The people are now concerned that they will not be able to find enough money until a few more peanut harvests are in by early December.

Economic

The important cash crops in the area are peanuts, coffee, cattle, cocoa and copra, in about that order of importance.

Peanuts are popular because they mean a relatively fast cash return. However complaints were voiced that market prices for the crop were not high enough - this I suppose is the worldwide farmers lament. Coffee, both Robusta and Arabica varieties, is grown and harvested to a limited extent. There are a number of manually operated bean peeling machines within the division. There are three cattle projects in the Division, a communal one at Waritsian with 28 head, and two individually owned projects, one with 8 head at Atsunas and one with 20 head at Ragiampom. Cocoa is only grown by an average of one or two men in each village. Copra is processed at only two villages which are adjacent and share the same smoke drier, production from this drier being approximately four bags per month.

The Amari Census Division is going through a state of change. The old complete dependence upon subsistence crops is waning as more and more people are turning towards cash crops. However the people are finding it somewhat difficult to strike the necessary balance between looking after ones food gardens and maintaining and expanding the area under cash crops.

The traditional system of land usage involved a great deal of group effort. The social unit involved was and still is the "moantsi" which in some respects is similar to a clan. A number of men and women make up a "moantsi" of which there is an average of two to three in each village. Traditionally for a man to prove himself and gain prestige he had to display his prowess in fighting and in providing food via agriculture. When fighting ceased in the 1920's the only field left was in subsistence agriculture. It then became fashionable to grow larger food gardens and throw banquets every now and again with invitations to all and sundry to attend in order to dispense with surplus food. Ones rating in society was gauged by the number of such feasts one was able to hold. Larger gardens increased maintenance problems so that each man came to rely more on assistance from those within his "moantsi". Naturally the receiver of such aid was expected to return the favour when someone else from within his group required help.

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This search for prestige via production of subsistence crops has continued on until the present. However today the farmer has to ensure that any cash crops he may have are harvested and maintained. Not to do so means contravening a Harkham Local Government Council Rule, which if convicted means a fine of \$5-00.

Most Amaris are keen to see their area go ahead economically. This is evident from the quantity of peanut and other cash crops in the area. However they also have to eat. This was brought out in a paper by Mr. H. A. Holzknacht, Anthropologist of the University of Queensland, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, headed SOCIETY AND AGRICULTURE IN THE UPPER HARKHAM VALLEY.

The Amari people were questioned during the patrol as to how much strain was being placed on them by this traditional need to prove themselves as subsistence farmers as opposed to their obligations to produce cash crops. The reply was basically that there no longer existed an over abundance of food but there was still plenty to go around. In other words the Council Rule meant a substantial curtailment in traditional ceremonies and banquets but for everyday living there was still enough food to fulfill all requirements. The people agreed that some sacrifices were necessary to develop the area including hard work and less time and energy spent on festivals and other traditional pastimes.

Nevertheless the Amari are now at a stage where they are forced to strike a balance between subsistence and cash crops. They are no longer completely reliant on subsistence crops, but it will be a long time before the farmer can devote all his time on one pursuit and purchase all his requirements from the profits of the venture he has embarked on.

There will be a good deal of traditional resistance to this sort of thing. As said before a man's prestige is dependant on his ability as a subsistence farmer, so that anyone who veers away from this and goes into full time cash cropping is looked on by others as something less than a man.

This is a barrier that must be overcome if the area is going to become self-sufficient in the modern economic sense. Every opportunity was taken on the patrol to stress that a man who devotes all or most of his time to cash cropping is making a very real and substantial contribution to the development of the area and should under no circumstances become an object of derision. There is no such person yet in the Amari, all those resident in the area pursue subsistence farming to some extent.

When the Amari is self sufficient in the future I believe there must still exist a big demand for traditional foods and that a proportion of the population should be encouraged to start producing subsistence crops for sale to specialists in other fields within the Amari. There are a number of tractor drivers within the area who earn a cash income from driving tractors for other non-expatriots. These men although still cultivating subsistence crops themselves would depend to a large extent on their cash earnings to support themselves and their families. This trend should continue as more and more people expand areas under cash crops and can afford implements and people to help them until such specialists in this and other fields becomes the recognised practice.

Peanut farming has been very popular because it is a crop which matures quickly, has a ready market and provides a fairly fast cash turnaround. This is now enabling interested people to purchase farming implements, fencing materials for paddocks and beasts to stock them with. This process should multiply as more capital enters the economy. However I feel that it would do no harm to introduce another fast turnaround crop, which would not compete with peanuts but fill an as yet unutilised niche in the agricultural

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pattern and perhaps put added zest into the development of the area. One such crop is pepper which matures in two years is easily maintained by women and older children and could be ideally cultivated within the village confines using existing coconut palms as shade cover. This has been discussed with Rural Development Officers and it seems this crop has been previously tried in the area without much interest being shown by the people. However during the patrol I explained the in and outs of the idea to the villagers who seemed enthusiastic and asked me to try and obtain some seedlings for them. The most suitable place to try a pilot scheme would be Ragiampom or Untungutsun Villages, as this is where the people seemed most receptive to the idea.

Virtually all crops in the area are sold to the Atzera Rural Co-operative Society, the Society's trucks collecting produce from set pick up points within the area. All villages in the Amari are accessible by road which can take medium traffic during the dry, but often require four wheel drive during the wet.

Some roadside stalls on the Highlands Highway sell assorted fruits and betel nut to passing vehicles. I was told the average earnings at such a stall are between \$2-00 to \$4-00 per day but may on occasion go as high as \$10-00 per day.

There were 22 trade stores in the Division of which 10 were closed by the patrol because licences were not current. There seems to exist some confusion on the expiry dates of Licences to trade with natives and traders licences. Some were under the impression that they were good for one year after the fee was paid, similar to firearm registration certificates. It was carefully explained, wherever necessary that one of these licences was only current for the duration of the financial year during which the fee was paid. No prosecutions were made but all the offenders were warned about what could happen next time.

The stores all stocked basic items such as tinned meat and fish, tobacco, soap, laplaps, kerosene, margarine, etc., all proprietors claimed to be making a profit and none admitted to any problems with debts or debtors.

SocialEducation

Normally in each village there existed a school, teaching prep. standard and supported by the Lutheran Mission. However only three of these are operating at the moment. Interest in these schools did not seem very high and teachers were not able to supply me with accurate statistics for attendances.

Wankung Primary 1 School, adjacent to Wankung Villages 1 and 2 is centered in the most densely populated part of the Division. It is well run and interest among those students attending appears high. However it is apparent that the majority of the eligible juvenile population is not attending, despite efforts by the teaching staff to encourage them to attend. Standards 2, 3, 5 and 6 are taught, with a teacher for each class.

There is also a primary 1 school adjacent to Waritsian Village which is supported by the Lutheran Mission. The standard is not high with buildings in a state of disrepair and teaching standards not the best. Simple errors in spelling and arithmetic were noted on the blackboards. Standards taught are 1, 2 and 3, with a teacher for each class. The same problem with attendance exists here as at Wankung.

The Seventh Day Adventists Mission supports a small school at Untungutsun Village with one teacher teaching standard 2. The school seemed to be fairly competently run, but attendances were again

not as high

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not as high as they should have been. Strong winds during August blew one of the classrooms down, however work has started on new classrooms which should be open by 1971. Standards to be taught next year is prep. and standard 1 with standard 2 students to be enrolled at Garbansis S.D.A. school near Lac.

During the patrol the people in each village were urged to make their children attend the nearest school and were told that education is a key factor in the development of their country.

Health

Health is generally satisfactory throughout the Division. The greater proportion of those not able to attend the census, due sickness, were the very old. Most deaths amongst the younger people during the past year are probably attributable to gastric infections through unhygienic food preparation. Deaths in the birth to 15 years age group during the past year was 17, a significant decrease on the previous year which was 31 deaths. One death which the people attributed to sorcery occurred during the patrol. Three people died during the past year due to snakebite and one child was killed in a road accident on the Highlands Highway.

All village latrines and houses were inspected, only two villages erred badly, Wankung 1 and 2 for which orders for reconstruction of latrines were issued and entered in the village books. The standard hygien complaint throughout was that people either had covers for toilet holes and didnt use them or didnt bother with them at all. This fault was corrected by the patrol.

Law and Order

Many minor disputes were heard concerning pigs, kunai fires, bride price and land etc., and most were settled out of court. There was only one serious accusation, that of sorcery against an elderly man Samak/Yagin of Waritsian Village. This was investigated and when the evidence turned out to be hearsay and a great deal of imagination on the part of the accusers the case was dropped. This will be further discussed under the heading cult and unrest.

A complaint was heard from Marasassa Village that persons unknown prospecting for minerals in the upper Rama River area had raided gardens belonging to Marasassa Village. The only company with a lease over the area is the Kora Creek Mining Company PTY LTD of Kainantu. Another querie concerning mining operations regarding the small plastic discs indicating sites where samples were taken was made. The Akari people can be a bit touchy when it comes to strangers placing marks on their land which could be mistaken for boundary markers. I feel that the purpose of these markers could be easily explained at the Wardens Hearing prior to the lease (s) being granted. The purpose of the markers was explained to those who asked.

Missions

There are two missions with influence in the area, Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist. The Lutheran Mission has adherants in all villages including Ragiampun and Untungutsun which are the only two that the S.D.A. Mission has any influence in. Neither mission seems very efficient, apart from schools they provide no tangible benefits for the people. The only mission staff seen by the patrol were unpaid lay preachers and the schoolteachers which are in the pay of the ~~Administration~~ Administration anyway.

Cult and Unrest

There is no evidence of cargo cults in the Amari Division, the people all appeared level

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headed and realized the only road to wealth was that of hard work and application.

There was some unrest due to sorcery at Marasassa Village where a young man died from what was said to have been "poison" worked on him in 1962 at eight mile on the Bulolo Road. The man aged in his late twenties had died from what appeared to be a cancerous growth on his right chest. Doctors in Lae had treated the man unsuccessfully and returned him to his village as incurable. The sorcerer was named as Samak/Yagin of Waritsian Village and several people said that although afraid of him they were willing to give evidence against him. The case was investigated and all the evidence turned out to be hearsay or willingness to pin the blame for any illness on this man, who admitted he came from a line of sorcerers. Samak made a statement in front of everyone that he had never worked sorcery and since he had been baptised a Christian such a thing would be beyond him anyway. At this I reminded him, since he had claimed to be a Christian, of his obligations as a Christian and then made mention of what he had undoubtedly heard at church, concerning what fate ultimately befalls evil mortals when they are no longer mortal.

Several people then ~~xxxxxxx~~ accused him of banning certain foods (Eels, catfish and rats) saying that he had told everyone they would die if they ate them. Since these animals are considered delicacies by the Amaris they wanted him to publically show that these were not poison. Samak did this by eating portions of the animals in front of the gathering.

At this everyone was apparently satisfied that Samak was not to be feared.

While everyone was still gathered I tried to impress upon them that sorcery was a sickness of the mind caused by fear, and that the sooner the people rid themselves of this fear the sooner sorcery would disappear forever.

This was the only incident of this kind encountered by the patrol. However it seems that fear of spirits and sorcery is not very far beneath the surface throughout the Division.

SITUATION REPORT (contd.)

APPENDIX A.

This article is printed with the consent of its author ;
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University of Queensland. The article being part of his writings :
Society and Agriculture In The Upper Markham Valley.

Part 5 thereof : Discussion and Conclusion .The Problem .

Two conflicting sets of wishes and demands can be drawn out of the present agricultural set-up in Amari.

On one hand there are the traditional crops which people need not only for subsistence but also to produce a surplus for use in many social contexts. The existence and use of these foods , with their ceremonies and their mirimp are completely part of the culture; their place is sanctioned by mythology , religion , and by tradition itself . Amari people prefer their traditional foods to all others ; they consider themselves to have the best and most varied foods in New Guinea. Production of these traditional crops is a full-time job.

On the other hand , there are the demands and needs created by living in a European-type economy. This means that there must be at least a sporadic flow in of money with which necessities and luxuries can be bought. This inflow of cash comes from the sale of cash crops, mainly peanuts. These cash crops have not been absorbed in any way into the society's social, political , or religious spheres. Neither are any of them used as food. Their only use is to provide an occasional income of money . Again , were a man to do justice to his production of cash crops , this too would be a full-time job.

Four main points flow from the conflicts of demands between traditional and introduced agricultural activities as outlined in this paper.

Firstly , Amari people prefer to produce traditional crops rather than ~~cash~~ cash crops. We have seen above how important a man's gardening abilities are and what social connotations and prestige are given to a man whose gardens continue to produce surplus food which can be used conspicuously in many contexts. As we have also seen , these traditional crops are sanctioned in many ways. Shortage of such foods means that the Amari man is shamed before his fellows.

Secondly , because of the elements of time and labour involved , it is difficult for an Amari man to pursue the production of both traditional crops and cash crops , and still do justice to both spheres. However, since there is a definite need for money, cash crops as well as traditional crops must be maintained in some way. This results , on the one hand , in traditional crop gardens becoming overgrown (thus reducing production) and bananas not being covered. On the other hand , parts of cash crop gardens are allowed to revert to bush and weeds. This abandoning of cash crops is discouraged by "agriculture rules" passed by the Local Government Council; adherence to these rules is checked by regular visits by D.A.S.F. (Dept. Agriculture) staff. Non-maintenance of a cash crop garden draws a fine of \$5.00 , imposed by the Council. A result of this , in turn , is that a person is forced to spend more time on his cash crops and less on his food gardens. Villages on one side of the valley have abandoned the cultivation of yams for some time now , because of this sort of pressure.

The third point that arises out of this conflict of interests is that Amari people despise anyone who does not have a garden and who lives ~~mainly~~ solely off a cash income. Such men are termed in Pidgin tripman , people without roots. Amari men who work in towns have quite extensive banana, taro, and sweet potato gardens around their settlements and supplement their cash income in this way.

Fourthly , the main thing in producing these cash crops is that one receives some money for them.

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Fourthly (contd) In other words , cash crops are raised as a business in which by efficiency and hard work one tries to maximise one's profits. Rather, it is satisfying to receive some money for one's work which can be used in the ways described above.

Though many men have been away working on plantations or in urban jobs and receiving a wage for this work this concept of paying for someone for work done has been little used in the village situation. Two factors are involved here : firstly, any help received as we have seen, comes mostly from one's relatives. This help must be reciprocated at some time and cannot be paid for in cash. Then, traditionally, a man had to show proficiency in two main roles , those of warrior and agriculturalist. Now men are trying to be proficient agriculturalists in both traditional crops and cash crops as well as trying to fill new roles (such as being a politician in the Local Government Council , running a trade store , keeping the village tractor operating and earning money, and so on .) Very few men can combine all these roles and fill them successfully.

In looking for solutions for all these problems a limiting factor must be kept in mind , that of a man requiring time to produce his own preferred food. An inducing element in encouraging change is that there is a definite need for cash and more income than is now being received.

Conclusion .

In this paper some of the conflicts and problems in the present agricultural situation in the Amari area have been outlined. With all factors in mind , perhaps two partial (but connected) solutions to these problems and conflicts are , to encourage the use of part-time, paid labour and part-time , paid specialists.

Part-time , paid labour will help to solve the problems created by the strong individualism characteristic of these people. It would no longer be necessary to rely so heavily on large numbers of kinsmen to help with one's cash crops. This heavy reliance strains resources and involves a great deal of time when a number of things need doing. There would be a regular in flow of money to these labourers , this being tempered with time off to produce subsistence food.

Encouraging the use of part-time , paid Specialists would utilize the large pool of men , trained in various skills while away at work , now living unemployed in all villages in the Amari area. These men could get their required cash from activities other than from the production of cash crops. In this way more land could be released on lease to those individuals who want to grow cash crops on a larger scale (using paid part-time labour) , or to those who want to start or expand cattle projects. The skills of these specialists (such as carpenters , store-keepers, mechanics, stockmen , fencers) could be hired out to any enterprise requiring them. Working on a part-time basis would also enable these specialists to maintain their food - gardens , especially if they live and work in their home areas.

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APPENDIX B

A Story of the Amari People

As told to the patrol by an elder of Kg Gnarotunwa Village.

A very long time ago, long before the coming of the white men, the men and women of the Amari lived in one big village. At this time the only food the people knew was the ashes mixed with water of a special kind of wood. This was not very appetising.

One day a man alone in the bush came upon a woman who said she was pregnant and the unborn foetus would be a masilai (Pidgin term for a mythical monster). The man horrified by this strack the woman a fatal blow with a piece of wood. Before she died the woman said that on the spot where she was about to die they would grow many different kinds of plants which would be good to eat.

Some time later the man returned to where he had killed the woman and found a cleared area of ground with all the varieties of vegetables and fruits the Amari now eat growing on it. He sampled some of this food, found it to his liking and returned to the village. He shared the secret with his brother and for some time it was only these two who benefitted from the discovery.

ignorant

The others in the village of the food supply soon noticed that the two brothers seemed a lot healthier than anyone else. Suspicious other people decided to follow the two healthy looking men and soon found the source of the food. Soon the whole village was benefitting from these new vegetables and fruits.

At this time there was no fighting - everyone had been at peace for as long as anyone could remember.

Then one day a squabble in the village over ownership of a cockatoo sparked off a civil war in the village which caused the people to form splinter groups and flee to other localities in the area. These splinter groups now form the modern villages in the Amari.

After this upset the Amari became warlike and carried out attacks on neighbouring groups outside the Amari. Any enemy killed or captured were taken back to the village and eaten. Cannibalism unknown in the past was now becoming established - for food not ceremony, although ceremony did come into it. I spoke to some old men who claimed to have practised cannibalism and they said that the men, women and children all shared in the feasting, but the higher quality cuts always went to the men, the premium quality parts was the stomach and liver which always was given to the village leaders.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

STATION: KAIAPIT.
DISTRICT MOROBE.
REPORT No. SPECIAL REPORT KAIAPIT 9 of 970-71.
TYPE OF PATROL: LAND INVESTIGATION - SPECIAL PATROL.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: H.G. BOWAME-A.F.O.
AREA PATROLLED: AMARI AREA OF YAROS CENSUS DIVISION.
CENSUS DIVISION: YAROS.
MILINCH: KAIAPIT - FOURMIN - MARKHAM.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: NIL.
DURATION OF PATROL: From 30/9/'70 to 1/10/1970
No. of Days: 2 days.
LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: Patrol No. 5 of 1970-'71.
No. of Days: .
Date 14/9/'70.
OBJECTS OF PATROL: Land Investigation report for the construction of Aid Post-Amari
COUNCIL AREA: MARKHAM L.G.C.

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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B. Bowame
District Commissioner.

HRD:KP

67-6-19

Division of District Administration,

KOHED. BU. PAPUA.

30th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
KAJAPIT.
Morobe District.

KAJAPIT PATROL NO. 9/70-71

Your reference 67-2-6 of 10th November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. J.G. Bowame, Assistant Field Officer, of the YAROS Census
Division.

Your comments and those of the Assistant District
Commissioner adequately cover this brief land investigation
report.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

cc: Mr. J.G. Bowame,
Sub-District Office,
KAJAPIT.
Morobe District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-6-19 (7)

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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

10th November, 1970.

Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 9 OF 1970/71

Attached please find the original and one copy of the above patrol report together with covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit.

B. Bunting

(B. BUNTING)

a/District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office
KAIAPIT

28th October, 1970

The District Commissioner,
Morohe District
LAE

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 9 of 1970/71

part YAROS G/D

Attached are three copies of a report on the above special patrol submitted by G. Bowane, AFO.

The patrol was of two days' duration only and was mounted for the sole purpose of investigation of land for a Council Aid Post.

The investigation report is now completed and has been submitted under cover of my 35-1-24 of 28th October.

The patrol achieved its object and the report calls for little comment, it is submitted to cover the period absent from the station.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

For your perusal and comment please.

F. E. Haviland
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(F. E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner

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STATION: Kaiapit.

SUB DISTRICT: Kaiapit.

DISTRICT: Morobe.

REPORT No: Kaiapit Patrol No.9 of 1970-71.

TYPE OF PATROL: Special Patrol for Land Investigation.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: M.G.Bowame-A.F.O.

AREA PATROLLED: Amari & Mitsing Villages (part Yaros Census Division.

CENSUS DIVISION: Yaros.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: Nil.

DURATION OF PATROL: From 30/9/'70 to 1/10/'70.

No. OF DAYS. 2 Days.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: Kaiapit No.5 of 1970-'71.

No. OF DAYS: 12 DAYS.

DATE OF PATROL 14/9/'70.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Land Investigation Report for the construction of Markham Local Government Aid Post at Amari Village of Yaros C.D.

MAP REF: Map Attached.

FOURMIL: Markham.

MILINCH: Kaiapit.

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PATROL DIARY.

WEDNESDAY 30 th SEPTEMBER

Departed Station 0900 hrs. per Administration vehicle for the existing vehicular road passed Gantisap Village. 15 mnts of driving. Departed then by foot crossing the Mangiang River 0925 hrs. Arrived Amari Aid Post 11.15 hrs. Discussions held with the land owners - Amari Aid Post. Departed then for Nawantmarang Missions School where overnight spent.

THURSDAY 1 st. OCTOBER.

Departed Nawantmarang Mission School for Amari Aid Post. Land Investigation Report Procedures read out and was interpreted. Land Investigation Report compiled and was completed 10.00 hrs. Departed then for the station where arrived 1300 hrs.

END OF THE DIARY.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was mounted for the purpose of investigating the land for the construction of Markham Local Government Council Aid Post at Amari Village in the Yaros Census Division. Land procedures were read over and was explained to the land owners. Signatures of both male and female land owners were easily obtained although none of them were absent at the time the investigation was carried out. Few discussions were held with the Chairman of the Demarcation Committee re owners of the land. Every land owners of both male and female understood the aim of the investigation, as this was explained before the full land investigation was to be carried out. As the land investigation procedures were read out and explained, the Councillor of Mitsing interpreted the talk into the local language for the people.

Investigation of the houses and toilets were carried out but were in fairly reasonable conditions. Feasibility of road construction was not very deeply talked about as the area was not very good for the road construction.

Main diet was dealt with and at the same time, the total income wage reviewed by the village people for the sale of cash crops in the area to the Atzera Rural Co-operatives Society at Mitsing. Discussions were also held about the work of the Land Demarcation Committee in the Yaros Census Division with the Chairman and the Committee. The topics were the disputes over the land ownership in the area patrolled, work of the Councillors with the Demarcation Committee, and the Aid Post at Amari Village. This was not dealt fully, but the aim of this Aid Post being brought to the discussion was area itself that accomidates the building and gardening area needed by the Orderly which is the area off the Aid Post towards the Mami River.

Towards the conclusion of the discussion, a question was asked towards the land owners of selling the land to the Administration. The land owners both male and female all agreed to sell the land to the Administration. As this was still in session, another question was asked about the land owners' future generations about the land.

Discussions ended late afternoon.

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LAND INVESTIGATION

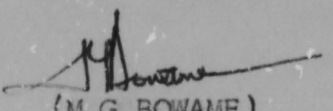
Land Investigation has been done and is attached with Reference 35-1-24.

There are vast acres of mountainous areas with rocks and stones that spread right to the Mami and Mangiang Rivers. The procedures of the land investigation was read out and later explained to the owners of the proposed land for the construction of Markham Local Government Council Aid Post at Amari Village in the Yaros Census Division. Obtaining of both male and female land owners signatures had been very easily obtained. Most of the owners could write their names, and was helped with placing marks on the Declaration of Customs form. It was also noted that the land owners are not very much concerned about the land around the area patrolled and are mainly concerned about the daily work of gathering and bringing home the food.

The Investigated area is located on the north side of Mami River which take certain time in reaching, as the river itself floods and is not very easy to get across to the other side which now had an Aid Post on. This area had ever since being a bank of the Mami River. As the years went by, the river itself moved living the bank. It was then later covered with grass and small trees, and was found to be a better land for gardening purpose. At the time went on it was planted with beetlenuts and coconuts. Till now, the river itself had shrunk to its present size living behind, some good flat land suitable for gardening. The area itself is ideal for accomidating the Aid Post and the Orderly's house, and it is noticed that the land is not large enough for carrying out the gardening by the Orderly and his family. The land itself is flat with steep edges on the west side fronting the Mami River, and on the east side are mountains with the height of about 6,000 feet with is merely used for gardening as this is the only area found which is suitable gardeing and cash cropping. Towards the notherly direction is a creek with stones and rocks on the both side, and it is therefore not suitable for gardening. Another land which is flat was noticed about 20 metres off the bank of the Mami River towards the direction of Aid Post. It is very flat and undulating and is suitable for gardening purpose.

The report itself was completed and was understandable by the land owners and the purpose of the investigation. Both male and female land owners are mainly from Amari itself, Gantisap and Matsing villages of the Yaros Census Division.

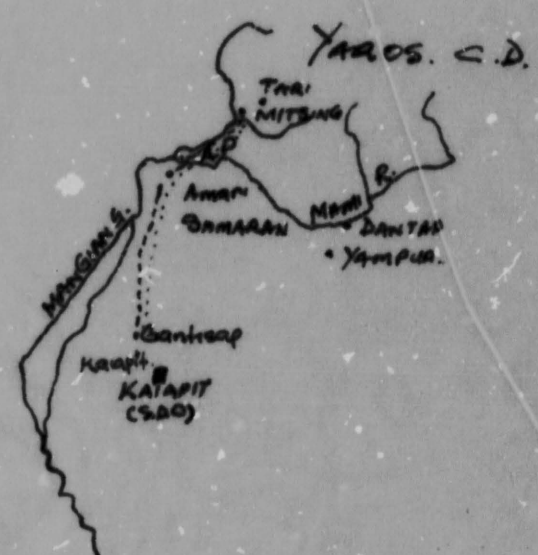
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(M.G. BOWAME)

Assistant Field Officer

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SPECIAL REPORT.
9. of 1970-71.

KEY
 - - - - - ROUTE of Patrol.
 ROUTE Returned.
 • VILLAGE.
 A.P. Aid Post.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... **Kaiapit Patrol No. 10 1970/1971**
 Subdistrict..... **Kaiapit**
 District..... **Morebe**
 Type of Patrol..... **Special - rendered assistance to a surveyor**
 Patrol Conducted by..... **Brett David Inchley**

Area Patrolled }
 (Council and/or } **Leron Census Division**
 Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
Mr. B. Bennett
 CST. ISC. MUNANG 1521
 CST. CMBH 2494

Duration of Patrol—from **4/12 / 1970** to **21/12 1970**
 No. of Days..... **17 days**

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:..... **Kaiapit Patrol No. 1 1970/1971**
 Date..... **20/7/70 to 23/7/70** Duration..... **4 days**

Objects of Patrol (Briefly).....
A special patrol mounted in order to render all assistance possible to Surveyor Mr. B. Bennett.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... **1357 people.**

Director of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU

Forwarded, please.

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.....
 District Commissioner.

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67-6-42

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

26th January, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL NO. KAIAPIT 10/1970-71.

Your reference is 67-2-6 of 15th January,
1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special
and Situation Report by Mr. B.D. Inchley, Assistant
Patrol Officer, of Leon Census Division.

Your comments adequately cover the matters
arising from this patrol.

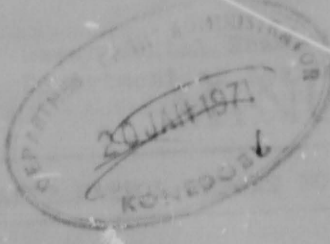
No comments on this patrol have been made by
the Assistant District Commissioner, Kaiapit, although
he is required to do so by my Circular Instruction
67-1-C of 21st June, 1968.

Please ensure that he does this in respect of
other reports received from his Sub-District.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

c.c.
Mr. B.D. Inchley,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
c/- Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT
Morobe District.

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Division of District Administration,
Morobe District,
Lae.

15th January, 1971

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 10/1970-71

Receipt is acknowledged of the above Report. Claims for Camping Allowances are returned for correction and submission in accordance with Treasury requirements.

My comments are as follows:

1. Economic: The road alignment was established long before gardens were planted. As the people would have been aware of the alignment I would not recommend compensation. Any consideration of the value of the Wanteat access road would be of little use unless the needs and desires of the population of the Wanteat area were taken into account. The road will eventually be of benefit to both areas.
2. Crashed aircraft: The matter of the remains of the flight crew of the crashed aircraft will be passed on to the authorities concerned. Please forward an Unexploded Bomb Report in the form of the pro forma attached in respect of the unexploded ammunition near the aircraft.
3. Use of road building tools as part payment for road work is operated fairly widely. I suggest such a scheme be implemented on this project.
4. Road Construction and Maintenance: The Leron-Wanteat road is an established Rural Development project and will continue. Land slips and washaways can be expected to continue until road verges consolidate. This is a common characteristic with roads of this nature built without the assistance of heavy equipment. Eventually maintenance problems could be resolved if the economic activities of the people become hampered by blockages and slips. The interest in the activity on this road shown to date indicates that self help will continue through the maintenance stage.

Pack animals have been tried in areas of the Irumu and Wain Census Division and have proved unsatisfactory. The suggestion of pack bicycles does not seem realistic to me.

Mr. Inchley has conducted a useful patrol.

B. B.
(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

MINUTE:

→ Departmental Head,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

See attached.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Departmental Head, Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator, KONE DOBU

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MINUTE

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SUBJECT

KAIAPIT PATROL REPORT NO. 10/1970-71

Attached are two copies of the above Report.

Would you please pass on the information regarding the bodies contained in the crashed aircraft to the authorities concerned.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)

a/District Commissioner



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KAIAPIT

4th December, 1970

Mr. B. Inchley,
A.P.O.
KAIAPIT

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

KAIAPIT PATROL No. 10/70-71 - LERON C/D

As discussed yesterday, please depart on patrol today for the Leron Division. You will be accompanied by one member of the Kaiapit Detachment R.P. & N.G.C.

The object of the patrol will be to accompany a surveyor, who is now camped at Nariawang, along the route of the Leron-Wantoat road.

Give every assistance to the surveyor and his party.

While in the area, endeavour to locate and store all Council tools and equipment.

Impress upon the people the need to continually maintain the section already built and offer advice and assistance on this.

Collect information to enable you to submit a Situation report on the area on your return.

Endeavour to settle by arbitration any disputes brought forward, matters requiring court action should be referred to this office.

Saturday 5th December 1970

Inspected over the area and found that the road was in good condition. No possible obstacles to be reported. Returned to Kaiapit at 10.00 am.

Sunday 6th December 1970

Observed Nariawang VI

Monday 7th December 1970

Patrol returned to Kaiapit at 10.00 am. The road was in good condition. No possible obstacles to be reported. Returned to Kaiapit at 10.00 am.

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(F.E. Haviland)
Assistant District Commissioner



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30th December 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
Lee.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 10 1970/1971 : LERON CENSUS DIVISION.

SPECIAL PATROL.

Introduction : The Leron Census Division is situated approximately 20 miles South - East of the Kaiapit Sub-District Office. This Division contains ten villages, a total population of 1,357 people; an average of 135 people per village. The people are co-operative on the whole and are reliable in most situations.

Patrol Diary

Friday 4th December '70

Assembled my patrol equipment at Kaiapit and drove to the Leron Bridge per Toyota. Walked on to Nariawang village and arranged to have my equipment carried to that village. Met Mr. B. Bennett, Surveyor from Pioneer Surveys at Nariawang. Walked out to the head of the Wantoat/Leron road to inspect the damage.

Saturday 5th December '70

Walked over to SiraSira village with Surveyor. Inspected possible obstacles to be met with in the construction of the road. Returned to Nariawang village.

Sunday 6th December '70

Observe Nariawang village.

Monday 7th December '70

Walked around the side of the principal obstacle (mountain) Selected a new route for the road in order to avoid a rough section which had brought work to a stop previously (Drawn on Kaiapit Patrol No. 11 1969/1970) Assisted the Surveyor with the marking of pickets to show gradients.

Patrol Diary (contd.)

Tuesday 8th December '70

Received a query from the Kaiapit Sub-District Office which required that I walk up the Leron valley to the village of Sukurum and carry out inquiries. The Leron river was at this time swollen, so I crossed further down and went to Wangat village. Set up camp at Wangat village.

Wednesday 9th December '70

Departed Wangat village at 0715, arriving at Sukurum village at 1250.
Set up camp.
Held a meeting regarding the Office query, obtained the necessary information and gave talks on the Wantoat/Leron road and the whereabouts of the Council equipment for working on the road.

Thursday 10th December '70

Departed Sukurum village at 0810.
Walked back along the side of the Leron river, endeavouring to locate a crossing point in the river. Unable, walked back to a point opposite the village of Wangat and crossed there.
Arrived Nariawang village early afternoon.

Friday 11th December '70

Supervised the "Friday Road Maintenance Work" carried out by the Nariawang villagers.
Aided the villagers by giving advice as to the ways of trying to maintain the road section so far put in by the Markham LGC.

Saturday 12th December '70

Walked up to the gardens near the Wantoat/Leron road-head. In the company of several garden owners I assessed the approximate damage caused to the villagers' gardens by the passage of the Bulldozer while road construction was being carried out.

Sunday 13th December '70

Observe Nariawang village.

Monday 14th December '70

Departed Nariawang village in the morning, arriving SiraSira village. Camp set up.
Aided Surveyor with the grading of the road route.
Held talks in the village regarding the maintenance of the existing road and plans for the commencement of further work on the road. Made inquiries regarding the loss of equipment for working on the road.

Tuesday 15th December '70

Investigated a site of a Japanese Bomber wreck.

Patrol Diary (contd.)

Tuesday 15th December '70

The Japanese plane was apparently discovered by the local villagers in 1944 . It was said to have been shot down in flames.
Later returned to SiraSira.

Wednesday 16th December '70

Aided Surveyor in the grading of the Wantoat/Leron road.

Thursday 17th December '70

Aided Surveyor in the grading of the Wantoat/Leron road.

Friday 18th December '70

Supervised the SiraSira villagers' work on the maintenance and clearing of their walking tracks. aided in the draining of a water plateau located near the village by the construction of drains. Villagers appear to be willing to co-operate and were eager to please whilst under supervision.

Saturday 19th December '70

The Surveyor decided to break up camp and head back to ~~the~~ the Highlands Highway.
Broke camp and walked back to Nariawang village.
Camp set up .

Sunday 20th December '70

Observe Nariawang village.

Monday 21st December '70

Packed up our Patrol equipment and walked back to the Leron Bridge.
Returned to Kaiapit per Toyota.
Patrol Stood Down.

SITUATION REPORT :Political -

The people of the Leron Census Division have a poor political knowledge generally . Vague ideas are held regarding the political aspects of this country by the majority of the Division. However , in the last twelve months I have noticed a small but important change ; what political knowledge the people hold is a little broader and of a more accurate nature . After observing and living with the villagers in this Division for some two to three months I feel that political knowledge is divided fairly equally between male and female populous.

Political (contd)

The degree of political awareness may be split into two groups or more appropriately two categories of people . Differences between these separate groups must be allowed for as must interaction between these people. Permanent villagers or people with no interest in obtaining work outside the Sub-District reach a state of political awareness very gradually ; while those working in large urban centres naturally proceed at a greater pace and are exposed to broader and more varied political concepts. Interaction occurs between the two groups during periods of leave where workers return to their villages and also when villagers visit fellows in the towns. ✓

Politically , these people are satisfied and have no real desire to enlarge their knowledge . Several times I have introduced political topics of a general interest however the people showed little or no potential towards expanding the knowledge they already possess . They openly declare that they are content to support the present establishment and flow along with the Government , no objections are held by the people regarding its present rate of development . ✓

People of Wangat village expressed the desire that their Councillor, Karkarun of Pukpuk village , make an effort to convey the minutes of the council meetings or an explanation of the discussions to their village. This Councillor has also informed the people incorrectly that money has been allocated to the future construction of a water bore . ✓

Also brought to my notice by the villagers of Sukurum was an incident which occurred in August. A New Guinean Dept. of Agric. , Stock and Fisheries trainee conducted a patrol through this village . This man , named Sirega Gowi departed from the village early in the morning before the inhabitants awoke . He left his patrol boxes with a note asking that they be conveyed to the Leron Bridge . The villagers carried the equipment to the bridge , at least 6 hours walk , and on arriving found the DASF man had already left. Naturally the carriers received no payment for their work. Later the people were sent a letter criticising them for leaving the equipment unattended , payment was also offered to them two weeks later if they walked back down to the bridge. This sought of caper if allowed to continue will undermine the reliability of these people or their propensity to carry patrol equipment in the future . ✓

Economic -

When the road was constructed past the village of Nariawang , several of the village gardens had sections cut off them and their contents destroyed. Compensation for the losses has been brought up once or twice recently , so I took advantage of some free time and made an assessment of the damage to each of the gardens affected. ✓ In no way was the Government or the Markham Local Government Council obligated by my actions , this I took care to explain to the owners of the gardens . ✓

Assessments were made on a comparison basis . I measured out one square chain of a typical garden, similar to those which were destroyed in both contents and topography . I counted the average number of banana trees , pit pit stalks , sugar-cane and taros which are customarily planted in that area . The results of the count was :

40 banana trees ✓
 50 pit pit stalks ✓
 300 taros

Economic (contd)

I then measured the areas of garden destroyed while road construction was being carried out and calculated by use of the above model, the contents of the gardens at the time of their destruction. All the gardens were recently planted (6 to 9 months old) and in some cases were very close to bearing. Several families, directly through destruction of their gardens, found themselves short of food in the ensuing period. The respective owners, garden areas and assessments are set out below:

All owners are villagers are from the village of Nariawang:

Mamas : 2/3 square chain in area : 26 banana trees
40 pit pit
200 taro

Anasula : 2 and 1/60 square chains : 80 banana trees
121 pit pit
605 taros

Iguai : 9 and 1/20 square chains : 362 banana trees
543 pit pit
2715 taros

Nawi : 2 square chains : 80 banana trees
120 pit pit
600 taros

The statistics for the Leron Census Division's village plantings were taken from the Mutsing DASP Annual Report for the financial year ending June 30th 1970:

	Coconuts (palms)	Aribica	Robusta.
Total Crop as at June 30th , previous year.	1050	61653	1023
New Plantings :	40	4304	
Replantings , replacements on existing area	-	-	-
Other increases , not otherwise accounted for :	04		
SUB-TOTAL	1154	65957	1023
Retirement* misses & losses :	16	3082	548
SUB-TOTAL	1138	62875	475
Decreases not otherwise accounted for :		6500	
Total crop as at end of current financial year :	1138	56375	475
Trees of bearing age :	550	52071	475
Young trees not yet bearing :		4304	

The Robusta coffee is being rooted out by the people and Aribica planted.

From the statistics it can be seen that the economy of this Division rests on Arabica coffee, which yielded approximately 24 tons of coffee beans in the financial year ending June 30th 1970. Priced at average rates this amounts to a direct return of \$ 10,730. There are an estimated 270 coffee growers, giving a per capita income from coffee of 38 dollars and 60 cents.

Coconuts are not sold for profit, they serve principally as a source of protein and the meat of the coconut is used a great deal in the preparation of food.

There is little land suitable for the development of cattle projects as has been done in the Markham valley. A large proportion of the area is highly mountainous, the area consisting largely of the valley sides surrounding the Leron river. A stand of 'Klinkii' pine was noticed near Wangat village, however the position of the stand renders exploitation uneconomic. There may be other stands of timber higher up in the ranges surrounding the Leron valley however none were noticed.

Social -

The people are divided into two groups, by virtue of the existence of two or three dialects of the Atzera language. The villages Som, Sirasira, Pukpuk, Sukurum, Dumlinan, Gupassa, Warom and Gabakiap possess one dialect; Wangat village another and Nariawang village the same dialect as those nearby in the Markham valley. All villages speak a dialect of the Markham valley language Atzera.

No animosity is shown between those possessing different dialects, however, some villages tend to be less hospitable towards visiting people from neighbouring villages.

There also seems to be a certain degree of friendly rivalry between those groups possessing a different dialect. The village of Nariawang is the most advanced politically, socially and perhaps economically (as shown by an attempt of a group of its members to create a cattle project.) This situation can probably be attributed to Nariawang's frequent utilisation as a work base by Administration Officers over recent years. I have spent nearly three months at this village in the last thirteen months either maintaining or marking out gradients on the Wantoat/Leron road.

Miscellaneous -

On Wednesday 15th of December 1970, in Mr. B. Bennett's company I examined the wreckage of a Twin-engine Japanese bomber. According to the villagers the aircraft crashed in flames, approximately two miles North-East of Sirasira village. The aircraft had flown in from the direction of Nadzab airfield.

The skeletal remnants of the occupants of the aircraft still remain at the site of the crash.

The crew appears to have totalled four or more in number.

A considerable amount of unexploded ammunition is lying around the aircraft on the ground, a great deal more is buried under the surface in the area.

SPECIAL REPORT -

Objects of this patrol :

The principal concern of this patrol was to render all possible assistance to Mr. B. Bennett, a Surveyor employed by the Pioneer Surveys Company.

Mr. Bennett was instructed by his Company to survey a road-route for the Wantoat/Leron road; commencing at the Leron bridge and continuing on to the Bam river. The Company directed that he survey a road route suitable for the passage of a four wheel drive vehicle.

All assistance in the form of provision of general labourers, housing, information regarding the efforts of Administration officers in surveying the road, the location of other road routes, public relations talks with the villagers regarding the safe-guarding of the surveyors marking pegs and aid with regard to the areas geography and the habits and out looks of the people in general; was rendered.

While in the area I was requested to endeavour to locate and store all Council tools and equipment. This work I delegated to the accompanying member of the Constabulary. The constables were sent to all nearby villages where they liaised with the respective villages' committee men. Generally, there was little recovered however later I visited the villages and held meetings with the people. It was learnt that most of the missing equipment has in fact been thrown away on completion of the individual's work period. These tools are most likely strewn along the road-side in the kunai. At these meetings I requested that the villagers establish who has worked upon the road previously whereby they can endeavour to locate the equipment where they threw it away. I don't anticipate a great deal of co-operation at this stage, however on commencement of work upon the road parties can be organised from each village and supervised by an Officer of the Administration.

The people were informed that the tools were purchased with their tax money; therefore if they take care with the tools they are safe-guarding their own capital. However if the equipment is continually lost or 'borrowed' their tax money will serve the purpose of merely replacing this equipment. On hearing this the people exhibited a certain amount of concern but showed no great propensity to locate the lost articles. The people tend to be rather apathetic towards the utilisation of the taxes collected from them by the Markham Local Government Council; seeing no material gains on their part they are dubious as to its use. The expense of road-building is continually brought up at meetings by our members but this does little to assuage their misgivings.

Also requested was that I impress upon the people the need to continually maintain the section of road already built and offer advice and assistance in this respect. This I carried out by means of supervising the Friday Council Road Maintenance work while I was at the villages near the road head. The people responded admirably, showing considerable enthusiasm when interest was shown and advice on maintenance was received with no sign of disapproval.

The Surveyor informed me of his intention to submit a report on his efforts in routing the road, a copy of which will be sent to one of our Offices.

Mr. Bennett has suggested that due to the nature of the surface the road will be built upon it will be necessary to institute a system of full-time maintenance men. These men would probably be in the employment of the Markham Council, they would be required to be educated in the elementary methods of road maintenance and stationed at relatively short intervals along the road route. This suggestion is a most sensible one and deserves to be looked into without undue worry over the allocation of capital to pay these men. For if such a method isn't instituted considerable difficulty will be experienced in holding this road as an all-weather road.

A Situation Report has been submitted and there were no disputes brought forward upon which I could settle or for that matter bring forward to the Office for action.

Enclosed are Claims for camping allowances for myself and Constables Munng 1521 and Omba 2494. R.S.1 forms are also attached for the members.

.....*B. D. Inchley*.....

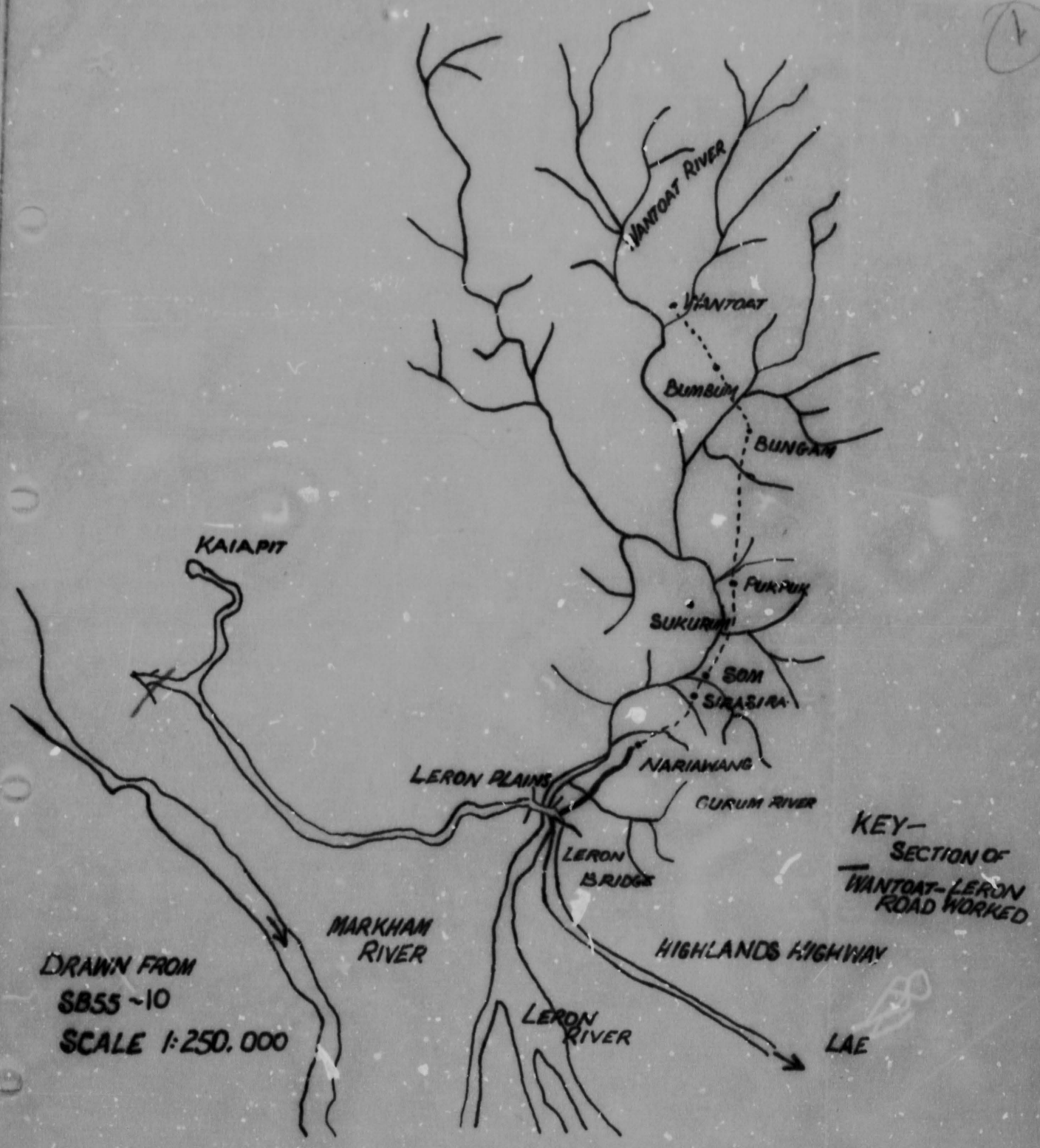
B. D. Inchley .
Assistant Patrol Officer.

Appendix A .

Below is a list of garden produce destroyed whilst the road was being surveyed :

	Sugar-cane	Taro	Banana	Yams
Finkuf-Simputs	6	40	4	
Finuamp-Simputs	3	21	6	
Malifi-Aruntsung			4	41
Tsian-Sagup	5	30	3	
Simputs-Angian	3	12	4	
Wadsuwai-Simput	10	15	4	

All the above owners are residents of Nariawang village.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

STATION: Kaiapit.

SUB DISTRICT: Kaiapit.

DISTRICT: Morebe.

REPORT NUMBER: 41 of 1970/'71.

TYPE OF PATROL: Special, Land Investigation.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: J.M. Bowdame.

DESIGNATION: Assistant Field Officer.

AREA PATROLLED: Amari, Tsafats, Samaran,
Dantap and Yampua Villages.
(PART YAROS C.D.)

CENSUS DIVISION: Yaros .

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: Nil.

DURATION: 25/11/'70 to 27/11/'70

NO. OF DAYS: 2 Days.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: No. 5 of 1970/'71 and No. 9 of
1970/'71.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Land Investigation, Economic
Development, Land Disputes.

MAP REF: Map Attached.

COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: Council Area (Markham Local
Government Council.

TOTAL POPULATION: Approximately 3,000.

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Morobe District,
LAE.

8th February 1971.

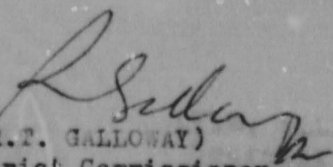
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The Assistant District Commissioner at Kaiapit has been instructed to give more detailed comments on reports originating in his Sub-district.


(R.T. GALLOWAY)
District Commissioner.

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KJH:KP

67-6-46

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

24th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
LAE.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 11 OF 1970/71.

For reference 67-2-6 of 8th February, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. M. Bowame, Assistant Field Officer, of YAROS Census Division.

Mr. Bowame does not say who proposes to purchase or lease the land. I assume it is the KAIAPIT Local Government Council.

No copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments was received.

Mr. Bowame has compiled a good report and submitted some interesting information.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

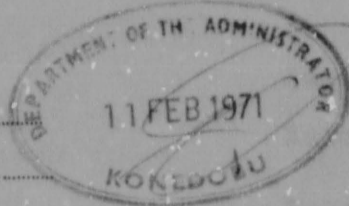
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District Commissioner.

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STATION: Kaiapit.
REPORT NUMBER: Kaiapit No.10 of 1970/'71.
SUB DISTRICT: Kaiapit.
DISTRICT: Morobe.
TYPE OF PATROL: Special Patrol for Land Investigation.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: J.G.Bowane.
DESIGNATION: Assistant Field Officer.
AREA PATROLLED: Amari, Tsafats, Yarpua, and Samaran Villages (Part Yaros Census Division).
CENSUS DIVISION: Part Yaros Census Division.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: Nil.
DURATION OF PATROL: From 25/11/'70 to 27/11/'70.
NUMBER OF DAYS: 3 Days.
LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: Kaiapit No. 5 of 1970-71
12 Days.
Kaiapit No. 10 of 1970-71.
2 Days.
DATE OF PATROL: 14/9/'70 & 30/9/'70
OBJECTS OF THE PATROL:
1. Land Investigation.
2. Economic Development.
3. Land Disputes.
MAP REFERENCE: Map Attached.
FOURMIL: Markham.
MILINCH: Kaiapit.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: Markham Local Government Council.

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PATROL DIARY.

WEDNESDAY 25 th November.

Departed Station per the Toyota (Admini) for the existing vehicular road as far as the Mangiang R passing through Gantisap and Ofofragen Villages. 10 mnts of driving, and departed then by foot for Tsafats Aid Post. Called at Amari Aid Post for a short rest. Departed then for Tsafats Aid Post 1000 hrs. Arrived 10.30 am. Word sent to the village people for the Aid Post Land Investigation. Afternoon observed, overnight at Tsafats Aid Post.

THURSDAY 26 th November.

Land Investigation Report compiled 0900hrs. Completed 1100 hrs. Signatures obtained. Discussions held re the Aid Post land. This was that of the area now accommodates the Aid Post. Couple of damages were mentioned. Discussions ended at 10.00 hrs. Departed then for Samaran village. Village inspected. Committees told to attend the discussing which was going to take place at Tsafats Village on the following day. Returned Tsafats Village 1700 hrs where overnight spent.

FRIDAY 27th November.

Before the departure for the Station, discussed the economic development in the area, the annual income and the cash received by selling cash crops at the market. Departed then for Station 1000hr. Arrived Station 1208 hrs.

END OF THE PATROL DIARY.

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INTRODUCTION:

This relatively short patrol was mounted for the sole purpose of Land Investigation for the construction of a permanent aid post in the village of Tsafats which is of about 8 miles by vehicle to Mangiang River, thence by foot passing at Amari Village and Aid Post. The report was completed without problem.

The land owners are both from Yampua and Tsafats villages, who were present at the time of the investigation. There was no argument as to the ownership of the land. It also noticed that the older men and women were unable to attend the place where the investigation was carried out.

Economic development was discussed next days of my stay in Tsafats Village. Main points were, the income and food sold in the market for cash. Food situation was discussed in the area patrolled. This was initially to find out the total income received by the people of the area patrolled, and other cash crops sold in the market.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Economic development of the area patrolled are as follows:

- (i) Coffee.
- (ii) Subsistence cash cropping for sale in the market.
- (iii) Peanut sale at the Atzera Rural Progressive Society.

COFFEE.

Coffee as a main economic produce of the area does not grow vastly in the area where there is not sufficient land available. Precisely saying that there are not very many flat areas where coffee is grown and would be afforded by the locals to make. Most of the areas are very high and are off mountainous which are about 4 to 6,000 feet in height. Much of these areas are used for coffee and subsistence cash cropping.

It is also very difficult to say exactly how many bags of coffee are made each day. Transportation of these produce is very difficult from the area itself to the station. Much of the carrying is done on the shoulders. Even the women too could afford to carry bags of coffee in nets to the station which does cover one day in carrying. It takes little time in carrying, but during rainy season it is very hard to carry coffee, as the Mami River itself floods which causes delay in transporting. It is also seen that damages had been caused by rain and flood water to the produce.

In some of the villages patrolled, figures had been obtained. The names of the places and the number of coffee grown by the people of the area are as follows:

Amari;

Number of Gardens:

8 coffee gardens
mature.
2 of which are under
cultivation. 4 immature.

Mitsing:

5 coffee gardens
mature.
3 of which are under

Coffee (cont'd)

cultivation. 4 immature.

Samaran: 9 coffee gardens mature.
2 under cultivation and
3 immature.

Yampua: 6 coffee gardens mature.
3 under cultivation and
5 immature.

Dantap: 7 coffee gardens mature.
6 under cultivation and
8 immature.

Mitsing village was not visited, but the figures were obtained from one of the villagers who attended the discussion which was held in the village of Tsafats.

SUBSISTENCE CASH CROPPING.

Most villages in the Yaros Census Division have large produce of cash crops which are brought to the market for sale. Time taken in travelling is not very much. But at the times of rain, the river (Mangiang) itself floods and it is therefore difficult to cross this river. Most of these crops are:

Yam.

Taro.

Cabbage, Onion, cucumbers and other leafy vegetables. These crops are grown in large quantities, which are not brought to the market in large amount. Cabbages do grow very well. Some of these vegetables and cash crops are sold to the market in low prices and it is very good that most of them are sold to the people in the station. Some other areas or Census Division in the Kaiapit Sub District do not grow any of these in large quantities, as it is grown in the Yaros Census Division. The reason is that the area does not get the same figures of the rainfall as received by the areas in the Yaros Census Division. It is also noticed that the area is cold and wet.

The main food of the area is yam. Water-melon is also grown in the area. Transportation of these are not very greatly experienced by the people.

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Peanut Sale -Atzera Rural Progressive Society.

Peanut sale at the Society is carried out in most of the Census Divisions in the Kaiapit Sub District and this is one of the cash crops where large amount in cash are received by the people. Where the area patrolled, people could only afford to make 10-14 bags per week. This is because this is only done in hand.

Peanut does not grow very much in the Yaros Census Division and this area is not like the two other areas or Census Division (Atzera-Amari C.D.). Both the people of this Census Divisions could afford to make 50 -60 bags per week and much of the money comes from the peanut only.

Transportation of this produces is very difficult and that much of the transportation is by man-power. The people can afford to make more peanut, but the problem is the land itself where there are plenty of mountains ranging from 4 to 600 feet in height and not the other two census divisions mentioned above.

Land.

Under the supervision of the Demarcation Committee, there are no land disputes in the area, but some minor troubles have been settled. It was at one stage that the people from both Yampua and Pantap Villages fought for the ownership of one of the land where the boundaries had been marked with the Land Titles Commission cement pegs. This had also been settled.

Land in the area patrolled is not like the land in the Atzera and Amari Census Divisions. Both this Census Divisions have flat areas of land where the cattle projects and other things are done and are increasing. This is not equal to the areas in the Yaros Census Division.

Bush areas are only used for hunting and other purposes. The land in this area is very hard to say exactly rich or not rich. It is also believed that most of the vegetables and other garden produces comes from this area, where the rain falls every day.

They themselves now realising the sudden change taking place in the other areas throughout the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and have adapted themselves to certain position of earning their living by selling the cash crops to the Society. I could not exactly say the aim of the people of the area patrolled regarding the changes which is going to take place. Day to day garden work are now still in existence, but will be ceased as the development of the area grows. This my only point of view which I have had noticed since my first patrol was conducted to the area. There is no special comment for me to make about the area itself.

Land Investigation Report.

The above report has been done with our ref: 35-1-20 and the Instruction No. MO 143 and the map which is also attached.

Not even a land owner knew exactly what I was trying to do when the procedures were read out. The full explanation was later done. None of the land owner was absent as I started compiling the report. This was the second day of my absence when the report was compiled.

The land is only owned by the people of Yampua Samaran and Tsafats Villages. Their names all appear in the Schedule of Owners and Status to the Land form only. Signatures were obtained successfully. The investigated land is located in the village of Tsafats about 5 metres off from the village itself. It has a creek running from the top of the mountain beside the village crossing the investigated land 35 metres off down the road to the Mami River. The land is flat all around, but towards the village ranges from up 4 degrees and about a -6 degrees down the road towards the Mami River.

There is no dispute as to ownership of the land. It was seen also that this area had been used for gardening, and was left abundant as the coconuts, betlenuts were growing up. Couple of questions were asked if the owners were willing to sell the land to the Administration. All favoured, but later informed me about the coconuts and bettle-nuts, but I told them that the Administration was going to pay for this if the report is to be approved by the Lands Department.

Villages.

All the villages visited were in a reasonable conditions. Toilets were also inspected but were also in a reasonable conditions. Some of the houses seen were in poor conditions, which needed repairing to the walls and the rooves.

Talks were given on to the villagers to carry out the repairs. Roads esp: walking tracks were noticed and found dangerous at the time of rain.

Demarcation Committees - Yaros C.D.

There is not very much to comment on the work of the Demarcation Committees in the area patrolled. Marking of boundaries with iron pickets, sticks, and cement pegs have been carried out in the area, and at this stage there are no further land disputes arising from the area. Minor land disputes are often heard in the villages by the above committes.

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Comment and Recommendations.

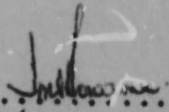
There is no special thing for me to comment on. One of the recommendations regarding road (vehicular) is to be constructed from the end of the Mangiang River where the road steps and would be constructed on the side of the mountains towards Amari Village. This would mean that the transportation of cash crops and garden produces would not be found difficult. This would also mean that the place to pick the vehicle would be at Amari Village beside the creek.

No further recommendations are required by me.

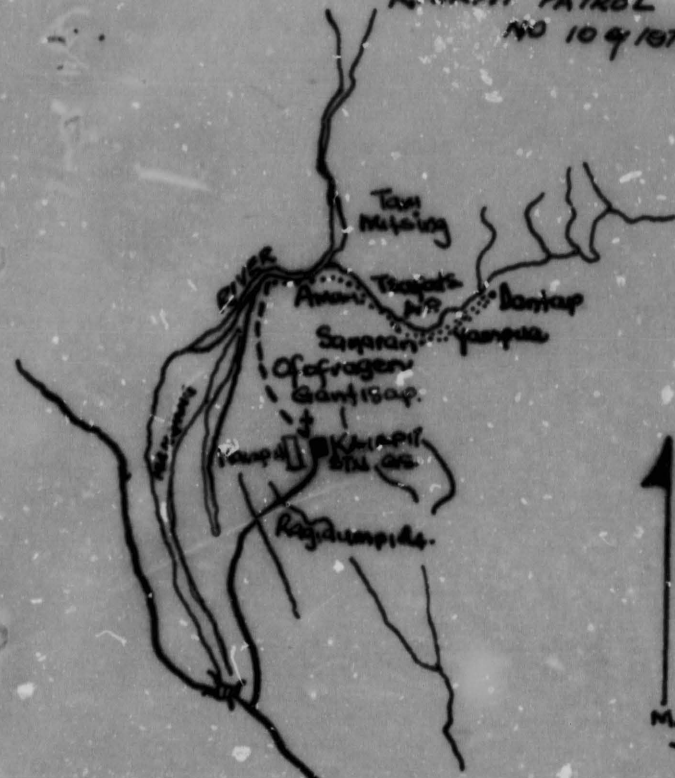
Conclusion.

The only aim of the patrol was to carry out the land investigation report. The patrol had all its needs to do the report and was compiled without any trouble.

There is nothing further on commenting, and I would say that the patrol was very enjoyable for both only in initial contacting and familiarization.


.....
(J.M.G. BOWAME)
Assistant Field Officer.

KARIBIT PATROL
NO 10 of 1970-71.



SCALE: 4 MILES.
= 1 INCH.
SS. GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.
Highlands Highway
----- MINDANAO VEHICULAR ROAD.
..... PATROL ROUTE.
AP. AND POST



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number Kaiapit Patrol No. 14 of 1970/1971

Subdistrict Kaiapit

District Morobe

Type of Patrol Special Patrol

Patrol Conducted by B.D. Inchley Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Leron Census Division

(Council and/or

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Nil.

Duration of Patrol—from 26/1/71 to 30/1/71

No. of Days 4 days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Kaiapit Patrol No. 10 1970/71

Date 4/12/70 to 21/12/70 Duration 18 days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Inform the people of the proposed inspection

tour by a Party comprising Mr. T. Leahy, a Geologist, an Engineer

and various Councillors, of the Wantoat/Leron road; and clear tracks

along the route to enable easy walking.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

District Commissioner.

3/3/1971

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Division of District
Administration,
Morobe District,
LAE.

1st March, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
KAIAPIT.

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(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner.

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Department of the Administrator,
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Copy of the A.D.C.'s comments are attached for your information, please.

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner.

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KONEDUEU, PAPUA.

30th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,

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WILKINSON, NO. 12 1970/71.

Your reference 67-2-6 of 1st March, 1971 to the
Assistant District Commissioner, Lae, is received.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special and
situation report by Mr. B.D. Inchley, Assistant Patrol
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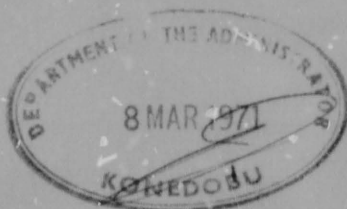
The report appears to be of a general nature and
your comments together with those of the Assistant District
Commissioner, have adequately covered same.

T.W. Ellis

(T.W. ELLIS)
SECRETARY. *RPK*

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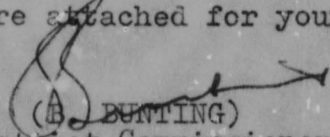
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(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office.
KAIAPIT.

Feb 16th 1971

The District Commissioner
Morobe District.
LAE

SUBJECT: Kaiapit Patrol No. 12- 70/71 - Leron

Please find attached three copies of the above report and accompanying claims for camping allowance, also claims in respect of the previous patrols to same area.

2. This patrol was mounted solely to assist the proposed tour by a survey party down the Wantoat - Leron Road. The tour as planned did not eventuate and no further comment is necessary.

3. However, a Geologist and an Engineer, independently of the planned tour, did inspect this road during this patrol. It would therefore be appreciated if you could obtain a copy of their reports and recommendations in respect of future proposed work on this road.

4. The situation report calls for little comment as this Officer submitted a comprehensive report on this same area on 30/12/70 in Patrol report Kaiapit No.10. The situation has apparently not changed since then.

5. Mr Inchley is well known to the people along the Leron Road having previously worked with the people for 17 days during Patrol No.10, and 23 days during Patrol No. 1 of this year, and 19 days during Patrol No. 11 of the previous year. It is probably because of his good working relationship with these people that they have agreed to do so much work on the road in the past. Mr Inchley is planning to leave the Administration next month and he will be greatly missed by the people along the Leron Road.

M. L. Mackellar
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M.L. Mackellar
Assistant District Commissioner



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Department of the Administrator,
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KAIAPIT.

January 25th 1971

Mr Assistant Patrol Officer
(B.D. Inchley)
Sub-District Office,
KAIAPIT.

Patrol Instructions
Kaiapit Patrol No. 1a/ 70-71 - Leron

On or about Wednesday 3rd February, a Party comprising a Geologist, an Engineer, various Councillors, and Mr Tom Leahy, MHA will fly to Wantoat and walk down the Wantoat - Leron Road.

2. The party will examine the surveyed route, and assess the problems associated in the present construction and the probable future maintenance of this road.
3. It is important that this party be able to walk the full length of the existing road and the proposed or surveyed extensions thereof, and to discuss problems with the people who are involved in the construction or likely to be involved in the maintenance of this road.
4. With this in mind, please depart from Kaiapit for the Leron Road head tomorrow, and
 - (1) Inform the people of the proposed inspection tour by this party.
 - (2) Advise them that the party will be interested to hear any suggestions, complaints or problems concerning their association with the road.
 - (3) Ask them to cut a foot track along that section of the route on which no work has yet been done.
 - (4) Ask them to clear a foot track through those completed sections of the road which have been obstructed through land slide washout or other mishap.
 - (5) Assist them in organising work teams for the purpose
5. Return to Kaiapit on Friday 29th and inform me of what progress has been made.

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6. Return to the Leron Roadhead on Monday 1st February. Continue to assist in the clearing of the foot track and await the arrival of the party.

7. Accompany the party down the road to the Leron Bridge pointing out on the way, particular trouble spots which you have encountered in the past construction and maintenance of the completed section of the road.

8. Submit your usual report on your return to Kaiapit.

Introduction: The Leron District is situated approximately 40 miles South-East of the Kaiapit Sub-District Office. It contains ten villages, a total population of 1,137 people, an average of 113 people per village. The people are co-operative on the whole and are reliable in many situations.

Friday 26th January '71

Departed for the Leron Bridge at 10:00 AM.

Arrived Leron Bridge and walked through the village to my patrol equipment which had been left there from the bridge. Camp set up in the village.

M.L. MacKellar

Assistant District Commissioner

Saturday 27th January '71

Departed Leron Bridge at 10:00 AM and arrived Parikawang at 11:30 AM. Had discussion with the village head and the village people regarding the proposed road. Discovered that the village head and village people would be congregating at Parikawang village from Thursday 28th January to Sunday 29th January 1971 for the purpose of their council.

Sunday 28th January '71

Late afternoon the village head and the village people assembled at Parikawang and I conducted a meeting with the people concerning the effects of the road. After discussion at the purpose of the visit of the road party it was decided that the people were all agreed to the proposed road.

Monday 29th January '71

Further talks with the village head and the village people regarding the roadwork to be done by the village people. It was decided that the roadwork would be done by the village people.

Tuesday 30th January '71

Departed Parikawang at 10:00 AM and arrived Kaiapit at 11:30 AM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Department of the Administrator,
Division of Dist. Administration,
Sub-District Office,
Kaiapit.
7th February 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morobe District,
Lae.

KAIAPIT PATROL NO. 1A OF 1970/1971 : LERON CENSUS DIVISION.

SPECIAL REPORT :

Introduction: The Leron Census Division is situated approximately 20 miles South-East of the Kaiapit Sub-District Office. This Division contains ten villages, a total population of 1,357 people; an average of 135 people per village. The people are co-operative on the whole and are reliable in most situations.

Patrol Diary:

Tuesday 26th January '71

Departed for the Leron Bridge at 0830, per Toyota.
Arrived Leron bridge and walked to Nariawang village.
Arranged to have my patrol equipment carried up to the village from the bridge.
Camp set up in Nariawang.

Wednesday 27th January '71

Departed Nariawang village 0800 .
Arrived Sirasira village 0930.
Held discussion with the people of Sirasira and Som villages regarding the purpose of the patrol.
Discovered that the Pukpuk, Som, Sirasira and Wangat villagers would be congregating at Nariawang village from Thursday 28th January to Sunday 29th January 1971; for the purpose of baptising their children.
Returned to Nariawang village, no object in walking further.

Thursday 28th January '71

Late afternoon the villagers from the fore-mentioned places assembled at Nariawang and I conducted a meeting with these people concerning the objects of the patrol. After explanation of the purpose of the visit of the party early in the next week the people were all agreeable to the requests.
Meeting ended.

Friday 29th January '71

Further talks with the people.
Inspected the roadwork carried out by the villagers and advised them of possible work for the future.

Saturday 30th January '71

Departed Nariawang .
Returned Kaiapit per Toyota.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

Special Report.The objects of this were:

- A. Inform the people of the proposed inspection tour by a party comprising a geologist, an engineer, various councillors and Mr. T. Leahy MHA.
- B. Advise them that the party will be interested to hear any suggestions, complaints or problems concerning their association with the road.
- C. Ask them to cut a foot track along that section of the route on which no work has been done.
- D. Ask them to clear a foot track through those completed sections of the road which have been obstructed through landslide washout or other mishap.
- E. Assist them in organizing work teams for the purpose.

On arrival at Nariawang I was informed of the intentions of several villages to hold a meeting for the purpose of baptising their children. This meeting or preparations for the same would necessitate the assembly of all villages on Thursday 28th January through to Sunday 29th January at Nariawang village. The villages involved are Som, Pukpuk, Sirasira, Nariawang and Wangat; who are also the villages required to build the walking tracks for the tour of Mr. T. Leahy's Party.

Learning of this I departed for Sirasira village on Wednesday 27th January, the purpose being to confirm the date of the intended assembly. At Sirasira I held a small meeting with those from Som and Sirasira villages informing them of the patrol's purpose and establishing when and for how long the religious meeting would be held. The above dates were found to be correct; so I then arranged for word to be sent to Pukpuk village asking them to walk to Nariawang where I would hold a meeting on Thursday 28th January.

All villages duly assembled on the afternoon of the 28th January. First off the people were informed of the proposed tour by a Party consisting of a Geologist, an Engineer, various Councillors and Mr. T. Leahy MHA.; down the length of the Wantoat/Leron road. Virtual indifference was exhibited by the people at the news. The people were informed that the Party would be interested in any suggestions, complaints, or problems concerning their association with the road.

After explaining that the party would like to walk the entire length of the road; and that there was not a track cut through from the Bam river to the village of Pukpuk the people showed willingness to aid in this matter. I also asked them to clear the track from Pukpuk to Som village, a section which had fallen down considerably in recent times. In advising the people of the track to be cut I explained that in the future the Wantoat/Leron road would require a considerable amount of maintenance on frequent instances. And that if they chose to aid now with the cutting of the track then they would in fact be exhibiting a propensity for maintenance in the future. A propensity which would not go unnoticed by the party as it walked down the road.

As the people would be completely occupied with the -

- baptising of their children it was not possible to supervise the construction of the walking track. Instead, arrangements were made whereby the villagers of Pukpuk would cut the track on the following Monday and Tuesday. Some villagers also agreed to re-cut the road between their village and Pukpuk, these two sections being the only rough areas in the walk.

Friday 29th January, I stayed over in Nariawang furthering talks in connection with the meeting and in general allowed the people time to present any queries. Also inspected the bench of the Wantoat/Leron road, in no cases was the bench obstructed to such a degree that clearing was necessitated. No complaints, suggestions or problems in connection with the road were brought to my attention.

While I was in Nariawang village, the Geologist, and the Engineer of the above-mentioned party walked along the Wantoat/Leron road. They stopped over at Nariawang on the afternoon of Friday 29th January having departed from Wantoat on Thursday 28th January. I was told that there had been difficulty in arranging a date whereby all members of the prospective party would be available for the tour of the road. The important members of the party having already walked the road meant that there would be little possibility of the tour as planned being eventuated. I did not however, alter the arrangements already negotiated as the walking track will no doubt benefit the area in the future. Because these people had completed their tour of the road I informed the Councillor of this fact but told him to continue with the work regardless.

Recently, on the 10th day of February I met the Leron Councillor at the Markham Local Government Council meeting. He informed me that the tracks had been completed and the tracks between all other villages had also been repaired and cleared.

SITUATION REPORT :

Economic:

Due to the short duration of this patrol little of an economic nature was noticed. The last patrol to this area was also conducted by myself only 37 days previously and a concise report was written regarding the economic features of this area. Reference; Kaiapit Patrol number 10 1970/71. Also this patrol stayed only at Nariawang village walking to Sirasira village on one morning.

Political:

Politically, the people are stable with change occurring very gradually over a considerable period of time. Questions concerning the Pangu party and the newly formed Compass party were brought up, these being of an inquisitive nature. Several people wished to know why there was more than one party, they thought it would be much easier and less confusing if there was to be only one party in the House of Assembly.

Social:

No additional information was collected regarding the social aspects of the people.

SITUATION REPORT (contd.)

Miscellaneous:

A suggestion was brought forward, this being that the wire suspension bridge situated immediately below the Nariawang village and crossing the Leron river at this point be repaired.

At present the bridge consists of one remaining strand of wire, the other components having broken in the past. It appeared to have been constructed following the Public Works Department plans; reference PW 52/1/37 file, drawing number 081646 published in the book titled "Notes On The Location, Construction And Maintenance Of Rural Or Non Urban Roads."

The bridge is a standard Suspension Bridge designed for pedestrian traffic only.

If re-built, the bridge would enable easy crossing of the Leron river and access to the head of the Wantoat/Leron road by the people of Markham LCC ward number 2 comprising a population of 750 people. This is quite a reasonable suggestion, as when the Leron river is in flood a patrol must walk back to the Leron bridge in order to cross this river. This presents considerable additional cost for carriers and a detour of approximately five hours walk. Communication between the two wards (numbers one and two) of the Leron Census Division would be eased to a large degree and would perhaps draw the peoples of the two wards closer together socially. Another factor is the possibility of drawing additional labour from this side of the Leron river, during times of flood, when maintenance of the Wantoat/Leron road bench is most necessary.

Conclusion:

The objects of this patrol have been accomplished as per the instructions, with the exclusion of the actual walk with the touring party to the start of the Wantoat/Leron road on the Highlands Highway.

It was unnecessary to return to the Leron Roadhead on Monday 1st February as the tour of the party was aborted.

No members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary accompanied me on this patrol, however, forms for my Camping allowance are enclosed.

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